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Women of Action

By: Richard Dean

In June of this year a group of women began meeting to support each other and see that certain things were accomplished. They are comprised primarily of the wives of pastors of churches in the Whole Body of Christ Alliance but certain other women are also in their number – women of action.



L to R- Neyda Hempton, Pastor Betty Powell, Tajuana Lyons, Dr. B J, and Ashley Lyons (cont on pg 3)

Singing for Salvation

By: Donese Mercaldo



Clark Kesler and Friends performing at the benefit concert at Jefferson Gospel Tabernacle.

There are Indian villages in Alaska where the gospel has never been taken. These are Native Americans. The number one cause of death in these places is alcoholism. They need the Lord. Pastor Patsy Garrett is going there to bring the gospel. This benefit concert is to raise the money for that trip. Three vocal groups have volunteered their time and resources for this noble cause (cont pg 3).

The Way of Life

By: Donna Michelle Iler

Do not allow yourself to be misled by the storefront. When you walk into Lifeway Church on Atlanta Highway in Auburn, you know that you have found a place of peace and of love.



Lifeway Church in Auburn

Pastors Bruce and Sheila Rhodes co-pastor the church, which started in 2007 right down the road from its current location (cont. on pg 3).

Joe's Keeps On

By: R. D. Hempton



Joe Johnson caught by surprise running the sound for Joe's Coffee House



Larry Percifield hosted Joe's Coffee House on 10 June 2011 (cont on pg 2)

Missy's Coffee House Returns

By: Mateo Raza



Grail and Deena King of Joyful Spirit performing at Missy's second Coffee House.

Missy's second coffee house was every bit as good as the first one and some people said it was better. Grail and Deena King of Joyful Spirit opened the evening. They were followed by the incredible Spoken Word talent of Sonta Kinney. Rick Hempton and the Living Hope Players were also there (cont pg 4).

Jerry's Coffee House

By: Donese Mercaldo

The first Friday of the month was on 1 July and the first Friday of every month will see Jerry's Coffee House open at 24 Williams Street in Winder.



Jerry Arnold stands in front of his coffee house on 1 July 2011.

People who attended Jerry's Coffee House on 1 July 2011 found out that Jerry Arnold definitely knows how to run a coffee house. The turnout was very good and the happenings inside were those kinds of things (cont. pg 5).

Temple of Glory Update

By: R. D. Hempton

Pastor Usia Lyons IV and Temple of Glory is still growing in numbers and in the spirit of God. Before the Bible study on Thursday Evening 16 June 2011 the prayer was heartfelt and tearful and the singing was a capella.



Church Elder Rowe and others in the congregation just after the Bible study.

Pastor Lyons began with Hebrews 10:4-7. "Without Christ," he told the congregation, "we could not have the Holy Ghost." (cont. pg 4)

Women of Destiny Update

By: Donese Mercaldo

At 1000 on 4 June 2011 the monthly meeting of Women of Destiny took place. The meeting began with the excellent, spirit-filled music of Michelle Pritchett. The guest speaker, Dr. Lorrie Richardson-O'Neal M.D, was extraordinary. "There are a multitude of Christian denominations," she told the women. "That does not matter. Christ is coming back for 'THE Church.'"

God is speaking to his people on a scale never before seen. We must be able to listen. We must be able to hear him.

We do not want to have to answer him by saying, "I couldn't hear you, God, because I had too much stuff in my way."

The speaker gave the title of her speech as, "I know who I am. I know my purpose." God made us for himself.

She refers to herself as a spiritual midwife because she is to see new life coming into the world. God is coming back – soon! II Peter 3:3-4 warns us that, in the end times, (see pg 6)

Seven Day Revival at Seven Different Churches II

By: Richard Dean

In April a very rare event occurred – a revival that lasted seven days at seven different churches. It was an unprecedented event and helped the churches in the Whole Body of Christ Alliance become closer to one another.

Get ready because here it comes again. The second 7-days-at-7-churches begins on Monday 11 July through Sunday 17 July 2011. It will include Emmanuel Worship Center, Believer's Christian Fellowship Worldwide, Kingdom Community Worship Center, Next Level Church (which has moved to Winder), and others. Each night of revival will begin at 1900 (7pm) and will feature preachers who did not preach last time such as Michael Smith, Vander Etheridge, Allen Stevens, Lemechel Allen and others. Contact BFN for Information.

Joe's (from front page)



William Pirkle, Ruth Pirkle and Perry House opened at Joe's.



Pastors Allen Stevens & Russell Page @ Joe's

Joe's third Coffee House on 10 June was very memorable. There were not many musicians but it did not seem to matter. There were plenty of music tracts for people to sing to. The coffee house lasted well into Friday Night and the fellowship was extraordinary. Rhonda Percifield even celebrated her son Brandon's birthday at the coffee house with enough chocolate cake to go around.



Brandon Myers got a little carried away with the cake.



Joe Gee and William Pirkle play godly songs written by Joe Gee at Joe's Coffee House



Debbie Gee singing at Joe's Coffee House



The new neon coffee house sign beneath the regular Joe's sign

Karen Lewis of Women of Destiny was present at Joe's as well, along with Penny, a member. Both women

spoke about the organization and about unity in the body of Christ.



Ashley Johnson sang with her backup singers

Joe's Third Coffee House was exceptional. Sorry if you missed it.

Singing for Salvation (frm pg 1)

Clark Kesler and Friends sang several songs including *Pity the Man*, and *Holding on to Jesus*. "How many felt what I felt when I was singing that song?" Clark asked the audience. "Keep on hammering on that rock. It's going to crack."

After Clark and his friends, Glory Road performed. Glory road sang several songs but the most touching was the last one where four of one of the singer's grand daughters joined in.



Glory Road on stage with the four grand daughters singing

Between performances everyone was invited outside to eat hotdogs, after which Clark Kesler began skillfully asking for donations and pledges. Then cakes were auctioned, followed by porcelain dolls. Over 700.00 dollars was raised from this activity alone.

The third vocal group was the most extraordinary. They had impeccable four-part harmony. They are **Strait Way** based in Alpharetta. Strait way is Charles (Charlie) Gunter; his wife, Jean Gunter, their daughter, Pam Turner, Hugh Henderson, who sings bass, and Wynona Persall, who runs sound. Strait Way performed several

songs but the fifth one was special. The song, *Celebrate Me Home*, was not the usual "Southern Gospel" genre. It was a song that brought many tears, where the singer asks her loved ones not to weep over her death, but, instead, to celebrate for her – to celebrate her departure. The song was so moving that it earned a call for an encore. Strait Way sang it twice.



Strait Way - L to R Charlie Gunter, Jean Gunter, Hugh Henderson, and Pam Turner.

Pam Turner and her parents were part of another gospel group, "but, we needed to go in another direction," Pam told BFN. "With the other group, it had become more like work. It was all about the showmanship and the offering – the money. It became too stressful. They did not want to play benefit concerts because there was no offering."

The group has been called Strait Way since 1999 when the name just came to Pam. They have toured all over the country. "In 2001," Pam said, "Daddy had a stroke and was out for three months."

Charlie Gunter is a stroke victim and has a hard time with his speech, but no problem whatsoever singing beautifully.

"One day when daddy was back home," Pam Turner told BFN, "we set up the equipment and began rehearsing and Daddy started singing. He had to look at me and read my lips but he did fine."

Hugh Henderson joined the group about four months ago. "He had been listening to us sing for a couple of years," said Pam. "He would always sing along. One night I invited him to sing with us and he became part of the group."

Strait Way has agreed to sing at Joe's Coffee House on Friday 8 July 2011. Hope to see you there.

Way of Life (from front pg)

"We must lead a lifestyle of faith," Said Pastor Sheila Rhodes. "It's not a denomination thing. It's not a cult thing. It's not a church thing. It's a lifestyle. We must go to sleep in faith and wake up in faith."

The goal of the pastors is to teach the word of God in such a way that it can be applied to today's issues. They believe in the importance of the unity of the body of Christ and work in Auburn to see that the will of the Father is done.



Pastors Sheila and Bruce Rhodes of Lifeway Church



Theresa (Sissy) Page at the Wednesday Bible study at Lifeway

Bruce and Sheila met in 1985 while attending Rhema Bible Training Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They were married after graduation and began serving the Lord as missionaries, associate pastors and pastors.

Lifeway Church offers something for every age group. Nursery is provided for all services except the Tuesday 1000 Healing School.

The pastors and church leaders are very clear on their dedication to and passion about serving the Father. Church leaders include Dana and Linda Blechinger, Jay and Terry Riesenschneider, Dick and Della Helfin, Lane and Wanda Hamlin, Camilla Mead, and Youth Pastor Michael Allen.

The youth is on fire and, led by Michael Allen, just came back from a

week-long youth camp. They plan to start a youth praise and worship team. The church office is now staffed Tuesday through Friday from 0900 to 1600 (4pm). If you have any needs, please feel free to call the office. Camilla Mead or Hollis Clegg can assist you. The new office number is (770)696-4860.

Weekly service times are as follows: Sunday prayer 0915, service 1000, Lifeline Youth 1800 (6pm), Tuesday Healing School 1000, Wednesday prayer 1800 (6pm), Bible study 1900 (7pm), Thursday Ladies Bible study 1000, and Saturday prayer 1600 (4pm).

The church website is www.lifewaychurch.us.

Lifeway is planning vacation Bible school from 0900 until 1200 11 July until 15 July.

Temple of Glory (from pg 2)

“Through the blood of Jesus we are able to house the Spirit of God.”

Pastor Lyons then took the students to Hebrews 9:1-11.



Pastor Usia Lyons listening to a question after the Bible study



Tajuana Lyons and Donese Mercaldo after the Bible study

“Today,” said Pastor Lyons, “we can go boldly before the throne of grace. Not everyone can have the Holy Ghost. Many are still in the outer court. The veil that was torn from top to bottom was the flesh of Jesus so that we can go in to the holy of holies and receive the Holy Ghost.”

Pastor Lyons reminded every one that, in Hebrews 10:13, we are told that the enemies of Christ will be made a footstool for his feet.

“The Holy Ghost is a witness to us,” said Pastor Lyons, “and we are to witness to others but not without the Holy Ghost or it is ineffective. When the disciples went to witness, they went with the Holy Ghost and they went with works. For those who have the Holy Ghost, its time to do the works. You can go before his throne of grace and cry out for people. If you have the Holy Ghost, you are like the old Jewish priests.

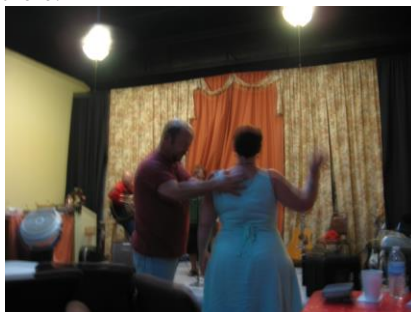
The Bible study was informative and the fellowship at Temple of Glory is always good. The Bible study is on Thursday instead of Wednesday. It’s a great way to spend a Thursday evening. Check the church service times listing in this publication.

Missy’s (from front pge)



Joshua Pass in his incredible dance ministry at Missy’s Coffee House

Joshua Pass was also at Missy’s Coffee House. He always dances in the spirit but a photograph will never do it justice. You really had to be there.



Pastor Russell Page laying hands on a woman at Missy’s, praying for healing. The woman was healed.

Pastor Russell Page laid hands on people at Missy’s. A woman who needed healing at Missy’s was healed. Another man who was shown to have

five herniated discs in his back was prayed over at Missy’s by Pastor Page. He went for a surgical consultation the following week and only one herniated disc was found. Pastor Page laid hands on the guitarist, Grail King, who has not been able to hear out of his right ear for some time. Grail regained his hearing instantly.



Sonta Kinney performed his Spoken Word as Sister Tisa Pass and Rick Hempton provided the music.



Rick Hempton, Sister Tisa, and Joshua Pass do an altar call at Missy’s.



Jeff Brooks from Center Hill Baptist Church in Loganville enjoys Missy’s Coffee House.



Some of the people at Missy’s Coffee House, Like the other Whole Body of Christ Alliance coffee houses, was one that was not to be missed. Sorry if you did.



Joshua Pass dancing in the spirit at Missy's



Sister Tisa Pass and Deena King singing in the spirit at Missy's



Tisa Pass, Missy Iler, and Joshua Pass at Missy's



Sonta Kinney in fellowship at Missy's

Jerry's (from front page)

That one sees at the coffee houses each time they open their doors.



Meco Allen performing at Jerry's Coffee House. He was most incredible as always.

This was the first time that Jerry's Coffee House opened its doors but it will be open the first Friday of each month at 1900 (7pm).

The Holy Spirit was certainly in the house that night.



Larry Percifield hosted Jerry's Coffee House on it's maiden voyage.



The legendary Pastor Doris L. Lewis, spiritual mother of uncountable churches and pastors in the Atlanta area, at Jerry's.



Sister Nancy Arnold reads from the book of Psalms at Jerry's.

Numerous people gave their testimonies at Jerry's, including Janie Hurley, Rhonda Percifield, and Larry Percifield.

Larry Percifield, the host, sang several songs; Pastor Meco Allen of Believer's Christian Fellowship provided the most spirit-filled music, including an altar call; and Rick Hempton performed as well.

Move of God Church normally holds their midweek service on Friday night, but put it aside for Jerry's Coffee House. We all thank Move of God and Mother Lewis for this kindness. The Coffee House would not have happened but for their sacrifice. We

thank Move of God also for the use of their sanctuary.



Dounte Williams, Youth Minister at New Harvest Church and grandson of Mother Lewis accompanies Pastor Allen on the drums.



Janie Hurley gives her testimony at Jerry's



Rick Hempton singing at Jerry's Coffee House

Jerry's Coffee House was very spirit-filled and, even though the air conditioning was on the blink, no one left because of the heat. The thermometer said that it was 120 degrees in the sanctuary when Jerry's first opened. It did cool down once the

doors were opened and the fans were turned on.



Don Frazier running the cash register at Jerry's. Don is the man who Pastor Russell Page laid hands on at Missy's who had five herniated discs. His next exam showed only one.



Pastor Meco Allen at the altar call



Mother Lewis playing with the baby at Jerry's



People praying at the altar at the altar call (above and below)



Brandon Myers standing as requested by Pastor Allen, who prophesied over Brandon.



Erica Wolf served coffee and assisted people all evening.

Jerry's Coffee House was a most unforgettable happening.

"Praise God for what he is doing at this coffee house." Said Missy Iler.

"I don't feel the heat," Ms. Ellie Cooper told reporters, "I just feel the Holy Spirit."

"I feel sorry for the ones who said they were coming and didn't." one man told BFN.

Women of Destiny (from pg 2)

There will be mockers, who say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the Fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

We need to practice knowing his voice. We need to come near to him – spend time with him or we will not know him.

"God is waking me up," Dr. Lorrie told the women, "He is saying, 'Do it now. You don't have time for anything else.' He needs to get us in position. There will be much purging and pruning. We need to get in right

position – in his presence. The mighty are falling – revealing sin, wickedness in high places, not just in the world but in the church."

II Peter 9-13 makes it more clear. Matthew 24 also explains the answer to the 3 questions the disciples (the 12) asked Jesus – 1st Q: "When will these things be?" 2nd Q: "What will be the sign of your coming?" 3rd Q: "What will be the sign of the end of the age?"

"Why am I saved?" asks Dr. Lorrie. "I am saved to do God's Kingdom Work. Proclaim his word no matter where you are. Recognize where you are in the kingdom of God – no more excuses. God tells us to go out into the highways and by-ways and compel them to come in.

"I don't need no rocks to cry out! I will say, 'Yes, Lord,' and mean it!

"The enemy knows our plan and our purpose and he wants to see us fail. Get in position in this season - No excuses anymore. I have to do what God has for me to do. **There is an urgency here, people. That is why he is bringing us together! Build integrity!!** If you say you are going to do something, DO IT!

"Do not let the enemy distract you and abort your destiny. Push forward so God can use you."

Dr. Lorrie was a captivating speaker and the meeting at Women of Destiny was the place to be that morning.

The Fifth Servant's Fellowship

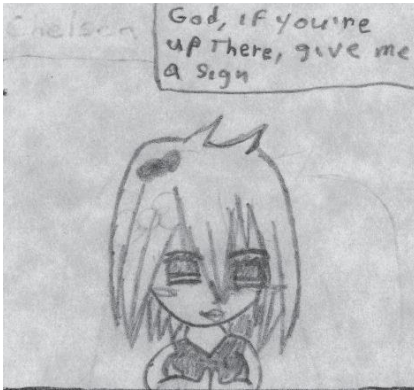
By: Donna Michelle Iler

In February of 2011 a group of pastors and church leaders met for the first *Servant's Fellowship*. There has been such a meeting every second Saturday of every month at 1800 (6pm) ever since. 9 July 2011 was the fifth such meeting and the first of its kind that this reporter was allowed to cover.

Many things were discussed at the meeting but the most important topic was that of using drama as a tool for outreach.

Dr. Sherry Story from Timothy Baptist West, a professor at Emmanuel College, a professional photographer, and writer of drama, introduced her proposal at the meeting.

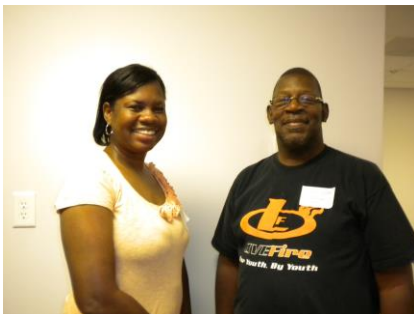
Chelsea



Sherry Story of TBC West, Writer, Photographer, College Professor, and Woman of God at the fifth Servant's Fellowship.

The project must be funded by 8 August for Morton Theater to honor the 17 December reservation for the production of *A Christmas Gathering*. Auditions will be held for children's, teen's, and adult's parts in the play at Timothy Baptist Church (TBC) West on Monday 8 August at 1800 (6pm). Talented people other than actors will also be needed. So, bring your best and audition.

Another important topic of discussion at the 5th Servant's Fellowship was **AFTERSHOCK**, an inspiration of Henry Halbert, Youth Director at TBC West. There will be an AFTERSHOCK Coffee House on 5 August beginning at 1900 (7pm) at TBC West. This will be the first Youth coffee house.



Pastor Jesse Halbert and Dr. Sherry Story of TBC West at the Servant's Fellowship



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Women of Destiny 'Nother Update

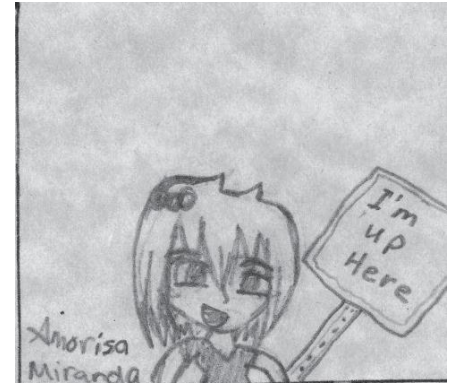
By: Donna Michelle Iler

It was an honor to be able to attend the Women of Destiny meeting on 9 July. These meetings are held monthly at the Winder Women's Club at 15 West Midland Avenue in Winder, Georgia. I want to encourage all women to make it a point to attend these meetings.

Part of the vision of Women of Destiny (WOD) is "to see the women flowing in love and unity in this community (Hey, that rhymes) because we long for revival in Barrow County and surrounding areas. We are better together than apart and we can accomplish more for the kingdom of God."

The meeting opened with music from Michelle Pritchett. She played beautifully and prophetically. She sang *I Exalt Thee* and *The More I Seek*. While Michelle's anointed music was being poured out over everyone, yokes and burdens were lifted. A lady who just happened to stop by after court-appointed classes boldly professed, "I know God placed me here today for healing. My life has been in total chaos lately and I did not even know this meeting was going on today."

All this was followed by an incredible teaching by Penny Hardy, which began with Luke 19:1-10. It was entitled, *How determined are we to see Jesus?* The statement that struck home with this reporter was, "Jesus is going to take you places other people won't go. (cont on pg 8)



Chelsea

By Zell Zellinger and Amorisa Miranda

The above cartoon was done by 13-year-old Amorisa Miranda of Braselton.



R to L Amorisa with her Dad, Jay and little sister Alyssa.

We at Battlefield News and The Whole Body of Christ Alliance earnestly seek talented people. Amorisa clearly is one of those talented people.

In Other Words...

By: Christina Campbell

It was the beginning of just another Sunday. Or was it? Each Sunday we get up, put on our best clothes and walk into the house of the Lord waiting to hear a word from heaven. "It's preachin' time!" You begin to think. But not today. The Reverend Eric Shaffer from Baton Rouge, Louisiana came to teach God's children a lesson. He said that it was okay to be preached to but that sometimes we need to be taught as well.

The Reverend taught from Psalm 35:27-28 with the topic, "The Lord takes pleasure in my prosperity." Shaffer said its not about receiving all

the time. It is, however, about giving all the time because, when you learn to give, you are going to receive whether you want to or not. He also used some other scriptures dealing with wealth. One such scripture was Deuteronomy 8:18, "But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who is giving you power to make wealth," and another is from Proverbs 10:22, "It is the blessing of the Lord that makes rich. And He adds no sorrow to it." According to Eric Shaffer, we have everything we need. "You got it. You just have to use it." Shaffer then spoke about prayer. He said we can pray for the things we want, **but** we have to living right in order to do so. We, as Christians, sometimes act as if we are supposed to receive things from our Father in Heaven without doing anything. Nah uh! It doesn't work like that. My favorite point, however, from the entire sermon was the part about the evil of the tongue. He said we have to be careful how we use our tongue because what we say does really matter. Check out Proverbs 18:21. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit." So many people hurt each other with hurtful words instead of helping and lifting up others with kind words of love.

When we confess that we love God, God says, "Show me." Shaffer says that Praising God is an action; in order to praise him, you have to move something. So, in other words, do what you say you are going to do for God's kingdom. Do not be afraid to give because when we give, the Lord will bless us in return, which leads to our prosperity through Christ. Prosperity = Success.

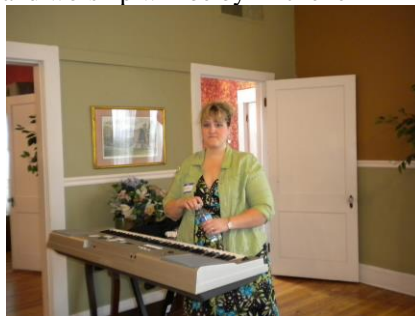
‘Nother Update (from pg 7)

"You can bring hope in an otherwise hopeless world."

Penny closed with Philippians 4:4-9 and stated, "The world does not need religion. It needs a demonstration of the power of God. The world is starving for godly people."

There were 20 women at this meeting. It would be a wonderful thing if it were doubled for next month.

The next W.O.D. meeting is Saturday 6 August from 1000 to 1200. Praise and worship will be by Michelle



Michelle Pritchett at the Women of Destiny meeting



Penny Hardy speaking at the WOD meeting

Pritchett and the speaker will be Carolyn Williams. Carolyn is an ordained minister of the gospel and has been in ministry for over 15 years. She is currently a member of Lighthouse World Outreach Center in Monroe, Georgia, where she teaches a class on spiritual warfare.



Karen Lewis, Michelle Pritchett, and Lynn Adams

She has ministered in Africa in The Congo and at the Uganda Women's Aglo conferences and during Sunday services.

She has a passion to see people set free and begin to walk in their God-given authority. She believes in preaching and teaching the word and expecting the signs to follow.

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Updates and Boobos

Boobos

In the May and June issues of BFN the name of the associate pastor of Believer's Christian Fellowship Worldwide, Lemechel Allen, that is the name he is most often called by was misspelled, "Meeko." This should have been spelled, "Meco." We humbly apologize to Pastor Allen for this inaccuracy.

Updates

A Call to Worship

Pastor Alicia Brown

Sun Coffee: 1015

Sun Worship: 1030

Wed Bible study: 1900 (7pm)

2nd Sat Women's min: 1000

4th Sat Men's min: 1000

(706)983-9096

Believer's Christian Fellowship Worldwide

Pastor Maurice Graham

Sun Worship: 1000

Wed Prayer: 1830 (630pm)

Wed Bible study: 1900

(678)896-3894

Braselton Tabernacle of Praise (BTOP)

Pastor Jon Jackson

Sun sch: 1000

Sun Worship: 1100

Romans Road to Recovery, the Christ-centered

12-step program: Tues 1900 (7pm)

Wed svc: 1900

3rd Wed Youth: 1900

Prayer Night Saturday: 1900

(706)658-2668/(678)898-7066

Bread of Life Worship Center

Pastors Charlie and Betty Powell

Sun Worship: 1100

Wed on-line Bible study: 1900-2000 (7-8pm) – call (605)562-3000, access code 179-644#

Wed at church possibly some time in August or September.

(678)863-5085/(404)454-5222

Bush Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church

Pastor Lynn Hill

Sun sch: 0930

Sun worship: 1100

Wed intercessory prayer: 1200

Wed eve svc: 1900 (7pm)

(706)224-0192

Christ Outreach Worship Center

Pastor Willie Harris Jr.

Sun sch: 0930

Sun worship: 1100

Sun eve worship: 1830 (630pm)

Wed Bible study: 1900

(770)867-5910

Covenant Blessing Christian Center

Pastor Marquis Robbins

Sun sch: 0900-1000

Fellowship: 1000-1030

Sun worship: 1030

Wed Bible study on alternate Wednesdays: 1900

(678)425-0999

Emmanuel Worship Center

Pastor Larry Pruett (sabbatical)

Interim Pastor Bishop Kevin Magness

Sun Prayer: 1020 to about 1040

Sun svc: 1030 (about 1040)

Sun eve svc: 1800 (6pm)

Wed svc: 1900 (7pm)

(678)525-4692

Faith Baptist Church

Pastor Matthew Calvert

Sun sch: 1000

Sun worship: 1100

Sun eve worship: 1800 (6pm)

Wed svc: 1930 (730pm)

(678)615-5772

Kingdom Community Worship Center

Pastor Kenneth Cooper

Sun worship: 0900

Wed worship: 1900 (7pm)

(678)963-5799

Kingdom Realm Church

Pastor Russell Page

Sun teaching: 0945

Sun worship: 1100

Sun eve (Family Night) svc: 1900 (7pm)

Sat: YAP (Young Aspiring Preachers): 1000

Service times may change in the near future.

(678)858-6111

Living Hope Christian Fellowship

Pastor Allen Stevens

Sun sch: 1000

Sun worship: 1100

Revelation study variable

Wed svc: 1900 (7pm)

Sat prayer and YAP: 1000

(706)654-2931

Love of God Mission

Pastor Linda Smith

Sun svc: 1000, 1100, 1830 (630pm)

Thur svc: 1930 (730pm)

(770)867-8897

Move of God Church

Pastor D. L. Lewis (Mother Lewis)

Sun sch: 1000

Sun MIDDAY svc: 1200

Wed Bible study: 1930 (730pm)

Fri teaching/study: 1945 (745pm)

(770)277-9128

New Harvest Church

Pastor B. L. Arnold

Sun prayer: 1000-1030

Disciple training: 1030

Sun worship: 1100

Wed Hour of Prayer: 1200

Wed eve prayer: 1900-1930

Wed Bible study: 1930 (730pm)

(678)963-5826

Next Level Church

Pastor Walter Cleveland

Sun svc: 1000

Wed Bible study: 1900 (7pm)

(678)975-0067

Sanctuary of Pentecost

Pastor J. Vander Etheridge

Sun prayer: 1030

Sun worship/word: 1100

Tue prayer: 1900 (7pm)

Tue worship/word: 1930

Thur prayer: 1930

(770)519-5398

Sanctuary of the Holy Spirit

Pastor Philip Adair

Sun svc: 1000

Thur Men's prayer: 1930 (730)

(770)962-6277

Temple of Glory

Pastor Usia Lyons IV

Sun sch: 1030

Sun worship: 1130

Sun eve svc (every 4th Sun): 1700 (5pm)

Thur Bible study: 1915 (715pm)

(770)709-2233

Timothy Baptist Church West (TBC West)

Pastor Jesse Halbert

Couple's Sun sch: 0900

Sun sch: 1000

Sun worship: 1130

Wed Bible study: 1830 (630pm)

Sat evangelizing (every 3rd Sat): 1030-1130

(706)254-1389

Victory Deliverance Center (VDC)

Pastors Michael and Brenda Smith

Sun svc: 1145

Tue Bible study: 1930 (730pm)

(678)868-7416

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Pastor Larry Pruett

Pastor Allen Stevens

Wanda Stevens

Joe Johnson

Donese Mercaldo

Pastor Russell Page

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The Rev. Missy Iler

Orville (Zell) Zellinger

Pastor William Pirkle

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May God bless you richly.

Want Ads

Wanted: Volunteer to do arts and crafts type work in decoration for Daisy House. Call Dr. BJ at (407)545-9857

Wanted: Musicians, poets, singers, actors, dancers and other talented Christian people to perform in a coffee house environment. Call Rick at (404)414-0656, Joe at (706)654-2540, Missy at (404)987-3033, or Alwon at (770)755-7522

Wanted: Keyboard player. Must be sold out to Jesus. 4-6 hours per week. Call (706)254-1389 or by e-mail at TBCwest @ gmail.com.

Wanted: Actors and other talented individuals of all ages to audition at TBC West on 8 August at 1800 (6pm). 12 to 15 actors needed as well as others for 17 December production of *A Christmas Gathering* at Morton Theater in Athens.

New Harvest Pastor Appreciation

By: R.D. Hempton

On 10 July 2011 New Harvest Church observed the last day of Pastor Appreciation day and celebrated the gift from God that is Pastor Betty Arnold.



Welcoming those present at New Harvest

People were present from many different churches. Minister of the gospel Dounte Williams, his wife

Sharina, and Church elder Lonnie Harrington welcomed everyone present. Dounte Williams read from Psalm 37 and the praise team began the music, singing “I’ve got a feeling everything’s gonna be alright.

Pastor Walter Cleveland of Next Level spoke about being in the army of the Lord just before church Elder Demetrius Garland began his role as master of ceremonies, speaking on birthing.

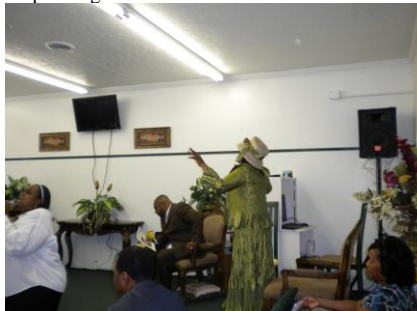
“Pastor Arnold birthed me spiritually.” He told the congregation.



Pastor Walter Cleveland of Next Level Church



The Minister Dounte Williams with others in the praising of God at New Harvest



Pastor Arnold (in the hat) at New Harvest



The fifty or so people present at New Harvest to honor Pastor Betty Arnold.



Bishop Melvin Lambert of Overcoming Ministries and New Birth Ministries, Fayetteville, N.C.

Bishop Melvin Lambert of Fayetteville, N.C. spoke about how Pastor Arnold laid hands on him when he was not yet in the family of God and changed his life. “Then I was baptized in a horse trough.” He told the congregation. “I learned how to pray and to praise by watching Mother Lewis and Pastor Arnold.”



Dorthea (Lovie) Allen and Pastor Lemechel (Meco) Allen of Believer's Christian Fellowship

The celebration was highly successful with respect to honoring the woman of God, Pastor Betty Arnold, who is obviously very much loved and appreciated.

Drama as a Tool For Evangelism

By: Sherry Story

Christian Drama is a valuable tool which has been used throughout history to tell the greatest story ever told. The impact Christian drama has on a church is basically two-fold:

Drama touches those both inside and outside the church.

The simple message of a powerful drama anointed by the Holy Spirit can touch lives with the gospel.

Usually an outsider will be much more willing to visit a church to view a dramatic presentation than

to hear a sermon and may even justify attendance in order to see a friend or relative perform.

This has become one of our most fruitful forms of evangelism. Every dramatic presentation should include an invitation to the unsaved to respond to Jesus Christ.

Drama also benefits church outreach by becoming a unique ministry outreach to the community and surrounding areas. Every year churches give cantatas, choir concerts, seminars, and seasonal presentations. Each one advertises to the community—each expects Christians to flock to hear more of the same. A church committed to drama in more than a seasonal context, however, becomes known in the community as a progressive, evangelistic congregation with something new and exciting to offer. Not only is a wealth of talent attracted to the church, but young people will especially love to attend. An active drama ministry at a church underlines our reputation as alive, exciting, and serious about reaching people.

Drama also makes an impact by providing another opportunity for laypeople to become involved in ministry. Certainly those with musical talents or with great gifts to teach have no problem finding a place to function in a church. By adding an active drama ministry to the list of ministry opportunities, a church can find a place of service for with varied talents and skills, such as building props and sets, operating spotlights, designing and making costumes, creating special effects, and applying stage makeup. Even those who claim stage fright can find a place of importance in the production of a Christian drama to reach the community. We have found that young people particularly enjoy becoming involved in this medium of ministry. Willing servants with hidden abilities sit in our pews every Sunday just waiting to be discovered.

As the final harvest approaches, we are compelled to use whatever means are available to tell the world about Jesus. Christian drama is one of those ways.

Why drama? Because drama is not just entertainment – drama is evangelism.

S. V. Story Photography will be hosting the first annual Fall Athens, Ga. The title of the play is *Christmas Gathering*. This production gives a unique view of a Christian family who has been separated by various life issues for the past three years. They finally have the opportunity to spend Christmas together and not only remember the importance of the season, but also the importance of the love and importance of family.

Proposal to the Alliance

A *Christmas Gathering* is scheduled to take place at the historic Morton Theater in downtown Athens on 17 December 2011 at 1700 (5pm). It is proposed that each church in the alliance donate \$100.00 to sponsor this production. Two complimentary tickets will be given to each church and the church will be listed in the program as a sponsor. Auditions will be held at Timothy Baptist Church West in August and will be open to members of the churches in the Alliance.

If anyone should have any questions, please contact me at (706)202-6170 or via e-mail at svstory @ svstory.com.

A Taste of Winder

By: Donese Mercaldo

On Saturday 16 July 2011 the city of Winder held an event at the Winder Community Center entitled *Lazydays*. People from multiple churches in the Whole Body of Christ Alliance were present in and around the booth arranged for by Pastor Jesse Halbert and TBC West.

Most of us did not know about any of this until Thursday or, in many cases, not until Friday, the day before. Pretty last minute. Right? That was certainly the case with this reporter. In fact, I believe that the reply that came out of my mouth was something like that very thing. I was reminded, however, that, when the Lord comes for his bride, it will be extremely last minute. Would I go if I had a choice or would I make one of my same old excuses about it being last minute?



Frances Bradley of Living Hope at the Whole Body of Christ Alliance booth at Lazydays.



Donese Mercaldo with the Winder firefighters at Lazydays



Dr. William Soriano of KCUCS World Missions at his Chiropractic booth across from the WBCA booth



Janet Rodney and Micah Story of Timothy Baptist West at the booth at Lazydays



Pastor Jesse Halbert of Timothy Baptist Church West, Dan Graves of Covenant Faith World Outreach Church, and Pastor Allen Stevens of Living Hope Christian Fellowship at the booth



Some of the people were cuter than others

This reporter listened, to that reasoning, for once, and showed up the next morning at the booth.

Pastor Halbert commented that, when he was on the telephone asking people to show up, the most common reply was that it was too last minute. To this he answered, “We have to hear his voice. He came to Peter, James, and John and said, ‘Follow me.’ And they did just that.” The gospels are filled with other stories of people he said that same thing to but they did not follow him. It is an unpleasant thing to think about where some of those people may be right now.

The members of the WBCA who did show up that Saturday witnessed to hundreds of people even if it was just to remind them that the Most High God loved them or that Jesus showed his love in that he took their place on the cross.

When he says to you, “Follow me,” will you tell him that he did not give you enough notice, that he should have told you last month, or that it is just too last minute? Sometimes we are called to act – act right now. He will almost never give us advanced warning in the things that must be done quickly. He tells us to be ready for those times. He says he will come as a thief in the night. Don’t find yourself in the situation of having to look him in the face and explain to him that you did not respond to his call because it was too last minute.

Sins That Lead to Death (Continued from June Issue)

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

In April I began writing about PRIDE, something every last one of is plagued by. I said that the more we have it, the more we hate it when we see it in others. I said that there was a

test to see how badly we have it and showed you that test. Then I began talking about some of the misconceptions about pride. I left off by asking what it is that goes through my mind when I hear some one tell me that they **always** speak their mind.

When someone tells me that they always speak their mind and don't care what anybody thinks, fortunately for them, I am usually correct in assuming that they are lying. There are those, however, who **truly** do that. They are almost always people who have no regard for the feelings of others, are **extremely** ignorant and demonstrate their ignorance often. They are also people whom I do not care to spend time with, nor do many others. They are almost always so filled with themselves that they are incapable of listening (James 1:19). These people I must pray for.

Of course, it is very right, and often our duty, not to care what people think of us, **if** we do it for the right reason: namely, because we care so incomparably **more** what God thinks.

The proud man, however, has a different reason for not caring. He says, "Why should I care about the approval of **them**, as if **their** opinion was worth anything? And even if it **was**, **I** am my own man. Everything I do is to satisfy my **own** ideals. If the crowd approves, fine, but they are **nothing** to me."

Second misconception: We sometimes say things like a man is proud of his son, or is proud of his father, of his military unit. The question is: when we use "pride" in this way, is it a sin? It depends on exactly what we mean when we say it. If it means that the man has a warm-hearted admiration for his son, father or his unit, it is far from being a sin. If, however, it means that the person using the word "pride" means that he thinks **he** is somehow someone special because of his unit or his son, this **would** be a fault. It would still be better than just being proud of himself because, to admire anything outside yourself is to take one step away from utter spiritual ruin – although it will not be **well** with us if we admire anything more than God.

Third misconception: We need to realize that God does not dislike pride because he is offended by it – as we might be, or that humility is something that he demands as due his **own** dignity – as if God **himself** was proud. The Living God is not the least bit concerned about **his** dignity. The point is that he wants us to know him: wants to give us himself.

Both we and God are such that if we really got into any kind of touch with him, we **will** be humble – delightedly humble, feeling the infinite relief of having gotten rid of the silly nonsense about our own dignity, which has made us restless and unhappy all our lives. He is trying to make us humble in order to make this moment possible – trying to take away a lot of silly, ridiculous fancy clothes that we've all gotten into so we can strut around like little idiots. To even get near this humble place God wants us to be has to be such a relief. It must be like a cool drink of water to a man in a desert.

Fourth misconception: I do not imagine that if I met a truly humble individual that she would be much like what most people call "humble" nowadays: she would not be a sort of greasy, smarmy woman who is always telling you, of course, she is nobody. False humility is **not** humility. False humility does not make us

humble. It only makes us false. No, I would imagine that a truly humble woman would be a sort of cheerful, intelligent lady who just seemed to take a real interest in what **I** had to say and if I **did** dislike her it would probably be because I was a little envious of someone who seemed to enjoy people and life so freely. She wouldn't be **thinking** about humility. She wouldn't be thinking about herself at all.

I believe that if any of us wanted to truly acquire humility, that we would have to take that very first step and it would be a very large step. It would be to admit that we **are** proud. Until we do **this**, **nothing** else can be done. If we think we are **not** proud or conceited, it shows that we are very proud.

Deliverance and Faith

By Donna Michelle Iler

The service at **Pentecostal Deliverance Church of Faith** began with song. Brother Harold Hendricks led us a capella. This was followed by prayer at the altar led by the pastor, Mother Eloise Damons. "I praise God for saving me."

Donese Mercado testified of how wonderful it is to have the love of God imparted into us.

A woman in the pews, Marilyn Harris stood up and began singing, *I'm runnin' for my life*. It was unexpected but very moving.



Brother Harold Hendricks leading praise and worship at Pentecostal Deliverance Church of Faith (above & below)



Pastor introduced the speaker, the missionary, Linda Butler.

"I don't want to hear anything Linda Butler has to say," she told the congregation (cont pg 14).

Church of God of Prophecy Revisited

By: R. D. Hempton

As some people know, the beloved pastor of Church of God of Prophecy, Pastor Louise Robinson passed away recently. She is greatly missed but the good news is that we know where she is and we are all looking forward to seeing her again.

BFN revisited the church with its new pastor, Pastor Bobby Swofford in July. The service began with music – very traditional hymns played by Sister Carolyn Jones on the keyboard and Sister Sarah Clark led us all with her voice.



Sister Carolyn on the keyboard at Church of God of Prophecy



Sister Sarah Clark singing *I'll Fly Away*



Pastor Bobby Swofford in the sermon

Special anointed music was also performed by Tammy Mayfield and Tiffany Landress. It was very spirit-filled and uplifting. This reporter was moved to tears as they sang, "I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you."

“You bring the spirit in the house when you come.” Pastor Swofford said. He began his sermon in II Kings 24: 11-14, where the Babylonians took Judah, including Jerusalem. He moved to Romans 1:18-25, where Paul, describing conditions in the Roman Empire, sounded like he was describing the secular world today. “God searched Sodom,” the pastor said, “and could not even find ten righteous. The president now has been placed in office to fulfill end-time prophecy. In Daniel Chapter ten, the Bible speaks of the end times and says that, in the last days, knowledge will be greatly increased and that people will be running to and fro.” All this is describing what we are seeing today. Please believe we are there right now.

Pastor Russell Page accompanied the BFN staff and participated in the laying on of hands and healing of people at the church. The service was memorable.

There are about fifty strong prayer warriors in this unit and, due to the nature of what the church has recently been through, no church leaders have yet been chosen.

A web site and e-mail address are presently pending.

There will be a gospel singing at the Church of God of Prophecy (Cogop) in Gainesville in August on a Saturday to be announced. The church is presently praying to get the money to remodel the entire building, which would include a sound room.

There are two Cogop locations in Gainesville, one in Braselton, one in Buford and one in Winder. The Winder location was built in the middle of the 20th Century (?1950s?) Childcare is available at the Winder Cogop and Christie Youngblood teaches the teens and young adults.

Pastor Swofford pastored a church in Dewey Rose, a community near Hartwell, has been assistant pastor at one of the Gainesville Cogop locations and was assistant pastor of the Winder location under Pastor Louise Robinson. He told BFN that he began as a Baptist minister but changed because of the Holy Spirit. He explained that, as a Baptist, he was told that he must stop speaking in tongues.

Church service times are Sunday school at 1000, worship at 1100 and Sunday evening service is at 1800 (6pm).

The Physical address of the church is 333 Wright Street, Winder, Ga. 30680 and Pastor Swofford may be contacted at (770)605-6312.

Dr. BJ in Africa

By: Donese Mercaldo

A violent civil war has torn the African nation of Liberia to the ground. “There’s almost nothing left but loving, needy people – no schools, teachers, houses, furniture – nothing.” Dr. BJ told BFN. “They need just the simplest things that we all take for granted.”

The civil war has only been over a short while, but Dr. BJ is going to Monrovia, Liberia sometime between 1 September and 1 October 2011 to establish a Daisy House there. The details are still being worked out. She will be sending barrels of supplies and aid to the country to arrive at the same time she does. She will be personally distributing them. So, there will be no need to be concerned about corrupt government officials or war lords taking the donations for themselves.

In need of donations

Dr BJ is asking anyone who will to donate simple items for the barrels going to Liberia - Shoes and clothes for women and children, nonperishable food, cash donations (100% goes to the needy).

“There is no means of support for the women and children there. We will help them to be able to generate their own income.” She will be there about a month on the first visit. Later she would like to be able to take some young people from Georgia for a week or so and bring some of those young people from Liberia back to Georgia for a little while. This will accomplish at least two things.

First, it will help the American young people to appreciate those things here that they take for granted. “We get upset when we can’t find a parking place when we get to our air conditioned churches. These people joyfully walk miles in temperature

over a hundred degrees to an outdoor place of worship or some hot building in a place where air conditioning is unheard of. We go out to lunch after church, go home to our air conditioned houses and take a nap while these people, if they are fortunate enough to have a place to go, go there hungry.”

Second, it will motivate those Liberian young people to do better – to be able to see what they can achieve.

Please donate clothes and shoes. They can be used but, please don’t send things that are worn out that you cannot use.

Mr. Thomas Edmunds, Dr. BJ’s husband will build for these people – indoor plumbing, shelter, etc.

“Why you going to Africa?” people ask Dr. BJ. “Why don’t you help people here?” Her answer includes the fact that, over there, people appreciate much more. Miracles happen there. Why? Because their minds have not been corrupted by a society that tells them that they don’t really happen anymore – that those things only happened in biblical times.

“He who gives to the poor gives to the Lord.” Says Dr. BJ. “If I would have anyone owe me anything, I would rather it be the Lord.”

Dr BJ wants there to be a 24 hour prayer vigil from now until the time she returns from Liberia.

She would like anyone who would go with her on her second trip to contact her now. For donations and information contact Dr. BJ at (407)545-9857.

Aftershock

By: Mateo Raza

The Whole Body of Christ Alliance is working to unite the whole body of Christ – all the churches. There is a youth organization that is working to do the same thing – unite all the youth everywhere in Christ. The name of that youth organization is **Aftershock** and it is being spearheaded by young people like HENRY HALBERT of Timothy Baptist Church West.

We are beginning to see amazing things happening and mighty possibilities coming from this organization.

One such thing is a pilot idea that will occur on 5 August at TBC West. It is a

Youth Coffee House. The **Aftershock Coffee House** will be at 1900 (7pm) at TBC West on 5 Aug 2011. This is the pilot. If it is successful, it may become a monthly occurrence. It is put on for the youth by the youth.

Young Mr. Halbert is already working hard and has been in contact with some of the youth pastors at some of the churches but is having a hard time getting in contact with some of the others.

Henry is **calling all youth pastors** to please contact him at (706)410-8117.

He may also be reached at Henry Halbert at aftershock026 @ hotmail.com. There is also a page for Aftershock on Facebook.

What About the Change? Knowledge and Truth: Essay by: Summer Star

One significant proposition that I am confident is true is that God's grace and mercy has and will continue to gradually improve me to what he desires me to be. Two ways in which I know this to be true are by looking back on how I was before I had a relationship with Christ and how I have progressed since our relationship began. I can also look to scripture as a means of affirmation. In II Corinthians 5:17 it is written, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come" (NASB). Also in Isaiah 43:18 it says, "Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past" (NASB).

Upon looking at my former life, I can see the incessant flow of poor choices, a severe lack of genuine self-respect, constant self-loathing, an ability to find humor and amusement in the suffering of others, apathy, addiction, and deceit. Any of the good I had done stemmed from self-centered motives. However, I can look at myself today and I do not see these things. That does not mean that they are not there, only that they are no longer center stage. I still laugh when a friend trips, however, I am not very likely to trip them. I also remember the first time I heard a joke that was highly derogatory and was appalled rather than humored. Music I used to enjoy, I

now often find obnoxious. I no longer find pride in sin, only shame.

This change did not occur as a result of anything other than my being saved by mercy and having grace poured out over me. This also did not happen all at once, but over time. I am changed from the way I was a month ago, two months ago, six months and a year. From this I can infer that this change or *sanctification* will only continue throughout the rest of my life. While this inference is my own reasoning, it is a result of a collection of empirical data gathered by looking into my past. I feel the two work in conjunction; one strengthening the other.

Deliverance and Faith (cont from pg 12)

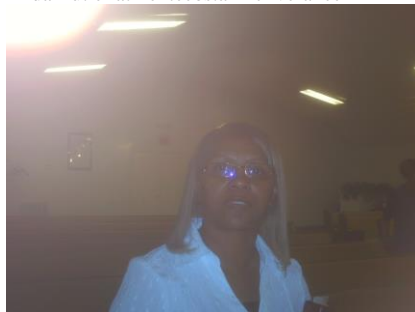
"I want to hear what God has to say." She began in Psalm 24:1. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."

"Whatever you need, God's got it. But are you willing to wait? This verse tells me that I belong to God. I am his possession."

The truth is that we are all the property of the Living God, yet we act otherwise.



Pastor Eloise Damons and Missionary speaker Linda Butler at Pentecostal Deliverance



Singer Marilyn Harris immediately after the service at Pentecostal Deliverance

There are about fifty warriors for Christ at this church including the church leaders, which are as follows:

Church Elder David Pope, Ministers of the gospel Robert Harris and Harold Hendricks, church secretary Glenda Damons, Missionaries Linda Butler, Juanita Jordan, Connie Browner, as well as Gloria Page. The Pentecostal Deliverance Praise team includes Marilyn Harris, Connie Browner, Harold Hendricks and Kita Sims. The youth praise team includes Kita Sims, and Tonica Dukes.

The church is planning a revival in September.

Mother Damons studied under Pastor Brown in Cleveland, Ohio in 1978 and came back to Winder in 1979. She travelled there and back enough to study there and still establish the church here in 1979. It began as Pentecostal Determined Church II. She has been the pastor there for 33 years.

Service times are as follows:

Sunday Prayer at 0900, Sunday school at 1000, Service at 1130, Wednesday service at 1930 (730pm), Prayer Friday at 1900 to 2000, Youth Day 4th Sunday, Missionary Day 3rd Sunday and Men's Day 1st Sunday.

The physical address of the church is 461 Loganville Hwy (Hwy 81), Winder, Georgia 30680 and the Church telephone number is (770)867-0460.

October Revival

By: O. (Zell) Zellinger

An alliance-wide seven day revival is planned for the middle of the first month of every quarter. The next 7 days at 7 churches is planned for 10 October through 16 October. More details, such as what churches will host which evenings, will be forthcoming.

The reason this is being announced so early is so that churches within the alliance will know far enough in advance that they will not plan other activities for the period between 10 Oct and 16 Oct. If you are part of the Whole Body of Christ Alliance and your church has never hosted one of these nights of revival, KNOW that someone from the alliance will ask you to host one. Therefore, please don't plan church events during this week.

There is no longer any doubt that we are living in the last days, nor is there any doubt that unity in the body of Christ is essential for us as followers of the Christ of the Living God to do his work. We all see that no ONE church and no ONE denomination is going to take this nation back from those who have stolen it from us while we were isolated and PLAYING CHURCH. Its time to wake up, people of God. Doing the same old thing we've always done and expecting to see different results is not just stupid; its insane.

Pastors, when someone from the alliance asks you to host one of the nights of revival or preach at another church and you tell them that your church has made plans to do some other activity, now that you know that the revival is coming during that time, you are making a statement of rebellion. You are saying that the kingdom of God is all about you and what your church is doing, that YOUR revival, or Pastor appreciation, or bake sale or whatever is more important than doing the real work of God. Our unity is more important right now than one night of Bible study or one service at YOUR church.

People of God, look around you. Look at what has happened to our nation – prayer and the Lord kicked out of the very place our children need prayer and the Lord; our schools, godless abortion mills murdering our babies and forever effecting the health and well-being of our young mothers, the Ten Commandments kicked out of courts, children murdering other children in the streets and in our schools, and much, much more – all while we were sitting on our pews PLAYING CHURCH. What is it going to take? We are losing battle after battle. How can you possibly believe that this is what God wants from you?

WAKE UP!!!

We are miles past the place where we were supposed to come together in one united Christian front. There is **NOTHING** that your church could plan that is more important than this unity in the body of Christ – **NOTHING**. This is more than just a revival. It is unity. This unity is not just something that the Whole Body of Christ Alliance is doing in Barrow,

Jackson and Gwinnett counties. It is happening all over the state, all over the nation and all over the world. The body of Christ is coming together. Why? Because no one church, on its own will make enough difference to accomplish anything lasting or significant. You know that what I am telling you is the truth. Playing church just like we always have is accomplishing nothing. Don't just talk about unity; do something about it. The forces of darkness have been snuffing out the little isolated units one at a time. We are one army and we ARE AT WAR. Stop playing church and man your battle stations, all together as one army. The lone wolf syndrome ain't getting' it. It has never worked and it never will.

It is common knowledge that some pastors are afraid they will lose some of their flock if they come close to other churches. I ask you now: Is that of God?

There are other pastors that don't want what they are doing to be seen by other pastors. Is that of God?

Still other pastors are more interested in running their own little empire. Is that of God?

We also know that there are some other pastors who genuinely believe that they are the only ones who have the truth and, therefore will not associate with other churches. All I have to say to the people at their churches is, "Don't drink the kool-aid."

I believe with all that is within me that the majority of pastors are doing what they do because they love the Lord and will serve him however he tells them to. I'm just asking y'all to pay attention to what God is doing outside of just you and your church; because the kingdom of God, as you know, is not about you, or just the church God has put in your hands.

We are quickly running out of time, people of God. Instead of looking for reasons and excuses not to help with what the alliance is doing, serve God in unity. Look for a way that you CAN DO it. Move some things around if you have to. Check your priorities. God calls you to work for him, not just for your church, but you know that and I believe that most churches will continue to do what they are doing in unity. To those churches, God bless

you for what you've already done and for what you will do.

Thank you for reading

God bless you

Zell

Bible Knowledge

By: Mateo Raza

We are supposed to be in the word daily. We are supposed to eat the word of God as a starving man. I often wonder how many followers of Christ actually do this. I used to teach at a biblical school and always on the first day I would use a Bible trivia game for fun. It accomplished two purposes: first, it loosened people up and allowed them to get to know one another and second, it showed me where they were in their knowledge of the Bible. It tore down all the walls of pretense as quickly as they were put up.

There is nothing like a test of knowledge to show you where you are. We can have some fun with it. I will ask the question and next month provide both the answer and the scripture where it can be confirmed. Of course, you can always look up the answers in the Bible but that would kind of cheating. Wouldn't it? Let's start with some easy questions:

One: How many men did Nebuchadnezzar see walking in the fiery furnace?

Two: Besides a bird, what did Noah see in the sky?

Three: Finish this verse. "For whatsoever a man soweth, _____."

Four: Fill in the blank (Hint-Genesis). "But _____ found grace in the eyes of the Lord."

Five: Fill in the blank. "Delilah said to _____, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy strength lieth."

Six: Finish this quote. "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before _____."

Seven: Finish the quote. "Follow me and I will make you _____."

Eight: Finish the quote. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are _____."

Nine: What were the names of the three apostles of Jesus that were with him on the Mount of Transfiguration?

Ten: What was the name of the village that was known as the "City of David?" (hint- the key word here is "village.")

Now let's turn up the heat just a tad. These questions are a tiny bit more difficult. (level 2)

One: What was the name of the old testament prophet who was very hairy and wore a leather belt?

Two: Name the man that King David arranged to have killed because he had impregnated the man's wife?

Three: The dry land, grass, herb yielding seed, and the tree yielding fruit were created on what day of creation? a)2nd b)3rd c)4th d)5th

Four: What was the name of the man who inherited Elijah's mantle?

Five: What was the name of the man in the book of John who had a seamless garment (coat)?

Six: What was the name of the man who worked 7 years to earn a wife?

Seven: What prophet said, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel"?

Ready for level 3?

One: Who was the man who kept some of the spoils after the battle of Jericho and brought punishment to Israel?

Two: How many of Jesus' brothers wrote books included in the Bible?

Three: Name them

Four: What was the name of Hosea's wife?

Five: What woman in the Bible attempted to seduce a handsome young Jewish slave?

Six: What king made a speech and was consumed by worms?

Seven: Miriam and Aaron were upset with Moses because he married a woman that was _____.

Eight: True or False: Noah took one pair of every animal into the ark.

Let's move now to level four.

One: Who hung on a gallows fifty cubits (about 75 feet high)?

Two: What were the names of the first and last judges of Israel?

Three: Who was the one who watched over Baby Moses while he was in the bulrushes?

Four: What was the name of the mother who made a little coat for her son every year?

Five: What type of bird did Noah first send out from the ark?

Six: The name of David's first wife was _____.

Seven: The title written above Jesus' head while he hung on the cross said, "Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews." Name the three languages it was written in. Note: there are two correct answers since the NIV gives a different answer than the KJV.

Eight: Because of Achan's sin, he and his family were stoned to death in the valley of _____.

If you have answered these questions without any problem, you indeed are in the word often. If you answered most of them, you are truly a student of the Bible. If you missed more than three in any category, you need to study the word more. If you have done well, you are ready for level five.

One: What was the name of the king who was responsible for Jeramiah being placed into the cistern in which he sank into the mire?

Two: Absalom caught his hair in what kind of tree?

Three: Four rivers flowed out of the Garden of Eden. Name them.

Four: Eldad and Medad were known because of a) their victory in battle b) their prophecy c) their antics on the Muppet Show d) their rebellion against Moses

Five: Muppim, Huppim, and Ard were a) Anramite gods b) the words of a chant of the priests of Baal c) three men who rebelled against Moses d) sons of Benjamin e) characters on the Muppet Show

Six: What was the name of the man who had his head cut off and thrown over a wall to Joab?

Seven: What tribe had 700 left-handed men who could sling stones at a hair breadth and not miss?

Eight: What was the name of the man who penned the book of Romans? Hint: he is not the author, only the amanuensis (secretary).

If you have made it this far, you are ready for the grand daddy. Level six.

Q: The sign that hung over Jesus' head on the cross said Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews in three languages. In Christian art this sign is often represented by four letters, four initials – I N R I. What do these initials stand for? Note: The answer is not in English. Therefore, "Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews" is not the correct answer.

If you do not know the answer to this question, you cannot cheat and look it up in any regular Bible. It will not be there. You will actually have to do some real research. If it is worth the work for you, you might want to pray before you start.

God bless you,

Matt

