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### Support at Hope Fellowship

**By: Richard Dean**  
The world is filled with 12-step programs to help with alcoholism, drug addiction and many other things. Time has shown alcoholics anonymous to be very effective but, contrary to the belief of many, God is still in the miracle business.



Pastor Johnny Williams and First Lady Rebecca Williams, who sponsor the addiction support group at Hope Fellowship on Friday nights

Those present at the 1930 (730 pm) Friday night recovery meeting at Hope Fellowship began by individually announcing how their week had gone (Cont. on pg 2).

### Missy's Coffee House October

**By: R. D. Hempton**

Missy's Coffee House in October was spectacular - one of the best.



The Trammells, the singing family that performed at Joe's in October returned to perform at Missy's.

The singing family, the Trammells, who performed at Joe's Coffee House in October, performed at Missy's in October as well. The singing family is Ron Trammell on bass guitar, his brother, Junior on 12-string acoustic, brother Wayne on electric guitar, Junior's grandson, Timothy on banjo and mandolin, Junior's daughter, Julie Dixon, Ron's wife Shannon and Wayne's wife Judy do vocals. Junior had a question about how (cont on pg 2)

### The Least of These My Brethren

**By: R. D. Hempton**  
When the righteous asked Jesus when they fed him or clothed him and the rest, he told them in Matthew 25:40, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

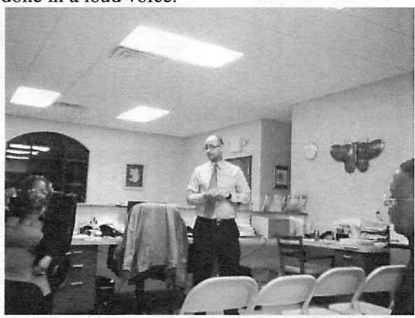


The Least of These Ministries crew taking a break to pose for the camera while cooking a magnificent Thanksgiving meal for the guys at Project Adam

Marty Starcher leads Least of These Ministries, a group that lives out that portion of Matthew 25: I was naked and you clothed me, hungry and you fed me (cont on pg 3)

### Shabach of Braselton

**By: R.D. Hempton**  
Psalm 63:3 says, "Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee." The Hebrew word here for praise is **Shabach**. It is done in a loud voice.



Doctor Kenneth O'Neal pastor of Shabach Church of Braselton with his wife and co-pastor, Dr. Lorrie Richardson-O'Neal

The Bible study on Wednesday is referred to as Healthy Conversations at the Doctor's Place. The church that meets in the physicians' office has been in place for about a year and sees a congregation of about 30 people. "We have gathered here," Dr. Lorrie told the congregation, "for Koinonia (fellowship)." Dr. Lorrie introduced the Bible study subject: Consistency. "Think of two things you are consistent about." (Cont. on pg 4)

### Lifeway Church

**By: Donna Michelle Iler**  
Pastors Bruce and Sheila Rhodes came to Auburn with a promise that the Lord would take back Auburn.



Pastors Sheila and Bruce Rhodes of Lifeway Church in Auburn

Each Wednesday service begins an hour before the Bible study with prayer. Prayer began individually for about 30 minutes. This reporter heard at least four distinct languages from those praying in tongues. One sounded Slavic, one Middle Eastern. In the corporate prayer, there was a map of Auburn and the church prayed over the city, binding principalities and loosing healing and growth and proclaiming the harvest, "The harvest is here." (cont. on pg 11)

### Women of Destiny in December

**By: Zac Sims**

Women of Destiny shook heaven on 3 December! The very name brings up images like Mary mother of Jesus, Sarah, Esther, Rachel, and Rebecca.



Karen Lewis president of Women of Destiny

The meeting burst off with an introduction by Karen Lewis, "I pray that you feel at home here and that you can feel the presence of God in this place." Karen spoke of Jesus being led by the Spirit into the wilderness for 40 days, "I believe that same Spirit may lead us into the wilderness for a season but he is faithful to bring us out too." Michelle Pritchett sang deep, deep worship and a spirit seemed to sweep over the women. Many were moved to tears and fell on (Cont on pg 12)

### Support (from pg 1)

Pastor Johnny Williams of Hope Fellowship in Winder began the discussion in the support group. "Our current situation in life is a result of the decisions we have made. Until I take full responsibility, I cannot change. When a man refuses to accept full responsibility – when he plays the blame game, he shows that he is unwilling to make changes in his life. If I want my future to be better than yesterday, I have to get to the root cause and change my decision making."

"If I am not the problem," one man commented, "there is no solution."

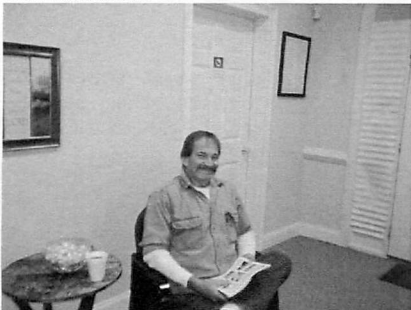
"Romans 12:2 tells us not to be conformed to this world but transformed. Proverbs 3: 5-6 tells us to trust in the Lord with all our heart and not to trust what we think we understand and, if we acknowledge him in everything, he will direct our path. We have free will. We have to let God change us.

"As Christians, how are we going to help anyone get free of bondage if we are in bondage ourselves?"

"That renewing of the mind becomes evident in someone's life when the old temptations are no longer effective. They are no longer effective because the person has a new way of thinking and the old temptations cannot match up to the new way of thinking. Roman 6 is very powerful. It says I am dead to those old things. You can offer a drink to a corpse but he won't take it.

"The inner man – the spirit is you, not your body. You only need that body so you can be here on earth legally. That is why the devil is here illegally. He is a squatter.

"I Peter 5:8 talks about this devil – this roaring lion. He can't devour all the Christians but he can devour some of them. The lion lies in wait for the weak one of the heard – the weak Christians who will not grow. He looks for those weak ones.



One man, Steve, was really happy to be there and agreed to have his picture taken.



Allen Register, Marty Starcher, and Zac Sims were among the men who agreed to allow BFN to photograph them.

"Poverty is rarely due to a lack of money but a misguided use of money. When you don't know your purpose, abuse is inevitable. A pen was not created to stab someone in the eye but can certainly be used for that."

"Knowledge alone," one man commented, "is not the answer."

"You will only enjoy," continued Pastor Williams, "what you passionately pursue. When it comes to overcoming addiction, a person must make the commitment to continually feed their minds the word of God. If you love Jesus, I can work with you."

Pastor Johnny Williams is a licensed and practicing substance abuse counselor as well as the pastor of Hope Fellowship.

If a person recovering from an addiction is pursuing a relationship with Christ and needs a meeting where God is not the group, a tree, a door knob or some other god that they or someone else designed, or they have a desire to be able to speak about Jesus Christ without being told that Christ is an "outside issue," the support group at Hope Fellowship Friday evenings at 1930 (730pm) is a great place to be.

### Missy's (from pg 1)

how wide the road to heaven is. I mean, we know it is narrow, but how narrow? Junior wrote a song about it entitled *The Road that Leads to Heaven is One Man Wide*. The Trammells sang quite a few songs including one that Judy Trammell sang because, by the time Missy's happened, she said, "I got my voice back. Judy sang *In My Robe of White*.

After the Trammell's first set, Cequita Damons performed her dance to *The Blessed Lamb of God*. It was Cequita's second appearance at a coffee house. She was at Joe's earlier in the month.



Cequita Damons of New Harvest dancing at Missy's in October.



The talented Ms. Damons dancing to *The Blessed Lamb of God*

After Cequita Damons blessed us all with her dance, Neyda Hempton testified about losing her son in September of 1995, followed by Larry Percifield testifying about losing his son in September of 1995.



Cequita Damons at Missy's



Neyda Hempton in her testimony at Missy's



Pastor Betty Arnold and Sissy Page at Missy's

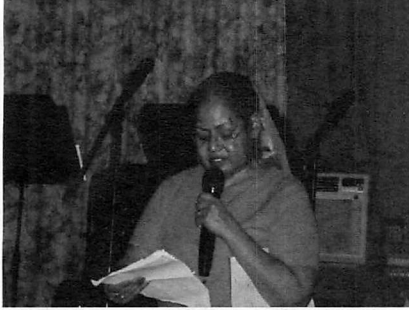


Pastor Betty Arnold and Sissy Page at Missy's

Joe Gee sang *I Can't Even Walk Without You Holding My Hand* backed up by Allen Stevens. Then Pastor Allen Stevens sang *The Anchor Holds* (in spite of the storm) and it just happened to be storming outside. This was followed by prayer by people at the coffee house, including Pastor Betty Arnold, Pastor Russell Page and Larry Percifield over Kaitlyn



Trees, who stood in for her father. Then Joe Johnson stood in for Barry Wylie, of Jefferson Gospel Tabernacle and Heavenly Host Ministries, who was diagnosed with a terminal illness (we know now that Barry will live). Pastor Arnold then prayed over Brandon Myers, Justin Berry and Pastor Russell Page.



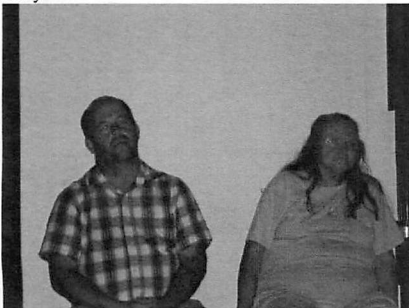
Neyda Hempton reading one of her poems



Larry Percifield and wife Rhonda



Wanda Stevens confiding in her mom, Ms. Betty



Pastor Russell Page and his mother



Joe Gee and Allen Stevens in song at Joe's



Junior Trammell sitting at Joe's with the family



Brandon Myers and his fiancée Kaitlyn Trees



Zac Sims enjoying Joe's Coffee House



Dancing in the spirit



Pastor Allen Stevens on the piano singing

Larry Percifield sang a coffee house favorite, *Three Wooden Crosses*. The Trammells played their second set and Larry Percifield closed with *Mary Did You Know*.

"This was good," said Mitch Raley, "Real good."

### Least of These (from pg 1)

"Least of These is an outreach to those in need - being Jesus' hands and feet - anything from financial to food to the word of God." Ministry Leader Marty Starcher told BFN. The ministry is based at New Community Church in Hoschton and was started nine years ago by Ozzie Giles but Ozzie left the area and Marty was asked to lead the ministry.

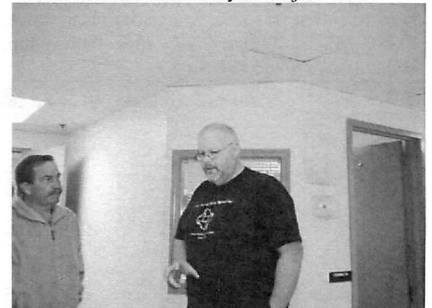
"We prepare and serve meals to people at Metro Lodge and Project Adam. We started out at Hope House in Metro Atlanta, which is a program like Project Adam only there are about 70 men there. It was started by Mayor Shirley Franklin.

"There is a base-set of people that make the ministry go: myself, my wife Heidi, Allen Register, Ginger Hutchins and Pam Howe. The number of people participating in the actual project depends on the number of volunteers. The church also has a clothing ministry and once a month we have a clothing closet along with a free meal. The church gave us a Christmas offering last year to begin a 501(c)3. We will have a solid website by then.

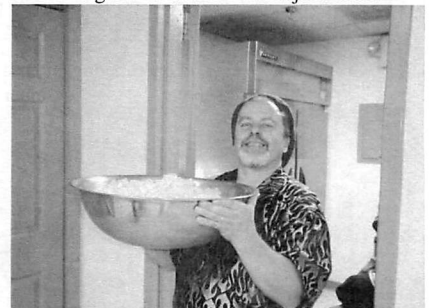
"We normally prepare dinner for the guys at Project Adam every second Sunday of each month between 5 and 7pm. We prepare a meal at New Community Church every third Saturday in conjunction with His Hands Ministries.



Heidi Starcher with baby at Project Adam



Allen Register with Steve at Project Adam



Marty Starcher carrying the mashed potatoes for the Thanksgiving dinner prepared for those at Project Adam by Least of These Ministries

"There was a homeless man at Metro lodge who was about 65. He lived in the woods by the

lodge. He had been there for about eight years. He told us that he actually had a real meal when we came."



Pam Howe preparing the gravy at Project Adam



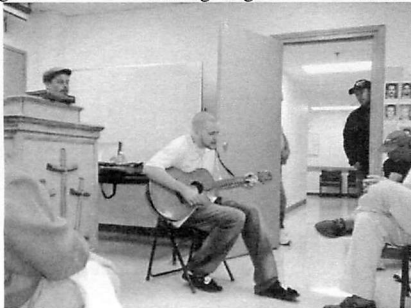
Ginger Hutchens (Allen's girlfriend) in the kitchen at Project Adam



L to R: Allen Register, Marty Starcher, Steve, Pastor Johnny Williams of Hope Fellowship, Heidi Starcher, and Zac Sims



The fellows at Project Adam relaxing after a great Thanksgiving Dinner



Jeremiah singing for the fellows after dinner



The Project Adam guys listening to Jeremiah



Marty Starcher sharing the love of Christ with the fellows at Project Adam

"We helped a lady who was having a baby. She had nothing for the baby. We helped her out with some clothes and things for the baby.

"There was a lady at New Community who had no shoes for her children. Allen bought clothes and shoes out of his pocket for them and bought them a hundred dollars worth of food.

"Three years ago we only came to Project Adam on Thanksgiving but for the last two years we have been coming every month."

On 13 November a roomful of men in recovery enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner prepared by the Least of These Ministries. At a separate table sat about a dozen women, children and guests. The men at Project Adam were divided from the guests as they are often divided from the rest of society for now.

Marty addressed the men from Luke 17, the story of the ten lepers. "Lepers went through life completely without human touch. Jesus said that the one man's faith was in his thanksgiving. The other nine were healed of leprosy but this thankful man was the only one that was made whole."

Each one of the approximately forty people in the room told what they were thankful for. One man spoke, "I am thankful for all the trouble I've been through - the trouble that God brought me through, for this place, and for being clean and sober. I am happier than I have ever been."

The Least of These Ministries may be contacted by calling Marty Starcher at (404)488-5320 or Pam Howe at (678)462-2662 or e-mailing them at werhowe @ charter.net.

The Least of These Ministries does not just drop off food (which is also a good thing) but they also prepare it and drop off the word of God.

### Shabach (from page 1)

Just before the service began a lady sat beside this reporter and shared, "God said it's already done. He is working it out. He **has** worked some of it out. He said to step out of your comfort zone and know him in a different way. Stop limiting him and stand in expectation." It turned

out that this lady was operating in the prophetic. Her name is Christine Childress. Dr. Kenneth O'Neal picked up where Dr. Lorrie left off: "We want our children to be consistent, especially in their obedience. We need to be consistent in our relationships and interactions with others. We need to edify them."

Pastor O'Neal then reminded us of the story of the three servants given a different number of talents in Mat 25:14-30. "What Jesus is asking for here is consistency."

"God also wants us to perfect our talents." Dr. Lorrie interjected. "For instance, when a writer goes to school to study English, this is investing as well."

"Phil 3:14 says, 'I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ.' This," Dr. O'Neal reminded us, "is consistency. Here on earth the currency is money but in heaven the currency is souls."



Dr. Lorrie Richardson-O'Neal addressing those at the Bible study.



Some of those present at Shabach Church



James Mays, a man from whom Christ's love emanates.



In Luke 9:57-62, Jesus encounters those who would serve him but they want to do it on **their** terms. Pastor O'Neal reminds of verse 62, "Jesus said, 'No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.' We must be consistent."

There are about 30 people who call Shabach of Braselton their home church. Church leaders besides Dr. Lorrie and Dr. Kenneth are James Mays, Urita Hodge, and Christine Childress.

Dr. Kenneth O'Neal and Dr. Lorrie Richardson-O'Neal moved to Georgia from Illinois with an assignment: Shabach of Atlanta. It began in McDonough. They drove there for three years. There are now three locations. The first is in McDonough in a warehouse that used to be an auto repair shop. The second is in a barber shop in Midtown and the third is in Braselton in a doctor's office.

"These are all market place ministries." Explained Dr. Lorrie. "There will come a time in America when our present freedoms will be challenged and churches will be closed down. There need to be, therefore, safe places. These are being established now and no one will know because they will be doing business as usual with worship going on. We will be a reservoir in a time of trouble to supply the need in time of drought.

Some wonderful things have happened with this church body due to prayer and the incredible intervention of Almighty God.

A man, Mr. Johnson, had stage IV laryngeal cancer and was being treated for it. Prayer brought about his healing. He has been cancer free since 1 October.



Christine Childress operating in the prophetic



Ms. Urita Hodge has been in BFN many times

The people of the church prayed for employment for Tiffany and Wade and God opened the door at the time of need.

Shabach of Braselton is planning **Soules for Souls** on Saturday 17 December in cooperation with the Atlanta Fire Department. Those at the church and any godly people who would join them are going into the heart of Atlanta to pass out shoes, clothes and toys to some of the children in downtown Atlanta together with Atlanta's Fire department. Those who would help should be at the Doctor's Place at 1215

Tuscany Drive in Braselton, Ga. 30517 in time to leave at 1145.

On 3 January they are calling a 21-day Soul Fast – a fast of denying the flesh of carnal things – no television, smoking, negative attitude etc.

"The service on Sunday is not the regular Sunday church service that most people are used to." Dr. Lorrie says. "There we must do what God says to do. It is not focused on any one person (like a pastor), but on Jesus and we elevate him alone. It is praise and worship with no worship leader. Sometimes there is a sermon and sometimes not."

Service times are Sunday at 1200 and Wednesday Bible study at 1930. The church may be contacted by calling (770)307-1880 or (706)367-4187 or by e-mail at Shabachofbraselton@gmail.com or by logging onto their website at shabachchurch.org.

## Cross at the Roadside

By: R. D. Hempton

On 16 October Pastor William Pirkle of Living Hope Christian Fellowship in Hoschton delivered the last sermon of the seven-day revival. There were some great sermons preached that week but this is the one deemed by many to have been the best. It is presented here in the December issue so that it can be done more completely.

When it was time for Pastor Pirkle to ascend the pulpit, he did so and held up his cellular telephone to the microphone. "My wife and I are one." He announced. She was in Kentucky caring for her sick father at the time of the last night of revival. "Baby, are you there?" he asked as he held up the cell phone.

"I'm right here." Here voice came out very clearly over the sound system inside the large sanctuary of White Oak Springs Baptist Church. She remained on the line during the entire sermon.

"As a young boy," began Pastor Pirkle, "I was sent out with a bucket of slop for the hogs. It was not something I wanted to eat but the pigs loved it. I fed them because it was given to me to feed them. Jesus said to me, 'William, do you love me?' Yes, Lord, you know that I do. 'Then feed my sheep.' I feed them because it was given to me to feed them but I never feed the sheep slop.

"I am about to do something that would get me thrown out in some places, arrested in other places and killed in still other places. I am about to read the word of God.

"We read in Exodus 3:10, 'Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.'

"Sometimes God has to tell us something more than one. This was the case with Moses and it has certainly been the case with me and probably most of you.

"A while back I was driving down a road in my truck and I passed some fellows putting up a cross on the side of the road. The Lord spoke to me and told me to turn around and go pray with those guys.

"I thought to myself, 'why am I thinking that?' and I kept on driving. He spoke to me again, 'Go back there and pray with those two men.' At that point I realized it was not me just thinking it. I was still driving toward my original destination and he told me a third time,

'Turn the truck around and go back and pray with those men.' That was when I pulled into a driveway to turn the truck around.

"I sat there for a minute and I told him, 'I don't know what to say, Lord. They lost somebody there on the side of the road. I didn't know the one they lost.'

"As I turned the truck around I talked to God: 'God, when **we** get back up there, you're gonna have o show up. Don't leave me on my own.' He did show up.

"I went back and pulled the truck off to the side of the road and got out and walked up to them. I asked them to pray with me. There was an older man whose son it was that was killed there. There was a younger man also who was the best friend of the man killed. It was this younger man who had built the wooden cross. He had done a fine job and I, being a man who works with wood myself, told him so.

"When I asked them if they would mind praying with me, the younger man – the one who had fashioned the cross for his best friend said, 'Well I'm not a religious man, but I'll pray with you.' And the three of us stood there on the side of the road in front of the cross, held hands and prayed.

"Afterward, I got back in my truck and continued on down the road. As I drove the Lord spoke to me again and told me he wanted to show me something. He showed me a vision of that younger man standing in front of a large number of people telling the story of the stranger who stopped to pray with him. The Lord shared with me that many people will be saved on account of that younger man who was 'not a religious men.'

"God had to tell Moses more than one time but in verse 13 Moses finally turned his truck around when he said, 'What shall I say unto them?'

"In Daniel 3:14-25, Nebuchadnezzar wanted the three young Hebrew men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego to worship the golden image of one of his gods (probably Marduk) and, knowing the consequences, refused. They had already turned their truck around.

"I did not come here tonight by myself. God came here with me. Outside of God we can't make it. We have to have him on the inside.

"In Like 1:26-34 the angel was telling Mary of the birth of Jesus to come. In verse 34 she asked, 'How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?' Mary didn't have her truck turned around. In verses 35-37 the angel explains and in verse 38 she finally said, 'be it unto me according to thy word.' She truck was turned around.

"In Matthew 26:36-39 Jesus ends with, 'Not as I will, but as thou wilt.' The truck was turned around right there. All throughout the Bible from Moses to Jesus, they gave up their will and their lives were completely changed.

"Come on down and fall on your face and say, 'Thy will not mine be done,' and the impossible will happen."

## Know Your Enemy

Continued from November

By: Zac Sims

Satan commands an army of fallen angels who were deceived much like Adam and Eve and gave their allegiance to the "Great Dragon" and sealed their own destruction.

Let's take a look inside the enemy's weapons vault. The doors creak open and the stench of fear is revealed. It is one of his favorite tools. Satan gained the power of death when he deceived mankind into sinning against God. The punishment for sin is death and he uses the fear of death to dominate the minds of men.

Through the fall of Adam and Eve he brought death to the human race. Christ stepped in and took Satan's power of death by using his own power but Satan still deceives people to doubt our freedom from death through Christ by lurking around asking us, 'Did he really die on the cross for you?' Yes, he did!

The infection of sin brought death on the human race. Christ provided the antidote of his blood for us through the pain of all he suffered the day he died on the cross and snatched the keys of death and Hades.

Jesus yanked the carpet of death up from under Satan, who so confidently stood upon it as a means to control our lives and steal our souls. On that day at Calvary on the cross death's boney grip was loosed.

Fear no longer holds its power for those who use the shield of Christ and acknowledge the power of his blood.

The SCUD missiles of fear fall short and cannot penetrate the armor of God. They keep many on the run, however, for the span of their lifetimes and, if they hit an unarmed target, they smash with monster truck force.

Fear is on one side in the locker of tricks used by the devil. From one of the other corners, he pulls up a handful of snares and blindfolds in the form of temptations and lies. When the powers of darkness whisper temptations into your ears and put empty pleasures up on the movie screen of life, recognize them for what they are - lies. Slam Satan's locker door and throw away the key and combination.

In Ephesians 6:10 you will find that the call of duty for Christ's soldiers is to stand. "Stand your ground," and "Stand firm."

In Acts 26:18 Jesus says, "I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God." Hoo-ah!

Note: God's word never says to worry, fear, doubt, or look back. The scriptures are a message of power and love.

God Bless You All

Love in Christ

Zac

## Wedding: Brandon and Kaitlyn

By: Donese Mercaldo

After Wednesday church service, the congregation got a big surprise. Brandon Myers and Kaitlyn Trees, both of Living Hope Christian Fellowship, got married right then and there. They had it planned, of course.

Pastor Allen Stevens gave away the bride and the Reverend Larry Percifield performed the wedding. It was all quite a pleasant surprise for many - many, that is except those few who part of the conspiracy, including yours truly.

There was a reception immediately following the wedding, of course, in the church fellowship hall.



Pastor Allen Stevens walking the bride, Kaitlyn Trees into the sanctuary to her husband-to-be, Brandon Myers



Brandon and Kaitlyn before



Rings



Brandon and Kaitlyn Myers after



Brandon and Kaitlyn Myers after

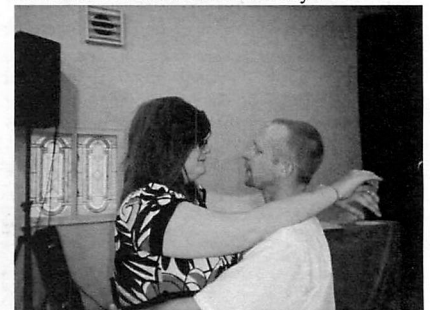
The reception was just as much a pleasant surprise as the wedding itself. Such will always be the case when there is free food.



The cake and the couple



A man was heard telling Brandon, "this is the day that people begin thinking of you as that man at church instead of somebody's kid."

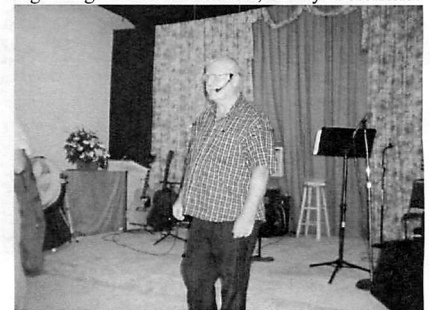


The husband and the wife

## Joe's in November

By: R. D. Hempton

Joe's Coffee House on 11 November 2011 (11/11/11) was more exceptional than usual, beginning with Mr. Coffee, Larry Percifield.



Mr. Coffee Larry Percifield the coffee house host on 11-11-11 at Joe's in November

Joyful spirit opened with Belinda Hamm on vocals and keyboard. They sang quite a few songs that they had not performed at any of the coffee houses previously.

Joyful Spirit was followed by Cequita Damons of New Harvest church, who danced twice to two different songs.

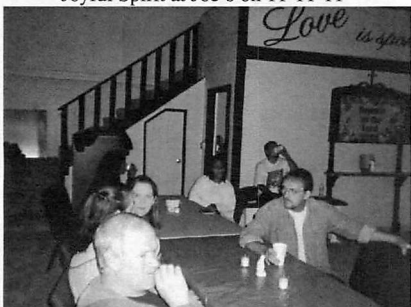
Janet Rodney of Timothy Baptist West sang after the wonderful dancing of young Ms.



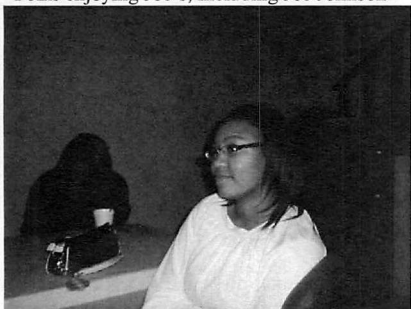
Damons. Janet, who is also an occasional coffee house host shared extensively with the audience. "I am so happy to be here tonight. The last two times I was invited to come I was either in the hospital or on my way to the hospital." Janet shared with us.



Joyful Spirit at Joe's on 11-11-11



Folks enjoying Joe's, including Joe Johnson



Cequita Damons at the table at Joe's



Janet Rodney smiling for the camera



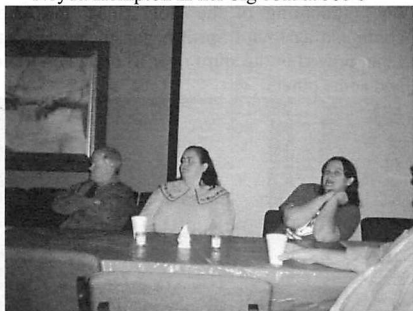
The man who started it all with Joe's Coffee House, Joe Johnson at Joe's on 11-11-11 across the table from his wife, Wanda Johnson



People enjoying the coffee house. Here Brandon Myers rubs his momma's (Rhonda Percifield) back seated by his new wife, Kaitlyn



Neyda Hempton in her big coat at Joe's



Kicked back enjoying Joe's on 11-11-11



Cequita Damons worshipping in dance



Cequita is well loved by the coffee house folks

"I can't worship my momma's God anymore." Janet Rodney told the coffee house audience. "I knew the Lord loved me all my life but, when I was a teen, it was all about what I could not do and so, when I was about 16, I rebelled.

"Later, in my 20s, I wanted to get back to the Lord but I was walking behind people. The Lord showed me that I had become a spiritual clone but I still had no relationship with Jesus. "Don't be judging someone for what they still do. Turn your plate over and fast for that brother or sister and pray for them. "Today is 11/11/11 - make history."



Cequita as seen from the sound loft



Richard and Robin Mason running the sound at Joe's on 11-11-11



Gary Cook and Jeff Brooks, friends from Center Hill Baptist Church in Loganville

Joyful Spirit took the stage again only this time they were joined by Janet Rodney and Chris Johnson of Living Hope on drums. They performed, among other songs the most incredible version of *Jesus Loves Me* that this reporter may have ever heard. It was a very up beat and impromptu country/hip hop version. The combination was quite good. They sang three or four songs and then something very wonderful happened. Larry Percifield called on all the godly women present to come forward to

pray over Janet Rodney. Not only women came forward but some men.



Janet Rodney speaking to the audience



Janet's testimony had Larry Percifield and many others in tears



Joyful Spirit was joined by Janet Rodney and Chris Johnson on drums for *Jesus Loves Me* the country/hip hop version.



People came forward to pray over Janet

As people ceased praying for Janet and went back to their seats, Janet continued to pray quietly. She fell to her knees and her face went down to the ground. Her prayer was in another language – not English. She was praying in tongues. This was something that many present had never witnessed and still others probably thought was something from the first century. Her words became interspersed with English phrases and she continued praying. Clearly an interpretation was forthcoming.

“No harvest before the healing.” She cried out. “Keep doing it. Keep doing it. No harvest before the healing of the body. I will heal my body and then the harvest. Keep doing it. Don’t stop.”

“Could she be talking to me or am I just being self centered again?” This reporter thought. “These are the things I was praying about this morning. Only God knew what I asked him. No, she could not be talking to me.”

Janet began reaching, still on her knees with her face to the ground. “Rick, Rick, Rick. Give me Rick.”

There was no longer any doubt who she was talking to. The eyes of this reporter filled with tears and I quickstepped to the front where Janet’s reaching hand took hold of my foot.

“Keep doing it, Rick. Keep doing it. Do not question God. It is my will. It is my plan. Do not question me. Keep going. I will provide for you. I will make a way where there is no way.”

I apologize for writing in the first person but these are the exact words I prayed that very morning. No one knew but God.

“I will make a way for you where there is no way, Rick. Those men who claim God is with them are not as close as they say. The devil wants you to give up before the harvest. Keep doing it.”

I had not had such a sign from God like this in weeks and no one in the coffee house had the slightest clue how powerful it was but me – not even Janet. My eyes dripped tears onto the floor and my nose ran.

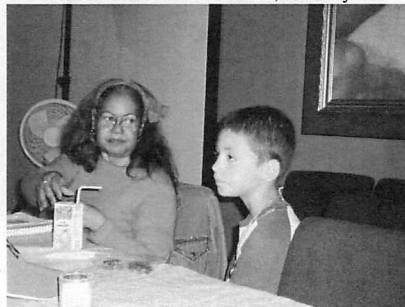
The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Janet continued as Joyful Spirit began their third set. Janet prayed in the spirit over Rhonda Percifield and some others.



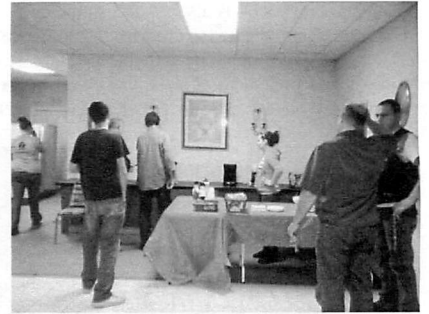
Carlos Polanco of Living Hope



Chris Johnson's better half, Brittany



Neyda Hempton and Grandson Steve Miranda enjoying the coffee house



Sometimes almost as many people hang out in the coffee room to chat as are inside listening.



The Reverend Gary Cook giving his testimony



Neyda Hempton closing out the coffee house with her poems

Gary Cook took the stage to testify about his coming to Christ. “I was saved at 24 and I thought, ‘Why was I so worried about my friends and what they thought?’ In December 2010 I was at Piedmont Hospital. My wife Lynn was having surgery. The first 4 or 5 hours was to remove the cancer and the next 3 ½ hours were spent on reconstructive surgery. It was a Christmas miracle. That’s what the doctor said, “Your wife is a Christmas miracle.”

Gary read from Daniel 3:16-18.

Neyda Hempton then read a poem that her son who died in 1995 wrote to her, followed by her poem *Mother, oh Mother*.

Every Joe’s Coffee House has been good but the November Joe’s was the best one in a long time.

## Missy’s November

By: R. D. Hempton, Photography by Jesus Miranda III

The 25<sup>th</sup> of November was Black Friday. “The day after Thanksgiving is called that.” I explained to my grandchildren. “It is a big shopping day for Christmas. No, it’s not called that because you get a discount if you are black. I don’t know how they handle Black Friday in White County. No, it’s not some kind of satanic holiday, although some of those involved may act that way. It’s called that because, on that one particular day, businesses are in the black and



not in the red. I don't know why the other Fridays are not called Red Fridays. Maybe they are in some places." The entire conversation took place on the way to Missy's Coffee House.



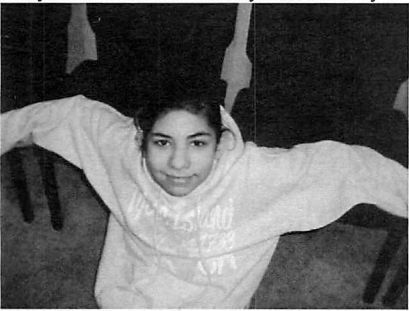
Larry Percifield began the coffee house with prayer



Joyful Spirit took the stage first



Kaitlyn and Brandon the newlyweds at Missy's



Amorisa Miranda comfortable on the floor

Joyful Spirit performed many songs never before done by them at a coffee house, including *An Uncloudy Day*, *Silent Night*, *Jingle*

*Bells*, *Silver Bells* and other Christmas-time songs.



Larry Percifield sat with a new family that had never been to a coffee house before.



Folks enjoying the music of Joyful Spirit



The coffee room is where the coffee and food are. It is also where people go to chat.



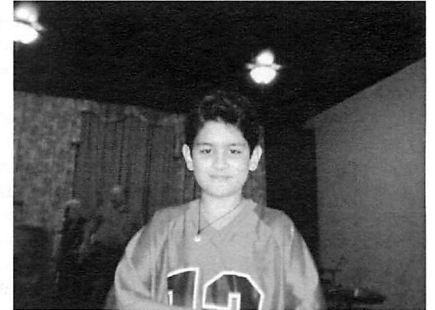
Mariella Marquez at the coffee house with her three children testified with tears



Larry comforts Mariella (Mel) after her testimony

Deena King, who had never shared at a coffee house, gave her testimony followed by a testimony with tears from Rhonda Percifield and the same kind of testimony By Mariella Marquez, who was at the coffee house for the first time with her three children, Kaitlyn, Bobby, and Joey Beaucaire.

Larry Percifield talked about the Christ-centered recovery group that meets at Living Hope on Mondays at 2000 (8pm), Romans Road to Recovery.



Jesus (Jay) Miranda, who took the majority of the photographs for this article was at the coffee house celebrating his birthday.

Larry sang a coffee house favorite, *Three Wooden Crosses* followed by *He Touched Me*. Joyful Spirit then did their last set.



Joyful Spirit with Belinda on the keyboard

Missy's Coffee House was small but it was the day after Thanksgiving and people tend not to participate during holiday weekends (relatives are not in from out of town for most of them and they are not going out of town - most of them - go figure). I've never really understood that but that is the way it is. Missy's was still very, very good.

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## Updates and Boobos

### Boobos

None so far noted

### Updates

#### A Call to Worship

Pastor Alicia Brown  
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Wed Bible study: 1900 (7pm)  
Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> women's/4<sup>th</sup> men's 1000  
(706)983-9096

#### Believer's Christian Fellowship Worldwide

Pastor Maurice Graham  
Sun worship: 1000  
Wed prayer 1830/Bible study 1900 (7pm)  
(678)896-3894

#### Braselton Tabernacle of Praise

Pastor Jon Jackson  
Sun sch 1000/worship 1100  
Wed svc: 1900 (7pm)  
Prayer Night Saturday: 1900  
(706)658-2668

#### Bread of Life Worship Center

Pastor Charlie & Betty Powell  
Sun worship: 1100  
Wed Bible study: 1900 (7pm)  
(404)454-5222/(678)863-5085

#### Bush Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church

Pastor Lynn Hill  
Sun svc 0930/service 1100  
Wed interces prayr 1200/Bible stdy 1900(7pm)  
(706)224-0192

#### Christ Outreach Worship Center

Pastor Willie Harris Jr.  
Sun sch 0930/worship 1100  
Sun eve: 1830 (630pm)

Wed Bible study: 1900  
(770)867-5910

#### Church of God of Prophecy Winder

Pastor Bobby Swofford  
Sun sch 1000/worship 1100  
Sun eve svc: 1800 (6pm)  
(770)605-6312

#### Covenant Blessing Christian Center

Pastor Marquis Robbins  
Sun sch 0900-1000/fellowship 1000  
Sun worship: 1030  
Wed Bible study alt Wed: 1900 (7pm)  
(678)425-0999

#### Emmanuel Worship Center

Pastor Larry Pruett  
Sun Prayr 1020-1040/ svc 1030 (about 1040)  
Wed svc: 1900  
(678)525-4692

#### Faith Baptist Church

Pastor Matthew Calvert  
Sun sch 1000/worship 1100  
Sun eve: 1930 (730pm)  
(678)615-5772

#### Hope Fellowship

Pastor Johnny Williams  
Sun sch: 1000-1100  
Sun worship 1100-1230  
Sun healing svc 1<sup>st</sup> Sun 1900 (7pm)  
Wed Bible class: 1930-2030 (830pm)  
Fri supt meeting: 1930-2030  
Sat leadership 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat: 1300-1430 (230pm)  
(770)867-5339

#### House of Refuge Church

Pastor Hal McElhannon  
Sun svc: 1030  
Wed svc: 1900 (7pm)  
(404)357-9578

#### Jefferson Gospel Tabernacle

Pastor Patsy Garrett  
Sun svc 1100/Sun eve 1830 (630pm)  
Wed Youth svc: 1930 (730pm)  
(706)654-8060

#### Kingdom Community Worship Center (KCWC)

Pastor Kenneth Cooper  
Sun worship: 0900  
Wed Worship: 1900 (7pm)  
(678)963-5799

#### Kingdom Realm Church

Pastor Russell Page  
Sun teaching: 0945  
Sun worship: (678)858-6111

#### Lifeway Church

Pastors Bruce & Sheila Rhodes  
Sun prayr 0915/worship 1000  
Sun Lifeline Youth: 1800 (6pm)  
Tue healing sch: 1000  
Wed prayr 1800/Bible study 1900 (7pm)  
Thu lady's Bible study: 1000  
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#### Living Hope Christian Fellowship

Pastor Allen Stevens  
Sun sch 1000/worship 1100  
Mon Romans Road Recovery 2000 (8pm)  
Wed svc: 1900 (7pm)  
Sat prayr/YAP: 1000  
(706)654-2931

#### Love of God Mission

Pastor Linda Smith  
Sun svc: 1000; 1100; 1800 (6pm)  
Thu svc: 1930  
(770)867-8897

#### Move of God Church

Pastor D. L. Lewis (Mother Lewis)  
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Wed Bible study: 1930 (730)

Fri teaching/study: 1945  
(770)277-9128

#### New Harvest Church

Pastor B. L. Arnold  
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Sun worship: 1100  
Wed Hour of Prayer 1200  
Wed eve prayr 1900/Bible study 1930(730)  
(678)963-5826

#### Next Level Church

Pastor Walter Cleveland  
Sun svc: 1000  
Wed Bible study: 1900 (7pm)  
(678)975-0067

#### Pentecostal Deliverance Church of Faith

The Rev. Robert Harris  
Sun prayr 0900/Sun sch 1000/Sun svc  
Wed svc: 1930 (730)  
Prayer Fri 1900-2000  
(770)867-0460

#### Sanctuary of Pentecost

Pastor Vander Etheridge  
Sun prayr 1030/worship/word 1100  
Tue prayr 1900/worship/word 1930 (730pm)  
Thu prayr: 1930  
(770)519-5398

#### Sanctuary of the Holy Spirit

Pastor Philip Adair  
Sun svc: 1000  
Thu men's prayer: 1930 (730)  
(770)962-6277

#### Temple of Glory

Pastor Usia Lyons IV  
Sun sch 1030/worship 1130  
Thu Bible study: 1915 (715pm)  
(770)709-2233

#### Timothy Baptist Church West (TBC West)

Pastor Jesse Halbert  
Sun sch 1000/couples 0900  
Sun worship: 1130  
Wed Bible study: 1830 (630pm)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sat evangelizing: 1030  
(706)254-1389

#### Victory Deliverance Center

Pastors Michael & Brenda Smith  
Sun svc: 1145  
Tue Bible study: 1939 (730pm)  
(678)868-7416

#### White Oak Springs Baptist Church

Pastor Alfred Hazel  
Sun Hour of Power: 0745  
Breakfast: 0845-0930  
Traditional Sun svc: 0930  
Youth Sun svc: 0930  
Reg Sun svc: 1100  
Youth church: 1100  
Wed Bible study: 1900 (7pm)  
Choir rehearsal Tue, Thu, Sat

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## Almighty God Refuses Access

By: Mickey C. McConnell

READER'S NOTE: I have visited and spoken at more churches than I can count about the importance of unity in the body of Christ. There are many advantages to it, many things that we can do if we have it that we cannot otherwise do. There are multiple reasons for it but the most important thing to remember is that Almighty God commands it. It is not just a good idea or a casual suggestion. It is a command!

I have also mentioned in many churches that The Whole Body of Christ Alliance is not the only group of Christians obeying God in this. There are alliances all over the state, all over the nation and all over the world. There is one such alliance in North Georgia.

A man from North Georgia wrote a book on the subject. Mickey McConnell's book is entitled *Almighty God Refuses Access*. He has given his permission for Battlefield News to print excerpts of this book. It is extremely good reading and very useful information. Enjoy.

Love in Christ  
 Rick

The subject of this book is without a doubt very controversial. I know that it will most likely be greatly criticized. Our Savior Yahshua Jesus, is the most controversial person who ever walked the face of the earth, but this never deterred him from pursuing and completing the mission given to him by the Heavenly Father. Controversy should not be avoided at every cost, for if it is

an important controversy, then the truth of the matter should be explored in depth. It is the truth that makes us free, and it is "less than the truth" that reduces persons to chains.



The Reverend Mickey McConnell

There is a group of individuals, who have been labeled by the Holy Spirit as saints. This word in the New Testament in every single case is taken from the Greek word "hagios." Its meaning is sacred, holy, pure, blameless, consecrated. In the book of Matthew chapter 5 and verse 8 we find, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." It does not mean that these people have never sinned, and it does not mean that these people never stumble or fall. It does mean that these people have put their trust in Yahshua Jesus for eternal life, and that their hearts desire and intent is to be pleasing to Almighty God. They have a pure heart. Every person that fits this description is a saint. This book is especially written for the saints. The Holy Bible is not vague, when it says, that we, the body of Christ, are one. I go to great lengths in this volume to demonstrate the Holy Scriptures, that the saints are directed to live out this oneness here and now. Biblically this is not optional.

I ask you this question. If the Holy Bible teaches us to live out this oneness here and now, are we willing to adjust our thinking in order to satisfy our creator's desires? Almighty God has inspired me to proclaim this divine truth, "The saints are one, and we are to put this oneness into practice in the here and now." The oneness spoken of in the Holy Bible is not just for when we get to heaven.

Let me say one more thing. This book is not about compromising the Word for the sake of unity. I am sure some will try to say it is, but they are wrong. The Holy Bible teaches, that we have a duty to not compromise the Word, and the Holy Bible also teaches that we have a duty to live out the oneness of the body of Christ in the here and now. This is doable. If you do not read the entire book, then you will likely miss some essential part; without which, it will appear that I do not know what I am talking about, so please read the whole thing prayerfully before you try to pass judgment on it. I pray that the Almighty will open the eyes of our understanding to this wonderfully powerful truth, and that we, the body of Christ, will bind together in the kind of Godly unity, that will shake the gates of hell.

The Rev Mickey McConnell has pastored churches, been a missionary, and worked with troubled young men. He is a speaker, an author and a godly brother in Christ. He chose to meet with me because of what the WBCA is doing in Barrow, Jackson and Gwinnett counties and we spent 6 1/2 hours together discussing unity. RDH

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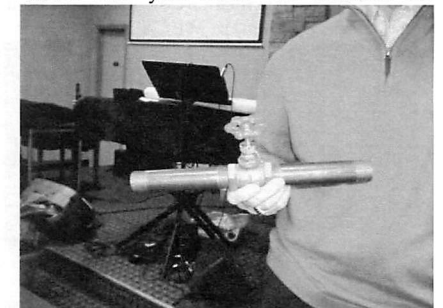
**Lifeway** (From front page)

The pastors of Lifeway stand firm on the belief that a church is born out of prayer, maintained and powered by prayer. The power-packed Bible study began at 1900 (7pm) and the title was "The Forces of Life."

"We don't worry about unity of doctrine," said Pastor Sheila, "They're too diverse. We work for unity of the faith."

Pastor Bruce took us to Prov 4:23, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

"Watch over your heart." He reminded us.



Pastor Bruce holding the valve to illustrate the sermon

"In Hebrew, the word 'heart' means the inner man. Watch over your heart, your determination, resolution, conscience, moral character. We need to realize that we control the stream."

Pastor Sheila said, "we are not created to be a dead sea but a flowing river. Out of what we do, we want the outflow of our heart to be nourishing. We were not put here just for ourselves, but also for others."

"In Galatians 5:22, said Pastor Bruce, "we see the fruit of the spirit. The longer the fruit matures, the sweeter it becomes. One translation says, 'forces' of the spirit, hence the name of the teaching: the forces of life.

"God filled Adam with himself and, when we are born again, we are filled with God also. We don't need to pray for love or patience. But, instead we just need to let them come forth. I John 4:7-8 says that God is love, not that God has love or feels love. When you find love, you will find the fruit of the spirit. 'Kindness ever accompanies love,' According to Webster's 1828 dictionary. Love is an action, not just words. Jesus said, 'If you love me, you will keep my commands.'" Love is the foundation. Without love, you cannot do his work. With his love, we can love unlovable people.

"In I Corinthians 13:4-8, Paul is talking about God's love, not ours."

Pastor Sheila interjected, "Galatians 5:16, 22-25, shows us that we must grow up and let the fruit of the spirit lead. 'Walk' here, in the Greek means to mature. It is a process."



People at Lifeway in corporate prayer



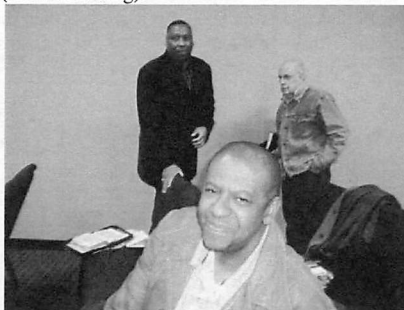
Karen Lewis of Women of Destiny came with a group of people from the WBCA.



Urita Hodge of ShabachChurch of Braselton came with the WBCA.

These Forces of Life (fruit of the Spirit) make you stronger. Do you want the blessing

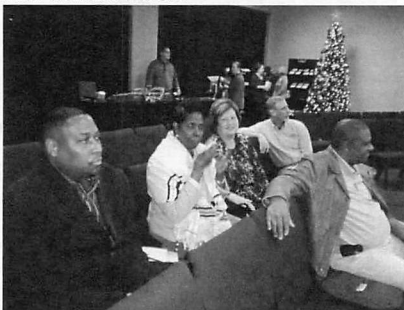
(fulfilling) or do you want the flesh fulfilled (never fulfilling)?



Pastor Michael Smith of Victory Deliverance Center came with the WBCA.



The Rev. Missy Iler of United Front Ministries came with the WBCA



James Mays of Kingdom Community and Shabach Church of Braselton visiting Lifeway with the WBCA seated by Urita Hodge, Karen Lewis and Pastor Michael Smith



Pastors Bruce and Sheila Rhodes teaching



People at the Bible study at Lifeway Church in Auburn

"We have to pass the flesh up for the blessing – our blessing and others' blessing." In attending Lifeway Church, one leaves with the feeling that, not only of having been taught, but having been loved on.

### Women Destiny (from front page)

their knees in worship. They used oil to anoint loved ones. Nyanza Smith sang, *Say Yes* (Will you say yes?)

Dr. BJ (The Rev. Dr. Blanche Jamila Edmonds-McCrerary) took the stage wearing camouflage.

"I got up this morning," Dr BJ informed us, "and I asked God what I should wear. He told me to put on my camouflage because I was going to do battle." She did just that, using the word as her sword. The Dr. led the women to Matthew 18:3-4, "Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."



Michelle Pritchett playing the deep worship music

She moved to I Corinthians 2:2, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

Dr BJ told the women, "I want you to think outside the box today. This morning I want you to lay down all your preconceived notions of how you think the Holy Spirit should show up. I just want you to be receptive and open and say, 'Lord, I surrender to your spirit that you might use the women of God and that you might bless us one to another.'"



Women in worship

Dr. BJ took the time to look each person in the eyes and pray for them, speaking prophecy into their lives. She gave every one at least one gift such as polished sticks to signify Moses' rod. She gave some mirrors to remind the women that God sees them as beautiful. She gave a princess wand to represent the free-spirited love the Father has for his daughters. She gave anointing oil and stuffed cloth sea creatures. Each of these creatures had a tag that said, "Sea Life." Dr. BJ called attention to this fact and told us, "When you look at it, think of how you





Karen Lewis comforting a woman

SEE LIFE with God's perspective in mind. Have faith in your dreams because God has given them to you."



Karen Lewis, Dr. BJ, and Urita Hodge praying over Neyda Hempton



The Women of Destiny meets on the first or sometimes the second Saturday each month at the Winder Women's Club, 15 W. Midland Avenue behind the Fire Department.



Dr. BJ's introduction

The next five meetings are as follows:

7 Jan., speaker: Donna Arrowood of New Beginnings Family Worship Center, Danielsville, Ga.

4 Feb., speaker: Nancy Haney of Point to Hope Ministries, Nikiski, Alaska

3 Mar., speaker: Pat Moran of Highpoint Worship Center, Toccoa, Ga.

14 Apr., speaker: Karen Lewis of Women of Destiny, Winder, Ga.

5 May., speaker: Lynn Adams of Church of God, Winder, Ga.



Introduction of Dr. BJ



Nyanza Smith singing



Urita Hodge and Neyda Hempton

No changes are foreseen but it would be wise to call (770)307-1860 or (678)446-7028 if you are planning to attend a meeting to confirm. They appreciate your support and covet your prayers as they endeavor to go forth in the Kingdom of God.

## Avoiding Presumption in Prayer

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

I am Writing on a subject that will probably not be finished in this issue. I am not new to this situation, however, and neither are you.

God has created two realms of authority – the spiritual realm and the earthly realm. The spiritual realm contains what we have **potentially** and the earthly realm contains what we have **actually received**. These distinctions illustrate a basic problem in the Christian life: **That which is spiritually, eternally given is not necessarily received or manifested in our lives.**

Psalm 115:16, "The heavens are the Lord's, but the earth he has given to the children of men." According to the word of God, God rules in heaven. He gave the earth to men. But who actually rules over earth?

When man sinned in the garden, he rebelled against God and the authority over the earthly realm was given to Satan by default.

Jesus Christ came to take it back – to destroy the works of the devil, according to I John 3:8.

Through prayer we can rule this realm as God intended. **It is the church's responsibility to rule.** We must move the Kingdom of God to earth. This is why Jesus prayed in Mat 6:10, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

God has control of the heavens but man has control of the earth. War, suffering, and sin exist because we have not released the kingdom, authority and power of God in this lower realm. This principle is in operation in our praises. Psalm 149:6 instructs us, "Let the high praises of God be in our mouth and a two-edged sword be in our hands." High praise is when praise in the earthly realm is in harmony with praise in the heavenly realm. When we begin to worship in the same way and in the same spirit as the angels, as those in heaven, then our praise is no longer earthly praise and worship. Our praises have become high praises because they match the praise given to God in heaven. Praise becomes a two-edged sword that pulls down demonic influences in the heavenlies (II Corinthians 10:4).

I used to praise God by simply repeating the phrase, "Praise God." The Lord showed me a group of people sitting around a table and, after saying grace, the one who prayed said, "Eat lunch." Instead of actually eating lunch, everyone around the table kept repeating the words, "Eat Lunch."

The Lord showed me that, when I just said the phrase, "Praise God." My praise was in vain. He showed me that simply saying, "Praise God," is not the same as praising God any more than saying, "Eat lunch," is the same as eating lunch. He showed me that, when the pastor stood in front of me and said, "Praise God," he was telling me to praise God. He was not telling me to repeat what he said, and that, no matter how loudly I shouted, "Praise God," I was still not praising God. I was only talking about praising God – just like shouting, "Eat lunch," is only talking about it and not doing it.

As I read the word of God, I began to see models of how God is to be worshipped and praised. I saw it in the book of Revelation. Rev 4:8 gave me a picture of the high praise in heaven: "...day and night and saying, 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.'" Rev 4:10 said, "The four and twenty elders **fall down before him** that sat on the throne... saying, 'Thou art worthy, oh Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they were and are created.'"

Those 24 elders taught me about praising God. They showed me things to do and things not to do. For instance, they taught me to get out of my comfort zone for the Lord. **They fell down before him that sat on the throne.** They did not worship him sitting on a pew or a chair. They taught me how important it was to get out of my comfortable seat regardless of what everyone else in the sanctuary was doing. I realized **who exactly I was addressing** when I praised God. I realized that, if I were in the throne room of the Most High God, which is exactly where I am supposed to be in the spirit, I would not be sitting in a chair while I was praising him. I saw that, when I did that, I was being completely, inappropriately irreverent to God. Those 24 elders showed me how wrong I

had been. Those 24 elders did not sit in a seat and say the words, "Praise God." They fell on their faces and actually told him why he was worthy of praise.

He made me aware of something else I was doing as well. I realized I had to stop shouting "Amen" meaninglessly or throwing it out as a question like I was saying, "Don't you agree with me?" Amen does not mean, "I agree with you." It means let it be so. I learned a lot from those 24 elders.

People, we need to make our praise match the praise in heaven. I do not want to pray to the Most High God sitting comfortably in a chair. If I am going to pray, I will do it with the reverence that the God of all creation is worthy of – on my knees or on my face, or at the very least, standing. I promise you, when you are before him in the spirit, you will not sit in a chair or on a pew. You will bend your knees and bow before him. You will have no choice. Let your praise and worship match that in heaven. **That** is when we will begin to release the kingdom authority here on earth and not before. Every request that we pray to God **must** be received before it is **prayed**. Prayer involves letting God talk. Therefore, we must be listening all the time. It is impossible to talk without ceasing, but we can listen without ceasing. Listening to what is coming down from the heavenly realm is the key to praying without ceasing.

When we pray, how can we receive anything if we aren't quiet – if we don't listen also? Pray and listen. Pray and listen. God's will – his instruction on what he wants us to pray for – may come from an impression, a vision, a dream, a word of knowledge, or a scripture. How ever it comes, we will have received God's request from the spiritual or heavenly realm.

Worship and praise can tune us into what is important to God. As we tune in through worship, we will often be shown what we are to do about our job, marriage, children, ministry. It will have dropped into our mind. This is why it is so important to keep a prayer journal with dates and times. When God speaks to us with words, with a vision, or with an impartation of knowledge, or a dream, within a very short time- within days, weeks at the most – the communication will fade, not unlike the brightness of Moses' face when he came back down the mountain from speaking to God. We will quickly forget the fine details, which we may see the significance of later and our earthly minds will tend to minimize or explain these things away. This is why it is so important to record everything in the most detail that you can as soon as you can.

Once we have received the request, two problems have been solved for us: The problem of knowing God's will for us and the problem of praying in faith. When we hear from God, we know his will. He has told us. And, when we have heard from him directly, we have had faith given to us, because, when he tells us himself, we have no difficulty believing. Then we cooperate with heaven by returning (praying) the request. Intervention in the earthly realm can only come as the result of some form of prayer. Prayer in some form – tongues, listening, worship, thanksgiving, adoration, petition – is the **only means of releasing intervention on earth**.

Neither the importance of prayer, nor the importance of knowing God's heart when we

pray can be overemphasized. Lamentations 3:37 tells us, "Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass when the Lord has not commanded it?"

It is vain to confess in the earthly realm what God has not commanded in the earthly realm. We can say it a thousand times but, if God has not commanded it, it is in vain.

Before we confess something, we need to know what God's heart is. If we read his word on a daily basis, we have a pretty good shot at knowing his heart.

One thing God does not need is an abundance of words when we pray. In Matthew 6:7 Jesus said, "When you pray do not use vain repetitions, as the heathens do: for they think they will be heard for their much speaking." He does not need a dissertation about the request. We may be better off listening for five minutes than speaking for six hours.

Prayer is a conversation. We speak. We listen. It is to involve **conversation** with God. We cannot do God's part and God **will not** do our part. Our part is to discover his will and ask **according** to his will. Prayer is our harmonizing with heaven. Every miracle, every salvation and every baptism in the Holy Spirit is the result of this harmony.

**PRESUMPTION** is demanding that God act according to our will before we receive a request from him. **Presumption** produces unbelief because such prayers are not answered. People who presume of God ignore what conditions have to met and what scriptural principles are operating. God's heart may be completely different on a matter than my heart.

If I have some unexplained back pain, I may say, "I know God's will is for me to be healed. By his stripes I am healed. I confess that I am healed!" Nothing happens. The prayer is not answered. What's wrong? Presumption never considers conditions or spiritual principles. On the other hand, if I got down on my face before God, he might tell me, "You need to forgive seven people. Don't ask me to take away your back pain. Ask me to take away your bitterness and resentment." I am praying about back pain but God does not hear me because back pain is not the problem. My prayer is not answered because I am demanding God to do something without first hearing what God wants. That is presumption!

Presumption never considers conditions. We show up and start ordering God – we start naming and claiming. We start confessing that which is not as if it is without hearing from God. If we would dare to ask God what is wrong with our prayer life – **and then listen to his answer** – he might say, "You are sinning against the wife of your youth," or, "You have a resentment against your pastor," or, "You have a resentment against that child, or, "against some one in your church."

Not long ago, a woman showed me an old broken china doll that she had saved and told me she could not bring herself to throw it away, it was her favorite and she said, "My mother made me share it with my whiney little sister and she broke it."

"Have you ever forgiven her for it?" I asked.

"No, I really haven't."

How many "No-I-really-haven'ts" are in your life? It blocks prayer. Presumption ignores conditions and spiritual principles – ignores what is on God's heart and, ultimately causes unbelief. When we name and claim and do not receive what we have claimed, we begin to the

believe there is something wrong with God.

"I followed the formula. I did it 40 days in a row and nothing happened." First of all, just following "the formula" is nothing but ritual. It is the essence of tradition. Second, the problem is that we are demanding God do something different than what is in his heart.

Sometimes we get an answer to prayer serendipitously, by accident. I say it is by accident because we jump in and start praying without waiting to hear from God.

But what we are praying for is clearly God's will – at least in a general way, so we get an answer. What we are talking about here is a minority of prayer cases – at least for most people. An example is when we are praying for a lost person. We know that it is God's will that all should be saved. So, why in a case like this should we listen for God's input?

Even in a case like this, we need to hear from God because there is a huge difference between praying in a general way for a woman to be saved and praying a specific prayer – a tailor-made prayer for that woman and find out, because we listened to God, that she was abused during childhood and, as a result, has had a number of sordid affairs; hates men, hates sex, and cannot relate to marriage. We may find out that the abuse she suffered was at the hands of a man or men who called themselves Christians, and as a result, hates Christians, hates church and is angry at God.

What id the unsaved teen you were praying for had been **made** to go to church, forced to feign worship of a God he does not understand and his mother and/or father criticized him at every turn? "You didn't have your hands up." "You weren't singing loudly enough." "You start worshipping God the way we show you."

What if the unsaved man you are praying for has never in his life known a Christian man that he could respect, a Christian man who actually lived what he talked?

If you prayed for the woman who was abused and wounded and, out of ignorance, continued to put herself in those same situations, and you took time to listen – to see what God wanted you to pray for, he might tell you to pray that a Christian woman sit down with her and work through these things in patience and gentleness and without condemnation or judgment.

If you prayed for that teenager and listened for God's input, he might tell you to pray that the boy's father go to him and apologize for cramming religion and churchianity at him until he rebelled against his parents by rebelling against the Lord.

If you were praying for that lost man, God might tell you to pray that a man might come into his life that was truly filled with Jesus – a man that he **could** respect. You might pray that, as a result of that relationship, he would receive Jesus.

You see that it's not always enough to say, I know it's God's will that this person or that person be saved," we have to get to the heart of the situation and pray a tailor-made prayer and God is the tailor.

When we pray that a person be healed, sometimes it is not enough t just pray for their healing in a general way: Lord, please heal so-and-so of such-and-such." I was praying for a lady- that God would heal her of obesity, diabetes, and high blood pressure when I asked God to show me what to pray for. He gave me a vision. I saw a green glass bottle like a wine

bottle filled with a disgusting black fluid. The stopper in the bottle was black and nasty. In order for the fluid in the bottle to be emptied out, the nasty stopper had to be removed and destroyed. The Lord told me the name of the stopper was Mara. Mara is Hebrew for "bitter." I knew that no matter what this woman did, she could not lose the weight that was causing the high blood pressure and diabetes. But, when I continued to pray and listen, God showed me that she could make no progress, and in fact continued to gain weight because she was unwilling to deal with the bitterness she carried around. She had to remove the stopper so the bottle could be emptied, cleaned, and refilled by God.

"I forgive so-and-so," she told me, "but I won't forget." I reminded her that Jesus said in the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." The I asked her, "Is that how you want God to forgive you – forgive but not forget?"

When she was able to deal with that immobilizing bitterness, she was able to begin making progress losing weight. An added benefit to listening to this answer from God was it showed me that I had to deal with any bitterness that I carried as well.

Do not be discouraged. God loves to answer prayer. But the prayer must be received by us from God before it is prayed to be truly effective. We ask God to give us what to pray. We must receive the request from the spiritual realm and then pray it back to God. When we receive a word from him, we know our prayer will be answered, because we know that it agrees with God (I John 5:14).

When we just jump in and pray for something without listening for an answer, and then say, "Amen," and get up, we are presuming of God. Remember, prayer is supposed to be a conversation **with** God, not a dissertation to an audience of one. Pray and listen for a while, then pray, then listen. He **will** speak to you.

Merry Christmas and

Love in Christ,

Mozelle

## Winter 7-day revival at seven churches

On 16 January 2012 a seven-day revival is planned by the Whole Body of Christ Alliance. It will take place at seven different churches, a different church each night. Each night of revival will begin at 1900 (7pm). The following is a schedule of the locations and speakers.

Monday 16 Jan

Christ Outreach Worship Center and Pastor Willie Harris Jr. at 104 E. Athens Street in Winder will host the first evening. The Rev. Tommy Fountain of Mulberry Baptist Assoc. will be bringing the word.

Tuesday 17 Jan

Shabach Church of Braselton and Pastors Kenneth and Lorrie O'Neal will host the second evening. They will be hosting at Emmanuel Worship Center (Pastor Larry Pruett) at 366 Hwy 211 NW in Winder. Pastor Patsy Garrett of Jefferson Gospel Tabernacle will bring the word.

Wednesday 18 Jan

Hope Fellowship and Pastor Johnny Williams at 49 Piedmont Drive (ste 2 & 3) will host the third evening with the Rev. Mickey McConnell, author of *Almighty God Refuses Access* bringing the word.

Thursday 19 Jan

Love of God Mission and Pastor Linda Smith will host the fourth night at 64 E. Athens St. in Winder. Pastor Johnny Williams of Hope Fellowship will bring the word.

Friday 20 Jan

Move of God Church and Pastor D. L. Lewis will host the fifth evening at 24 Williams St. in Winder with Pastor Allen Stevens of Living Hope Christian Fellowship bringing the word.

Saturday 21 Jan

Victory Deliverance Center and Pastors Michael and Brenda Smith will host the sixth night at 223 Georgia Ave. in Winder. Pastor Betty Arnold will bring the word.

Sunday 22 Jan

Timothy Baptist Church West and Pastor Jesse Halbert will host the seventh and final night of revival at 171 W. Athens St. in Winder with Pastor Maurice Graham of Believer's Christian Worldwide bringing the word.

## Grace Deliverance Ministries

By: R. D. Hempton

Battlefield News is doing something a little out of the ordinary. Normally, things are not included about ministries that are not yet part of the alliance but, the pastor of a church in Athens, who was at one of the churches in the alliance and obtained some copies of the Battlefield News, contacted BFN (as it says in the publication) and asked to have something included in BFN.

### Church Announcement for the Battlefield News

Grace deliverance Ministries would like to invite the body of Christ to our monthly seven-day "Heal the Land" revival beginning on the

28th of each month at 1930 (730pm) and will be held at Red Oaks Village Condo, front building located at 232 Epps Bridge Pkwy, Athens, Ga. 30606. There is a different speaker every night. In addition, we invite fellow laborers to register in our Bible training institute, which is also located in Athens. Contact the prophetess Angela Leige at (706)850-7566.

Thank you for your support in advance,

Pastor Ina Piner-Givens

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## Bible Knowledge

By: Mateo Raza

These are the answers to the November questions.

Level 1

One: James. James 3:7

Two: Exodus. Ex 3:2-4

Three: Peter. Mat 16:23

Four: Jonah. Jonah 2:1

Five: Psalm 119

Six: Psalm 117

Seven: Psalm 118

Eight: Rock, sand. Mat 7:24-27

Nine: Manna. Ex 16:14-15

Ten: Alpha & Omega. Rev 1:8

Level 2

One: Nicodemus. John 3:1-2

Two: 969. Gen 5:27

Three: one. Gen 6:16

Four: Peter. Acts 12:5-11

Five: Ecclesiastes. Ecc 12:12

Six: The brothers James and John, sons of Zebedee. Mark 3:17

Seven: A sycamore. Luke 19:2-4

Eight: Saul (Paul) Acts 9:23-25

Nine: Eight. Gen 6:10, 18

Ten: Caesar Augustus. Luke 2:1

Level 3

One: Servant. II Kings 4:12

Two: James the brother of John. Acts 12:1, 2

Three: 30. II Sam 5:4

Four: Joseph of Arimathea. Mat 27:57-58



Five: His nephew. Gen 12:5

Six: Jericho. Deut 34:3

Seven: Jesse. Gen 5:32, Acts 13:22

Eight: Nephew & son-in-law. Gen 28:1-2, 29:16-28

Nine: The flood. Gen ch 7-9, Gen ch 11

Ten: Demetrius. Acts 19:24

Level 4

One: Vashti. Est 1:17

Two: Hadassa. Est 2:7

Three: Elijah. I Kings 17:1

Four: David. Ps 56:8

Five: Michael. Jude 9

Six: The glory is departed. ! Sam 4:21

Seven: Onesimus. Phil 10-12

Eight: Goliath. I Sam 17:43

Nine: Eli. I Sam 4:15, 18

Ten: Jesus wept. John 11:35

Level 5

One: Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance.

Two: Ishmael. Gen 16:16; 21:14, 20

Three: White, red, black, pale. Rev 6:1-8

Four: Mephibosheth. II Sam 9:6, 8

Five: Philip. Acts 21:8-9

Six: Mahershalalhashbaz. Isa 8:1,3

Seven: Og, king of Bashan, Deut 3:11

Eight: Wormwood. Rev 8:10-11

Nine: Joash. II kings 11:1-2

Ten: Gath. I Sam 17:4

### More Bible Knowledge Questions

#### Level One

One: Was Bartimaeus lame, deaf, blind, leprous or dead?

Two: What character in the Bible was given a coat by his father with many colors?

Three: I am the true \_\_\_\_\_, and my father is the husbandman.

Four: What Bible character was turned into a pillar of salt?

Five: What type of animal did Aaron fashion out of gold?

Six: In what book in the Bible do you find the following words? "In my father's house are many mansions."

Seven: Who in the book of John wrote with his finger on the ground?

Eight: Name the three gifts that the wise men from the East brought to Baby Jesus.

Nine: Complete the quote. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain

Ten: How many books are in the Bible?

#### Level Two

One: Name the tree that Adam and Eve were told not to eat from.

Two: What was the name of the man who foretold the 7 good years and the 7 lean years of Egypt?

Three: What was the name of the first woman judge over Israel?

Four: What was the name of the couple who died because they lied to the Holy Spirit?

Five: Who was accused of eating in the cornfields on the Sabbath?

Six: The Israelites were bitten by \_\_\_\_\_ and healed by looking at the same creature made out of brass.

Seven: Moses had a famous brother. What was his name?

Eight: How many times did Samuel go to Eli the priest, thinking that Eli had called him?

Nine: How old was Joseph when his brothers sold him into slavery?

Ten: What is the name of the angel who told Mary she would be the mother of Jesus?

#### Level Three

One: Name the Bible character who prophesied in a valley of dead men's bones?

Two: How old was Joseph when Pharaoh made him a ruler?

Three: What was the name of the man who helped an Ethiopian Eunuch understand scripture?

Four: What Bible character used salt to purify water?

Five: How old was Moses when he died?

Six: How many times did the boy who Elisha raised from the dead sneeze?

Seven: Noah's ark was 30 cubits high, fifty cubits wide and \_\_\_\_\_ cubits long.

Eight: Who said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your hearing?"

Nine: Name a Bible character who ate a poor widow's last meal.

Ten: In what book of the Bible is described hailstones that weigh a talent (80 pounds) each?

#### Level Four

One: What Bible character was accidentally hanged in a tree?

Two: How many children did Jacob (Israel) have?

Three: How many days was Noah on the Ark before it rained?

Four: What type of bird fed the prophet Elijah?

Five: What is the longest chapter in the Bible?

Six: In what book in the Bible do you find the words, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?"

Seven: A certain king put on a feast, God's handwriting appeared on the wall and greatly frightened everyone present. What was the name of the king?

Eight: What is the name of the woman who slept at the feet of her future husband?

Nine: A scarlet cord in a window saved someone and their family. Who was it?

Ten: Four young men won a contest for men who looked good because they had been eating vegetables. Name them.

#### Level Five:

One: How many proverbs is King Solomon credited with knowing?

Two: Who washed his steps in butter?

Three: What was the name of Jeremiah's amanuensis (secretary)?

Four: Who in the Bible is said to be the father of all musicians (those that play the lyre and the pipe)?

Five: what is the name of the dressmaker who was raised from the dead?

Six: Naomi had two daughters-in-law. One daughter-in-law, Ruth, went with Naomi while the other daughter-in-law went back to the country of Moab. Name the second daughter-in-law.

Seven: When Joshua destroyed Jericho he destroyed everyone in the city except how many households?

Eight: Most young men smile when they kiss a girl. What Bible character wept when he kissed his sweetheart?

Nine: How much money did the brothers of Joseph make when they sold him into slavery?

Ten: Who were Jannes and Jambres?

Two of the spies to the promised land?

Two priests in Israel?

Two men who started a rebellion against Joshua?

Two of Pharaoh's magicians?

Two of the children of Reuben?

#### Level Six

One: What man in the Bible killed 69 (three score and nine) of his brothers?

Two: What Bible song writer is given credit for writing 1005 songs?

As always, the answers will be in the next issue.

Love in Christ,

Matt