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I'm Better Than That

By: Richard Dean

"God spoke to Moses and to Joshua;" began Pastor Betty Arnold speaking at Women of Destiny 4 January 2014, "Why not to a young boy? We see this in I Sam chapter 3. Sometimes because of people, we hear the news, but we have to hear from God. God is still talking.



Pastor Betty Arnold of New Harvest Ministries

We live in the world, but we are not supposed to part of it. He is still talking. He talks through stuff – situations in our lives. In this nation God is still talking. But there is a way that seemeth right unto a man... Ely had been a man of God, but he got caught up with his sons. He did not want to tell them the truth. (Cont. on pg 4)

Unity in Music

By: Donese Mercaldo (Pix by R. D. Hempton)

"I work a lot on second shift," said Joe Johnson Praise team leader at Living Hope Christian Fellowship, "and Eileen takes over when I'm gone, and changes everything. Then, tonight, she tells me, 'You're in charge,' then she tells me what to do."



Ken Woods, Mark Carlisle, Randy Whitten, and Jerry Atnip; The Unity Quartet

"My wife and I have been married for 55 years," announced Jerry Atnip, the bass voice of the quartet, "she came up with renal cell cancer for a third time. The doctor said it was not a matter of 'if,' but a matter of 'when.' We got churches and people praying, and today she is cancer free. I don't care if he comes and raptures the church, or if he just comes to get me; I am ready."

"We got a brand new tenor, Ken Woods" said Randy Whitten, "We prayed for one with hair, but..." With this the quartet sang (see pg 4)

Revive Us Again

By: Richard Dean

The first 7-day revival at 7 different churches was in January. The next one will be in April, the 7th through the 13th. Something unexpected and wonderful happened almost every night.



Pastor Jon Jackson of BTOP

The revival began at Encounter Church in Hoschtion, hosted by Pastor Jimmy Maisonneuve and his people.

The Power of One

"Eph 4:3 says, 'endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace,'" Pastor Jon Jackson of Braselton Tabernacle of Praise told the congregation. "What is your purpose tonight? We come together at these revivals to be in unity. Jesus ministered right (see pg 5)

Friendship Church

By: R. D. Hempton

"It is his power to remember," Pastor Donnie Webb of Friendship Church in Bogart began, "because it is not about me; it is about him."



Pastor Donnie Webb of Friendship Church

Sunday school was at 1000 and was very inclusive. The service, which is at 1100, opened with prayer over people, including Pastor Maurice Graham and his family, who the night before service experienced a loss. The praise and worship music was with Grail & Deena King.

"In John 14:26," Pastor Webb continued, "we see, 'But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.' To your remembrance, I don't have to rely on me anymore. He will bring to my remembrance (cont. on pg 5)

Miraculous Healing

By: R. D. Hempton

Last month a 3-day prophecy and healing service at Anointed Hands in Hoschtion was disclosed. On Friday 31 Jan, Saturday 1 Feb, and Sunday 2 Feb this took place.



Herschel ready to heal a man with Herman Parks behind the man

The knowledge and healing flowed like a fountain on these three days. There were many people present, but considering how many people knew about it and how many people certainly need physical and spiritual healing, the numbers present did not seem to add up.

Be that all as it may, the prophecy, teaching, and healing flowed. People were healed – really healed. The miraculous took place (see pg 7).

Coffee at Rhonda's

By: Eileen Minish

Friday, 31 January Rhonda had another fantastic coffee house. Pastor Larry was unable to host this time, but Ms. Rhonda was an excellent host.



Rhonda Percifield of Rhonda's Coffee House with her coffee

Rhonda's is a place and a time when many people from many different churches get together, fellowship, and enjoy being part of the whole body of Christ. Hey, maybe that's why we call it the Whole Body of Christ Alliance.

Not all Christian coffee houses are the same. Most of them charge for the coffee and treats unless a person does not have the money; then it's free. Rhonda's, however is always free, with a jar for donations. It only comes up once a quarter and is usually packed out. There are often just barely enough places to sit. That's ok, though, because plenty of people gather in the coffee room to talk about the Lord while the coffee house performers are going at it.

The Remnant performed at Rhonda's for the first time, with songs like *Oh How He Loves Me, Shine on Me*, and the song (see pg 9)

On Prayer XIV

Purpose: Why Intercede?

Part One

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

I gazed at the awesome splendor of the sunset on the horizon and allowed it to fill my heart. I wept as I watched it splash its red-orange hues across the mountaintops. What can compare with a sunset in the mountains? As another tear rolled down beside my nose, I realized I was gazing at a picture of two things very important to God and to us: **destiny** and **Intercessory Prayer**.

One of the Greek words in the New Testament for destiny is **horizo**. It is easy to see in this the English word **horizon**, which is the point where the earth and the sky meet. **Horizo** also means a boundary, because the concept of a horizon involves the farthest limits of sight. It is not difficult to see the concept of destiny in this word. Our destiny is the boundary or horizon God gave us. God has determined the boundaries or horizons in our lives. He has "predestined" the plans and purposes he has for each of us, before we were even born.

Ps139:15-16 tells us this: "My frame was not hidden from you, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in your book they were all written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them."

Jeremiah 29:11 tells us, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." The next time you are rapt by the horizon, let me remind you that God has a destiny for you.

I hope your mind is buzzing with questions now, "But how are horizons and destiny connected to intercession?" Watch this: like the horizon, intercession involves a meeting of heaven and earth, and these destinies are shaped. The Lord spoke of heaven meeting earth when he told us to pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Mat 6:10). Yeshua was revealing that the God-ordained purpose of prayer is the connecting of heaven and earth, allowing Him to marry the two, making His plans, purposes, and destinies a reality in the hearts of people.

Jesus said prayer would cause heaven and earth to meet and, consistent with this, the Hebrew word for intercession, **paga**, actually means "a meeting" or "to meet with." The word isn't always used in the context of prayer – any meeting can be a **paga** – but where prayer is concerned, heaven and earth meet when we **paga** (intercede). Destinies are released, glorious horizons are revealed, and the Son shines through.

This is **the purpose of intercession: creating meetings**. We meet with God (prayer meetings are appropriately named), and through this meeting, he meets with others. One meeting leads to another. Because God is so relational, it should not surprise us that "to meet with" is one of the fundamental meanings of the word **Paga**. Although the word **intercession** has come to be synonymous with **prayer** in our minds, and it is a type of prayer, this Hebrew word for intercession – **paga** – does not necessarily mean prayer at all. It has many shades of meaning, all of which can be accomplished through prayer.

Eventually, we will discuss several of these meanings and apply them to intercessory prayer. If we miss the God of meetings, we miss the God of the Bible.

} He **met** with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day to commune with them.

} He **met** with Abraham in order to covenant with him and become his friend.

} He **met** with Moses on the mountain and in the tabernacle to impart wisdom for leading a nation.

} He **met** with David on the hills around Bethlehem to make him a lion, bear, and giant killer, and to put in him the qualities of a king.

} He **met** with Miryam (Mary) to make her the mother of the messiah.

} He **met** with many sick and diseased to heal their bodies.

} He **met** with the 12 to shape them into apostles.

} He **met** with the 120 in the upper room to make them "little Christs," which is the meaning of the word "Christians."

Everything changes when people meet with God. An immoral woman with five failed marriages became an evangelist of sorts after an encounter with Christ (John 4:1-38). She was so excited about the meeting that she ran back to her city and said, "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" (V₂₉). Jesus was so excited that he lost his appetite. "I'd rather meet than eat," He said (My interpretation).

A Jewish zealot named Saul, famous for his persecution of the Church, met the Lord on a road to Damascus. It was unpleasant for him, but the results were pleasant. Saul found himself in the dust at the feet of the Christ he was persecuting, and was blinded for three days by the brightness of his glory (Acts 9:1-9). Saul decided as a result of the meeting, "If you can't beat him join him." He was beaten by the meetin'! He later became the apostle Paul. God meetings are powerful!

One powerful meeting occurred in an Ethiopian hospital where a Muslim Sheik, Mohamed Amin, was confined to a bed. Diagnosed with AIDS, his weight had dropped to 80 pounds. Without hope, the doctors told him he was about to die.

Then some Christians prayed for him. Mohammed had a vision, and Jesus told him to rise up, live, and serve him. Mohammed became a Christian at that moment, and his body was healed. At his checkup a month later, medical personnel were shocked to find he was completely free of AIDS.

Mohammed led thousands of Muslims to Christ all over East Africa.

Mohammed's ministry has faced many difficulties. He has been beaten, jailed, and threatened with death. Yet, trusting in God's protection, he declares that his outreach to Ethiopian Muslims will continue. "I give glory to God for everything," he says.

In order to fully understand the purpose of intercession – meetings, - it is helpful to see the purpose in the context of man's great need to be reconciled to God after the fall. Job described the condition of every human when he cried, "For He is not a man as I am, that I may answer Him, and that we should go to court together. Nor is there any mediator between us, who may lay his hand on us both" (Job 9:32-33). Again in Job 23:3 he said, "Oh that I knew where I might find Him, that I might come to his seat!" Job's

destiny was messed-up. He couldn't fin the destiny-writer. His horizon was clouded.

Sin separated the human race from God. God immediately began the process of reconnecting us to Him and to our divine destinies. He gave Moses plans for a tabernacle and a sacrificial system that would temporarily cover Israel's sins, allowing them to meet with Him. After giving these instructions in Exodus, He told Moses, "And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory" (Ex 29:43). Again in V₄₅ he states, "I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God." God's heart has always been to meet with his beloved creation, as we see in these verses.

All of the Old Testament sacrificial system was temporary, however, until the ultimate sacrifice of Christ on the cross. He was to become the final sacrifice that would do more than cover our sins and allow sporadic meetings in tabernacles and temples. God's ultimate plane was to fully reconnect us, making us his very temple again: "But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one in spirit with him" (I Cor 6:17). Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you?" (I Cor 6:19).

This happen, of course through Christ, who became our reconector:

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ... God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them" (II Cor 5:17-19).

Yet God's amazing plan does not end there with Christ the reconciler. As members of the family, he has brought us into this wonderful plan of reconciling the world to himself. He wants to meet – reconnect – with other people through us. These same verses in II Corinthians tell us we share in the ministry of Christ of reconciling: [He] gave us the ministry of reconciliation... He has committed to us the word of reconciliation" (II Cor 5:18-19).



The Reverend Mickey McConnell

Almighty God Refuses Access

By: Mickey McConnell

READER'S NOTE: There are many advantages to the body being in unity – many things we cannot do unless we have it. We continue to lose battle after battle because we have not yet attained it. But it is not just a good idea; Almighty God commands it.

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Rick

In passage #1 (Mat 7:22-23) we find that the heavenly Father would say, "I never knew you," and he would say this to people who professed Christ, people who actually called him Lord. They had apparently done many good things. The fact that he said, "I never knew you" would seem to indicate that they had never belonged to him, at least on the face of the matter. It would seem to indicate, that these people had never been born again in the first place. Many assume that this is proof positive that a person who has put their faith in Christ could not possibly ever be eternally punished. On the other hand, in passage #2 (Rev 3:1-6) we find that Christ is giving church people a stern warning that the works of many of the folks there are not the same as they once were, and if they do not repent, then He will blot their name out of the book of life. Many declare that this is proof that a person can lose their salvation. Question: do these passages contradict each other? The Baptist-type people generally hold to the first passage, and the Nazarene Church people and the Church of God people generally hold to the 2nd passage. Interestingly enough, Baptist people tend to not want to have anything to do with the blot-his-name-out-of-the-book-of-life phrase, and Nazarene and Church of God people tend to not want to be faced with the I-never-knew-you phrase. Do you see the dilemma here? Does the Holy Bible contradict itself? The answer is, of course not! These two passages complement each other. Neither passage can stand alone. They are both parts of a larger truth.

II Tim 3:16 declares: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." There are no Baptist verses. There are no Nazarene verses. There are no Church of God verses. There are no Catholic verses, etc. There is only the Word of Almighty God. All these verses are given to us by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, all of them are profitable for doctrine and much more. Because the Holy Bible clearly teaches us that all scripture is profitable for doctrine. We cannot neglect any related passages in forming our doctrines, because doing so leaves us with half-truths, and half-truths can be even more vicious than outright lies. Having said this, let us get back to the point I was making. We know for a fact that some people will have their names blotted out of the book of life, and we also know for a fact that Almighty God will say to some professing Christians, "Depart from me you workers of iniquity, I never knew you." We know these are both true, because we just read them. You might say, "Well, there is no way they can both be true." If that is the case, then the Holy Bible cannot be trusted, and we know that it can be trusted; therefore, it is a matter of rightly dividing.

B. Rather than nail down the meaning just yet, I want to present you another pair of scriptures on the same subject. #1 "For by grace you are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph 2:8-9. #2 read Luke 6:43-45, "For a good tree brings not forth corrupt fruit; neither does a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth that which is

evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."

#1 makes it perfectly clear that no amount of good works can save a person, and #2 makes it perfectly clear that a godly man will produce good works, and an evil man will produce ungodly works. Is there any contradiction here? No! Both of these passages are inspired by the Holy Spirit and are absolutely true.

C. Look at this pair. #1 Rom 8:29-30, "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified, them he also glorified." #2 Rev 22:17 "And the spirit and the bride say, come. And let him that hears say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." There are those who suggest, that the #1 passage that speaks of predestination, teaches that the Almighty chooses and rejects persons for His kingdom completely on his own. #2 passage implies that it is humans who decide. Are these two passages contradictory? Of course not! They are both completely 100% true. Separate denominations have arisen, because the people of Almighty God did not carefully enough study the text and come to a reasonable consensus concerning how they complete each other. Both groups try to find proselytes to add to their group, and then indoctrinate them into their particular sectarian belief, making them twice the child of division that they themselves are. Denominational conflict manifests stubbornness on a large scale among various believers. My dear brothers and sisters, this sort of stubbornness is carnal and sensual. It is far from walking in the spirit. I beg you to take your time here and comprehend the danger we are exposing others to. We must find a way to agree with fellow believers, while not compromising the truth. This is a possible task for those who are willing to do the work. It takes much patience and determination. It means speaking the truth in love. You can be sure we will face much opposition. Too many of us who profess Christ are walking in the flesh on this particular issue.

Pastor Larry Pruett on Unity



Pastor Larry Pruett of Emmanuel

Understanding the preeminence that unity must have in the body of Christ, so that we must walk in the power of unity, is critical. For the word says that we perish for a lack of knowledge (Hos 4:6), and the greatest source, and wealth of knowledge is found in the knowledge of God. Daniel declares in Dan 11:32, "The people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits."

Jeremiah 9:23-24, "Thus says the Lord: Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the

mighty man boast of his might, let not a man boast of his riches; but let him (see next col)

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Pastor Larry (from prev col)

Who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises **lovingkindness**, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the Lord.

Hosea 6:3, "Then shall we know, let us follow on to know the Lord. His going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto earth."

Unity is powerfully expressed in God's immutable law of amplification and multiplication. In John 11:39 Jesus, who has come to resurrect his friend El'azar (Lazarus), told them to take away the stone. In Joshua 23:10, Joshua said, "One man of you will chase a thousand." But even greater is found in Deut 32:30, which says that, if you don't rebel and sin against God, but, in other words, live in obedience, then one of you can chase a thousand, but two of you can put 10,000 to flight. Proverbs says that two is always better than one. But greater than that is the fact that you don't have to fear the writing on the proverbial wall, as long as long as you know the hand that holds the pen.

The understanding of the **power fund in unity** can only be fully understood and fully realized in our **understanding** of God. I Cor 13:12 says, we will know even as we are known. Are we not realizing what Paul was really talking about when he said we are raised up **together**, and made to sit **together** with Christ in the heavenly

realm (Eph 2:6 NKJV); and when the word further explains that we have been delivered from the power of darkness (division) and has (present tense – right now) translated us into the kingdom of his dear son (A kingdom of **unity**, for everything in heaven operates in synchronization to God’s timing and purpose). That gives us the position of being able to know Him in a greater way, but instead of **utilizing** and maximizing the opportunity to become more intimate with Him, we are too busy asking him for more things. Things are okay because, before God made man, he made things for man to enjoy.

Is it the fact that, what we are really afraid of is: if we draw closer to Him, we also have to draw closer to one another – that if we know Him more, we have to get to know each other more?

Better Than That (from pg 1)

We don’t want to correct our adult children. It is still our responsibility to tell them the truth. The lamp in the temple went out and they went to sleep. The Lord called Samuel. Samuel, not knowing who was calling him, went to Eli. After the third time, Eli figured it out. It took Eli so long because he was not where he was supposed to be with God. Eli taught Samuel to make himself available to the Lord. Do not be presumptuous about it. Say, “Speak Lord.” If he calls your name, don’t act like you don’t know it’s God. “Your servant hears.” Humble yourself before God.



Lynn Adams opened the service



Sharon Pennamon of Eatonton ministered to the women in dance



“What is the Lord saying? Eli used to be there, so he knew God was saying something. Sometimes we don’t want to tell our kids some things. The husband doesn’t want to tell the wife. The pastor doesn’t want to tell the people. In V₁₆ Samuel answered, ‘Here am I.’ God will give us a second chance.

“It is now time to quit playing church. You have no peace. Why? Because you don’t know what the Lord is saying. You have to have somebody

to tell you. Church folks have this thing: they think they are big enough to do whatever they want. No body can tell them what to do. But God is all-seeing.



Diane Zachery provided the very powerful praise and worship music.



Women in worship



Lonnie & Marsha Harrington of New Harvest



Joyce Pilgrim of Emmanuel



Prayer over people



Pastor Larry Percifield & Joe Johnson



“In V₁₇ Eli asked Samuel, ‘What is the Lord saying? Hide it not from me.’ God is saying, ‘I’m better than that. I’m better than your dilemma. I’m better than the kid acting up, the drunken husband, the kids on drugs. I’m better than that. To Eli: I’m better than that. ‘I’m the one who said, ‘let it be,’ and it was so. I’m better than that.’

Samuel’s mother, Hannah had a closed womb, but God said, ‘I’m better than that.’ She prayed to have a child. You have to pray to have Jesus, to be righteous, to be a woman or a man of God. You need to bless folks out of your boat, but you’re not. That’s why you have no ship coming in. The 3 servants in mat 25 that were given the talents: the one with the one talent buried it. The master took it from him and gave it to the one with five. It is good to plant a seed in another person’s ministry. He wants a praise. If you know the word, you better act on it.”

Many were prayed over and Ms. Mamie Arnold closed the service in prayer.



Ms. Mamie Arnold closing in prayer

Unity in Music (from pg 1)

their next song. “In 2012,” said Randy, “my momma passed away. It killed me inside, but she is in heaven. You know, she would get down at the foot of the bed, and, no matter where I was in the house, I could hear her calling out to God – calling my name out to him. If Momma could come back, she wouldn’t, but we can go be with her.”



Ruth Dooley, Katie Pirkle, & Kylee Gooch



Trey Gooch in song



Pastor Larry Percifield & Joe Johnson



Pastor Allen Stevens hosted the event Joe and Wanda Johnson testified. “I had a hole in my cornea,” said Joe, “and, if it split, I’d go blind. Y’all claimed that nothing bad would

happen. In my mind, if I had to stand up here wearing a patch like Captain Hook, I would still serve God. The Dr at Emory said, 'Why are you here?' I said, 'For you to tell me what I already know.'" Joe was attempting not to weep. "If you had been blessed like I have been blessed, you'd cry too."



Wanda and Joe Johnson



Joe & Debbi Gee

On this particular evening Pastor Allen Stephens' birthday was celebrated. Mark Carlisle of the Unity quartet announced that they would sing the chorus of the song backward. They did precisely that when they turned to face away from the audience as they sang.

Revive us Again (from pg 1)

to the people, not to a pulpit. Feel that. Feel the anointing of God come over you. People will think you lost your mind. You need to lose **your** mind and get the mind of Christ.

"The power of One! What can one man do? Jesus changed the world, but that was Jesus. We need to learn our place, so we **can** be in unity. Not everyone in the church is the pastor. If we find our place in Christ, we can begin to work in unity.



Bishop Harold Green of Faith Temple opened the service in prayer



Pastor Jimmy and Megan leading praise and worship

"God used a rope to minister to me. It fell out of my truck. A rope is weaved, not just a single strand, but a lot of strands weaved together. When it fell out of my truck, God showed me how it gets weaker every time you pull out a strand. God said, 'Look it's falling apart. You need to learn to put it back together.' I'm not good at putting things back together. My wife is. That's the way it is in the church. I burnt the

end and it was back together. Hard times help bring unity.

In John20:19-20 we see that the disciples were gathered together in hiding, fearing the Jews. They were scared to death and they were in unity. Jesus stood in the middle of them and said, 'Peace be with you.' When you have unity in the house, there is peace. We need to get there.



People in worship



Marty Starcher spoke about Least of these Ministries, "When men right out of prison get a home-cooked meal, it opens their heart to the gospel."

"When you have unity, there will be peace – peace in the church, peace in the home. Why do we have disputes? James 4:1-2 tells us, 'Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain.'

Jesus loved them all, even when they were scared and doubtful. When you have unity, you are all going out for the same purpose.

"Pastors lose people because they are not part of the unity. If you have unity, you will have peace. If you have unity, you will have power.

"We worry about the wrong things. When not in unity, we worry about the unimportant things. Unity comes when we have the same mind and the same spirit. When there is unity in the house, God will take over, will (cont. on pg 6)

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Friendship (from pg 1)

In John 15:19-20 we see that it is because we have Jesus in us that the world hates us. We are not greater than our master.



Praise & worship at Friendship Church



Friendship Church



"Children need to be fathered, nurtured, loved. I want to be emptied of myself, so by the Holy Ghost, I will remember all he has done before us. So it doesn't even matter what we've gone through; he's gone through it first. Remember the places he has brought us to. Just because you're not David, doesn't mean he doesn't love you.

"Luke 17:32-33 – "Remember Lot's wife? Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it,

whoever loses his life will preserve it.' When Lot's wife walked away from that city, 'I'm losing my clothes, my kitchen, my color TV.' Her thoughts were on what she was leaving back there. She was unable to just leave them behind. She was unable to get free from her **stuff**. Preachers are still appealing to people who have left their church. If I bury my dog, I will not go back 6 months later to resurrect him.



In worship

"Rev 2:5 – 'Repent!' My prayer for those of us at friendship Church is that we be fully repentant. How can we bring others in if we are not walking in his ways?"



Preaching at Friendship

He wants you to be a vessel that has received his grace because you repented. Don't be concerned with 'I am saved,' but instead with 'Can I stand with him?' There are people that drink, cuss, commit adultery, and say, 'I am saved. I'm going to heaven.' What are they doing for Him? "Look up because our salvation comes from above, not from down on the ground. I want us to be happy, rejoicingly happy (I made that term up. Just because the pastor says, 'Repeat after me,' does not mean you are saved." Friendship Church is at 2171 Malcolm Bridge Rd, Bogart, Ga. 30622. Pastor Donnie Webb may be reached by calling (770)725-6703. The e-mail address is Friendshipchurch @ mail.com. Sunday school is at 1000, and worship is at 1100. Come visit.

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orchestrate it. When there is unity, there is no strife, because strife is not of God. When there is unity, there is power to forgive sin, not only to forgive my brothers sins, but my own. Eph 4:14 says, "That we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine," Without us being in unity, there is no stability in the church. I will preach the truth. If you have unity in your life, you have peace, and can sleep at night. You will have power to raise the dead.

"Some years ago, there was a young lady hit by a car. She was on life support and they were going to unplug her.

"I was praying and God said, 'Speak Life.'

"I said, 'Lord, this girl is dead.'

"He said, 'She can live if you speak life.'

"You see, I have to be in unity with God. I said to the people in the room, 'if anyone does not believe in the power of Jesus Christ, please leave.' All the people there were in unity. When two or three are gathered **in my name**...

"We began to pray and she began to live.

"The daddy did not leave the house to look for the prodigal son. The son had to come to the end of himself and come home, home to Jesus. So

many times I have been walking in my own power, instead of in his."

Pastor Jon called people up front for prayer. He prayed over Pastor Jimmy, Pastor Tyler and Megan. All pastors and others in the ministry prayed over them. It was very powerful.



Prayer over people

Stop This Foolishness Tues Miracle Deliverance

After all the welcomes, opening prayer, praise and worship, Pastor Patsy Garrett was scheduled to speak on unity, but all were surprised when Donese Mercaldo of the Battlefield News took the pulpit first. "I have been so blessed to be part of this unity thing," Donese told the congregation. "Pastor Patsy is one of the people who are as real as you think she is. People called her at 3 am broken down by the side of the road, and she went to help them. Two weeks ago, she went to see a man in her church who was in the hospital. While she was there, she saw a woman partially blind. She did not even know the woman, but she went home, changed her clothes and spent the rest of the night visiting this woman. Pastor patsy really is a woman who spends a lot of time in prayer, and Christ lives in her." Donese presented Pastor Patsy Garrett with an award before she spoke.



The presentation of Pastor Patsy Garrett's award
By Donese Mercaldo

Pastor Patsy began in Phil 2:1-2, "Therefore, if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

"If we are of one mind," began Pastor patsy, "and one accord with Jesus, we are gonna get along. Not only is unity commanded by the Lord, but he knew we needed it way back at the beginning of time. There is no way we will do his work by ourselves. Jesus did not call anyone to a solo ministry."

"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind... ..look out also for the interests of others." (Phil 2:3-4). "If we are doing it for ourselves, we need to quit."

"Let this mind be in you... ..even death on the cross. If you have to wash somebody' feet, do it well. He was God in the flesh. He needed nothing, but you see I needed somebody. If he did it for us, we need to do it for him. Unity comes through humility. If no humility, no unity.

"Because of his blood, we are able to do **his** work, **his** will. There are people dying and going to hell, and here we are still not together."

Pastor Chiquita Moses introduced Presiding Bishop Charles Wright.

"Let this mind be in you..." began Bishop Wright. As it was in Judg 21:25, 'Every one did what was right in his own eyes.' People think it's alright to do what they wanna do. This gospel, if it be hid, is hid from those that are lost. If God's people can't get together down here, where do you think you are going when you leave here?"



Presiding Bishop Charles Wright



Associate Pastor Chiquita Moses opened the service.



Roger Williams, associate pastor of Love of God Mission opened in prayer



Mom Loretta Tarpin & Daughter Keisha Tarpin did the praise & worship with Chris Patman on drums

"We see in Eph 4:3 '...endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. One Lord, one faith, one baptism.' There are only certain people who can go to certain churches. We have gotten too cute with God. God knows all of our little secrets. There is a breakthrough coming in this room. What am I talking about? I'm talking about unity. Jesus said in John 17:20-22, 'I do not pray for these alone, but also those who will believe in me through their word; that they all may be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I in you; that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And the glory that you gave me I have given them, that they may be one just as we are one.'

"The devil still tries to divide us. We need to stop this foolishness. The Bible says, 'In the beginning, God...' We need to get back there. We see in V₁₁ that he gave some apostles, some prophets... Why did he do that? We see it in V₁₂, for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of **the** body of Christ. There **is** only one. Everybody in this room is something to him – his body. 'Since I'm

not the **big** toe, I'm gonna sit in the corner, and I ain't gonna do nothing.' It takes **all** (see pg 7)

Miraculous Healing (from pg 1)

Friday

Dr. Lorrie O'Neal opened the service in prayer.



Dr. Lorrie in prayer



Karen Phillips in the worship and praise



Pastor Michael Smith accompanies Karen



Pastor Kenneth O'Neal

"God told a pastor to have a revival," started Dr. O'Neal, "and the only ones that showed up were an older couple and a young boy. He asked God why. Years later he found out that the young boy was Billy Graham. If you lived in a mansion and a man you did not know came and asked to move in with you, you would say, 'No! I do not even know you.' What will God say to those who want to live with him if he does not know them? That's why we must ask people, 'Do you know Him?'"

Ralph Hawthorne of Beyond the Walls Ministries was introduced to officiate the offering.



The Elder Ralph Hawthorn



It's the year of doubles." Said pastor Michael Smith as he took up a second offering.

Karen Phillips introduced Herschel Phillips. "How many here tonight need a healing?" asked Herschel. "You can't come to God for healing with aspirin in your pocket. God told me, 'Either you trust me completely, or you're on your own. If you will follow **my** lead, I will use your hands to heal.' God is dealing with disobedience in the church. If you told your son to mow the lawn, and he spends all day meticulously cleaning the attic, he has been disobedient. The Lord told me, 'You watch TV too much. My Holy Spirit does not watch TV. Get in my word.' We spend 4 to 6 hours in the word daily."



"He loves you so much." Herschel told Pastor Roger Williams before healing his eye.



Praying over Latonya

"God has something for you, but you don't have to take it if you don't want to." Herschel told Latonya. "How long have you been having the visions? Five years? He has for you the gift of prophecy. That's why you have been having the visions. He will use you to bring truth into the church, and take you from level one to a 30.



Prayer over Dr. Lorrie



Prayer over Rev. Moon



Prayer over Brenda Smith's eyes

"Sin is running rampant in the church. There are conditions for God's blessings. They are not automatic. He is moved by our faith, but even

more so by our obedience. Gal 5:16 tells us, 'Walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.' If you try to fight (see pg 9)

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Isaiah 61:1-3

Revive Us (from pg 6)

of us to make all of us - one body.

"We have a little pinky toe. If you go for water in the middle of the night, and you stub that little toe on the bedpost, the mouth yells. The brain doesn't tell the hand to slap the eye for not watching out. Instead, the hand reaches down and rubs that toe.

"We need to watch over each other. We need to stop this foolishness in the body of Christ. 'I can't worship with this person; they don't worship like me. They don't have the same thing on their door.'

"Apostles, prophets, evangelists, etc; all these are part of the body. Patsy Garrett said Jesus, knowing all he really was (i.e. God), humbled himself, stooped down and washed the disciple's feet, even Judas. He showed us, if I can do this, you can do it. It's not about the foot washing. People don't need their feet washed in modern times. Foot washing today is ceremonial, the point is usually completely lost. It's not the foot washing. Its about the mindset. Donese talked about the people that were broken down. They don't need their feet washed; they need a ride.



Pastor Michael Smith of Victory Deliverance

“Let this mind be in you... Let is a command. Stop this foolishness – ‘I can’t associate and worship with those people.’ The body of Christ? The church without spot or wrinkle? He wants one he can present to himself – his bride. What makes us ugly? It’s that attitude toward one another.

“Jesus said in John 13:34-35, ‘A new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. By this all will know that you are my disciples, (not how well you preach) if you have love for one another.’



Oliver Fitten and Denise Patman took up the offering



Herman Parks prayed over the offering



Barry Wylie actually collected the offering

“We blame the devil for things we cause; that we can stop,” Said Pastor Russell Page of Kingdom Realm in the closing commentary. “Bishop Charles talked about love. What is love? Love covers a multitude of sins. Have you seen Jesus? If not, I messed up. We can see a drunk or a harlot, but if you have not been there, you don’t know. The ones Jesus had a problem with weren’t them, or even the devil. It was the “church folks.” The Pharisees and the Sadducees persecuted him, but he finished what he started. Have we finished what we started? You want unity? It starts with you. You line up with the word and see what happens. Take a deep breath.” Every one did. “That’s eternity. We are not promised tomorrow.”



Pastor Russell Page
Red Velvet Cake
BTOP Wednesday

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us,” said Pastor Michael Smith, “that we should be called sons of God.” To be in unity, you have to be a son of God, a child of

the king with love for one another. In John 1:12 we see, ‘as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become sons of God.’



Pastor Alicia Brown of A Call to Worship opened the service in prayer.



Praise & worship



God’s people in worship



Rick Hempton spoke on unity in the body of Christ



Scott Bagwell associate Pastor of BTOP praying over the offering



Pastor Michael Smith

“I am a radical preacher,” continued Pastor Smith, “I won’t go to Eph 4 because we’ve been doing this for about 3½ years; I know apostles are supposed to work together, pastors are supposed to work with each other. But you can’t

work together unless you are sons of God. Unity gives you power. There is enough unity in this room tonight to go up and down the streets and people saved. The greatest revival is when you get revived.

“We are the sons of God. If you were privileged to be a son of Donald Trump, you would have clout. You could dress how you wanted, drive what you wanted, act how you wanted because of your daddy. My daddy says the world is his – that he owns the cattle on a thousand hillsides. Because you are his child, you have the right to take back what the devil stole from the church. That’s what Rick is doing – taking back the unity.

“I John 4:7 – Beloved, let us love... ..love is from my daddy. You see, love will let me eat that sister’s red velvet cake, and she could eat my wife’s red velvet cake. People cut the pies and cakes differently, but we all still love cake. God’s people, no matter where they are, are still God’s people. ‘He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.’ Unity brings love, and is something God ordained from the foundation of the earth.

“You represent your family. You either look like your mama or daddy or both. If you are God’s son, you’re supposed to look like your daddy. We have something the world cannot have and still be the world. They can only get it from our daddy through us. The Holy Spirit has been placed in us, so we have the love of God in us. That is why you can love somebody who did you wrong. It is because you have your daddy in you. You have Jesus inside you; you don’t have to hate folks. Everybody in the Whole Body of Christ Alliance has the ability to love everybody in every one of those churches, and also the churches elsewhere because they have God in them.

“In this area you have either Georgia Power or Jackson EMC. Now you have the ability to get light when you flip the lights on, but it’s up to you to flip them on. We also have the ability to keep them off because God will not force you to turn them on. People are divided because we have let the world system to come into the church. The world says, ‘My church is the best; my church is the only one with the truth; my piano player is the best, my praise team is the best.’ God says, ‘No, somebody out there can make you better, teach you more.’

“I want to see this thing go to another level. What level? I don’t want us to have to have revivals for this sister or this brother to see me at their church. When Gramma has good cooking, you slip in when she does not expect it. I want to go to another level. When we learn to interact with one another like god wants, that’s when we will begin to reach our full potential. Brylcream, a little dab’ll do ya. Every three months is not enough. Why wait until Thanksgiving to eat turkey? Why not eat it in July? We need to start pushing our agendas aside; to stop putting our agendas ahead of God’s. We are so earthly bound, we ain’t no heavenly good. We get so used to doing things a certain way. ‘There’s a better deal over at the other store.’ ‘No, I been going to this store for 25 years.’

“Some of us have been trying to get people saved for a long time, and they’re still not saved. Maybe we need to start doing things a different way. We are still trying to do it the same old way that **does not work**. Let’s try it a different way. That’s what unity is all about.

Stop doing things your way and do them God's way. We gotta get more flexible.

Let's get us some of that red velvet (see pg 11)

Miraculous Healing (from pg 7) sin on you own, the devil will override you. The Holy Spirit is like 240 volt current, while Satan is like a 9 volt battery in comparison. If you are a Christian, you cannot do some of the things you might want to do. If you see two men kissing on TV and you keep watching, it allows demonic spirits to come through.



Herschel praying over a lady's eyes



Praying over Dr. Kenneth



Praying over a lady's abdomen



Prayer over Pastor Patsy Garrett



Prayer over Minister Moon

"If you are led by the Holy Spirit, you are not under the Law of Moses; that is if you are led and not leading. If you want god to work in your life, and you have sin in your life, you must repent.

"In Gal 5:19 Paul names 17 works of the flesh and says that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. If these things are in your life, you must repent of them.

Adultery – This includes faithlessness toward God. The powers of darkness cannot mess with you just because they want to. If job was alive today, the pastor would send him to a dermatologist and a psychiatrist. The devil will give you a good job to get you out of what you are doing for God. That is why you hit your knees and ask and listen.

Fornication – This includes anything outside the husband/wife relationship. It is also anything that is against his will for you.

Uncleanness – This means morally unclean motives.

Lasciviousness – This includes speech of wantonness and the desire for a fleshly lifestyle. God does not want us all rich because some would stray.

Idolatry – Worship or pursuit of things other than God (e.g. TV). God wants us not even to read books, not even Christian books unless he leads us to.

Witchcraft (sorcery) – The Greek word here is Pharmakeia (Far-mak-eye-uh), the word for drug or spell-giving potion is Pharmakeus, or Pharmakon. These are also the words for Pharmacist, sorcerer or poisoner. The other Greek word for sorcerer is Pharmakos. There is no doubt that Paul is talking about drug use. Sometimes we don't have the faith for healing, so we take drugs. Jesus was talking about the centurion in Mat 8:10 when he said, 'I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel.' The word in Greek for faith here is pistis. 'I have not seen such great pistis in all Israel. That without faith is sin. If you ask him, he will give it to you. The kingdom of heaven we just talked about is the kingdom here and now. Are you going to believe God for your healing, or will you take drugs? If you take them, it's not that it will send you to hell; you just don't get the healing. You don't inherit the kingdom here.

Hatred, Variance (contentions), Emulations (jealousies), Wrath (outburst of rage), Strife (selfish ambitions), Seditions (dissensions, disunity).

Heresies – There are preachers that stress the law, even the law of Moses, that do so out of fear. There are televangelists that tell you to send them \$1000 and God will bless you.

There are others in Galatians 5. You want the gift of prophecy? It will be hard. Any dead fish can float down stream, but it takes an extremely strong one to swim **upstream**.

"Sometimes the Lord allows sickness as a chastisement – to get our attention. Chastisement is not punishment for sin; it's more between father and child. You must repent of fears even. We must always go to our knees because if I judge myself, he won't have to judge me. Everyone has folly in their hearts. If you think you have no sin, you are guilty of pride. If you will endure the tempering (testing), you will come out the other side and never be the same.

Saturday



Dr. Lorrie introduces Pastor Patsy



Pastor Patsy Garrett-the most moving prayer

"If I wake up in the morning," began Pastor James Scott the apostle, "and say, 'my arthritis is killing me,' everything in the universe is going to work to make that happen. But if I say, 'this is the day the Lord has made' (see pg 10).

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Eph 4:11

Coffee (from pg 1)

Come to the Well by Casting Crowns touched so many hearts. Perhaps it will touch yours some day.



The Remnant: Chad ,Dewayne, Crystal, Kevin, Mike & Eric

Chad, who sang and played the keyboard, gave his testimony as well as Dewayne the Bass player.



Gail Guynn performed at the coffee house as well, as did her friend Barbara Nash. Gail Guynn told the story of the young soldier who, during WWII came to a prayer meeting, but instead of a Bible, he brought all he had. All he had was a deck of playing cards. When the commander announced his intent to punish the young soldier for bringing cards to a prayer meeting, the young man explained that he had



Barbara Nash

no Bible, but that the cards represented the things of the Bible he knew: For instance, The king represented the King of kings, the 3 was the trinity, the 4 was the four gospels, the 6 that God made the world in six days, the 7 was the day he rested, etc. There was much more to the story and it was very moving. Videos on this subject are available on the internet that may well help people understand and remember the Bible. Rhonda's was excellent.

Healing (from pg 9)

"Tell Ms. Ellie," Pastor Scott said, speaking for the Lord, speaking of Ellie Cooper, "that because she pressed her way here tonight, I will prove myself to her: She is going to be alright – the one your family."

Speaking about Wanda Johnson, he said, "Tell her I am healing her emotions. She **will** be able to sleep tonight. The enemy loves to divide. Tell the people here to watch, look, and listen to what I'm going to do."

To Donese Mercaldo the message was, "The heaviness will be gone, all of it. The Holy Ghost says in 48 hours she's gonna see a turn around. You are in the right place at the right time to receive a healing. Come up here for Ellie to lay her hands on you. God is supernaturally dispatching an angel to this area right now. The school of Harde Knox will teach you to pray hard before God.



Angela Leige in the praise and worship



People in worship



Mr. Brutus Brooks playing the praise and worship

"2014: the number 14 is 2 sevens. Seven is the number of completion. This year, your ministry and your life will be full of completion. Before Rosh Hashanah (24 September at sundown), we are going to see the supernatural will be happening. Whatever I release out of my mouth – an ATM. I will make sure every demon in hell hears me. Get your eyes off the government and on Jesus. Look to the hills because your help comes from God. Secular Humanism is trying to take over, but God is starting a revival, and the people in the world are gonna say, 'What must I do to be saved?'"



Ms. Latonya introduced the MC



MC Ralph Hawthorne



Joe Johnson, wife Wanda, & Ms. Ellie Cooper of Living Hope Christian Fellowship



Dr. Kenneth O'Neal: "Ms. Ellie Cooper, she was here when we pulled in the parking lot. I've been singing this song all day, *I Need You...*" He called a woman up front who sang it, Ms. Odessa Scott



Ms. Odessa Scott, wife of Pastor James Scott



Pastor Michael Smith of Victory Deliverance center: "The only way to get off Get By Street to Blessing Avenue is to plant seed." The pastor began singing *He's an On-time God*.

"Revival broke out in the early 1900s because people were hungry for God. If we get hungry for God, people jump up out of wheelchairs. Our protocol has gone to material things, but we will lift them back to God so that we can preach the Kingdom of God. Yes, we are under the dispensation of grace. The next one is the rapture, then the great tribulation. There has to be a shift in the way we do things. Even in our school system we see secular Humanism – if it feels good, do it. In my life, I got sick of church, and church folks, and televangelism. There is a new generation of us. There are certain things that you will experience in your life that will authenticate our anointing. The world will say, 'You went through that, and you still worship God? You lost all that, and you still worship God?' They will want what you have.



Pastor James Scott



"In John 5, Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath. He was at the pool by the sheep gate, the one with 5 colonnades. There must be a paradigm shift. There is nothing in your life god is not aware of. Obey him and let him get the glory. 38 years is a long time to wait. If you are gonna move with God, you can't afford to be contaminated by "sick" people (people not growing in Christ).

"There will be four portals (doorways) that will open up to the leaders **before** Rosh Hashanah (sun down 24 September). Wait, watch, look for my instruction; and when I tell you, jump I the water." Pastor Scott was quoting God.

"God said he would send an angel to 'trouble' (stir up) the water – the situation. You just have to jump into the water. Do not allow spiritual procrastination set in."

"Do not question me about it," says the Lord, "Do you want to be made whole?"

"If I only run around with a bunch of whiners and complainers, that is all I will ever have. You need to be around positive people. That way you only speak what is in your environment. In V6 Jesus saw the man lying there and knew he had been that way a long time. He said, 'Do you want to be made whole?' When the Holy Spirit speaks, it's not a time to intellectualize. God is about to do the supernatural. Don't look at your bank account or your body. Jump into the water

The man said, 'I have no man...' The Lord did not ask him that. He only asked if he wanted to be made whole.

"The Holy Spirit may say, 'Go speak to So-&-so. Say only what I give you. Do not add to it.' Do you want to be healed? Operate in the prophetic. You will see your neighborhood improved. Leaders often have the most difficult time seeing these things. If God tells me I'm blessed, I don't need a prophet to tell me the same thing.

"Do you want to be healed? Life and death are in the tongue. Don't ask him how he's gonna do it; just step through the portal – there are 4 of them. When you don't know how to shut certain things down, demonic spirits will step in. There are certain things God wants to work out of some people. You cannot help **everybody**. **The favor of God is about to come down.** The rain is about to come down. Make sure everything is in order. Four waves are about to hit us. For 4 of you businessmen, your business will triple this year.

"In Gen 2:5 – 'Before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown... ..the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth and there was no man to till the ground.' Before he sent the rain, he had to get the man in position. Pray, 'Lord, if there is anything in my life that should not be there, take it out, that I may operate in your favor.'

"God says that, when the portal is open, you will **look** ridiculous, know it is me because you will **look** strange. He says, 'Tell him I will give him the land. My favor will be with you at each one of the portals. See Neh 9:9-10, Ex 14:13,15, and Lev 26:4.'

"Remember opportunity: you pray for courage, what you receive is an opportunity to be courageous."



Prayer over Drs. Kenneth & Lorrie as Herschel returns to the front on Saturday



Prayer over Wanda Johnson



God says you have sin in your life



Joe receives better sight in his eye.



Healing from infirmity



Prayer over many people



Give me your cane. You can walk. You are healed.

The Sunday service with Yosef Ben-Avraham will be covered in the March edition to be able include it in its entirety.

Revive Us (from pg 8)

cake and enjoy it, no matter how they cut it.



Herman Parks with the closing remarks
Unity in Prayer
Thursday at Living Hope



Pastor Marvin Mason of Hoschton United Methodist Church began the service, "In John Chs 13-17 Jesus is the most intimate with his disciples." He read all of John 17 with emphasis on V₂₀₋₂₃.

Praise and worship began under the direction of Eileen Minish.



Living Hope Praise Team Singers



Wanda Johnson on the baby grand

Herman Parks spoke on unity in the body of Christ. "How are God the Father and Jesus one? How are Adam and Eve one? According to the Bible, God the Father and Jesus are one because Jesus is the exact image of the invisible God. The Godhead: God's deity, personality, the state of being God. It is his divine nature. Col 2:9 says, 'For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.' Rom 1:20 says, 'For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.' The Father is almighty; the Son is almighty, the Holy Ghost is almighty, yet they are not three almighties, but one. The deity of the three is one, equal and co-eternal. John 1:1 says the Word was **with** God, showing their separateness; and **was** God, showing their sameness. Sameness/oneness: the upper extreme is one god in three persons, the lower is us, the saints. A person is not defined by differences, but by what is in common. For instance, the plaintiff in a civil case may well be several individuals, but all defined as one person. The significance is that our differences don't matter. The Declaration of Independence says that all are equal **in that** our creator endowed us with inalienable rights. The weight is given to the things we have in common, they far outweigh our differences. We have to move past this rebellion against God before we can get to faith."



Ms. Ellie cooper on the keyboard



Gene Carlson teacher of book of Revelation



Drs. O'Neal of Anointed Hands



First Lady Wanda Stevens MC



Herman Parks the Bible teacher

"In John 17:1-5," Began Pastor jimmy Maisonneuve of Encounter Church, Jesus prayed for himself; in 6-19 he prayed for his disciples, but in 20-26 he prayed for us. In John 17:21 he says, 'That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in you; that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.' In Acts 1:14, we see, 'These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication.'



Pastor Jimmy Maisonneuve



Ms. Sharon Bryan

"The reason for disunity is the preachers. It's us. We are the ones with a church spirit. Sometimes it's a pride thing, but if we look at the scoreboard, the church in America is losing. People are not getting saved. One person, one church body cannot do it. If we don't win the war in us, the congregation feels it too. So what if I have a thousand members? On the Titanic the people were very prideful, 'It will never sink.' If we don't win the war in us – that pride, we will sink. Look at Saul and David. There would've been no need for David if Saul had not been controlled by his pride. Pride took over and he tried to destroy David. If we want to be united, we will have to be united in prayer. You can't love people the way God says without praying. It takes the Holy Spirit to love different kinds of people. Jesus had to teach the disciples to love each other.

"There is disunity between the pastors, the congregation, between husbands and wives, between Democrats and Republicans. When husbands and wives pray together, trust me, we will pray differently. Jesus said, this is a house of prayer, not a house of worship, of singing, of sermons, but a house of prayer.

"Christianity is declining in America. Why? Something is missing. We are losing. If the church has food, they're full, but if we call a prayer meeting, almost nobody shows up.

"When a baby is in the womb, they via the mother, the umbilical cord. Prayer is our umbilical cord to God. He downloads his plans, his will and the like. Prayer is the engine of the church. When Moses came down with the Ten Commandments, he saw what the people were doing, threw a holy fit, and broke them. Why? It was because he spent so much time with God that he started seeing the world the way God sees it. What breaks God's heart was breaking his heart. When you spend time with God, you will link with him. When we start praying together, we will stop seeing men as trees and see them as men. The church in America has lost this. Whatever America did, the rest of the world was ready to follow. In the last 20 years America has lost this. There isn't even prayer allowed in the schools anymore.

"Daniel prayed and an angel showed up. Peter prayed and an angel showed up to tell him to go minister to Cornelius. Cornelius prayed and his prayers were like a monument before God. He prayed without ceasing and god had to send an answer.

"Don't give up on the city. Only 22% of Jackson County goes to church. Your singing won't get them saved, but prayer will.

"Drugs, and unwanted pregnancy are overtaking Jackson County, and the churches are still fussing with each other. They took prayer out of the schools, and we are taking it out of the church.

"Pray! Things don't happen overnight. We have a microwave mentality. Things take time. God will not do it if we don't pray. For God to work on earth, he must have people to pray. That's why he had to send Jesus. He needs the church to pray to be able to work. If no one prays, no one gets saved. If no one prays, no one is healed. The word is the bread and prayer is the water.

"In the midst of all this mess, if the church gets on its knees, he can work. He will do nothing until this happens."



Ms. Sharon Bryan



Pastor Scott Bagwell

After the sermon, something amazing happened: Ms. Sharon Bryan got up to close in prayer, and almost everyone in the building came up front to pray together. Ms. Bryan turned the prayer over to Pastor Scott Bagwell, and a room full of God's people prayed together for the Whole body of Christ to come together.

**So the World Will Know You Sent me
Friday New Harvest**

The fifth night of revival was at New Harvest Ministries emceed by Pastor Walter Cleveland of Next Level Ministries.



Marty Starcher of Least of these Ministries Spoke on unity in the body of Christ



Ms. Mamie Arnold opened in song and prayed to open the service. She also read Psalm 51:1, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of your tender mercies.

Pastor Cleveland introduced the praise and worship music with Lonnie Harrington the elder on keyboard, Trashaunn (cont. on pg 13)

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Tue 1830/Wed 1930

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Youth Wed 1930

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Revive Us (from pg 12)

Harrington, his son, on drums, Marsha Harrington, his wife, with Ms. Mamie Arnold sharing the vocals.



New Harvest Praise Team



First Lady Teresa Graham (R) & Pastor Patsy Garrett (L)



People in Worship



MC Pastor Walter Cleveland of Next Level



Marty Starcher of Least of These Ministries

“Close your eyes and picture Jesus hanging naked on the cross.” It was the beginning of Marty Starcher’s address at New Harvest. “There was a common Greek word that used to be written on people’s bills: Tetelestai, it means, ‘Paid in Full.’ This is what Jesus uttered as he gave up the Ghost – Paid in Full. Unity is not about me; it’s not about Rick; it’s about Jesus, because we are his body. In Gal 3:26-29 tells us that we are all sons of God through faith in Jesus, and that there is no difference between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, not even between male and female. He sees no difference in gender or color; he only sees his children. If we say we are in unity, but we all go to the same church building, that’s not good enough.

“In Eph 4:3 he tells us to walk worthy of the calling with which we are called, to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. If we have unity, there will be peace.

apostles, **some** prophets, etc. Does every church body have all five of these? No! But the **whole** body of Christ does. That is why we must be in unity. In John 17, Jesus prayed about unity. There is so very much about unity from Genesis to Revelation. When we are in unity, we give glory to God. In John 17:9-11 he said, ‘I don’t pray for the world, but for them... ..that they be one as we are one.’ In V₂₀₋₂₁ he says that he prays not only for the 12, but for us and he gives the purpose of unity when he says, ‘that the world may believe that you sent me.’ It started with Jesus, it ends with Jesus. People probably wonder why we don’t see much unity. Sin? Selfishness? Following our own agenda? Jesus prayed this and he is still praying this. If he be lifted up, he will draw all men unto him.”

“There is **only** one church,” Pastor Cleveland recapped, “and that is his church – the ecclesia.” He introduced the keynote speaker of the evening, Pastor Maurice Graham.



Pastor Maurice Graham of Believer’s Christian Fellowship International in Auburn

“Marty preached it,” began Pastor Graham, “I received it, That’s all we need.” He stepped down from the pulpit.



L to R: Marty Starcher, Pastor Betty Arnold, Fist lady Teresa Graham, Ms. Mamie Arnold,

Pastor Maurice Graham, Pastor Walter Cleveland, and Pastor Patsy Garrett.

I Won't Back Down

Saturday at Anointed Hands

Dr. Lorrie O'Neal opened the service with the kind of prayer that moves one's spirit, the kind of prayer one expects to be followed by a thunder clap. The praise music immediately followed.



Dr. Lorrie O'Neal



Dr. Kenneth O'Neal

After the praise & worship, the MC, Dr. O'Neal introduced the first speaker, the (see pg 14)

Installation Service

On 16 March at 1500 (3pm) there will be an installation service at Emmanuel Worship Center for the First Lady of Faith Temple Fellowship Church, Ms. Annette Green, as the General Supervisor of Women for Covenant Fellowship Churches International.

Prophetic Conference

There will be a prophetic teaching and preaching conference at Anointed hands Ministry & Healing Center on 8 March at 1900 (7pm), and on 9 March at 1000. Rabbi Israel Avraham will be speaking again. For those of you who missed him last time, this is a 2nd chance. You do not want to miss him.

The address is 115 Towne Center Parkway, Hoschton, Ga. 30548.

Whole Body of Christ Intercessory Prayer Meeting

Once each quarter the entire WBCA meets together to travail in prayer for unity in the entire body of Christ, and for various people, pastors, and church bodies in our alliance. This is the single most powerful thing anyone who is trying to do the Lord's work (for real not just pretend) can do. If you are there, your blessing will be gigantic.

It will be Saturday, 22 March at 1300 (1pm) and will be held at Faith Temple Fellowship Church at 247 Hwy 211, Winder, Ga. 30680.

Fun, Food, and Family

The Resident Community Council presents the 2014 3rd Annual Community Bike Ride. It will be held at 199 Wood Ave. Oakwood Office, Winder Housing Authority, Winder, Ga. 31 May 2014. Youth 6 to 16 may participate, but you must wear a helmet.

All participants must be **preregistered** no later than 16 April at 235 Capitol Ave. Winder, Ga. (678)425-6960.

Set up time: 0930

Race begins: 1030

Clean up: 1300

All racers must have Parent or guardian signed consent form on file.

This is announcement by Miracle deliverance House of Prayer.

Seven-Day Revival at Seven different churches

All the details will be announced in the March issue, but it will be from Monday 7 April through Sunday 13 April.

Passover

Don't forget the Pesach (Passover) begins at sundown on 14 April 2014. Get your lamb early.

Revive Us (from pg 13)

Bible teacher Herman Parks. "Lord, we are what you say we are – more than conquerors. You did not just defeat death; you put death to shame. Godly people actually got up out of their tombs and walked the earth."



Herman Parks of Christ Outreach speaks on unity in the body of Christ

"I always enjoy Dr. Herman," commented Dr. Kenneth O'Neal. "Eph 4:9-10, He ascended, but he also descended. V₁₃, a perfect man – Christ. Today I heard the Holy Ghost say something about denominations. These men who began those denominations were men that heard from God. He did not tell any of them to start another denomination, but to bring unity. They started the denominations on their own. God equips the apostles with whatever is needed to get the job done. The prophet is God's mouthpiece. An evangelist gets on fire to bring people to God. If you put on a pair of gloves and paint, nobody says, 'man that glove sure paints well.' **We** are the gloves so Christ can work through us. The pastor is married to the church; he shepherds them. I had a dream that the sheep kept biting my feet, and my wife said to feed them. The teacher at some point must move to the next class. When we come into unity, God wants us to be universally unified. He will bless unity.



Pastor Allen Stevens of Living Hope Christian Fellowship spoke on unity as well and prayed powerfully over the offering.



First Lady Theresa Walker introduced her husband, "Today is his birthday; he is 47."



Pastor James Walker of Kingdom Community Church in Athens preaching on his 47th birthday.

"It's good to bring God to church," began Pastor James Walker, "but what do I do with him the rest of the time? To be able to understand the meaning of 'up,' we must understand 'down.' To really know 'out,' we must know 'in.' To truly understand unity, we must understand disunity. In 1611 King James of England mass produced the Bible in English. He was too powerful for the church to do anything about it. Before that, however, many were killed for having done exactly the same thing. For instance, William Tyndale was burned at the stake for it. After Gutenberg made the printing press, many illegal copies of the Bible were printed in the language the people could read (language other than Latin). Many of those burned at the stake died shouting, 'None but Christ.'

"Tom petty had a song out a few years ago entitled, *I Won't Back Down*. 'You can stand me up at the gates of hell,' Tom sang, 'but I won't back down.' If we would have unity, we must be right there. We must be able to say **I won't back down**. How many Buddhists will say 'I will die for Buddha'? The number of people who have died for Buddha, Kung Fu Tse (Confucius), or Allah are a mere pin prick compared to the millions who have been martyred over the centuries for Christ. You shall know the truth and it will **make** you free.

Martin Luther knew that the rich were paying for indulgences (kind of like paying for permission to sin). He published his 95 theses on 31 October 1517. The point is that is so important to understand where we came from.

"We need to approach the young churches, the new churches, not just the older established ones.

"We see in Rom 12:5, 'So, we being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.' The Roman Catholic Church had a powerful union. Hitler had a powerful union, and erected himself as a God, and began to do horrible things. But it was unity. We must be in unity with Christ for the unity to be for God. God will bring the right union together. Not every assembly is a good assembly. Not all unity is good unity. We don't need **every** 'church' to be in the alliance. We need to do it

by the book, and God is speaking to you, 'Some tweaking needs to be done.' People don't need to know humans, they need to know Christ. In school now, it's not Dick & Jane; it's Dick & John. We have to stop playing church and be the church. People come by our shop every day, not for the computers, but to feel the presence of God. We have to be about our Father's business. He will fill the pews.

The Battlefield News needs to go on U-tube, on the radio, on TV. We must use the printing press of today. You might not like Face Book, but it is part of the printing press today."

The remainder of the service was prayer over those who asked.



Much Prayer over many Spiritually Disabled Sunday at Christ Outreach

Sunday 19 January was the finale of the 7-day revival. "Mat 22:37," began pastor Allen Stevens, "shows us that you cannot be united in God if you are not united with God.



Pastor Allen Stevens of Living Hope opened the service in prayer.

The praise and worship began with Pastor Michael Smith of Victory Deliverance on the keyboard and Miracle Deliverance's Chris Patman on the drums.



Pastor Michael Smith



Chris Patman on drums



The little church building at Christ Outreach was packed out with people in praise & worship



Pastor Larry Pruett of Emmanuel in worship

The praise and worship was loud, joyous, and full of energy. A lady in the congregation shouted, "Ain't no party like a Holy Ghost party, 'cause a Holy Ghost party don't stop." This became a chant that everyone in the church repeated for about 10 minutes.



Ain't no party like a Holy Ghost party cause a Holy Ghost party don't stop. Pastor Michael Smith and Pastor Willy Harris of Christ outreach dancing to the chant.



Those on the pulpit in the chant Pastors Carol Patman, Allen Stevens, Donnie Webb, and James Mays



Ain't no party like a Holy Ghost party



Pastor Willy dancing



The Reverend James Mays of KCWC speaks on unity in the body of Christ

Rev. Mays began in Ecc 4:9-10, "Two are better than one... if they fall one will lift up his companion. There is spiritual disability in the body of Christ. Just because you sit inside a church does not make you a Christian. Spiritual disability: not able to be fully functional, missing a body part, limb, not 100% complete. I'm talking about being spiritually disabled.

"A hand has five digits, but without a wrist, it is useless. Instead of doing what God told you to do, you want to do your own thing. If you do things without the eyes, you can't see; without the ears, you can't hear. Legs without knees can't bend. Addition is adding two or more numbers to get a sum. If you are not adding to what the body is doing, you are not a help. If you are spiritually disabled, you can be healed. Do not be the disability in the body."

"You can say 'god' all you want," Pastor Donnie Webb proclaimed, "just don't specify which one. But if you mention the name of Jesus, you are a hate group. Ezekiel 36:22-27 is an unusual message, but that is what God has given us for tonight. V₂₂ - Thus says the Lord God, 'I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for my holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went.'" Jesus prayed that we be one as he and the Father are one so that the world will know the Father sent him.



Pastor Donnie Webb of Friendship Church in Bogart proclaims the word of God.

"V₂₃ - 'I will sanctify My great name' (not you). I know you profaned it. He says bring yourself openly to me and I will fill you. You cannot half serve God. There is no half-God to serve.

"As great as America believes it is, it is one of the sorriest worshipping nations. Those infidel countries look over here and just shake their heads. You can't even get everybody to church. If there is a ball game, it can go over, but if church runs past 1200, people get antsy because they think they'll miss the kickoff. And that is the day the preacher over preaches.

"My God is alive and he knows what you need. Buddha, Mohammed, and Harry Krishner are dead. They are just names, but Jesus is the name. He gave me two simple commands: 1- Love the Lord your God with all that is in you, and 2 - love your neighbor as yourself. I gotta love these people at this church right up here. The churches need to get sanctified. The other churches are not your enemies; they are your allies. Forget the jealousy.

"We need to get ourselves sanctified. We're not going to get there by going up to an altar and the preacher saying, 'Repeat after me.' You need to get drowning in tears and pour out to God.

“The Holy Ghost is not about church attendance; he’s about servitude to God. Does anybody need anything from God tonight?” One man came to the front announcing, “We all say we want people to see Jesus in us. I ask that God will allow me to be Jesus’ heart that I may be able to see Jesus in others.”



Pastor Donnie preaching to a packed house

At the end of the service the Whole Body of Christ began to recognize those that were present that had gone above and beyond – to thank them for all that they do for the kingdom of God.

Bishop Clyde Patman of Miracle Deliverance Commerce was recognized, as were Marco and Katrina Scott of Miracle Deliverance House of prayer. Bishop Harold Green, it was said was one of those rare men who saw the vision of unity and dove into the service of God. Pastor Betty Arnold was recognized and thanked. Pastor Willy Harris and First Lady Annie Harris, who hosted that last night of revival were thanked for all they do.

The story of Marty Starcher with his wife Heidi of Least of These ministries was told. He spoke the previous night for only 12 minutes, and the main speaker did not even need to speak after that.

Donese Mercaldo is one who, even though she had no car for 9 months, found a way to get places and help people anyway. It was told to her that she would be one of those to whom the Lord would say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

Pastor Chiquita Moses was recognized for all that she does as the associate pastor that people never find out about. Pastor Russell Page was recognized as the one to whom God had given the vision of the 7-day revival at 7 different churches that we had been following for the last 3 years.

Ms. Crystal Brown of Miracle Deliverance New Beginnings was thanked for her tireless work at helping to feed the poor, and Mr. Oliver Fitten was also recognized and thanked for all he does for the kingdom.

“When I grow up, I want to be just like Herman.” Was the opening comment about the Bible teacher Herman Parks of Christ Outreach, “He is a model for real humility. People think that saying, ‘O I’m nothing, I’m just a bag of dirt,’ makes them humble, but that is false humility, and false humility does not make us humble; it only makes us false. Herman is the kind of humble man who is just genuinely more interested in what is going on with you, or what you have to say than he is with himself. That is actual humility.”

Pastor Allen Stevens was recognized as being the very first pastor in the WBCA to see the vision. He was thanked for all of the things he does for people and the kingdom that no one will ever know.

Pastor Donnie Webb was recognized for his tireless work helping, not just his own, but many other churches as well.

The Reverend James Mays was recognized as someone who does whatever it takes for the Kingdom. About James, it was said that Christ could be seen shining from him.

Chris Patman was recognized for never being recognized for his love and enthusiasm where ever he goes, especially in the music he plays for the Lord.

Pastor Carol Patman was recognized for seeing the unity vision from the very beginning and supporting it in every way she can find. She continues to feed the community, and clothe them as well. She was thanked also for the fact that she and her people were the only reason that many children had Christmas presents for the past 3 years at least.

The speaker for the alliance acknowledged that there were many others that could not be there that should be recognized as well.



Pastor Carol Patman closed the service out with the benediction and prayer.

Bible Knowledge

By: Mateo Raza

Man, that last revival was intense. It made me wanna get up and move and praise God just reading it. Don’t forget there will be another 7-day revival from 7 April through 13 April, finishing just in time for Pesach.

We begin with the answers to the January Questions:

More Runners

- 1: David. I Sam 17:48-49
- 2: Gehazi. II King 4:25-26
- 3: Zaccheus. Luke 19:4
- 4: Abraham. Gen 18:1-2
- 5: Joab. II Sam 18:1-2
- 6: They that wait upon the Lord. Is 40:31
- 7: Elisha. I King 19:19-21
- 8: Adonijah. I King 1:5
- 9: Samson’s. Judg 13:10
- 10: Aaron. Num 16:46-48
- 11: Miryam (Mary) the mother of James & Joses, and Miryam (Mary) of Magdala (Magdalene) Mat 27:56, 28:8

Notable Women & Some Less Notable

- 1: Deborah Judg 4-5
- 2: Anna. Luke 2:36-38

3: Abigail. I Sam 25:18-20, 37

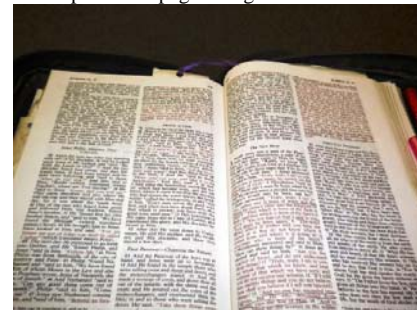
4: Elizabeth. Like 1

5: Huldah. II King 22: 14-20

Now for the February questions:

More (or less) Notable Women

1: What scheming princess of the Sidonians married and manipulated the weak King Ahab and imposed her pagan religion on Israel?



2: What Israelite woman helped the people of Israel by driving a tent stake through the head of Sisera, the commander of the Canaanite army?

3: What is the Persian name of the Jewish girl who married a Persian emperor and saved her people from extermination?

4: What two sisters lived at Bethany had a brother names El’azar (Lazarus) and were close friends of Jesus?

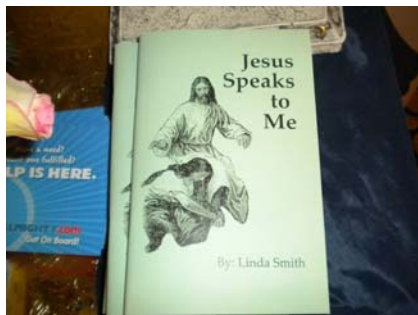
5: What Old Testament prophetess was the sister of two great leaders and was afflicted with leprosy for being rebellious?



6: What harlot became a heroine by saving the lives of Joshua’s spies, and was so honored in later days that she is listed in the genealogy of Jesus?

7: What loving woman, a concubine of Saul, watched over the corpses of her slaughtered children, protecting them from birds and animals?

8: Though her profession was condemned by an official decree of King Saul, the king disguised himself in order to get help from her. Who was she?



9: What Persian queen upset the king and his guests by refusing to appear before them at their drunken banquet?

10: What dancer so enchanted a drunken Herod Antipas, that he offered her anything she wished?

11: Even though the Bible does not tell us her name, the writings of the Roman historian Flavius Josephus do. What was her name? (bonus question).

12: Who was turned into a pillar of salt?

Not all knowledge of the things of God comes from the Bible. Some may be obtained from other reliable sources such as the writings of people like Josephus, Tacitus, Pliny the Elder and the like. One must be careful not to believe everything written, however, only those things that are verified by the word of God and other contemporaries of those old authors. For instance, the "Gnostics" wrote many false gospels and placed their own doctrines therein, giving the names of some of the disciples (e.g. The so-called gospels of Judas, Bartholomew and Mary Magdalene). Enjoy,
Love in Christ
Matt