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### Flustrated Fisherman

By: Richard Dean

"I had two kids and a car," said Meshelle Floyd, "I lost the car and had to start all over. I said,



Meshelle Floyd

'God, if you get me out of this, I go wherever you want me to and say whatever you want me to.' Never make a deal with God if (see pg 3)

### Servants Planning

By: R. D. Hempton

The people from various churches gather quarterly to make plans. It is not all pastors, but



Tony Bertsch, his little guy, Dillon Hardgree, and Charles Upton

it is all servants of the Living God. On 13 June 2015 this happened at Anointed (see pg 3)

### Grin and Bear It

By: Dillon Hardgree

Once again the Larr Bear pulled it off – another great coffee house at 62 Pearl Industrial in



Tray Gooch, the young Christian Performer

Hoschton on 13 June 2015. Pastor Larry Percifield has been doing Christian (see pg 4)

### Pastors Married

By: Donese Mercaldo

Pastor Patsy is to marry Pastor Johnny. The bridal shower is scheduled for 1 August 2015



Pastor Patsy & Pastor Johnny (my birthday) at Anointed Hands (see pg 5)

### Don't Sign For It

By: Richard Dean

"Satan may knock, but you don't have to be home to him," began the minister Charles



The Minister Charles Champion at the **Saturday Night Alive** service held at Victory Deliverance Center each month. "Fedex and UPS can deliver a certified letter to you, but it comes through a person, not through the walls. If you don't want it, you just don't sign for it. When Satan sends you (see pg 5)

### Wisdom Missed

By: R. D. Hempton

The April 7-day revival had so many great things that would not fit in May or June that



Roy Guzman of Aliento de Vida

they are presented in July. "Do you hear that?" asked Roy Guzman said to the congregation at War Hill South after he stood in silence for a few seconds. (see pg 6)

### Pastor Anniversary

By: Missy Iler

Sitting at 223 Georgia Avenue is a small church building that houses Victory Deliverance



Pastor Michael Smith opened the service

Center. The size of this building is in no way an indicator of the power and love that resides within those four walls. On 5, 6, and 7 June 2015, this reporter was given the honor of celebrating with Pastors Michael and Brenda Smith their 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary in ministry. This wonderful couple, who have been married for 35 years, have preached the gospel from Georgia Avenue for all 22 years of (see pg 7)

### House of Hope

By: R. D. Hempton

Miss Mary's House of Hope is a faith-based, Bible-based home for helping women get back



Miss Mary Tate

on their feet after they have experienced many losses in their lives. "Some would say," says Miss Mary, "That it's their fault, that they should have a job, that they should do this or that, but I'd like to inform you that not everything is the woman's fault." (see pg 9)

### Deadline

By: R. D. Hempton

Last Month the North Georgia Revival School of Ministry was announced. It is coming quickly



Greg Brockman

and the deadline for enrollment is quickly approaching. The deadline, once (see pg 5)

### Be Angry, Sin Not

By: James Walker

"Be angry, but do not sin (Eph 4:26-7)," began Herman Parks at Christ the King, "Do not let



The Bible teacher Herman Parks

the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.' In 1 Sam 2:12-36, we see that Eli's sons were corrupt and did not know the Lord. 1 Sam 2:17 says, 'Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord, for men abhorred the offering of the Lord.' Eli had wicked sons. The moral of the story is be angry, but sin not. Eli put up with his sons' (see pg 9)

## On Prayer XXX Intercession, the Pain (Part one)

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

Pike's Peak, that majestic mountain, towers 14,110 feet and is one of the foremost tourist attractions in our nation. It was at the top of this incredible mountain peak that Katherine Lee Bates wrote the words to *America the Beautiful*. (She only wrote the words because she used the melody of *God Save the Queen*).

Thousands of people drive to the pinnacle of this mountain every year to enjoy it's panoramic view. Other people – in my opinion of dubious wisdom – climb Pike's peak. You don't have to climb it with ropes, spikes, and those kinds of things. It has been said that it takes about eight hours to climb – and eight weeks to recover from the PAIN.

I found myself thinking one day that I might just try this climb, but I quickly recovered from this momentary imbalance and promised my spasming body that I would never again entertain such an insane thought.

I have a friend, Donell Wimberly, who climbed it with his two kids and several other young children. I do not know what possessed him to do this, but we have arranged several weeks of psychiatric care for him. We also agreed not to tell the local social services that he took his kids. Astoundingly, they still love him and want to stay in his care.

He told me it took them 10 ½ hours instead of eight, because the kids had to stop frequently. He ended up carrying their burdens – the packs, water bottles, lunches, even dolls – most of the way. Serves him right!

They're all bragging about it now. I think it is the lack of oxygen.

Yeshua climbed a mountain once. He loaded our "burdens" on his back – sin, sickness, suffering, despair, rejection – tied them to a cross, and carried them to the top. The mountain was called Golgotha, or Calvary. Several times he staggered under the weight of our burdens, but love drove him on to the top.

Isaiah said our sins and other weaknesses were "laid upon" him. (Is 53:6), and he carried them away. The words "laid upon" are translated from *pawga*, the Hebrew word for intercession. This act of substitution was called intercession because one of the meanings of intercession is "to take the place of another."

That, of course, is what we do in intercessory prayer. Acting on behalf of others, we make requests for them. Yeshua the Messiah allows us to partake of his priestly ministry of intercession. Just as the priests in the Old Testament made intercession for Israel, representing that nation to God through their sacrificial system, we represent the needs of others to the Father through the sacrifice of Christ. The Old Testament system was simply a picture of what God planned all along to do in the New Testament or, as the word means, "new covenant" in Christ.

"You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Therefore it is also contained in the scripture: 'Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on him will by no means be put to shame.' But you are a chosen race, a royal

priesthood, a holy nation, his own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (I Pet 2:5-6,9)

I chose to address the PAIN of intercession because, if we allow the Holy Ghost to help us walk in this ministry to the fullest, it **will**, at times, be spiritually and emotionally painful. We bear one another's weaknesses – not in the sense that Christ did, but we carry them in prayer. Think on these verses:

Rom 15:1-2) We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.

Gal 6:2) Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

I Cor 12:26) And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

Daniel Esterbrook, several years ago, was interceding for 153 children who were being held hostage by terrorists in the Netherlands. As he looked at them through his spiritual eyes, he was in the schoolhouse where they were being held, and he recognized his own two small children with them. He knew his own children were actually asleep in their bedrooms, but his intercessor's role placed him in this identification with them as the Holy Spirit laid upon him an intensity of prayer like none he had ever experienced.

Trembling with indignation, he authoritatively commanded the terrorists to let the children go. Sensing the victory, the time of intercession abruptly ended. He gave it no more thought for the rest of the day.

Later that evening he caught a news report that 3 of the children had been released. His eyes welled with tears. "Jesus," he said out loud, "I didn't ask for 3 children; I asked that they **all** be released. And that was a prayer born of your spirit." He pounded his fist on the table shouting, "And I claim the miracle now!"

The second he hit the table, a newscaster interrupted the report in progress to say that the previous report had been incomplete, and that actually all 153 children had been released earlier that morning.

This is a vivid reminder of how God uses the power of identification to impact the lives of others through intercession.

Now that is *pawga*! Oh, the sweet, sweet pain of intercession.

Our union with Yeshua, who is still touched with the feeling of our infirmities (Heb 4:15), is what makes such identification with the problems and difficulties of others possible.

I Cor 6:17 tells us, "But he who is joined with the Lord is one spirit with him." II Pet 1:4 states that we are "partakers of the divine nature," and that nature includes a heart of great compassion. Jesus was moved with compassion on more than one occasion in the Bible (Mat 9:36-38, Mat 14:14, Mat 15:32) and "poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit" this same love (Rom 5:5). We are to be people of love, filled with the compassion of Christ, living not just for ourselves, but accepting the privilege of extending his love on earth. To do this effectively, we must allow him to love through us, moving us with his compassion.

**Compassion** is derived from two Latin words: **com**, meaning "together," and **pati**, meaning "to suffer." Combined, these two words describe

one who "suffers with" someone in need, or one experiencing pain.

In the aforementioned verses (Mat 9:36-38, Mat 14:14, Mat 15:32), the word **compassion** in the Greek is *Splangkhnid-zom-a-hee*, which means that **deep** compassion, it means to yearn from the gut (*splankh*) with compassion.

Compassion is far more than mere pity, or feeling sorry for someone. It is love in its dynamic phase, love released through action. It is a life of involvement in the struggles of others. The Messiah gave us the fullest expression of active compassion when he went to the cross to remove the suffering brought on humankind through sin. Jesus was not an intercessor just when he prayed, as we have already seen; he **lived** the life of intercession. Yeshua **is** compassion. When he prayed, it was compassion praying.

I recently attended *The Call DC*, a gathering of 400,000 adults and youth (mostly youth) on the Washington Mall in our nation's capital for the purpose of repenting, fasting, and praying for revival in America. Many of us believe that revival is coming to America, and that the youth will play a major role. This is one of the reasons many leaders in America believe this gathering was so crucial. I believe it was one of the most important days in the history of our nation.

At one point in the day, as I was in a time of extreme repentance for the sins of my generation against the younger generation, I began to feel the deep pain of the Holy Ghost regarding these sins. As I repented over abortion, abandonment, abuse, sexual impurity, and addiction, all things we have done to or passed on to their generation, I thought at one point my heart was going to break. Even as I write this I am beginning to feel the grief again. I sobbed from so deep within, my stomach was heaving. I was feeling their pain, the Father's broken heart, and my generation's shame. It was nearly unbearable. I was physically and emotionally undone.

This was the pain of intercession. The burden I felt was being "laid upon me" by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of intercession. Mercifully it lifted after a short season, though I still carry it to a lesser degree.

## Almighty God Refuses Access

By: Mickey McConnell



Mickey McConnell

Affluent churches should help more needy churches. Are they not our brethren? The more needy churches, if helped in this way, must handle whatever assistance received responsibly. The idea of "checks and balances" is a Holy Bible concept. We must be accountable to each other. Notice the words of I Pet 5:5, "Likewise you younger submit yourselves to the elder. Yes, all of you be

subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resists the proud, and gives grace to humble." While there are various levels of authority that must be respected, the Holy Spirit is letting us know that, as brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all responsible for being kind and considerate to each other. Notice the text said, "all of you." No Christian has the right or privilege to mistreat any of the brethren. No Christian is of greater value than any other Christian. This is the way it is in the kingdom of Almighty God. The Almighty's kingdom is vastly different than the secular world. We are forbidden to behave in the kingdom of Almighty God the way people behave in the secular world. I have to tell you though, that I see secular behavior in the church everywhere I go. We need to be aware that we will give an account on the judgment day concerning how we treat our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we need to be much more sober and thoughtful concerning this concept.

All nations, tribes, ethnic groups, etc are precious in the sight of our great and glorious God, and we dishonor him when we have partiality. There is no excuse for any of these types of divisions. The kingdom of Almighty God is all about team mentality. I want to address one more thing in this chapter. It may be that this should be presented in a different chapter, but I am going to go ahead and address it here. Leadership in the Kingdom of Almighty God plays a large role in sectarian mentality. You take a leader that is otherwise brilliant, but sectarian, and he will shoot down the work of the kingdom in ways that he does not even realize. Some people have the gift of leadership and some people just naturally follow them. It is an amazing phenomenon. Sadly, many spiritual leaders are not very spiritual. Many of them are out to make a name for themselves. There is nothing wrong with having nice buildings, but when there is greater emphasis on buildings than there is on souls and discipleship, then there is no way you can have the proper kind of unity, because there is an improper priority of goals. There will likely be some who have the proper goals of souls and discipleship, but they have to continually do battle with the leader, who wants to build monuments.

Some of these leaders are afraid to use their talented leaders in their work, because of fear and jealousy. Leaders like this do not have enough humility, strength, and fortitude to maximize the church's potential. These leaders may seem to accomplish a lot, but failing to use all parts of the body at their disposal will result in smaller success than is possible. They will greatly limit what they could have been, and as the scripture informs us, to whom much is given, much is required. The wise, humble, strong leader will take advantage of other talented leaders around them. The work will soar above the heights of the clouds under this kind of leadership. These are not concerned with who gets the credit, for they are truly kingdom men. These leaders are not worried about the accolades of men, but they are interested in a heavenly reward. They are laying up treasure in the heavens, where moth and rust do not corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal. They understand that pride and a lifted up heart displeases Almighty God, and certainly not defeat the enemy of our souls.

## Frustrated Fishermen

(From pg 1)

you are not prepared to carry it out. Within 15 minutes he answered that prayer. God speaks in a still small voice, but for me, he had to get my



Lynn Adams opened with prayer



Jana Bragg on the keyboard, Cindy Hutchins, and Leah, Jana's grand daughter did the worship music.



Women in worship



attention. Are you a frustrated fisherman? (flustered + frustrated = frustrated).

"John 21:1-3, The disciples all went fishing, and all night long caught nothing. We want it our way, but God will do it his way. But we like to tell him anyway. This was after the death of Jesus; the disciples were overwhelmed. They did not know what to do. They were frustrated. Jesus did not act like most thought he should. He loved the unlovable – the harlots, the drug addicts, those not politically correct. The rabbis and priests did not act that way. We get to thinking we have it all figured out. We are gonna go to church, marry a preacher, build a church, that kind of thing. God will not be working the way we think. Jesus would get into a boat and preach, not doing things the way people thought he should. This has not changed about him. He did not ride a horse or in a carriage. He chose fishermen and a tax collector. Your family will not always approve of the way you do things. They may try to talk you out of it. You may deal with the homeless. You may start a Saturday women's church service. Pray for them and move on.

"Jesus said the kingdom of God is at hand and they did not understand him. For 3 ½ years they followed him, and all of a sudden he was arrested. What would you do if everything you had invested in was gone? They thought, "Why don't you say something? My family is watching." They felt like failures. The whole world came down around them. They locked themselves in a house on the outskirts of town and hid out, and on the third day he showed up when Thomas was not there. Then (see pg 4)

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## Servants Planning (from pg 1)

Hands Ministry and Healing Center in Hoschton. Those present reviewed what has already been done and what has already been planned.



Herman Parks, Mary Tate, Jewell Leige

Three new ministries were introduced, Unity on a Mission, Ms. Mary's House of Hope, and North Georgia Revival School of Ministry.



Doc O'Neal and the folks

"It's not a half-way house," said Mary Tate, speaking of Ms. Mary's, "It's a women's transition house in Walton County. God has kept us floating until last month. The house is privately funded with no help from the state. When I get up in the morning, the devil says, "I gotta get out of here, she's up." It is a transitional house. Butterflies come from a transition. We need food and money too. Many of the girls can't get food stamps." The prophet Charles Upton prophesied over Mary.

The people present also discussed the direct

(door-to-door) outreach program that is done the last Saturday of each month. It was decided to continue the servants planning on the following Saturday at the informal board meeting.

### Frustrated Fisherman

(from pg 3)

He came back when Thomas was there. "They were doing what they knew; fishing. Peter had been a fisherman longer than he was a disciple. He must've thought. 'Lord, I tried. I don't have the backing, the finances, the ability. I'm going back to what I know. I'm going fishing.' The others decided to go with him. "You think you don't influence anyone, but you do. You may never find out about it this side of eternity, but you do influence people. I know that I set the mood for my household. If momma ain't happy... You go to a prayer dinner and say, 'I don't know why we keep doing this; no one is getting anything from it.' Most of them will chime in with the same sort of comments. But if you say, 'Praise God, I'm so glad I'm here,' you will get a like response. You do influence people.

Peter said he was going fishing, but they caught nothing all night. Now they are even more frustrated, more aggravated. Don't get distracted and leave your post. The provision will not be there. God told Elijah to go to the brook. If he had gone somewhere else, the provision wouldn't have been there.

"Jesus said, 'Children, have you caught anything?'"

Peter thought, 'Who does this man think he's talking to? I'm a fisherman.' Jesus illustrated to them that what they were doing was not working, 'Cast your net on the right side.' They were so frustrated that they did it. It was the same net in the same water, but this time it was full of fish. He did not tell them to get a new net or a new boat. Your form does not matter. Your \$2000.00 rod doesn't matter. None of it matters if you aren't catching anything. You preached a revival, but did anyone get saved? No, but you got more speaking engagements. But did anyone get saved?

"They caught fish because they did it Jesus' way. 'I can't teach VBS, I can't witness to people, it's not my strong suit. It's not by might, nor by power, but by his spirit. It's him, not you. Don't get so busy with church work that you can't get anything accomplished for the kingdom.

"John said, 'It's the Lord,' and Peter had a decision to make; he had to leave the past in the past. He had to let go of the frustration. He had not yet sold his boat. He had not yet completely sold out. That is what we have to do – sell out completely to Jesus.

"Lord I need to see your abundance, your provision. I need to see what your word will produce. Have you caught any fish lately? There's no giving up. Lord, let me do it **your** way. I don't want to be a frustrated fisherman."



Meshelle Floyd

Jana and the girls went back to the front for music and Meshelle began signing and praying over people.



The music



Prayer



Donna Rice closed in prayer.

### Grin Bear it (from pg 1)

coffee houses since 2011, and Larr Bear's is another example of those great coffee houses he does. Pastor Larry opened the service in prayer, and all those that wanted to, ate the fantastic food that is always at Larr Bear's. The first musical performers were the Trammells, followed by personal testimonies. Tray Gooch performed his unique style of Christian music, and the Mitchells sang as well. There was food, fellowship and music all night.



People in the coffee room next to the food



Enjoying the food

"Why should we not give our best testimonies?" Ms. Cathy Bales asked in her testimony. "It's something the devil can never take from you. If you have a testimony, share it. It's why we are here, to love one another and to care for one another."

Following Ms. Cathy, Ms. Mary Tate began her

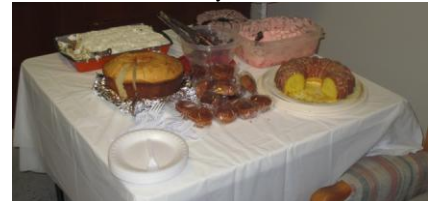
testimony, "If I hadn't moved when God said to move, I wouldn't be here." She shared all about what God has brought her through and where she is now. She also shared about her ministry, Ms. Mary's House of Hope.



People enjoying the coffee house



The Trammells: Stanley, Ron, Reida, Judy, and Wayne



The dessert table



Ms. Cathy's testimony



Ms. Mary's testimony



Tray Gooch sings *He is Risen* After the first testimonies, young Tray Gooch sang his unique style of Christian Music.



Almost everyone likes the music of Tray Gooch.



Ms. Robin sings.



Junior Criswell sings.



Ms. Donese's testimony



Jerry and Shirley Mitchell praise & sing



Herman Parks quoted Eph 4:26



What time was it over?

It was an awesome night of praise and fellowship. The Mitchells, the Trammells, and others sang; many gave testimonies; food was served, and many were prayed for.

### Pastors Married (from pg 1)

at 1500 (3pm). If you are reading this article, please consider it an invitation to all the hundreds of people in the Whole Body of Christ Alliance that know and love Pastor Patsy Garrett, especially those who have never met Pastor Johnny. Please bring a covered dish if you can, preferably with food in it.

Pastors Patsy and Johnny are registered at Walmart, Target, and Belk's. The most important thing, however, is to show up.

This is such a rare occasion, for two pastors to be married. Pastor Johnny has been pastor of a church in Scranton, Pennsylvania for years. He and Pastor Patsy met and came to love each other on mission trips to obscure Indian villages in Alaska over the last few years. Pastor Johnny

is planning to turn the church over to another pastor in Pennsylvania and come to Georgia.

### Don't Sign for It (from pg 1)

something, don't sign for it.

We can allow these things to prosper, we can sign for them, but God said, 'I didn't send it.'



Pastor Michael Smith, "Aren't you glad you are a son of God?" Pastor Michael opened in prayer, then, "We're gonna do something different, each stand and quote a scripture."



Brother Scruggs quoted Ps 23



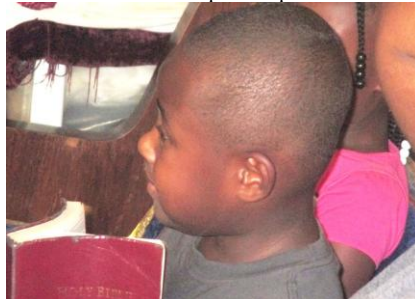
Tyran Phillips quoted John 3:16



Rick Hempton quoted Eph 3:14-21



Herman Parks quoted Eph 4:26



Nicholas (TJ) Phillips quoted I John 4:8

He tells us in Is 54:17. In 54:13 he says, 'All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children.' If God is not the teacher, then... Sometimes the worldly is pretty good, but it will not stand up to God. In 54:14 we are established in righteousness; Jesus is our righteousness. Now you can sign for that certified letter.

"Depression? Don't sign for it. Spirit of fear? Don't sign for it. It makes people do things like kill people. Don't by the lie that you're gonna develop Alzheimer's Disease; don't sign for it. Prov 10:7 says, 'The memory of the (see pg 6)

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*Isaiah 61:1-3*

### Deadline (From pg 1)

again, is 25 July 2015. It is approaching very quickly.

We have all been talking about and waiting for a Bible college that was affordable, nearby, and not so filled with religion, men's traditions, and legalism that people could not actually grow. The certificate program is only \$165.00, the Associates Degree program is \$165.00 to begin the course, and \$80.00 monthly until \$695.00 is paid in full. Next fall a Bachelor's degree is in the works.

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## Don't Sign (from pg 5)

righteous is blessed.' We have **his** thoughts, **his** memory. The word of God will move that thing. We **have** the victory.



Pastor Michael doing the praise & worship



TJ on the drums

"Is 54:15 says, 'Indeed they surely shall assemble, but not because of me. Whoever assembles against you shall fall for your sake.' If Jesus did not say it, don't sign for it. Die for him and he will give you life. Paul said, 'It is not I that live, but Christ who lives in me.' A dead man is not affected by things. Die for him. Be dead to the flesh, to the world. A dead man is not affected; be not affected by the world.

"In Is 54:16, God made the spoiler – not to be like he became – but he made him. In 54:17 weapons will be formed, but will not prosper. Children will act like their daddy. My daddy **was** Satan, but I got a new daddy. He said, 'Every tongue that rises against you in judgment, **you** shall condemn' – God has already condemned it. He says, 'You are my son; get like me.' Tell the devil, 'you're a liar and the truth is not in you.' The Lord says, 'And their righteousness is from me.'"

## Wisdom Missed (from pg 1)

"Silence! In moments of silence, moments like these, God shows us just how loud he is. In moments like these when you are silent, you are focused on your surroundings. You see the people next to you, the walls, the ceiling. You see all the things God put around you, and in those things you can hear the Lord speak. You can stand, or in this case, sit, in awe of things you take for granted. For example, let's take something simple, like a chair. You can look at the chair and wonder, 'How was this designed in a way where it could hold the amount of weight that it holds?' Now apply it to yourself: 'How was I designed in the exact way that I needed to be designed in order for me to fulfill the calling God has placed upon me?'"

"About a week ago when I was asked to come up here and speak, I was asked to speak about how to keep unity in the body of Christ. Well, I thought about it and I almost declined because I had no idea what I was going to say, but I still said that I'd do it. Then two days later, as I sat in silence like this, it came to me. The best way to keep the body of Christ together is in listening to God. Being in this alliance, we have all heard many times how important it is for us

to stay together, and we should, but today God is telling us how to be as united as one body.

"Some of the biggest and most important things ever said in the Bible, and even throughout history, either began or ended with, 'Thus sayeth the Lord.' It could bring correction or it could bring blessings. But either way, it always come with one intent – to bring his people closer to him. Please look in your Bibles and turn to Is 30:21.

"Whether you turn to the right or the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'

"God is saying in this verse that he will guide his people, also known as us, in everything we do keeping unity in the body of Christ. But how will we do this if we are not listening?"

"The reason I started this with silence is because many times we get so caught up in the things around us that we don't hear God speaking. Even when we pray in our minds, we're so busy trying to make sure that we didn't forget to pray about anything, that we don't hear God's response. There is so much noise going on through our lives and minds that instead of focusing on God's voice, we stay caught up in the background noise. There is a great spirit of distraction that the devil has unleashed on the church to prevent us from hearing God, and therefore, preventing us from keeping us from the unity in the body of Christ. Sometimes we need to shut off our phone for awhile, turn off our TV, and listen to the things God is trying to tell us. Then, not only will we keep unity in the body of Christ, but it will lead to more blessings and more direction from God. Amen.



Pastor Patsy at Kingdom Community Worship

"Brother Rick was talking to me about what is needed for unity, how to get there, how to get from point A to point B. You younger folks, what do you want to see in your generation? Ex 13:21 the Lord before the Israelites at night as a pillar of fire. To be able to see what we want to see, we have to be able to do what we have to do – pillar of fire. If you don't have holiness on the outside, it's not on the inside. Because if you have a fire deep in the forest, it's gonna do something. The fire brings about change.

"Unity is U-N-I Ty (tie). We tie that 3-fold cord. Jesus is more than anything. If we have the fire God, then Jesus is working on the inside of us. We will have people running to the altar, calling, 'What must I do to be saved?' We will see a move of God. We have to come together and lay ourselves on that altar and ask God for what he wants us to do, not what we want to do. 'Also, the fire melts. It melts us down, and does not feel good. But as you go through it, all those impurities come to the top. Let's pray tonight, 'God let the fire fall on me.'

"It's time we put some feet on our prayers. Stand strong; **He** is the almighty. It doesn't matter how many holes are in your boat; He walks on water. Stop grumbling and complaining and fight like an army. In Ex 14:13 Moses told the people, 'Stand still and see the

salvation of the Lord, which he will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.' Stand! God will fight for you. Say, 'God, I'm trusting you.' I know this thing: The Whole body of Christ Alliance will go forward. Just stand! God will always have a people, but I wanna be part of that people.

"God lets us know not to pursue our enemy; let him pursue you. He will take us through every time. The whole army marched, all the men, women, babies, all across that sea.

"From V<sub>26-31</sub> God told Moses to stretch his hand out over the sea that the water close over the Egyptians. If we will stand together, the fire consumes us first and let the Lord fight until he says, 'Forward march.' Then the world will be won for Christ. The whole world is not going to be saved, but you can reach **your** world. Where is your world? What has God told **you** to do? Is the fire burning in you as it should be? Has that fire of the Holy Ghost come down and burned out everything that should not be there?"

"First let us get right on the inside. Then second, listen, and when god says move, move right then; do not hesitate. The waters will not move until somebody's feet start moving. Salvation is free, but after that, we are **required** to do things. If we keep sitting back doing nothing, whose children will be burdened? We must make sure we don't miss this."



Gloria Guzman at Jefferson Gospel Tabernacle



"These seven-day revivals we have participated in have been done with the purpose of unifying the body of Christ. Speakers come up and elaborate on the topic of unity, but when I was asked to do that, I realized that, aside from those days I had gone to revival, I hadn't really pondered on unity myself. This led me to recognize that it is very easy to overlook certain things in life. We look at trees, cars, buildings, even at each other, and it seems that throughout our observations, the word *normal* is engraved in our minds. This is the substance of our everyday lives, and we don't give them a second thought because we feel we know them well. Expectations of how they should work or what they should do are impressed upon us from such an early age that our analysis of them ceases. This minimizes the great role they play in our lives, like the way trees transform carbon dioxide into oxygen for us to breathe; or the way cars are a complicated mass of gears that tilt together perfectly and allow us to get from place to place. It is not wrong to minimize like

this, because it can be stressful to examine everything. It is necessary to allow yourself to look at a scenario, an object, or a person with a new perspective.

“There is a problem we have at times: as we interact with one another, we see each other, but we are so focused on our own lives that we don’t give ourselves room to truly think about the individual sitting beside us. It’s almost like we become numb to others, growing so accustomed to being with people that we no longer see them for what they truly are, people very similar to ourselves. All those moments we’ve doubted, felt fearful, or worried, have been moments we were not alone, but accompanied by masses.

“As followers of Christ, we have been walking through life trying to hear God’s voice, and act in a way that is pleasing in his eyes, while the pressures of this world are around us. If we look at each other in this way – not as competitors, but as brothers and sisters who are all in the same fight, then we will be able to be unified.

“Please turn to I John 4:20-21. It says, ‘Whoever claims to love God, yet hates his brother or sister, is a liar. For whoever does not love his brother or sister whom he have seen cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: anyone who loves God must also love his brother and sister.’ The verses refer to each individual as our brother or sister, as I said earlier. This emphasizes the fact that we are all similar, and that we are accepting of one another. This enables us to learn to love one another with God’s love, while being obedient to him.

“Only in this way will we be able to pass the barriers of denominations, race, and other differences that act as dividers, and this because we will be focusing on our similarities. I , therefore, encourage you to look at the people sitting around you, not as strangers, or foreigners, or as members of an outside congregation, but as extension of yourself, a true member of the body of Christ.”

### Pastor Anniversary

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their ministry. Victory Deliverance is also very involved in the WBCA, with Pastor Michael being the president of the alliance.

After all the hugs were done and the hellos were said, Pastor Roger Williams of Love of God Mission opened the service in prayer. Pastor Michael Smith led the worship with enough passion that everyone was standing, singing, and praising the Lord. Linda Williams sang *He Reigns* after Pastor Smith welcomed everyone to the celebration. Pastor Roger Williams read Ps 1:1-6 as encouragement for all the pastors in attendance. He spoke of pastors “who have been through the fire and were still standing.” He also thanked the pastors of Victory Deliverance for never watering down the word of God.



Pastor Dr. O’Neal and Pastor Roger Williams

For those who have never seen the “overflow dance,” it was seen after the offering. Just watching the people of the church praise God for his blessings and love is reason enough to visit this church and our brothers and sisters who attend it.



The offering



The overflow dance

Pastor Smith introduced Pastor Kenneth O’Neal, who delivered the teaching entitled **Praise your way out**. In Acts 16:16-22, Paul and Silas gave the people of Philippi enough reason to beat and arrest them. In Acts 16:25-30, they praised there way out. “Since Satan cannot get God to change his mind,” Said Dr. O’Neal, “He will try to get you to change your mind. He will try to talk you out of your blessings. Never negotiate with the enemy about what God has said to you.”



Pastor Brenda Smith



Dr. Lorrie O’Neal



Prayer over people  
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## Pastor Anniversary

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Prayer over people

Dr. Kenneth then introduced his beautiful wife, Dr. Lorrie O'Neal. She spoke briefly about not allowing our flesh to dictate our actions. The evening finished with both Doctors O'Neal praying over people at the church.

The Pastors' Anniversary celebration took place over three nights, 5, 6, and 7 July. The second night it was announced that, in addition, Pastors Michael and Brenda have been married for 35 years.



Pastor Michael welcomed all and Pastor Roger Williams opened in prayer.



Ms. Tara

Brother Markum Tripp was introduced with some words of encouragement. "Without friends, without brothers – true brothers – we can't make it."



Brother Markum Tripp



Pastor Lowe

Pastor Lowe spoke more words of encouragement, quoting Prov 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens the countenance his friend."

After the offering was collected, Ms. Tara supervised the overflow dance.



Ms. Tara and the boys' overflow dance

Pastor Johnny Williams, the main speaker, was introduced. "The Bible says, that many are called, but few are chosen. Who are those that are chosen? It is those that show up and answer the call. God is not your problem; he is the solution to your problems. It is not God doing things to you; it is the devil. Jesus could come this very evening, so I live that way. Luke 1:37 says, 'With God nothing will be impossible.' Nothing! If you are with God, nothing is impossible. Facts cannot change the truth, but the truth will change the facts. There has never been a time such as we are in. Expect the unexpected. Prepare for the unseen. If you do not have the answers, will you still trust God?"

"In Mat 7:24-27, the sand is the world, the storm is the tests or life, the crises. The problem is not the crisis, but how the house withstands it. I do not have great faith, just a great God. I just believe what he says.

"The Bible says that you will receive power when the Holy Ghost comes upon you. You don't need the Holy Ghost to sit in a pew; you can do that all by yourself. You may sit on the pew and speak in tongues, but what are you doing with it in the market place? Romans 8 says that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is in us. I don't work for God; I've been **deployed** by God. I am here on assignment. Don't get nervous when hell comes around; hell ought to get nervous when **you** come around.

"We see in Acts 4:13, the Jews **knew** that Peter



and John had power. I am not getting stressed out; let hell get stressed out.



Pastor Johnny Williams

"In Mark 10:46, the blind man Bartimaeus shouted for Jesus and every shout was a shout of faith. In V<sub>50</sub> he threw aside his coat. In those days, one had to have permission to beg, to wear the coat. The coat he wore was one a beggar wore. It represented his blindness. He threw aside his garment of blindness. When he did that, he was refusing to be blind anymore.

"Jesus asked him, 'What do you want?' He put no limits on it. 'Your faith has healed you.' That's what faith will do, but you must press your way through. God wants you blessed in every area of your life. Don't leave this life unfulfilled; leave empty, having done what God placed in you to do. When Jesus said, 'It is finished,' he was saying he was empty.

"You have faith. Use it. Do what you could not do before. You believe, so put some action behind it. Faith is what heaven responds to. Faith is the currency of the kingdom. Money is good, but it cannot buy miracles. You can sow a seed, but faith is the currency. You have to be willing to be made to look like a fool if you are going to live for God.

"If you are here tonight and are in need of prayer take a step of faith."



People did come forward for prayer



Pastor Johnny praying



### House of Hope (from pg 1)

Even if these circumstances are the woman's fault, this reporter would like to remind everyone that almost every time any person finds them in a bad situation (there are a few exceptions, but not many), that person put themselves in that situation. So what?

"Ever since Eve sinned in the garden," Ms. Mary says, "men have blamed have blamed women. It may not have been their fault when their husband asked for the divorce; when they were fired from their job, which was their only means to support their family. No it was not their fault. It was not something they could help

because life does not always turn out the way you want it to. We all, at one time or another, have to face hard things, difficult times. This is the assignment God has given to me – to make the lives of these a little better, to offer them a warm place to stay, food on the table, and to help monitor them until they are able to get back on their feet.



Ms. Mary giving her animated testimony at Larr Bear's House of Coffee



In the bush

"We have to ask ourselves, 'What would Jesus do?' For perfect love casts out all fear. I know when I lived in the shelter, I was messed up, and I was not looking for life to deal me a bad hand of cards. Sometimes it just happens. I have been through a divorce, loss of employment, loss of my home, and I felt like it was my fault, but it was not. I thank God for his mercy and grace, which kept me, and there was somebody to love me back to myself. Just remember, you might have ten pairs of shoes; some have none. When you have food on your table and some have none, when you have money in your pocket and some have none, trust and believe God loves us all and he blesses us to share, not to say, 'Well, it's their fault, their problem or their situation, not mine.'" I beg to differ in most cases. It was not something those chose to embark upon.

"I would like to thank each and every one of you churches and businesses for supporting us here at Miss Mary's House of Hope, and for making a difference in the lives of others."

BFN conducted a short interview with Ms. Mary, asking some of the questions that people might want to know the answers to.

**BFN:** Is this a Christian House?

**Mary:** Yes, it's Bible-based.

**BFN:** What does that mean?

**Mary:** The structure and rules are based on the principles found in the Bible.

**BFN:** Can you give an example?

**Mary:** No doing the fruit of the flesh is allowed, no stealing, no fornication, no alcohol or drugs are allowed.

**BFN:** Where does the money to run the house come from, the state?

**Mary:** No, I have to trust God. I don't know one month to the next how it will be covered. The ladies must pay rent if they can. It is a hand up, not a hand out.

#### Our Mission

We offer help for the hurting, hope for the hopeless, and help for the homeless, to teach, to train and to transform from the stage of a caterpillar to a beautiful butterfly.

#### Our Vision

To reach up, to reach out, and to reach in, to become the hand that encourages (see pg 10)

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### Angry, Sin Not (from pg 1)

wicked behavior.

"Pastor Walker showed this principle when he did not take a fellow servant of God to court, but chose to suffer the wrong instead. We are commanded to hate evil, not to hate people. We should not be angry in our response to people. We are to resist evil, to have righteous anger, but not to sin.



Pastor Joseph at beginning of service



Brother Amos reads Prov 11:25

"Sometimes we take a passive position instead of getting angry with the devil.

"Healing is supernatural, not controlled as many Christians believe. Jesus said, 'All power is given unto me.' Now that you have power, 'go ye therefore and teach all nations..."

“What about people who have died or are suffering? It is easy to say, ‘if it is God’s will,’ or roll with the punches. You have to acknowledge God. It is amazing that people fight so hard for the right to be sick. It is God’s will that every person be saved and healed. This truth will make you free even if you have to come to freedom kicking and screaming.



Brother Jeff Cornelius read Eph 6:1-9



Pastor Joseph Essiful-Ansah read Mark 35:4



The offering



Dancing around the offering table



Ms. Theresa Walker standing in prayer



The people in worship



“Jesus died for forgiveness, healing and prosperity. In Mark 3:17-19 Jesus selected the twelve. **He** called them apostles. Today we place people in positions such as this according to religious traditions. We do not do it the way Jesus did. Much of the church today rejects healing. Many will say that God put the sickness on them. This is not the truth. In II Cor 12:7-10, Paul speaks about the ‘thorn in the flesh.’ Probably because the King James uses the word ‘infirmities,’ so many people believe that Paul was describing a sickness placed on him by God. First of all, if we actually read the entire passage, we see that this was **not** a physical illness. Paul describes it as a messenger from Satan, sent to buffet him, lest he be exalted beyond measure. Secondly, God does not place sickness upon us, and even still, a sickness would not humble us. I Pet 5:6 says, ‘Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon him, for he cares for you.’

Paul took pleasure in his ‘infirmities,’ not sickness, but weakness and persecution.”



Herman Parks, the Bible teacher form Christ Outreach Worship Center



Pastor Joseph Essiful-Ansah, “If you bring a child into this world, you must take the responsibility to take care of that child. If you are an adult living at home, it is your responsibility to help pay the bills. You must respect the house rules.”

## House of Hope (from pg 9)

people to change their lives with hope and comfort, and to find peace, and finally to live by faith, to be known by love, and to be a voice of love.

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- We truly care about each client we serve.
- We care about the entire transition process.
- We support each person’s individual journey.

Prov 31:20 –She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.

A benefit concert is in the works for Ms. Mary’s House of Hope on Rosh Hashana (13 September) at the Shield Worship Center in Winder at 1500 (3pm). For any details, contact the Battlefield News.

## Icon of the Bizarre

By: Greg Brockman



Greg Brockman

Some thoughts on Bruce Jenner: First, I’m very sad for this man. It grieves my heart that a man with such talent would so doubt himself and be so insecure in his masculinity that he would succumb to demonic ideas that have lead him to bizarre world.

I do believe though, in a free country, if someone wants to totally wreck their life like this, then they should be free to do so. His personal business is not my business. His personal struggles are not my struggles. Everyone builds a life for themselves. Some build on sinking sand and some build on rock. I will stick to the rock.

What we are seeing is the making of an icon. Bruce is going to become (or has become) for all that is bizarre, for changing one’s sex to maybe becoming both sexes. Instead of having two breasts, why not have four? I mean come on, where is this going to stop?

Many of us are just scratching our heads, wondering, ‘How did we get so far from the truth?’ I will offer some thoughts to address this:

Evolution (Darwinism) has done a great deal of damage the purpose of mankind here on earth. These ideas generated from hypothesis, from random selection and other ‘accidental’ creation scenarios leave us without vision. We have no purpose here if all is random. We have no hope of a future if there is no life eternal, to answer for the life we live if there is no God.

Proverbs 29:18 says, ‘Where there is no vision, the people perish.

In this nation, even for non-Christians throughout our history, the Bible has been a guiding light. The word of God has given parameters that even unbelievers could see as truth. But in the last 50 or so years, with the ‘sexual revolution,’ and the ‘Stonewall riots,’ which began the ‘Gay rights’ movement in 1969, with the women’s rights movement becoming the feminist movement, this nation, this culture, and this people have lost our vision. We are losing direction and losing it fast. It doesn’t take an expert to see that men are con-

tinually made out to be buffoons through TV shows. The masculine male that loves his country, like Chris Kyle for instance, is ridiculed by Hollywood and not even acknowledged as a hero by the current leadership in the Whitehouse. The same Whitehouse leadership, however, lauds Mr. Jenner as a hero, someone to be admired.

What is incredible is the accuracy of God's word. That word 'perish' in Prov 29:18 actually means 'to cast off any restraint and run wild causing one to perish.' (The New King James says, 'Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint.'). That is exactly what is happening in our nation. As we get further from the Bible, as we are told to hush up about the blood of Christ, as we are told that the word of God isn't relevant, we will see more and more of this kind of bizarre behavior. We will not only see it, but we will see it hailed as 'heroic' and 'admirable.'

As the darkness grows and lawlessness abounds, as the forces of opposition grow, **Now** is the time to get loud. **Now** is the time to shout the gospel from the rooftops. **Now** is the time when we make our stand for God, the gospel, and for the truth of God's word.

The true Church of Christ (not the denomination) is rising up with feet like hind's feet, and will not be moved, will not intimidate, will not shade God's word to fit someone's sin. And by life or by death, we will glorify God. So be it.

## You Are Loved

By: Phyllis Hogan



Phyllis Hogan

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world...

You are loved. This is God's resounding message to everyone on this planet. God is love. It is my opinion that receiving and enjoying God's love is a fundamental truth that every soul on earth needs to discover while we are on this planet.

The knowledge of the true and Living God sacrificing his one and only son is the evidence we have of God's love for each of us.

We are blessed in this country with plenty of knowledge about God the Father and Jesus his son that we really take it for granted while there are millions who have never heard the answer to mankind's most basic needs: Jesus our savior and Lord and his great love for all mankind.

When I rededicated my life in February 1988, there was much teaching in the church about the devil and his angels. Yes, we need to know we have an archenemy, which is Satan. We need to know God has given us power and authority over the devil. This is basic knowledge for all believers, but in order to lay a firm foundation for Christian growth, the believer must get the revelation knowledge of God's love. This is paramount. The word says, 'Perfect love casts out fear.' The devil is the author of all fear and lies. We need to be established on the solid rock

That Jesus is the Messiah, the son of the Living God, and then we need to know that he is love. We can look at the cross of Calvary and see how much God loves us.

I went through many struggles in my mind because I really didn't have a firm foundation of the love to build my belief system upon. This is critical! There are many in this world that need to know that God loves them, that he is for real, that he truly is awesome and amazing, and that he loves them as they are.

Do you think that the mental hospitals and the prisons would be so full if all the inmates and patients were taught the good news of the gospel? Loving others (revealing God's love to them) has the power in itself to bring deliverance.

The word says they will know we are Christians by our love. If unbelievers experience the love of God through us —unconditional love, not condemnation, if they know they are loved just as they are, hope will be restored, which will bring peace instead of turmoil.

Almost every day we hear of people killing others, and then turning the gun on themselves. People of God, listen: Jesus really is the answer. I have been through a lot of struggles as a believer because I did not know that God truly loves me with his unconditional love just like I am. People often get an image of the heavenly Father from their own earthly Father. But what if our earthly father is difficult to deal with and always pointing out our faults? What if he is cold and distant, or even abusive?

Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is our responsibility to be God's ambassadors of his love and grace to a lost and dying world.

Now is the time! Yes, we are God's army, and the greatest thing we have to share with others is his love.

God bless you. I believe if we, as believers, walk in God's unconditional love, we will see many come out of darkness into his marvelous light.

## Food & Clothing

### Abba's House

Every Sunday morning at Church of God of Prophecy Winder, 333 Wright Street, food is given to the needy after morning service, which begins at 1100. Call Pastor Debra Williams with questions: (404)960-9515

### Angel's Attic

Every Thursday from 1500 to 1600 (3-4pm) at Braselton Tabernacle of Praise, 2260 Davenport Rd, food is given to the needy. Call Pastor Jon Jackson with questions: (706)658-2668.

### Living Hope

Every Sunday morning at 1100 and Wednesday evening at 1900 (7pm), those who need food and are ready to attend a church service, will be given food afterward. Call Pastor Stevens with questions: (404)996-5047.

### New Harvest

The first Wednesday of each month at New Harvest Ministries, at 176 A West Athens Street in Winder, from 1100 to 1230 food will be given to the needy. For questions, call Pastor B. L. Arnold: (404)513-3538

### War Hill South

One Sunday each month at 1600 (4pm), after attending a sharing of the word of God, those who need food and clothing will receive them. All recipients must be in the building by 1600. They are located at 17 N. Broad Street in Winder.

## Wuddup

### Concert

#### Unity on a Mission

Saturday, 1 August at 1800 (6pm) at Fairview Community Center (Off Hwy 60- Braselton) Look for the signs. Call Joe for directions (404)548-2733.

### Benefit Concert

A benefit concert for the Battlefield News will be held on Saturday 15 August at 1900 (7pm) at War Hill South 17 N. Broad Street in Winder, and Sunday 16 August at 1800 (6pm) at the Shield Worship Center 281 Wright Street in Winder.

### Benefit Concert

A benefit concert will be held for Ms. Mary's House of Hope on 13 September at The Shield Worship Center, at 1500 (3pm). An item of nonperishable food is the price of admission.

## Hypocrites

By: Orville Zellinger

**Note:** This is actually a reprint from January 2014, but it bears repeating and reprinting.

There is an unacknowledged presence that, unfortunately, permeates too many church bodies. Lost and worldly people often refer to this as being "holier than thou." It is this presence that causes those who are not in the body of Christ, almost without exception, to use one word to describe everyone they know who goes to church. That word is "hypocrite." This word is usually best used to describe people who speak one ideal with their lips, yet live in a completely different way.

There is nothing wrong with having a set of ideals that we could never possibly live up to, even though we struggle daily to make it as close as we can out of love for the Lord; it is quite another to espouse this set of ideals, acting as if we walked perfectly in them, and become a totally different person away from church.

Is 29:13 states, "...This people draw near to me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their hearts far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precepts of men."

Make no mistake, many lost people are lost by choice, and label the people of God "hypocrites" as an excuse not to embrace the truth, as a rationalization for not attempting something they see as far too difficult. Be that as it may, however, far too often the label fits. Pastor Kenneth Cooper of Kingdom Community Worship Center refers to the people who fit into this group as "church folks." The term is used to describe people who honor God with their lips inside the sanctuary, but take off their masks when they leave the parking lot.

How many times have we watched a person make an angry face, scream obscenities, or make obscene gestures at us in traffic, and then see the outline of a fish on the back of their car? When a church body is together and the presence that can almost be felt physically is one of never being guilty of sin, of never having been one who has partaken of illegal drugs, gotten drunk, been arrested, or been sexually immoral, one of never having lustful thoughts, condemning or hateful thoughts about others, envious, spiteful, or self-righteous thoughts, then we find ourselves surrounded by the very "church folks" spoken of above.

Far too often in church there is the atmosphere of no-one-has-any-sin. Too often we treat sin as if it were something we did five or ten years ago, but not now. We treat sin as if the only time it happens among God's own is by accident, referring to it as "slipping" or "stumbling" with the connotation that it was never on purpose. This is not the truth. Although, to be sure, there are sins we commit by accident, much of the sin we commit is absolutely on purpose. We rationalize and justify it before the fact. We give in to temptation and rationalize why it will be okay in this particular case. We even treat it this way when we speak to our God. **This is dishonesty.** If we ever want to actually have a relationship with Christ, we have to be deep-down honest here.

The danger of this mindset is that, when there is one among us who is having a problem with sin, a place we **all** on occasion find ourselves, we do not provide an atmosphere of love, compassion and understanding for this person, as Jesus did for sinners. If we are always acting as if we never sin (a lie), we do not allow that one who is in a weak place to be able to ask for help. How can John call Andrew and tell him he needs help with a problem he is having with pornography? How can Martha call Julia and ask her for help with a drug problem? We all need to read our Bibles again, especially Gal 6:1.

It is wonderfully refreshing to be with a body of believers who admit their shortcomings, how they have **recently** "stumbled," and what they need to work on of themselves, instead of expressing disdain for others who "fall short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23), as if they themselves never do. I have experienced the refreshing of congregations like this, but they may be the exception rather than the rule.

In America, and other geographically Christian nations, it is "church folks" that are responsible more than anything else for being the barrier to lost people.

Rather than point **my** finger at "church folks," however, I must do something more effective, and far more tangible. I must address the tiny portion of the body of Christ that I have some control over – namely, me, Zell Zellinger. I do not have any control over "church folks." I must address those things in me that are incongruent with what Jesus wants in me, and encourage (not insist or command) others to do the same. In the process, however, I must not be so introspective that the bulk of my attention is on me, lest Christ not be able to use me at all. This is called balancing.

If we are aware of "church folks," the best way to attack the problem is to attack the problem within ourselves. Let us die to the "church folks" inside ourselves.

James 5:16 reminds us to confess our faults to one another and pray for one another that we might be healed. James is not telling us to go into a confessional or other secluded place with a "Brother, forgive for I have sinned." Instead, we must be open with each other about what we know is wrong with us and those things that we have done recently (even is only in a general way) that we can strive to do better in the future. Be open and painstakingly honest. When we are wrong, we must promptly admit it. We must also be absolutely honest with God in our prayers. Do not avoid the issue with him in prayer. We may **feel** like running away from

him when we are sinful, but instead, we must run **to** him.

Let us not be labeled "hypocrites." If a person is a hypocrite, then there is no better place for them than church. But keep in mind that we cannot truly be hypocrites simply by having an ideal that we are incapable of living up to. I can only be a real hypocrite if I claim, or act as if I am claiming that I **do** live up to the ideal and, **then** hold **your** feet to the fire because you do not.

## Bible Knowledge

By: Mateo Raza

Wow, I read that; did you? I've been a "church folk" or whatever you call it more times than I want to admit.

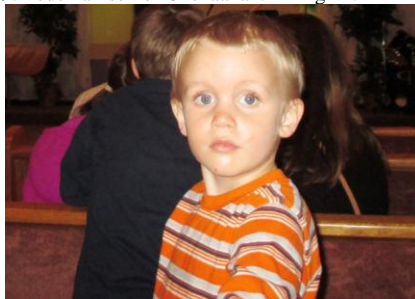
First we need the answers to June:

### A Herd of Prophets

- 1: Habakuk.
- 2: Zephaniah.
- 3: Micaiah son of Imlah.
- 4: Hananiah. Jeremiah 28
- 5: Silas. Acts 15:32

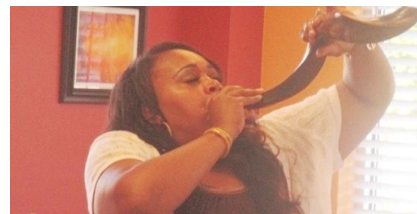


- 6: Haggai.
- 7: Zechariah.
- 8: Aaron. Ex 7:1
- 9: Zedekiah son of Chenaanah. I King 22:11-12



10: Shemaiah. II Chro 12:5-6

11: Bar-Jesus. Acts 13:6-11



12: Noadiah. Neh 6:14

13: Jezebel. Rev 2:20

### Notable Women, and some less notable

- 1: Keturah, 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of Abraham. Gen 25:1,4
- 2: Luke 8:3



And now for the July Questions:

- 1: Who is the only Egyptian queen mentioned in the Bible?
- 2: What daughter of David was raped by her half brother?
- 3: What epistle mention Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord?
- 4: Who was the wife of Haman (Khuh- **monn**, not **Hay-mun**) of Persia?
- 5: Who were the first two women in the Bible to hear that their husband had killed a man?



- 6: Which servant woman of Leah's became the mother of two of the 12 tribes of Israel?
- 7: What were the names of Adam's daughters?
- 8: Whose daughters were the mothers of the Moabites and the Ammonites?
- 9: What priest of Midian had 7 daughters, one of which became the wife of Moses?
- 10: This wife of Moses, what was her name?

Enjoy these questions. See you next month.

Love in Christ,  
Matt

