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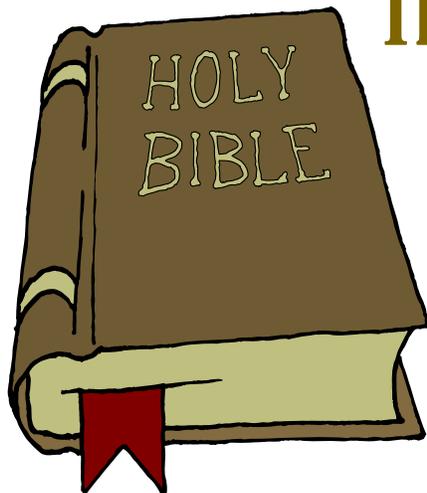
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## Editorial....

# Are You A Graduate Of Bible Training Institute?

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Many students over the years have walked across the stage and received their diploma after just 3 years of study in what we lovingly call BTI, and now they are graduates. How many of them have put their nose to the rock and obtained the learning from this school, that it was designed to give? We don't know the answer to this one. We do know that if they have engaged their mind and opened their heart to the Lord Jesus, something wonderful has taken place inside and their mind is now intrigued to learn God's Word. This school is just the beginning of the learning process that each of us need to enjoy as we begin our journey for God through this sinful world. Satan can't stop the man or woman whose learning has taken place as a result of the Holy Ghost superintending the inner workings of man to the extent that God is trusted and depended upon by that individual. God wants us to learn and be pliable in His hands as He uses us for His glory and the building of His Kingdom. Our job # 1 is to preach the Kingdom and let Him build His Church with the Kingdom Saints as He sees fit. We must still get them saved before they are eligible for His Church as members.

***This know also, that in the last days***

***perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own-***

***selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.***

2 Timothy 3:1-7

We are living in a time when people are always going to school, and in many ways this is good but they are never able to come to the knowledge of the truth it seems. Everyone has their own plan regarding salvation, but we must have His plan in order to survive and go to His Heaven, our plans will fail but His will not.

Let's go to BTI and graduate for the glory of God! I'll see you there. □

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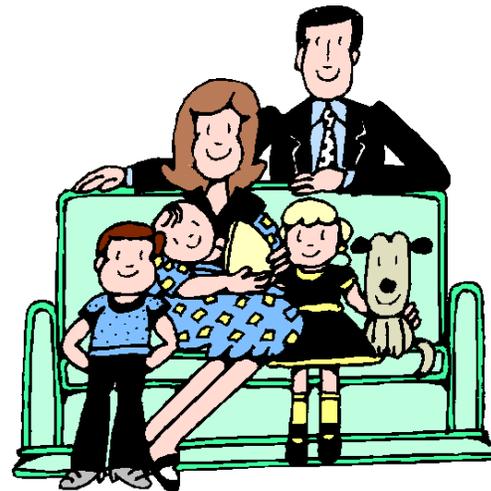
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# “NOT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER”

International Overseer  
John Wilkins



*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.* Hebrews 10:25

The Word of God is clear on the subject of assembling ourselves together in order to provide us with fellowship and love to keep us moving in the right direction. It is evident that we cannot make it far without the love of Jesus and His guiding light to steer us through the dark places of life. His Word helps us to understand that we need each other, and as we gather together, His love radiates one to another in His Kingdom. The National Convention is one of those times that have been set aside for this purpose and it is important that every member, in so much as possible, attend and contribute to it. The other meetings in your region are also important and we should attend them if at all possible. One of Satan's greatest efforts is made to influence members to find reasons for staying home during these special times in order to hamper the services and keep us from having the needed fellowship because there is strength in it. This text verse tells us to come together, not only for the fellowship, but to exhort or warn one another, to preach the Word of warning so much more as we see the day approaching.

Many today do not see the need to spend time together as the day of the Lord is at hand, but choose rather to go off by themselves or spend their time with family and work acquaintances. This is often done to numb down the things of God that are bidding them to take note of the times that we are living in and win souls to the Lord. Our exhortation in this 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Hebrews is to faithfulness in the Lord, not to return to sin because we have access to the full benefits of Christ's blood.

*Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.* Heb 10:19-25

It is because of this that

we are to warn everyone to continue down the paths that God has established for us. Oh, how we used to long for the conventions and assemblies because it was here that we were warned and exhorted to contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints, but now there is much thrown in our way to hinder and hamper our progress as a Christian, but the way has not changed and the paths are still His righteousness. David said, *“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God? When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.”* Psalms 42:1-4

David knew a thirst for his God and journeyed to the House of God to find the fulfillment for his life as he prayed and sought for his God to help him. It is there that we find the Lord has our drink and food waiting for us. This should be the joy found by each of us as we go into the Lord's House for the

refill needed to power us on in this sinful day before the coming of the Lord to take us away. I feel we all need this hunger and thirst in our souls today for the work of the Lord and to keep us spiritually alive. Times are hard now and the enemy is busy with his accusing the brethren and causing doubt in the minds of good people who truly love God and are yet determined to make the run for Jesus with success. Have you been in a truly electrifying Holy Ghost service during the previous month or year? These are necessary today to help us along. I will expect to find this in the National Convention and everywhere the members of the Church gather in His name.

***For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*** Matt 18:20

My goal in this message is to declare to you that there is a feast of fat things going on in God's House, and if we don't go, we might miss something. It is up to each one to make the determination that this is what you want to do; go to the USA National Convention and see for yourself what God will do. I don't want to miss one single session of this great convention and I feel that you really don't either. I hear sometimes people say, "I just can't go this year because the cost is so high" or "I can't go because of school" or some other reason, but then you will learn of some other trip that they made to see loved ones or a quick trip with the family before the summer vacation has ended. We most often do what we desire to do and that is up to us to decide, so I am asking you to decide to go to our convention expecting the blessings of the Lord upon your life. Satan

started working two years ago to prevent this convention from ever being what it should be for our people, but I am claiming it for Jesus Christ today. I am expecting great and wonderful things to happen during this National Convention. You and I could miss our special blessing if we do not attend.

**David's Words; ...When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise,** Ps. 42:4

There is great joy and praise in the House of the Lord during these times and I want to be there for my part in lifting my voice in union with the others and let the enemy know we are together for Jesus Christ. The National Overseers work very hard to have their conventions for the benefit of all of their respective members to rejuvenate and receive the energy for the work of their area. It is their desire for all to attend and be blessed, but of course the end result is up to each individual to prepare and be there on their own. We are going to have a glorious time in the Lord and it will be even better if everyone is there expecting to see the Lord work in our midst.

Let the Church come together to find the will of God, to understand His Words to us and become as One in Him. He wants us to be as One in Him in order to present His Church to the world with unity and love for everyone without partiality or prejudice toward those without. His Church is to be unified in love and doctrine and speak with authority in this wicked world in order to bring peace and order in the midst of chaos.

***And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.*** Luke 24:13-15

As we commune together in this convention, Jesus will draw near and go with us through the things we face and help us to find the unity and love needed to make the Church come alive to those who are in the valley of decision. Some want the old paths; they do not want to turn to the new things being taught today. They are not deceived nor are they ready to forsake all they have heard and learned over the years in The Church of God. Our duty is to give them the stable platform from which to work and find their efforts are not being changed or taken away, but that we are truly the continuation of the Church in the Bible, The Church of God without compromise or change. They had been walking and talking with Jesus after He had arisen from the grave but failed to recognize Him during the walk. Now that He has later revealed Himself to them, they said, "***...Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?***" Luke 24:32

Our coming together is for the purpose of meeting with Jesus for Him to show us His will and speak with us through the power of the Holy Ghost in order for us to, not only have fellowship with one another, but to listen together to His Word for us. We are one with Him in order to be His

people and His Church. The world is counting on us to be leaders to them in order to show His House to them through His Word and by example. These are the reasons for our assembly as we meet for the National Convention of The Church of God in the United States of America. It is not to visit with one another but we get to do that also as the Lord of glory speaks to us through His ministers that He has ordained and anointed to help us. While it is a joyous time, it is also a sincere time of coming closer to the Lord and receiving our instructions and leadership to move on and be all we can be for The Church of God. If you miss this, it will be a bad thing for you and those who do not get to see you and share what He is doing on the fields of labor here in the USA. God has moved all around the world during the National Conventions in the countries of the world and now it is our time for His move. Our National Overseer has worked hard to get his program ready for us, so let us go expecting great things from the Lord. It is with a sincere heart that I challenge each of you to attend for your special blessing from God. I hope to see you there! □

**WELCOME !!**  
 A Welcome to all  
**Bible Training Institute**  
 delegates and  
EVERYONE  
 attending the  
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## Motels Around Walnut Ridge, AR

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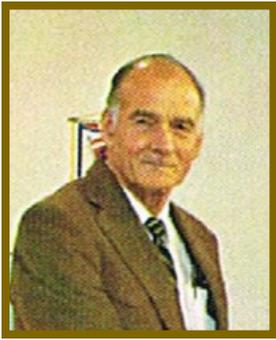
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## Why Should We Come to B.T.I.?

International Director

~Keith Murphy~

I will begin with Exodus 19: 4-8 **Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.**

In Verse 5 "if" it's such a small word, but has severe consequences when ignored. This was God's promise to His soon to be peculiar treasure. All they had to do was follow the Word of God...(simple).

*Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.* I Peter 2:6

We all know that Jesus is the Chief corner stone, and there is only one church in these last days! There was only one church when the church was in the wilderness. When Jesus was with them, in what we know as the Early Church, there was only one. So how do we keep from being confounded? The Word of God is not hid from us, unless you are reading one of Satan's hand books like the NIV. We are our worst enemy, of course we can study Gods Word on our own, but we are The Church of God. Let us worship and learn from one another in one spirit and Bible Training Institute is the best place to do it.

*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.* 1 Peter 2:9-10

These verses reinforce His feelings for His Bride today "if" we will obey His voice and keep His commandments. Why, because we love Him?

Matthew 28: 19-20 *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.* Amen.

I ask you, how can we teach that which we do not know? B.T.I. is the answer.

*And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.* Ephesians 3: 9-12

What is this fellowship of the mystery? Not only is it a scriptural understanding of the Church, but your spiritual being is awakened to a whole new realm of God's Word and we know the word like no other organization on earth. We are His vanguard, his watchmen in the towers; we are the ones that will shout from the hill tops the truth of God's Word when no one else can. How do we accomplish this? Walk in the unity of the faith, and the **knowledge** of the son of God, in other words BTI.

Now let us go back to Moses, he goes up to Mount Sinai, and God gave Moses the written Ten Commandments along with many other laws for his people to abide by and through time it was called the book of Moses. Exodus 20:21, 22, 23.

*And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do. And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up*

***early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.*** Exodus 24:3-4

Moses told the people all that was told him, and wrote it in all the words of the Lord. It is important to note that they had not made “a covenant as yet,” the Lord wants people to know what their getting into, everything was out in the open. The whole book was read; they had a choice not to take part.

***And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.*** Exodus 24: 6-8

They listened with great enthusiasm as Moses sprinkled half of the blood on the altar first, because it was to be used for sacrifice. Then came the book! They listened very carefully for even if they strayed time and time again they did become His people, a peculiar treasure above all people.

***And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD. And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.*** II Kings 23: 1-3

It's important to go back a little to better understand verses 1-3. Jerusalem was in ruin, the temple was completely stripped of all gold, silver, bras, and jewels by the Assyrians. They stripped the floors so that only the wood was left. As they were attempting to rebuild the temple, the high Priest found something amazing! He found The Book of the Law, and the servants found money also that was in the house of the Lord. Do you think God put blinders on the Assyrian's eyes? Now the high Priest was ordered by Josiah to go to the college with the other Priest to see

Huldah the prophetess and she gave her interpretation and God's blessing.

***Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath. And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left. And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying, Go up to Hilkiyah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people: And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house, Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house. Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully. And Hilkiyah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD. And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying, Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us. So Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah,***



*the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her. And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read: Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched. But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard; Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD. Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again. II Kings 22: 1-20*

Once again Saints here is an example of, "Higher Learning BTI".

*And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide. Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the*

*good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. Acts 4: 1-14*

Peter and John were unlearned and ignorant men? They were handpicked by Jesus and their education was by the Head Master Jesus, who taught by "example". When He died on the cross at Calvary they received another teacher, comforter and a reminder of our Lord. He visited them in a time of need, on the day of Pentecost. He is called the Holy Ghost, and we have that same Holy Ghost today. The early Church was blessed and did marvelous miracles because they were of one mind, in one accord, in Christ Jesus. They spent their lives going from Church to Church making sure that all saints speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among them. The Corinthian Church had many problems, but Paul went to them and instructed them in the ways of our Lord, as did all the other Apostles, miles upon miles on foot declaring God's truth. Bible Training Institute (BTI) was in Action!

*In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; Colossians 1: 22-23*

*Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Colossians 1:28 □*



# Am I A Marker?

International Director  
~Nellie Lowe~



Habakkuk 2:2  
***“And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.”***

Church of Prophecy Marker Association  
What is it? What is its purpose. “The purpose of the C.P.M.A. When it was accepted as an auxiliary by the Assembly was for the locating, marking and beautifying and maintaining of prominent places in the world in connection with the Church of God of the Bible. (pg. 63 CPMA Handbook by G. A. Wilson, 1958)

One definition for marker is “something (such as a sign or an object) that shows the location of something.” A marker sparks an interest in a person’s mind. It gives a visual that makes them want to know more or leads them to where they can get more information. Hey! That could be me that has more information!

In the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter, Joshua reminds the people about who they were, where they had been and what God and done for them. He told them in verse 15 “... ***choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which fathers served .... or the gods of the Amorites.***” The people declared that they were ready to serve God. So in verse 22 Joshua declared, “... ***Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the Lord, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.***”

Joshua 24:25-27 ***“And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey. So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.”***

Joshua wanted the people to have a visible reminder. Something that could be seen by all.

I am reminded of another man who set a marker. Genesis 28 gives us the account of Jacob. Jacob was ready to be married but Isaac sent him from Canaan to Paddanaram to take a wife there. On

the journey there Jacob came to a certain place where he spent the night. He took stones for his pillow. And as he slept he dreamed of a ladder that reach from earth to heaven and the angels were going up and down on it.

Genesis 28:13 & 14 ***“And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”***

The Lord went on in the rest of the dream and made many promises to Jacob. Read it and see what they all were, you will understand why in the morning when Jacob rose, he took the stone that was his pillow and set it up as a pillar and anointed it and made it marker. Something important had happened there that had to be marked so as to be a reminder.

We could go on and on throughout Scripture and point out where markers were set up to remind people of what happened in those places. In the same way, we ourselves are to be markers to people. Pointing the way, teaching people of Christ and His Church.

Matthew 28:19-20 ***“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”***

We have a responsibility today to teach people of Christ and His Word, of His promises. That every promise He made He has fulfilled and will continue to fulfill. The Holy Ghost Marker located in Dunn, NC, identifies the spot where people gathered from all walks of life, faith and nationality to seek for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. They received, Him just as the disciples did in the upper room, just as Christ had promised to them they would. When people see these markers, it causes them to ask questions. They want

to know more. It gives each of us the chance to be the witnesses that Christ calls us to be *"...teaching them to observe all things...."*

Jeremiah 50:5 *"They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten."*

They shall ask where Christ's Church is. Are we prepared to give them a biblical answer.

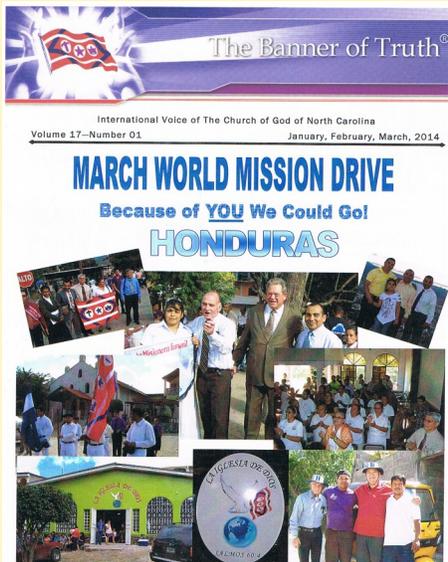
2 Timothy 2:15 *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*

We must be ready to give answers to a people that are seeking. You are a marker, remind people of the truths of God's Word. Tell them of the promises He has given us and of His amazing saving grace and His ability to change men with that love.

**AM I A MARKER?.....** □

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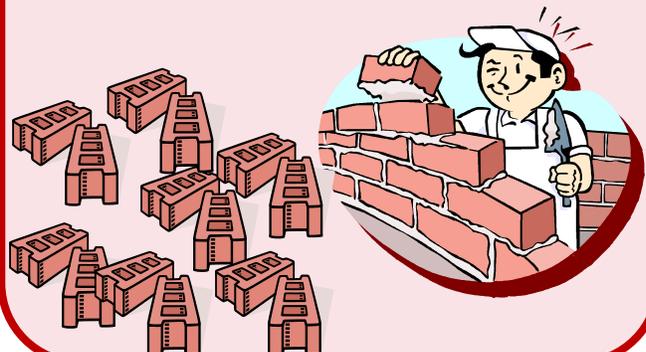
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# *A Special Thanks To ~Jane Moore~*



## **The Standard (Flag) of God's People**

*So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.*

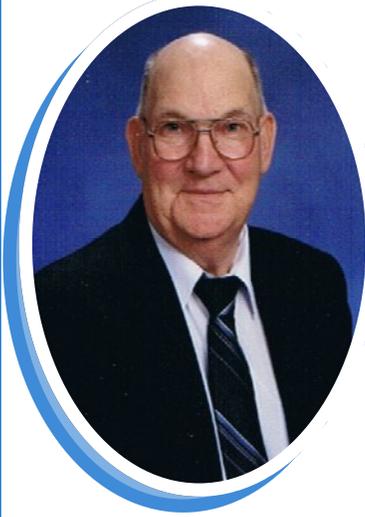
Isaiah 59:19

Many years ago when the enemy of God came in like a flood there was something that God did to reveal the enemy and that was give us a flag. He gave it for identity and purpose to rule us as His chosen and give us an identifying mark to single us out as His People. This was done in 1933 and the Holy Ghost gave the dedication of it after an elaborate program had been fashioned for the purpose of dedicating the flag. The formal program was never done. Soon the flag was officially adopted and represented His Church well everywhere it was flown or otherwise displayed since that Holy Ghost dedication.

In Fields of the Wood, the flag was nailed up on a pine tree as depicted in this beautiful oil painting which has been presented by a dear friend of ours, Mrs. Jane Moore. She and her husband are the pastors of another church that is outside our realm of responsibility and they are wonderful workers for the Lord. I wanted her to paint this picture, but was a little reluctant to ask her, because of this but when I finally did ask, she was very happy to do it. She has painted a picture that I would not ever think of parting with and it hangs at headquarters in the lobby alongside several others important to our history.

The story that goes with this picture is due to the flag that is on the tree. It was standing there on the side of the mountain during an electrical storm with the flag and a small sign on the tree. A bolt of lightning came down out of the sky and struck the tree running down to the top of the flag, splitting the tree open all the way to the top of the flag and then leaving the tree only to return underneath and running the tree trunk into the ground. This strike left the tree open so you could see the blue sky through it above the flag and below the flag but not where the flag was on the tree, this was left unharmed. I have personally observed this tree for years as it continued to live for a long time until finally it rotted out and only a stump remains as part of the original tree. It is called the "WITNESS TREE" and rightly so. God has honored the flag of 1933 and so should we as long as we live. He did this for a reason, so let us remember this event now and forever as we look at this beautiful painting by Sister Moore. She has blessed our office and our members around the world by placing it here. □

## Another Soldier Gets His Reward



Harry D. Elder was born September 20, 1930 and slipped away from this life on June 21, 2014. Bishop Elder had been in the Kindred Hospital, Greensboro, North Carolina where he was in treatment. He had been very sick for some three months while recovering from heart surgery and was never able to return back home. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cathy A. Elder, his children, Ronald Elder, Harry H. Elder, Sonia Huffman, Diana Wilson and Sheila Walters.

He was a member of The Church of God of North Carolina at Dunn, NC. Bishop Elder had served his country as a member of the United States Air Force for 8 years prior to going into the ministry. His ministerial duties had taken him to lots of churches during his ministry and for the last 20 plus years he has been with The Church of God of North Carolina as a State Overseer, Chairman of the Executive Committee and Field Secretary to the International Overseer. He was working at the International Headquarters when he was taken ill. While his duties and responsibilities here were too numerous to mention all of them, those who knew him, will recall that he was always busy for God and His Church. We know that he built churches, parsonages and congregations, worked in youth camps and did whatever he could to promote the Church of God. His love for The Church of God was unquestioned.

The services rendered to The Church of God will not soon be forgotten as Brother Elder prepared for this time for many years. Death did not catch him by surprise. His whole life after salvation was spent preparing for his departure and those things which are eternal in Heaven. His hard work and devotion to God has paid off and now his reward is with him as he enters the joys of the Lord. It was his hope that all of you would join him on the other side, but it is up to each of us to make this same type preparation.

We say goodbye for now, but plans are to see you soon again by the grace of our God. In the meantime we will care for the great Church of God to the best of our ability and means. Our thanks are in order for the life you gave for The Church of God of the Bible. You have left us an example to follow as we get to know the Lord better each day that we serve Him. You have established new meaning to the song, "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All".





## ABM

*International Director*

*Brenda Fowler*

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A couple of months ago, I was listening to Christian radio station and heard the song below. The words were so beautiful and my mind went to the purpose of our Assembly Band Movement auxiliary. We know that our Lord is Omnipresent and does know where His lost sheep are. We also know He uses individuals to accomplish His purpose.

I attempted to find the words of the song. I did not search the Internet but first searched through my small collection of old song books. I went through quite a few and could not locate the song. My mother Ruth Evans was familiar with the tune

and some of the words, but that did not help in knowing all of the song. I finally found the song in one of mother's old song books, which was copyrighted in 1920 by the *Biglow and Main Company and the John Church Company*. (This just confirms in my Spirit that it is the "old paths" we must search out.)

As you read the words, please consider yourself as the band leader or band member going out, searching for the lost sheep of The Church of God. Please do your part, all you can do, to help others. Perhaps they are not totally lost, but have wandered from the Fold, and need to be brought back with the tender Shepherd's staff, guiding them back to the Truth of God's Word and His Righteousness. □

### THE NINETY AND NINE

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(1)

There were ninety and nine that safely lay In the shelter of the fold,  
But one was out on the hills away, Far off from the gates of gold --  
Away on the mountains wild and bare, Away from the tender Shepherd's care,  
Away from the tender Shepherd's care.

(2)

"Lord, Thou hast here Thy ninety and nine; Are they not enough for Thee?"  
But the Shepherd made answer: "This of mine has wandered away from me,  
And although the road be rough and steep, I go to the desert to find my sheep,  
I go to the desert to find my sheep."

(3)

But none of the ransomed ever knew How deep were the waters cross'd;  
Nor how dark was the night that the Lord pass'd thro', Ere He found His sheep that was lost,  
Out in the desert He heard its cry -- Sick and helpless and ready to die,  
Sick and helpless and ready to die.

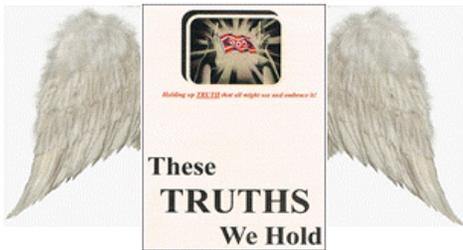
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"Lord, whence are those blood-drops all the way, That mark out the mountain's track?"  
"They were shed for one who had gone astray, Ere the Shepherd could bring him back."  
"Lord, whence are Thy hands so rent and torn? They are pierced tonight by many a thorn."

(5)

But all thro' the mountains, thunder-riven, And up from the rocky steep,  
There arose a glad cry to the gate of heaven, "Behold! I have found my sheep!"  
And the Angels echoed around the throne, "Rejoice! For the Lord brings back His own!"

# WINGS FOR TRACTS PROGRAM REPORT



We were very happy to kick off this program a short time ago and we have had excellent results with it. I thought it would be good to give a brief report on the progress up until now. I want all of us to really get involved with it because it is a way to raise money for our printing work which is under the control of the Publishing Department of the Church.

The cost of printing keeps us from ever being able to make profit from it but it is a necessary thing in order to reach new people around the world. As of today all of our printing is done in English but we hope to change that soon. We have all of BTI in Spanish and a good many of our tracts in Spanish but no way to print them yet due to the lack of a Spanish Translator here at headquarters. God will change this someday soon; I just feel it in my bones.



During the fiscal year of 2013 we raised \$3,6721.10 for the Wings For Tracts Program and in this fiscal year of 2014 we raised only \$600.00. We now have 11 months to go in 2015 so let's see just what we can do. Let's go Church of God; we need to exceed our efforts for 2013 in order to print the Gospel in other languages of the world. The Spanish speaking world is especially waiting on us to produce their literature in their own language.



If you are not boosting this effort in your local church please begin now to boost and have programs about it to keep our efforts alive for this great cause. "WINGS FOR TRACTS" is a program that will probably stay with us for a very long time so let's get behind it and raise the needed money. Thanks to every church that is boosting this and making it go for the glory of God. Let's see if we can raise \$5,000.00 during this fiscal year!

## "WINGS FOR TRACTS"



# We Thank God for our New Church Building!

~Judy Taylor~  
Church Reporter  
Hamilton, AL

Two years after purchasing our property, much hard work, unexpected delays, and lots of prayers, we are in our new church building. The church is located at 12024 Hwy 19 Hamilton, Alabama. We want to thank the Walker House Baptist Church for giving us the beautiful oak pews which were made by one of their members. We were also given a piano for our beautiful sanctuary.

On our opening Sunday we were blessed with 16 in attendance. Our dedication is planned for September 7, 2014 the day after the National Convention in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. The week following we will be in revival with Brother John Pultz of Roanoke, Virginia as our evangelist. We thank God for our New Church Building!



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