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But, of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

Editorial....

*International Overseer
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Who can believe that we are in the middle of the second quarter, 2012! With this new quarter comes the changing of the seasons from winter to spring. In the first month of this quarter, we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank God because He lives.

John 14:19b ...*because I live, ye shall live also.*

Now, we anxiously await His second coming whereby we will meet Him in the air and so shall we ever be with Him. Are you ready and looking for His coming? All the signs point to His glorious return. What an exciting time in which to be living! The shaking time spoken about by the prophet Ezekiel is now taking place. The victory will not come because we are the greatest in number, but because of His Spirit working mightily in and through and all around us as His covenant people. Oh, we have great things to look forward to as The Church of God.

The scripture teaches us to give honor to whom honor is due. The second month of the quarter, May, we celebrated Mother's Day. What an honor to be called a mother. We appreciate our mothers all over this world and trust that you all had a wonderful day of celebration.

Our final month of the quarter, June, we will celebrate two occasions: 1) The Arise, Shine of The Church of God this side of the dark ages on June 13, and 2) A time to honor our fathers on the 17th of June. Let us remember our heritage by reflecting back on where God has brought us from. Let us take example from our forefathers who crawled on their faces before God in humility to find and do His will for His church. Let us boldly lift up the ensign that was given to be displayed because of the truth. Finally, let us honor our fathers on their day.

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"THOU HAST GIVEN A BANNER"



"Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee: that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah (Psa. 60:4).

This marks the seventy-ninth anniversary of our Church flag which was presented to the Assembly in 1933. It was in the mind of the General Overseer to have a more formal dedicatory service, upon the acceptance of the flag by that Assembly, but the Holy Ghost interrupted his plans, and took over the dedication of the flag in His own unique way. Many eyewitnesses of this event are still among us whose testimonies convey the thrill and excitement they experienced upon this memorable occasion.

As we display this flag we are reminded of our sacred obligation to be faithful to all it signifies. It represents to us what Jesus Christ came to this earth to bring. In its colors of red, white, blue and purple we sense His sanctifying blood, His purity, His truth and His kingship. To us this banner represents Him, and as we display it we are asserting our intention to allow Him the preeminence in His Church which He deserves.

June 13 has been designated by the Assembly as Church of God Flag Day. As we display the Church flag on this day, on this seventy-ninth anniversary year, its significance should be more meaningful than ever as we approach the culmination of Christ's purpose for coming to this earth nearly two thousand years ago.

A COURAGEOUS SPIRIT



M. A. TOMLINSON

Not a Time for Cowardice or Timidity Lift Up a Standard for the People

What was it in Christopher Columbus which, when the sailors under his command were at the point of mutiny, in their insistence on turning back while sailing toward a new land, that caused that brave man to cry, "Sail on! Sail on!"? Was it not a vision instilled within him by God, of a purpose whose time had come?

At an earlier point in history when the Israelites had been led out of Egyptian bondage, only to see the Egyptian army bearing down upon them as they camped by the Red Sea, what made the difference between the people and their leader?

They cried out to Moses in fear, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? . . . For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness" (Exodus 14:11, 12). While they were paralyzed by fear Moses simply said to them: "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to day" (v. 13). What was it that provided Moses with this kind of courage?

Then later when ten of the twelve spies sent by Moses returned from Canaan to give a very negative report on Israel's chances for victory, what was it that caused Caleb to say, "Let us go up at once and possess it [the land]; for we are well able to overcome it" (Numbers 13:30)? The difference was that Caleb "had another spirit with him" (14:24).

Was it not a similar spirit of courage that A. J. Tomlinson manifested on November 4, 1922 when in his annual address he called for an abrogation of the constitution adopted earlier, which he saw as a departure from theocracy. He recognized that the stand he was taking that day might well cost him his position within the Church; yet, he felt

he must follow this course to save the Church from ruin. He saw that Satan had momentarily gained an advantage through the Assembly's acceptance of this instrument called a constitution and he stood forth boldly against it. Such decisions are not easy to make, and a person of lesser courage would no doubt have sought a means of accommodation and compromise.

Right now, we are faced by the same enemy who throughout history has threatened and has sought to intimidate the people of God. That same courageous spirit that has resisted and overcome him in the past is much in demand at this time. Timidity and cowardice must be given no place in God's Church. Such attitudes lead one to seek the approval of man, rather than to stand boldly for what is right, and we may be sure they are not authored by God.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). Our courage stems from the assurance we have that this battle in which we are engaged belongs to the Lord. His omnipotence pre-ludes any possibility for defeat. It will not be difficult to maintain a courageous spirit as long as we keep a proper concept of God and a sound relationship with Him.

It seems sad to see men who have been called and chosen by God to serve with Him in this ongoing struggle for the right, to cave in to the desire for popular approval and thus betray the confidence God placed in them. Such was the case with the first king of Israel, Saul. His testimony to Samuel was, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice" (1 Samuel 15:24).

While Saul was made an example for succeeding generations to read about, he was by no

means the only one who failed God in this way. Many in this generation received a genuine experience with the Lord and responded to the Divine call to forsake all and follow Him. For a while they did run well, but then they began to follow afar off, and the voice of the people became easier to hear than the voice of God. And they became molded by the voices to which they were listening.

This world is in need of change. Were this not true God would not have taken the steps He did in sending Jesus on a redemptive mission into the world, a mission which required the shedding of His own blood. Neither would Jesus have commissioned His Church to go to all the world with His life-changing message. Many who have responded to the call to become involved in the Great Commission have actually become conformed to the world instead of continuing the pursuit of changing the world. It certainly requires less courage to follow the path of conformity, but where does that leave those who are needing help? Some seem to imagine that they will have more influence upon the world by becoming more like them. This is a tragic mistake! This is an easier route, but it will never secure God's approval, nor will it be effective.

The course of this world and the path of light run in opposite directions. The cry of the Church to the world is "Stop! Repent! Turn around!" Such a message has been scorned in the past and will be the object of ridicule in the future. Those who love the approval of man more than the favor of God will find ways of being less abrasive to the society with which they seek accommodation.

The forerunner of Jesus Christ provides for us a sterling example of courage. He was not a reed shaken with the wind. He stood resolutely against the prevailing norms of his day. While others might have been patronizing to the carnal lusts of King Herod, who had married his brother Philip's wife, John's message to him was, "It is not lawful for thee to have her" (Matthew 14:4).

The Man he introduced came to set things in order, not to secure popular favor. His message consisted of "Ye have heard that it hath been said, ...But I say unto you. . . ." Is it to be supposed that a watered-down message will do more good for this degenerate world than the words He sent us to declare? Such supposition is to cast doubt upon the perfection of God's wisdom. This is sheer folly.

Isaiah's words seem very timely for the Church today: "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people" (Isaiah 62:10). It is time to LIFT UP A STANDARD with a courageous spirit. The truth needs no apologies, and it must be proclaimed with a courage which refuses to be intimidated, even by our contemporaries.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind ". □

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“Search Me, O God”

~ Cathy Jones ~



Psalms 139: 23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Have you ever really stopped to think just how well God knows His people. In the 139th Psalm, David describes just to what degree God knows us. In the very first verse, he states this, “thou hast searched me, and known me.” He goes on to write just how wonderfully mindful God is. He knows when we sit down and when we get up (literally and spiritually). He knows all of our ways. (We do not even recognize **all** of our ways ourselves). He knows and understands every thought that passes through our minds. He knows every word that we speak, what we mean, and why we said it. There’s not even a word “in” our tongues (words not yet spoken) of which He is not aware. His hand is upon our lives, as His servants. Jesus Christ said, **“But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.”** That is awesome. How many parents know the number of hairs on their children’s heads. We cannot go anywhere, do, think, feel or speak anything of which He is not aware. David goes on to say that not for one moment are we out of His sight or presence. How awesome! David said that this

knowledge He has of us, we do not even have ourselves. He was there when each of us were conceived and fashioned each one of us uniquely. His thoughts of us are so many, they cannot be counted, even when we are sleeping, He is mindful. What a Mighty God We Serve! So, if this be the case, why did David pray a prayer, as recorded in verses 23-24, and ask Him to do the following 6 things: 1) Search me, O God, 2) Know my heart, 3) Try me, 4) Know my thoughts, 5) See if there be any wicked way in me and 6) Lead me in the way everlasting? David knew that God already had searched and known him, so he asked these things so that if there was anything in his heart that needed to be changed, God would reveal it to him so that he could do something about it. He was described as “a man after God’s own heart” (by God Himself)! Acts 13:22 *And when he had removed him(Saul), he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which **shall fulfil all my will.*** Oh, that the body of Christ as a whole would pray that same prayer today. O God, I know that you already know me to the depths that I don’t even know myself, so I pray that you would show me to myself and reveal any thought, action, feeling, or spirit within the depth

of my heart that would in any way displease you. And to take it a step further, is there anything in my life that I regard more important than you? Am I withholding anything from you? Do I love you as much now as the day I got saved or am I going through the motion of service not even realizing the lukewarm state into which I have drifted? Am I taking up my cross daily and following you with everything within me? Is there any anything more that I can do to help **fulfill all your will** concerning this great responsibility you have placed on your church? And finally, are there any sins of omission of which I am not aware? If we all prayed that prayer and then got up from that prayer willing to listen to what He told us and act on it, something great would happen. Could The Church of God as a whole be described today, by God Himself, as a people after His own heart who are striving daily to fulfil **all** His will? I’m reminded of an old song which asks this question, What kind of church would this church be if every member was just like me?

The text came from Old

Testament scripture, but the New Testament, our rule of faith, government, practice and discipline, says the same thing a little differently. II Corinthians 13:5a *Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.* To examine here means to test, scrutinize- look at in detail with careful or critical attention. We **must know** how we stand with God. If we believe in the doctrine of Christ concerning perfection, then do we not need to strive earnestly to get there every day of our lives? It seems as though some people believe that **one** day, poof, we will all become perfect and the trumpet will sound and take us all away without any effort on our part, just be a member of the church. That is simply not the case. The apostle Paul puts it this way in Philippians 3:12-15 *Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: **and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*** Let's take a look at another familiar passage of scripture found in II Chronicles 7:14, *If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their **wicked** ways; then*

will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. What wonderful instructions we are given here to get the attention and favor of God: humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and then turn from any wicked way He reveals to us. The time to do that is **now**. Jesus said in Matthew 24:44 *Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.* The word ready means to be completely prepared. John says in Revelations 19:7 *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.* How? The same way David did.

While preparing this, my mind went to one of the parables of Jesus concerning the end times. It is found in Matthew 25: 1-13 *Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the*

bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Here, Jesus uses a comparison to the Jewish wedding. It was a custom used sometimes among the Jews on that occasion, that the bridegroom came, attended by his friends, late in the night, to the house of the bride, where she waited, expecting him, attended by her bridesmaids. When they saw the bridegroom's approach, they were to go out with lamps in their hands, to light him into the house for the celebrations planned. It is believed by some that on these occasions, there were usually ten virgins. The bridegroom, of course, is Jesus. The virgins are the professors of religion, but here represented as her companions. Their duty was to meet the bridegroom. They were to wait *upon* him when he appeared and in the mean time to wait *for* him. Their main concern was to have lights in their hands, when they attended the bridegroom. We are to shine as lights for Him as we wait for His return. But here, we have five described as wise and five as foolish. Those who are sincere about their walk with God are the wise ones. They are diligent about their preparedness to meet the bridegroom when He comes. On the other hand, the foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them. They had only

enough for the present, to make a show with, but no bottle of oil should the bridegroom tarry. They are for show only and have nothing to sustain them. No provision made for what is to come. In this parable, the bridegroom did tarry but also arrived as they expected - then the cry was made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him. They all arose and trimmed their lamps, but the foolish found themselves with no oil for their lamps which had gone out. They asked the wise to give them some of their provision, but they did not have enough for themselves and the foolish, so they were sent away to buy for themselves. The problem was, when they returned, the door had been shut and they could not enter in. They were told that they were not known, therefore, could not enter in. Jesus went on to say in verse 13, *Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.* When the Lord returns, we all must have made provision for ourselves or else be shut out.

When I moved to North Carolina in mid- January, I was excited because there were bushes in the yard. In fact, almost all the way around the house are bushes and plants - some that bloom. One warm day I went out to look at the bushes to see if they needed trimming or shaping. One of them, from a distance looked good, but with a closer examination, it needed help. The thorny vines had completely overtaken it. It had tall thorns growing right out of the center. When I looked inside the bush, there were dead

branches and strange growths right in the center which were preventing some of the prosperous branches from coming out to fullness. The little blooms were kept pressed down and could not come out. The unproductive parts of that bush greatly hindered its entire productivity. It took a lot of work on the inside of that bush to make it become prosperous and beautiful in it's season.

We may look like a productive bush on the outside, but what is on the inside? Are there unproductive parts of our lives which are hindering us from becoming all that He would have us to be? Do we give our time, our money, and our **all** to the extent that God is fully pleased? Are there hidden talents inside that the Lord needs for us to use for Him to help get

could not get rid of all that stuff inside, neither can we alone. We need to pray and seek God and allow the Holy Ghost to cleanse us with the washing of water by the word. Pray until we can rise up and say "not my will, but thine be done".

Matthew 7: 21-23 *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.* Search me, o God. □



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Report From UT

~ Herman J. Lowe ~



John 13:35 *By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

Are we truly disciples of Jesus Christ? Do we truly love all people? Most of us have had to ask ourselves these types of

questions at one time or another. The church has gone through tremendous change in the past few years. We've made a stand for the Truth, the Truth of God's Word that we made a covenant to uphold and live our lives according to His Word. A part of that is loving as Christ would love. One of our local churches in Utah has chosen to embrace all people, regardless of who they are. They have chosen to assist other church groups in promoting the gospel of Jesus Christ. They know that this can be done in more ways than preaching in their pulpits or teaching in their classes. Herman Lowe, pastor in Magna, Utah has chosen to be of assistance to others in many ways. He has offered his expertise in the building trade to many other churches within the Salt Lake valley. He has put carpet in three different Baptist churches and just within the last few months, he has remodeled some bathrooms and the kitchen of the Church of God of Prophecy. In addition to this, he installed lighting and other things in their auditorium. He does all this at no charge. Bro. Lowe says he cannot charge for doing God's work and using the talents God has given him. In August, Bro. & Sis. Lowe will be going to help with cooking in the Church of God of Prophecy youth camp. They feel that they must show forth God's love in whatever way they can and wherever they can. How can we teach others if we close ourselves off from them? We can choose to be offended or even angry over the changes and disappointments of the past or we can choose to move forward and forgive. The Magna, Utah church has chosen to move forward and forgive while continuing to make a stand on God's Word. May we all learn from them and look for opportunities to serve in our areas. ☐

My Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it...

"Dad"



The Triumphant Entry (Palm Sunday)

~Susan Cox~

Barnhart, MO



Zechariah was a prophet of the Lord our God and the Lord revealed unto Zechariah things which were to come and Zechariah prophesied of the first coming of Christ and His second coming. Just as the other Prophets of the Old Testament did, also. Jesus Christ fulfilled every prophecy from every prophet in the Old Testament concerning His first coming before He ascended to be at the right hand of the Father. And He will also fulfill every prophecy of His second coming. Glory be to His holy name. Jesus is the Word. We can count on the Word coming to pass.

Zechariah 9:9 [9] *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.*

In Matthew the 21st chapter Jesus was coming near to the time that He had told His Apostles about His crucifixion and death on the cross, and then His resurrection was only one week away.

Matthew 21:1-9 [1] *And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,[2] Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. [3] And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.[4] All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,[5] Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.*

Fulfilling prophecy, Christ did not do away with the law, He fulfilled the law. Zechariah 9:9

[6] *And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,[7] And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.*

Christ had a lowly, meek and humble spirit and His true followers will possess this same spirit.

[8] *And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.[9] And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he*

that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

The Thompson Chain Bible said Hosanna is a Hebrew word meaning-Save Now, we Pray. In one of the Bible study books it said that Psalm 118:25-27 was sung at the Feast of Tabernacles.

Psalm 118: 25-27 25] *Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.*

Prosperity, they were looking and praying for a god of fleshly, earthly blessings.

[26] *Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.[27] God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.*

Parts of this Psalm were being used as we read in Matthew 21:9 as they praised the Lord Hosanna: save now-The crowd-The Jews-God's people-Wanted salvation of their flesh from the oppression of Rome and for their fleshly gain. They wanted a saviour, they wanted a King. But they did not want the spiritual salvation or the spirit that Christ possessed and offered to them. They could not accept Christ for

who He really was. And this same crowd, in Verse 8 of Matthew 21 that we just read said, "Great multitude". I have no doubt in my mind that many of this same multitude were part of the crowd just days later that cried: Crucify Him, Crucify Him.

And this same spirit is alive and well today. There are many today all over this land celebrating Palm Sunday and singing praises unto their gods. But their gods are not the one and only True God. Why? Because, they desire a god that appeals to their fleshly desires and earthly needs. They still desire a god of prosperity and wealth of earthly gain; they are not seeking spiritual and heavenly gain.

But everyone wants to believe that the god they serve will make heaven their home. But there is only one true God and He is the only way. He is the way, Hallelujah. But few there be that will accept Jesus Christ for who He is and follow and serve Him and keep His commandments and love Him with their whole heart. Many who have once experienced salvation have turned to strange gods; gods that will allow them to sin. A god that is appealing to their flesh. They would rather serve a god that allows them to sin, and deceive their own selves, for our God is a jealous God and He will have no other Gods before Him. And our God is a Holy God and sin separates us from God and there will be no sin in heaven and yes you must, you must, live a sinless life, a holy consecrated life in this life. How? By the blood of Jesus, The perfect Lamb of God, the perfect

sacrifice without spot or wrinkle. Not in ourselves but by the Grace of God we can receive such Great Salvation- and Holiness by Sanctification.

There are many that once knew Christ, once knew the Love of the Lord, and tasted of heavenly things. Many who once saw the vision of The Church of God. Many that once knew the sin of divorce and remarriage once knew the sin of social drinking and the need to abstain from all alcoholic beverages. Once seen clear the sin in wearing gold and diamonds for ornament. Once praised God for this knowledge of the truth that He had revealed unto them. However, they now have denied the truth and desire another god. A god that they can serve the way they want to serve him. Many even deny ever seeing the good things of the Lord, And again we can hear the cries Crucify Him, Crucify Him.

Hebrews 6: 4-6 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

You must both believe and obey the Word of God or you choose to believe a lie and be damned. There is no in-between; you cannot straddle the fence, no matter how hard you try. You will fall off on the wrong side. And once the light of the Lord

has shined upon your path and you have seen and know the truth, you will be held responsible for living the truth. If God allows you to live in this life to a hundred and four you must live what God has shown you to be true and never turn from it until you draw your last breath. Having done all is only your reasonable service.

What I am trying to say today is that the same as the people who praised Jesus Christ, Crying out Hosanna, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord and a few days later cried out Crucify Him, Crucify Him. That same spirit in people has crucified Him afresh throughout history, up to the day we now live and will continue until Christ returns and does away with sin.

Do you know Jesus Christ today for who He really is? Do you desire to gain more of Him spiritually? Are you willing to serve Him and love Him for who He really is? Not for what you want Him to be? For He is God- Let us stand and praise our Lord and our God and our Saviour with our whole hearts. The altars are open if you want to meet Him in prayer, if not praise Him for Worthy, Worthy, is the LAMB. If you know Him, if you are covered in his blood, then you are worthy to praise His holy name. □



Report From London, KY Gospel Singing

Just wanted to send some pictures I took of the Gospel Singing we had last night. The spirit of the Lord was in the house. We all had such a wonderful time.

The Lord is moving in London, Ky.

**WE GIVE GOD ALL THE
PRAISE AND GLORY!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Evelyn Castle, Reporter



Renovation of Church Basement London, KY

I am sending some pictures of the renovation of the church basement. The basement had black mold just about everywhere. I want you to see what it looks like now and will send pictures of the finished project. I thank God for this church and I know he will provide us with all the materials to finish all the work that needs to be done. Keep us in your prayers.

God Bless you all



“Be Full of the Holy Ghost”

Change the (Your) World

International WMB Director
~Shirley Michael~



Full means covered over, complete, completely filled or stuffed. To whom is the Holy Ghost given? To them who obey Him.

Acts 5:32 *And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.*

The Holy Ghost is a comforter and the Spirit of Truth.

John 14:16-18 *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.*

The Holy Ghost is a power for service so that we can be witnesses for Christ.

Acts 1:8 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

Power means a force, miraculous power, strength, mighty wonderful work, in abundance; be of power, to be able or possible to do or not to do according to the will of God. What could happen if we are not full of the Holy Ghost when we make major decisions concerning our everyday life or those that will affect our family and friends? I will give one example. Eve, the mother of all living, made a decision to do what God told her and her husband, Adam, not to do and changed the whole world.

Genesis 3:1-6 *Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We*

may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

What is the definition of beguiled? To lead astray (mentally), to delude or convince that something false is true.. The religious world is twisting God's word to fit political correctness. If we are full of the Holy Ghost, we will know the truth and have the power to stand for it.

Luke 1:15-17 *For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.*

John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost even from his mother's womb (to make ready a people prepared for the Lord). See how important it is for us to have that Same Spirit.

Another example of one who was full of the Holy

Ghost was Jesus.

Luke 4:1-14 *And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, **It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.** And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.** And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. And Jesus answering said unto him, **It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.** And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season. And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.*

He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. We cannot add to or take from God's word. Jesus' body was weak, but His Spirit was strong. Satan tried to get Jesus to worship him and tried to get Jesus to tempt the Lord God, but Jesus would not adhere to satan. Jesus adhered to God's word. Jesus said, "*It is written*". Jesus is our perfect example to follow. The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are in perfect agreement, all one Spirit.

I seek to be full of the Holy Ghost so that I will be led by the Spirit to do the work of the Spirit and not the work of the flesh. I desire to know the Lord in His Fullness. □



God's Flower

Her love is as strong as the waves that beat against the rocks that lay on the shore of life. Yet her love is as gentle as the flower of the field that waits for the rays of the sun to fall upon her lifted face knowing that a brand-new day will wash away the trial and turmoil of the winds that blew the night before.

She is always there to love and comfort those God has given her with arms of love, as tender as the petals of the flower that grows upon the vine.

Her smile can wash away all the pain and fear in the eyes of the child she holds close to her breast as she wipes the tears from her child's tear-stained face.

She feels the love, pain; and happiness that one feels as they watch their child grow from infancy to adulthood. Still her love grows with each passing day like the beauty of the rose as it opens its petals for all to see.

For even when she is old and gray she will still be as beautiful and loving as the flower that blesses our life with its grace and beauty.

It's as if God placed upon this earth a flower to grow, love and bloom into the most beautiful masterpiece of all living things.

This flower God placed upon this earth is called

A "Mother" —Cherie Schindler

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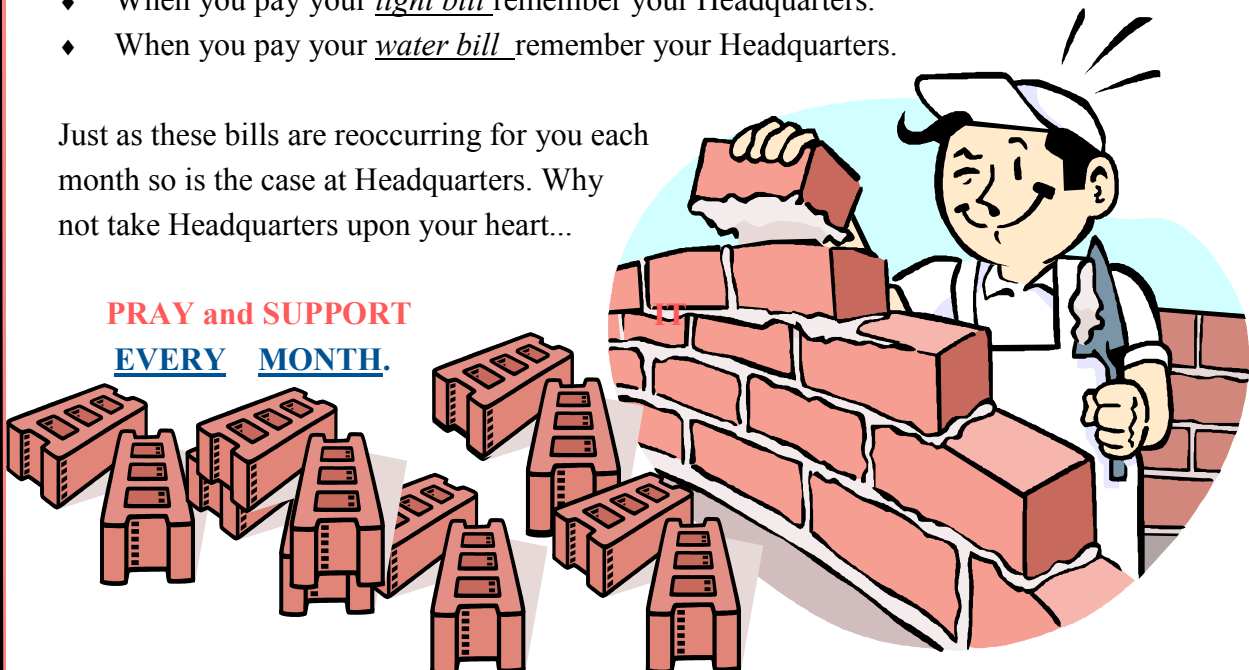
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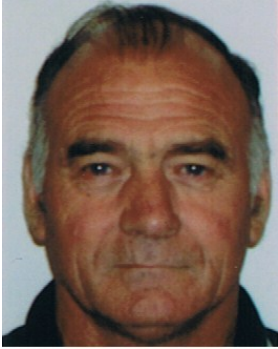
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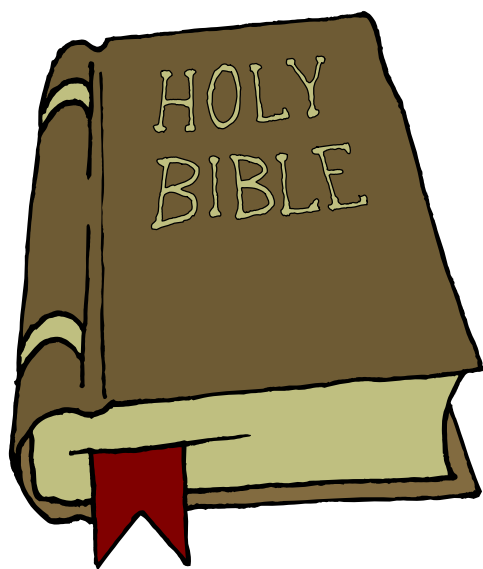
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