



The Banner of Truth®

International Voice of The Church Of God Of North Carolina

Volume 11—Number 01

April, May, June, 2008

Your New Headquarters Building



*310 West Edgerton Street
Dunn, North Carolina 28334*



From the Editor...

~ John Wilkins ~



SPRING INTO ACTION

I was out of county for about ten days, after returning I noticed some changes that had taken place during my time away. The grass had suddenly turned dark green, the lovely Dogwood Trees in front of our office had beautiful flowers and the birds were very busy building their nest. These changes occur most of the time without much attention to them. It reminds me of the changes which are occurring right now concerning our religious freedoms. Hardly anyone notices that the film makers have contributed to our moral decline and most religious leaders acknowledge that churches simply aren't growing unless they adapt the world's idea of praise and worship. Hollywood didn't tell a single bird to prepare their nest or adapt to a new more acceptable style God infused into their brain the "How To" and they followed His advice. Church, it is time to "Spring Into Action" for God and do it His Way. Man's way will definitely build you a bigger following but when the winds of doubt and deception begin to blow there will be no nesting place.

Revelations 6: 15-17 *And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

The comfortable church pews, air conditioned sanctuary and all the rest of the feathers in our nest may soon be removed as the Lord prepares His Church to fly away!



SPRING INTO ACTION NOW!

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

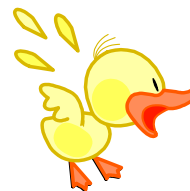
The Banner of Truth ®, official quarterly publication of The Church of God of North Carolina, Inc., owner with International Headquarters at 310 West Edgerton St. Dunn, North Carolina; published by The Banner of Truth Press, P.O. Box 2109 Dunn, NC 28335-2109; John A. Wilkins, Jr., Hillard E. Foster, Sr., Executive Editors; and Elizabeth Wilkins, Managing Editor.

The Banner of Truth is a registered trademark of The Church of God of North Carolina, Inc., All rights reserved. It is mailed by paid subscription and is available FREE by clicking on our web site at: www.thechurchofgodofnc.org It is published by a nonprofit religious corporation and is recognized for tax-deductible giving by the Federal Government.

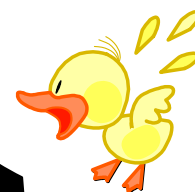
CONTENTS

From the Editor: “Spring Into Action”	2
Contents Page	3
Message: “Faith As A Grain of Mustard Seed” ..	4
Dates to Remember	7
Message From The Past “As in the Days of Noah ”	8
Message: “To know The Person of Christ”	10
Sunday School/ C.P.M.A.	11
Message: “My Dove My Undeified Is But One”. ..	12
“A Mother’s Prayer”	13
News From the Field!	14
Brick Plan	17
Where Our Journey Began	18
<u>New</u> Web Addresses	19
Travel Information	20

Spring



Into



Action!





FAITH AS A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED

International Overseer



*...If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. **Matthew 17:20b***

In the 101st Assembly we exercised faith and purchased our very first real headquarters property suitable for printing, mailing and doing the other work of an International Headquarters. The excitement of this past assembly will live long in our memories but we must not stop there, we must go on to exercise our FAITH based on our belief in His Word. I am sure you have heard the story of the tight wire walker who walked back and forth across the Niagara Falls in a death defying stunt. It illustrates beautifully what this message is about so here it is; **a man was attempting to walk a tight wire over the Niagara Falls, the wire had been stretched and properly installed and tested so now it was time for him to walk it. The crowd was below and thousands were there to see him do this death defying act. The man started to walk the wire and the crowd stood beneath almost breathless as he made it completely**

across the wire. When he reached the other side he asked, "Do you believe that I can push a wheel barrow across this wire?" The crowd roared with excitement and yelled, "Yes, of course you can do it." So they brought him a wheel barrow to the high wire. He then asked, "Who will ride in the wheel barrow as I push it?" The crowd roared with excitement as a buddy of his climbed into the wheel barrow! So he pushed it across again to the other side so then he asked, "Do you believe I can do it again?" The crowd roared below and said, "Yes, we know you can because we have seen you do it already!" Then he looked at the crowd beneath who were full of excitement and asked, "WHO'S NEXT?"

The text implies that just a little FAITH is all that is needed to accomplish great things for God. While the mustard seed is considered to be some of the smallest seed about 1mm in diameter yet from them come very large plants which shelter the birds as found in Mark 4:31-32. *It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth: But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the*

air may lodge under the shadow of it. The lesson from this is the size of our faith doesn't really matter but it is the power of the one we believe in that matters most and from a little faith the size of a mustard seed comes action by FAITH that can and will move mountains of impossibilities if we possess it. We simply must trust the Lord to lead us where no man has gone before as we are challenged each day by the "Institution of Doubt" which was established in the Garden of Eden when Satan told Eve, *...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.*

Genesis 3:1b-5

The question was, **hath God said?** Now the facts were both Eve and the serpent both knew perfectly clear that God had said this but the "Institution of Doubt" was established and up and running. Men continue to ask themselves, did God say this or did God mean this or that and eventually they convince themselves to doubt the validity of the Word of God. Now God said, *And other*

sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. John 10:16

Some have tried to turn this into a national issue and say that the Jews are His sheep and the Gentiles are the “OTHER SHEEP” but someone has not paid attention to the analogy in the Bible of who God’s sheep are, they are the ones who have been bought with the blood of Jesus whether bond or free whether Jew or Gentile. If you are a sheep you are saved by the blood of the Lamb regardless of the nation you are from or the blood in your veins.

We have enjoyed the blessings of our God and we have seen Him save, heal, restore marriages and provide many miracles of finances. The question still is, HATH GOD SAID? The answer is that yes He has spoken the success of His Church in His Word but He did not give us numbers to work with but He told us the gates of Hell will not stop His Church from fulfilling the mission He has been given. Now the question is, “WHO IS NEXT TO GET IN?” The Church is in good shape because He knows all who are His but we don’t, so let’s begin to pull together instead of apart to see the glory of the HOUSE again as He infuses the Church with His power. The Holy Ghost power that only fills the righteous, sanctified ones that make up His Body! He hasn’t lost a single sheep but knows where everyone of them is this very moment. He knows they are scattered to the four winds of the earth. *Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's*

name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. John 10:25-28 Here Jesus was speaking to the Jews and explaining to them that they are not yet sheep because they have not believed and no faith has been exercised by them. This makes the sheep of John chapter 10:16 “OTHER SHEEP” which are not sheep of His Fold but sheep that He must bring into the Fold in order for there to be ONE FOLD, they are however members of the Kingdom because they are sheep already.

Now the “Institution of Doubt” has been embraced by our schools, colleges, seminaries and other biblical institutions and filled ministers with doubt and confusion but it remains God’s Word. The question is do we believe Jesus uttered these words along with the words of John 17? *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.* **John 17:20-21** There is no time for doubt, His Word must be believed and then FAITH must be acted upon to achieve the results one should desire. First we need to be born into the Kingdom of God which cometh not by observation according to the Bible, then we need to come into the Church by covenant according to **Isaiah 62:5** *For as a young man marieth a*

virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

Many are preaching false doctrine and saying that the so called “**Harvest of Souls**” will include millions upon millions while His Word says *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.* Matthew 7:13-15

Jesus made Himself so clear to the disciples until they said, “**Who then can be saved?**” You see it is not a contest to see who can be good and who can be evil but it is rather, who will believe God’s Word and put it into practice, believe it as it is and walk by FAITH and not by sight. Many say today, how many churches do you have? How many members do you have? Well we don’t know the answer to either question because if they are walking in the light as He is in the light and abiding within their covenant and He has not turned them over to a reprobate mind then we are all part of the same Body of Christ. It was the covenant that placed us there regardless of who administered it. The covenant is between us and God and it is witnessed by “these witnesses”, just as when he placed us in the body as it pleased Him. The minister could not add you to the Body of Christ; it was Jesus who did, in much the same fashion as when two people are married.

The minister can't join you together as one flesh; he only says words of the covenant and now days many couples write their own just as many churches write their own. The Church of God Covenant is not a pledge, a pledge is by only one person while a covenant has to be between two or more and it is binding and in the case of the Church Covenant, perpetual (without end). Once you have taken it you will face it in the judgment of God because it is forever. Many are being led away from what the Holy Ghost has said and done in the past which is in line with the Word of God concerning the flag of 1933 and they have turned their back on the flag given by God and dedicated by the Holy Ghost in the Assembly of 1933. God will judge us all and our accounting is to Him but I would not want to be found guilty. The only flag I will ever endorse regardless of what anyone says, is the flag of 1933. This is the one He has shown me and instructed me to cling to in 1988 while I was preaching in Germany. The question is, **HAS GOD SAID?**

We can believe all of our lives and be lost eternally because even the devils believe that He is Lord but our belief must result in FAITH or we are out of the wheelbarrow. While faith is not measured in buildings and other material things it is a direct reflection of our works motivated by faith during our last assembly. In the story about the man pushing the wheelbarrow, FAITH was replaced with excitement and no one was confident that the man could do the task at hand. As the 101st International Assembly met the excitement was high and many

were ready to climb into the wheelbarrow with us as the power of God filled the auditorium. God has not left us and He is still pushing the wheelbarrow along with many who have climbed on board. The roar has died down but the wheelbarrow isn't full yet and we are asking for you to step out by faith and get on board with us in our efforts to build the Kingdom of God and then He will build The Church of God at the same time. He has not left us dangling on the wire but He is pushing the wheelbarrow for it is still His Church. Our efforts are very fragile and fruitless unless they are coupled with God's Plan for His Church. No man alive will mastermind the great Church of God, which has already been done by Jesus Christ who said, "...I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Mt. 16:18b

Presently we are receiving pledges and brick purchases from businessmen and total strangers to our work. One has come in from a businessman in South Carolina. I am asking everyone to pass out some of the "Brick Plan" letters to friends and loved ones and ask God for His help in paying for your headquarters. Faith is not vain HOPE, but a rock solid belief in something that a desired result will be the ultimate outcome by complete trust and unquestioned reliance on that which is unseen to bring it to pass. *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.* Hebrews 11:6

In the case with the wheelbarrow, no one had faith other than

the tight wire walker who was pushing the wheelbarrow. They merely had excitement to watch the man risk his own life but when one puts himself in the wheelbarrow that becomes FAITH. The wire is trusted; the skill of the tight wire walker is trusted and so own down to the wires supporting the poles holding it all together. It was

an act and leap of FAITH when the 101st International Assembly passed the purchase of the International

Headquarters Building and property which is now a reality. It is every single members' responsibility around the world to support as it where their own. It truly is the home of THE CHURCH OF GOD as it was preached and taught from the Fields of the Wood from June 13, 1903 until now. We will only make it by **FAITH!** Our complete trust must be that God is pushing the wheelbarrow, He knows what He is doing and we will all make it if we stay in the vehicle of His design which is none other than THE CHURCH OF GOD of the Bible. James said, *Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.* James 2:18

The Church of God is big business, bigger than any man or group of men can handle and it is time to return to the Lord for His guidance and the power of the Holy Ghost which He left here for us to listen to as our teacher and guide. *For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us,*



what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? I Peter 4:17-18

It is the Lord that is pushing the wheel barrow (Church) now who will ride by FAITH and look to Him to get us safely to the other side?

"FAITH AS A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED" is needed to repair the walls of The Church of God so that every covenant member is back in unity and safe within the FOLD!



Who's Next?

YOUR HEADQUARTERS STAFF APPOLIGIZES

"THE BANNER OF TRUTH"



Your headquarters staff apologizes for our failure to get "THE BANNER OF TRUTH" printed for the last several months.

We have been MOVING (packing, unpacking), painting, building cabinets, getting our computer net working up and running etc. Most of you have been very patient and understanding in this matter. Your subscriptions will be extended for another full year automatically without charge.

Please come and visit your headquarters and see what God is doing. We are looking to the Lord for His help and strength for 2008 in order to publish our paper on time.

Thanks for your understanding, prayers and support.

Your Headquarters Staff

Mark Your Calendar:

SEPTEMBER 11-15, 2008



September 11, 12, 13, 2008

U.S.A. NATIONAL CONVENTION

310 W. Edgerton Street
DUNN, 28334

THEME:

"HOLD FAST TILL I COME"
Revelations 2:25b

Praying

Start

Planning

**And making your plans NOW
To Attend!**

September 14, 15, 2008

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Location:

310 W. Edgerton Street
DUNN, NC 28334

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE VERY MUCH
APPECIATED**



M. A. TOMLINSON

AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

The Earth Was Corrupt and Filled With Violence But God Had A Program

But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24: 37-39

The return of Jesus Christ to this earth is the topic of much discussion in many Christian circles today. There is little doubt that predestined events are moving rapidly toward that wondrous time when the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout.

When Jesus likened the conditions which would be existing in the world at the time of His second coming to those which existed in the days of Noah, He described conditions which we now see existing. In the account provided in the Book of Genesis relative to Noah's day, we read the following: *"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually... The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence."* Genesis 6:5, 11

It seems easy for our minds to be drawn to the terrible conditions that existed both then and now, but while these evils are not to be denied, there was also something good going on, a program of divine origin, both then and now. In those wicked times there was a man who found grace in the eyes of the Lord. The scripture says, *"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."* Hebrews 11:7

Now it is generally accepted that the ark was 8

a type of Christ, Jesus being the sinner's refuge from eternal destruction. While this is true, another analogy is portrayed with the ark being a type of the Church. Both the ark and the Church have their origin in the mind of God, with human participation being required in the completion of each.

To pursue the work for which Noah was especially chosen required great faith on his part. The event of which He was told was something never before heard of. There had never been a flood before and there had never been a mass destruction of humanity. Yet, Noah had faith in God and in God's message.

Likewise, the Church is being prepared for an event which has never occurred previously. She is being prepared as a fold for the righteous, wherein they will be sheltered from the barrage of false doctrines by which many will be deceived. The Church, as the Lamb's wife, is being prepared for presentation to Jesus as a glorious church without spot or wrinkle. This has never occurred before, but those who are involved in this divine program today move forward with the same kind of faith as Noah possessed when he built an ark *to the saving of his house*.

Many People today are declaring a message about Jesus, seeing Him as the ark, and they are urging souls who are lost to flee to Him for safety. But so few have a vision of the Church and of its importance as a place of refuge for saints of God, for those who already have found salvation by turning to Jesus.

The truth is that Jesus did not come to earth just to save the lost; He came also to build His Church, which would provide shelter and safety for those who had been thus redeemed by the blood which He shed at Calvary. These covenanted people are bound together in a fellowship which affords

mutual care for one another.

This Holy Nation, this divine government, has been given laws to be administered for the protection of its citizens. It is not God's will for those whom He has received as His children to roam about unprotected from the roaring lion who goes about seeking whom he may devour. As He built His Church, the Lord provided that in it would be teachers and leaders who would watch for the souls which should be redeemed by His own precious blood.

Left on their own without pastoral care, these who have become new creatures in Christ Jesus are in grave danger of being victimized by Satan who will set out immediately to destroy them. Now the message of the Church and of its importance should be expected to come under attack by the enemy of souls, who despises the protection afforded the sheep of God by the fold He has provided for them.

Yes, Noah's ark may well be likened to the Church, a refuge for the children of God. It may be well to point out that when the wrath of God dictated the destruction of all mankind from the face of the earth, it was the ark which provided safety, bearing Noah and his family above the destroying waters of the Flood. The wickedness of this world today is once more awaiting the judgment and wrath of God. This period during which earth's inhabitants will again experience God's vengeance is referred to as the Great Tribulation. But even as the ark rose above the devastation and suffering caused by the Flood, the Church will be spared the misery of the Great Tribulation, rising above it and being borne to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." While most people tend to compare the wickedness of these two periods when reflecting upon this scripture, it is the purpose of this message to draw attention to the two programs of God which are given prominence in the Scriptures —the ark and the Church.

Neither was the product of man's ingenuity. Both were designed by God. The ark was completed and ready for its purpose right on time, but not without the faithfulness and obedience of Noah. We can only imagine the disdain and scorn this righteous man endured, as he persisted in an endeavor which was so foreign to the thinking of his society. But he knew the Source of his vision.

Likewise God's purpose for His Church which is now under construction will be fulfilled, but not without the faithfulness and obedience of men and women who are dominated by a vision of this to which they have been called and chosen.

Many who have become infatuated with the wonder of Jesus possess little comprehension of God's wonderful plan for this age. God's Word reveals His plans for presenting to Jesus Christ a bride who is spiritually mature. Paul wrote, *"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ"* (Ephesians 4:1) Writing further he said. *"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish"* (Ephesians 5: 25-27).

The idea of a perfect church seems so unattainable in many minds that those who are possessed by this vision often become victims of ridicule, even as must have been the case with Noah. But this does not hinder them from proclaiming this last-days message and laboring toward its fulfillment.

It was Noah's warning from God of *"things not seen as yet"* which caused him to move with fear and build the ark. Faith deals always with *"things not seen as yet,"* and some of the things with which faith deals seem totally unattainable and unreasonable. But God has wondrous things ahead for the end of this age. His children need only to know Who has spoken and what He has said, then to follow His instructions obediently and with great expectations.

Just as the ark was completed in accordance with God's timetable, so will the Church reach her perfection according to God's design. John was allowed to get a glimpse of this and in his revelation penned the following words: *"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"* (Revelation 19:7). This last-days message includes more than a mere infatuation with Jesus; it includes a wonderful plan for the gathering together in one of the children of God and for presenting them perfect to Jesus Christ as His glorious bride.

To Know The Person of Christ

~ David L. Myers ~

Franklinton, North Carolina



From the time of our conversion to our departing of this life, we seek to know more about Christ, His person, His mission and how it relates to our personal walk with Him. This is a lifetime journey and what we accomplish in our quest to know Christ depends on our ability to learn and accept God's Word (Christ in the flesh) and apply it to our being.

John 4:24 *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

John 14:6a *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life:*

Man has had a problem with this since the beginning, (the fleshly man) has always wanted a God that could be touched by hands, and seen with the eye. This always produced PAGAN WORSHIP...

Acts 17:22-31 *Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times*

of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

When man fell from grace there was a wall placed between man and God. This wall of separation had to be rejoined for man and God to have the union that God intended from the beginning.

John 1:14 *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

Because Jesus came in the flesh it helps us (fleshly man) to believe. Still many might say that I haven't seen him, touch him or talked to him. Yet his birth is reason enough for the (fleshly man) to believe. There are thousands today that believe in the birth of Christ because history records it. Yet, they are not saved.

Ask yourself these questions? How many believe that George Washington was our first President? How many of you have seen him, touched him or talked to him? Unless someone is well over 200 years old the answer is a big NO or none. Yet, there is not a one of you that wouldn't stake your life on the existence of George Washington. Yet, you have never touched this man, felt his presence or has he ever revealed his person to you.

BUT NOT SO WITH JESUS CHRIST.....

There has been tens of millions to testify to the saving grace and the physical presence of Jesus Christ in their life.

To help us come to the place of spirit worship, first (fleshly man) must believe in Christ's existence. History records His existence as it does

many others, Alexander the Great, Robert E. Lee, Thomas Jefferson etc. So God placed the link that (fleshly man) needed to help place us in a position to worship a God of spirit. There is no fleshly proof that God exist except for his Son Jesus Christ.

To help build us even stronger in our faith let us examine these scriptures.

Hebrews 4:14-16 *Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of*

grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

John 15:7 *If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

So, how do we know the person of Christ? By allowing him to dwell in us. When Christ dwells in us we can feel His presence! Our human emotions are touched and we know He lives because we live with His person in us confirming His existence.

God gave His Son that we might believe and be saved, to help us worship a spirit God. God thank you for your Son that by Him we might worship You in spirit and truth.

Sunday School

International Sunday School Director

~Eunice Foster~



Theme for 2008:

“Bind us Together Lord”

We are in the middle of Spring all around us life is springing forth. Sunshine flowers and warm spring showers. God is smiling seeming to breath life into existence. Wake up, wake up stir yourself up. Shake off sleep, rise up and begin to build. Time is short just a few more hours left to work, to teach and cast God's Word upon the waters of many lives. Some will stand in judgment while souls cry out you never mentioned Him to me, never invited me to Sunday School, to church. While others will come rejoicing bringing there sheaves with them. Friends lets work while it is day, Using every opportunity God gives us.

C.P.M.A.

I want to say **thanks** to each one who joined the **Church Prophecy Marker Association** last year. Our Assembly was one to be remembered with great joy in the Lord.

I was reappointed as your CPMA International Director for another two years. I count it a blessing to be your leader and to be a part of the CPMA work. I would like to encourage you to help us become 100% this assembly year (each member, each local church). Membership is open to everyone to join with an annual membership fee of \$10.00 (USA). Your membership is still helping with the written vision concerning Christ and His Church.

God has wonderfully blessed us with a new beautiful International Headquarters Building. I stand with amazement at what the Lord has provided for us and encourage you to come and see what the Lord has done.

Remember our goal is to win souls to the Lord and to write the vision that all may see the fellowship of the mystery. Time is growing shorter as we look for the coming of the Lord.

Let's get excited about C.P.M.A., then stand back and watch this flame blaze with God's spirit.

Why not become a member of the CPMA today?

International Director
Harry D. Elder





“My Dove My Undeiled is But One”

~ Harry D. Elder ~
Cool Ridge, West Virginia

There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number. My dove, my undeiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her. Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners? **Song of Solomon 6:8-10**

In the world we find many churches, (congregations with names), and Jesus instructed His deciples to leave them alone. Listen to His own words,

And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us.

*But Jesus said, **Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part.*** **Mark 9:38-40**

It is quite clear that already denominations had their beginning in this passage but they will never fall under the corporate entitlements of our text. This powerful text calls Her “my dove, my undeiled... She is the only one of her mother... She is the choice one...”.

This signifies that She is uniquely owned, She is pure, She is the only one because there can only be one who meets the standard of purity to be the Bride of Christ. Many want to refute this but if we will just preach the Bible with love and compassion the message is still quite clear. His Church will be marked by prophetic fulfillment of the scriptures with an identity hated by the Devil but clear to the true sheep. **Solomon said,** “*Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?*”

When a natural army marches by, their success in battle is marked by the banners they carry for each battle with their flag out front. Nothing holds the highest place of honor but their respective flag representing their nation. The writer is telling us in the text to come under the standard (flag) which represents the Holy Nation of God with one standard for all people—holiness. This flag of 1933, the Banner of Truth is the only one that can represent us as that Holy Nation. We must march together as the same one Jesus purchased with His blood. Why do men always want to change the message to fit their pattern rather than allow their life to be changed to fit His pattern? Jesus has provided the only door and it is through this door we must all come.

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. **John 10:9**

Jesus told His Church they would not be left without help. He sent the Holy Ghost to teach, comfort and guide us. One might ask, “why is there so much division, if this was the plan?” The answer is really quite simple—they want to control and direct. To give Him His place would remove them from theirs because He hasn’t sent many of them.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. **John 14:26**

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. **John 16:13**

If a hunter goes on a great hunt and refuses to hear his guide soon he will become disoriented and eventually lost. The same is true of a Christian who refuses to listen to the Holy Ghost and obey the Truth of God, soon they are disoriented and can not find their way. The most lost, disoriented person in the world is the one who thinks they know better than the Holy Ghost. This is a dangerous, precarious place and will ultimately result in destruction for that soul.

We don’t need a revival of shouting and speaking in tongues; we need a revival of experiencing sanctification as a second definite work of grace and submission to

the Holy Ghost. There was a time when those who believed in the working of the spirit were labeled with all kind of names and they were persecuted for their beliefs. It was not popular to be filled with the spirit and speak in other tongues as the spirit gave the utterance but now all that has turned around at the hand of Satan. Now everyone claims to have the gift of the Holy Ghost while living in sin so deep it has drowned them in self destructive deception. The whoremongers and adulterers do not have the Holy Ghost because He does not come into an unclean, unsanctified house but He comes into one that has been purged by the blood of Jesus and made ready for the infilling of the Holy Ghost. The Word hasn't changed, men have changed the Word to suit themselves but that won't work, He will say, "Depart from me, I never knew you." All this jumping and hollering and emotionalism is not a sign that people have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. While He may have you jump and even yell, you will walk right when you land if you have the real power of the Holy Ghost of God living in you.

What we need is a revival of holiness through the sanctifying blood of Christ and a return to the ONE FOLD Jesus prayed for in John 17:1-26 which is by the way, the only prayer He ever prayed that has gone unanswered as of this writing. Do you feel God has forgotten the prayer of His Son? No, a thousand times no and it will come to pass and there will be only ONE TRUE FOLD in compliance with this prayer. The fact that one doesn't believe it will not stop it from coming to pass because Jesus said it not me.

We need a revival of the real Holy Ghost working through holy men and women in order that the world might believe. This is who will make up His Church in the last day when He comes for His Dove, His undefiled ONE!

A Mother's Prayer



Dear Father who art in
heaven

You give me a glimpse of heaven in those special tender moments of motherhood

**Hollowed be Thy Name, Thy
kingdom come**

Help me as I strive to create a corner of your kingdom right here with harmony in our home.

Thy will be done

Let all I do be an inspiration for my children to follow You.

**Give us this day our daily
bread**

Keep me ever thankful for the warmth that makes each loaf rise and aware of the love that keeps warmth in our home

An for give us our trespasses

Forgive me Lord, For give me children... Through all the years, through all the tears. I'm deeply sorry for the many times I have hurt you... I did not mean to. I'm even sorrier for many times I may not have let you know how much I love you.

As we forgive others

Lifting the love displayed wordlessly by an unselfish act... forgetting the trivial hurts.

Lead us not into temptation

Deliver all that awaits as we venture into the world beyond our fence.

But deliver us from evil

Protect the children so precious while I await their safe return.

For Thine is the kingdom

Make me worthy of it... a better mother more loving and more lovable.

And the power and the glory

The joy of knowing You love, a mother because I am your child...as

I love my children because I am their mother. **Forever**

NEWS FROM THE FIELD!

PHILIPPINE ISLAND



District 1 @ 2 Convention at San Francisco Church Ilagan, Isabela

The District Convention was held on October 26-28, 2007 at Cab 23 San Francisco Ilagan, Isabela. The convention was very successful attended by almost a hundred delegates. The theme was the same with the International Assembly theme. God moved in every lives of the delegates listening to every message that was delivered.



DISTRICT 3 CONVENTION THEME: GODLY MEN WITH VISION FOR A TIME LIKE THIS.

District Overseer Adonis Bautista formally open the convention



**District Overseer
Pastor Roberto Turqueza**



**Ptra. Miranda boosting the
Womens Missionary Band**



**The Victory Leaders Band
future hope of our Church
in The Philippines.**



**The National Field Representative,
Darwin Gaba
Delivering his message of unity.**



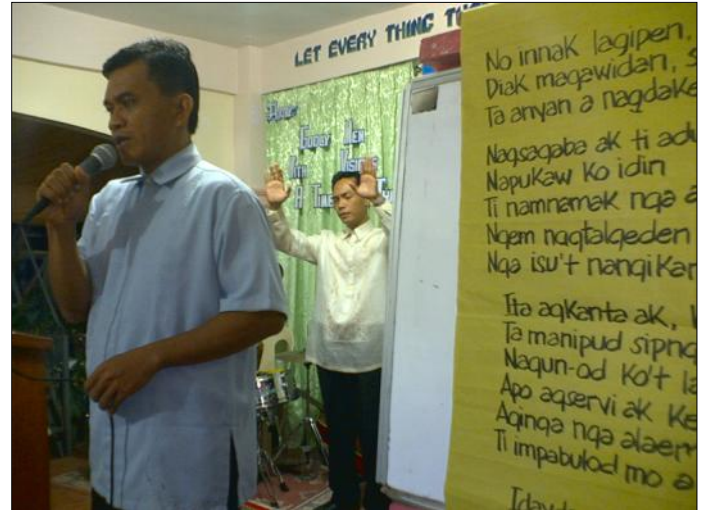
**The delegates in their
worship to our Lord**



**The Children's Ministry headed by
Sis. Namnama Gaba**



**Message and altar call of the
National Field Representative
Darwin Gaba**



**The Children with their teacher
Sis. Namnama Gaba**

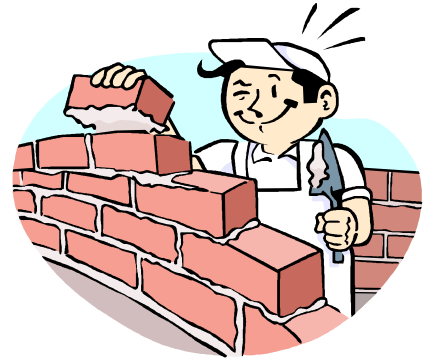
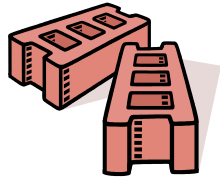
**The delegates filled with the
Holy Ghost Kneeled in prayer**



Two members added to the church during the district convention



Brick Plan



During our 101st Assembly we started selling brick in order to purchase a home for The Church of God, at 310 West Edgerton Street in Dunn, North Carolina for our International Office. The sale of these brick has put your International Office Headquarters into operation from our own world-wide facilities. This is now a marker for The Church of God throughout the world and represents our world-wide membership of the covenant members of the Body of Christ. These facilities will accommodate Bible Training Institute, Ladies Retreat, Men's Retreat and other functions to help us win the lost to Jesus for many years to come.

Here is how it works: Your purchase of a brick from the pile in any amount you feel you would like to put into the plan will help us to pay for your headquarters building and property. The bricks range in price from \$50.00 to \$4,500.00 each and once you have selected one you may pay by check, cash, MasterCard, Visa or stretch the payments over a 12 month period of time so long as you will make regular payments each month. Your payments are to be marked for the brick and mailed to P.O. Box

2109, Dunn, NC 28335-2109. Please feel free to make copies of this flyer and send family and friends and even strangers. If you feel you can't afford \$50.00 over a 12 month period just send a dollar or so per month, it will help.

You will receive your brick (replica) in the mail once you have made your selection from the pile. God is helping us and so can you because we have made this plan so everyone can participate no matter how small your income. The point is for everyone to own a brick in your headquarters as we know you all love and appreciate your International Headquarters. When you complete your plan, you will receive a special certificate and be honored in the next assembly but you must complete it during the first 12 months in order to receive the certificate. Sell some brick to family members, friends and anyone that feels we are doing a worthwhile project! Recently I told someone about it and in a couple of days we received her check and she is not a member and will probably never be one but she owns a brick in the building.



Send Your Purchased Amount

To:

The Church of God of NC

310 W. Edgerton St.
P.O. Box 2115
Dunn, NC 28335

Would You like to Purchase a Brick ?

where Our Journey Began Until Now...

1995 - 2003



2003 - 2007



2007...

Praise the Lord!



HAVE YOU EVER FELT LEFT BEHIND?

Does your children and even your grandchildren know how to operate a COMPUTER but you don't?

Now YOU Can!



Just type in the web-address below and you will have an enjoyable learning experience FREE. Let's learn and use our skills for the Lord.

www.GCFLearnFree.org

THINK ABOUT IT!

This is a story about four people named EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY and NOBODY.

There was an important job to be done and EVERYBODY was sure SOMEBODY would do it. ANYBODY could have done it, but NOBODY did it.

SOMEBODY got angry about that, because, after all, it was EVERYBODY'S job. EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY could do it, but NOBODY realized that ANYBODY wouldn't do it.

It ended up that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY when NOBODY did what ANYBODY could have done.

Download and Print "The Banner of Truth"



www.thechurchofgodofnc.org

Click/Banner of Truth Magazine

NEW ADDRESS'S Phone / Fax / On-Line



Main Office (910) 891-5017

or (910) 891-5010

Fax Line (910) 891-5693

NEW e-mail Addresses

John Wilkins iojaw07@embarqmail.com

Hillard Foster..... hfooster7@aol.com

Harry Elder almonjoy007@suddenlink.net

David Myers lamar62embarqmail.com

Roger Tidwell tpadvant@bscn.com

Dumas Michel dumass007@hotmail.com

Elizabeth Wilkins...

..... managingeditor@embarqmail.com

Have You Visited Our TRAVEL AGENCY web-site?

www.whiteangelfleettravel.com

You can book flights, cruises, lodging, vacations, insurance, flowers, extras and group bookings at competitive prices with the other agencies and it will be a blessing to God's work at the same time. Please check us out before you buy someplace else.

THANKS FOR TRAVELING WITH US!



"THE BANNER OF TRUTH"

P.O. Box 2109

Dunn, NC 28335-2109

POSTAGE

Address Service Requested