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### Bad to the Bone

BY: Richard Dean

Pastor Bernice Collins is a native of Gainesville, Ga. She has been an ordained minister for 27 years. She was the chief speaker at Women of Destiny in December. "In the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of James," began Pastor Collins, "we are told not to boast about what we will do tomorrow. James asks us, 'For what is your life? It is even a vapor



Pastor Bernice Collins at Women of Destiny

that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.' In Romans 13:12 Paul tells us that the night is almost over and the day is at hand. He says, 'Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on (cont. on pg. 3)

### The Three Trees

By: R. D. Hempton

Several people were present at the Love of God Mission presentation of the play *The Three Trees*. Pastor Linda Smith welcomed everyone and opened in prayer.

The play opened with a monologue of a woman cleaning her house before the arrival of her grandchildren for Christmas.



Pastor Linda Smith opens the play in prayer.

Grandma, trying to entertain her grandsons, suggests they dance to Christmas music. She hears her older grandson, Zack, not at all impressed, reply, "Whatever! I could be home right now playing video games."

Grandma and the children dance until they are exhausted while Zack sits and sulks. "How about a story?" Grandma suggested.

"Yeah!" they answered with enthusiasm, "Tell us about Santa Claus."

"No, how about a true story?" (Cont. on pg. 5)

### New Years Eve Holy Ghost Party

By: Richard Dean

There ain't no party like a Holy Ghost party, 'cause a Holy Ghost party don't stop. People from at least five churches gathered at Miracle Deliverance House of Prayer on Monday 31



Ten-year-old Imani causing smiles at the Holy Ghost New Years Eve party

December 2012 for the ultimate New Year's Eve part. Pastor Carol Patman and Bishop Clyde Patman hosted the ringing in of the New Year. Pastor Patman introduced the (Cont. on pg 7)

### Maggie Belle Pope

By: Donese Mercaldo

Dorthea (Lovie) Pope Allen is the Administrator of Maggie Bell Pope ministries. When asked what happened at Ft. Yargo Community Center in December 2012, she answered, "It was cold, windy, and wet outside. However, we are so



Ms. Lovie Allen administrator of MBP Min.

grateful to those who cheerfully gave their precious time to support our cause. Many of them went door-to-door delivering a hot lunch and a Christmas gift, while other volunteers helped inside; serving the elderly that pressed their way through the harsh weather. Some of those elderly were on walkers, and one of them told us that, when she found out it was MBP Ministries in their community center; she was determined to get there.

"We are very grateful for those who prayed, and perhaps it was those very prayers that opened the doors for some much needed (see pg 9)

### Singing with Unity

By: R. D. Hempton

On 12 January the Unity Quartet performed at Living Hope Christian Fellowship in Hoschton, Georgia



The Unity Quartet at Living Hope

The performance that Saturday was outstanding. Rather than just a singing performance, the quartet interacted with the people and ministered in many ways. They told stories on each other, made people laugh, and touched people's hearts. (cont on pg 10)

### What Does Life Consist of?

By: R. D. Hempton

"I spent time with her last night so that I could know her better," Donese Mercaldo spoke of Pastor Patsy Garrett. "She was born almost blind in her left eye. She came to the Lord one day while watching a minister on TV. When she was 20 years old, the Lord told her she was to be in prison ministry. She said, 'Lord, if this is you, give me a sign.' That night she was lying in bed and a bright light shown through the ceiling on her left eye and she could see."



Pastor Patsy Garrett speaking about life

"I have recently returned from a second missionary trip to a very remote part of Alaska. These Indians were very receptive this time, but the first time we had walls to break down – walls built by so-called Christians who hurt these people. Now we have many new friends. What does life consist of? (Cont on pg 10)

# On Prayer (The Throne of Grace)

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

In The first article on prayer we considered 3 faith statements. The first one was that things will be different because we pray. The first statement is true because of the second statement. Our prayers are effective because **the throne of grace is wide open to us**. Anything that is on God's heart is there for you if you pray.

I think one of the most exciting verses in the Bible is Hebrews 4:16, which illustrates this faith statement well: "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Notice the verse says, "come boldly." You don't have to come like a whipped dog. You don't have to come saying, "I'm so unworthy." Of course **you** are unworthy. Everyone is unworthy without the precious blood of Jesus washing him clean of all sin. Nevertheless, the Bible says to "come boldly" and with confidence. Why? Because of the blood of Jesus.

God's throne is not a throne of judgment. Neither the word "judgment" nor the word "accusation" is written across his throne. Satan is the accuser of the brethren. Written upon God's throne is the word, "Grace."

A tremendous peace and assurance flood my heart when I come to God and he says, "Come, and come boldly." He invites us to a throne of grace and says that we may obtain mercy.

The word "mercy" implies that we have sinned and are not perfect yet. We only need mercy if we have failed or are less than we can be. At God's throne we will find mercy and grace to help in time of need.

Do you have a need – financial, marital, emotional, mental? What is your need? God says come boldly to the throne of grace that you may find **his** grace and power. **Grace is God's ability and God's enablement**, and you can find it in your time of need.

The forces of darkness say that you may as well not come. You have blown it and you have too many needs. It is hopeless for you to pray. Those concepts are absolutely contrary to scripture.

Let's look at another passage concerning grace, Isaiah 30:13: "Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; how blessed are all those who long for him."

The Bible says the Lord "longs" to gracious to you. He is **eager** to be gracious. He waits on high to have compassion on **you**. I want you to personalize this verse: "The Lord is there just longing to be gracious to **me**, and he is waiting on high to show **me** compassion." No matter what the forces of darkness say, the throne of grace is wide open to you.

If I were the enemy and I read Heb 4:16 and Is 30:18, I would do everything in my power to keep Christians from praying. Do you ever wonder why people talk about prayer, they teach about prayer, hear sermons on prayer, but they don't pray? The enemy fights your praying because they know that God longs to answer your prayers with compassion and grace. They know that your prayers will affect you and your circumstances.

Have you ever prayed and suddenly found your whole temperament changed? Once I felt so

discouraged that I was ready to leave my church. Then I stopped and prayed with a friend. Instantly, the spirit of depression lifted from me, and I began to smile. I was shocked that it worked! It surprised me that my attitude could change so abruptly. What was the difference? I prayed.

You need to pray for your children, not just have teaching about prayer. Pray for your children, your spouse, your finances, and your decisions. Isaiah tells us that the Lord "longs" to be gracious to us. The Bible paints a picture of God eager for someone to bring their problems to him.

Isaiah 33:2 says close to the same thing: "Oh Lord, be gracious to us; we have waited for thee. Be thou their strength every morning, salvation also in the time of distress."

This is talking about an appointment with God. When you wait on God every morning, he will be your salvation.

Notice that the Bible says, "in time of distress." The enemy will try to convince you that you are too wicked or too far away from God to pray. But God says otherwise.

In the middle of the night not long ago, the Lord spoke to me concerning his grace. He said that the subject of the article I was writing was to be changed. He said I was to tell the divorced people, "The Lord says, 'I will touch you.'" He said, "I want you to tell them they are not untouchable, and they are not lepers."

You may be a divorcee that feels far from God. It does not make any difference if you were the guilty party. Even if you were 95% responsible for the divorce, God says, "I am longing to be gracious." People and preachers may judge and condemn, but God says, "I will touch you."

Sometimes we feel like lepers. Do you remember the story of the leper in Mark 1:40-41 who came to Jesus and said, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." The Bible says that Jesus touched him.

Jesus will touch you too. You are not untouchable. You are never too old, too busy, or too sinful – you are never too anything to change. You can change, and prayer makes the difference. All things are possible with God. You can make a fresh start.

How do you make a new beginning like this? You have to start praying. The throne of grace is wide open to you, and anything on God's heart is available to you. You can improve. Through prayer, you can become a better person. Prayer is dependence on God.

You say, "But I **have** prayed again, and again, and again." Well, keep praying. But begin by asking God why your prayer is not being answered. Ask him where you are not matching up with the Holy Spirit. **He said he is waiting on high to show us love and give us victory. The lack of victory is not due to God's reluctance.**

For instance, a believer had prayed for years about smoking but had not overcome it. While it may be a little thing to some, to her it was important. As she prayed and asked God to reveal what was blocking the victory, God showed her the real problem.

This woman found that she had started smoking out of rebellion to her parents. What needed to be dealt with was the rebellion, not smoking. God revealed that rebellion and helped her illuminate it. She became a different person and did quit smoking.

Not too awfully long ago I was flying home from Detroit and I sat beside a young girl of about 16. I didn't want to come on too strong, so I sat and read my Bible for about half the flight. I began making small talk and finally asked about her relationship with the Lord. She was a Baptist and had met the Lord when she was 11. I told her that I was saved in a Baptist church when I was 9.

Then the spirit of God began to stir around inside of me, and I received a prophecy for her. I knew she would probably be a little shaken if I told her it was a prophecy, so I wrote it across my business card and handed it to her. The word of the Lord was, "You can be twice as much as you can imagine."

I believe that word is for all of us: **You can be twice as much as you can imagine**. We have much more potential than we realize. Experts tell us that we use only 10% of our brain capacity – let's broaden that concept to our smiles, our spiritual gifts, our encouragement, and our love.

The words of encouragement I left with that teenager will stick with her because it was prophecy. But now I want **you** to think about what it said – you can become twice as much as you can imagine. The root of "imagine" is "image." Develop an image of yourself. Whatever you can imagine about yourself is only half of what you can become.

You can change. That is the whole point of prayer. That is the whole point of the Bible. If you can't change – if you have to be the way you are – shut the Bible! Pitch it! Why should I preach (or anyone else preach for that matter) if you can't grow? There is no need for church if you can't grow.

But you **can** grow, and growth means change. At the center of growth is prayer. And at the center of prayer is God's open throne of grace. He is waiting to be gracious to you, and anything on his heart is available to you if you will pray.

Look now at II Cor 12:9-10. Read this passage out loud until it sinks deeply into your spirit: "And he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

Not only is God's grace available to you, but it is **sufficient** for you. Notice that the word "my" refers to God twice. Paul says that God's grace – not your grace – is sufficient for you. In fact, God's strength is made perfect in weakness. Have you ever considered the fact that your strength is your weakness and your weakness is your strength?

God's strength is made perfect in our weakness. Be encouraged to talk to God, remembering that "the throne of grace is wide open to you." In all our weakness, God is able to become strong in us and make us tools for his purposes.

One of the most important things that makes you a tool of God, filled with the power of God, is prayer. Prayer takes us to the throne of grace, where we find help in time of need.

Love in Christ,

Mozelle

**Bad to the Bone** (from pg 1)

the armor of light.’ In the first ten verses of Ezekiel 37 we see him in the valley of the dry bones. These bones were dry. There was no identity there. God wants to reestablish your identity today. Was this vision about Israel? Yes, but it is also about the church today. It speaks of God’s ability to restore and revive a dead people. The interesting thing about bones is that they provide structure and support to the **WHOLE BODY**. This is a powerful symbol biblically.

“By the time the Israelites were ready to leave Egypt in Ex 13, Joseph was just a bag of bones, but Moses took his bones and buried them. In Numb 24:8, as Balaam prophesied over Israel, he said, ‘They shall consume the nations, his enemies; He shall break their bones.’ Israel was bad to the bone. In Jer 20:9 the prophet says, ‘But his word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones.’

“On the day Jesus was crucified, the soldiers were told to break the bones of those on the crosses to expedite their deaths, but Jesus was already dead. In Ex 12:46 God, instructing the Israelites about the Passover lamb, told them not to break any of the bones.

“Elisha asked for a double portion of what Elijah had and he died one miracle short of it. But in II Kings 13:20 a dead man was lowered into Elisha’s tomb on top of the prophet’s bones. He was revived and stood to his feet. He was bad to the bone.

Back in Ezek 37 Ezekiel was told to prophesy twice. When he prophesied to the bones, the Bible says, ‘there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone.’ The word ‘noise’ here in the Hebrew is qowl or kole. It is the same word used in I Kings 18:41 when Elijah heard the sound of abundant rain.

“In Heb 4:12 Apollos speaks of the word of God being ‘living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword.’ This is a play on words in Greek. The word for two-edged is distomos, the root of which is stomos, or mouth. The word refers to the edge of a sword but it also means two mouths. Two mouths: God spoke, then we speak – two mouths.

“NASA says that sound waves never die, they just continue out into space. In Mat 8:8-9 the centurion told the Lord not to come to his house, but to just speak the words. The words traveled to the house of the centurion.”



The greeters at the door – Lynn Adams, Annette Adams, and Donese Mercaldo

When one walks into the Women of Destiny meeting, the first ones one sees are the greeters. They are in charge of welcoming and having the women sign in, guiding, and distributing literature.

The meeting began with a prayer and welcome by Karen Lewis and the deep worship music



Michelle Pritchett in the deep worship music



of Michelle Pritchett. Lynn Adams prayed over the offering and said, “I came this morning to worship God – to hear from God.” This was



Women in worship



followed by thunderous applause. Lynn introduced the day’s speaker, Bernice Collins.



Lynn Adams introducing the speaker

Bernice Collins preached and taught, and at the end spoke to those present, (cont. on pg 4)

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The Rev. Mickey McConnell

**Almighty God Refuses Access**

By: Mickey McConnell

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

Mickey McConnell has written a book on the subject, *almighty God Refuses Access*. We have permission to print from it. Mickey has been a pastor, a missionary, and worked with troubled young men. He is a speaker, an author, and a godly brother in Christ.

Rick

Consider this passage in Matthew chapter 18, starting in verse 15: “Moreover if your brother shall trespass against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone: if he shall hear you, you have gained your (cont. on pg 4)

### Bad to the Bone (from pg 4)

“If you have a need today, would you just stand? Bernice began praying with and for those who had a need.



Women in worship



Bernice Collins addressing Women of Destiny



Pastor Bernice Collins prayed over all that came forward, including First Lady Dorthea (Lovie) Allen, Meshelle Floyd, Deanna Richey, Elaine Rowden, and Rebecca Wheeler.



Praying over Dorthea (Lovie) Allen



Praying over Meshelle Floyd



Karen Lewis being prayed over by Bernice



Rebecca Wheeler being prayed over



Elaine Rowden is prayed over by Bernice

A prophetic mantle rests upon Bernice to call forth the gifts and callings of God in the body of Christ. God has used her to speak a word in season to resurrect dead, dormant, and abandoned dreams.



Bernice Collins prays with Lynn Adams



Deanna Richey being prayed over



Donese Mercaldo closed the service in prayer

Donese Mercaldo closed the service with an inspiring and heart-felt prayer.

Women of Destiny meets once monthly at the Winder Women's Club. The ministry exists for the benefit of women who have been hurt in church, fallen away from the Lord or are just Lost from Him. It is not a church, nor is it intended to take the place of any church. The following are the scheduled dates for 2013:

- 5 Jan – Pastor Patsy Garrett
- 9 Feb – Tempraya Stewart
- 2 Mar – Monica Roseberry
- 13 Apr, 4 May, 1 Jun, 13 Jul, 3 Aug, 7 Sep, 5 Oct, 2 Nov, and 7 Dec.

### Almighty God Refuses Access (from pg 3)

brother. But if he will not hear you, then take with you one or two more that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it to the church: But if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto you as an heathen man and a publican.” This passage is not a suggestion. When there is trouble between brethren, we are **obligated** to seek reconciliation. Christ commands it. The first step mentioned in this three step process is to be limited to the offender and the one offended. It is not right to go around spreading rumors about how bad someone is, when not one single effort has been made to reconcile with that brother or sister. If that step is not successful, then we are

to bring one or two witnesses with us for the express purpose of establishing a witness of what is being said between the offender and the offended. This tends to keep everyone honest. By the way, this witness or these witnesses are to be objective and unbiased. We are not to look for an advantage over the one who has offended us, but we are to seek the truth and reconciliation. If this is done wisely, it tends to bring about reconciliation, because now other brothers and sisters are being brought into the picture, and this brings a positive peer pressure to bear upon the situation. If step two does not work, then we are to take that person before the church. This is a very critical situation, and a reasonable Christian will do the right thing here. If they do not, then they are to be treated as though they are a sinner, because that is probably what they are; seeing that, they stubbornly refuse to reconcile with their brother or sister in Christ. Notice, that if our brother offends us, we are obligated to go to them, with this three step process in mind, to try and mend the relationship. We are not given the option here of just running to another church, thus avoiding our obligation of bringing reconciliation and restoring unity. Do you see how easy it is for brethren to divide instead of unify?

If you continue on in verse 18, here is what you will find: "Surely I say unto you, whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." This three step principle is so important that, when it is carried out properly on the earth, Almighty God considers the matter established in heaven also. I would not be rebellious in this situation, for the Almighty obviously is watching closely what is taking place.

In Matthew chapter 18, and starting in verse 19, we find these words, "Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my father which is in heaven, for where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." You see there is huge power in unity. The Almighty knows what Christians are capable of when they get along with each other and work together, for he is the author of the "power of unity." Notice it says in verse 20 that the Almighty is present where two or three are gathered in his name. The right kind of unity taps directly into the unlimited resources of Almighty God, because it brings the Most High right onto the scene. From this vantage point we can see one of the reasons that the Almighty likes good solid friendships. As few as two people coming into agreement can shake the gates of hell. We should take the almighty at his word. Imagine the power of a husband and wife being in agreement in their requests to almighty God. Unity means oneness. Reading on into verse 21 we find, "Then came Peter unto him and said, 'Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times?' Jesus saith unto him, 'I say not unto you until seven times: but, until seventy times seven.'" At what point can we decide he is unforgivable, and that we are more holy than he is? Apparently never! If you read the rest of the chapter, you will find that we have all been forgiven a debt that we could never possibly pay back; and because of this, we are obligated to always forgive those, who have sinned against us. It is obvious in view of this passage, that the

Almighty considers the debts that other people owe us vastly smaller, than the debt we owe him. He has every right to expect us to forgive in this manner, seeing that he has already gone far beyond in forgiving our sins.

### The Three Trees (from pg 1)

"The story is The Three Trees. Let's go outside and look at the trees while I tell you the story." Three trees growing near one another began talking about what they loved about being in the forest and what they wanted to become.



Grandma gets ready for the grand kids



The kids arrive for Christmas



Discontented Zack isolating to stage right



The three Trees



Grandma and the kids in the woods with the three trees as she tells the story. (cont on pg 6)

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## Be Not Deceived...

By: Jeff Carr

### Shame at School and Unable to Read

As a child Marcia was unattractive and usually poorly dressed. At school her appearance caused her to be teased often, and to even be shunned by her classmates. The teachers also treated her as if she were a misfit and a real burden to them. She became a poor student in every way. Marcia learned to read at only a third grade level, and yet she was never held back in any grade. Before she had even entered high school, two teachers had tried to molest her. Both of them were reading teachers.

**The Reaping Begins – Abortion and Marriage**

During her sophomore year of high school, Marcia was seduced by an upperclassman who got her pregnant, but denied it and refused to have anything to do with her. For a couple of weeks she prayed for a miscarriage just as her mom had done with her. Fearing her prayer would not be answered, she decided to have an abortion.

In her senior year she got pregnant again. This time the guilt over the previous abortion caused her to drop out of school and quickly marry a boy who wanted to care for her, but for whom she felt no love. She only married him because she needed a father for her child soon to be born. Sadly, and yet predictably, her husband provided poorly for Marcia and the three children that she bore in fairly rapid succession, and he became an abusive alcoholic.

**A Desperate Decision with No One to Help**

In Marcia's late twenties she visited a church one day desperately looking for some kind of strength. On her first visit she, like Patti, prayed to receive Christ. She walked the church aisle that day an exhausted and obese woman, who was still deeply ashamed of almost every aspect of her life. At the altar she prayed with a group of people who had likewise responded to an invitation to "receive Jesus into your heart."

Marcia was then ushered to a side room, where each person was given a registration card to fill out. As she carefully pondered what to write under "prayer requests", the room emptied out. One deacon interrupted her writing of prayer requests for her children only long enough to tell her where to leave her card and to tell her to be sure to **read** her Bible every day. Then he left her alone.

**A Year Later Abused and Powerless**

Within a year Marcia's husband had become enraged at her persistent pleading that he go with her and the children to church. He often tampered with the car to prevent her going. He constantly ridiculed her continued efforts to read an illustrated children's Bible, and he frequently humiliated Marcia in front of her children who were trying to help her to read it. Finally, in a fit of rage one Sunday morning, he struck Marcia several times violently, and put her in the hospital with several broken ribs and other wounds.

**The Three Trees (from pg 5)**

The first tree said, "I want to be made into a big fine house that a king might dwell in me."

The second tree said, "I want to be made into a big ship that important people, maybe even a king might ride on the sea in me."

The third tree said, "I want to stand always, and praise God for ever and ever. I want to always **stand** for God."



The first tree speaks its wish to be a house

Just then two men showed up in search of a special tree, and upon inspection decided to cut down the first tree, the one that wanted to be made into a big fine house that a king might dwell in. The next scene was the men just finished building a stable with the wood from the first tree.



The second tree wants to be made into a big ship



The third tree wants to **stand** for God always



Grandma and the kids with the 3 trees story



The two woodcutters searching for a tree



The two men have just built a stable of 1<sup>st</sup> tree

The tree could be heard weeping, crying out to God, "I'm a stable with all these stinky animals." An angel appeared and spoke, "God heard your prayer little tree and had chosen you for the King of kings to be born in." The tree rejoiced.



God has heard your prayer little tree



The heavenly host at Christ's birth

Two of the 3 trees are left and they speak. The 2<sup>nd</sup> tree addressing the 3<sup>rd</sup> tree says, "Well, it's been about 30 years since they cut our friend down. I'm tired of being here. I'm ready to be out on the sea." The two men came back to select another tree. They cut down the 2<sup>nd</sup> tree. They build a small fishing boat with it, not a large ship. The tree can be heard weeping, "Oh no, a fishing boat. What about all the important people that would ride in me?" The angel reassures the tree that God has chosen him for the King of kings to ride in. Just then Jesus asks permission to stand in the boat and teach the crowd. The tree thanks God.



The King of kings enters



Jesus stands in the little fishing boat and teaches

The 3<sup>rd</sup> tree begins praising God and shares, "It's been about 3 1/2 years since my last friend was cut down. I miss them, but I just want to stand straight and tall for you, Lord." Two men show up and cut the tree down.



The two men lament that they had to use the wood to build a cross



The tree can be heard wailing

The tree is made into a cross and can be heard weeping and crying out to God, "Oh God, I'm a cross for someone to die on. All I wanted to do was to stand tall and praise you." An angel appeared and reassured the tree, "God has heard your prayer. The greatest King who ever lived will die on you, but when they lift him up he will draw all men." The men come and carry off the cross.



An angel comforts the 3<sup>rd</sup> tree.

A centurion testifies after the crucifixion, "The man on the cross, He looked at me with such compassion. He forgave me. The centurion sang *When He was on the Cross, I was on His Mind.*



The centurion testifies and sings

Grandma asks, "Did ya'll enjoy the story? It's not really the end of the story. It's the beginning." Disinterested Zack has become very interested, "That was way better than a video game." All kids kneel with Grandma to receive Christ.



Jesus shows up as the kids pray to receive him.

All the cast returns to the stage and sing *Because He Lives.*

### Holy Ghost Party (from pg 1)

Mistress of Ceremonies, Katrina Scott, who began by asking, "Can we get some noise for Jesus in here?"



Pastor Carol welcomed all.



Mistress of Ceremonies Katrina Scott



Pastor Roger Williams opens in Prayer

Katrina Scott introduced Pastor Roger Williams, who prayed the opening prayer.

The MDHP Praise Team began the worship music with Caroline Chandler singing *Hold Me Jesus.* (cont. on pg 8)

## Physicians Treat People (patients) with the Love of God

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Isaiah 61:1-3

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Thank you all for your service to the Lord and his mission.

## Holy Ghost Party (from pg 7)

Ms Keisha sang *Under Your Blood* and the final song, the one that got every one jumping was *Higher*.

"Now," exclaimed Ms. Katrina the Mistress of Ceremonies, "if you were sleepy before, you are awake now." Maurice and Caroline, brother and sister sang a duet, *All aboard for Jesus Christ*. Young Maurice Patman, at this point surprised everyone by preaching a short but powerful sermon.

We were all treated to an absolutely incredible and inspiring dance by ten-year-old Imani Martin.



The praise team at Holy Ghost Party



Caroline in Song



Under Your Blood



Ain't no party like a Holy Ghost Party



Maurice and Caroline in song

Caroline Chandler performed in mime to music, followed by Pastor Martin Porter, and then Maurice Patman.





Imani Martin was fantastic



Caroline Chandler in dance



Pastor Martin Porter in dance praise



Maurice Patman praising God in dance



More music from Ms. Keisha

After more music the night of preaching began. It was an absolutely wonderful way to see the New Year in.

### Maggie Bell Pope (from pg 1) last minute donations.



Lynn Adams, Dishawn Edwards, her daughter Daja (back row), Lovie Allen, Lorrie Tayne, Donese Mercaldo, and Ulani Edwards- the crew.



Residents of the Ft. Yargo Apartments



Those who made their way to the community center in spite of the weather were served a hot lunch and socialized with one another and the Maggie Bell Pope crew. Lynn Adams addressed those present, and they all played bingo. The people talked about their children and their grand children. They sang Christmas carols such as Joy to the Word, and Silent Night.



Lynn Adams speaks to the people



Preparing for the people at the center



Gift bags for the folks at the center



Pastor Betty Arnold helping serve lunch



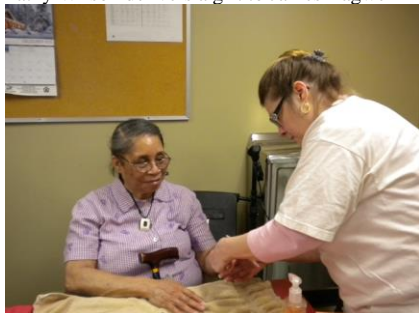
Playing bingo after lunch

While the people ate lunch, volunteers took gifts and food to those who did not come to the community center. Lynn Adams provided Mary Kay products for the women and Donese Mercaldo did nails for

those who wanted their nails done. Many people submitted prayer requests and many prayers and petitions were lifted up to God.



Kathy Wilson delivers a gift to James Bagwell



Donese Mercaldo doing nails

Q: Who was Maggie Bell Pope?

A: A widow who had little but gave much.

Mother Pope made every moment of her life count for someone else. For 27 years, she was a widow on a very small income; but she did not allow that to stop her from being a blessing to so many, both family and friends.

Many times people are forgotten such as prison inmates, the sick, the elderly, US soldiers, and others; but Mother Pope did not forget. Her love was immeasurable as it faithfully traveled thousands of miles through her letters and cards. She did not discriminate with her love, but reached out to all that God placed in her path.

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**Singing with Unity** (from pg 1)



The Unity Quartet at Living Hope

The large number of people that were gathered at Living Hope Christian Fellowship, the church Pastor Allen Stevens and his people founded some years before, showed the popularity of the Unity Quartet.



The Unity quartet individually

The concert was fantastic and well worth showing up and trying to get a seat in the crowded church.

**What Does Life Consist of?**  
(from pg 1)

“In Mark 6:48-51 Jesus was on land and he saw the disciples rowing against the wind. They were doing the best they could and going nowhere. He was headed to the other side, and he would have gone by them, but he saw they were having a problem. They cried out and were afraid. If they had not been in trouble, they would never have known he could walk on water.

“1 John 2:14 says, ‘You have overcome the wicked one.’ You know where you’ve been, but where are you going? In Psalm 107:7 he led them forth by the right way. In Rev 1:8, 11 Jesus tells us he is the Alpha and the Omega. In I Kings 19:4-9 Elijah is ready to die and asks the Lord to take him. He has gone into the wilderness running from Jezebel. Don’t run

away from your problems. God is able.



Rev. Karen Lewis opens the service in prayer.



Annette Herndon provides the worship music



Tempraya Stewart worships in mime



Lynn Adams greets women at the door

“In verse 9 God asks Elijah, ‘Why are you here?’ In verse 10 the pity party begins. Then there is a wind, an earthquake, and a fire, but God is not in them. Instead, he is in that still small voice. After all of this, Elijah knew who his God was and could share it with someone else. That is a testimony – not what someone

else went through; that's hearsay evidence; but what you went through. God, have I done what I needed to do in this last year, or do I have to make some changes?



Annette Herndon bringing the music



Donese Mercaldo introducing Pastor Patsy



Pastor Patsy Garrett on life



Pastor Patsy praying over one of the women

"Lord, am I doing your will **today**? God is calling us toward prayer – calling his people to their knees. If you don't win your world, don't criticize one because they did not win their world. Where are you now?"



Praying over Karen Lewis



Pastor Betty Arnold draws the door prize name

When the service opened, the Reverend Karen Lewis opened in prayer and First Lady Tempraya Stewart of Living Sacrifice for Christ Ministries in Loganville (the speaker at Women of Destiny in February) praised God in dance and mime.

Annette Herndon provided the praise and worship music Karen Lewis told a story she called *The Two Bricks*.

A church needed a new building but the giving for this endeavor was scanty at best. There were arguments over where and how to build the new building. So, the pastor called a prayer meeting to address the issue. A very dedicated woman in the church attended, but had to bring her four-year-old daughter with her.

The little girl understood that the idea was to build a new church and was determined to do whatever it took to get it done. She showed up the next day at the pastor's house, almost a mile from her own, pushing a toy wheelbarrow. Inside the wheelbarrow were two bricks to use to build the new church.

The pastor was so touched by her efforts that he took the two bricks and told the story the next Sunday with tears in his eyes. The giving increased exponentially that day and the new church was built, thanks to the efforts of four-year-old Mary.

The service at Women of Destiny continued with more music and more dancing just before Donese Mercaldo introduced Pastor Patsy Garrett.

Annette Herndon announced an event free for all women on 2 February from 0900 to 1300 (1pm) at the Cultural Center in Winder. She said that ladies must call and RSVP by 18 January and that those who attended should bring a hygiene item with them for women to donate.

Pastor Patsy Garrett preached a wonderful sermon and invited women to come to the front for prayer, which some women did.

Pastor Betty Arnold drew a name out of the basket for the door prize winner. The winner was Tempraya Stewart.

## What is it that the WBCA Believes?

Many have asked for a mission statement of the WBCA. "It's in the Battlefield News. Read it." Has been the answer. What churches are in the WBCA? "It's in BFN. Read it." Some have asked what the WBCA believes. The answer is that the WBCA is not a denomination. We are of many denominations and no denomination. Our beliefs vary, but there are some that we all share and we do not compromise them.

We in the Whole Body of Christ Alliance believe that humans are born with a sin nature, that we have all sinned, and we are all worthy of eternal damnation without Christ and unfit for heaven.

We believe that Yeshua (Jesus) is the messiah, the spotless Lamb of God, the son of God and, in fact, is God.

We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the young woman called Mary, a virgin, and that he is sinless.

We believe that Christ died on the cross for our sins and that God the Father raised him from the dead on the third day.

We believe that Christ will return for us, his bride, the church at the appointed time of the Heavenly Father.

We believe that the Holy Bible is completely trustworthy, and is inspired by the Holy Spirit himself.

We also believe that blatant sin is intolerable, and the church must never tolerate it from their own.

There are other basic beliefs that we share as well, but these are the ones we do not compromise.

We also believe that in areas of scripture where there are multiple interpretations, we can be in error, but, that if we err on the side of love, we will not ultimately be in error.

If I refuse to associate with, or work with any Christian brothers or sisters because they do not see the scriptures the same way I do in some places, I am missing the love of Christ. If I claim to love God, whom I have not seen, and hate or reject my brother, whom I have seen, the love of Christ is not in me. If I let petty doctrinal differences keep me from being on the same team as my Christian brothers and sisters, I am nothing but a legalistic prig, a hypocrite, and I deserve the fate that we will all see if we do not start working together.

In the 1960s prayer was outlawed in schools by the Supreme Court and today evil rules our public schools. In the 1970s the Supreme Court decided that murdering babies was perfectly acceptable and today the murder of unborn babies is big business. In the 1980s the Black Plague of AIDS began to ravage our land because of sin. In the 1990s the homosexual activists began their quest to unravel marriage and the family. During the entire last part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and up until and including now, marriage and the family has been turned into a sick joke in western civilization by adultery and divorce.

During all of this, where has the church been? We have been squabbling and fighting over petty, trivial doctrinal issues, so unwilling to work with each other, strong, together, of one mind, that our enemies are defeating us easily. We are losing battle after battle.

We are stricken with a pessimistic paranoia of each other, terrified that someone in some other “denomination” will tell our people something we didn’t tell them, as if our people had no brains, and as if everyone outside our church building or denomination were evil.

Brothers and sisters, we must stop this yesterday!

Jesus had a heart for those who were nobodies. He never got angry at sinners for being sinners. The one he got angry at were those that claimed they never sinned – the religious. He spoke to the Pharisees and scribes about not having love. If I refuse to be on the same team with somebody because their denomination (or lack of one) demonstrates glossolalia (speaks in “tongues”) while mine does not; if I will not associate with other Christians, who have the same values as I do, and are valuable allies and in the same army because I believe in baptism by immersion and they baptize by sprinkling; if I refuse to participate in the work of God with Christians who believe everything that I listed above because they have a woman pastor, I am being legalistic at the expense of our common purpose. I have preserved the “law” but totally negated the love. I have strained out a gnat and swallowed a camel.

Love is more important, brothers and sisters. Love is the only way that Jesus says the world will know us. He did not say “The world will know you by the way you follow the law.” He said the world will know you are mine by the way you love one another. Love is more important. You are more important than all of these secondary issues. It does not matter what scripture I remember and observe if I have not love for my brothers and sisters.

## Bible Knowledge

By: Mateo Raza

I wanted to take this opportunity to let everyone know about something I have just heard about. There is a church in Winder who has a very unique Bible study. They use Bible trivia to help people learn and understand the holy scripture. People learn so much better by participating than by simply listening or following along in some workbook.

This church is Faith Temple Fellowship Church on Hwy 211 in the old location of Next Level Church. The Pastor is Harold Green and his unique approach we all at BFN applaud. We recommend this Bible study on Wednesday evening at 1930 (730pm).

Before the next set of questions for January, the answers to the December questions are given.

Level One

1: Gideon. Judg 7:16

2: Aaron. Ex 32:2-4

3: To the stormy water, wind, rain. Mark 4:37-39

4: Ten thousands. I Sam 18:7-8

5: Saul. Acts 13:9

6: Ruth

7: Galatians

8: Spittle. John 9:6

9: Water and blood. John 19:34

10: Soul. Mat 16:26

Level Two

1: II John. II John 1:1

2: Caesar. Mark 12:14-17

3: Right ear. John 18:10

4: Paul. I Cor 5:6, Gal 5:9

5: 14. Gen 29:18-28

6: Daughter. Mark 5:22,23, 35-42

7: For they shall see God. Mat 5:8

Level Three

1: Balaam. Num 22:28

2: Cornelius. Acts 10:1

3: Priscilla. Acts 18:2

4: Simon of Cyrene. Mat 27:32

5: Philip. Acts 8:29

6: The Holy Spirit. Acts 8:29

7: Eunice. II Tim 1:5

Level Four

1: Under a fig tree. John 1:48

2: 4 pots 3 times = 12. I Kings 18:33-34

3: Two. Lev 10:1-2

4: Gideon. Judg 7:5

5: 12. Josh 4:3

Level Five

1: Deuteronomy. Deut 21:11-12

2: The brothers of Jesus. Mat 13:55

3: Benanaiah. I Chro 11:22-23

4. Hadassah. Est 2:7

Now for the new questions. You are doing well if you know 4 out of five. If you know 2 out of 5 or less, you better get in the word more.

Level One

1: Did Judas Iscariot keep the betrayal money or give it back?

2: The spirit of God descended on Jesus in the form of a \_\_\_\_ .

3: “For the law was given through Moses, but grace and \_\_\_\_ came through Jesus Christ.

4: What did Ananias sell in order to get money to give to the apostles?

5: Who said, “No prophet is accepted in his own country”?

Level Two

1: What book in the Bible has a threat against anyone adding to it or taking away from it?

2: What was the name of the man who took the infant Jesus in his arms in the temple and praised God?

3: In what book in the Bible do you find the following, “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel”?

4: What were the shepherds at the time of Christ’s birth told would be a sign to them?

5: How many loaves and how many fishes did Jesus use to feed the 5000?

Level Three

1: Saul called Paul was of what city?

2: What is the name of the Old Testament prophet that foretold Jesus would be born in Bethlehem?

3: What relationship was Lois to Timothy?

4: “As it is written \_\_\_\_ have I loved, but \_\_\_\_ have I hated.”

5: What is the name of the Old Testament prophet who foretold the virgin birth of Christ?

Level Four

1: As Joshua and the Israelites marched around the walls of Jericho, the priests carried trumpets before the ark of the Lord. How many priests carried trumpets?

2: When Elijah was on Mt. Carmel, how many times did he send his servant to look for a cloud?

3: The two spies that Rahab hid fled into the mountains and hid for how many days?

Level Five

1: 27,000 men were killed when a wall fell on them. What city were they in?

2: What was the name of the man who killed a giant with 12 fingers & 12 toes?

3: What Bible character made his son “pass through the fire” as a sacrifice according to the abominations of those the Lord had cast out of the land?

Have a good time with these questions.

Love in Christ,

Matt