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## Teshuah

By: Richard Dean

“Shabbat Shalom,” Rabbi Yisrael Ben-Avraham greeted the congregation. “When a rabbi asks a question, he is not looking for an ‘answer,’ but instead, what question you will ask. In Hebrew a



Rabbi Ben-Avraham at Anointed Hands

question is often responded to with a question. It is different in the west, where it is more of a question for an answer – I’m right, you’re wrong. It is different in Hebrew. Yeshua was asked, ‘What is the greatest commandment?’ His response was, ‘Is it not written?’

‘I’m Baptist, I’m Pentecostal, I’m Methodist, I’m Nondenominational.’ People say this and it is almost always followed by, ‘What are you?’ My answer is, ‘I am His.’ Don’t put me in a box.

“If you knew me 20 years ago and saw me today, you would expect me to be (see pg 3)

## Healing and Refilling

By: R. D. Hempton

“90% of the hospital beds are filled,” began Pastor Larry Pruett at the 1st annual Healing and Refilling Conference of Faith Temple at Emmanuel that began on 19 June, “with people unable to express their feelings. I believe it is in Acts 7 where it says, ‘Seek him, feel after him.’



Pastor Larry Pruett

“I don’t have a problem being under authority. That is why I **have** authority. You can’t have God as your Father unless you have the church as your mother.

“In Luke 24:44-52, ‘These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you... you are witnesses of these things. He was parted from them and carried up into heaven... they returned to Jerusalem with great joy.’

“In John 13, 14, 15, 16, He gave powerful truths. He saved the best for last. Why? It was not so his people could be religiously illuminated, but so that your joy could be made full and running over. Happiness is temporary, but joy is for eternity. Blessed does **not** mean happy. It is from the Greek word Hap, which means luck, the root of the words (see pg 3)

## Victory

By: Richard Dean

Last month BFN reported on the Jackson County Ordinances that disturbed many followers of Jesus Christ, and what we could do about them. On 16 June at 1800 there was a



The right half of the courtroom as it began to fill with concerned followers of Christ before the board of commissioners meeting

meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. One of these board meetings usually has less than 10 people observing. On 16 June it was packed with concerned citizens. County Ordinance 351 D concerning “religious assemblies” was at the center of the reason the courtroom was filled.

The solution began to unfold in May. Commissioner Bruce Yates agreed to meet with Greg Brockman, Herman Parks, and Rick Hempton of the Whole Body of Christ Alliance to begin the process. The following week the three men of the WBCA attended (see pg 4)

## Man of God Missed

By: Herman Parks

On Friday 20 June the body of Christ lost a wonderful man of God, the elder Lonnie Harrington went home. His life was celebrated on 28 June at 1100 at 914 Scenic Highway in Lawrenceville.



Brother Lonnie playing with Second Chance

Our brother Lonnie was a former pastor, church elder, master musician, who helped many church bodies with music, he was a member of the board of directors of the Whole Body of Christ Alliance, a teacher, a speaker, a husband and father. He will never be replaced, but he will always be missed.

Brother Lonnie attended church at New Harvest Ministries in Winder, Georgia, and in fact, was one of the church leaders.

“He was the one that was always so gentle and sweet,” said an older lady from (see pg 9)

## Love Story

By: Amorisa Miranda

“I’m gonna tell you a love story,” Courtney, the youth pastor of the Church at War Hill. “God told Hosea to marry a prostitute. She had 3 kids



Courtney, youth pastor of War Hill that many believe were not Hosea’s, Jezreel, Lo-Ruhamah (meaning: *not loved or no mercy*), and Lo-Ammi (meaning: *not my people*). The woman Hosea married was Gomer, who ran away on a continual basis. Hosea, however, would always go and bring her back. I was like Gomer. God tried to show me his love and I ran. I bought into the definition of love on Google, which is the world’s definition (see pg 6).

## Delegation

By: R. D. Hempton

On 30 June at 1800 a delegation met in Jefferson to put together a proposed set of amendments to the Jackson County ordinance prohibiting “religious assemblies” from meeting



Greg Brockman prepares to address the Jackson County Board of Commissioners as Rick Hempton passes out a copy of the letter to them. Greg and Rick were part of the delegation.

In people’s homes without a permit. (see pg 7)

## Tea Anyone?

By: R. D. Hempton

On 11 July there was a different sort of a meeting. Greg Brockman of North Georgia Revival Outreach, the man who addressed the



Greg Brockman and wife Crystal

Jackson County Board of Commissioners on the issue of “religious assemblies,” was one of those asked to speak. In addition, Dwain Smith of the BOC was there to speak on the same subject. Other good speakers were present (see pg 10)

## On Prayer XVIII

### The Place (Part two)

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

Another great truth about Jacob's encounter is that **through intercession heaven and earth are connected**. In his dream, Jacob saw a ladder (or a stairway) extending from earth to heaven, with angels ascending and descending on it. The activity of heaven was being released on earth. Yeshua said to pray for this when he taught us to ask for God's kingdom to come and his will to be done on earth as it is in heaven (Mat 6:10). In Gen 28:17 it says, "And he [Jacob] was afraid and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, the **gate of heaven!**'" He realized it was a portal (entry point) for God's will to penetrate earth. **Pawga places become gates to heaven where God's will is released onto earth.**

We dealt with this a little a couple of months ago – the connecting or meeting of heaven and earth through intercession – so we don't need to say a lot about it here. It is enough to say that intercession joins heaven and earth, releasing the will of God into situations.

This does lead us, however, into the next great truth in this story. **In the place of intercession, divine-&-human partnerships are formed.** In this story of Jacob, heaven and earth were connected, but also God told Jacob that he was going to greatly bless him, "an in you and your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Gen 28:14). A part of our destiny as followers of Christ is the privilege of partnering with God in helping others find their destinies. God wants to bless others through our efforts and prayers.

There is a man most of us have never heard of by the name of George McCluskey. He got married and started a family, and because he wanted his children to know the Lord, he devoted an hour a day to pray for them. Eventually, he was also praying for his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

As the years went by, things changed, but George never changed his praying. His two daughters asked Christ to be the ruler of their lives, and both married men who went into full-time ministry. The two couples had 4 girls and a boy. Each of the girls married ministers and the boy became a pastor.

The first two children to this generation were boys, cousins. They graduated high school and were roommates at the same college. One boy went into the ministry, the other didn't. Instead, the second boy pursued a doctorate in psychology.

He eventually wrote books for parents that became best sellers. He eventually started a radio program that played daily to over a thousand stations. His name was Dr. James Dobson.

George McCluskey partnered with God in the **place** of intercession, and God's destiny for James Dobson was realized. His ministry has blessed many families on earth. The next time you are blessed by Focus on the Family or one of James Dobson's books, thank God for the intercession of George McCluskey.

Another important truth about **Pawga** places is that **angelic activity is released** there. Gen 28:12 says, "And behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it."

Benny Wright and Charles Williams had attended a church service in Nebraska and were on their way home to San Antonio, Texas, in a single engine airplane. Alerted to the possibility of threatening weather, the believers in Nebraska were covering them in prayer. As the men prepared to land, a strong downdraft caused the airplane to collide with a power line and crash. They ran to safety, and amazingly, the only injury they suffered was a minor cut. When they looked back, expecting to see the plane explode, they saw two gigantic men dressed in white robes, hovering over the plane. These angels had undoubtedly delivered the men from destruction, a result of intercession.

**The building of altars for our lives** is another truth seen in this story about the place of intercession. Gen 28:18 says, "So Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on its top." The word "pillar" could be translated as a memorial stone or a monument. In Old Testament times, altars were built not only as places of sacrifice but also as memorials to mark and remember significant events. We do much the same today in building memorials at great battle sites or in memory of great leaders.

Joshua erected two memorials where he and Israel crossed the Jordan River into Canaan (Josh 4:8-9). Abraham built an altar to the Lord at Shechem where God first promised him the land of Canaan. Gen 12:7 says, "And the Lord appeared to Abram and said, 'To your descendants I will give this land.' So he built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him. Samuel built an altar near the town of Mizpah to mark a victory the Lord gave Israel over the Philistines (1 Sam 7:12). He named it Ebenezer, meaning, "the stone of help," stating, "thus far the Lord has helped us."

How does this altar-building relate to us today? Are we supposed to build literal altars or memorials? That, of course, isn't necessary. Yet we do build them in our hearts.

There was a young girl who had been in a coma for 2 ½ years. Her brain was basically destroyed, eaten up by infection from a viral encephalitis. After a year or intense and persistent intercession, to the amazement of the medical world, the Lord restored her completely. After spending 60-70 hours praying during a one year period over her lifeless body, I will never forget the day I saw her awake and alert. I built a memorial there.

Today, when nagging doubts try to trouble my mind to convince me that God will not come through for me in a particular situation, I revisit my Ebenezer. Quietly I whisper, "Thus far he has helped me."

I have many such altars. One stands in Guatemala where the little girl (mentions a few months ago) used to be tied to a tree. Another stands at the place where I prayed for my husband Richard, and God healed him of prostate cancer. I also "built" one where I first met him, and where each one of our children was born. There are many others, all stand as monuments to the faithfulness of God in my life.

You will build your own altars, as you live a life of intercession, creating meetings between your God and other individuals, lighting on Bethels where destinies are shaped where heaven meets earth, or simply receiving personal help from your faithful Father, you'll find many

appropriate places to erect Ebenezers. Build them strong enough to stand the test of time and tall enough to be seen from far away.



The Reverend Mickey McConnell

## Almighty God Refuses Access

By: Mickey McConnell

Now read Luke 1:67-69, "And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people, And he raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; the oath which he swore to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. And you child shall be called the prophet of the Highest: for you shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high has visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Once again we see the phrase, "filled with the Holy Ghost," and once again it is identical to the post-Pentecostal passages. The initial evidence here is the same as the one in Acts 19:6. I want you to notice clearly that, as soon as Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, he did not speak in tongues, but he did prophesy. We could also mention Mary the mother of Christ, in the passage in Luke 1:46, and Simeon in Luke 2:25, and even lesser formidable passages in then Old Testament. I can almost hear the objection: "But these were prior to Pentecost and the infilling spoken of by Christ." The problem with this argument is this: we are talking about the one-&-only Holy Spirit, in the earth, in humans. Apparently the only real difference between now and then, is that the Holy Spirit was not available to every believer back then, but only to certain ones chosen by Almighty God, and now his infilling is available to all believers. Anyone can look for themselves and see that the result was the same, only there is not a single mention of tongues. I am not saying by this, that tongues are not valid. Tongues are a valid gift, as we have already discovered earlier on. I am saying, and the scriptures are confirming, that tongues are not the one and only initial evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit. Now let us examine the 5 passages available to us in Acts.

The best as I can tell, the Holy Bible gives us 5 examples of people being filled with the Holy Spirit in Acts. There is that great passage in Acts Chapter 2 concerning the Day of Pentecost. We also have mention in Acts 4,8, 10 and 19. In Acts Chapter 2 they spoke with the tongues of many nations. In Acts 4:31 the only manifestation mentioned was that they spoke the word of Almighty God with boldness. In Acts 8:15-17 we find people being filled with the Holy Spirit, with absolutely no mention of what the manifestation was. In Acts 10:1-48 we find that being filled with the Holy Spirit was accompanied by two initial evidences, the first being tongues, and the second being magnifying Almighty God. In Acts 19:2-6 we find that, when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, two initial evidences accompanied them, the first being tongues, and the second prophesying. Two out of five make no mention of tongues, though the Word speaks clearly of them being filled with the Holy Spirit. Because the two passages that make no mention of tongues are present in the scriptures, we cannot possibly and honestly conclude that everyone who is filled with the Spirit will have the initial evidence of speaking in tongues. It is not objective to say so; it is stretching and forcing the scriptures to support our doctrine. Someone might say, "They may have spoken in tongues at these two times as well, without having made mention of the fact." That is truly a possibility. It is also possible that many other things took place. However, it is not right to make a doctrine out of what might have been. Some folks seem to believe that the initial evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit will be just like it was at Pentecost. If this were true, then there would always be the sound of a rushing mighty wind; furthermore, there would be cloven tongues like as of fire sitting on the persons being filled with the Holy Spirit. This rarely happens, if ever. Whoever would insist that there has to be an initial evidence of tongues, must also insist on the sound of a rushing mighty wind, along with the cloven tongues as of fire sitting on the ones being filled, but you pretty much never hear of such a thing. We are not free to pick and choose things like these to suit ourselves. I submit to you that the Holy Spirit is completely free to fill anyone any way He chooses, regardless of how he did it at Pentecost, or any other time, and there is no evidence in the scriptures to the contrary. In fact, the Holy Bible says in John 3:8 these words, "The wind blows where it is so inclined, and you hear the sound thereof, but cannot tell where it comes and where it goes; so is everyone that is born of the Holy Spirit." This passage demonstrates the unpredictability of the Holy Spirit. You cannot be certain how the Holy Spirit will choose to handle a matter, and it is quite presumptuous to believe that we have the Holy Spirit all figured out. I have learned by experience that Almighty God seems to delight in doing things in an unexpected way. If you say it will be a certain way, most likely the Holy Spirit will choose to do it differently just to show once again, that Almighty God alone is sovereign.

**Teshuah'** (From pg 1)

the same and I'm not. You don't know me. I have changed from glory to glory. Westerners have a question and expect it answered - right or wrong. **"Teshuah"**- It's healing and deliverance (kind of). Healing and deliverance is the lowest level

of teshuah' because with those things you are dealing with the natural body. I ask you, what did you get from the resurrection? If Yeshua



Ralph Hawthorne served as the MC, "When you have done all, you just stand."



Dr. Lorrie O'Neal opened in prayer



Dr. Kenneth O'Neal welcomed all those present and quoted from Mat 15:21



Pastor Michael Lavelle prayed over the offering.



Rabbi Ben-Avraham was introduced



God's people in worship



indeed conquered everything, then what is there going on in your body? Where is the power of the resurrection? Why is the church not walking at that full capacity?

"Ps 119:41 says, 'Let your mercies come also to me, oh Lord - your salvation according to your word.' Is this a good request to God? Our

communications with God seem to always be confined to the things we want. (see pg 5)

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happenstance, mishap, hapless, haphazard, etc.



Bishop Harold Green host of the event greets all present

"Joy says you can hold your head up, straighten your back. How on this day, Jesus having just left, could they return to Jerusalem with great joy? This means they went back shouting all the way. I say this not knowing, but this is the way it would be here with us. After all, their master just left them. Jesus had left - not Elvis, but Jesus. Jesus is greater than Elvis - but they are still shouting.



Benjamin Jones read scripture

“These eleven men were with him (see pg 5)

### Victory (from pg 1)

the Board of Commissioner’s meeting to see how it was conducted and where it was held. The week after they met with Kevin Poe, the County Manager. It became clear that a major Christian presence was needed at the Board of Commissioner’s meeting on 16 June. Therefore, the three men began working to arouse the attention of the body of Christ not only to the problem, but to the solution, by making



The people of the body of Christ watch as Greg Brockman prepares to address the Jackson County board of Commissioners on 16 June 2014, and Rick Hempton hands out a copy of the formal letter drafted to the commissioners.



Rick and Herman stand on either side of Greg as he addresses the Board of Commissioners.



Some of the people from Living Hope Christian Fellowship



Some of the more than 200 people present



Rick Hempton exits the floor with a smile of satisfaction as Lanier Martin of the Congregational Holiness Denomination takes the podium to address the Board.

hundreds of telephone calls, communicating on social media, and speaking to church assembly after church assembly. In addition, Pastor James Walker announced the situation over the radio at WXAG, countless pastors addressed their congregations on the issue including pastor Allen Stevens, who showed up with a large number of people from Living Hope Christian Fellowship in Hoschton. Many pastors were present with their more dedicated people, including Pastors James Walker, Willie Harris, Billy Angel, Scott Lance, Patsy Garrett, Jeff Carr, Scott Bagwell, James Loyless, Karen Lewis, Herschel Phillips, Bobby Ivester, and many more.

When Greg Brockman addressed the Board of Commissioners, he began by reading an excerpt from the Georgia Bill of Rights:

“Freedom of conscience: Each person has the natural and inalienable right to worship God, each according to the dictates of that person’s own conscience; and no human authority should, in any case, control or interfere with such right of conscience.”

At this point, the entire audience stood to their feet and applauded, whistled, and shouted.

This portion was followed by the reading of the formal letter from Greg and the Whole Body of Christ Alliance:

“Upon reading the language of section 351 (d), we and others have become concerned that this ordinance could be used to infringe upon the religious and free speech rights of citizens in Jackson County. We have determined that the language is so broad that it is given to the interpretation of whoever may be in a position of power at any given time. Our concern is that the language could be used to limit or monitor home Bible studies, home church cell groups, home prayer meetings, or any other small gathering that may be of a religious nature.

“While it is understood that a large gathering that may need parking or may somehow infringe upon neighbors should require a permit, it should also be understood that a small meeting in a person’s living room to pray or study the Bible should need permission from no one.”

There was, at the reading of this section, another standing thunder of applause with whistling, shouting, and cheering that seemed almost to shake the floor of the courthouse. Greg Brockman was forced to stop reading until the sounds subsided.

“The wording of the amended ordinance could contain a clause that states, ‘gatherings on private property need no permit as long as there is ample privately provided parking and the assembly does not violate predetermined fire code ordinances or noise ordinances.’”

“We believe that, as American Citizens and Citizens of the State of Georgia, we should not have to ask any government agency or official to have a few people over to our homes to pray or sing or study or what have you.” (Another thunder of applause) “We have all seen the examples in several other states where people, especially Christians, have been prosecuted, spent time incarcerated, and been subject to heavy fines because those in a position of power chose to enforce ordinances like this one by the letter of the law. Another concern is that one of the organizations dedicated to the disassembling of religious freedoms may bring a law suit forcing counties to enforce such ordinances by the letter of the law. We feel that an amendment to this ordinance is needed to protect not only

our freedom, but the freedom of our children and future generations.”

A final standing ovation occurred at this point. Vice Chairman Dwain Smith told those present that he was a Christian and recommended that “Four of five of y’all get together with the County Manager to amend 351d.

Commissioner Chas Hardy stated, “A few sentences in a book this thick (using his hands to show the thickness of the book of ordinances) can cause a problem for folks trying to do good. It’s up to you citizens to see this kind of thing.” Commissioner Bruce Yates moved that Kevin Poe (County Manager) look into amending section 351d.

The remainder of the meeting went according to the agenda. Bruce Yates and Chas Hardy thanked everyone for turning out and encouraged all to come to every meeting of the Board of Commissioners, stating, “What you put into your community is what you will get out of it.”



Former pastor Lanier Martin of Congregational Holiness, addressed the Board and thanked them for their service and cooperation.



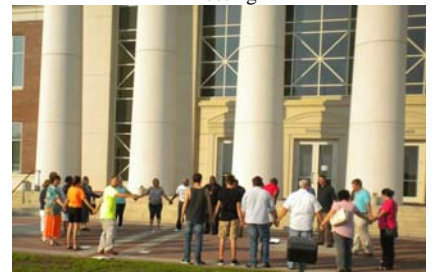
20-year-old Dillon Hardigree of the Church at Winder addressed the Board thanking them for making it more possible that those of his generation may be able to reach others of his generation for Christ.



Mr. Dillon exits the floor past the ladies of the press, Sharon Hogan of the Jackson Herald and Katie Griffin of The paper.



About half the people stayed after the meeting and there was a Holy Ghost Meeting-After-the-Meeting



The meeting-after the meeting ended with those who stayed for all of it in prayer.

The Jackson Herald reported that the ordinance in question was from 2012. It was actually from 2003. The Jackson County BOC was never actually under fire. Although there were some present who were clearly ready for a fight, there never was one. There was no fight to it. The BOC agreed with the people from the beginning. It was a victory that was better than anticipated.

Katie Griffin of the paper, on the other hand, reported the ordinance as "overreaching," which it is. She also accurately reported that the wording of the ordinance reads, "Religious services conducted on a site that is not permanently occupied by a religious assembly use, not to exceed a period of more than 15 days."

Many people were present at the meeting. Some came ready to fight, some came and kept the proper sense of respect for the authorities God appointed over us. Whatever the case, Almighty God provided the victory.

### Teshuah' (From pg 3)

"When Mary was told she would have a child, she said, 'Let it be unto to me according to your word.'

"Deliverance is **not** casting out demons. Your learning begins with your integrity. When you eat food, it is gone. It served its purpose, but you must eat again. It is the same with the word of God.

"In Ex 6:6-9 God told Moses to tell the Israelites all that God would do for them, but V, says, 'but they did not heed Moses because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage.' All they could see were issues. You miss what God has for you because of your level of bondage. We are not different than the Israelites. When we pray, it's all about what **we** want, what **we** need. God is speaking. This was Israel's salvation.

"The Torah (the Law) is **not** salvation. By the way, how many times have you said, 'I am not under the law?' If you are not under the law, how will you call yourself a son of Avraham? Stop claiming just the parts of the Bible you **want**. Either accept it all or reject it all. Well, any way, the law is **not** salvation because it was received at Mt. Sinai when they were already **out** of Egypt. If the law **was** salvation to the Israelites, they could've received it in Egypt and gotten themselves out of Egypt. While they were still in Egypt, they could not understand what God was saying because of their bondage.

"Col 1:9-13, 'For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, for all power and patience and long suffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.'

"...delivered us from the power of darkness...' Deliverance is out of something into what was intended. It is not a simple casting out of demons. Moses was the first deliverer. So, if

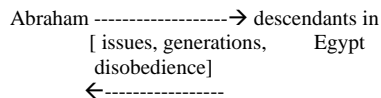
deliverance is the issue, go back to the first person who did it. Leaders, you are not necessarily helping your people by just casting out demons. True deliverance is bringing them out of where they are to where they are supposed to be. You may have to deal with demons, but **that** in itself is not deliverance. They must be brought out of the domain of darkness to where they are supposed to be. It is the state of being liberated. A person may no longer have demons, but this alone does not mean they have been delivered. We only want to get free from ourselves and for ourselves. We are selfish.

"Bondage is slavery, involuntary servitude. Many people have been Christians for 20 or 30 years, been in church all that time and are still in bondage to something. There has to be more than just coming to church. Yeshua did not die just for that. He died to take me somewhere. He said, 'I am the way and...' Christians don't want to be honest about it, but many are **not** free. The world laughs at us for this. We are not free.

"Where is the power of the resurrection when you say, 'Well, God knows my heart,' or 'This is just where I am.'? Natural bondage is imprisonment often times within a hostile environment and violent confinement. Prisoners of the legal system often become more comfortable in their incarceration than they are when free. The same is true with Christians. They are more comfortable in their bondage.

"Why, if half-way houses are successful, are they located in the same sort of neighborhoods as the people who live in them came from, and not in places like Beverly Hills? If you want to change me, bring me out of this **place**. To be changed, to be transformed, you must get out of **where** you are – not just the location, the mindset.

"Teshuah' literally means "return." How can it be a return, a deliverance? Watch this:



#### Return

You see, they **were** there in Abraham. Getting closer to God is getting **back** to where we were intended to be. Everything that keeps you from getting back is in your perception, and is deception. Deception is not power; it is a skill. The enemy has this skill. That is why he gains in people of the arts, in people with talent – rappers, singers, actors. He uses their talents for himself.

"When I hear the enemy say to me, 'Why do you pray? It's not going to matter.' I say, 'Then why don't you let me do it and fail? Then **you'll** get the glory. Just let me fail. It is because you lie.' You see, it is the perception. Until you perceive what he is trying to do with you, he has no control over you. When you believe the enemy, he becomes your god. There are many people in church moving in **a** god, thinking they serve the Almighty. The evil one will **let** you do all that **stuff**, but you are still in the wilderness.

"A captive is a person kept in confinement or restraint – dominated. Some have made Jesus an idol. He always pointed to the Father. What is he the way to? He is the way back to Genesis – the image of the Father. What Bible did Avraham use? There was no Torah. Avraham walked with God. We say, 'The Bible says.'

The Bible says nothing. It is the **written** word of God, the **written** word. It is **God** that says. God says more than what is written (see pg 6)

## Anointed hands Ministry and Healing Center

It's not your regular church service



Pastors Kenneth and Lorrie O'Neal

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Isaiah 61:1-3  
Sunday school 0900

Worship 1000

Tuesday Couples Prayer & Encouragement  
1830-1930 (630-730pm)

Wednesday Bible study 1930 (730pm)

### Healing Refilling (from pg 3)

for 3 ½ years every waking moment, and through these men, Jesus changed the world." Pastor Pruett called some men forward to represent the eleven. "Have you ever been in



God's People greeting one another





Rodney Ayers opened the service in prayer.

in a situation where someone very close to you was leaving, and you stood and watched as the car or the airplane disappeared out of sight? At that point you were sorrowful. This was not the case here. These men returned to Jerusalem with great joy.



Brother Bobby, Pastor Martha Baker, and the Praise Team doing the worship music



One of the Praise Team



Jasmine Wingfield



The people of God in worship



The Ushers at the door

“Somebody said, ‘Matthew, didn’t your master just leave?’  
‘Yes, he did,’  
‘Well, then why are you celebrating?’  
‘Because I have a reason for being excited.’  
‘Why?’



The men Pastor Pruett chose to represent the apostles



Returning to Jerusalem with great joy



The apostles began praying in one accord.



Others began to join them.



About 120 were in the upper room

‘It is because he did not take back with him that which he brought with him. He brought healing and deliverance, casting out devils, healing the sick, we can drink any deadly thing and it will not kill us. He has empowered us as ambassadors. He may be in heaven, but he lives in my heart.’ (Continued on pg 8)

### Teshuah (from pg 5)

in the Bible. Jesus was here as the **Living** word. The Bible is not all that God has to say. The Lord walks the earth today through his people. You are **living** epistles. See this: God never chastened me like he chastened David. Although he chastened me like a son, there was no one there to write about it.

“Prisoners know their environment and what to expect. You know this and you are still not in your destiny. People still don’t get it. Deliverance! We are emancipated to be free restraint or influence. It is to free a captive or a slave from bondage.

“Yeshua said, ‘I can only do what I see the father doing.’ When was the last time you were actually in God’s presence? He may not take you there because you would use it for **your** glory. You get angry if someone sits in **your** seat at church and you think he’s gonna show you his throne?”

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### Love Story (From pg 1)

But when I looked at I Corinthians chapter 13, I saw God’s definition of love. Love never fails. For me love never failed. This was the kind of love Hosea had for Gomer. Even though Israel kept running away, God went after her again and again.



Derek welcomed everyone at the beginning of the service.



The youth from the Church at War Hill



Pastor Steve Price on the keyboard



"Hosea was going through the cities asking, 'Have you seen her? Tell me, have you seen her? Have you seen Gomer?' At first he did not think he cared for her, but realized that he did. He found her being sold as a slave. No one wanted her. She was worth nothing. He said, 'Wait, that's my bride. She is worth the highest price.'



The people of God in worship



"God's love was his son on the cross for us." After the message the music began again and the worship was the kind that carries a believer on a cloud of the Holy Ghost.



The little ones from Love of God join the teens from War Hill on stage.



Pastor Steve Price and the War Hill Praise Team provide the deep worship music.



The people in deep worship



Worship of the Holy One



Rapturous worship



Pastor Linda worships with the people



Rick Hempton addresses the people and explains about the victory the previous evening at the Jackson County Courthouse, expresses gratitude for the Whole Body of Christ Alliance.



Derek welcomed all at the following night of the youth revival



Cecil Cardin, the primary organizer of the revival, opens in prayer.



The little ones at Love of God sing.



Imani and Shania sing with mother Katrina (Continued on pg 9)

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### **Isaiah 61:1-3**

## **Delegation (From pg 1)**

The delegation, consisting of Greg Brockman of the North Georgia Revival Outreach, Herman Parks of Christ Outreach Worship Center in Winder, Pastor Billy Angel of Kingdom Life Refuge in Commerce, Pastor Scott Lance of Revival Baptist Church, Pastor Bobby Ivester, and Rick Hempton of the Battlefield news, met Monday 30 June to draft a proposed amendment to the Jackson County Ordinance concerning "Religious Assemblies."



Greg Brockman & Wife Crystal



Pastor Scott Lance



Herman Parks



Rick Hempton

The proposed amendment to the county ordinance was delivered to the Jackson County Manager Kevin Poe on Monday 7 July as follows:

Religious Assemblies 351 d:

Religious services conducted on a site that is not permanently occupied by a religious assembly use, not to exceed a period of more than 15 days

If you are going to strike ordinance then we would like to add a clause that states:

( May need to say "Exclusion" )

No religious assembly on private property shall require a permit provided there is ample privately provided parking and that the assembly does not violate pre-existing fire codes or noise ordinances

Also: In the "General Definitions" Section 1604 under the "Temporary Events" heading (6) the term "religious assembly" may need to be removed from the definitions.

Ask about fire codes and noise ordinances and are they different in different areas?

Also there should be no time limit especially our homes.

A hearing for the proposed change to the county ordinance is proposed for sometime in August 2014.

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**Healing Refilling** (from pg 6)

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask what you will and it will be done for you." The impartation of his touch, his truth, 'It is not I that live but Christ that lives within me' There are 5 kinds of faith: No faith, little faith,



great faith, creative faith, and the faith of the Lord. It is the kind of faith that does not speak of self. Jesus spoke of the Father. He wouldn't



Praying in the upper room



speak of himself; he wouldn't even save himself. It is the same kind of faith as Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego) and the 4<sup>th</sup> man in the furnace. When you can't get to him, he will come to you. Paul understood the power of impartation.

"Peter, didn't you master leave today?"  
 "Yes, but he said he was coming back."  
 "The angels in Acts 1:10-11, 'This same Jesus will come back in like manner.' Not only are we going to heaven, but heaven is about to come down to earth."



Bishop Nathan Hoard closed in prayer.

### Love Story (from pg 7)



Katrina Scott sings Yolanda Adams' *I Open Up My Heart*.



Becky Skidmore sings *Whom Shall I Fear*.



Imani worshipping in dance



Anthony Bertsch of Jefferson Gospel Tabernacle ministered.

"I like statistics," began Anthony (Tony) Bertsch, "56% of kids in this part of Georgia have already had sex, 42% suffer from depression, 42% take or have tried drugs, 41% drink or have drunk alcohol. We have a higher teen pregnancy rate than the rest of Georgia. In John 16:33 Jesus said, 'These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.'"

"These statistics have much to do with peer pressure. When you want to be like everybody else, you will compromise.

"In high school I knew the Lord, but I got into it with my dad and ran off and joined the Navy. People said I would change when I did that, but I said I wouldn't. But, in the Navy, there was peer pressure. This is the power the world has on us. I stopped going to church and got drunk on Sundays.

"One compromise leads to another, and another. I did not go back to church; I did not think I needed God, and in 2004, I got in trouble and spent 3 days in Jail. It took me a couple of years, but I was right back where I was before. The first compromise leads to the second, which leads to more, especially without God. He overcame the world, so I can too, but not without him.

"As I compromised, I went down darker and darker paths. I spent a week in jail. You find out who your friends are when you are in jail. It was just me and God. When I got out, my friends were nowhere to be found.

"The first compromise may not hurt, the second one either, but they will eventually. The world says, 'I'm your friend,' and you wanna be part of the crowd. That's why I drank alcohol. Jesus said, 'Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.' He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. Keep your eyes on Christ.

"This world will pass away and what we've saved up will be gone. Don't be a statistic. When you are in Christ, it doesn't matter what the world says. Don't worry about what your friends say. Keep doing what you're doing in Christ."



Tony Called up some of the kids and anointed them.



Pastor Linda and Tony pray over the kids.

The Youth revival at love of God Mission was memorable and well worth attending.

### Man of God (from pg 1)

Living Hope Christian Fellowship.



His life was celebrated on 28 June at 1100. The church was packed with standing room only. Nevertheless, as people left others came in to take their place. He was remembered by many. Our brother Lonnie was a former pastor, church elder, master musician, who helped many church bodies with music, he was a member of the board of directors of the Whole Body of Christ Alliance, a teacher, a speaker, a husband and father. I tell you these things so that you might know what things were important to Lonnie.

Nevertheless, and foremost, the primary purpose of this gathering was not to comfort the family, nor was it to celebrate Lonnie's life. It was for those of us who are among the living. It was, to cause us to reflect more seriously of our own inevitable end. Lonnie went home to be with the Lord. One day I pray that you too will do the same. His destiny is written in stone. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: What judgment? Christians are not judged unto salvation at the "Great White Throne Judgment". They have already been judged righteous. That is why they are home with the Lord. Nevertheless, on the Day of Judgment, they will be judged as to what rewards they will receive.



Securing a place with the Lord is just the beginning of our journey. At the point of salvation we are accepted of the Lord. After that

comes the rest of our lives. What do we do now? Paul said it this way in 1 John 5:13.

1 John 5:13.

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

The knowledge of you having eternal life doesn't come when you get to heaven. "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it."

Eternal Life comes now in this world. To be more precise, eternal life itself starts in this world, not in the sweet by and by, but rather in the rough here and now but that is another story for another day. I am trying to get to our reflecting more seriously on our own inevitable end.

**Paul went on to say in 2 Corinthians 5:1-10:**

\_1. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

\_2. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

\_3. If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

\_4. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

\_5. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

6. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

\_7. (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

\_8. We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

9. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

10. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

**Paul went on to say in 1 Corinthians 3:8-15:**

8. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

10. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13. Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14. If any man's work shall abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Paul was using a physical truth to illustrate a spiritual truth. In building a house, there must

not only be a good foundation, but there must also be good materials used to build on that foundation. In the spiritual realm, faith in Christ is our foundation. Once we are saved, we can either have works of the flesh (wood, hay, stubble) or works of the Spirit (gold, silver, precious stones).

We as Christians will one day stand before the Lord for the purpose of receiving rewards, and all our actions will be revealed, whether they were our own doings or directed by the Spirit of God. If they were spiritual (gold, silver, precious stones), we will be rewarded. If they were carnal (wood, hay, stubble), we will suffer loss. Notice that the fire will reveal what "sort" our works are, not what size they are.

Matthew 10:42: And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. This verse shows that even our smallest acts of kindness will be rewarded. As revealed in 1 Corinthians 3:13, every person's work shall be tried to determine "what sort it is," not what size it is. Many people who have never done anything to gain the attention of the masses will shine bright in the day when the Lord passes out His rewards.

Some of the Lord's rewards for our actions come in this life, such as children, financial blessings, health, etc. However, some of our rewards will not be realized until we stand before God. This is the case with the reward for enduring persecution (Matthew 5:12 and Luke 6:23).

Hebrews 10:35 says, "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward." Hebrews 10:35 says "For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me." As stated in Matthew 10:41; rewards can be shared by those who aid others in their righteous tasks. Again many of the rewards for ministering the Gospel will not come until we appear before the Lord (1 Corinthians 3:8-13, which speaks to, works will be tested by fire, and above 1 Corinthians 9:17, which speaks to, what was the motive behind the works.

Our good deeds that would normally be rewarded by our Father can be voided if we do them seeking the praise of people (Matthew 6:1-4). We can also receive a partial reward (2 John 8).

Those (ungodly) who are not in the kingdom of God will receive no rewards even though some of their actions might have been good (Proverbs 24:20). Rewards are only for those who have been cleansed from their evil deeds by the blood of the Lamb. Regardless of what these rewards shall be, there will not be any exalting of self over another. 1 Corinthians 4:7 says, "For who maketh thee to differ from another? And what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?" The twenty-four elders in Revelation 4:10 are shown casting their crowns (which are rewards) down before the Lord and giving all their praise and worship to Him.

Most people today are preoccupied with quantity of ministry instead of quality of ministry. Yet Paul said that the Lord is going to reward us based on how well we did, not how much we did.

In keeping with Paul's illustration, some people will stand before the Lord with huge houses that will be reduced to rubble after God rejects the building materials they used (works of the flesh). Others who never gained acclaim here on earth because they never did any big, important works will be greatly rewarded because they faithfully fulfilled what the Lord called them to do (Luke 12:48).

In summary, the primary purpose of the funeral gathering was not for Lonnie nor was it to celebrate his victory, nor to console the family. Rather it was to cause us to reflect more seriously on our own inevitable end. How often do we watch funeral processions going through the streets or even take part in the funeral procession and carry the casket and then go home and fuss and fight with our brothers and sisters and even our spouses. Why are we Christians so easily offended? Why do we not realize that our unwillingness to suffer loss now will only result in our suffering the loss of our rewards in the world to come? By and by Lord when the morning comes, we'll tell the story of how we have overcome. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

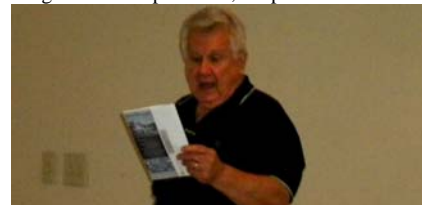
God Bless You and Keep You,  
Herman

## Tea (From pg 1)

as well.

We have all heard such horrible things about the "Tea Parties" from the mainstream media, how they speak and act out of ignorance, how they are designed to bring down the government and the president, and congress. Nothing could have been further from the truth. Those who conducted the tea party in Jackson county were well educated, highly informed and operated out of a sense of loyalty the constitution of the United States. They opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Some one might say, "well, so do the meetings of the Ku Klux Klan." My answer to that is two fold: First, the Klan operates out of ignorance and a profound hatred; second, this particular reporter has had much first hand experience with the yellow journalism, slanted reporting, stretching and augmenting of the truth, withholding of news worthy stories because they portray certain individuals in a bad light, and downright lies of the mainstream media.

The meeting was opened by Sam Letson, a retired Baptist Pastor, followed by prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of the Star Spangled banner. "The Tea Party Patriots are congressional supervisors," explained Sam.



Sam Letson opened the meeting



Pastor Scott Lance of Revival Baptist Church



The meeting before the meeting



Dwain Smith Vice Chairman of the Jackson County BOC, who chaired the meeting of the Board on 16 June 2014



Greg Brockman addressed the Jackson Tea Party on 10 July.

"For a long time," Commissioner Dwain Smith started as he addressed the Tea party, "I thought Gun control was hitting what you aimed at." Mr. Smith addressed the issue that has concerned Jackson County residents for a few months now, the issue of ordinance 351 d. "The key," said Mr. Smith, "is not religion, but assemblies. An assembly can be five people. People should have their rights as long as they do not oppose the rights of someone else. This is one of the things in the UDC book. What we need is a CS book, not a UDC book (CS, Common Sense)." Greg Brockman then joined Dwain Smith in talking about the issue.

A lady in the audience raised her hand with a question: "When was this law written?"

The answer came from Greg Brockman. "The ordinance was written in 2003. The Jackson Herald reported that it was 2012, but this is not the case."

"What," continued the lady, "precipitated this?" Greg told the story of the tent revival and how, when he investigated it, found the rest of it. He then read the proposed amendment to the ordinance (see pg 8).

The meeting was very informative, enlightening and refreshing.

### WBCA in History

Once again, here are older articles that are worth reprinting. They will be printed just as they appeared in April of 2011.

## Sin That Leads to Death

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

Once again I find myself in the position of having to say a great deal but not having been given sufficient space to say it. Therefore, it must be said over the course of more than one issue.

We have heard it said by many that all sins are the same – that one sin is not greater than another. **Not!** I am really not sure where that statement came from – that all sins are the same in the eyes of God – that one sin is not greater than another sin – because the Bible certainly

does not say that. In fact, the Bible shows otherwise. I know that a friend of mine, who does not like the idea of denominations, who says that denominations are the devil copying what God did at the Tower of Babel, would say that the statement is found in the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Denominations. I believe, however, that it may possibly be due to a misunderstanding of scripture such as James 2:10 – "For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." One sin, small or great, makes a man (or woman) a sinner and brings them under condemnation. This in no way, however, even suggests that all sins are the same with respect to severity.

Wherever the misconception comes is not as important as the fact that to teach that all sins are the same – that one is not greater than another – is to teach false doctrine. First John 5:16-17 speaks of sin that leads to death and sin that does not lead to death. The Great White Throne Judgment is to determine the extent of punishment. How could there be greater and lesser punishment if all sin is the same? Is it because some sin more often over a longer period of time than others? We all sin and, although we often talk as if it were by accident, almost none of it is. We all sin and, if we are not saved by the grace of God from it, we will suffer the eternal punishment that God prescribes for it. I will not belabor using scripture to show that there are sins that are greater than other sins. Use your brain and the word of God.

I will say that there is one sin, one vice, of which no one in the world is free, which everyone hates when they see it in someone else, and which hardly anyone, except Christians, ever imagine that they are guilty of themselves.

I have heard people admit that they are bad tempered or impatient, that they cannot keep their heads regarding the opposite sex, or alcohol, or drugs, or even that they are cowards. I do not remember ever hearing anyone who was **not** a Christian accuse herself of **this** vice. And, at the same time, I have very seldom met **anyone** who was not a Christian show the slightest bit of mercy to it in others.

There is no fault that makes a person more unpopular, and no fault which we are more unconscious of in ourselves. And the more we have it ourselves, the more we dislike it in others.

What is this sin that I am speaking of? What is this sin that is so great and yet we all wrestle with it? I will reveal it to you next month.

God Bless You All,

Mozelle

## Understanding Faith (For a Change)

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

Not once, but twice in this issue have I been given a subject to deal with and about a quarter of the space I need to write it. So, you know the drill.

I have heard so many people – Christians and non-Christians – use the word "**Faith**." It seems to mean different things to different people.

The *New World Dictionary* defines faith as: "An unquestioning belief that does not require proof or evidence," or "Unquestioning belief in God, religious tenets, etc." It is easy to see by the world's definition why the world doesn't want it

and why many Christians themselves misunderstand what it is. I will not attempt to deal with the subject of faith from a worldly perspective; the world is hopelessly confused about most things and faith is no exception. I Cor 14:33 tells us that God is not the author of confusion. So, I guess you know who is.

According to Christian teachers, faith seems to be used in two different senses – on two different levels: on a primary or simpler level and on a higher level – a level a little more difficult to understand. It is my intention to clarify what faith is on the primary level, not to deal with it, for now, on a higher level. It is faith on the primary level that we, as Christians, speak about the most. Unfortunately, it is faith on the primary level that many Christians seem to misunderstand. To help clear away some of that misunderstanding, let's take a look at what the Bible says about it, rather than what the world **thinks** about it, since it is, for the most part, what the world **thinks** about faith that has many Christians misunderstanding what faith actually is.

Heb 11:6 tells us that, "Without faith it is impossible to please God because whoever comes to God must believe that God **is** and that he is a rewarder of those who **diligently** seek him." Is this a complicated or difficult type of faith – to believe that God is real? It may be to some. It is not difficult for Christians, however, or they would not be Christians. This brings us back to the primary sense of the word. In the primary sense, faith is simply belief – accepting or regarding as true the doctrines of Christianity. We must be able to believe that God is real, but this **alone** is not enough to make us Christians. How many lost people have you heard say, "I believe in God," as if that really meant very much? A woman actually said to me, "I'm okay with God; it's just that Jesus garbage I can do without." I shared with her how big it was of her to be okay with God. Believing in God is not, in itself, a virtue. James 2:19 says, "The demons believe there is one God and tremble." Heb 11:6 says that we also believe that, "He is a rewarder of those who **diligently** seek him." This refers to those who put significant effort into knowing him better on an on-going basis, not just believing he exists, as if existing were all he had to do. It is those people he rewards.

According to the worldly definition, faith is unquestioning belief that **does not require evidence**. But what does the word of God tell us that faith is? Heb 11:1 gives the definition, but unfortunately, of all the translations I have seen, only the *King James* and the *New King James* have translated it true to the original Greek. The others only cloud it and make it more confusing. Heb 11:1 says, "Faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the **evidence** of things not seen." This definition tells us not only what faith is but what faith **is not**. Faith is **not** believing without proof or evidence. Faith is **not** just believing in something so strongly that it becomes so. I give you a new concept: PING PONG balls. I'll explain next month.

God Bless You All,

Mozelle

## The Next Rhonda's Coffee House

The next Rhonda's Coffee House will be on Saturday 2 August at 1800 (6pm) at the Fairview Community Center on Fairview road

off hwy 60 near Braselton. Come and join us for coffee, food, and great entertainment. Admission is free.

## Benefit Concert

A benefit concert will be held at Love of God Mission on Saturday 9 August at 1900 (7pm). Several musicians have already been booked to be there, including Clarke Kesler and Friends. The address is 64 E. Athens street in Winder.

## A Fishy Smell in Jackson County

At the beginning of this edition of BFN victory was reported at the Jackson County Courthouse. Vice Chairman Dwain Smith told the people that showed up at the courthouse that the law would be changed. A delegation of concerned men from Jackson County and the whole body of Christ Alliance submitted a proposed amendment to the county ordinance to Kevin Poe, the County Manager (see pg 8 for exactly what was submitted). A draft of the new proposed county ordinance e-mailed to Greg Brockman at 17:45 (545pm) Friday 18 July, and not only were **none** of the things recommended by the delegation on the new proposal, but the new proposal is worse than the original ordinance 351d. To make matters worse, the BOC is scheduled to meet and vote on this new proposed ordinance at a quick meeting called on Thursday, 24 July at 1800 (6pm) at 67 Athens Street in Jefferson, the Administration Building. The new proposal was drafted by the Planning Commission, not the BOC, but if this new ordinance is passed, we will be worse off than before 16 January.

A high-ranking official in the Congregational Holiness Denomination has already begun to investigate recalling those on the BOC. The people of Jackson County are fuming, and rightfully so because it appears that the Planning Commission and the BOC planned this strategically to sneak by the people under cover of darkness as quickly and quietly as possible. This may not be the case, but is indeed the way it appears.

Watch *The Paper* and *The Jackson County Herald* as well as the Battlefield News for more information. Also see Face Book for more details.

## Bible Knowledge

By: Mateo Raza

I will be watching the Jackson Herald, The paper, and the Battlefield News. This seems to have taken a turn the people of God did not expect.

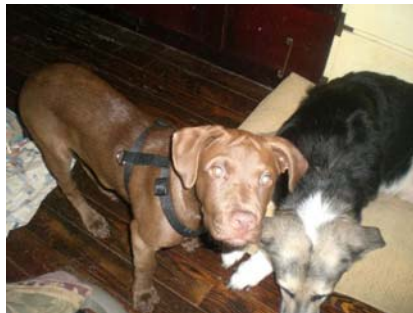
You know, I hope the Jackson BOC sees the new proposed ordinance and is just as outraged about it as we are.

Now for the answers to the July questions:

More Kings, Pharaohs, and Other Rulers

1: Joash. II King 11:2

2: Jeroboam. I King 12:26-31



Could you repeat the question?

3: Joash. II King 12:20-21

4: Jehoash. II King 13:18-19



We came for the Bible Knowledge

5: Amaziah. II King 14:5-6

6: Ahasuerus AKA Xerxes. Est 2:1-18



Mimes like Bible Knowledge too

7: Uzziah aka Azariah. II King 15:5

8: Because he entered the temple and burned incense like he was a priest. II Chro 26:16-21

9: Zechariah. II King 15:8-10

10: Menahem. II King 15:16



Dancing for Bible Knowledge

11: So. II King 17:4

12: Pekah. II King 15:29

13: Ahaz. II King 16:3,10-11



I get fired up about Bible Knowledge

14: Ahab. I King 18:1-2

15: Shalmaneser. II King 17:3-6

16: Hezekiah. II King 18:1-8



It doesn't take an angel with a flaming sword to make me want more Bible Knowledge

17: Horam. Josh 10:33

18: Sennacherib. II King 19:36-37

And now for the July questions:

More Kings, Pharaohs, and Other Rulers  
1: What king was criticized by the prophet Isaiah for showing Judah's treasure to Babylonian ambassadors?

2: What king of Syria joined the king of Israel in attacking Judah?

3: What Assyrian king had his army of 185,000 soldiers destroyed by an angel of the Lord?

4: What cruel king lied to the Magoi (wise men) about his desire to worship the infant Jesus?

5: What king of Judah had the worst reputation for killing innocent people?



Oh my goodness, it's Bible Knowledge

6: What king of Judah reigned for only two years and was murdered by his servants?

7: What godly king began his reign at age 8 and led a major reform movement in Judah?

8: Who had a dream about a statue composed of different materials?

9: What king reinstated the celebration of Pesach (Passover) in Judah and invited the people of Israel to participate?

10: What king of Judah was killed at the battle of Megiddo by Egyptian forces?



What is that over there? Bible Knowledge?

11: What king of Israel tricked the worshipers of Baal by gathering them together in a temple and slaughtering all of them?

12: What king of Israel built the city of Samaria and made it his capital?

13: What Babylonian king sent his ambassadors to the court Hezekiah, where they were shown all his treasures?

Enjoy these questions – have fun.

Love in Christ,

Matt