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### Fixing What was Broken

By: Richard Dean



The Reverend Doctor Blanche Jamila Edmunds-McCrerary Ph.D. (Dr. B.J.), Director and founder of Daisy House and Corbree.

Young women who are at risk for physical or sexual abuse now have a champion – Dr. B. J. The Reverend Dr. is a Christian counselor and has been dealing with this particular malady for many years. The majority of those she treats are girls ages eight to eighteen. (cont on pg 2)

### Food for the Spirit

By: R. D. Hempton



The Reverend Tommy Fountain, Evangelist and Missionary giving out food at Mulberry Baptist Association

Tommy Fountain saw the need and felt within himself the need to help the community the same way Jesus did. Jesus ministered to the physical needs of the people first that they might be able to have (cont on pg 3).

### The Blessing of the Covenant

By: Mateo Raza

“God wanted me to be the one to put the train on the track,” said Pastor Gary Hightower to his son as he passed **Covenant Blessing Christian Center** on to Pastor Marquis Robbins, “but not necessarily the one to get it to its destination.” The church began in the Lawrenceville-Suwanee area as Covenant Blessing Tabernacle in 1997 planted by Pastor Robbins’ father, Pastor Gary Hightower, and moved to its present location in Bethlehem in 2001, and was passed to the shepherdship of Pastor Robbins in 2008 when the elder pastor moved to Greenville, South Carolina to plant still another church. Sunday School began at 0900 and Sunday School Superintendent Sheila Chatman announced that, after a year as superintendent, it was time to let someone else take over. (cont on pg 4)

### Coffee in the House at Joe’s

By: Zell Zellinger

How do you get your loved one who would never set foot inside a church to experience any of the things of God or possibly even give their lives to Christ? One very good solution is to take them to a Christian Coffee House such as Joe’s Coffee House open on the second Friday of each month from 1900 (7pm) until people get ready to leave.

**Joe’s Coffee House** is located at 62 Pearl Industrial Suite A in Hoschton, Ga. And may be contacted by calling (404) 414-0656 or (706) 654-2931. A twelve-ounce cup of coffee is only 50 cents and 25 cents for a refill. They have at least four different (cont on pg 2)

### The Spiritual Gifts of Timothy

By: R. D. Hempton



Pastor Jesse Halbert of Timothy Baptist Church West.

On Wednesday 30 March 2011 this reporter attended a Bible study at **Timothy Baptist Church West** On spiritual gifts. The study was very comprehensive, informative and informal. Pastor Halbert is an excellent teacher, allowing the class to participate in the discussion instead of simply reading out of some study book. (cont. on pg. 2)

### Is the Ark at Your House?

By: M. Davis-Weeks



Pastor Pass and his wife, the Prophetess, Tisa Pass.

How does one describe such an incredibly spent Sunday afternoon? The only accurate way is from the heart. So, here it is: “The sister blessed me.” (Cont on pg 2)

## Fixing Broken (from front pg)

Dr. B.J. received her Baccalaureate in pastoral counseling as well as her Masters in Psychology from St. Thomas Christian College in St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. She received her Doctorate in Psychology from California Polytechnical University in Pomona, California. She was ordained as a minister of the Gospel at Covenant Family Church, having studied under Doctors Reba and Frank Haley in Valrico, Florida. As impressive as all this is, it pales in comparison to the diploma she received from the School of Harde Knox.

Little Jamila was born in 1949 and raised by very loving and godly parents – a minister and her husband - in a real mansion at a time when black-owned mansions were as rare as singing fish. The minister had a doctorate, another rarity for blacks in those days. She knew from the time that Jamila was a baby that she had a calling on her life. This loving minister mother was a prophetess and led a very disciplined life of prayer and meditation. Little Jamila learned self-discipline at a very early age and was quite content to sit through an entire church service and not cry, move around or make a scene. She learned to do this for one hour every day from 1200 to 1300 while she prayed as well. She was quite happy in this environment until, at the age of four, her biological mother wanted her back.

Her mother had married and Jamila's stepfather, who was a functioning alcoholic, began to abuse her sexually. She married at the age of 16 in an attempt to escape the years of sexual abuse and over the next four years had three children. The sexual abuse continued, however because she did not know how to get out of it. "I kept my sanity through my relationship with Jesus. Other kids had imaginary friends but I had Jesus. I could tell him things I could never tell anyone else."

During this period of time Little Jamila was also raped by another man, an unknown man, and she was too afraid to tell anyone about it. She was too afraid to tell because she had always been the family protector and

she believed if she told the secret, it would wreck the family. She called her stepfather a "functioning alcoholic." Monday through Friday the family lived the normal suburban life. But on the weekends, he drank and, "we lived in hell." Dr B. J. said, "every one in the family was afraid of him."

Her husband became a heroine addict and life became even more difficult. When she was about 18 or 19 her talks with Jesus revealed the conflict and she declared to him "This is not of God and I don't know how to get out of it."

Out of desperation, she left her husband and went to California for a bout a year. She said of that time, "I felt so lost, hopeless, and dirty – not fit for the kingdom."

When she returned home she went on a three-day fast. She took in nothing – not even water and, on the second day, God used the book of proverbs to minister to her.

Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

"I asked God to give me the strength to stand up to him." Dr B.J. said of her stepfather. "And He did and I stood up to him. I also told him that, if he ever touched any of my kids, I would kill him." She was amazed when her tormentor just dropped his head and walked away. She thought, "That's all it took?"

"You always think you're the only one." Dr. B. J. told BFN. "I talked to others to see 'who else.'"

"I never hated him. There was never any bitterness. It must've been the Holy Spirit. If there had been bitterness, I would not have been able to help others. Jesus, in spite of all his suffering, forgave and did what he did for us- what he is still doing for us. Who am I not to forgive- not to help others?"

Jamila's stepfather finally **did** get saved, repented and asked for forgiveness from her and from the Lord. The last twenty years of his life was wonderful. He became the man God had always wanted him to be. The godly transformation was truly amazing. The entire family changed after that.

Dr. B. J. referred to herself as the least likely to succeed in the family and dropped out of high school in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. She went back and obtained her GED immediately following the birth of her third child. It took her from 1973 to 2002 to finish her Ph.D. at the age of 52. "The degree is for man. I just wanted to live a life of service. Out of my experience in life, I began to counsel informally, even after school."

## Daisy House

"The idea for Daisy House came before the ministry of Corbree." Dr. BJ told BFN. "I was fasting and the Lord instructed me to go back to California after my mom passed." As she spoke, Dr. BJ's eyes showed that she was traveling – that she was on a journey that took her back to another place – another time. "My mom was my best friend." She shared with her eyes looking at something so very far away. "She was dying of ovarian cancer. A hospital in Mexico was recommended to her that was Christian-operated but she refused to go, saying that God did the healing." Dr BJ smiled slightly as she continued. "With all the so-called wonders of modern medicine, the procedures are still so primitive and invasive. The treatments are so often worse than the diseases themselves. For as advanced as they seem to think they are, they still remind me of the story about the old woman who wanted a cure for her cold. She was told that her cold would be cured if she ate the eyes of a cat that had been dead for three weeks. How many drugs in any pharmacy actually cure **anything**? Drug companies rarely even search for cures because they are money motivated, instead of helping motivated. Most drugs are aimed at having to take them for the rest of your life. Good for the drug business. The treatments for cancer in the Western world are no exception. They always speak of the cancer as being in 'remission,' never as being cured. My mother wanted no part of the chemo and radiation.

"A pastor in Detroit who owned a television station invited Dr. Contraras from Mexico on a program to speak about a Christian hospital in Mexico that offered alternative treatment for cancer. My mom saw it and called me

to tell me that she had changed her mind.

“I wanted her to try alternative treatment and we arranged for her to go to Mexico.

“While we were in Mexico, the spirit of Death, or the death angel came for my mom. I felt his presence. I began to war against him – to bind him. I told him that I knew he was coming for her but that he could not have her yet.

“The next day I shared with her that I wanted to open a group home for girls that were at risk for abuse and that I wanted to name it after her. I would call it Daisy House. She was adamant that I was not to name it after her but, after some thought, she would change her mind on one condition: ‘You have to promise me that you will never turn anyone away because they cannot pay.’ I agreed.

“Eventually, when I was not there, the spirit of Death did come back and take her. My mom loved people and people loved her and were attracted to her.

“I opened Daisy House in Florida and it was there for many young ladies. Daisy House was supported by the community. There was no state funding, eventhough the 501c(3) status was and still is in place. At Daisy House we were sharing the love of Christ with those who had lost their way.

Then, in 2003 and 2004 there were three hurricanes, including Andrew. Daisy House was gone. I had spent three years of my life building and arranging for it. I became very disenchanted with God. Clearly it was God – I mean, **three** hurricanes.

“I came to Georgia and wrote a book.” In 2005 and 2006 Dr. BJ wrote *How to Unlock the Dreams That are Locked Inside of You*.

“I had written the book,” Dr BJ told BFN, “but had done nothing with it. The Lord instructed me to find an editor and publish the book. I whined to him that I had no money but his instructions stood.

I called my girlfriend Paulette to share this with her and she immediately told me, ‘I have to go. Call you later.’ I hung up somewhat discouraged, but 30 minutes later she called me back. She told that a woman’s conference was coming up and that I should bring my book and

sell copies. I told her that I would love to but that there were no copies.

“Paulette informed me that people would prepay and preorder copies. That way there would be money to have it published. I took the orders to a Christian publishing company, who designed the cover for free and told me they would just print any number of copies on demand. Now, I could see how God was working.

“I went to the women’s conference and, after I spoke, I returned from the stage to find someone in my seat. It was a little girl about 12 years old. The moment I looked into her face, the Holy Spirit showed me that she had been abused. When she began speaking to me, she confirmed it. She told me that her mother’s boyfriend had taken advantage of her while he was babysitting her and her siblings, of which she was the oldest. She said he left her mother and she asked me if I would pray for her because, she said, ‘my mom and me don’t get along.’ I wept. I wept for her and for her mother and I know that I also wept for that little girl that so many years earlier had gone through the same kind of thing.

“We talked all through the event and she asked me, ‘Can we spend time together? My momma is never around.’

“I asked her where her mother was right then and was shocked to find out that her mother was part of the praise team right there at the conference.

“She handed me a piece of paper and told me that she had written it earlier that evening.”

This is what was written on the piece of paper given to Dr. BJ that evening:

Lord, will you send someone to help me? I have lost my way.

Lord, I need someone to help me right away.

I thank you for your mercy and I thank you for your grace.

I feel so all alone as the tears run down my face.

And I long to feel the safety of your warm embrace.

Please Lord, send someone to help me – someone with a face.

And I will know that you love me by the smile on her face.

“We did spend time together that evening.” Dr BJ continued. “I kept the little poem that she gave me and I have never forgotten her but I never saw her again.

“later that same evening a woman shared her experience with being abused also. I could see God working in my life.”

Daisy House is a 501c(3) ministry. Therefore, it is Dr. BJ’s heart’s desire that someone would donate a house on some land where girls can stay and regain some self esteem and some self worth – where they can get some healing and learn that Jesus truly loves them and that it was not their fault. Dr. BJ is planning some activities in the near future but the plans are not yet solid. She needs space donated at a church for a women’s symposium to cover various topics from domestic violence to abuse to financial freedom to women and health; in other words, money, health, and relationships; all from a Christ-centered perspective. She is aiming at some time in June. The symposium will need a panel of woman speakers. She also needs women volunteers at least one day a week.

Dr. BJ may be reached by calling (407)545-9857 or by e-mail at thedaisyhouse @ AOL.com.

## **Food** (from front pg)

Their spiritual needs ministered to. Tommy Fountain is the Missionary and an Evangelist of the association. He does not regularly attend one particular church, even though his home church is Cedar Creek. He attends all of them. He is a pastor to pastors.

## **The Mulberry Baptist**

**Association** is a food ministry supported and supplied by the love of the 23 churches of the organization – such churches as Hoschton First Baptist, Union Baptist, Walnut Fork, Mountain Creek, Bellmont, Cedar Creek, Zion and Macedonia. The ministry began in 2003 as a grocery supplement for seniors. There were from 25 to 40 families per month helped in the beginning, mostly seniors but, with the economy being

what it is the numbers have grown to about 300 per month.

The Mulberry Baptist Association is a food pantry and from 2003 to 2008 helped about 50 families per month but then grew to 100 families, then 200, then 300. The 23 churches that support the ministry are mostly Southern Baptist churches but it does include Liberty United Methodist Church in Braselton. The association is funded by the churches but also by individuals as well as World Hunger, an organization of the Southern Baptist Convention. Those funds are dispensed through the state office of the Georgia Baptist Convention. The Mulberry Baptist Association purchases food through the North East Georgia Food Bank in Athens and just recently won the 2010 Food Bank of the Year Award.

The Association at 3388 Hwy 53 Suite B, Hoschton, Georgia 30548, is open three days per month: the first, second and fourth Tuesday from 0900 to 1200.

“We counsel those who come in and pray with them,” said Dianne Fountain, Tommy’s wife and ministry partner. “We witness to them and encourage them to become involved in a local church.”

“188 people have given their lives to Christ.” Tommy Fountain shared with a BFN reporter.

“We help many families every month,” said Diane, “but we also get food for about 300 Thanksgiving dinners every year.”

The association also provides Christmas dinners for people.

“Not all the churches in the association are Southern Baptist.” Dianne told BFN. “There are three Methodist churches.”

There are about 25 volunteers at the association on any given Tuesday but there are about 50 to 75 all together.

These volunteers include the lead counselors, Bob and Jean Williams and the Warehouse leaders, Tom Hacke and Nina Friend. Ms. Ellie Cooper of Living Hope Christian Fellowship is also a regular volunteer at the association.

The Mulberry Baptist Association may be contacted by telephone at (706)824-0063 or (678)928-1574. The fax number is (706)824-0064. They

may also be contacted via e-mail at mulberrybaptistam @ windstream.net. There is also a website: www. Mulberrybaptist.net.

FOUNTAIN of JOY MINISTRIES inc. is the sister organization of the Mulberry Baptist Association. It is located at 773 Baskin Circle, Winder, Georgia 30680.

“Miracles are happening at Mulberry”

### **Covenant Blessing** (cont from front pg)

The class studied I Tim 5:1-22 and discussed how worship inspires service.

“If our heart is in the Lord,” Sister Sheila told us, “service is worship. Service inspired by a leader comes from the heart just as Paul inspired Timothy. The difference between a manager and a leader is that a manager tells people what to do but a leader inspires people to do it.”

Sunday School is from 0900 to 1000 followed by a half hour of fellowship. Service is at 1030.

The Worship Team consists of three people: The Worship Leader, Yen Nguyen, his wife Bien Nguyen, and Carlos Green, who opened in prayer. Yen reminded us of James 1:2-4.

“Consider it all Joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

“The devil was having a garage sale,” Said Yen (pronounced like Ian). He was selling his tools – lust, pride, deceit – old rusty tools, marked down. There was one tool, however, that was shiny and new. It was very expensive – discouragement. When he was asked why this tool was so expensive, he replied, ‘Because it is very useful.

Once it gets into the hearts of men and women doing the work of my enemy, Jesus Christ, they have no idea that it comes from me and they give up.’

“Discouragement means to deprive of hope and courage. It is one of Satan’s most valuable tools. Never give up.”

The Worship Team’s harmony is very tight, very beautiful. The music was extremely spirit-filled and moving. Praise and worship music has two purposes: to praise and worship God

and to provide that spiritual link that will transport the spiritually discerned into the presence of the Living God. This music accomplished both purposes. The congregation was lifted up and carried away on a soft cloud of deep worship and joy in the Lord – floating on the spirit.

The worship music was followed by a time of walking around the sanctuary and greeting one another. The greetings were very sincere.

Pastor Robbins announced that there are many beginnings with God. “One journey ends and another one begins with God because he is a God of NEW.”

The pastor introduced a representative of the Whole Body of Christ Alliance, who spoke about the need for unity in the Body of Christ – that churches, in order to accomplish the work of the kingdom of God, must work together, and not against each other and not apart from each other. He spoke to a congregation of about 40 people.

The pastor then introduced Coach Connelly from The Gideons The Coach handed out Bibles that were to be **given away**. He reminded everyone of the first miracle of Jesus at the wedding in Cana (John 2:7-10). The best wine was saved for last. “This is what Jesus does.” Said Coach Connelly. “This is what the Gideons do. Jesus is in the ministry of changing lives. What if, instead of sending flowers to a funeral, we sent Bibles?”

Pastor Robbins closed out the service with Acts 2:1-7 . “A sound like a mighty, rushing wind. There is always a sound with God. Sounds of God change things. Too often we act like Old Testament folks. There are modern-day Pharisees and Sadducees, who fight and squabble. It is time for a new sound. In the second chapter of Acts there were 120 people looking for something new. The other people did not want change, but, because there was unity in the body, change occurred. Just like this praise music we were all part of, harmony – all as one voice. This is the sound that God is looking for – unity. It is time for agreement in the body of Christ. Do not speak negative into what is going on. Do not speak disunity. That will never work. Speak encouragement, not discouragement. Without unity

there is no sound from God and without sound there is no change. This word – sound- in the Greek is echos (ay-chos). It means a loud sound such as a trumpet blast, such as a trumpet sounded to announce a news report in olden days.

“The speaker from the Whole Body of Christ Alliance shared that the Battlefield News came to him from two visions from God. The first Newspaper vision he did not understand. So, God had to get his attention with a second newspaper vision – a much more clear vision – a louder sound. These people, the whole 120 were speaking as with one voice – in many languages and dialects but the same message. We are to be proclaiming with one voice the wonderful works of God, not the message of **our** church program, or that thing that is going on at **our** church.

“Matthew 24:14 says, ‘and this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; **and then the end shall come.**’ Our purpose needs to be the same. We need to be in agreement.” Pastor Marquis (pronounced like marcus) Robbins became a licensed minister of the gospel in November of 2004 and a church elder in 2006. He became pastor of Covenant Blessing Christian Center in 2008. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Liberty University.