

# BATTLEFIELD NEWS

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# We are Called

By: Richard Dean
Christian family, you are called to do the work



Pastor Michael Smith of Victory Deliverance Center, Member board of directors WBCA of the kingdom of God. It is not just the pastors that are called; it is Ms Gina, who (see pg 3)

# A Sister Uplifted

By: R. D. Hempton

"There was a lady with an issue of blood," Pastor Tommy Bennett said to the people at the



Donese Mercaldo of Arcade Congregational Holiness Church lost her youngest son in an automobile accident and the WBCA held a service for her.

service for Donese Mercaldo when she lost her 29-year-old son. "She had this issue of blood for 12 years, had tried healers and doctors and exhausted all her resources. (see pg 3)

# Thanksgiving and Revival

By: Jody Bennett and R. D. Hempton
"Is 10:27 in the KJV tells us," Jason Pardue told
the people at the Holy Bethel Tent Revival



Jason Pardue on 3 December 2020 which began on Thanksgiving night 2020, "that the anointing breaks the yoke.

"The church in America is asleep. It is time to be awakened. It is time to get out from inside the four walls and obey the gospel. II Tim 1:3-7, All creation calls out for sons of God to awaken to the reality of the kingdom inside of us.

"I John 4:17, you are Jesus in this world right now. Honor: we have no culture of (see pg 3)

# Rabbi Dreidel

By: R. D. Hempton



Rabbi David Otero dancing dressed as a dreidel at the 2020 Hanukkah celebration world," began Rabbi David Otero at the Hanukkah celebration at Tzur (see pg 5)

# **Feed the Hunger**

By: Jody Bennett

It has been said time and time again, that if we all did our part and helped one another, we



The assembly line

could not only bring forth the unity that God wants, but we could also fulfill many of the needs of others. The only way to do this is to get involved and "do the work" as Rick Hempton would say.

That's what the Bennett Family and other members of Unity on a Mission did during the Thanksgiving week. They, along (see pg 9)

# **Imitators of Christ**

By: Jody Bennett and R. D. Hempton

"I began a job," the reverend Jaamal Rambert told the people at Mount Hebron Baptist Church



The reverend Jaamal Rambert

at the installation service of Pastor Grant Myerholtz, "as a corrections officer. They said preachers won't make it on a job like this, but I found out that we can be Jesus in whatever we are involved in. We took Jesus into the depths of the prison.

"In Ex18:14-23, Yitro (Jethro), the priest of Midyan (Midian), Moshe's (Moses) father-in law told Moses he was going to (see pg 10)

# Watch Night 2020-21

By: R. D. Hempton

At Arcade Congregational Holiness Church on



Freedom's Eve 1862

31 December 2020, a watch night service was held for those who would rather spend time with their believing brothers and (see pg 11)

# **CommUnity Anchored in Christ**

By: Ronnie Weeks & Daniel Gilstrap

Dr Rock Shunk and D Earl of Unity on a Mission do so many things that it is almost



Pastor Craig Parker & D Earl pray with a young man at the altar in Cleveland

impossible to report on them all. Three events happened over the last few months of 2020, however, that should be mentioned: the outreach in Cleveland, and the Fall Festivals in Comer and Hoschton.

Rock Shunk and D Earl of Unity (see pg 12)

# **Touching and Agreeing**

Jody Bennett

"We see it in Ps 133:1. This whole revival is to encourage us, to bring us together. When we



Pastor Willy Bryant of Unity Churches of God in Christ, Troy Alabama

come into unity, we need to be in **God**, be in godly unity. We must put God in every equation. Now, whenever something good is going on, the devil is always gonna show up. Rick, don't get discouraged. As long as you put God first, you will be successful. These services that we put God in will reach (see pg 14)

# On Prayer 91 Call to Prayer (Part Three)

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you" (John15:7 KJV).

Praying the word of God is not meant to serve as a reminder to God of all his wonderful prayer promises. He is quite aware of all of them. Instead, this incredible life-changing concept of prayer serves to remind **us** of his promises by building faith and expectation in our hearts. It keeps us closer to his will. God wants this for us because he loves us.

All God's commands for us are because of this love he has for us. He knows what is best for those who belong to him. He does not give us commandments to keep us from having fun; it is always for our good. When we fail to obey his word, we always lose. He very much wants us victorious and the way to this victory is through praying his word.

In II Tim 1-5, Paul warns us that in the end times (if you have any doubt that we are in the end times **right now**, you have to have been living in a cave for the last decade or so), there will be many who have a form of godliness, but deny its power. He says to turn away from such people. The power of God is available to all of his who call on him in faith, for "without faith, it is impossible to please him..." (Heb 11:6 NKJV). What I am about to tell you, you must write on the blackboard of your inner self: **Faith is released in the believer's life when he prays according to the will of God.** 

Paul the apostle also wrote, "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, that is the word of faith we are proclaiming" (Rom 10:8 NIV). Praying the word of God expresses our faith to him and it firmly establishes his word in our hearts. Paul almost opens another chapter on faith when he writes, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:17 KJV). Let us never forget that neither the Old Testament, nor the New Testament was originally written in English. This line from the book of Romans was originally written in Greek and the Greek word here translated into English as word, is actually rhema or spoken word, as opposed to logos or written word.

This brings us to a whole "nother" aspect of both prayer and faith, which I will spend considerable time on at a later date. But what we are talking about here is a very important aspect of prayer and, therefore, of faith. It is the extremely important ability to be silent and listen while you are praying that you may "hear" (for lack of a better word) God speaking to <u>you</u>. Repetition of God's word does help increase our faith, but when God **speaks** to us on a personal level, our faith soars.

Prayer is our safe place, our place of refuge, in difficult times. The pressures of life have a way of bringing us to a renewed awareness of our need for our Daddy's miraculous and supernatural intervention in our lives. Abraham Lincoln once said, "I am oftimes driven to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I have nowhere else to go." The miracle of prayer is found in the truth that, once we make our need known to the Father, he takes action on our behalf.

# **Garden of Life**

By: Wade Carey

"I recently picked out a verse that I feel will show you I'm not such a bad person after all." Henry pulled out an index card from his wallet and read. "It's in I Timothy 5:8, "Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

"Go on," Jerry encouraged.

"I think you know I work my rear-end off to provide for my family. Based on this verse, it sounds to me that being a lazy bum is worse than questioning whether God exists. Am I wrong?"

"Wrong isn't the word I'd use," Jerry said, shaking his head. "But I think you may be just a little out of context."

"How so?"

"Let me explain. While it's important to do exactly what you're doing – pursuing the mysteries of scripture – It's equally important to make sure you examine the context of the scripture. In other words, what was the backdrop and intention of the entire chapter? Also, you have to look at the entirety of the scripture to understand just how everything fits together."

"That sounds confusing."

"I know, but it's really not. Let's zero in on that particular passage. The apostle Paul was writing to his young apprentice, Timothy. Essentially, Paul was demonstrating to him what true Christian doctrine was. In this case, faith – our favorite subject – is not attained by a mere verbal profession. But rather, it is a way of life. Because of that, deliberately neglecting one's own family would bring disgrace to the efforts of the church in reflecting the glory of Jesus Christ. In other words, if someone neglects their own familial responsibilities, in essence, their faith would be practically denied."

# **Children of Tender Love**

By: Jody Bennett

In Jinja, Uganda is the Tender Love Orphanage administered by Mr. Dominic Muggaga. There



Mr. Dominic Muggaga director of Tender Love are precious few people in the alliance who help support these children. The Battlefield News brings you closer to some of those children and urges you to call the Battlefield News if you will do even the smallest thing to help them — (706)499-7976. There are things that may be junk to you, things you would give to the Goodwill, which, by the way, is not even a nonprofit organization any more, things you might even throw away, that would not be junk



Mrs. Rachael Muggaga director of Tender Love

Mission where you can bring those things that we may send to these children. It will not be there much longer, however, as we must send it. Act now, please.

There are many orphaned children at the Tender Love Orphanage in Jinja, Uganda. The director of the orphanage, at our request has sent us profiles on some of the children.



Kasoma Habibah



Habibah and Ali are twins, born 25 June 2008. Their mother was abandoned by their father, leaving her with four children. As of now, the father's whereabouts are still unknown. Their mother remarried and abandoned the children with their grandmother. Tender Love met them on a community visit in 2014 through their grandmother, took them in and are giving them food, shelter, and education.



A more recent photo shows Habibah at 12years old

# All Lives Matter (Part Three)

By: Cameron Webb

Battlefield News Note: In the October Issue we published a letter from an incarcerated brother in Christ. The following is the third part of a teaching he presented to other believing inmates at Walker State Prison.

Many people discuss the parable of the "Good Samaritan," but let's take a look at what a Samaritan really was. In English we say, "Samaritan," a person from Samaria. In Hebrew Aramaic the place was called Shomron and a person from there would have been a Shomroni. Several hundred years before Christ the Assyrians carried away most of the inhabitants of the Northern Kingdom of Israel and dispersed them throughout the world. In turn, they replaced them with people from all parts of the Assyrian Empire. All these people were Gentiles. The Israelites (They were not Jews. All Jews are Israelites, but not all Israelites were Jews since Judah was the Southern Kingdom made up of the tribes of Judah[Jews] and Benjamin as well as most of the Levites) that remained in the land intermarried with the Gentiles shipped in by the Assyrians, hence the Shomroni or Samaritans. The Jews despised the Samaritans because they were not pure-blooded,

sort of like the way some people (blacks and whites) treat biracial people here in America today.

The irony of the story of the Good Samaritan is that the scorned Samaritan chose to love his neighbor, a Jew, while those priests and Levites, who had extensive knowledge of the word of God chose not to show that sort of love. The book of Luke highlights the love of Jesus for a variety of groups who were not esteemed by the church folk of his day. They were considered social outcasts. So here we have two people who knew better, but failed to have mercy, while the outcast chose the greater.

We are commanded to love our neighbor (Mark 12:31). The Holy Scripture tells us to go that second mile (Mat 5:41, a Roman soldier could legally require you to carry his pack for one mile), and to love our enemies (Mat 5:44). These scriptures eliminate worldly barriers with one word: love. God is love (I John 4:8) and his love is displayed without discrimination. He requires that humans deal equitably with one another. At the end of the parable of the Good Samaritan, Yeshua asked the lawyer, "Of these three, which one seems to have become the 'neighbor' of the man who fell in among the robbers?" (CJB). The expert in the Torah answered, "He who showed mercy on him' Jesus said to him, "Then go and do likewise."

I would like to give you a memory verse of scripture to meditate on and share with your neighbor:

"Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers?" Mal 2:10 ESV).

All lives are interconnected in relationship with God in the beginning, in the present and in the future. The Son of Man will judge the people of

# We are Called (from pg 1)

sits right there in the front row every Sunday; it is Jeffery Johnson, who has prayed so many times for God to use him; it is 17-year-old Maxine, who never seems able to sit still through the entire service because she is so bored hearing the same old thing. It is every one of us that is called.

We are called to do the work that is required to make sure that the lamb that was slain receives the reward of his suffering. What is this reward? The reward is you, and me, and the owner of the store across the street, and the woman with all the kids that lives three doors down from you. The reward is for the people who are not saved to become saved, for the Lord to come to know him. We are called for this - <u>all</u> of us.

We are called for something else as well. We are called to do the work that it takes to bring the whole body of Christ into one body, as the Bible tells us to. There are groups of Christians around the state, around the country and around the world that exist to do this very thing and they need your help because we are all called to do this. In John 17:20-21 Jesus himself prayed, "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in me through their word; that they all may be one, as you, Father are in me, and I in you; that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you sent me."

People, we need to stop acting as if the kingdom of God is all about our church and what our church is doing, as if we were the only ones headed to the kingdom.

Brother Rick Hempton told a story of what happened when his daughter asked Christ into her life. She went on a mission trip to Haiti just after the earthquake in 2010 because she spoke French. In the church compound where she was, a Voodoo temple was less than a mile away. When she could get none of the church people to go with her, she went alone to witness to the people there. She spoke to the Voodoo priest, who said, "All you Christians say something different. You should get yourselves together and then come back to talk to me." This is exactly what the world sees in us. Jesus prayed that we all be one, then he said why: so that the world will know that he was sent by the Father. The world can never know that as long as we stay this divided, especially in America.

Not only must we stop the sectarianism, not only must we get okay with those Christians that don't worship, or meet, or sing, or pray like we do, but we must come together and work for this unity we are told by the word of God that we are to have. It takes work to bring the body into one hard work.

The harvest is ready, but the laborers are few. There is a group of churches in Barrow, Jackson, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Oconee, and Clarke Counties that exists to do this work. It is the Whole Body of Christ Alliance, the WBCA. There are other alliances as well, like One People Ministries, operating in Georgia,

Ohio, Arizona, and Texas. In August 2018, 12,000 people gathered at Stone Mountain to move to bring the whole body together. We are not talking about ecumenicalism - everyone compromising their beliefs until we all believe the same thing. I am talking about being different and continuing to be different, but loving each other, staying close to each other, and celebrating our differences. I am not talking about one world religion. I am talking about coming together with our brothers and sisters because, if we don't do it, and do it now, we will not be able to survive in what is very quickly coming upon us.

If you have read this far in this article, you know that what I am saying is true. I urge you, I beseech you, to turn to page 7, get the information for contacting the Whole Body of Christ Alliance. If you are willing to work for the kingdom of God - I mean actually work, not just talk about it like most people do - turn some pages, make a call and do this work.

# A Sister Uplifted (from pg 1)

She heard about Jesus and had to try to get to him because she knew that if she could just



Pastor Allen Stevens hosted the event. "What do people do at a time like this if they don't have the Lord? He makes it bearable when it is unbearable.

Touch the Tzit tzit, the tassels on the hem of his robe, she would be healed. She had an issue of blood, so according to the Law of Moses, she was not permitted to be around people, especially not a holy man. But (see pg 5)

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# Thanksgiving and Revival

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honor, not even in the church. We must honor the anointing in someone's life.



Bishop James Walker of Holy Beth-El opened the service and prayed.

"In I Tim 4:14 Paul told Timothy, 'Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you' (ESV). This is done with the laying on of hands.

"Just because you believe you were called to an office does not mean you are more anointed than someone else.



Rabbi Rick Sipe of Ruach Adonai Alai read scripture and introduced those brining the worship music.

"We need to be whole-hearted toward Adonai."



Miranda Sparks and Pastor Barbara Nash of Rejoice Worship Center brought the worship music.



Bishop James Walker of Holy Bethel "Somebody here said there should be a time limit on the tent revivals. That made me want to crank it up to about ten weeks. I have seen changes in this community and we ain't seen 40thing' yet. You can't be afraid that they will cut your head off. It's coming, but give it up because the world is gonna cut the head off all God's people that remain faithful. Glory be to God."

"Acts 6:3 speaks of seven men of good reputation. What is your reputation? I Tim 5:22 (NIV) says, 'Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands' (blessing someone to do a particular work of God), 'and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.' Your gifts may bring you before great men, but it is your character that will keep you there. Some days I don't care anything about going to make money; I just want to lay on my face in God's presence, then go lay hands on a raggedy, sweaty, homeless man. With little prayer there is little power because the kingdom of God is not in word only, but in power. There is power outside the four walls. You are filled with the Holy Ghost, but you hide from Covid? You go on a 21-day fast and claim miracles, but you hide from Covid? It is time for the saints of God to be activated. Covid has revealed the hearts of many people. We need a move of God. The men of God must give themselves to prayer. Sunday morning the attendance of a church will tell you how popular that preacher is, but when that same church has a prayer meeting, that attendance will show you how popular God is in that church.

"In Judg 6:11, we find Gideon hiding in a winepress, threshing wheat so that the Midianites would not see. Gideon being in the winepress is symbolic of the church being within the four walls of the church building. In Mat 28:19-20 Jesus gives us the great commission. This is him telling the church to get out of the winepress.

"In Judg 7:16-21 the Israelites attacked the camp of the Midianites, Amalekites and the other eastern people, thousands of them. They attacked with 300 men. These men all were given three things: shofars (trumpets), empty jars and torches inside the jars. The body of Christ needs three things:

1: They need to find their voice (trumpet) so they can be a voice to this world and speak out against adultery, fornication — most young people today don't even bother to get married anymore; against abortion, same-sex marriage. How many preachers have their wives **and** their

mistresses and they are still up on the pulpit behind the podium.

2: We need those jars or pitchers. They broke those jars. We need to be broken so we can be reshaped again for God.

3: They need to burn with the fire of God (torch).

"As it says in James 1:22, 'Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves; do what it says' (NIV).

Thanksgiving evening Pastor Barbara Nash of Rejoice Worship Center in Flowery Branch was the primary speaker (preacher) while her daughter, Miranda Sparks brought the worship music.



Pastor Barbara Nash main speaker on Thanksgiving



Ms Miranda Sparks brought the worship music

Friday night Frankie Cleveland, pastor of Genesis Baptist Church in Crawford, Georgia brought the message and his keyboard player doing a fantastic job, going from song to song without pause.

Saturday night was children's night. There were children from Gainesville and two of Bishop James Walker's grandchildren. A young man, Waymon Bailey of Holy Bethel, brought some gospel rap music, singing under the stage name Yung Christ Kidd. Rabbi Rick Sipe of Ruach Adonai Alai was the main speaker. Afterward, everyone toasted marshmallows over a peanut cooker and made s'mores.



Waymon (Yung Christ Kidd) Bailey brought the music



Rabbi Rick Sipe brought the word
On Friday night, Bishop James Walker and
Secretary Jody Bennett prayed for an inverter to
run the electricity for the tent so that the noise

of the generator would not overpower the sound of the tent revival and on Saturday evening someone dropped off a 2000 watt inverter. God delivered.

Sunday night Pastor Joey Morris of Church of God of Prophecy Winder brought the message and Blessed Hope, also from Winder, brought the worship music. Bishop Walker and the gang broke out the heaters for the night and for the rest of the week. There were prayers for healing and people in attendance in spite of the rain. After the people left for the night, the storm took down the tent, but the Lord was looking after us as it was not damaged.



Pastor Joey Morris brought the word Sunday night

On Monday night the testimony of Chaplain Andy Bass the evangelist of Chaplain's Corner in Social Circle was heard. The chaplain was the key note speaker as well. Jerry Mitchell brought the worship music as a couple extra heaters were fired up due to the drop in temperature down into the twenties.



Chaplain Andy Bass of Chaplains Corner brought the message.



Jerry Mitchell brought the worship music
Tuesday night Ricky Fields was scheduled to
bring the word, but was unable to. Chris Heath
graciously preached in his stead. Chris was a
powerful speaker and brought an on-time
message. Wayne Heath provided the worship
music and Jerry Mitchell talked about his dad.
Wednesday evening Pastor Frankie Cleveland
returned with his keyboard player and his wife.
Pastor Frankie's wife helped with the vocals.
Frankie lost his Tuesday evening, but still
showed up and preached his heart out.



Jason Pardue was the primary speaker on the final night.

Thursday night was the final night of the revival and Jason Pardue from Gainesville brought the message. Miranda Sparks brought the worship music with some help from her mother Pastor Barbara Nash. There was some healing as well as some prophecy. The final evening brought the largest group of people of any of the nights of the tent revival.

# A Sister Uplifted (from pg 3)

she went and sneaked through the crowd to get to him, and when she touched those tassels, the Lord felt the power go out of him. He said to his boys, 'Who touched me?' They said, what do you mean? They are all touching you. He replied, 'I felt power go out of me.' At that very moment the woman was healed.



Pastor Tony Bertsch, youth pastor of Arcade Congregational Holiness Church, prayed.



Rick Hempton founder of the WBCA spoke briefly about his sister cousin Donese Mercaldo and his nephew cousin Stephen Mercaldo.



Rick Hempton played the songs Donese requested.



Some of the people



Pictures of Stephen



Sammy Mangiafico and Ronnie Weeks of Unity on a Mission



Pastor Tommy Bennett of Humble Beginnings played worship music.

"That is exactly what we have to do. We have to touch him. Listening to great preaching is wonderful. Standing and singing hymns is fantastic. But we have to touch him. We have to sneak through the crowd, sneak through being embarrassed, sneak through whatever people think about us, sneak through the religiosity and churchianity and touch him. When we are able to do that, he turns to the Father and he says, 'I felt power go out of me.'" Pastor Tommy sang That's My Moment.



Pastor Patsy Sherwood of Arcade CH Church spoke of Donese.

"If there was an award for the most improved," said Pastor Patsy Sherwood, "it would definitely go to Donese. I don't know what we did, but she became a blessing and we need a blessing for her." Pastor Patsy prayed.



Pastor Johnny Sherwood spoke regarding Donese.

"The Lord took Donese to where she is," Pastor Johnny Sherwood began, "in a time like this so that she would be able to handle what is going on right now. Donese is a mama that says, 'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.' She shared that in the last days before Stephen left us, he was asking the right questions (about the Lord) and when we pray believing, we receive. I believe he is with the Lord right now. I believe that, Donese, because the Lord heard your prayers."



Pastor Larry Percifield of Leap of Faith "I lost two kids: one was murdered at 23 the other was 43 and had a heart attack. (see pg 7)

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# Rabbi Dreidel (from pg 1)

Yisrael Messianic Congregation, "and he did it in quick succession (about ten years). He died in



Rabbi David Otero welcomed the people to the Hanukkah celebration and prayed the B'rakha (blessing over the food) so the Potato Latkes, vegetables and donuts could be enjoyed.

his thirties with no progeny. His empire was subsequently divided into five kingdoms ruled by his five generals: Cassander, who ruled Western Macedon or Macedonia, Lysimacus, who ruled Eastern Macedon, Antigonus, who ruled Asia (Asia Minor), Seleucus, who ruled the old Babylonian Empire, known as the Seleucid Empire, and Ptolmy, who ruled Egypt.



The five divisions of the empire "These five Greek kingdoms engaged in wars

and by the time Antiochus IV, the ruler who oppressed the land of Judah, ruled the Seleucid Empire, the Seleucids had taken over Israel (Judah). Antiochus IV called himself Antiochus Epiphanes (Epiphanes meaning 'god manifest', or god-like). The Greeks brought Greek culture to all the Greek-ruled lands, but they also brought Greek law and Greek religion, which



The two kingdoms in NW Macedon (Greece) was polytheistic, but their main god was Zeus. The problem with Greek law was that the Jews already had law given them by God. This Seleucid king tried to make the Jews throw out the Torah and embrace the law of Epiphanes.



The kingdoms of Ptolemy, Antigonus and Seleucus, notice on the eastern side of the Mediterranean Sea the nation of Judah is ruled by the Greeks.

"A civil war erupted in Judah, called Judea by the Greeks, between the Jews who said 'yes' to Antiochus IV and those Jews who remained faithful to God. The Jews were commanded to eat unclean food and to stop observing the Sabbath. Mattityahu (Mattathias) was the high priest at the time and he said enough is enough.



The giant Menorah at the back of the room



Some of the people of Tzur Yisrael in the fellowship hall eating and watching the video of Hanukkah songs being performed with the music from Star Wars



Hanukkah songs with Stevie Wonder music



Pop and hip hop music with traditional Hebrew Hanukkah songs



Hip Hop songs with lyrics changed using quotes from the books of Maccabees

He and his sons, especially Y'hudah (Judah) Maccabee, also called the Hammer, led a revolt against the Syrian Greeks and pushed them out of Israel. But this was only part of the miracle of Hanukkah. It is also interesting to note that the army of Antiochus IV was 45,000 strong while the Jewish rebels numbered only about 5000. Antiochus was very angry with the rebels, so he sacrificed a pig to Zeus on the altar. It was the abomination of desolation and the temple was defiled. Antiochus did this as a slight to the Jews and their God. All the oil was defiled, but their was a tiny flask of oil to last less than one day in with the menorah (hanukkia), where only the cohen gadol (high priest) could go. The victory was given miraculously and the tiny amount of oil lasted eight days. It would be like if your cell phone was down to ten per cent charge and still lasted for eight days.



Rabbanit Kim Otero

"John 10:22 says," commented Rabbanit Kim Otero, continuing to explain about Hanukkah, 'At this time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter' (ESV). Hanukkah is also called the Feast of Dedication as well as the Feast of Lights. Another translation says, 'Then came Hanukkah in Yerushalayim. It was winter' (CJB). In John 10:24 another translation says, 'So the Jews surrounded him and said to him, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us so plainly' (ISV).

"Why did they ask him this at Hanukkah? It was because Jewish tradition caused them to believe that the Messiah would be revealed at Hanukkah. Why is the Feast of Lights such a big holiday for them? It is because they are still looking for the Messiah to be revealed.

"We know that Jesus was born around Sukkot, which means he was conceived during the time of Hanukkah, the Feast of Dedication (called the Feast of Dedication because the defiled temple had to be cleaned and rededicated) because God was rededicating Miryam's (Mary's) body for Jesus to be born. There is, therefore, a big similarity between Hanukkah and Christmas.

"In 1854 Charles Spurgeon preached one of his famous sermons and said, 'Satan trembles when he hears Immanuel, God with Us."

With this, Rabbanit Kim played the song Immanuel, God with Us.

"There are so many aspects of Hanukkah that apply to us Christians. Life begins at conception. (Only those who do not know the Lord can even think of arguing that point). Jesus' conception was at Hanukkah. It was during the Feast of Dedication that the Holy Spirit planted the seed. Is 9:6-7 says, 'For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder...

...of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David.....from henceforth even for ever.'

"With each night of Hanukkah we name a different name of God

"We are Americans, but we have one King, one government. There is only one flag I fly. God is king over all the earth and we must be allied with him and no one else."

It was time for the lighting of the Hanukkia (Menorah).



Lighting the Hanukkia (menorah)



Families light the menorah together beginning with the head of the family.



It is called the Festival (Feast) of Lights. Why?



Maybe it's because of the lights.



Any more questions?

"Ps 144:1-2," continued Rabbanit Kim, "Blessed be Adonai, my rock, who trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle. He shows me grace; and he is my fortress, my stronghold in whom I find shelter, my shield in who I take refuge, who subdues my people under me' (CJB). Ps 140:8 says, 'Adonai, Adonai, my saving strength, my helmet shielding my head in battle' (CJB). We, as believers, are always at war. The enemy hates the Lord. The world hates him as well because they do not know him as we know him."

Kim introduced the dreidel game. In this game the Israelites spun a wooden top called a dreidel (**dray** dull). They did this to give the appearance that they were gambling. They were actually using the dreidel to bring up scripture, which was illegal at the time since Antiochus IV ordered them not to worship God.

At the Hanukkah celebration at Rock of Israel the people gambled for candy.



People gambling for (and eating) candy



The dreidel



The top (dreidel) spins



If the dreidel lands with the Hebrew letter shin (sheen), one must place 2 coins (or on this case candies) in the pot.



If the top lands with hey facing up, you get half the pot



Gimel means you get it all



Nun means you get nun, er uh, none



The stakes are high



Rabbi David showed up spinning around, dancing and dressed as a dreidel

In Hebrew the letters are alphanumeric (each letter has a numerical value) the letters of the word dreidel add up to 358, the same number as the letters in the word Messiah.

# A Sister Uplifted (from pg 5)

Sammy Mangiafico and Neyda Hempton and some others have also lost children. Donese has a good support team: family and all of us here. I know what it's like to lose a child." Pastor Larry took up an offering for Donese to help offset some of the cost.



Dr Roxanne (Rock) Shunk (Doc Rock) of Unity on a Mission (see pg 8)

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Isaiah 61:1-3

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3: Christ the Messiah was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin (Miryam also called Mary) and sinless.

4: Jesus (Yeshua) died on the cross for your sins

5: Almighty God the Father raised Messiah (Christ) from the dead on the third day.

6: Christ will return for his bride at the appointed time of the Father.

7: The Holy Bible is completely trustworthy, for it is inspired by the Holy Spirit.

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# A Sister Uplifted (from pg 7)

"Donese, you can't be Stephen's mom and he not be with the Lord. Just because Unity on a Mission is not meeting, does not mean that we don't love you. We miss you."



Sherry Angel, First Lady of Kingdom Life Refuge

"At a time like this, we can be the hands and feet of Jesus. My sister lost her son in a car wreck; now she helps other people through things like this. Donese, you will be helping people through this. My sister said you can begin a new life and God showed us that is what he is there for. She took that hurt and put it to work for the deaf community (her son was deaf) and her pain became her passion. Donese, there is something you can do and it can become your



Pastor Billy Angel of Kingdom Life

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, the former heaven and the former earth had passed away and the sea was no more' (Rev 21:1 NAB). There was no more sea, no more unforeseen things now. Stephen is there with the Lord. John said, 'I saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband' (Rev 21:2 NAB). Stephen has no more strongholds, addictions or handicaps now. God will wipe away all his tears."



Rabbi Rick Sipe of Ruach Adonai Alai "I got to know Donese," Rabbi Rick told the people as he held up the Bible, "and this is what she loves. When we go into the word of God, sometimes I see the tears. In 2003 I had a vision

when my faith was at a low. I saw parts of a ship broken up. The mast was sticking up and I said, 'Lord, my faith is shipwrecked.' He told me to swim to the other side of the ship. There I found a piece of driftwood. I grabbed it and it flipped over. On that other side was the word, 'Jesus.' Another piece of driftwood said, 'more word.' Donese, his word is your driftwood."



Neyda Hempton of Victory Deliverance Center

"I love you, Donese," Neyda said in tears. "And you are aware that I know exactly what you are going through. He is at the table with the Lord right now. Stephen loved you and you listened to him when he needed to talk, even at 0300." Neyda shared a vision God gave her to comfort her when <a href="her">her</a> son was also killed in a traffic accident.



Wanda Stevens, First Lady of Living Hope was the main speaker.

"I was praying for God to comfort you," First Lady Wanda Stevens told Donese. "Is 66:13 says, 'as one who his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you' (KJV). God loves you and his word promises to comfort you. God keeps his promises. Having a child is like having your heart outside your body. You cannot always protect them. A mother's love is something most people cannot explain. We know your pain, but praise God for those memories and for the time with him. Praise God for the time with Stephen that is to come.

"Luke 2:51, speaking of the young Jesus says, 'Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart' (NIV). "I Cor 13:13, 'So now faith, hope and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love' (ESV). The love of a mother is special love. There is no doubt in my mind that Donese loves her boys. For instance, she took them to church from the time they were in utero (before they were born) until they were old enough to decide for themselves whether to go. She taught them songs and Bible verses. She taught them how to pray. She taught them right from wrong. If we don't teach our kids to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to. Teaching a child how to count is good, but teaching him what counts (Jesus) is better.

"She always had her phone with her at night because Stephen usually called in the middle of the night. He called her once and she took off to pick him up with no gas. He called and she went in faith. Whenever he called her, she took every opportunity to witness to him. Deut 6:6-7 says, 'These words, which I am ordering you today, are to be on your heart; and you are to teach them carefully to your children. You are to talk about them when you sit at home, when you are traveling on the road, when you lie down and when you get up' (CJB).

"Is 49:15 says, 'Can a woman forget her nursing child and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you.' No, Donese, you'll never forget Stephen. Treasure these things in your heart. We love you."



Nina Percifield, First Lady of Leap of Faith spoke briefly.



Pastor Allen Stevens

"The word says not to forsake the assembling of the brethren. This is a good example of how we need to assemble ourselves when something happens. Come with song, scripture and prophecy. We will all meet Stephen in Heaven. God is good and he will give us something good right when we need it.



**Pastor Tommy Bennett** 

"The world has names for wives who have lost their husbands: widows; and for husbands that lose their wives: widowers; But there is no word for a mother who has lost a child. Donese, the Lord still calls you beautiful, righteous and <u>his</u>. Before you were just a woman, but now you are daughter of the Most High. That same Spirit John the Baptist saw on Jesus rests on you. The world can't define it, but God has it for you." Pastor Allen Stevens closed in prayer.

Feed the Hunger (from pg 1) with many other volunteers, helped pack over 10,000 meals to go over to Haiti.



The whole gang

This event was orchestrated by Linda Gunter and the Love Him Love Them Ministries. The Feed-the-Hunger Pack-a-thon was held in an old school building in Lavonia. Approximately 50



Hard at work





Samaika working hard with a smile



So much to do



volunteers spent their afternoon packaging meals consisting of rice, beans, dried vegetables as well as powdered vitamins and minerals. Each pack held enough for three servings.



Perfect measurement



Short break



Packing the T-shirts



Operating full steam



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Secretary Jody Bennett of the Battlefield News and her two sons, Ty (left) and Bryce (right)



Rylee Bennett



**Dad, Michael Bennett** 

An assembly line was set up so that each item to be placed in a package to be sent was at its own station. A line of people went from station to station filling each package with the items proscribed. Then they were carefully weighed, sealed and boxed for shipping.

It was a well-organized event and everyone involved felt an overwhelming sense of gratification when it was completed. The joy that comes from helping others is indescribable. This joy is only from the Lord, nothing in this world can compare to it.

If you, your church or ministry is interested in hosting one of these pack-a-thons in the future reach out to us at the Battlefield News for more information. You can call or text (706)499-7976 or (706)372-1060.

# **Imitators of Christ** (from pg 1)

wear himself out. Jethro told him he should select trustworthy men that he could delegate the duties of a judge to and that they could send the major cases to Moshe. Those men were to help him carry the load.

"Pastor Grant, we took Jesus into the depths of the night-shift prison. Therefore, you can certainly take Jesus here. There are, however four things that you will need.



John Hobson opened the service, welcoming all present.



Pastor Grant Myerholtz with John on the pulpit



Singing hymns



Pastor Grant Myerholtz
"Those who endure to the end... God is still faithful and will take care of us."



Mrs Susan Hobson played an incredibly moving rendition of Yes, Jesus Loves Me.



John Hobson lent his magnificent voice to his wife's piano and blessed the congregation with I'd Rather have Jesus.

"First, you need accountability. You are only as strong as those you surround yourself with. Moses had accountability because Yitro (Jethro) was the priest of the Midianites.

"Second, you must have humility. Prov 12:1, 'whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid' (ESV). It was humble of Moses to listen to his father-in-law. Always be humble. A wise man will listen to council (and be humble) and pride will close your ear.



The reverend Steve Ferguson gave the report of the Ordaining Council.

"This is a very important event, and having examined Pastor Grant Myerholtz, we recommend he be ordained."

"The third thing is delegation. Disclaimer: delegating does not mean you are lazy. You must be able to delegate so you can stay on top of your health and make your family a priority. You must prioritize. The divorce rate for pastors is higher and their kids often feel neglected.



The reverend Jaamal Rambert spoke, charging, advising and encouraging.

"The fourth and final thing is be an example. You will be an example, even if it is a bad one, but I charge you, brother, to be an example worthy of following. In I Cor 11:1 Paul says, 'Be imitators of me as I am of Christ' (ESV) it doesn't mean that Paul did not make mistakes; he did. Always make time for God. If you spend less time praying and meditating to hear God, less time reading the word, you will feel it and the people will see it. When Moshe came back from being with God, like when he brought back the tablets, his face glowed with the light from the presence of God. Make sure you endeavor to glow everywhere.

"Pastors don't always have the answers. They have to deal with life just like everyone else. Keep that accountability, remain humble, delegate to others and be an example.'



The reverend Steve Ferguson

"In Heb 13:7," the reverend Steve Ferguson reminded the people, "it says, 'Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith' (ESV). V<sub>17</sub> tells us, 'Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief' (KJV); joy not grief. Years ago there was an old -school idea that God should be number one in a pastor's life, the congregation should be number two and family should be way down there somewhere. No! All those things they ask of a pastor Jesus did not even do. Eph 4:10-11 tells us that Jesus 'ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists and some pastors and teachers' (NKJV); some to be pastors to empower the saints. A saint is a follower of Jesus.

"How many perfect people are in here? Raise your hand if you are perfect. Pastor Grant is not perfect either. We say if the pastor messes up, it's time for him to go. But if you mess up, is it time for you to go? There are sins for which we must get rid of a man, but we must give help and receive help. Help him so he can be a better pastor. Pray for him. Really pray for him; don't just say it. Pray also for his family because, if the devil can't get the head, he will attack the family, his wife Christy and kids. Pray also for each other that the church will accomplish what God desires; to make disciples and not be a little club inside these walls. Be salt and light.

"You need to love Grant and encourage him.

You would not believe how many Mondays I have decided to resign. Once we had one of those Mondays on Sunday and two pastors resigned at the end of the service.

"God called him first to salvation and then to be a leader of God's people. Who in here is an expert in the Baptist Church? How many experts in ministry? I never tell a banker how to be a banker. He doesn't need people telling him how to be a pastor. Trust God who gave him

this charge. You must also support him financially.

"In I Tim 5:17-18 we see, 'The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For scripture says (Deut 25:4) "You shall not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain" and (Luke 10:7) "the worker deserves his wages' (NIV).'

"Ask God what to do. Give Pastor Grant what God says you need to give him. A pastor is not a hired hand. We are all in this together. God's word is filled with things to do for us."



David McClain prayed the ordination prayer. "John Hobson heard Grant praying one day at the gym, and now here he is.

"Is 43:2 says, 'When you pass through the water, I will be with you: in the rivers you shall not drown. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; the flames shall not consume you' (NAB).

"Pastor Grant, we will pray for you and we will work with you."



David McClain prayed over Pastor Grant, laying hands on him.



Pastor Jaamal Rambert prayed over Grant and laid hands on him.



Dr Don Little laid on hands. Pastor Grant wept as the men of God prayed over him.



Pastor Steve Ferguson prayed over Grant.



Pastor Grant was joined by his wife Christy as Pastor Steve Ferguson presented the certificate of ordination.

# Watch Night 2020-21

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{(from pg 1)} \\ \text{sisters in the presence of God than watching} \end{array}$ some secular ball or apple or peach drop on television or attend some secular party.



Pastor Patsy Sherwood and...



...Pastor Johnny Sherwood welcome the people.



Junior Trammell provided the initial worship music.



People in worship



Junior was joined by Pastors Patsy & Johnny Sherwood as well as Pastor Tony Bertsch.



**Pastor Tony Bertsch** 

"Deut 31:6 tells us, 'Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, he is the one who goes with you. **He will not leave you nor forsake you'** (NKJV). In Mat 14:29-30 Peter walked out of the boat toward Jesus, but when he took his eyes off the Lord, he began to sink. Is 43:1 says he calls us by name. When JJ was little and learning to walk, if he let go of my hand, he would fall." Pastor Tony and Mary Brooks sang I can't even Walk Without You Holding My Hand.



Mary Brooks and Tony Bertsch sang *I can't* even Walk without You Holding My Hand. "in Is 43:19, God said, 'I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert' (KJV). Tony sang *Through the Fire*.



Singing Through the Fire

"Throw off 2020; we are going into a new year and God is still in charge. When it gets dark, that's when our light shines the brightest."



Pastor Johnny Sherwood

"It does not matter what is going on in DC;" Pastor Johnny told the people at the watch night service, "God will never leave us or forsake us. We serve an awesome God. He sang *Come to the Altar*.



Pastor Jonny sang Come to the Altar and The Lion and the Lamb.

"Everybody will bow to Jesus one day. They may not go to be in the kingdom of God, but even those in Hell will bow the knee to him and acknowledge that he is Adonai.

"In Gen 26:1 we see, 'There was a famine in the land (distinct from the earlier one that had occurred in the days of Abraham), and Isaac went down to Abimelech, king of the Philistines in Gerar' (NAB). We have a famine in America right now, a spiritual famine.

"V2-5 Yitzchak (Isaac) was blessed because of his father Avraham. Sometimes we are blessed because of those who were before us. In V<sub>6-9</sub> it is illustrated that you can get out of alignment with God. It doesn't mean you are in the wrong place, but maybe doing the wrong thing. V<sub>13-14</sub>, Isaac became very wealthy and the P'lishtim (Philistines) became very jealous of him. It is just like in America. In V<sub>19</sub> an old well that Abraham had dug and the Philistines filled in was restored by Yitzchak's servants, but the P'lishtim of Gerar quarreled with them, saying the water belonged to them. Therefore, the well was named Esek, which means contention. America is filled with contention right now, but God called us to stand firm, but for this we must have his anointing and stay in his word. Another well was dug with more quarreling, so it was called Sitnah, which means hatred.

"Isaac moved on from there and another well was dug, but with no quarreling. This well was named Rechovot (Rehoboth) because Yitzchak 'said, "The Lord has now given us ample room, and we shall flourish in the land" (Gen 26:22 NAB). Isaac made room for God and was headed in the right direction. Even unbelievers can see if the anointing is on you. With his anointing, you will never be the same because you are a new creature."



Pastor Patsy Sherwood

"I believe this is a time where we have to dig. Digging is very difficult, especially spiritually, but anything worthy is worth the sacrifice because God gives us back more than we give. We did not know at this time last year what we were going to face this year and we don't know what we will face in the rest of 2021."

When the clock chimed midnight, Pastor Patsy dismissed everyone to the fellowship hall to eat together.



Fixing plates in the fellowship hall



Ms Mary Brooks, Michelle and Junior Trammell fellowship and chew



Pastor Patsy prays the b'rakhah (prays over the food)

"While thinking about the close of the year," Pastor Patsy shared when everyone was back in the sanctuary, "I've been on my knees to see what God wants for us. We have entered **the year of our Lord** 2021. I believe it will be a year of unspeakable joy and full of glory for God's people. I don't know about the world, but for his people, joy."

Pastor Patsy's mother passed when Patsy was young. Ms Mary Brooks became her second mother.



Pastor Johnny, Donese Mercaldo and Pastor Patsy pray over Ms Mary Brooks, who stood in for First Lady of Holy Bethel Theresa Walker, who missed the service because of her health.

# **CommUnity Anchored in Christ**

(from pg 1)

on a Mission performed at the Comer CommUnity Fall Festival, which was lead by Brandi Hallan and Pastor Chuck Black from New Town Baptist Church.



The altar call of D Earl & Rock Shunk in Cleveland, Ohio, almost every one came up



D Earl with a young man who dedicated his life to Christ (see front page)



Rock & D Earl speak to some of those who were saved



The evangelist Les Vinluan (Brother Pineapple) of Aloha Ministries preached at the Comer CommUnity Fall Festival.



Daniel (D Earl) Gilstrap and...



Rock Shunk of Unity on a Mission perform at the Comer CommUnity festival.



Cousins Rylee Bennett & Trinity Mangiafico of Unity on a Mission



Pastor Chuck Black, his wife Amanda and Brandi Hallan of New Town Baptist Church



Rock Shunk and Samantha Mangiafico of Unity on a Mission at the table.



Pastor Craig Parker of Allegiance Ministries



Sammy Mangiafico

The Hoschton Fall Festival weekend brought the Rock and D Earl Show at 1600 (4pm) on Friday. On this show Daniel sings and praises Jesus, and afterward, he and Rock discuss current events in the world and how the need for the Lord ties in, how we need Messiah just to get through each day, especially in 2020.



Reporter Ronnie Weeks at the Hoschton Fall **Festival** 



Rock and D Earl on stage in Hoschton



Unity on a Mission had a prayer clinic where Bibles were handed out and people were prayed for. There was a Unity on a Mission booth right downtown Hoschton, where T-shirts, D Earl CDs and Rock's books (Farm to Table: Keep on Truckin') were sold. A lot of things were given



Samantha Mangiafico & Carol Joiner at the booth

On Saturday morning the table was set up at 0830. As always, prayer began and D Earl took the stage at 1200. He is loaded with stage presence and has a super gift from God.



The 2020 Hoschton Harvest T-shirts



The Unity on a Mission merchandise tent



Some of the Unity on a Mission crew



JoJo (the rev Joseph Finney) praising God



Rock with Tony Johnson and his wife Reporter Suzanne Johnson

As the singing (Main Line) and dancing proceeded, a train could be heard in the distance approaching. At the sound of the train, a J-Train (Jesus Train) was formed. A J-Train is a long line of people like a Conga Line. It is always fun.

Meanwhile, back at the Unity on a Mission booth at the table, Rock Shunk autographed copies of her book Farm to Table: Keep on Truckin' for various people during the course of the day



The rev James Mays & Hope Buchannan D Earl took the stage at 1600 (4pm) and people

began doing the backwoods bounce to the song he wrote for the occasion.

On day three, D Earl took the stage at 1500 (3pm), sang and praised the Lord for two hours. The Unity on a Mission crew gave away everything that was not sold, loving on many people. The weekend was over and it was time to go home.

# **Touching and Agreeing**

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around the world. People have a tendency to look at numbers, not participation.



**Ivory Cummings of Bethel Church of the** Nazarene filled in as host for Pastor Sean Gray who was in quarantine.



Bishop James Walker of Holy Bethel FBH Church and WBCA president opened the service in prayer.



Carlos Eubanks of the UCGC (Unity Churches of God in Christ) praise team brought the worship music.

"I don't look like what I've been through. I will do everything I can for the Lord. We have it twisted around; we tell God to go into the nursing homes and places like that, but he gave us a commission. He will send those that he knows will see it through.

"It was the Revelation of Jesus Christ recorded by John the Apostle to the Church, not to the world. Paul said be ye not conformed to the world, but transformed by the renewing of your mind. We are supposed to serve our community. That's one way that we serve God. If you are in a church and no body is getting saved, there's something wrong with that church. We are the church.



Pastor Joseph Essiful-Ansah of Christ the King spoke about the need for outreach



Bishop James Walker on Unity in the body "Our God is responsible for the air in your lungs and because of him, you never have to die. In II Chron 7:14, he's talking to 'my people,' not to the world. When they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray he told them, 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done...' Does it look like his will is being done here on Earth? Back in November, we put up a tent in Commerce. We called a meeting of the outreach team and we are still trying to get a full outreach team together. We talk real big, but when it actually comes to the work that has to be done for this unity we are called to, looks like a different story. If we can get half a million idiots to storm the capitol praying in the name of Jesus when it has nothing to do with Jesus; if we can get millions of more idiots to destroy cities over one dead body and none of them are worried about a pandemic, why is it we cannot get people to come together for the one dead body that died for us regardless of the pandemic? "When I call you, it's not to shoot the bull or

tell fishing stories; it is for ministry."

Jody Bennett, Secretary of the Battlefield News conducted the offering for the WBCA publication that makes it to every continent except Antarctica.

"You don't have to win the lottery to help God. If he wants you to be wealthy, he will give it to you. We wanna do the dramatic stuff, but the word says, 'I was sick and you came to help me, was naked and you clothed me, was hungry and you fed me...' You wanna help God, just do that. Do what you can do. You don't have to be rich. You have to do what you can do. I can't sing like Carlos can. I just sing solo - so low you can't hear me. People say they want me to sing tenor - ten or 15 miles away.



Waymon Bailey of Holy Bethel, whose stage name is Yung Christ Kidd, delivered some excellent Christian Rap.



Theresa Walker, First Lady of Holy Bethel distributed the elements for communion.



Pastor Joseph elucidated the purpose of communion



Bishop James prayed over the sacraments.

"God did not call Paul because he was educated. He thought he was working for God, working in righteousness. Therefore he was a prime candidate for what God called him for. We need to find out God's agenda for us and forget our agenda. We gotta come together in that unity.

"The church is so far off course. He gave us a formula: 'When two or three come together touching and agreeing...' Outside Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, if they had not come together touching and agreeing, the Holy Ghost would never have showed up.

"A lot of things in the Bible are not preached because you can't whoop and holler, growl in your throat, scream and yell about everything; some things have to be taught. We have to be in agreement.

The seven-day revival was designed to be this way. We must do it this way, not cut back to two or three days, but the way it was designed.

"God does not operate in what is not his. In other words, he will not back up something that is not going how he designed it. People quote scripture and never dissect it or look it up to see what it means. They quote it, but misquote it or don't understand it.



Pastor Willy the main speaker

"Ps 133:1 says, 'How good and pleasant it is...' Pleasant is being given to a sense of happiness, satisfaction and enjoyment. That is how we are supposed to come together, in unity. If we come together in division, God is not there. On Sunday is the worst segregation (and it's voluntary).

"Eph 2:14 says, 'For he himself is our peace.' We do not receive our benefits because we are not in unity. God gives us everything that pertains to life through his son. We must come together as the church.

"Amos 3:3 says, 'Do two walk together unless they have agreed to walk together?'

The service ended with prayer for Pastor Sean and his family as well as for KC Cobb of the Bethel Nazarene praise team and his family, all of who were out with the Corona Virus.

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# **Food and Clothing**

# Abba's House

Sunday Morning at Church of God of Prophecy Winder, 333 Wright Street, food is given to the needy after morning service, which begins at 1100. Call Pastor Debra Williams with questions: (404)960-9515

# Angel's Attic

Thursday from 1500 to 1600 (3-4pm) at Braselton Tabernacle of Praise, 2260 Davenport Rd, food is given to the needy. Call Pastor Jon Jackson with questions: (706)658-2668

# **Living Hope**

Wednesday evening at 1900 (7pm), those who need food, and are ready to attend a church service, will be given food afterward. Living Hope Christian Fellowship is located at 99 Jefferson Street in Hoschton. In addition, Thursday between 12 and 1500 (3pm) food is often distributed. Call Pastor Stevens with questions: (404)996-5047 or the first Lady, Wanda Stevens at (706)654-6541

# **New Harvest**

The first Wednesday of each month at New Harvest Ministries, at 176 A West Athens Street in Winder, from 1100 to 1230 food will be

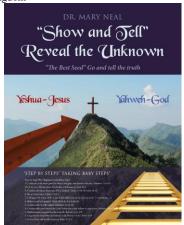
given to the needy. For questions, call Pastor B. L. Arnold: (404)513-3538

### **Your Events**

If you or your church or ministry stand with the Whole Body of Christ Alliance, your activities and events may be published in the Battlefield News One Army to go all over the country and all over the world. This service is free. But we don't know unless you tell us.

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If you own a Christian business, the Battlefield News has very reasonable rates for advertising – half a column for \$50.00, and less for a smaller space. In addition, you will be helping to spreading the word of God and build his kingdom



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In addition, Mr. McAdams of Living Hope Christian Fellowship is ready to train certain individuals in the field of upholstering. Call him for more details at (803)761-8145 or (678)464-7700

# Let's support Building Christian Ministries

We in the Whole Body of Christ Alliance have, as most people know, a monthly publication. It is called the Battlefield News One Army. In it you can read about some of the very worthy ministries around the world and in our own country that we, as an alliance support. One of those is a ministry that has been featured in BFN many times. It is BCM (Building Christian Ministries) based in Blairsville, Georgia. Philip Abernathy has attended and spoken at many 7day revivals. Under the umbrella of BCM are several worthy ministries, including the homeless ministry in based in Blairsville and The Father's Heart, the ministry in Brazil that rescues children from sexual abuse and trafficking. Brazil is one of the worst places in the world for sex trafficking and some of the stories we have heard from there at the 7-day revivals would make you cringe. Help these kids and homeless Americans. Donate to BCM by texting 26989.BCM. It will take you a website for a one-time donation or a round-up



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# Signs and Wonders



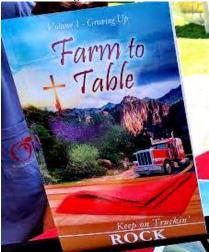
Craig Parker has opened a brand new Christian gift store at 32 North Sage Street in Toccoa 30577. Proceeds go to help Allegiance Ministries. Signs and Wonders is open Wednesday to Saturday 1000 to 1700 (5pm). Call (706)282-9833.

# Ms Mary's House of Hope

Ms Mary <u>does</u> need our help. She refuses to allow the government to fund her because she knows that they would mandate that Jesus be discluded from every thing just like they do in the schools and everything else they fund. Please, call Ms Mary and volunteer your times and/or funds. That number to call is (678)235-1361. Ms Mary's House of Hope is a 501(c) 3 Organization and all donations are completely tax deductible.



Starr Phipps has a Christmas CD. Order it now through the Battlefield News



We all know and love Rock. She is the reverend Dr Roxanne (Rock) Shunk, Pastor of Unity on a Mission and member of the board of directors (Secretary of Ministries) of the Whole Body of Christ Alliance. She has written a book, actually it is the first volume of several books. It is entitled *Farm to Table: Keep on Truckin'* and the first volume is *Growing up*.

Keep on Truckin' is available through the battlefield News. Contact us for you copy and let's support our sister.



Author Rock Shunk

# **Bible Knowledge**

By: Mateo Raza

If you have not every read Rock's book *Farm to Table: Keep on Truckin,*' I can recommend it. It's a very interesting story and it's true. The names have just been changed to protect the guilty and the innocent. Those of us who know

the female ministry leader (and pastor) of Unity on a Mission know that it is **her** actual story. She is a trucker, so when she writes about it, she has actually lived it. You will not want to put the book down. The truth is that, when you are reading it, you will not want it to be over, but alas, it does end. But the rumor is that the second book is on the way.

Now for the answers to the December questions:

## The Company of Emissaries

1: He took the eleven (minus Y'hudah [Judas]), but he only took three up all the way, the same three he took up when he was transformed in front of them and converses with Moshe (Moses) & Eliyahu (Elijah): Ya'akov (Jacob or James) son of Zavdai (Zebedee) and his brother Yochanan (John) as well as Shim'on Kefa (Simon Peter), his inner circle. (Mark 14:33)



Fr Sprague suddenly began to wonder if he should've bought the new crucifix from IKEA

- 2: Philip (John 6:7)
- 3: Demetrius (Acts 19:23-41
- 4: Andrew (John 6:8-9)
- 5: Five barley loaves and two small fish (John 6:9)
- 6: Peter (John 13:69)
- 7: Paul (Acts 28:1-6)
- 8: Ya'akov (James) Gal 1:19)
- 9: Timothy (I Thes 1:1 & 2:6)

This is Bob.

Bob is not panicking.

Bob listens to scientists instead of news media.

Bob is not buying items in bulk.

Bob washes his hands all year long because he's not gross and knows basic hygeine.

Be like Bob.

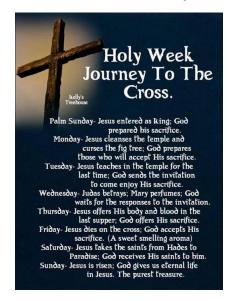
Now for the January questions:

The Company of Emissaries

- 1: What emissary (apostle), a traveling companion of Paul, was sometimes called Silvanus?
- 2: Which emissary (apostle), according to tradition (e.g. writings of Flavius Josephus), lived to a ripe old age after miraculously living through being boiled in oil at the palace (not the arena) of Emperor Domitian?

## **Speaking of Churches**

3: Yeshua sent word to one particular church and said they were "Neither hot nor cold" and that he would spit them (vomit them) out of his mouth. Which church was he addressing?



- 4: At what synagogue were the men from who accused Jason and other friends of Paul of turning the world upside down?
- 5: Euodia and Syntyche were two Christian woman, who, for some reason, began a spell of bickering with one another. At what church did this take place?
- 6: Paul was so long winded that he spoke past midnight and a young man sitting in the window fell asleep and dropped all three stories to the ground and died. Paul went down to the street and raised Eutychus from the dead. What church were they in?
- 7: What church was the scene of the burning of wicked books (books of sorcery)?

Goze estos hasta la proxima vez (enjoy until next time).

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