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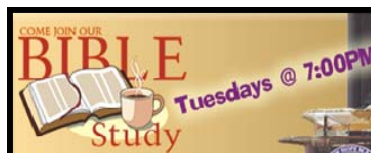
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Upcoming Events

Join us every Sunday

For Worship Service
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Everyone is welcome!



Sunday School...

9:45 a.m.

Every Sunday

Deacon Brad Norman, Superintendent
Pastor Cynthia Barfield, Ass't Superintendent



Shut-In

**August 13, 2011
8 a.m.—11 a.m.**

Audio/Video Ministry

Please be reminded that the audio/video ministry is open to anyone looking to serve in the church. We are in need of people who want to help take the gospel to another level through audio and video. Please contact Deacon Aaron Patten Jr. if you are called to spread the gospel in this manner.

The *New Hope Bookstore* has a variety of media available to enhance your walk with the Lord. You can share the gospel with someone who is homebound or unable to attend service by obtaining a CD or DVD for a donation of \$10.00 for CD and \$16.00 for a DVD.

Our bookstore is open before and after each service, as well as during Sunday school for your convenience. We welcome our new Bookstore manager Sis. DeAnna Hudnall.

Please let us know if you have any recommendations for the Audio/Video Ministry or the Bookstore. We are here to serve.



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Monthly Newsletter



**From the Desk of
The Bishop
Dr. Stanley Searcy Sr.**

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I find great pleasure coming to you once again as we continue to focus on the theme for 2011, which is **"Positioning Ourselves for the Kingdom."** As we continue to position ourselves for the kingdom we must press forward toward the high calling of God; that is most important; and forgetting those things that are behind us.



As Co-Pastor and I left Chicago in 1988 returning south to Baton-Rouge, LA, one of the biggest blizzards ever hit that city; in our rearview mirror was the skyline of Chicago. After traveling hundreds of miles the skyline became dimmer and dimmer. We had to forget everything that we had left behind: the culture, the theatrical plays, the surroundings of wealth, the people we were familiar with, the lifestyle, excitement, bright lights and oh yes, struggles. Everything that comes along with big city life, we had to forget.

As you move forward to position yourselves for God, there are some things, people and places that you hold dear in your hearts, but you must look forward to what God is forming and fashioning you to be. Taking on His character, learning to listen carefully to His voice and to obey what you hear. This takes making a conscious decision to pack up from the areas that you are familiar with and moving away from that place of complacency and having a made up mind that I can be all that God will have for me to be.

The things behind you are minor. The things before you are major. Don't major in minor things, look forward. Don't let temporary things stop you from obtaining your future victory. Look forward to perfection and a consistent relationship with God. Surround

yourself with positive people and things that will help you to develop God's character in you. Forget the failures, the things that God has canceled out of your life. Forget the brokenness, discouragement and what could have been. Look toward today and how bright your future can be. Live your life through the eyes of eternity. Any man that looks back is not fit to obtain the vision of the future.

God has a plan for you. You were made in His image and likeness. So therefore, don't let anything stop you from developing His character in your life. Stay the course and let nothing distract you.

Be Bless,

Bishop Stanley Searcy, Sr.

From the Desk of Co-Pastor Brenda Searcy

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

I am so excited!! You may ask, why is she so excited? All that is going on in society today! I will tell you why. Because Jesus lives within me and if you are born again He lives within you also. This is something to be excited about. In spite of whatever is going on around you there should be a peace within knowing that Jesus says, He will never leave you nor forsake you. He will be with us always even unto the ends of the world. Just having Him on the inside should bring you that peace because He is the Prince of Peace. Do you believe it?



in an awesome way beginning with the Shut-in on Saturday, July 23rd. The Theme: "The Race" where we had some awesome speakers go forth. The ladies and myself left rejuvenated and on fire for God ready and waiting to see what God was going to do next in this Women's Conference. Well, on Wednesday, July 27th was our Conference Dinner at the Carriage House. God moved there also. The fellowship, the atmosphere, the food, and the many door prizes was great. I also did a recap on the Shut-in topics from that Saturday. We all left there excited about what God was about to do the next two days. Well, He didn't let us down not one bit and I think it was because of the expectation that we had, that we were not going to leave this conference without having something that will give us the refreshing we needed to keep running.

I thank God for and give my appreciation to the ladies who went forth during the shut-in and to those who rose up so early on a Saturday morning because they have a desire to be all that God called them to be. Thanks to the Inspirational speakers, the main speakers, the ladies

who opened up, the Mistresses of Ceremony, the Women's Choir who song in such an excellent way and also the musicians. Thanks to the Praise Dancers, I loved your energy for the Lord; so keep it up; and to the Mime team who ministered to our souls.

Let's keep that excitement for the Lord and remember that we are in a race. A Christian race that is. We must consider that we do have a cloud of witnesses who are gone on before us, who have finished the race, and left us an example of faithfulness, bravery, and glorious achievements that we can profit from. That should cause us to prepare for this race that we must run, laying aside the weight of every sin that so easily beset us; that is, every thing that stands in the way of our serving God. Anything that gets more of our attention than God let's lay it aside and participate in this race patiently. For we have need of patience to encounter the difficulties that lie in our way. It's a long run, not a sprint; which is a short run at full speed. This is a marathon, a life long race. So we must stay in daily devotion, worshipping with one another, keep giving to the cause of Christ and the needs of others and

Deaconess Ministry by Pastor Sharon Bradford

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ,

On behalf of the Deaconess Ministry, I would like to thank you all for your continued faithfulness to the Kingdom of God. As we enter this season, we would like to remind everyone that it takes a "village to raise a child". As the school year begins, take time to help your child or a child, regain their focus on academic success. Some of the things we can do are:

- ♥ Join a PTA at the local schools and attend the meetings.
- ♥ Make sure your child gets to bed by 9:00 p.m. to ensure they have enough sleep to be productive at school.
- ♥ Visit your child's school at least once per month to monitor their progress.

Parental involvement is an important part of helping children achieve academic success. Remember, we have no right to complain about that which we are not involved in. We are "the salt of the earth"; let's make a difference starting today. If you are in need of school supplies for your child, please let us know so we can

assist you in finding community resources.

Joy Station Children's Ministry



*Minister Gloria Gray
Joy Station Pastor*

We serve children ages 5 to 12 years of age. So if you would like your child to attend The Joy Station we meet on second (2nd - 4th - and 5th) Sundays. Service times are 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

On Friday July 22, 2011 the Children's Church went on a field trip to the Mississippi Children Museum. The museum has many things for the children to enjoy as well as the chaperons. We truly did have a great time. The children enjoyed themselves so until they asked, 'when can be go again?' It is our hope to make visiting the Mississippi Children Museum as an annual trip.



On August 13, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. we have planned a Shut-in. The purpose of the Shut-in is to get the children's mind ready to return to school with the right disposition. We will have a motivational speaker, a skit, puppets, praise & worship, and most of all prayer and intercession.

Pastors Gloria Gray, Pastor Pastor Vick Thomas, Assistant Pastor Carlin Glen -teacher
Kathy Chatman, teacher
Natasha Nelson, teacher

If you would like to become part of our team, or volunteer on one of the Sundays just let one of the team member know. We will be glad to have you.

Elder Gloria Gray

“Lean On Me Outreach Support Group” Alcohol, Cocaine, and Narcotics Anonymous by Sis. Alice Fletcher

OUTREACH ON THE INCREASE

STILL BELIEVING that God is able to change anyone, no matter what state, background, condition, or walk of life we come from. We welcome you with unconditional love. “We are a group faithful in the well being of individual confidentiality.”

For scheduling call 601:493-4449



Nursing Home Ministry

The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers *are* few.

Matthew 9:37

You are invited to come join us in visiting the nursing home. No money needed. Only love, a hug, and a smile is needed.

Crownhaven— Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Glenburney—3rd Mondays, 6 p.m.

Jefferson County—1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 11 a.m.

Adams County—Wednesdays 10 a.m.

*Elder Katie Beamer
Elder Julia Griffin
Minister Shirley Berry*

MAN 2 MAN Ministry



*Elder Michael Barfield
President*

Theme: Being Position for the Kingdom

As our society slips farther away from the principles of God, the men of God has to recognize its time to take a stand.

In *Man 2 Man Men's Ministry* we are discussing the moral decay of our society. Because of the changes in political systems

And the relaxed teaching in the Christian circles, man's ways are becoming more and more corrupt. Thru our in-depth study.

We research ways to live a more God centered life using the word of God as a guide. Beyond a doubt, the only way we can.

Walk through these tests and trials are by following God's plan only. *Man 2 Man* meet every Monday night in the Fellowship hall at 7:00 p.m. and is open to all males. Look to see you there.

Elder Michael Barfield

refuse to be distracted. For we have someone to inspire us to keep running and that is looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. He set the course of faith, ran the race first, and now waits for us to join Him at the end, encouraging us all the way. He stands at the finish line. Keep your eyes on Him and don't get distracted. LET'S RUN THIS RACE! You have what it takes and that's THE WINNER IN YOU AND HIS NAME IS JESUS. I am so glad to be on the winning team!

Editor's Comments

Reverence

Praise Almighty God,

As born again believers in Almighty God, we should give **Reverence** to Almighty God, Jesus, our house of worship/sanctuary and to our spiritual leaders. In this issue of *NH Newsletter* I would like to discuss the importance of *reverence*.

Reverence is defined in Webster Dictionary as honor or re-

spect felt or shown; profound adoring awed respect; a gesture of respect.

Reverence is to be given to Almighty God and our Lord, Savior and Jesus Christ. (*1Samuel 2:30—Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.*)

Reverence is to be given to the man or woman of Almighty God that is delivering His WORD. (*Psalm 89:7—God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him.*)

Reverence is to be given when one is in the house of worship/sanctuary. Being a constant walker, talker, or texter causes distractions which is not showing reverence (honor or respect) to God or our spiritual leaders. Let each of use examine our behavior to make sure we are not causing distractions to others, causing them to not focus on the WORD that is being delivered. Making sure we are not allowing Satan to use us for his glory rather than being used for Almighty God's glory.

Let's remember that **Reverence** is giving honor or respect. Therefore, we ask that **Reverence** be given to our beloved Bishop, Co-pastor, Pastors, Evangelist and Ministers as they deliver the WORD. (*Hebrews 12:9 states: "Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?"*)

Texting, talking, and walking as the WORD is going forth is NOT showing Reverence to the speaker. Please reframe from texting. It not only show disrespect to the man or woman of Almighty God but it also causes interference with the microphone system. Also, let's reframe from talking. It causes distraction to others who are interested in hearing the WORD. Finally, let's reframe from walking unless it is an emergency as the WORD is going forth. It is a distraction to others and surely to the man or woman of Almighty God that is going forth with the WORD.

Glendora Alexander-Muhammad
Editor



Study! Study! To pass this class: The class of living Holy & Righteous

by
Elder Cynthia Barfield

2 Timothy 2:15

15. Study to shew **thyself** approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

I. We have to learn to delight ourselves in the Word of God.

Psalm 1:1-2

1. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2. But his **delight is in the law** of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psalm 119:46 - 49

46. I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

47. And I will **delight myself** in thy commandments, which I have loved.

48. My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will **meditate** in thy statutes.

49. Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

II. We have to develop a love for the Word of God

Psalm 119:71-74

71. It is good for me that I have been **afflicted**; that I might learn thy statutes.

72. The **law of thy mouth** is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

73. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may **learn thy commandments**.

74. They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have **hoped in thy word**.

Psalm 119: 97-101

97. O how **love I thy law!** it is my **meditation all the day**.

98. Thou through **thy commandments** hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

99. I have **more understanding** than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

100. I **understand** more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

101. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I **might keep thy word**.

III. We have to learn what the Word of God says.

Matthew 11:28-30

28. Come unto me, **all ye that labour** and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29. Take my yoke upon you, and **learn of me**; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

IV. We have to know that God's Word is Pure

Psalm 119:139-145

139. My zeal hath consumed me, because **mine enemies have forgotten thy words**.

140. Thy **word is very pure**: therefore thy servant loveth it.

141. I am small and despised: yet **do not I forget thy precepts**.

142. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and **thy law is the truth**.

143. Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet **thy commandments are my delights**.

144. The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: **give me understanding**, and I shall live.

145. I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord: **I will keep thy statutes**.

Jeremiah 15:15-16

15. O Lord, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; **take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke**.

16. Thy words were **found, and I did eat** them; and **thy word was unto me the joy** and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.

V. Why should we study the Word of God?

Deuteronomy 4:9

9. Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but **teach them thy sons**, and thy sons' sons;

Deuteronomy 31:11-13

11. When all Israel is come to appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose, **thou shalt read this law** before all Israel in their hearing.

12. **Gather the people together, men and women, and children**, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may **learn**, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:

13. And that their children, which have not known any thing, may hear, and **learn to fear the Lord your God**, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

Proverbs 2:4-6

4. If thou **seekest her as silver, and searchest** for her as for hid treasures;

5. Then shalt thou **understand the fear of the Lord**, and find the **knowledge of God**.

6. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

He's talking a about Wisdom, but he also talking about searching the Word of God

Proverbs 3:12-15

12. For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

13. **Happy is the man that findeth wisdom**, and the man that getteth **understanding**.

14. For the merchandise of it is **better than** the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

15. She is **more precious than rubies**: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

He is referring to Godly Wisdom not worldly wisdom.

Hosea 4:6

6. My people are **destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee**, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will forget thy children.

Romans 8:27-28

27. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

28. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Matthew 24:35

35. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Let's get the Word of God in our hearts. Stay with the Word! Never! Never, stop studying the Word of God! Keep on Learning.