



Waldo Avenue

Restoration Branch

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Minutes from the August Women's Meeting

The women met Saturday August 10th at Sharon Bauman's home.

Margaret gave the worship reading the testimony of a prayer answered because a woman listened to the Holy Spirit and responded.

We concluded our viewing with the final class on the Heavenly Messenger, part #10 presented at Living Hope R.B. last October, 2023. Notes for this class are on pages 2-3 of this newsletter.

Donations for the nurses pantry at Graceland University on Truman Rd. in Independence continued to be collected until Aug. 25th. They were taken the following week to Graceland University and the staff wanted all to know how much they appreciated our branch endeavor on their behalf.

In September the branch elected Mary Prater as women's leader. We look forward to her ministry for the coming year.

For your information, there was not a September WARB women's ministries newsletter, you didn't miss it we just skipped a month. Happy reading!#

A Note From Mary

Dearest Sisters,

I wanted to add a little note to this newsletter to let you know how much I am looking forward to sharing with the ladies of Waldo this coming year.

I have loved Barbara's focus on both study and outreach these past years and would like to continue those efforts. Spending time together in study, prayer and fellowship, seeking God's purpose for our lives and our women's department is I believe

one of our highest callings. This is the direction I would like to go.

I am grateful for this opportunity and would welcome any insights or suggestions as we go forward. The date of our next meeting will be announced on the prayer chain shortly.

Until then may the Lord bless and keep you all.
Your sister in Christ, Mary#

Update on Team Jesus

In July Team Jesus took semi-truck loads of clothing and other supplies to Standing Rock (Sioux) and Turtle Mountain (Ojibwe) reservations. These supplies are desperately needed and Team Jesus goes at least once a year to help with these needs and to spread the love of Jesus Christ.

August 30-31st from 10 A.M. 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Team Jesus held a *Jesus Block Party* next to the Unity Center. Homeless, under privileged children, families with financial needs, were treated to free hair cuts, back to school supplies, children's shoes, and other helpful necessities. This was a huge success for sharing compassion and charity within our community.

While talking to Pastor Brian about upcoming ministry he informed me Team Jesus will be on the road to Texas, Alabama and Belize. When he said Belize I had a jolt. Recently I was gifted a car (another testimony) and the person left in the car a quantity of coins, I picked out the American coins and what was left were from Belize! So I told Pastor Brian I had some coins to give him, we were, at that moment in awe as to how God had planned this. There weren't many coins but, every little bit helps and this was just confirmation to Team Jesus they were doing His will.#

Call on Me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not.
Jere. 33:3

Heavenly Messenger

God Initiates All Spiritual Growth

Continued from last months issue

Co-Users of Gods Creative Powers

Gary mentioned that the messenger pointed out to him: *despite all that I've been taught in this church — 'your standard for what is in God's kingdom is too low'.*

Review

1. **Recognizing the need for God**—requires 100% dependence on Him, in order to do that we must know who God is.
2. **Understand the need for faith in Jesus**— faith is all around us, our challenge is to tap into it and make covenant. There are more ways faith can open up our lives other than baptism. Baptism is our identity in Christ. Covenant identifies us with heaven. Christ wants to be inside us and His value inside is what is going to change the world and ourselves.
3. **Understanding the compassion of Christ**— Mercy, Justice and Judgment are activated by repentance. This is the compassion of Christ, that He forgives and grants mercy.
4. **Co-Users of Gods Creative Powers**

⇒ **Gal. 4:1-2**—

- is thoroughly explained. It is so helpful for us to have an understanding through our scripture study time the history and understandings of the times in which these words were written and the understanding of that day, when it was given. This occurs when we research, go deeper and have the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.
- ♦ “*A day of adoption*” is all through our scriptures but we don't see it because of our present day understanding, culture and traditions.
- ♦ There is a day in the Father's own time when He says: *today I want to adopt you and change your whole life forever.* That day comes for all those who make covenant with the Lord. It has been established before the foundation of the world.
- ♦ This adoption will come because God can trust you that your goals and His goals are the same, that your will and His will are in alignment.

⇒ **Eph. 1:3-8, 10**—

- ♦ The Holy Ghost is our educator to teach us about Jesus Christ
 - ♦ Persuading us without taking our agency away.
 - ♦ The Holy Ghost has the ability to do all things, even the things Jesus did.
 - ♦ The meek and broken hearted are the only ones going to heaven.
 - ♦ Emotions do not know truth, they are just a part of the human body and mind that everything from God has to filter through.
 - ♦ The Holy Ghost enters into every cell of our body, not just the physical but also spiritual body.
- ⇒ What God wants from us is not to just come to church, not to just have potlucks which are wonderful. What God wants from us is to be instruments of compassion to a world that has no understanding of Christ. That compassion is not just an emotional feeling, its about the representation of the power of Jesus Christ to transform wherever we have been.

⇒ **3 Nepites**

- ♦ What the three Nepites desired was what Christ desired.
- ♦ He gave them a day of adoption to be what He would be on the earth.

⇒ **Helaman 3:118-124**

- ♦ Nephi had his day of adoption— *I know what is in your heart, it's what is in My (God's) heart.*
 - ♦ God asks of us to have our will be the same as His.
 - ♦ The choices we make are the ones that are most prosperous and are the ones God has already made for us.
- ⇒ We need to know what He wants next so that we can step into it not knowing if it's a lion's den or a boiling vat of oil or the ability to watch someone be raised from the dead.

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Ask and ye shall receive. Knock and it shall be opened unto you. DC 66:5c

Heavenly Messenger *continued*

⇒ **In the millennium:**

- ◆ Faith will be taught to the children
- ◆ When faith is taught to children everything changes
- ◆ Faith is simple, we have made it complicated.

⇒ **All God wants from us —**

- ◆ Our wills relinquished to His will.
- ◆ The Lord will provide in these last days and the days to come, if we know how to hear Him, if we can trust what we hear.
- ◆ God initiates all spiritual growth, it didn't start the day we were born. He did that from before the foundation of the world.

Summary:

- * There is a day of adoption where we can be co-users of God's creative powers.
- * It will be to those who have their will lined up to His will,
- * Their goals are His goals.
- * They would be instruments of compassion in a world that desperately needs to see Jesus.

That is our challenge

That is our hope

That is our opportunity.#

Attributes of a Child of Christ

They do not trifle with but hearken to the words of Christ.

They open their ears that they may hear, their hearts that they may understand and their minds that the mysteries of God may be unfolded to their view.

They keep diligently the commandments of God.

They render to their heavenly Father all that they have and are.

They know and believe and do not transgress the *Whatsoever thing ye shall ask in faith, believing that ye shall receive, in the name of Christ, ye shall receive it.* Enos 1:24

prophecies which have been spoken by the holy prophets.

They allow the Spirit of the Lord to guide them.

They yield to the enticing's of the Holy Spirit.

They walk in wisdom's path.

They are blessed in all things, both temporal and spiritual.

They are happy.

They do not rebel against God.

If they hold out faithful to the end, they are received into heaven, that hereby they may dwell with God in a state of never-ending happiness.

They humble themselves, even in the depths of humility.

They always retain in remembrance their own nothingness.

They are submissive.

They are meek.

They become as little children.

They believe that salvation is through the atoning blood of Christ.

They put off the natural man.

They view themselves in their own carnal state even less than the dust of the earth.

They become a saint.

They are patient.

They are willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon them, even as a child doth submit to his father.

They have the fear of the Lord.

They cry for mercy.

They receive forgiveness of their sins.

Their hearts are purified.

They believe in Jesus Christ.

They have exceeding faith in Jesus Christ.

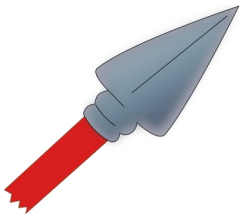
They are filled with joy even exceeding great joy.

They receive a remission of their sins.

They have peace of conscience.

They put their trust in the Lord.

They receive salvation. # *Continued next month.*



Become The Point of My Spear

Message given by Don Cutshall to the Women of OGRB, 2015, appeared in OGWB Sept, 2024 Zion Flash Card.

Don Cutshall: I was waiting for my wife, sitting in the car and there lay this devotional for this last month, for the women of the congregation. It was laying in the car seat. I picked it up and began to read it. As I began to read it the car that I was sitting in, I could feel the pressure, the more I read the more pressure, as I read it, I felt the car was going to explode with the Spirit of God.

He placed these words in my mind and in my heart and this is what He said to tell these women who are involved in this devotional: *I love you. And I am pleased with you and My hand is on your shoulder and if you continue to hear My voice you will become the **Point of My Spear*****, and I will use you in ways you know not of—so, thrust in your sickle and reap, and work all the days of your life, and I will be with you and I will counsel you. Even so, Amen.

Pat Chadwick: Now out of these devotionals came the material we needed for the first session of the live-stream classes, for the women of the church. The materials were in part based on the Patriarch's pamphlet. This spring, of 2024, while preparing my class, for the current live-stream women's classes, I re-read this message given in 2015 and the Spirit of the Lord swept over me. I knew that it was not just for the women at Oak Grove who worked on the devotionals but for the women of the church, the daughters of Zion. Women, who will study, pray and fast and serve God and their fellowman.

If we, the women of the church will rise up and set ourselves and our homes in order through prayer, fasting, and study of the scriptures we will become the *Point of His Spear*. We are called to do a great work. Zion starts in our hearts and homes then goes forward in service to our congregation, the community and the world. God designed us and placed us in this day and time to be the *Point of His Spear*.

****Point of His Spear** is a military term meaning the most direct and lethal part of an attack. It means the leading edge, the point of contact in a military operation; it's the soldiers who first enter the battle area. It is the forefront, the spearhead, God's Weapon.

Daughters of Zion let us rise up and become the **Point of His Spear**.#



Barbara's Testimony

In the past nothing irritated me more than having cars park right in front of my driveway and blocking it. The other day a delivery van did just that. As I looked out the front door I watched this young man take a package next door then go back to his van. He was having an issue with the right side exterior mirror and spent a good amount of time fiddling with it. I muttered to myself about parking in front of my driveway. As I watched the thought came into my mind: *It's 97 degrees out, my driveway is well shaded, he's hot, I wonder if he needs a tool and I might have what he needs.* So I went out to him.

As I did he got into his van to leave and I asked him if he needed help. His response was that someone back at home-base will fix it and he showed me the problem. As he was about to leave I said to him *have a blessed day* to which he smiled and thanked me and said the same to me. As I walked back into the house the words came into my mind: *see how much easier that was!* I said out loud *yes Lord, I do see how much easier that was!* Easier because the Lord is always right and it's always easier to be charitable than angry.#

Kim Perry's Testimony

Mary Prater, Ellen Winston and I attended the RWC women's retreat at Odessa Hills. The three of us were able to travel together to the retreat. It was a lot of fun and helped the three of us get to know each other better and develop deeper relationships in Christ. We had a lot of great fellowship with other ladies from various R.B. and the camaraderie from everyone there was very touching. We had two very informational and uplifting classes. One of the highlights from the morning class was that through the Lord, women have worth and a purpose. It helped me to feel empowered to continue to walk uprightly with the Lord on a daily basis. The afternoon class was about the parable of the wise man who built his house on the rock and the foolish man who built it on the sand (Matt.7:34). Even though I have heard this story many times, it always reminds and teaches me how important it is to study and pray in order that we may receive wisdom to always build our house on the rock of Jesus Christ. I left the retreat feeling joyful and a willingness to "go into the world" to tell others about the hope of Jesus Christ. #

I say unto you, listen to Me.

...one, As the five wise virgins did in the parable of the last days, Gather and sanctify your oil, before the cry at midnight. Prepare yourself through scripture, prayer, fasting, and humble service. You must take the Holy Spirit as a guide in all things that you do in your life.

How to be More Open to the Holy Spirit in Your Daily Life

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Tim. 3:16-17). This passage underscores the Holy Spirit's profound involvement in the inspiration of Scripture.

The Holy Spirit illuminates, enabling our understanding and acceptance of the Word. Scripture is not fully understood and accepted without the Holy Spirit whose impact on the reader is irreplaceable.

Some practical steps for being more open to the Holy Spirit in our daily lives are:

- ⇒ Being more engaged and disciplined in reading Scripture. Every relationship requires time, intention, and focus, so does our relationship with the Holy Spirit. When we read the words of Jesus, the Spirit is there, confirming Scripture, convincing us of who Jesus is, illuminating our understanding, and adding spiritual components of divine revelation we can't get anywhere else.
- ⇒ Silence and solitude puts us in a place to focus on God and push everything else away. God gave us a brain, life experiences, spiritual gifts, wisdom, and the ability to choose what to do in every moment. What we bring is the willpower and desire to invest specific time in solitude and silence in order to bring all these together. Imagine what you can hear from God with all He's given us if you just stop for a time to use all He's given you for His glory. What will happen is you'll have the space to tune out everything but God to see how He'd like to communicate with you.
- ⇒ It's easy to pray alone. You can pray anywhere at any time without anyone else. But prayer with others is incredibly powerful. Try to pray more with people than by yourself. Ask others to join you in prayer. People rarely say no to prayer, especially if you are praying for them!

- ⇒ Understand that truth comes from the Holy Spirit as He continually points us back to Jesus. Anything that contradicts Scripture contradicts the Holy Spirit and Jesus.

The **first** way to test is simply ask — is this found in scripture somewhere? Test everything against Scripture first, even if you think it's from God. The Adversary knows Scripture better than we do and has used it before to confuse believers into moving away from God.

Secondly, don't be too hasty to believe. A healthy amount of skepticism will keep you from believing the wrong things.

Lastly, seek the wisdom and prayer of other believers you trust. The easiest way to open yourself up to the influence of the adversary rather than the Holy Spirit is to go through most of your spiritual life alone. God made us for community, and a great Christian community will reinforce the truths of God and shield people from the lies and confusion of the adversary. (CRE bulletin, 4-8-2024). And there's more —

As a young man was struggling with his tie, a woman nearby noticed and asked *Do you know how to tie it properly?* The young man replied *No ma'am*. She tapped her husband on the shoulder and said *Come over here and teach this young man how to tie his tie*. The older gentleman moved without hesitation and gave him a step-by-step tutorial; then, afterward, the elder gentleman watched the young man repeat the steps and showed him that he had it.

Anyone can sit by and watch someone in trouble trying to fix or do something they don't know how to do. Like the story above not knowing how to tie a tie. Somebody is the one that will step forward and reach out to help as best they can. It is obvious the young man needed help and appreciated the somebody that stepped forward. You can be anyone or someone or somebody.

What do you really think Jesus would want you to do? It can be awkward to step up and offer help—but, how would you feel if you were that anyone needing help? Don't hesitate, sometimes even a word of encouragement is all that is needed.

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How to be More Open to the Holy Spirit in Your Daily Life

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As you begin your day with: *What can I do today?* The Lord will answer keep your eyes open for opportunities to be of service. Step up and be somebody. The first thing would be a prayer—*how can I help and show your love to this person.* Making a phone call just to say hi could brighten anyone's day. (Pat Johnson, Groves Bulletin, July 2024.)

In his book The Indwelling Spirit, Andrew Murry makes these statements regarding being led by the Holy Spirit:

Begin at the beginning —

- * **Obe**y the commandments. Jesus said *he that will do, shall know*. Keep the commandments, and the Father will send the Spirit.
- * **Give up** every sin.
- * Yield in everything to the voice of conscience.
- * **Commit** yourself to God and let Him have His way.
- * Through the Spirit, **put to death** the deeds of the flesh. Give up, day by day, your own will and wisdom, your whole life and being to God and His work.
- * The Holy Spirit will begin to lead when we **cultivate and act** upon the confidence that the Holy Spirit is in you and He is doing His work.
- * As a son/daughter of God **place yourself** at the entire disposal of the Spirit to follow where He leads.

And the Spirit himself, this same Spirit through whom you put away all sin and yield yourself to be led as a son/daughter, will bear witness with your spirit—in a joy and power until now unknown—that you are indeed a child of God, enjoying all the privileges of the child of the King. (Pages 174-178, Bethany House pub.)

Editors note: I encourage you to read, read, read all good books. There is so much information out there we haven't tapped into.#

Want a Closer Relationship With the Father?

- ⇒ **Pray Continually.** Acts 6:4-5, 2Pet 1:2-4, Jn. 10:27. Hymn #396 *I Need Thee Every Hour*.
- ⇒ **Know His voice.** Ezek.36:20-27, 1 Thes. 2:4, DC 10:6. Hymn #486 *Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling*.
- ⇒ **Have Faith.** Heb.11:1-3. Hymn #153 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*.
- ⇒ **Be fully Convinced.** Ps.119:49. Hymn #132 *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*.
- ⇒ **Know His Promises.** DC 2:6a, & throughout scriptures. *Standing on the Promises of God* #

A testimony

I heard this testimony recently. For some time local priesthood in Africa endeavored to share the gospel in a small village. They brought only a few to the understand of the Everlasting Gospel, about 9. Then there was a women's retreat held in a neighboring village and the 3 women who had joined the church from this village came to the women's retreat. One of the classes at the retreat was on *Forgiveness*.

A woman, Mary, who was one of 3 women was very much affected by the topic of forgiveness. After the class they were encouraged to phone any they had offended and seek their forgiveness. Mary, not having a phone, borrowed one and made a few calls. When she got back to the village she went from house to house, asking forgiveness from individuals she had wronged. She owned a business and sought forgiveness from those she had cheated or harmed in any way.

People in the village were surprised: *is this the same Mary we knew? She's been saved* (in another church prior to being baptized into the Restoration) *what does this mean and what has happened to Mary?* Mary's seeking forgiveness had such an impact on many of the people in this village, so much so that they began asking about this gospel she had received. The church flourished and grew. Not by missionary work but, by the witness of a changed life through the Holy Spirit's witness. We all can be **THAT** witness.#