

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

4/8/18

**WELCOME** – We want to welcome people who are visiting today. We are praying that you will experience God's presence and sense the voice of His Holy Spirit speaking to you. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way. **A FREE GIFT IS WAITING FOR YOU IN THE FOYER AFTER THE SERVICE.**

**SPECIAL TEACHING SEMINAR** – Timothy and Denise Davis will be with us on April 22-24 for a 4-part teaching seminar entitled **HOLY GROUND: Cleansing Your Home And Property.** PLEASE BEGIN TO INCLUDE THESE 4 SERVICES IN YOUR PRAYERS. THIS CAN BE AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR BREAKTHROUGH FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.

**RECENT TEACHINGS** – The **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** teaching was entitled ***IDENTIFYING The Soon-Coming World Dictator***. This teaching deals with the **490 years of prophecy** recorded in the Book of Daniel. Those **490 years** are divided into **3 parts** consisting of **49 years** from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, followed by **434 years** from the completion of that project to the crucifixion of Jesus. **The first 2 divisions have come to pass exactly as prophesied.** The **third part** involves the final **7 years** of history. **This teaching explores the activities leading up to his appearance and reveals his probable identity according to scripture.**

The **Easter Sunday** teaching dealt with ***The SEVENTH City of Refuge*** and explored the correlation between the liberating death of the Old Testament High Priest and our New Testament High Priest. People who had accidentally killed someone in the Old Testament and were living in a City of Refuge to escape the Avenger of Blood were free of their GUILT when the Old Testament High Priest died. The liberating death of Jesus sets **everyone free** from ALL their sin, **intentional and unintentional**, along with their **GUILT**, if they have made Him Lord.

**PRAYER REQUEST** – **TRACEY HORTON** had surgery on her foot recently and would appreciate prayer. You may send cards to Windsor Place, 600 E. Garfield, Room 109, Iola, KS 66749.

**MAGAZINES** – The April issue of Charisma is available in the outer foyer for \$2.00. This month features a Tribute to the Life and Legacy of Evangelist to the World Billy Graham.

**WHEATSTATE SUMMER CAMP** – High School Camp (1) is June 4-8 and Camp (2) is June 11-15 (grades 9-12). Middle School Camp is June 18-22 (grades 6-8). The cost is \$220 for these camps and you need to register through the office by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Kids Camp (1) is June 24-27 and Camp (2) is June 27-30 (grades 3 -5). Cost is \$170 and you need to register through the office by **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. A \$30 pre-registration fee (non-refundable) is due with your registration. The balance is to be paid to the church office before you go and one check will be sent in for all those attending. **We will possibly need 1-2 ADULT sponsors to attend also.**

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION** – ***"Spring is in the Air"***, Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Cost is \$5.00. "DOTS" Baby & Children's Boutique will be having little ones model some adorable outfits; **Chanute Christian Academy Ensemble** will be presenting the music; Sandy Minardi, from Jenks, OK will be sharing "Celebrate Your Story". Call 431-6934 or 432-1934 for reservations.

**Have We Made a Mess of the Greatest Holy Spirit Movement in History?** By Dr. Michael Brown, CharismaMag.com

The charismatic-Pentecostal movement finds itself at a critical juncture. On the one hand, our movement is arguably responsible for the greatest ingathering of souls in church history, with well over 500 million new converts in the last 50 years. On the other hand, **abuses abound in our midst**, from **sexual scandals to financial impropriety** and from **unaccountable prophecies to doctrinal deviances**.

It is high time that we do some self-policing. **Better that we judge ourselves than be judged by the Lord** (see 1 Pet. 4:17; 1 Cor. 11:31-32). [Continued on page 2]

I recently signed up to receive emails from a **well-known "prophet,"** curious to see if he had changed his ways. (In the past, his fundraising methods were infamous.) **Immediately, I received this appeal: CLICK HERE TO SOW THE \$80.18 for DEUTERONOMY 8:18** (Your urgent response is required)

- **MIRACLE MONEY is coming, discover WHEN now!**
- **PROFITABLE CONNECTIONS are yours, discover WHO now!**
- **GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES will be found, discover WHERE now!**

And it got much worse after this, including stories of **people who had suffered serious losses because they failed to respond to the prophet's word.** What a horror. More horrible still, **I'm sure hundreds or thousands of sincere but gullible believers wrote out checks for \$80.18, even if they barely had a dollar to their name.**

A critic of the charismatic-Pentecostal movement, of which I am a joyful, committed part, emailed me a couple of years back. He pleaded with me to watch a segment from a recent broadcast of a famous TV preacher. I watched, and I was shocked. The critic was not exaggerating.

This prominent TV preacher brought a **"prophet"** onto his program and asked him to receive the offering. **The prophet claimed to have received a direct, clear word from the Lord, warning of a major disaster coming that September,** which was then just a few weeks off.

The good news was that **if you gave an offering of \$500, you, your children and your grandchildren would be protected from this disaster,** plus your **debts would be cancelled** and your **body healed.** And this was on **national (and probably international) Christian TV.**

How in the world did the stations allow this to air? And how could this prominent TV preacher allow this to happen on his watch? **This is absolutely corrupt in every way.**

Aside from the fact that **no major disaster happened that September,** it is complete **manipulation** to claim people must give a **sacrificial gift** to a **particular ministry** to be **protected from a disaster.**

What if they simply trusted God to protect them from this impending doom? And what if they could only afford to give \$250? Does that mean only half of their family would be protected? Yet people wrote out their checks and donated their hard-earned money, **believing the smooth talk of this slick prophet. I'd be surprised if he didn't receive a nice cut of the offering too.**

But it's not only prophetic abuses we've had in our midst. One megachurch pastor slept with his brother's wife and fathered a child by her. Years later, that child, who thought he was the megachurch pastor's nephew, took his place as the new pastor of the church, only to find out that his "uncle" was his father. So, the leadership succession in this congregation went from the father to the son born out of adultery and incest. [**Pastoral insertion—Do an internet or Wikipedia search on Earl Paulk**]

Another megachurch pastor said **God told him he married the wrong woman.** Seven days after his divorce went through, he married his new wife and continued to minister without interruption. **Ironically, it was the pastor who slept with his brother's wife who performed the wedding.** May God help us to repent. [**Pastoral insertion—Do an internet search on Clarence McClendon**]

I absolutely believe in showing mercy, and I live by the kindness of God 24/7. I'm all for restoration, knowing that our God is a Redeemer. And I'm the last one to throw stones at my fallen brothers and sisters, knowing full well that "there but for the grace of God go I."

But will we really see change if we don't preach the cross, don't preach repentance, don't call out sin and don't call out disobedience? Will we really see change if we major on the minors and minor on the majors? **If we put personal revelation ahead of the Word of God?** If we preach a gospel of financial gain? If we substitute flakiness for fullness? As Derek Prince wisely said, **"Do not expect New Testament results without New Testament methods."**

I personally believe that the best is yet to come and that what we have seen so far is nothing compared to what is coming in the days ahead—the greatest outpouring of the Spirit in the history of the planet. All the more, then, it is urgent that **we get our house in order, that we quit celebrating doctrinal silliness, that we hold our leaders accountable, that we quit manipulating people out of their money** and that we show our Lord that **we are ready to go to the next level in Him.**

A dying world is watching and waiting. Heaven is looking down with interest. **How will we respond?** May we no longer play with holy fire. The flames of God are too sacred for silly games.