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— Revelations 15:3-4

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WELCOME 2011!

**GLORY TO THE
KIND OF KINGS!**

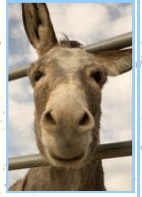
For now, brothers and sisters, lay aside the resolutions, the promises of the new year, and the half hearted dribbling of wishes that are stale from our treasured pasts. Instead, this year, as we begin once more anew, make a different promise, a more meaningful resolve, that we become a cleaner 'temple', a more dedicated dwelling place for the One who created us and to Who we owe *everything*.

Let us think and speak, with the mind of Christ! Let us live as though we are the sons and daughters of the Most High God, and all that we do is done in victory *with Him, for Him, and all Glory given to Him*.

**If we live the way we always have,
we will always have what we have lived.**

The Voice of Issachar . . . Simply Nunn-Sense

(a.k.a. Thomas Royal Nunn, Independence, Missouri)



One of the foremost ministers of early Pentecostalism was Smith Wigglesworth of England. He is sometimes called the Apostle of Faith. Originally a plumber, while his wife, Polly, preached the Gospel, he was called into a preaching ministry which eventually overran his trade and in time became international, as he ministered in England, Sweden, the United States, Polynesia, Australia, India and other places.

In 1936 he was in South Africa. A young minister named David du Plessis was translator for him. Early one morning Wigglesworth entered his office and began to prophesy to him concerning a ministry to which he **would** be called.

Some years later he became friends with John McKay, President of Princeton Seminary. McKay invited him to speak at a W.C.C. conference. They invited him back two years later and he began to share about the baptism of the Holy Ghost. From this beginning, Du Plessis found many opportunities to share these things in other interdenominational meetings in many places. In the course of things, he came into contact with Catholics, including a priest who arranged for him to meet authorities in Rome, including the Pope.

David du Plessis is sometimes called Mr. Pentecost because of his indefatigability in bringing the testimony of the Baptism to so many. It is generally acknowledged that his ministries were primary in preparing Christians in the historical denominations for the Charismatic Movement.

I might mention that initially David du Plessis held what might be called typical Pentecostal feelings about both the W.C.C. and the Catholic Church. He confessed his feelings and testified that the Holy Spirit his attitude toward both assemblies of people.

On that fateful day when Wigglesworth burst in upon him the first words he spoke to Du Plessis were, *“Young man, you have been in Jerusalem long enough and the Lord says that you have to go to the uttermost parts of the earth.”*

On November 10, 2010, the N.C.C. (USA) announced that they had voted to receive the Community of Christ into full membership. This is rather remarkable since it is the first time a principle Christian body has acknowledged us as real Christians and not a cult. And a scarce eleven days later Derek Sanders, speaking at the Doniphan retreat, was led by the Spirit to choose for a text Acts 1:8, saying that it is time for C.C.M. to ‘get out of Jerusalem’ and go to those other places in which we are called to minister.

I am struck by the similarity of these two stories. I must admit that I am one of those who could be described as, as Gary McDonald puts it, ‘having a flying fit’ regarding the NCC thing.

However. . . the conjunction of these things, with the obvious comparison to the Wigglesworth/Du Plessis thing makes for some furious thinking. Is there a pattern here? Or do we just say, ‘Coincidence’ and forget it? A few years ago, the Lord began talking to C.C.M. about Covenant. And then He began speaking about the Anointing and about preparation. When Jesus said this to the first disciples, He had just finished establishing the New and Everlasting Covenant. And the disciples, though they knew it not, were on the verge of a tremendous outpouring of the Spirit of God. What do you think?

If you have any comments or questions, you can write Tom at: tombarb@nationwide.net



Grandpa's Story

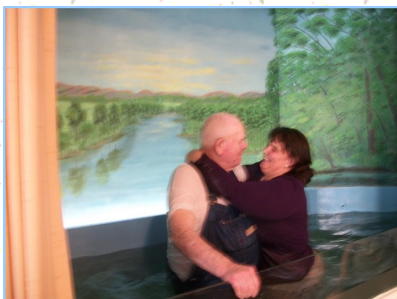
By MaryLou Eads , Cameron, Missouri

The power of the spoken word can affect those around us either positively or negatively, and the effects of those words may haunt a person for years to come. An example of this principle working in someone's life would be the Grandfather's story. When my Mom was a small child a person representing the "church" had told Grandpa that he was unfit to raise his children based on the fact he was always working and unable to attend church. These words followed him for possibly 60 years. He, from that point on, wanted nothing to do with THE "church" (any church) or any representative of a church or God.

However, several years ago God started working in his family. His youngest brother joined the Assembly of God church and became a faithful follower. He also began praying for his older brothers salvation. Grandpa's only son joined the Baptist church about that time, and he too started praying. Mom and I committed ourselves to a greater walk with the Lord, and not only did we pray, but we asked many of you to pray as well.

Then came other grandchildren, and even great grandchildren, came into the family of God praying for Grandpa's salvation.

About two years ago, the Mormon missionary Elders found his apartment. He let them in because "the boys were so nice" and he had fun kidding with them. However, they spent a lot of time telling him about Jesus and reading Scriptures to him. Then the Jehovah witnesses started knocking on his door and talking about the Lord. He enjoyed their visits and often said, "You know all these young men, they really enjoy visiting with me". Finally, the Bible Baptist church pastor and music minister started bringing him bulletins and sharing the love of the Lord.



A few months after all of this began, I ran over to the apartment to make sure he had taken his meds and the Mormon Elders were there. I ran in, did what needed to do, and excused myself saying, "I don't know what you all are up to, but I really feel like I don't want to interrupt, so carry on." As I stepped outside the spirit spoke that I would baptize my grandfather. The thought had truly



never entered my mind till that moment. When mom got home I shared the experience with her and said, "I think you are suppose to approach him with baptism".

The next morning he was sharing about his visitors the night before and Mom said, "Dad you want to accept Christ so you can go to heaven". He said excitedly, "Oh I already did we did it last night when the boys were here. They started talking about it and it made sense, so we just got on our knees and did it right there." Mom was so excited she said, "Well, you should get baptized" and he eagerly accepted the invitation **and** the invitation for me to do it. When talking to him about his commitment. He said "You know, all those people were coming from all those different places and they talked about this Jesus. They all told the same story and you know it made sense that they must be right."

The next Sunday I led my 86 year old grandfather into the waters of baptism. This is a true testimony of the power of unity of the Spirit. When we lay down theology and just be the body, just speak Jesus and let Him do the work.

If you have a testimony to share, please send it to: tbarrettjr@yahoo.com. Please include photos if possible.



But those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength.
 They will mount up with wings like eagles.
 They will run, and not be weary.
 They will walk, and not faint.



BEGIN ANEW IN HIM!

My Prayer List

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

“For You are my lamp, O Lord; the Lord shall enlighten my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop; by my God I can leap over a wall. As for God, His way is perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of deer, and sets me on my high places. He teaches my hands to make war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your gentleness has made me great, You enlarged my path under me; so my feet did not slip, I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them; neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed, and I have destroyed them and wounded them, so that they could not rise; they have fallen under my feet, for You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose against me. . .”

— II Samuel 22:29- 40



To Your Health

“The light of the eyes rejoices the heart. Good news gives health to the bones.” – Proverbs 15:30

Okay, according to Proverbs, the best health tip is “*good news*”.



So, go share your testimony with someone today! Rejoice in your heart for the Lord is great and worthy to be praised! This will be “*health to your bones*”!

Don’t make the usual New Year’s resolution to lose weight. That’s old, and it never works. If you are going to make a resolution at all, make one to just eat healthier and better than you have before.

Change just one thing each day or each week. That’s all! Before you know it, you will have totally revamped your old, bad eating habits and will have exchanged them for the new and improved version. Plus, you will have lost your extra weight in a healthy way.

I don’t have to tell you ‘what’ to eat, you already know that. You just need to do it!

Start today! If you don’t want to do it alone, get a ‘buddy’ to do it with you, and they can change their bad eating habits too.

Oh yes! One more thing! Give thanks with a grateful heart, and give thanks for the Holy One, He’s given us Jesus Christ our Lord! By golly! I do believe that is a song and it’s Scriptural. Sing it while you fix that healthy meal for you and your family.

So feed upon the Word, give thanks, learn to fast, journal each day, testify to others, make wise and intelligent choices with ‘the mind of Christ’.

I think you are equipped now! Go lose!! (*weight that is*)

Watch this short film and be blessed!

<http://www.InterviewWithGodSite.com>

"Have you noticed how much praying for revival has been going on of late - and how little revival has resulted? I believe the problem is that we have been trying to substitute praying for obeying, and it simply will not work. To pray for revival while ignoring the plain precept laid down in Scripture is to waste a lot of words and get nothing for our trouble. Prayer will become effective when we stop using it as a substitute for obedience." - A.W. Tozer



Soaking for the Soul

with Don Steinel, Alaska

Julie True's latest album "Heaven's Embrace" seamlessly connects you to one continuous flow of soaking for over an hour.

The title track begins the album with these lyrics, "I feel Heaven's Embrace like a hug from my Father.

A smile of love, a steady gaze looking into my eyes, pure

Love I feel Heaven's Embrace to remind me that I'm loved and that everything's going to be alright, everything's going to be alright." These words set the tone for the next three (3) tracks. They affirm God's Love and God's Delight in us as an individual person. The affirmation is that you are not lost, nor insignificant to God. Tracks 4, 5, and 6 are an invitation to soak ourselves and decelerate, but a commitment to new life in Him. The remaining tracks are a reflection of creature crying out for the presence of Jesus, which we sense is beyond our perception. Yet, we desire to respond to its invitation.

Tracks 11 and 12 "Peace Like A River" and "We Enter Your Rest" continue to gently affirm Jesus' reliability and HIS LOVE FOR US.

The sound quality and mixing and effects never overwhelm you, but gently create a flow of mental sound of your spirit's flow. It's like hearing a river and not seeing it, but you soon 'see it' as you 'step around the corner'. *Happy Soaking, Don!*

(If you have any comments or questions, please write Don at: ccm.musicman@gmail.com)

"Heaven's Embrace"

By Julie True

Price: \$16.00

Length: 63 min.

www.JulieTrue.com



Praise the Lord! with Judy Auman, Missouri

I would like to suggest a video clip from another Worshipper, Paul Baloche who has written several songs that we sing at our gatherings, such as "Our God Saves", "Open the Eyes of My Heart" and more. However, Paul Baloche also does a lot of equipping in the area of Praise and Worship.



"When I'm writing songs," Paul says, "I think, 'Will this help the church worship God? Will this help people connect with Him?' I want to make music that they can believe in."

On his website www.leadworship.com he has several video clips that train up Praise and Worship leaders and teams. He also has a great video on introducing new songs to your congregation.

"The Worship Community"

<http://www.theworshipcommunity.com/category/worship-theology/>

This is a web site for more experienced praise and worship leaders. It's a great resource!

Hebrew words for Praise and what they mean:

Yadah - Lifting hands

Tehillah - Singing

Barak - Kneel or bow

Halal - Celebrate, make boast, to show

Towdah - To give thanks to God in agreement

Zamar - Sing with instruments

Shabach - Address in a loud tone, shout

If you have any suggestions, questions, or comments for Judy, send them to:

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My Personal Vision Statement



My Spiritual Goals for 2011

Short Term Goals (1-3 months)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Mid Term Goals (3-6 months)

1. _____

2. _____

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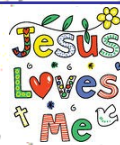
Long Term Goals (6-12 months)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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Spiritual Encounter with the Holy Spirit



Hartselle, Alabama

Registration \$25.00 per Person

NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

EMAIL _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Are there any dietary restrictions?

Emergency Contact Name w/ phone #

**Make Your Check PAYABLE to "CCM"
& Return to:**

Karen Stacy

998 Parker Rd. SE, Hartselle, AL 35640

Phone: 256-751-4807

What to bring:

Please bring your own bedding, personal hygiene items, *AND* your Scriptures.

We encourage you to bring a journal or a notebook.

A "love offering" will be gratefully accepted to help defray the cost of the weekend.

Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday January 7 and the weekend will conclude by noon on Sunday, January 9, 2011

Location:

Hartselle Camp Meeting

Tabernacle Drive

Hartselle, Alabama 35640

Phone: 205-556-0291

DIRECTIONS:

www.hartsellecampmeeting.com



BOOK REPORTS NEEDED!!!

When was the last time that you read an amazing book that expanded your knowledge of the Lord, stretched your perceptions of the Scriptures, push down the walls of that 'religion box' you have been in all of your life? And then, you recommended it to everyone that you talked to! We want to hear about it too!

Send your book report to Jana at: theshepherdstaff@gmail.com
Give the title, author, up to a half a page description, a summary, what you liked about it, and even a graphic if at all possible.



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WALKING IN ENDOWED LIVING,
THE ENCOUNTER CONTINUES

January 28-31, 2011
Camp Sionito, Texas



Focusing on Abundant Living Principles

Registration \$30.00 per Person

NAME: _____

PHONE(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Are there any dietary restrictions?

Are you able to use a top bunk? _____

Make Your Check PAYABLE to CCM

& return by 12/31/2010 to:

Tom Barrett

1143 Dunlap Dr., New Braunfels, TX 78130

Questions contact Tom 1-830627-2853

or by email at tbarrettjr@yahoo.com

*We will use the lodge for housing and meals. There are eight dorm-style rooms with each room accommodating eight people. Please indicate if you are able to use a top bunk. **No Child Care provided.***

Bring your own bedding, personal hygiene items, AND your Scriptures.

We encourage you to bring a journal or a notebook.

A "love offering" will be gratefully accepted to help defray the cost of the weekend.

Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday January 28 and the weekend will conclude by noon on Sunday, January 30, 2011

WOMEN'S RETREAT

"GRACE AND FORGIVENESS"

**January 14-16, 2011 Bluewater Campground
Lexington, Michigan**

Register no later than January 3, 2011

Bring your own bedding & personal items.

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven (have given up resentment against) our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:9-13

Email Registration to:

tender2spirit@gmail.com OR mail to:

Nancy Dennis

150 Queen Street, Box 7

Dorchester, Ontario, N0L 1G2

For non-registration inquiries, call:

Kara Wiggins 519-688-9671

Kathy DeCaluwe 519-439-8416

"The Lord has always provided"

Please come and join us. Don't let cost deter you from

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE & ZIP _____

PHONE # _____

EMAIL _____

REGISTRATION \$ 50.00 (Canadian / American)

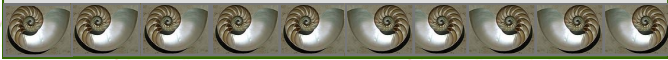
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Lower level is limited. Preference will be given to physical needs.

"Know, O my people, the time for hesitation is past!"

— D & C 155:7

A Spiritual Encounter Weekend with the Holy Spirit ... Focusing On
 "Abundant Living Principles"
 In Hartselle, Alabama
 January 7-9, 2011



Womens Retreat



"GRACE AND FORGIVENESS"

Blue Water Campground

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January 14-16, 2011

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HAPPY 2011!

Mark Your Calendars!



Tulsa Retreat

Stillwater, Oklahoma

February 18-20, 2011

Guest Minister: Tony Chavala-Smith



U. S. Celebration

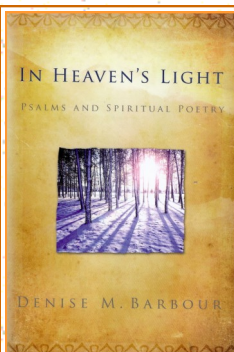
Graceland University Campus

Lamoni, Iowa

June 18-25, 2011

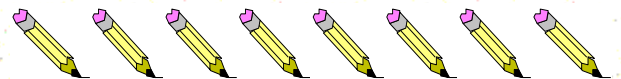
Directors: Cheri & Mike Williams

Canadian Celebration
Erie Beach Campground
Erie Beach, Ontario, Canada
July 9-16, 2011



Denise Barbour is a published author of Christian books, music, poems, AND a faithful listener to His Spirit. Do you need fresh material for worship? These poems can be used for corporate worship as well as personal.

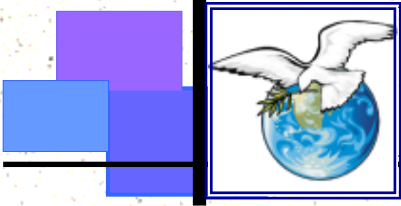
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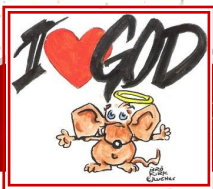
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January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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30	31					



February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Communion	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 	15	16	17	18 Tulsa Retreat	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					



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