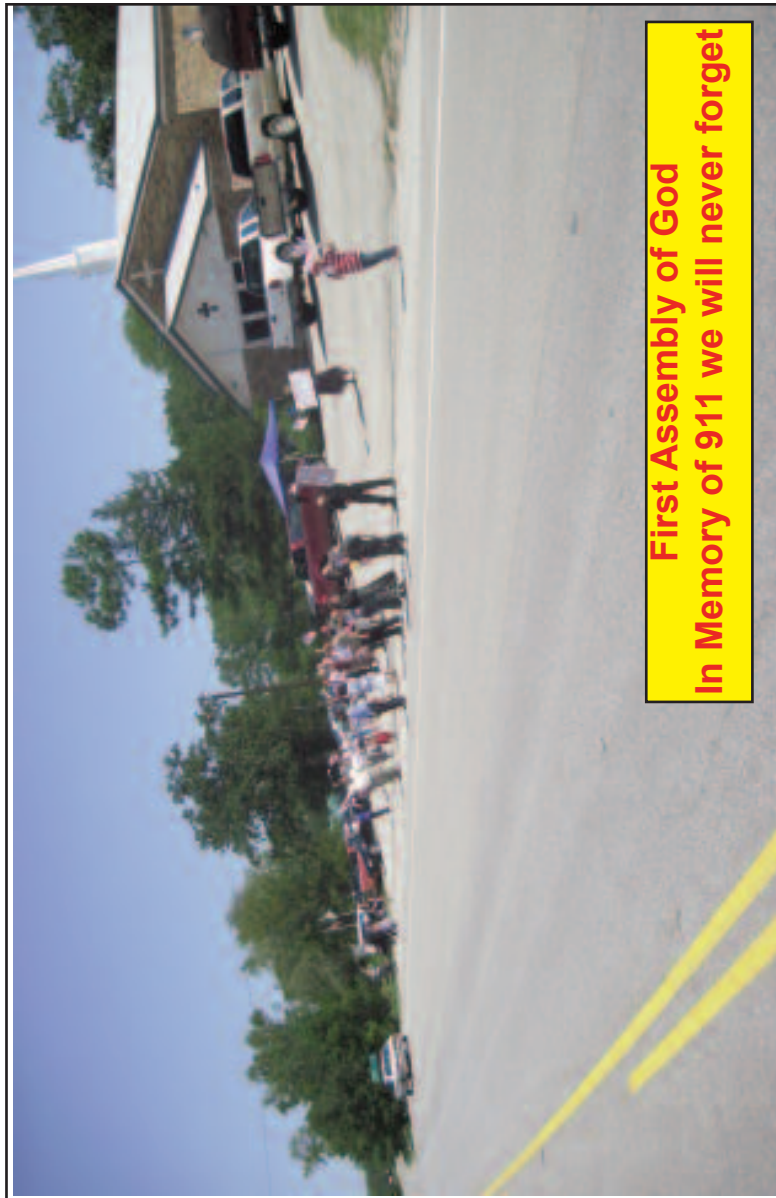


**First Assembly of God
Colmesneil, Texas
Hear The Shepherd's Voice**



FREE

OCTOBER 2012

Volume 16 Issue 10 "A Christian Newspaper"

Our Web Site First Assembly of God Colmesneil, Texas

<http://assemblyofgodcolmesneil.shutterfly.com/>

**"First Assembly of God,
Colmesneil, P.O. Box 496 Texas 75938"**

What is Salvation?

**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.
Acts 16:31**

I was asked to be one of several speakers, at a camp meeting I was visiting for the first time. The house was filled with enthusiastic worshipers, of which, I knew only a very few. I had noticed that almost everyone who had either preached or given a testimony began their remarks with a question designed to bring an affirmative answer; "How many love the Lord? Amen!" "How many are ready for heaven?," another exuberant "Amen!" When it came my time to preach, I began with the question, "How many believe **John 3:16**?" Everyone in the building must have shouted "Amen" at the top of their lungs. They wanted it understood that they believed **John 3:16**. I then asked a second question. "How many believe **Hebrews 13:12**?" Silence fell over the congregation. Not a single amen. I then asked, "Why do you not believe **Hebrews 13:12**?" After a moment one young man answered, "We don't know what it says." I asked one last question before taking **Hebrews 13:12** for my text; "What difference does it make that you don't know what it says? It's the word of God!"

Most people know the scriptures only in short sound bites. They memorize certain key verses when they are small children, and that is the extent of their knowledge of the word of God for their entire lifetime. Some feel superior to these, in that they can "walk you through *'the Roman Road'* to salvation," but apart from a half dozen or so isolated verses which they have memorized, these same people have absolutely no knowledge of what the apostle Paul actually says in the book of Romans. Above twenty years ago, I received an indignant letter from a man, whom I did not know, who had read one of our "Behold the Lamb" booklets. He said, and I quote, "When will you people get it? I believe **John 3:16** and that is all I need to know." No brother! That is not "all you need to know." **John 3:16** is commonly known as the "golden text" of the Bible. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This

continued on Page 2

MALEDICTION OF THE FIG TREE

Continuing with the subject of Faith, I'm drawn to a very interesting account given by Matthew of an incident that took place within the final days of Christ's earthly ministry found in Matthew 21:18-22. **Matthew 21:18 - 22 (KJV)** ¹⁸Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. ¹⁹And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, **Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever.** And presently the fig tree withered away. ²⁰And when the disciples saw *it*, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away! ²¹Jesus answered and said unto them, **Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.** ²²**And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.**

Here's how it all starts out. Jesus has gained notoriety for His healing and in-depth analysis of God's plan for the human family. The day before this incident He has gone through the temple, flipping over the tables of the money changers, denigrating them for their exploitation of the faith. Children have also been singing "hosanna to the Son of David" (Matt. 21:15) which also generated much outrage amongst the religious leaders since Jesus did not correct their lyrics. We know that He is on His way to be tried and convicted of not only heresy but insurrection as well. Jesus knows Calvary lays before Him.

Now, as He and His disciples are making their way into

continued on Page 2

What is Salvation?

Page 3

verse tells us what the "Father" did for a lost and dying world, but it tells us absolutely nothing about His Son who died for us. **Hebrews 13:12** is a "sister verse" to **John 3:16**, which tells us about the "Son," which the "Father" gave. "Wherefore Jesus also, **that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.**"

Let's look again at **John 3:16**, to see if it tells us "all we need to know." It is important for us to know that the basis for understanding **John 3:16** is found in the two preceding verses; **John 3:14-15**. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." These are the words Jesus spoke to Nicodemus, a year or two before they were actually fulfilled by the death of Jesus on the cross. Contrary to the fact that the verses, **John 3:16-21**, are "printed in red" (in red letter editions) these are NOT the words of Jesus and should NOT have been printed in red. **John 3:16** is the "confirmation" of verses **fourteen and fifteen** which was given by the apostle John almost sixty years after Jesus had died on the cross. John is simply confirming the fact that all these things **had** happened, exactly as Jesus had said they **would** happen.

The Serpent in the Wilderness

Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

Numbers 21:7-9

I have often wondered why God told Moses to fashion a serpent of brass and "put it on a pole." Today I understand, because today I know that Christ is "the seed of the woman" whom God sent into the world to "bruise the head of the serpent" (**Genesis 3:15**), and that He did it through His death on the cross. In **Hebrews 2:14** the apostle Paul, speaking of Jesus, the Christ, confirms Jesus' words, when he tells us "...that through death he (Jesus) might (would) **destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil** (the serpent)." The brazen serpent that Moses lifted up in the wilderness was a symbol, not of the "serpents" that were biting the people because of their murmuring against Moses and against God, but, of the "serpent" that beguiled Eve and brought the "poison" of sin upon the whole world, through Adam's transgression. The symbolic meaning of the serpent lifted up on a pole, was not to show the "power" of the serpent, but rather its "destruction" on the cross. Remember that Christ "died" on the cross, but He was not "destroyed." Instead, He "died" on the cross to "destroy" the devil (the serpent). The apostle John says it was "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (sin, and death; **I John 3:8**).

Jesus also says, "...as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." The apostle John says, "For God **so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son....**" The words "so loved the world" literally mean "in this way loved the world." The word "so" does **not** speak of "how much" God loved, but rather "how" he "loved the world." Sixty years after Calvary, the old apostle John is still overwhelmed at the thought; "**Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.**" That wonderful "manner of love" speaks of Calvary, where God "gave" His only begotten Son "to be lifted up on a cross (like as Moses lifted up the serpent on a pole)," in order that "whosoever believeth in Him should **not** perish...."

continued on Page 3

MALEDICTION OF THE FIG TREE

Jerusalem, at about 6:00 AM, while it is yet dark, He saw off in the distance a Fig Tree. He was hungry and had hoped to satisfy His appetite with some of its fruit. We understand the Fig Tree was not on private property but situated along the road side which made it public property, so He was not trespassing or doing anything arbitrarily. From all indications the tree should have been bearing fruit. It was that time of the year and surely the leaves would have given evidence to the existence of ripened fruit. He approaches the tree with a real hunger, the tree is real and His expectations are legitimate, but after further examination He was hit with absolute disappointment. The Fig Tree was barren.

What catches our attention at this point is how Jesus addresses the situation. He publicly curses the tree, note His words in Matthew 21:19 "Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever." Obviously He is taking action against the Tree that will lead to its utter demise. Question arises as to why Jesus behaved in such a manner, why not ignore the thing and go on. Scholars speculate Jesus is actually painting a broader picture here that carries on over into the nagging situation that He's facing. Jesus had come unto His own and they received Him not (John 1:11), He had taught, healed and dynamically revealed the Light of Divine glory, yet all they could do was rehearse their connection to the sacred lineage of Abraham. Listen to Jesus scold the pretentious display of religion in Matthew 23:27-28 "**Woe unto you, scribes, and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.**" It is therefore reasonable to suppose Jesus was weary of the religious pretense that provided no tangible fruit.

Whether or not Jesus was making reference to the Jewish church is uncertain, yet there is much significance to what is taking place here that deserves further investigation. The disciples observe something that grabs them, to the point where they are shouting with emotion as the Fig Tree is suddenly withering away. Awe stricken and inquisitive as to what is taking place. Once again Jesus doesn't mince words and takes advantage of the opportunity to lecture His disciples, imparting vital instruction that will aid them in their own spiritual pursuits. The Holy Spirit so moved upon Matthew to make this detailed record for succeeding believers to peruse and integrate into their own approach to the varying issues of life.

Listen carefully to what the Son of God is saying to mere mor-

continued on Page 4

INSIDE THIS ISSUE
Partner & Supporter
First Assembly of God
Colmesneil, Texas

The Publisher reserves the right to REJECT any Advertisement

Hear The Shepherd's Voice
P.O. BOX 307
Colmesneil, TX.
75938
Cell: 832-401-5773

Message By:

James Guerrero

MALEDICTION OF THE FIG TREE

Change Coming to First Assembly of God Colmesneil, Texas page 5

AG NEWS PAGE 7

Message By: Leroy Surface

What is Salvation?

What is Salvation?

From Page 2

Let's look at the word "in" for a moment. It is translated from the Greek word "eis" which means "to" or "into." John did not say that if we believe "in" Jesus we would not perish. Multitudes believe in the existence of Jesus of Nazareth, and that he died on a cross, but they do not "trust in Him." Instead, many of them never speak "his name" except as a "curse word," and they are perishing even as they speak. Those who "trust in Christ" are, by faith, brought "into Him" and are not perishing, but "have everlasting life" presently, "in Him." The apostle John says, "...this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son" (I John 5:11).

Salvation; Delivered from the Power of Darkness

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Colossians 1:12-13

Our text for this message is Acts 16:31, which says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." The Greek word "sozo," which is here translated "saved," is defined by Strong's Greek Dictionary as "to save, i.e. deliver or protect." When the apostle says "...thou shalt be saved," the question arises, "saved from what?" The act of "saving" and the present state of those who are actually "saved," is called "salvation," which is translated from the Greek word "soteria," a noun which means "rescue or safety." According to the apostle Paul, our "salvation" is the result of "believing on the Lord Jesus Christ." This is because He is our "saviour;" a word which is translated from the Greek word "soter," which means "a deliverer." I recall the words of the angel Gabriel to Joseph the carpenter: He spoke of the child that Mary would bring into the world, saying, "thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). What is it that we are saved from? It is very clear to those who believe. God sent His angel to tell us that His Son, Jesus, would save us "from our sin."

Paul also tells us that God has "...delivered us from the power of darkness." The "power of darkness" is sin. The only power that Satan can exercise over mankind is through sin that remains in their heart and nature. That is the "sin" that Jesus came to save us from. Paul tells us that "...by one man sin entered into the world..." (Romans 5:12). John the Baptist points to Jesus and declares to the nation, "Behold (this is) the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Again, the apostle Paul tells us, "...as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous" (Romans 5:19). This verse speaks of "methods;" first, the method the serpent used to bring sin "into the world," and second, the "method" God used to "take away the sin of the world."

Paul tells us that the "serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty" (II Corinthians 11:3). This means, by definition, that he made "plausible, but fallacious arguments" to Eve against the "simplicity" of God's command to Adam concerning the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God had simply said, "...thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:17). Eve, according to the Greek definition of the word that was translated "beguiled," was "wholly (completely) seduced." First, she was "drawn away" from the tree of life to look upon the forbidden tree. Next, she was drawn away from God to trust in the serpent. He "made sense" to her. His arguments sounded plausible. Everything he told her about the forbidden tree seemed to be confirmed when she "...saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise" (Genesis 3:6). Amazingly, the serpent even convinced Eve that God had a "selfish motive" in forbidding them to eat of the tree; "God doth know

that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:5). Upon hearing this, verse six tells us, "...she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

Eve believed the arguments of the serpent and was deceived. Adam, who knew better, transgressed, and thus sin entered their heart and polluted their nature, as well as the heart and nature of all their descendants. In submitting to the words of the serpent, they submitted to the serpent himself, and partook of his nature, which is "sin." It is important to understand that "sin" in the heart and nature of man is "the nature of the serpent." At this point, we need to know exactly who "the serpent" is. He was not just another creature of the garden that served an evil purpose and passed off the scene. The "serpent" is better known to us as "the devil," and "Satan." He is also called "the god of this world" in II Corinthians 4:4. Jesus called him "the prince of this world" in John 12:31. In Revelation 12:9, he is also called "...the great red dragon...that old serpent (the same one that seduced Eve)...the Devil, and Satan." He is called "the god of this world" because it is his "nature" that is in the world, by which he "weakens the nations...makes the earth to tremble...shakes kingdoms... and destroys the cities" (Isaiah 14:12-17). Verse seventeen says that he "...made (caused) the world (to be) as a wilderness...and...opened not the house of his prisoners." It is sin that has done all these things to a planet which was created by God to be a paradise for man, whom He also created; a man made in the image and likeness of God. For over six thousand years, the serpent has ruled supremely over all of those who do NOT "believe God (Romans 4:3)," and therefore, do NOT "obey his voice" (Exodus 19:5-6).

Through the disobedience of Adam, spiritual darkness has prevailed over this "present evil world (Galatians 1:4)" from its inception. Hear the cries and groans of the prisoners of darkness (Isaiah 59:9-14): "We wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men. We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter."

But all thanks be to our God, and to His Christ, Who "...hath delivered us from the power of darkness." Oh! how wonderful it is to "walk in the light, as He is in the light," where "the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7). But, how sad it is to hear the "groans" of those who continue to "walk in darkness," even after the light has come, because their minds have been blinded to the truth by the "serpent" (the god of this world).

For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will (the will to do good) is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would (do), I do not: but the evil which I would not (do), that I do. Now if I do that (which) I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil (sin) is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? (sin within).

Romans 7:15-24

This man of "Romans seven" is not to be despised, he is to be pitied. He is doing everything humanly possible to live for God and be pleasing to

continued on Page 4

continued on Page 4

What is Salvation?

From Page 3

Him, but finds that the harder he tries, the greater his failure. He is **walking in a darkness** which is just as great as that in which the children of Israel walked as described in **Isaiah, chapter 59**. *"For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed" (Isaiah 9:16)*. The man of **Romans seven**, however, comes to understand that if he is doing things he doesn't want to do it is the presence of **sin** in him that causes him to do those things. He tries to believe that he is "saved," but he increasingly sees that he is not; in fact, it becomes clear that he is a captive and slave to **sin** which is in him. His spiritual leaders try to console him that *"we are all sinners; we sin every day in word, thought, and deed. Furthermore, we will always be sinners as long as we live on this earth, but, thank God, when we die we will be changed."* Oh, what deceitful words these are to give to one that is perishing in sin; one who is crying, *"O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death (which is sin within me)?" (Romans 7:24)*. The only true answer to the question is given in the **verse** that follows; *"I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

Salvation; Free from Sin...Servants to Righteousness

Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Romans 6:18

Sin is the nature of the serpent; righteousness is the nature of God. **I John 2:29**, the apostle John says *"If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him."* I paraphrase, *"If you know that His nature is righteousness, you know that everyone who is born of Him has His nature and does righteousness."* We have been made "free from sin" because we have trusted in Him whom God sent into the world to suffer and die as a "lamb" to "take away the sin of the world." We, according to the exhortation of Paul, **Romans 6:11**, "reckon" ourselves *"to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through (in) our Lord Jesus Christ."* In the same manner in which we are found to be "dead to sin," in **Romans, chapter six**, (through our Lord Jesus Christ), we are also found to be "dead to the law," in **Romans 7:4**, *"by the body of Christ."* In like manner as we are "delivered from the power of darkness" and "translated into the kingdom of his dear Son," **Colossians 1:13**, we are likewise "freed from sin" to be "the servants of righteousness," **Romans 6:18**, and "delivered from the law" to "serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter" (**Romans 7:6**). Paul tells us in **Romans 6:14** that we are no longer servants to sin. *"Sin shall not have dominion over you, because you are not under the law, but under grace."* Due to the fact that sin cannot dominate us any longer, because of the grace of God that is given to us, we are freed from the law, which was *"...NOT made for the righteous, but for the lawless and disobedient" (I Timothy 1:9)*. We are NOT, however, freed from the law that we may break the law, but to be *"married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God" (Romans 7:4)*. We now, as the servants of righteousness, serve God through **His nature** which He imparts to the heart and nature of everyone who is "born of Him." In **Romans 2:14**, Paul speaks of certain Gentiles, who *"have not the law,"* but *"do by nature the things contained in the law."* These were those same Gentiles which he speaks of in **Romans 9:30**, who *"...have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith."* Theirs was a true righteousness that the moral law could not condemn. It was the righteousness of God, written in their hearts. There is no struggle in doing those things which have become your new nature through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the *"rest for the soul,"* which Jesus promised to all who would *"come to Him" (Matthew 11:28-30)*. This is true salvation.

This has been an excerpt from the October issue of "Behold the Lamb." If you would like to receive "**Behold the Lamb**" monthly, free of charge, write or Email Leroy Surface at:

calvaryoutreach@earthlink.net,

or

Calvary Outreach
PO Box 750
Porter, Texas 77365

MALEDICTION OF THE FIG TREE

tals in the 21st verse, **"Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done."** He prefaces His point with "Verily", thus drawing their attention to the veracity of what He's about to disclose. It is of vital importance so listen up! Success is conditioned upon the principle of active Faith, trust, reliance, confidence in, and I would add, in Him as the Author and Finisher of the Faith that we prize so dearly. But again, there is no room for doubt. The doubt He's making reference to suggests an intellectual debate the issues within oneself. Here is where the enemy antagonizes to the point of exasperation. Challenging the believability of Christ's teaching, questioning whether or not miracles of this nature are relevant to our present era. The exciting proposition, God's power can overrule the material world and that the believer can function on a comparable level as that of Christ Himself.

He's not finished with His thesis, note verse 22 **"and all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."** Yes indeed, such a comment gets the adrenalin to flowing, resulting in some self-interrogation. Jesus is affirming that if Faith is to be sustained, as the believer continues asking (such denoting an eager sense of importunity or begging) in prayer (prayer conveying the notion of worship or expressing commendation toward someone), once more "believing", we're then assured that when the conditions are met the answer is forthcoming.

I am urging the fellowship to allow the Holy Spirit to birth or rebirth within us this kind of faith. There are situations prevailing that must be addressed, and we cannot remedy the challenge through natural means. Jesus is giving us an affirmation that we are more than conquerors and have every reason to believe the landscape can be changed so as to accommodate our spiritual objectives. That barren Fig Trees can cease to be an annoyance and or, source of discouragement. Jesus is giving us some provocative insight into ideal spiritual government that will give witness to the ascended Master of our Destiny.

To conclude this thought I'm urging each of us to sincerely examine our faith. If we're contending with a sense of deficiency, then let me urge you to commune with the Author and Finisher of our Faith, imploring Him to help us solve the questions that continually incite debate within our own minds and lead to unbelief. Each of us are dealing with unfruitful situations, intimidating mountains that impede our progress, and, according to Jesus' statements, it is such Faith that will change our present circumstance. A powerful thought! Please recognize these teachings are not personal contrivances, Jesus is speaking to us all, and it is my quest to personally advance within the sphere of Divine power and illumination, and ultimately rallying all of us to gather around the altars with a fresh faith inspiring our prayer, our worship and overall behavior. Then, to behold a reaffirmation of these truths within our own lives.

God bless, Oh, and KEEP NURTURING THE FAITH!
James Guerrero



NEED A RIDE? WE ARE COMING YOUR WAY.



We will be running our School Bus and our Van on Wednesdays and Sundays

Coming in October Big ! Big! Changes First Assembly of God of Colmesneil, Texas

We are making Big Changes with our Sunday School starting October we will be having our Sunday School on Wednesday night from 6:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M.

It will more than just the old Sunday School as usual we are calling it "Advance Christian Development". We will be addressing the problem that the youth and young adult are facing today. It will be FUN! FUN! for the student to learn that there are answers too life issues.

Brother Cowart will be teaching a class on divorce and marriage recovery and alcohol, drug recovery. It will not be a counseling program but a study right out of the Bible to show you that you can be made free from alcohol and drugs and you can be healed of a broken heart. It will be a FUN TIME with Brother Cowart. Remember from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm Call to register for these classes. 409-837-4496 or 832-401-5773 cell.

Our Sunday worship service will start at 11:00 am and end at 12:00 am. With some big changes in that we will now have CHILDREN CHURCH at that time.

Sunday Night starts at 6:00 pm- We are believing for miracles and healing on Sunday night. If you need someone to pray for you come

CUT OUT

CUT OUT

CUT OUT

First Assembly of God-Colmesneil, Texas

P.O. Box 496, Colmesneil, Texas 75938, (409)837-4496

TRIP RELEASE FORM

Date _____
Minor's Name: _____
Home Address: _____
HOME Phone: _____ Father's Work _____
Mother's Work # _____
In case of Emergency please notify:

Medical Information

Please list any health conditions that may limit the activities of the above mentioned minor: _____

Please list minor's allergies _____
Please list any prescribed medications the minor may be taking: _____

RELEASE STATEMENT

First Assembly of God of Colmesneil has my permission to transport:
From My Home to First Assembly of God
(Minor's Name) Colmesneil, Texas and to any church active in Tyler County. (Date) _____, I understand all precautions will be taken to ensure the safety and health of the above minor while in the custody of Church personnel. I also, being the parent or legal guardian of the above named minor, do release First Assembly of God from any liability in the administering of emergency first aid care and hereby give my permission to have the above named minor admitted to the nearest hospital/emergency clinic in the event of an accident or illness.

Signed _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Legal Gurdian)

Witnessed: _____ Date: _____

CUT OUT

CUT OUT

**Can you stand? Will your faith hold you in place?
It will when you allow Jesus to strengthen you.
Leslie Jordan**

Look in Mark 6:26., "And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her." And for their sakes which sat with him. The Bible makes clear Herod thought highly of John the Baptist. You will notice a mention of Herod having a fear of John. He knew John to be just and holy while Herod was aware his own life was neither just nor holy. Herod's flesh ruled his life, he had a problem with a woman! She would be his downfall. Here was a man who liked flashy, glitzy women, and he enjoyed flaunting them before his people.

Now on the day Herod and John the Baptist would reach their final meeting Herod becomes caught in a deadly trap created by weakness of his character. As is often true Herod's weak character was accompanied by an inflated ego. Here was a tall, handsome, powerful man who enjoyed the attention of all around him. Women were a favorite treat to this man, he chose them unwisely.

As the day of festivities drew on an all enjoyed Herod's birthday celebration. How regal and important was Herod. Everyone envied him. However near him sat a beautiful dramatic woman holding malice in her heart and an evil cruel plan in her mind. Herod had been determined to have this woman though she belonged to another. John had called Herod on the error of his having taken his brother's wife. While Herod could somewhat take the scolding of John the Baptist, his wife was a different matter. She hated John. It was Herodias who had put John in prison. The wicked woman had yet to complete her evil intention toward John the Baptist.

Excitement moved through the crowds; music filled the air, dancers in silk, colored like rainbows swirled through the arena. Music grew louder, excitement intensified as a dancer with fire about her whirled to the center. Focused fully on Herod Salome danced so exotically men melted. Herod lost his control, at her finish he foolishly walked himself into a very bad spot. "And for their sakes" Herod could not back off in front of his people. How many boys and men have fallen to these words?

And for their sakes which sat with him. Foolishly Herod had proclaimed loudly, "ask of me anything thou wilt, and I will give it thee. And he sware unto her, whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom." the foolish man gave no thought to his outburst, no responsibility. What a lesson to be learned by Herod's words. In attempting to show his power he lost it to Herodias. She would control this situation, making the celebration a life changer.

Instructed by her mother Salome asked for the head of John the Baptist in a charger. Shortly the deed was done. One man lay in death while another who followed his flesh lost even more. Always there will be those around you who would pull you in a wrong direction. Can you stand against them? Will your faith hold you in place? It will when you allow Jesus to strengthen you.

Name _____

Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please print your Name and Address clearly

**Leroy Surface
Calvary Outreach
PO Box 750
Porter, Texas 77365**

UPS driver killed in mass shooting an AG member

Wed, 03 Oct 2012 - 3:25 PM CST

"AG News" has learned that Keith Basinski, the 50-year-old UPS driver killed in a mass shooting last week in Minneapolis, was a North Central Bible College (North Central University) graduate and a long-time member of Emmanuel Christian Center (AG) in Spring Lake Park, Minnesota.

According to Jeff Hathaway, director of NCU's Office of Marketing and Communications, Basinski attended the school in the early 1980s, serving as the junior class president and graduating with a BA degree in pastoral studies.

"Keith exemplified the best of NCU, living with a strong faith in God, commitment to family and service to his community," an NCU release stated. "Our prayers go out for his family and all who were touched by this senseless tragedy."

Tim Olson, children's and men's pastor at Emmanuel Christian Center, says Basinski, who has attended the church since 1984, was a friend to everyone.

"He was one of our Royal Rangers leaders - teaching Ranger Kids - for many years and part of our men's ministries as a volunteer, helping cook for men's breakfast," Olson says. "He was a good friend to a lot of guys around here. He was one of those guys who was involved everywhere, everyone knew him . . . loving, giving - helped anybody with anything."

Olson adds that the church made staff and a counselor available for those who knew Basinski, including children, in case they wanted to talk about the tragedy.

Basinski is survived by his mother and father, three adult children, three brothers, two sisters, a grandchild and his former wife. His funeral is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, October 4, at Emmanuel Christian Center.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Colmesneil, Texas

Service Time:

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

Everyone Welcome

Call 409-837-5706 or 832-401-5773

Brother Cowart will be teaching a class on divorce and marriage recovery and alcohol, drug recovery. It will "not be a counseling program," but a study right out of the Bible to show you that you can be made free from alcohol and drugs and you can be healed of a broken heart. It will be a FUN TIME with Brother Cowart.

Remember from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm Call to register for these classes. 409-837-4496 or 832-401-5773 cell.

SAGU awarded "Military Friendly Schools" title

Mon, 01 Oct 2012 - 3:47 PM CST

Victory Media has named Southwestern Assemblies of God University (SAGU) a "Military Friendly School." The 2013 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

"Inclusion on the 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools shows SAGU's commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students," says Sean Collins, director for G.I. jobs and vice president at Victory Media. "As interest in education grows we're thrilled to provide the military community with transparent, world-class resources to assist in their search for schools."

For veterans and current service men and women, SAGU offers free counseling, academic assistance and accommodations at the learning center, free gym membership, and waives the application fee. Additionally, SAGU encourages student and staff veteran networking.

Vice President of Enrollment and Retention Eddie Davis shared, "Our veterans are some of our most elite students. We appreciate their leadership and influence on our campus. And, I hope this program will encourage more to enroll at SAGU in the coming years." "I consider myself blessed to be able to facilitate educational benefits at SAGU. Providing quality service is just one small way I can serve those who have so selflessly served us," shares SAGU Veteran Affairs Coordinator Shaun Eide.

To view the 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools, click here.
For more information about SAGU, located in Waxahachie, Texas,

Massive demonstration -- a call for prayer

Wed, 03 Oct 2012 - 3:25 PM CST

AG World Missions is calling for prayer for the country of Jordan. A citywide demonstration is planned in Amman - the largest and capital city of Jordan - for Friday, October 5, at 6 a.m. EST. According to the report, the event will have two camps represented: one advocating cooperation with the government; the other calling for change no matter the cost.

"The nation's weakening economy and its impact on the poor and middle class are prompting growing unrest," states AGWM Communications Director Randy Hurst. "While Jordan has remained stable in the face of recent protests taking place in other nations in the region, the potential for violence is a constant concern."

AGWM Executive Director Greg Mundis asks the entire AG Fellowship to pray for personnel and believers serving in predominantly Muslim countries.

"In these critical days, we must commit ourselves to faithful and fervent intercession," he says. "God's love extends to everyone in these troubled countries. He wants them all to know of the love and message of Christ. We also need to pray for God's protection for believers and those who serve in the region as they offer a witness of the gospel."

AGWM has released a request for prayer in four specific ways concerning Friday's demonstration that covers areas such as God's intervention, safety and wisdom. See AGWM.com for the complete list.

Authors: AG News



From the pastor Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I just wanted to say thank you for your support and all the work you have done this past week to make our first week of change a great success.

This is just the beginning of great things coming to First Assembly of God. Our Sunday school has never been like this. The "Advance Christian

Development Classes."

This past week has proven that change is good. With the classes on Wednesday Night we have triple our Sunday school the very first week. The five new classes was a great success.

Keep praying for it to grow and keep inviting people to come and see it grow, grow! If you are like me you are looking forward to next Wednesday night. If you would like to come and see what God is doing at First Assembly of God in Colmesneil we give you a hearty welcome. The time is from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Thank again to all our teachers and workers

Pastor
Kirbbie L. Cowart

Church Of The Lord Jesus Christ

26579 Dallis Sue St.---Splendora, Texas 77372

2479 CR 3405 --Jacksonville, Texas 75766

Pastor: Bro. Ray Dickerson

281-435-7501 (Voice Mail)

281399-2580 OR 281-442-8098

LORD MEANS MASTER

CHRIST IS THE ANOINTING

!! BUT!!

The Name is (JESUS)



Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, & glorify your father which is in Heaven

Matthew 5:16

Outreach Evangelism:

Weekly Street Meetings

(Houston & surrounding areas)

Sunday 2:30 p.m. T.V. Warner Cable Channel 17

LOVE LIFTED ME

American Wildlife Taxidermy Studio



Jaime Dena 281-548-333
 Master Taxidermists Cell 713-240-8193

1712-B First Street * Humble,
Texas 77338



Bells RV & Auto
 107 N. Wheeler Road
COLMESNEIL
 409-837-2121

We Repair Just About Anything!
 AUTOS * RVS/TRAILERS
 ATVS* LAWNMOWERS

Tune-ups! Used Tires!
 AUTO DETAILING!

We Sell & Install Roll In Bedliners
 Towing Hitches
 Truck Accessories

Emergency Vehicle Light

An Authorized UHAUL Dealer

SCOTT'S AUTO REPAIR

★ 17808 FM 1314 ★
 CONROE, TEXAS 77302

DID YOU KNOW?
 YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR UP TO \$600.00 IN FREE
 REPAIRS IF YOU FAILED YOUR EMISSION TEST?
 PLEASE CALL FOR DETAILS.
 PHONE (281) 429-7222 FAX (281)572-9335

THOMS PROPANE & Welding, Fabrication

2711 S. Byrd Ave.



OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
 Ph. 936-628-3598
 Fax: 936-628-1198
 Cell: 281-659-3561

We Have: Minnows & Worms

Service You Can Trust

RON'S COMPUTER SHACK

REPAIR*UPGRADES*SALES*ONSITE SER.

RON FIELDER
 Owner /Computer Tech.
 281-359-2475

658 Anderson*Kingwood TX 77339
 www.ronscomputershack.com
 E-Mail: :ronscomputershack@gmail.com

OFFICE HR.
 MON-FRI
 10AM-6PM
 Close
 : Sat-Sun.

New & Used Sales "When Your Tire Goes Flat
 Don't Cuss Call Us"

Walker's Tire Service

Located at Hwy 150 & 59
 New & Quality Used Tires
 18 Wheelers Welcome!!!
 We Do Brakes & Oil Changes

Shop 936-628-2129
 Phillip Walker & Alan Walker Tool Free 1-800-908-4737

PICK'S FISH MARKET



Catfish
 Live Or Dressed
 Lone Star Card Accepted

Pick & Mary Bland Hwy 59 North
of Shepherd, TX.
 936-628-1562 or 936-365-2684

TROUT TIRE TRAILER CENTER

25044 FM 1314 * Porter, Texas * 281-354-5600
http://www.trouttiretrailers.com/lowboy_trailers



New ATV Trailers - Pipe Top - Treated Floor - 3500lb Axles - Ramp Gate - 48 inch Rear Ramp Gate - New 6pr Tires 83x12 Single Axle \$1,395.00 - - 83x20 Tandem Axle \$1,795.00

83x18 Ft Heavy Duty Lowboy - 6000lb Axles - Electric Brakes on 1 Axle - 16 inch 10pr Tires - 3 inch Pipe Top - Wrap Tongue - 7000 lb Jack - Treated Floor - 2 5/16 Bulldog Coupler - Slide in Ramps - Spare Tire Rack - \$2,695.00

New car haulers - 3500 lb Tandem Axles- Electric Brakes on 1 Axle - New 6pr Tires - Raised Floor - Wrap tongue - Bulldog Coupler - Dove Tail - Slide in Ramps - Rub Rails - Chain Pockets - 18 FT Treated Floor \$2,095.00- 20 FT Metal Floor \$2,595.00

MARILYN'S

3959 Hwy 59 S.
 LIVINGSTON, TX
 936-328-8640
 936-329-2168

YARD ART, LAWN
 FURNITURE, WIND
 CHIMES, CHAINSAW
 CARVINGS,
 JEWELRY, LAMPS,
 BIRDHOUSES, PHOTO
 FRAMES, CAPS, T-
 SHIRTS, AND MUCH
 MORE.

Buy-Sell 9-3

JIMMIE'S FURNITURE



401 N. San Jacinto
 Cleveland TX. 281-622-0905

IT'S MUFFLER TIME



Mufflers
 Brakes
 Shocks
 OPEN
 M- 8am-6PM
 Sat. 8am-5pm

Professional
 Dependable
 References
 936-441-0012

11386 HWY 105 East
 Conroe, Tx. 77301

HWY 59 APPLIANCES



HWY 59
APPLIANCES

ALL THE
 APPLIANCES YOU WILL EVER NEED
 FOR YOUR HOME!

Robert Leal Rosie Leal
 Phone 281-354-3719
 23492 U.S 59

18700 US HWY 59
 New Caney, TX 77357
 Toll Free: 1-888-689-3505
 Fax: 281-689-3502

N.C. Eagle Services, Inc.

Just One Mile South of the Flying J Travel Plaza

Larry Busch

Parts, Sales &
 Service
 PH: (281) 689-3500



* Alignments * Brakes * Suspensions * Transmissions
 * Spring Repair * Flywheel Resurfacing *
 Frame Repair * Engine Repair * Electric Repair
 * U-Bolts * Custom Springs
 * We Rebuild Transmissions, Gear Boxes & Steering Pumps