



# Home Church Herald

*"...To the church in thy house:" Philemon 1:2 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalms 133:1*

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## CONFEDERACIES AND A "NEW WORLD ORDER"?

by David Sims

January 29, 1991, U.S. President George H. W. Bush, in his state of the union address, made the following comments:

"What is at stake is more than one small country, it is a big idea – a new world order, where diverse nations are drawn together in common cause to achieve the universal aspirations of mankind: peace and security, freedom, and the rule of law."

Many people wondered at the time, just what was meant by the term a "new world order". Since then, however, the term "new world order" has become common vernacular. Many influential people as well as other world leaders refer to it. It has already become a reality. The nations have entered a confederacy, and we have a global economy, a united nations military, a world court, a global food supply, and a truly global society in many ways. It is doubtful, however, if very many people understand who is behind it, and what it will ultimately result in. President Bush spoke of nations drawing together in a common cause of peace, but will global peace really result from it?

Let's have a closer look at what it's all about. On Tuesday, 7 July 2009, the BBC reported the words of Pope Benedict XVI, concerning the U.N. (the active agent for the new world order), saying,

"There is a strongly felt need . . . for a reform of the United Nations Organisation, and likewise of economic institutions and international finance, so that the concept of the family of nations can acquire real teeth . . . there is urgent need of a true world political authority."

This leader of the more than one billion Catholics expresses the desire for the world to be ruled



by one political authority and economy. You might ask, "Is that so bad? Wouldn't that insure universal peace?" John Lennon seemed to think that would be great. He describes this kind of world in the following snippets from one of his songs, more than a decade before President Bush spoke of it:

"Imagine there's no heaven . . . No hell below us . . . Imagine there's no countries . . . And no religion too . . . Imagine all the people living life in peace . . . Imagine no possessions . . . No need for greed or hunger . . . A brotherhood of man, Imagine all the people sharing all the world. You, you may say, I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one, I hope some day you'll join us, and the world will live as one."

This song repeatedly hit the top on the popularity charts in numerous countries. To this day it is still extremely popular. In 2006, Jimmy Carter said, "in

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many countries around the world – my wife and I have visited about 125 countries – you hear John Lennon’s song ‘Imagine’ used almost equally with national anthems.” Now, why did he compare that with the national anthem? Because, it was a song about the New World order: about doing away with individual countries and individual state sovereignty. It, like Bush’s speech, depicts a world without problems like hunger and war: a world of peace and happiness. But this is a deception. True peace can only come from Christ, through following His principles of unselfishness, self government, and obedience to God. It cannot be attained through fear or force, or through dictatorial authority. History reveals no time when a universal empire solved the problems of the world; instead, efforts to consolidate the world under one head have caused untold horror. People will not stand idly by, and allow their hard earned possessions to be taken away, and their fundamental rights to disappear; nor will the leaders of the various countries stand idly by, watching their sovereignty disappear, and become mere vassals, taking orders from someone else. A blood bath will ensue, as it has already in many countries in the middle east and elsewhere. This is exactly what Satan wants. He delights in human misery and death.

Lennon reveals this hoped for utopian world order of things to be a truly communistic society, where personal property will be taken away, and independent governments will be subserviated. But, more than this, he reveals it to be an atheistical society where belief in heaven, hell, God, and religion is not tolerated.

These efforts to unite the world under one authority should not take us by surprise, for Bible

prophecy has foreshadowed long ago such attempts at a One World Government by the different nations of Europe and America in these last days, saying,

“And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters’ clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; . . . And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay” (Daniel 2:43).

Inspiration declares that the nations which broke up the Roman kingdom, would then seek to unite themselves together, or as the Scripture puts it, “mingle themselves with the seed of men”. But will this attempted unity succeed? The passage declares, “they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.” In the dream of Daniel 2, the iron and clay remained separated until the stone, representing the kingdom of God, smote the image: signifying that the kingdoms of the earth will remain separate nations until the kingdoms of men are destroyed at the second coming of Christ.

While the word of prophecy prohibits another one world empire, at the same time it tells us of a universal confederacy of evil that would exist among the nations in the last days, culminating in the persecution of God’s people:

To be continued...

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## *An Appeal to Young Ladies*

By Raquel Akens

During my years of adolescence, I fell into a state of mind which is common to most young ladies: the world with its glamor and fashions entrapped me, and the desire to “fit in” consumed my mind. But it was not just a desire to “fit in” with the standards of the world, it went beyond this: I enjoyed the attention which its fashions brought me. As I continued in this path, the standards of modesty which I once held were greatly diminished, and I found myself admiring and desiring the fashions which revealed even more skin or form. I was also “addicted” to make-up. I would spend a whole hour of the morning, everyday, just to put make-up on, do my hair, and pick an outfit to wear. I did not go

anywhere without at least putting some kind of make-up on my face; for I felt ugly and unimportant without it.

It was only by the grace of God that I was made aware of my sad state. As I made the steps toward my full re consecration to him, he worked in my heart to give these things up. He led me to see these fashions and practices in their true light. I saw the selfishness, the love of self, the egotism in it all. As I think back now, I am horrified, and ashamed of my attitude, and my thoughtlessness toward the young men around me. The image of women that today’s society is pushing through

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# The Parable of the Medical Missionary Part 2

*(Please do not miss understand the meaning of the author to imply that the help of a knowledgeable professional should not be sought when needed.)*

By David Sims

(This article is a continuation of an article in the previous issue, where we have been looking at the reasons for the frequent failure of the medical missionary to have success in his endeavors; and noting some correlations with the parable of the Good Samaritan. It is based upon the author's own observations, not scientific studies.)

The first point we noticed was the failure of Christians to take enough of an interest in this work to properly educate themselves before the need arises.

Secondly, we noticed that laxness is sometimes a problem. The medical missionary fails to be disciplined – to be timely, and to follow through.

Thirdly, some fail as medical missionaries, because they have not developed the character attribute of attentiveness to details. They may fail of properly ascertaining all the symptoms and problems a person may be having, and thus fail of addressing those issues, or they just don't wish to bother with what they think might be minor problems. They fail to bring restoration, because, while they may get a disease under control in one area, if it is not taken care of in the secondary area as well, it can re-infect the first area. They may also fail of continually ascertaining the condition of the patient as it changes from day to day, and thus do not adapt their treatments to the present needs of the patient. Perhaps they are careless by being inconsistent. I have never seen treatments given inconsistently recover anyone from a chronic condition. Our inattention to details may manifest itself in careless timing of meals, juices, or treatments. Meals taken too close to each other can cause fermentation. Certain treatments and even juices or teas taken too close to meals will interfere with the digestion. To be effective, all must be done at the right time and on time.

The Samaritan took care of every detail. After helping the man with his emergency needs, he took him to an inn, instructed the inn-keeper concerning the man's care, and paid him for it. But he did not stop there, he instructed him to do whatever else needed to be done; and was careful not to miss any detail, and promised to pay for the extra expense.

Fourthly, many fail in their work as medical missionaries, because they are not willing to be continually learning. Perhaps they don't regard it with importance, and make themselves too busy with other matters. New

studies are continually being done, new information is ever emerging. We need to be continually researching and studying to find the best ways to treat illness.

Fifthly, some fail by always looking for an easier way, a quick fix. Instead of being satisfied with God's simple remedies and a change in lifestyle, which require time and effort, they look instead for a "cure all". They will try all kinds of products; spending lots of money, and encouraging people to try the latest super food or electronic gadget. These they incorrectly term "natural remedies".

Lastly, is the failure of some to use all eight of God's prescriptions for healing, which are: (1) Proper diet (including herbs), (2) Exercise (including massage in certain cases), (3) The proper use of water (inside and out), (4) Sunshine (sometimes requiring sunbaths in winter), (5) Temperance (this means abstinence from a long list of hurtful things, including such things as additives in processed foods, pesticides, and herbicides, etc.), (6) Fresh (unpolluted) air (day and night), (7) Rest (consistently, and at the proper times), and (8) Trust in God (with freedom from worry, fear, anger, bitterness, etc.). Sometimes we focus on a few of these, and forget about the rest. I have had true success only when making use of all of these prescriptions.

Failure in each of these areas has its effect on the patient. He senses that the care-giver's heart is not in the treatments. He does not see real, unselfish love. He perceives carelessness and unconcern for his welfare, and feels he is a burden; thus he may become bitter, and hurt inside. Often the patient needs constant encouragement to trust in God; for Satan is ready to suggest doubts, and point out our sinfulness. He capitalizes on our weaknesses, and brings accusations; in this way the patient is led to feel that his disease is brought upon him because of God's displeasure, and that God is not answering his prayers. The sick need extra encouragement to see the love and mercy of God, and to wait patiently on Him. This can best be done by the caregiver showing the love and mercy of God in his treatment of the sick one; for we all know that "actions speak louder than words."

Fellow Christian, let us determine not to let down our family and friends that become sick, or be a discouragement to them in their time of need. Will you just now decide to take the time to educate yourself to be able to help your sick family members and friends? Won't you determine to be a "good Samaritan," a true medical missionary, and caregiver; taking your work seriously, and remedying the defects in your characters that bring fail-





# Understanding Prophecy Part II - It's Purpose

by Thomas Akens

In our consideration of prophecy, second only to the rules of its interpretation is the aspect of its purpose. Prophecy is a Divine revelation, and therefore contains only that which is needful to and intended for man's present well-being and future happiness.

"Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe . . ." (John 13:19).

The verse quoted above expresses the first purpose of prophecy: namely, that we might "believe"; not only believe the truth of God's word, but its Divine origin or source. Thus God intends that our faith be settled in his word. Confidence in the truthfulness and accuracy of his word is a must to all who would "put their trust in him". As it is written, "Blessed are all they that put their trust in him" (Ps. 2:12); and again, "Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him" (Proverbs 30:5). Let the Christian take heed that his faith rests upon the simple "thus saith the Lord" for his foundation, and not upon the ever-shifting quicksands of men's interpretations thereof. Take heed, dear reader, unto yourself, and unto the saving of your house.

Secondly, we may learn from our principle text (John 13:19), that our faith is to be established point by point: saith Christ, "when it is come to pass . . .". So it is, that, *when* the predicted event comes to pass, we are to believe it; and so at each advancing step in the fulfillment of the Bible prophecies we are to "believe"; thus having our faith built up, as it were, step by step, point by point, block by block. They are as way-markers illuminating the path of the just before and behind, "as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Proverbs 4:18). The prophecies of God are that "sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts" (2 Peter 1:19). Are you taking heed thereto, dear reader? Is it your desire to know and understand the outworking of the purposes of God among the nations of men? If so, then the prophecies are for you, that your faith be established upon the unmovable platform of Divine revelation, secured by the countless evidences predicted in his word, and penned upon the pages of this world's history.

". . . to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men" (Daniel 4:17).

Here we find the second purpose of prophecy: i.e., that "the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men". Second only to our faith in God's word is our unwavering confidence in his overruling power. Many ages ago, in the days of the kingdom of Babylon, the God of heaven performed a strange work that he intended should never be effaced from the minds of men, so long as they lived. King Nebuchadnezzar stood overlooking his kingdom, by whose hand it had been built up and beautified, and praised himself, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?" (Daniel 4:30). One year earlier king Nebuchadnezzar had been warned in a dream of exalting himself before God; but the king had failed to heed the warning, and immediately discovered the truth as stated the previous year by Daniel, "they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will" (Daniel 4:25); for "all this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar" (verse 28). Thus was the greatest king of the ancient world humbled before man and God, "to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men" (verse 17). This lesson was not alone for Nebuchadnezzar, but it was to serve as a stern warning to all future monarchs of the wrongfulness of taking to themselves the honor due to God alone. It was to teach the "fear of the Lord" to the heathen world that this lesson was wrought upon the king of Babylon. It was seen at once that "there is a God in heaven", before whose throne all shall be judged, and before whom all shall one day bow.

The lesson of God's overruling power is to be a source of comfort to all generations, reminding them that the Omnipotent King keeps an ever-watchful eye over his people, that we fear not, and "may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (Hebrews

13:6). Today, the hearts of many are failing for fear of what the “rulers of the darkness of this world” are planning behind closed doors, but none need fear what these wicked men shall do unto them. The most High still rules in the kingdom of men; his purposes are still being wrought out among them; the holy watchers are yet faithfully recording the deeds of men, by which God shall render to each man “according to his deeds” (Romans 2:6).

Such comfort, however, is not to be used by us as an excuse for blind ignorance concerning the “wiles of the devil”. We must “put on the whole armor of God” that we may “stand against the wiles of the devil” and to “withstand in the evil day” (Ephesians 6:11, 13). We are not to close our eyes to the evil, as “the fool” who “walketh in darkness” (Ecclesiastes 2:14). We should take advantage of the knowledge which warns of our present danger, and take the necessary steps to place ourselves out of harm’s way; God will not do what we can and ought to do for ourselves.

Let us conclude our remarks with the words of Hosea and John, “Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein” (Hosea 14:9); “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand” (Revelation 1:3).

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## *An Appeal to Young Ladies*

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movies, music, and magazines, fits the descriptions of the strange woman of Proverbs chapter 5 and the harlot of chapter 7, into whose trap the young man void of understanding fell, which resulted in his destruction. Read these two chapters, and then read chapter 31 on the virtuous woman; then ask yourself, Which of these women is being exalted today in our society?

Young ladies, does not Christ say these solemn words to all men? “*But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell*” (Matthew 5:28-29). This passage condemns the man who thinks lustful thoughts of a woman, but what of the woman who plays the part of the tempter? Is she blameless in this? Will we not be held responsible if we are a

cause for a fellow brother’s temptation and fall, because of our way of dress? I’ve heard many women say, “Well, don’t I have a right to dress as I like? It’s not *my* fault if men are perverse.” Will a God fearing woman with a conscience toward God and her fellow men disregard the effects of her dress upon another, because it goes against her wants? The woman (regardless of her motives) who exposes her body or form for all to see, by choosing outfits that in their very design are intended to get attention, and arouse lustful thoughts in men, is a tempter, in just the same way as was Eve toward Adam by her presenting sin before his mind.

The Bible exhorts us women, saying, “*In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;*” (1 Timothy 2:9). Do we picture the godly women of the Bible dressed in the worldly fashions of their day? There is Jezebel, but she is far from being a godly woman, or an appropriate pattern for young women today. Consider what she did when she heard that Jehu was coming to Jezreel to avenge the blood of the servants of God upon her and her household: “*And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window*” (2 Kings 9:30). The Bible says that she painted her face. (This is the Bible equivalent to the putting on of make-up!) And why did she do this? I can only reason that she thought to seduce and manipulate Jehu; hoping by this to prevent the execution of her death sentence. We know the story, her plan didn’t work; yet this is not because she didn’t try. Many women today use their looks in this same way, or with the same motive as Jezebel – to get their way, or to get attention. All such behavior is wrong and selfish, and is certainly not the way a daughter of God should act. God put that tender love and affection in Adam’s heart for Eve, and for us to use them to curse men by so manipulating them, is, in the end, destroying our hopes for any man to love and treat us rightly.

Dear young women, let us be thoughtful in the manner of our dress. Even now, the Lord is teaching me the principles of true modesty. Let us search deep in our hearts, and ask ourselves the question, Do we find pleasure in being a temptation to men? If there is any hint of this spirit in our hearts, let us repent of it, and ask the Lord to cleanse us, and take away this evil trait from us. I desire to represent Christ in all that I do and say: that includes my dress. As a child of the King, I make a commitment to follow his standards and wishes for me in *all* things. Will you join me?





# Time to Grow Our Own Food

By Raquel Akens

It must be evident to the consumer that the cost of living in general is rising, and still rising as time proceeds in the US; and it can be safely stated that this is the case throughout the whole world. Last year the prices for common household groceries in the United States rose almost five percent.<sup>1</sup> This year the USDA estimates that the price of all food will rise 2.5 % - 3.5 %; and although the figure may sound small, it all adds up; considering that most all items in your cart will cost several cents to several dollars more. The estimated percentage is, of course, based and therefore dependent upon the present condition of the economy and food production. The rise of food prices and everything else would not be a problem *IF* the increase of wages rose correspondingly, but such is not the case<sup>2</sup>. The figures do not compare. For example, in 2008 prices increased at an average of 6.4%<sup>3</sup>, but the average salary increase was 3.9%<sup>4</sup>. Examples like these can be seen repeatedly throughout the past decades.



I have heard and read many comments expressing concern regarding the prices of food, that it has become hard to make ends meet. And to those who are already spending extra money from their budget on organically grown food, because of their desire to eat as healthy as possible, it has become discouraging. What is the only viable solution? It is clear that growing our own food is the answer. Considering our first article under the gardening section, which revealed shocking facts regarding the quality of conventionally grown food, and which focused on the dangers of using glyphosate based herbicides (If you have not read this article, we encourage you to do so!), we would ask the reader, Is it not time to garden? Also, in the last gardening article we saw God's plan for Adam and his race in the work of agriculture. The benefits and blessings of gardening are too many to count, much less to write them all down, but I would like to share a quote that expresses my point so clearly:

"Of him who cultivates the soil the Bible declares, "His God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him." Isaiah 28:26. And again, "Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof." Proverbs 27:18. He who earns his livelihood by agriculture escapes many temptations and enjoys unnumbered privileges and blessings denied to those whose work lies in the great cities. And in these days of mammoth trusts and business competition, there are few who enjoy so real an independence and so great certainty of fair return for their labor as does the tiller of the soil." *Education, page 219.*

To many, gardening is intimidating, and that is understandable. Today we live in a paradoxical age, where much knowledge and technology have been gained; yet at the same time much knowledge and experience have been lost. This is clearly seen in our youth, who can proficiently use the latest technology, and know all the right buttons to press; but hardly know how to work in the yard, cook in the kitchen, or make repairs to the house or car. Most of us Americans are in the same condition regarding agriculture. And so, it is our hope that in the coming issues of this newsletter, we will be able to provide valuable information in our gardening articles. But, it is truly important that we start gardening today, to acquire the proper skill and knowledge to be able one day soon to grow *all* of our own food; and no longer be dependent upon the mercies of the system. Let us not wait until the economy has completely crumbled, or until laws are passed which prohibit the buying or selling to those who will not observe Sunday; it will be too late then.

There are many ways in which you can begin gardening. If you cannot work in your yard because it's winter, begin by drawing out plans for your future garden. Figure out how many garden beds you want, and can fit in your yard. Research which plants grow best in your area, and become familiar with the seasons. Find out which spots in your yard



would be the best for which plants, depending on how much light they would need. Research the best seed sources (non-GM seeds). Invest in fruit trees. In some areas, late winter or early spring is the time to plant trees. And if you want to start digging into the dirt right now, that is fine too. Make use of your window sill space, and line up the pots!

Once we start learning the science of agriculture, we may not be successful the first year, or even the next; but have faith that you are learning, and gaining a valuable experience and fulfilling God's plan for us.

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## “Love Not Sleep”

by Ryann Celeste Haptonstahl

*“How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man”*  
(Proverbs 6:9-1).

One morning I didn't get up until after 7:30, so I didn't really have much time to read my Bible, but I prayed, asking God to give me understanding of His word, and apply it to my life. I also asked Him to help me get up earlier, so that I could truly begin every day with Him. When I opened my Bible, I came to Proverbs 6; God knew what I needed to know and then do through His strength. He really spoke to me through these verses. He showed me that, the more unneeded sleep I got, the less time I could have to spend with Him in the morning. He revealed so much to me! Could it have been a coincidence that I turned to Proverbs 6? No, God had exactly what I needed in store for me. He is so good to show me that I must not love sleep so much that I let it get in the way of beginning the day with Him!

“Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread” (Proverbs 20:13). Now God says to me, firmly but gently, and all out of love, “Open your eyes, and GET UP, and ‘thou shalt be satisfied’<sup>1</sup> with the ‘bread of life’<sup>2</sup>. I will feed you with that bread, the bread of life through My Word. Apply it to your heart, mind, and life, and you will be filled; you will not be empty from lack of spiritual food. Through the spiritual food that I have to give you, I will make you spiritually alive. ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.’<sup>3</sup> You need physical food to stay physically alive, but you need to begin the day with My bread of life, so that you may be made spir-



itually alive, and strengthened by my Spirit. I will give you the grace, knowledge, and strength you need throughout the day, to overcome temptation, learn more of me, and behold the heavenly Father's character, and be ‘changed into the same image from glory to glory.’<sup>4</sup> And as this is true, so also have I shown you that ‘the path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.’<sup>5</sup> Therefore, after I feed you every morning with My bread of life, My unseen but very filling spiritual food, if someone asked you if you were hungry, you could truly tell them, ‘I have meat to eat that ye know not of’,<sup>6</sup> because it is My unseen bread that fills your soul with My love. I am with you, and I will feed you till you are filled. Through Me you shall be fully satisfied. Now, by My grace, power, and strength, you can get up early every morning, and begin the day by spending more time with Me. And “poverty” shall not come to you “as one that travelleth”, but by My love, grace, strength, righteousness, wisdom, and knowledge, ‘shall the chambers’ of your heart ‘be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.’<sup>7</sup>

1. Proverbs 20:13

2. John 6:48

3. Matthew 4:4

4. 2 Corinthians 3:18

5. Proverbs 4:18

6. John 4:32

7. Proverbs 24:4

## *Burden Bearers are Falling*

“Paul saw that Timothy was faithful, steadfast, and true, and he chose him as a companion in labor and travel. Those who had taught Timothy in his childhood were rewarded by seeing the son of their care linked in close fellowship with the great apostle. . . .” The Acts of the Apostles, pp. 203, 204; (Christian Service, p. 31.5).

“The burden-bearers among us are falling in death. Many of those who have been foremost in carrying out the reforms instituted by us as a people, are now past the meridian of life, and are declining in physical and mental strength. With the deepest concern the question may be asked, Who will fill their places? To whom are to be committed the vital interests of the church when the present standard-bearers fall? We cannot but look anxiously upon the youth of today as those who must take these burdens, and upon whom responsibilities must fall. These must take up the work where others leave it, . . .” Gospel Workers, p. 68; (Christian Service, p. 32.1).

“The standard-bearers are falling, and young men must be prepared to take the places left vacant, that the message may still be proclaimed...” Gospel Workers, p. 104, 1915 ed.; (Evangelism, p. 23.3).

“Our schools have been established by the Lord, and if they are conducted in harmony with His purpose, the youth sent to them will quickly be prepared to engage in various lines of missionary work. Some will be trained to enter the field as missionary nurses, some as canvassers, some as evangelists, some as teachers, and some as gospel ministers.” Letter 113, 1903; (Evangelism, p. 23.4).

“In gaining a preparation for the ministry, young men should be associated with older ministers. Those who have gained an experience in active service are to take young, inexperienced workers with them into the harvest-field, teaching them how to labor successfully for the conversion of souls. Kindly and affectionately these older workers are to help the younger ones to prepare for the work to which the Lord may call them. And the young men in training should respect the counsel of their instructors, honoring their devotion, and remembering that their years of labor

have given them wisdom.” (Gospel Workers, p. 101.1).

“We must manifest confidence in our young men. They should be pioneers in every enterprise involving toil and sacrifice, while the overtaxed servants of Christ should be cherished as counselors, to encourage and bless those who strike the heaviest blows for God.” Counsels to Teachers, pp. 516, 517; (Christian Service, p. 32.2).

## **Announcements**

Please watch <http://www.waldensiancenter.org> for announcements concerning future plans for training sessions.

It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of Pastor Willis Smith. His was a life of active service in ministering the word of God to perishing souls; and he will be greatly missed, not only by those whom he served, but by all who knew and loved him as a friend and minister. And though we mourn the passing of a dear friend and brother, it is with peace of mind that we await that joyous day wherein all the saints who sleep in Jesus shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall come forth to life eternal.

Don't forget the PVF Camp Meeting, which will be held in Lookout, CA, on July 24-29, 2012. Also, the Smyrna Gospel Ministries Camp meeting June 26-30, 2012. We hope to see you there!

Please also pray for Brother Richard Stratton Who has been very ill.

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