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"The unfolding of thy words give light; it gives understanding to the simple"



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FULFILLING GOD'S VISION

This issue is the first of the New Year 2008 and the start of our 22nd year of ministry for Bearers of Light Ministries. 2007 was a year of completion and 2008 is a year of new beginnings for us. This past year we saw a stronger, broader and more mature foundation being established for BOLM covering all aspects of the ministry. We anticipate much more being accomplished in 2008 and the years following in fulfillment of God's vision for BOLM.

BOLM is the covering organization for Pneuma Bible Institute, the Apostolic Ministry and for the publications and materials we have written. Every part of the ministry is so very relevant to the needs in the church today. There is no question about the need for God's people to be taught the Word of God without compromise and challenged to live it and share it. The world's value system and the lack of godly morality have crept into the church. This not only applies to the laity, but to church leaders in whom we trusted. This is not a time to compromise the Word of God. No wonder the un-saved are not coming to Christ in greater numbers in this country, like other countries around the world. Who wants more of the same? Un-believers are looking for hope

and a more fulfilling way to live their lives. In order for them to find that way, we need to live it and share it without compromise in purity and holiness.

This is a time in history when we need to quit playing church and get serious about being the church that glorifies God and draws the un-saved to Jesus Christ and disciples them. This is another weakness in our churches today. How do they know how to live godly lives, if we don't teach them? Salvation is the beginning of a new life in Christ, not an end in itself.

Romans 10:14 – How, then, can they call upon the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

The Holy Spirit is very strongly urging us here at BOLM to not waiver in standing on the Word of God, regardless of the consequences. We are here to please God, not people. The Word should convict and upset people even in the church if they are not living it. This is not a time to run or compromise. It is a time to stand for whom and what we believe in, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As those have in our past, we should be willing to die for our faith in God. Other religions are willing to die for their gods who are dead. We are privileged to know the one and only true living God, the creator of heaven and earth. Praise God! What a message of hope to share with the world.

Our Apostolic Ministry brings personal ministry, accountability and protection for those in ministry (ministers, missionaries, churches, and ministries) as well as for those who belong to the body of Christ.

In 1 Corinthians 9:1, the Apostle Paul states, *“---Am I not an Apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not the result of my work in the Lord?”*

FULFILLING GOD'S VISION (CONT'D)

Even though I may not be an Apostle to others, surely I am to you! For you are the seal of my Apostleship in the Lord."

Our publications bring the light of God's Word to the body of Christ. We currently have our materials available in several languages that are being used around the world. Those who read and study them are strengthened and matured in the faith as they digest and apply God's Word to their lives (see the list of our publications on the back page of this newsletter).

Psalm 119:105 – Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

PBI brings accountability and knowledge to students in a classroom setting. These students are challenged to take what they have learned and disciple others wherever God leads them. For prospective students living in Hampton Roads, VA, this is your opportunity to join our student body as we entertain mid-term enrollments the last of January 2008. Please call our office listed on the front page of this newsletter or log onto our website www.pneumabile.org for more information.

II Timothy 3:16,17 – All scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In closing, we want to share a portion of scripture taken from Psalm 119:33-40 – *Teach me, O Lord, to follow Your decrees; then I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding, and I will keep Your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of Your commands, for there I find delight. Turn my heart towards Your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your Word. Fulfill Your promise to Your servant, so that You may be feared. Take away the disgrace I dread, for Your laws are good. How I long for Your precepts! Preserve my life in Your righteousness.*

Will you, as we, make this your constant prayer in this New Year 2008? If we uphold this portion of scripture during this new year and beyond, not only will we be changed, but those around us will be changed for eternity. Isn't that what it is all about?

Xen & Dawn

FEED MY SHEEP

What Will You Pass On?

In one of our previous issues, I wrote an article entitled "What Will be Your Legacy?" In this issue, I believe the Holy Spirit would have me amplify some of the points made previously.

As Jesus Christ the Son of God, was sent to earth to die for our sin in our stead, His death afforded those who would accept Him as Lord and Savior, life and life everlasting. We too are created to live on this earth and die that others might live for eternity with Him.

If we look at His creation all around us we see clearly that death is part of the process of bringing forth life. We plant seeds in the ground that have to die to bring forth life. Trees shed their leaves in the Fall and then produce new leaves and life in the spring.

When our lives pass this earth to our new home in heaven, how have others been affected by the lives we lived on this earth?

Will they say, "I found Christ through their ministry to me," or will they say, "if only they had shared the gospel with me."

The Word is pretty clear that we are commanded (not optional) in Matthew 28:19,20 to--- *Go and make Disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.*

To further my point, the Bible tells us in Genesis 9:5,6 – That man was created in the image of God. If so, than as Jesus died to give us life, so God's purpose for us on this earth is to pass on what He has given to us before we die on this earth. If we refuse, then we are in rebellion to His Word and His purposes for our lives on this earth.

I get the impression at times that we are more interested in our success on this earth than where our families, friends and neighbors will spend eternity. Its like we are depending on someone else to do what we have been commanded to do. How sad and how grieving to the Lord.

As Jesus came to die, in obedience to the Father, for you and I, in order to show us a better way free from the bondage of our sin, so we in our death should have shown others a better way to live their lives. And they likewise, out of obedience, will

FEED MY SHEEP (CON'T)

pass on the gospel message for generations to come as a result of our obedience to His Word.

We have just come out of the Christmas season where we focused on the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. What a precious time for all of us who have a personal relationship with Him. As we go into the New Year 2008, may it truly be a year of new beginnings as we purpose to live and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone He puts in our paths. I don't know about you, but I want to see all of my family, my friends and neighbors enjoy the benefits of eternal life with Jesus. I want to be an obedient child to my heavenly Father, for He has given me the greatest gift I could ask for, Salvation. I want to be His mouthpiece and not wait for someone else to go in my place, but be obedient to His Word.



PRAYER FOCUS

Any Heart turned God-ward, feels more joy in one short hour of prayer, than e'er was raised by all the feasts on earth since its foundation.

Bailey

Please pray for the following:

- Our country to return to Godly values and morality based upon the Word of God
- A restoration of Biblical manhood, womanhood, fatherhood, motherhood, marriage and family life
- Open doors for ministry (domestic and foreign)
- Protection to help us stand firm against the enemy
- Anointing for consulting services, ministry, teaching, writing new materials and publications
- Financial needs to be met
- Divine health, strength, wisdom, guidance and protection
- Fulfilling our Apostolic role to Ministers, Missionaries, Churches and Ministries
- School of Biblical Living; that it might change the lives of its students for His glory
- Pneuma Bible Institute; that it would transform the lives of its students in preparation for fulfilling their calling

Luke 18:1 --- Jesus told His disciples --- that they should always pray and not give up.

COUNTING THE COST

As we ponder God's goodness and supply over 21 years in this ministry, we are overwhelmed and so grateful for how He has met our needs. As we enter the year 2008, we are also very aware of those of you who have supported us so faithfully over all these years. You have played a major role in touching lives with the gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. Without your faithfulness, God's work through BOLM would have been limited or thwarted. God bless each one of you and those who will join you in making it possible for the ministry of BOLM to continue fulfilling God's vision.

We have been so impressed over the years with those who have contributed to the furtherance of the gospel out of their lack. We are reminded of the poor widow who gave all she had.

Luke 21:1-4 – *“As He looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw the poor widow put in two very small copper coins. ‘I tell you the truth,’ He said, ‘this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.’”*

This example of the poor widow should challenge all of us in our attitude towards giving to further the gospel around the world.

In order for BOLM to meet its current needs and to grow in the years to come, we need more of you, like the poor widow, to come alongside us and support this ministry.

If you are one of those who receive this newsletter, but are not currently giving to BOLM's support, won't you prayerfully consider doing so? Would you help us by giving just \$10.00 per month or a one time gift of \$100.00 or more or both to support the on-going ministry of BOLM and PNEUMA BIBLE INSTITUTE? Your generous gift of any amount will help us to fulfill God's vision for BOLM/PBI.

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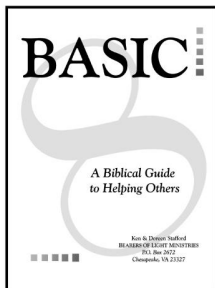
PURSUIT OF THE IDEAL – Our duty to God is to make of ourselves the most perfect product of divine incarnation that we can become. This is possible only through the pursuit of worthy ideals.

Edgar White Burrill

MINISTRY SERVICES AVAILABLE

- BIBLICAL COUNSELING CONSULTANTS (Giving counsel to counselors and helping churches and ministries to establish counseling services)
- SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL LIVING (Training in Biblical truths and principals for living and service)
- PNEUMA BIBLE INSTITUTE (Biblical training and preparation for ministry)
- SEMINARS (Conducting relevant topical seminars to build up the Body of Christ)
- BOOKS (Counseling materials and publications to challenge and strengthen the Body of Christ)
- APOSTOLIC (Providing services, resources, ministry and accountability for independent Ministers, Missionaries, Churches and Ministries)

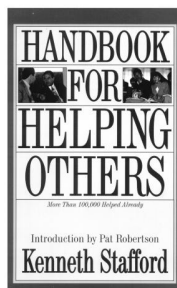
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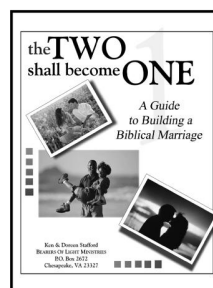
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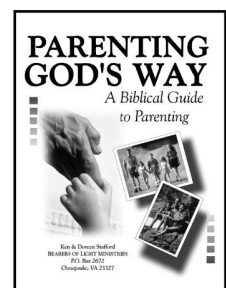
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