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# TIDINGS

CHRIST'S SANCTIFIED HOLY CHURCH



*"And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."*

REVELATION 21:5-6

## RECENT EVENTS

- The windows of Heaven were open once again at the 79th Camp Meeting this year. From the early morning in prayer service, to the late night in altar sessions, and all the services in between, God supplied His Spirit in overflowing amounts. As at Camp Meetings before, God did a wondrous work in giving His people a special blessing for a "new year."

## UPCOMING

- **Sept. 9-10:** Omar, DE Feastmeeting Services
- **Sept. 16-17:** Leesburg, GA Feastmeeting Services
- **Sept. 30 - Oct. 1:** Between, GA Feastmeeting Services
- **Oct. 14-15:** Chincoteague, VA Feastmeeting Services
- **Oct. 28-29:** Columbia County, GA Feastmeeting Services
- **Nov 4-5:** Old Trap, NC Feastmeeting Services
- **Nov. 11-12:** Terry, MS Feastmeeting Services
- **Nov. 23-25:** Annual Thanksgiving Work Weekend at the Church Campground

We are most thankful for this year's Camp Meeting and for what God has done during this annual event. Now that Camp Meeting has ended and summer nears an end, a new season begins almost like the start of a new year. As we have left Camp Meeting with a renewed spirit of evangelism, let us resolve to preach the Gospel more and more in this "new year".

Jesus told his disciples to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:25). What is the Gospel? The Gospel is the good news of faith in the saving grace of Jesus Christ to salvation for every person the world. The Word of God teaches that salvation is obtained by two separate and distinct works. First, we must be forgiven by God for the sins we have committed and second, we must be sanctified by the power of the Holy Spirit. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit gives us the power to live a life pleasing to God and keeps us from the sin that is in the world.

What does it mean to preach? We sometimes equate the word "preach" with a pulpit practice, but the definition of "preach" is to proclaim. Everything we do at home, at the work place, and in our day to day lives can proclaim the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every one of us has a testimony of what God has done for us and in our lives; we only need to allow the Holy Spirit to speak through us.

*How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14-15*

*Bless Me Lord And Make Me A Blessing*  
I do not ask to choose my path  
Lord, lead me in the way  
Inspire each thought, and prompt each word  
And make me a blessing today

- Bro. Steve Gray

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"And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

- ROMANS 10:15

This is a snippet from the last page of the "Go Forward" document written by Sis. Dilla Miller. The words "Go Forward!" still resound today.

### "Go Forward"

My late husband's motto seemed to be the words of the Lord to Moses, as the people stood with Pharaoh's mighty hosts behind them and the Raging Sea in front of them: "Go Forward!"

So, in closing, would like to leave that word with God's

people everywhere — Go Forward. And realizing that we're all travelers to the Bar of God, journeying down the pathway of life, and if we don't go God's way, we won't make the port.

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# New Beginnings

**“That no flesh should glory in his presence.”  
-1 Corinthians 1:29**

So much of who we are here on Earth is evaluated from a carnal standpoint. This is no surprise because the world is carnal. From an early age we are evaluated on a physical/natural level. Whether it's intellectual performance, physical attributes, or a mixture of both; we are tested, graded, evaluated, and judged almost wholly on the outward man. It all comes down to what is produced. Our time here on Earth is quantified into input and output, until the question becomes, not a one of willingness, but of ability. The flesh, the natural man, can find glory in ability. They can exalt it, esteem it, and promote it. Oh but how plainly does the scripture show us that God is not so concerned with our ability's, but rather our willingness to lean on His. God looks for willingness far more than ability. There is perhaps no greater message of redemption and transformation than that of the cross. In the theological and literally sense. The cross before Christ is not the same cross after Christ. Before Jesus, the cross was an instrument of death, fear, and intimidation. It was despised, it was a symbol of hopelessness and darkness. The Roman tool, wielded with precision to control the masses. A horrible and humiliating way to die. Then Jesus came. It is no accident that the Jews were under Roman rule, and that the crucifixion was the Roman way of capital

“Y'know, nearly everything that man invents starts out in kind of a crude state, and then they improve upon it, and improve upon it, and they improve upon it. The cars of 1910 are a vast difference from the cars of today. The planes that the Wright brothers started with, oh, you wouldn't even recognize it would you? It begins, and gets improved upon. That's the way man's inventions are. But let me tell you how different the war God's inventions are. The things that God does starts out perfect. It starts out in a perfect state, and anything you do to change it, you're bringing it down from perfection, rather than taking it up to perfection. That's just how different the ways of God are from the ways of men. That's why this gospel that we received in the beginning, it just can't be beat can it? It cannot be improved upon.”

- Bro. Floyd Hagan, preaching at Augusta Feastmeeting 1985

punishment. It is no accident that the Son of God would die on a tree and that God would take the very thing that man used for evil and turn it to good. The death of Christ is not a tale of vanity or ability, but of willingness and servitude. Jesus Christ had more ability and intelligence than any other man before or after. He had every reason to vaunt himself and promote His own glory, but he didn't. He yielded to the will of the Father and was willing to embrace the cross. How much more should we? How much less should we boast our accomplishments, or intelligence, or abilities?

God does not need your abilities, he wants your willingness. The cross, and the crucifixion, the very thing that the most powerful kingdom in the world at that time used to intimidate and punish; God took that and turned it into a symbol of hope and righteousness. A symbol of life. Simply because the Son was willing to die.

Is not this an allegory to what he can do in your life? Is there anything too hard for God? He can take the sinner and change them into a saint. He can take the unrighteous and bring righteousness; he can redeem the lost, bring life to the dead; God can drastically change your life. He can give you a new mind, a new heart, a new purpose, a new direction, and a new home in heaven! He can change you the same way he changed the cross, through Jesus. When you embrace the Christ and commit your life to him, you become conformed to His death and married to His purpose. The selfsame purpose that lead him to the cross; thy will be done.

His will be done. This is why no flesh can glory in His presence, because we need Him to have any glory. We need to be saved, and need him to save us, to change us: “to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.” (Acts 26:18)

- Bro. Patrick Collins

## GOOD HABITS FOR A NEW FALL SEASON

### ➔ First Things First



King David wrote "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee" (Psalm 63). A great habit to implement is the practice of waking up early to read the Bible and to pray. Taking time to commune with God is the most important thing we do, so let's do it first, before the busy day and it's demands begin.

### ➔ Go To Church



Our lives are hectic and busy and it is very easy to fall into a pattern of making it to church only when it is convenient. Break the cycle and commit to being at church when the doors are open for service, and for Sunday School, a good quiet time of Bible study and discussion.

### ➔ Encourage Someone!



Pick one small thing you can consistently do to encourage someone close to you. It could be giving your child a hug each morning. It could be telling someone at church "I am very glad you are here." Keep it simple, keep it going, and over time it will have a positive impact!

### ➔ Have a Little Talk With Jesus.



We can have communion with God outside the church walls and presence of fellow believers; we can fellowship with the Lord in our homes, our offices, our cars, etc. Take opportunity to talk to God throughout the day. Tell Him "thank you" for what He has done, but remember you can let Him know what is on your mind. "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." (Philippians 4:6)

## FROM THE ARCHIVES:

This article, A NEW YEAR'S THOUGHT - From "The Comforter" Jan 1963, seems appropriate as we have finished Campmeeting and begun our "New Year"

The New Year God is giving each one of us is like a clean, fresh, white sheet of paper. It is blank. But it is purposefully blank; God gives it to us that way, so that we might make the choice of what we wish to put into our New Year. God gives us this same choice each day, each hour, and each moment. Living for Him is a constant choice--"Choose ye this day whom ye shall serve." What will you do with your New Year? At this moment, at this beginning, it is as fresh and clean as a new page. But, in order to keep it clean, do not bury it away in wrapping paper, or in a napkin, as the servant tried to do with the talent. A year is very much like a life--in order to keep it fresh and sparkling and full of vitality, it must be used for God. It simply molds and decays without God's influence.

The Apostle Paul said, "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14) The beginning of a New Year is not the time to moan over past misjudgements and over past shortcomings. It is a time to look to the future: How may I best serve God in this New Year?

And if you do not have God's Spirit abiding in your heart, if you have not been born again, this is not the time for despair. God is calling each one, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) Do not let your clean sheet, your New Year, become a series of scratches and false starts; do not let it become blotted and marred by sin. Begin this New Year by letting Christ guide every word that the Pen of Time writes on your sheet of life! By doing this, you can be certain that the following, our New Year's wishes for you, will be assured in your life:

What shall I wish thee? What can be found Bringing thee sunshine All the year 'round? Where is the treasure, Lasting and dear, That shall ensure thee A happy new year?	Faith that increaseth, Walking in light; Hope that aboundeth, Happy and bright; Love that is perfect, Casting out fear; These shall ensure thee A happy new year.	Peace in the Saviour, Rest at His feet, Smile of His countenance, Radiant and sweet, Joy in His presence! Christ ever near! This will ensure thee A happy new year!
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### PARTING THOUGHT:

**"Don't preach me a sermon about a God who is not powerful enough to deliver me from sin and satan's grip over me. Don't preach me a motivational speech about how God is going to enlarge my borders and bless my life and I just have to sit back and watch Him do it while making no sacrifice of myself. Don't tell me I can live and act any old way and He will still be ruler over my life and heart. Tell me about a God who is so powerful He can take me across the red sea AND the river Jordan into the promise land! Tell me about a God who delivers from all the powers of evil and fights my enemies, never losing a battle. Tell me about a God who spoke and there was light. A God who said peace be still and the storm stopped. A God who went right into the den of lions and changed their very nature and can change the nature of sin I was born in! Tell me about a God who says if I will deny myself and take up my cross and follow I can, and He will be my deliverer from sin, my rock and my fortress, my comfort, my guide, my freedom and my redemption. Tell me I have to lay down my life but in return I get a better one full of freedom from top to bottom AND a home in heaven when I am done living in this pitiful world. That is my God. He is strong enough and mighty enough. Nothing is too hard for Him. Can I get an amen!?!?!?! I am weak but he is mighty." - Sis. Risha Cross**