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Brother Buckner has long had a burden to see revival and refreshing spring forth in the hearts of all ministers and ultimately in the churches as well.

Due to this burden he has been led of the Lord to develop an evangelistic ministry which has one purpose, that is to reach into all churches, large or small, but especially those that are struggling spiritually or financially.

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The Oil Of Gladness By Rev. Leslie Buckner

Hebrews 1:9

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

This verse is speaking of Jesus. Observe that he loved righteousness and hated iniquity. We want to pay close attention to what it was that Jesus was anointed with. The oil of gladness! According to this particular scripture the anointing is the oil of gladness.

Acts 10:38 *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

Therefore the anointing of the oil of gladness poured out upon Jesus of Nazareth would be one in the same with the Holy Ghost and Power.

Let us lay the foundation for this study.

Isaiah 61:1 *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;*

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 *To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.*

We do not find any where in the scripture that the devil cared as long as Jesus was in the carpenter's shop, it does not even appear that the devil felt threatened as long as Jesus was instructing, reading, and expounding the law to the doctors and the lawyers in the temple at age twelve. However the minute that the Word of God was put into action in the wilderness, Satan immediately said, "He must die." (Luke 4:13-30)

It is very important that we understand the significance of the oil of gladness, the oil of joy, and the oil of the Holy Ghost. Why? Because this is the anointing that was upon Jesus of Nazareth. It was the same anointing David spoke about.

Psalm 45:7 *Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows*

Why was it that Jesus was anointed with the oil of gladness?

Hebrews 1:9 *Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*

Therefore (because) he loved righteousness and hated iniquity he was anointed with the oil of gladness. What was it that Jesus hated? He hated sin! But he loved righteousness! And because of this God anointed Him with the Oil of Gladness!

Thus if he hated iniquity and loved righteousness then we too ought to hate iniquity (sin) and love righteousness. That will make us as Isaiah 61 says, trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord. We then bring forth fruit and he is glorified by our live

That same thing is found in Luke 4.

Luke 4:18 *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*

Jesus went into the synagogue in His home town and they handed Him the book of Isaiah (Esaiah) and He read this very scripture. When he handed the book back to the minister before he sat down he said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

This same scripture rings true today in our lives. When we are the righteousness of God, in Christ Jesus, we no longer lean to sin, we no longer love iniquity. Charity (love) rejoices only in the truth, which is the Word of God, not in iniquity. (1 Corinthians 13)

2 Corinthians 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

When our Heavenly Father can say this about us then we too will have the oil of joy, we will be anointed with the oil of gladness as Jesus was. Once we come to this place, what kind of a tree will we be according to Isaiah 61:3? A tree of righteousness!

Isaiah 61:3 *To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.*

THE ANOINTING OF MAN

Acts 1: 8 *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth*

The word “Power” as used here is derived from the Greek word “dunamis” meaning power to reproduce. Realizing that He was anointed with the Holy Ghost in all the above scriptures let us determine how important this oil of gladness, the Holy Ghost Power is in our lives.

From this thought we find that it is our responsibility also to reproduce under this power package that God has given us. To reproduce we must have that oil of gladness! We must have the power of the Holy Ghost! That is what the Holy Ghost was given for. Think about it. When the Holy Ghost was poured out on the day of Pentecost it was the spirit of life and immediately people began to be saved. People began to be delivered and healed.

Acts 2:4 *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Acts 2:41 *Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*

Three thousand believed and it empowered these men to perform miracles. They received the power to see the lame man leap and walk and rejoice, the dead were raised, and the oppressed were set free. It was a power from on high. It was the same anointing that was upon Jesus of Nazareth.

There are times when God looks at us and wants to heal us. He wanted to heal the lame man that was carried to the gate called beautiful. One of the main purposes of that healing was that five thousand would get saved.

Acts 3:2 *And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;*

Acts 4: 4 *Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.*

THE FRUIT OF THE RIGHTEOUS

Isaiah 61:3 *To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.*

Take note that they will be called the trees of righteousness, if they have the oil of joy. Jesus loved righteousness and that is the reason He was anointed with the oil of gladness.

II Corinthians 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

Now we are the righteousness of God in Him (Christ Jesus) and in Him we bear fruit. It is the Father's will that we bear “much” fruit.

John 15:7 *If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

8 *Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear “much” fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*

John 15:16 *Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye “should” go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*

We “should”; we must bear this fruit. It is imperative. What is the fruit of the righteous and what do they do? What is the fruit of the righteous or the fruit of the wise?

Proverbs 11:30 *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.*

According to the following two verses we find that the life and the righteousness are one in the same. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. And what do these righteous do? They bear fruit! They win souls! They are wise!

John 14:6 *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

I Corinthians 1:30 *But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:*

Listen to what Jesus said in:

Mark 16:15 *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

16 *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

And

Acts 1:8 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

We know that the seed that is sown in the heart is what springs up, it is what grows, and it is what changes our lives. And that seed is the Word of God. (Luke 8:11) We are saved as a result of the preaching of the Word and that very same word empowers us when it is preached under the anointing.

Romans 10:13 *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

14 *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?*

John 6:63 *It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

In another study entitled "A Seed or a Tree" we find the oil of joy has been given to those who are referred to as trees of righteousness. It is the oil of joy for mourning.

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spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Instead of mourning and groaning the oil of joy is given. Why? That we might be called the trees of righteousness! What does the tree grow? The tree grows fruit! What kind of fruit?

Galatians 5:22 *But the fruit the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*

23 *Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

We do well to observe that the second fruit listed in this portion of scripture is joy. Then upon further study we find that the joy of the Lord is our strength.

Nehemiah 8:10 *Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.*

Keep in mind we are talking about the oil of joy and the oil of gladness.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OIL

We are living in a time when oil is a very important subject in the natural realm. However I feel that is just as important if not more so in the spiritual realm. There is much mention in the Bible about oil. Without the oil it appears there will be a problem entering in when the Bridegroom comes. The five foolish virgins who had let their oil run out were turned away. (Matthew 25:1-13)

Let us observe natural oil. Any kind of oil you go about making, no matter whether it is the oil in the ground, the oil you burn in your stove, or in your lamp, even the oil that makes up your perfume or the oil made from the beaten olive, what ever kind of oil, it has to be made from something that once lived and died. Research has discovered that the oil in the center of the earth is made from trees that have been under high pressure from the

weight of the earth and the heat. These trees may have been buried in volcanic slides or other natural disasters and under that pressure throughout the ages it turned into oil. OIL!

We must understand the importance of the oil. In order for us to do this we need to look at the pattern that was used for the anointing oil even before Christ. God gave Moses specific instructions concerning the making of the anointing oil.

Exodus 30:22 *Moreover the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*

23 *Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekels,*

24 *And of cassia five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil olive an hin:*

25 *And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil.*

All of these ingredients had to be beaten to make this holy anointing oil. The olive was taken off its branch and put in a bowl of some kind. It was then beaten until the oil ran out. After being strained and going through a purifying process the other ingredients, which had also gone through a beating process were added. This made for very special anointing oil. The Word says "a holy" anointing oil.

The point is this. All oils are made from something that once lived and died. If we are to be anointed that means our lives are hid in Christ and we are dead, our life is His. Our life is gone and the anointing stands out and we are no longer as we once were, we are a brand new creature in Christ Jesus, anointed with the oil of gladness. We should do just exactly like Christ did.

Colossians 3:3 *For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:*

old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

1 Peter 2:21 *For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:*

As trees of righteousness, anointed with the oil of gladness, endowed with the power to reproduce we follow Jesus example. We are now trees of righteousness, winning souls and being wise. Wise Christians as the Lord would have us to be.

There is however that pressure that we will undergo. II Timothy 2:12 tells us that if we are to reign with Him we will have to suffer with Him. Every Christian at times must go through that pressurized condition until we come to the place where we spring forth as the oil of joy having put on the garment of praise.

When we undergo the pressures of life we come to the place that the old man is dead. We don't have the same feelings anymore. The inner man is jumping for joy. He has on the garment of praise, no longer the spirit of heaviness. He has the oil of joy in the spirit man on the inside. We are spirit, soul, and body and it is the spirit man on the inside that counts. It is there on the inside where he is anointed with the oil of gladness and has on the garment of praise. He is full of joy and love. The old flesh is crucified everyday. He no longer pays attention to how the flesh feels. He is not moved by what he sees or by what he feels. He is moved by what saith the Lord!

When we are living in Jesus we have the oil of gladness, we have on the garment of praise, and are filled with the oil of joy. We can ask what we will and it shall be done unto us! No wonder we have the power from on high. We just automatically reproduce, automatically win souls, we are trees of righteousness. We are the planting of the Lord!

But first you are going to have to undergo that pressure. It took the pressure to form oil in the ground. It took pressure to beat the olives and mash them until the

oil was formed. It took the death of the whale to get the whale oil. Accordingly we have to die out ourselves that He might live in us.

John 12:24 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.*

You can take a corn of wheat and put it on a shelf and it will abide alone for 5 or 10 years. However if you take that same corn and put it in the ground; it may die but it springs forth and brings forth many corns of wheat.

When we go through the pressures of life we are made more than conquerors through Christ. (Romans 8:37) The pressure or the heat brings forth the best oil. I understand that the best oil is in the Arabian deserts where it has gone under extreme heat and pressure in the depth of the sand. Time has allowed it to be mashed down. The best olive oil is the one that has been beaten and beaten and squeezed and purified.

If you look on the olive oil labels in the store, it will say pure virgin olive oil. God wants us to be pure. We must be virgins. Pure Christians! Pure Christians that have undergone the test of time have the oil in their possession and that same oil possesses them. We are in it and it abides in us. The oil of gladness, the power from on high dwells within us.

We may receive more insight when we consider the anointing oil that Samuel used to anoint David, King of Israel. As the preceding king, Saul disobeyed God and lost the anointing. (I Samuel 15:16-23) He lost his power and his favor with God. Samuel was grieved and God began to speak to him to fill his horn with oil and to go to the house of Jesse where he would anoint a new king over Israel. Once he reached the house of Jesse, the oldest son was brought before him first, continuing until all had come except the youngest. None of these appeared to be the one that God had spoken to Samuel to anoint. In the end it was found to be David, and as

soon as Samuel had poured the oil on him, he became anointed, *highly anointed*. (Samuel 16:6-13) This was the same way that Saul had received his anointing.

It is like the oil that was poured upon Aarons head, (Psalm 133) coursing down over his beard. The oil goes over the garment, down over the beard, and on down to the skirt of the garment.

THE LAMP, THE OIL, AND THE FIRE

In Matthew 25 the Bible speaks of the ten virgins and the kingdom of Heaven.

Mat 25:1 *Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.*

25:2 *And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.*

Five of them were wise. Remember that Proverbs 11:30 describes the *wise as the one that wins souls*. There are those who might say, “You don’t have to win souls” but I believe the whole purpose of you being saved is to win souls. Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost and he is our example. (Luke 19:10)

Now look again:

Matthew 25:2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 *They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:*

4 *But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.*

What are their lamps?

Psalm 119:105 *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

You cannot see where you are going without the Word which is the lamp. You can’t put anything in the lamp but the oil. The Word is the lamp which lights our path. The oil is what burns and as it burns it gives off light. In other words, the Word of God that gets into your heart is the vessel. You, specifically speaking, are the vessel. The Word in you makes up the

lamp. The Holy Ghost is the oil that comes and fills the lamp.

Five of them not only had oil in their lamps; they had to have the oil somewhere else also. They had a vessel in their hand along with their lamp. They had oil in that vessel. We possess our vessel, we are the vessel.

2 Corinthians 4: 6 *For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

7 *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.*

The wise then took the oil in their vessels, with their lamps, the Word. No wonder they had some light, they had the Word and the oil and it lit up their path so they could see anything. They knew where they were going and what they were doing.

Matthew 25:5 *While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.*

6 *And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.*

7 *hen all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.*

They "all" got up and trimmed their lamps. The Word of God that was in them. Each of them felt confident because they had the Word. The Word is great, that is where our faith is born but faith without action does not accomplish anything. A lamp without something to ignite it is useless. The oil of gladness, the oil of joy, and even the Word all have to be anointed in order for them to produce.

2 Corinthians 3:6 *Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*

The disciples had been with the Word of God himself. No doubt they knew how Jesus acted, they knew how he walked, and they had heard Him quote scripture. But for them to put into action what they already knew they had to receive the Holy

Ghost on the day of Pentecost when cloven tongues of fire sat on them. That cloven tongue of fire worked like a match. They were already full of the oil (the word which Jesus had constantly spoken to them) and now after being filled with the Holy Ghost, the fire from heaven began to burn.

No wonder John the Baptist said "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire"!!! (Matthew 3:11) He knew we were going to have to have that "match" to get the light burning. The Holy Ghost brings completion. When we get together with God, get God in our lives and let Him have complete control there is no limit to what we can accomplish for him.

Acts 1:8 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

While the bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept then at midnight there was a cry made, *Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him.* Again note that "all" the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. It doesn't matter how good your lamp may look. You may feel that your vessel is just as good as the next persons or maybe even better. The wick could be of the finest material made for such. However you can trim the wick, wash the globe, polish the vessel inside and out, but without oil in there you will not have anything that the match can ignite or the fire can burn!!! The fire of God needs oil to burn. The Holy Ghost and Fire has to go together. People have to have that fire. So where does that fire come from? God! He is love but he is also a consuming fire and we need the fullness.

That fullness of the Godhead in the life of the believer will bring maturity and maturity is a prerequisite in this end time

we are living in!!! There are those who might say, "Well grandma didn't have this or that," but we are not living in Grandmas' day. We are living in the closing hour of time when God is perfecting the Church. He has put a five fold ministry in the church and we must accept the ministry of them all; apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. We need to understand that they are to perfect the church, bring it into maturity; they are for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4: 11 *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

12 *For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

13 *Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

We can't think that God will not hold us responsible. There was a time when God winked at ignorance (Acts 17:30) but God does not overlook these things any more. He has set out a pattern for everything that the fullness of God might be even upon the Gentiles and over the Gentiles and God wants us to have it today.

Matthew 25:8 *And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.*

9 *But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.*

10 *And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.*

Consequently, these virgins arose and trimmed their lamps; they had the vessel that the experience had been in. The foolish said unto the wise, give us of your oil for our lamps have gone out. We must

recognize the importance of the oil in their vessel! Their lamps had been burning but now they had gone out. They had come with oil in their lamp but they had not taken any extra oil in their vessel. Their lamps had gone out.

The wise answered, saying, "Not so, lest there be not enough for us and you, but go rather to them that sell and buy for yourselves." You got to have that oil! Go where you can get it for yourself. Where can we get that oil? How do we build up ourselves on our most holy faith?

Jude 1:20 *But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,*

Every Christian should know the Word of God. They should have the Word of God which is a lamp. They should have plenty of oil in that lamp and an abundant supply because we will need more. God doesn't just give us a little. He gives us an abundant supply.

Look at this very clearly. When the foolish asked the wise for some of their oil, the wise said, "no lest there be not enough for us and you". They told them to go and buy some for their selves but while they had went to buy the bridegroom came. They that were ready went in with Him to the marriage and the doors were shut.

Later the foolish virgins came asking the Lord to open to them but He answered and said, "*I know ye not.*" These five foolish must have gone out and found oil. I don't really believe they would have come back unless they had found the oil. But the Lord did not know this particular group, there was something missing. They were not faithful in the first thing so therefore they were left out

They all rose and trimmed their lamps, but some of those lamps would not burn. You cannot strike a match and get a lamp to burn unless it has oil in it. It must have the oil. Where does that oil come from in our lives? The most important thing for every Christian is that they endure the test, standing the pressure of

time until they become good oil, pure oil, virgin oil. These are experienced; their spirit man becomes Christ like.

We are not talking about the outward man; the outward man has to die. Jesus died a physical and spiritual death on the cross. He died for us, He underwent the pressure, and He stood the entire test. He hated sin and loved righteousness, and God anointed Him with the oil of gladness above all the
Romans 8:37
Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Philippians 4:13 *Paul said I can do all things thru Christ, who strengtheneth me.*

When we endure the test and learn to let the spirit rule and reign in our hearts; when we get that spirit man full of the Word of God we will have a good lamp where we can see. Fill that vessel totally full of the oil of the Lord, and let the Holy Ghost fire strike up the flame. Then we will be able to see where we are going and what we are doing! With that anointing you will become a leader, a soul winner, and many of the brethren will say, "Where did they get this experience with God?"

Why? Because the old man died out. There has been a real experience in your life. You are now a lamp that is filled with the oil of God. Our experience must be a real experience. We become as Christ and the righteousness of God when our spirit man is quickened. We become Christ like and if we be Christ's then are we Abraham's seed.

Romans 8:11 *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

Gal 3:29 *and if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

But we don't just stop with being a seed, we grow into the trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord and we bear fruit so that He can be glorified.

Having a vessel full of oil will produce ministers who are flames of fire.

Heb 1:7 *and of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.*

Every minister has to be a fire. Moreover if he is going to be a fire, he has to have the Word, he has to have the lamp, he has to have his vessel filled with oil and he must be baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. He must be a burning, shining light to the world.

Matthew 5:14 *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*

THE ANOINTING BRINGS UNITY

Psalm 133:1 *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

2 *It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*

3 *As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*

When we talk about the anointing we notice the pleasantness and goodness of the same and how it all works together. If every Christian would get plenty of the Word of God and get full of the oil as well as have their vessel full then when the match of the Holy Ghost is struck they could see where they were going. They would all see and go down the same kind of path; the path of righteousness. There would be no division, we would all be together.

Aaron being a priest had to have the anointing. Every minister, every teacher has to have the anointing. You are not a God called, God filled, full fledged preacher, apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, or teacher unless this anointing is operating in your life.

It is interesting to note in the book of Revelation that it speaks so strongly concerning the horseman riding through

and the angel saying, " *see that thou not hurt the oil and the wine.*" (Revelation 6:6) The oil and the wine represent the Holy Ghost. What is that wine? It is the pressurized juice, the fruit of the tree. What is the oil? It is the pressurized juice of the beaten olive. *See that thou hurt not the oil and the wine.* God sees that He protects His oil of gladness, His oil of joy, His wine of the Spirit.

An olive tree brings forth olives which in turn brings forth the pure oil. We are likened unto an olive tree (Romans 11:17) and an olive tree has more longevity than any other tree unless it would be the Redwoods of California.

Ephesians 4:11 *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

12 *For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

13 *Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:*

14 *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

How do we get into unity? The five fold ministry has been given to produce unity, not division. Many preachers, I don't believe have the oil of joy, the oil of gladness and certainly do not have the fire because they cannot see what they are doing. Instead of producing unity among God's people they produce division. The teachers divide the people against the pastors. The pastors divide the people against the apostles and the prophets. And in turn the prophets come along and cause division between the people and their pastors and teachers. It is time that God's people learn to walk together in unity.

The five-fold ministry was given to the church to teach the unity of the faith.

We as ministers are to teach God's people that it is good and pleasant for them to dwell together in unity. We must teach them that they have to have a vessel full of oil; they have to have the lamp, the Word, to put the oil in so they can see, and they need the fire to keep it burning. Having these things in ones life produces such great unity that there can be nothing but the garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness and the oil of joy for mourning. We will then trade beauty for ashes when we have these things in our lives. What a trade! What a trade!

Like Job of old when his spirit was pressed with such heaviness many have been wrapped in sack cloth and ashes. However these things have been traded for the garment of praise. They have been given beauty for ashes. There is no more mourning! There is no more heaviness! No more ashes!

Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

This does away with the condemnation, the spirit of heaviness, the sack cloth and ashes.

Romans 8:2 *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

3 *For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*

4 *That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

The righteousness is fulfilled in whom? In us! When do we have this joy? When do we have this unity? When do we have this oil? When do we have this light? When do we become a fire? When the righteousness of the law of the Spirit is fulfilled in us then we have this oil. When we begin to do something for God, when we begin to do what God's Word said, then we have this light.

Righteousness has to be fulfilled in you; you have to undergo the pressure! You have to defeat the devil! Jesus defeated him and so we follow in His steps. We have the same Holy Ghost, we have the same Word. Our Spirit man becomes the Word itself, just as Jesus' Spirit was the Word so our spirit becomes Word and is anointed. Moreover when our spirit is anointed with the oil of gladness, the Holy Ghost, the fire begins to burn when God's love is there. It is set on fire by the love of God. The Word holds it, the oil is the filler or the anointing, and God's love is the fire.

1 John 4:8 *He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*

Hebrews 12:29 *For our God is a consuming fire.*

It lights this vessel and causes us to be the light of the world. It is something that we cannot understand without the Word of God. The only way we can understand this is through the Word.

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

Furthermore the only thing that will bring us into this unity is the things of God. The only thing that will make a church grow is the things of God. We must *hear* these things!

Mat 7:24 *Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:*

25 *And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.*

Amos 8:11 *Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:*

Here we find that there was a famine, not a famine of bread or water but a famine for hearing the Word of God. In the day we live there is more than enough of the word of God going out especially in the United States, what with all the television programming. However the problem is simply this; people are not hearing! When people begin to HEAR unity will come!

Psalm 133:1 *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

2 *It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*

What is it like? It is like the precious ointment; the holy anointing. (Exodus 30:25) The Holy Ghost does not bring division; it pulls Gods people together. The only thing that is separated by the Word and the Holy Ghost are those that are not really Gods people. These cannot take the Word of God; they cannot hear the sayings of the Lord.

It is like the precious ointment *upon the head!* Where did Samuel pour the oil on David? Upon his head! Always they poured it upon the head. Every church is a body in itself and every group is a body and the anointing has to come from the head. That is why it is very important for every preacher to know exactly what he is doing. Be sure when you step into the pulpit that you have the Word, the lamp. Be sure that you have the oil and that you are a flaming fire! WHY? Because you are going to influence and impart something to the people you are preaching to.

Romans 1:11 *For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;*

A minister that would dare to step into the pulpit without the anointing, the Word, and the fire is just opening up a place in his life to create division among his people. He will argue with spirits. His love won't be like it should be; it will be

cold and iniquity will abound (Matthew 24:12) and what he preaches will not bring unity but rather division. His preaching will not be under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. It will not be touched by the fire of love. Thus every congregation needs a preacher that is on fire for God and filled with the Holy Ghost. One that has the Word of God complete in his life.

This is what the Psalmist is saying. It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down the beard, Aaron's beard, the priest beard. The beard represented maturity. In that day the men in Israel wore beards and stood proudly because of them. In II Samuel 10:14 we are told of how Hanun, desiring to shame the men that David had sent to him, gave orders to shave half their beards.

Why must the priest be mature? Consider if you would; what is the minister in the church for? For the edifying and *perfecting or the maturity* of the saints! No one can lead you into maturity unless they are mature themselves. They cannot lead you any further than they are. If you have a Pastor or evangelist or someone that is just barely dragging around and not getting anywhere then you are in a sad situation because they are not going to be able to lead you any further.

Ministers, you can only teach someone what you have, you can only pray for someone and impart what you have. You cannot give anything that you do not have. You must have it yourself first!

Acts 3:6 *Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.*

Hence the oil went down the head to the beard and on down the skirt of Aaron's garments. The body of Christ can begin to receive this anointing and maturity if their leader is mature. They can begin to receive the oil of gladness and the oil of joy and the anointing right down to their

big toe if their leader is mature. If he can stand there and say, "Pour the oil on me Lord. Let it run down over this body, let me impart this from one to another. When I preach the Gospel, let it be with fire, let it be with the anointing of the oil of gladness. Let the Word roll from me freely so that the saints of God that sit in my congregation can grow and become teachers in the church, anointed and unified. Let them become pleasant, productive Christians bringing forth fruit that God be glorified. And may the glory of God be upon them causing them to be trees of righteousness bringing forth fruit in their season."

Psalm 133:3 *As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*

The Lord commanded the blessing and notice in another scripture that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles, the blessing of Abraham if we be Christ's.

Galatians 3:29 *and if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Once we have gone through the purifying process and have received the oil of gladness the seed within us will be ready to plant and grow into a tree of righteousness. We will win souls, be wise, prove God, have the blessing, and be able to ask God for and receive whatsoever according to:

Mark 11:23 *For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*



“Restoring the Remnant” Schedule

Omaha Bible Way Assembly

**9946 Dubuque Rd
Omaha, AR 72662
Pastor: Rev. Jerry Brock**

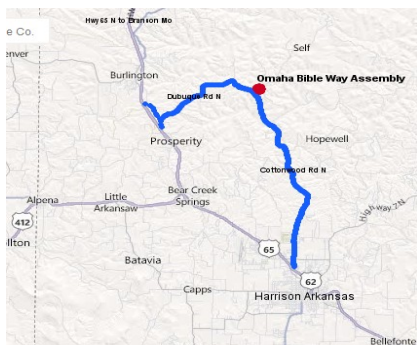
Ministers:
Rev. Leslie Buckner
&
Rev. David Owens

April 12-14, 2012

Thursday 7:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Saturday 7:00 PM



This past year Bro. Buckner and Bro. Owens decided to start a series of meetings they are calling “*Restoring the Remnant*”. They are jointly scheduling services at various churches to help prayerfully restore Gods’ people to a spirit of revival in these last times. Those who have attended have been richly blessed and encouraged.

Please make plans now to attend these meetings. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Bible Way Association at any time.

**Pentecostal Lighthouse
Tabernacle**

**101 Industrial Dr
Arnold, MO 63601
Pastor: Rev. Steve Denny**

Ministers:
Rev. Leslie Buckner
&
Rev. David Owens

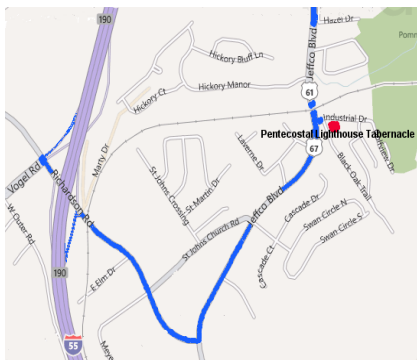
July 18-21, 2012

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Thursday 7:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Saturday 7:00 PM



Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministries Division
Teaching Department
Adult Sunday School Literature Available!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Several volumes of Adult Bible Study literature have been available for several years and have been used by many churches in the Association as well as several that are not affiliated with the Association.

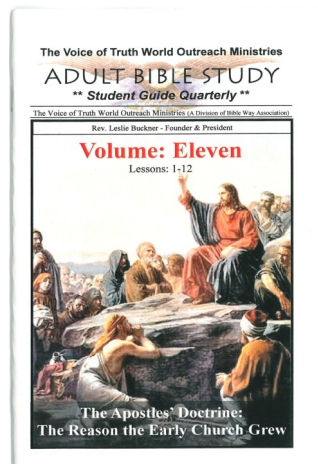
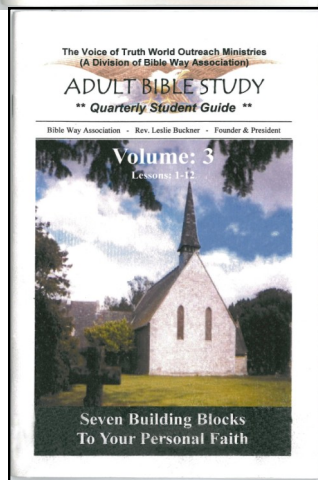
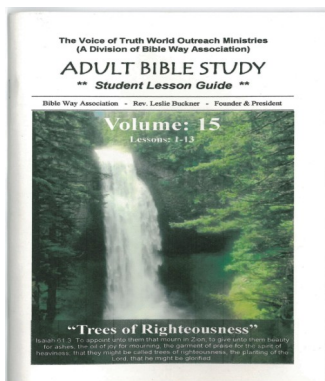
All literature uses the King James Version of scripture text exclusively, and is drawn directly from the teaching and preaching ministry of Rev. Leslie Buckner, as delivered under the anointing.

This literature has been developed on an open-time format, meaning that even though there are enough lessons to be applied within a 12-13 week period, there is no dating requirements that must be followed. Many teachers have taken from 2-4 weeks to complete a lesson, depending on the amount of study and prayer that is applied.

The six volumes which are available in the newer format include:

1. The Apostle's Doctrine
2. Prayer
3. Healing the Wounded
4. The Seven Building Blocks
5. Trees of Righteousness
6. Faith and the Unseen

There are some lessons still in the old format that are being reformatted and edited in the future. Many of these older lessons are still available in that format.





Bible Way Youth Camp

June 17 – 22, 2012

Held annually on the Bible Way Association Campgrounds located 3 ½ miles West of Doniphan, Mo on Hwy 160.

You are welcome!

There will be powerful youth services and lots of activities throughout the day!

For ages 8 and up. All campers who preregister before June 1, 2012 can take advantage of the discounted fee of \$50; those who register later will be required to pay the full price of \$60.

If you would like to apply to be on staff please contact our office as soon as possible!

Call (573)996-7317

Send all registration to:

Bible Way Association Youth Dept.

PO Box 370

Doniphan, Mo 63935

Even if you or your group cannot come all week, you are welcome to come to the evening services and experience the life changing power of God!



Youth Camp 2012

Youth Camp will begin this year on June 17, 2012

The excitement begins!!!

Please start making plans now by promoting and encouraging the youth of your church to attend these services. So many lives have been eternally changed during these annual events. Over the last couple of years we have witness many young people give their hearts to the Lord during the services. Many more have received the Holy Ghost or found deliverance and strength. One of the most outstanding things was to behold the testimonies of those who were willing to stand forth and acknowledge their call into the ministry of the Gospel. We have been able to follow some of those young people and have seen them reach out in the name of the Lord.

We want to encourage families to attend the evening services. I can assure you that if you have never been to one of these services and seen your child at the altar, either praying for God's blessings or praying for some else, you do not yet understand what a profound experience it is for a parent. Nothing on this earth can take the place of God's power truly moving in the life of your child.

The following schedule of fees apply this year to Youth Camp registration:

Youth Application <u><i>early registration</i></u> , BEFORE June 1, 2012	\$50.00 or
Youth Application received AFTER June 2, 2012	\$60.00
Staff Application	\$23.50

The Early registration helps us determine how much food and supplies to order. The Staff fees are just enough to help with the food and insurance costs and the low fee is kept to a minimum because we appreciate the help of all who come and participate actively in the camp. With the price of food and supplies having increased it is important to evaluate our needs as accurately as possible. It costs the Association significantly more to re-order after the Youth Camp has started due to the urgency of the need during the meetings.

Application will be mailed to everyone who has attended in the past few years. However, if you need more application or information please contact us and a packet with all the information will be mailed out immediately upon request.

The contact information concerning Youth Camp is as follows:

Bible Way Association
PO Box 370
Doniphan, Mo 63935

Phone: 573-996-7317

Fax: 573-996-4299

Email: biblewayhq@windstream.net

We want to encourage all of our churches to pray about donating either volunteer work groups, food, supplies or even finances to further this worthy cause. Remember, the youth are the most precious part of our future and need to be supported and encouraged.

We are prayerfully expecting one of the greatest Youth Camps ever. Several have already planned to help, both in the preparations and in the meetings. Come, join in the excitement and let your presence and participation help make this the very best.

ONE PART OF THE
VISION OF BIBLE
WAY ASSOCIATION
IS
“CAMP MEETING”

VISION: A mode of revelation. In Scripture, a revelation from God; an appearance or exhibition of something supernaturally presented to the minds of the prophets, by which they were informed of future events.

When Rev. Leslie Buckner felt the leading of the Lord to preach the Gospel and to organize and structure an Association of churches and ministers, he began to work to accomplish this according to the leading and direction of the Holy Ghost through the visions God had shown him. The visions revealed Gods plan for the directions of the Association, not just Brother Buckner’s desires, hopes or plans.

The vision of the structure of the Association has one primary purpose and goal which is to spread the unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world in spirit and truth while operating according to the biblical outlines of the early church.

One of the most important objectives of Bible Way Association is maintaining a system of godly leadership that is filled with the Holy Ghost and sound doctrine and who will seek and follow the direction of the Spirit in all things. Godly Leadership is the ordained function of the God ordained leaders and ministry in each church and ministry who are bearing the burden seeking first the Kingdom of God within and through love and desire to lead their congregation into the Kingdom of God by ensamples unto the flock. *2 Timothy 2:2, 2 Timothy 3:14-17*

A part of this purpose includes the following: To form an Association of churches and ministers that would become a part of the whole body of the organization because they would prayerfully seek those of like precious faith with which to fellowship. *1 Peter 1:1, 1 Thessalonians 1:6*

This promotes unity among the membership and the body of Christ as a whole since we would all be striving for the same purposes and ministry for the Lord. If we are in membership, or partnership, with Bible Way Association we must all be heading in the same direction, preaching and teaching the same doctrine and promoting the same life style, with a unified direction and purpose which God has set in order by His own will. This is not to take away from the individual ministry and the callings or visions of each minister for their church or ministry, which is vital and biblical, but rather to accentuate them for one purpose, to bring glory to God above all through a spirit of unity, as on the day of Pentecost. *Ephesians 4:3, Acts 2:44*

Unity can never be achieved without singular direction and purpose being orchestrated by the head, which is Christ. Bible Way Association is an instrument of the Lords will and making for this time. If we believe in the direction and goals of the Association we should become an active part of it. *1 Corinthians 11:1*

The central body can never be sustained and grow without unity of vision, direction and a passion for all members to work together in preparation for the next generation. In thinking of the poem of the bridge builder, his desire was not to just get to the other side of the chasm, but to also make it possible and easier for the younger, less experienced traveler to cross the

chasm, since a younger traveler may not be as prepared as the bridge builder was. This took a vision and willingness that went beyond the bridge builders own desires. This is the vision of Bible Way Association that Rev. Leslie Buckner received of the Lord. *Philippians 4:17*

To prompt each minister to become involved in the moving and ministry of the Holy Ghost during Camp Meetings and other revivals and gatherings Camp Meeting and revivals bring the preaching, teaching, instructions of the Word of God under the power, regeneration and excitement of the Holy Ghost. Prayerfully, as this move of the Holy Ghost quickens, revives and strengthens the ministers, they could go back to their congregations and minister in like spirit as the leading of the Holy Ghost would unction them to do.

The core teachings of the Association are to promote the Kingdom of God, which is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost which will ultimately produce the fruits of godliness and holiness throughout the body. Being filled with the Holy Ghost also produces fellowship and unity among the individual churches or groups and the ministers. Unless we all have this same vision and leading of the Spirit, how can we move in the same direction. Several illustrations come to mind concerning working with one accord and ultimate purpose.

1 John 1:3-4, Matthew 10:8, Romans 14:17, 2 Corinthians 8:4

The bees are one example whose purposes and structures were set by the Creator himself. Although there are many individual members of one hive, they all work with unified purpose to accomplish the singular purpose of the hive, which is to prepare the way for another generation and the continuation of the hive. Each bee goes out to accomplish their individual purpose and goal that was in them and at the same time accomplish the greater good of the hive as a whole. They would each go out with the vision of the future and the next generation of the hive and bring back material increase such as food and protection, to see the hive sustained until the goal of the hive is completed.

Consider the ant colonies as well that exist according to the pattern that God built into them from the beginning of all creation.

Although there are many individual members, each having purpose that is born in them by God, knowing what part they each have in the colony as a whole. They all work and function for the better of the entire community and collective membership of the ant colony.

A third area of consideration would be the military structure and its purposes. Any branch of military organization and structure revolves around accomplishing a purpose or goal that has been set forth by the leadership of that branch or perhaps the Commander in Chief. Directions of the entire organization of men and women who are there to be led allowing them the efficiency and

strength to achieve any goal because they are looking forward in the set direction to reach their objective. They defend one another while they fight with one accord the enemy that is before them. While we are not in a military commanding organization the principles of reaching the objectives that are set before us by the Holy Ghost as the leader is still just as true and relevant.

The continuation of the vision is partially dependent on the spirit of cooperation, unity and fellowship among those who have chosen to join with the Association and become a part of the vision which God has given through the years under the direction of the Holy Ghost for the guidance and direction of the Association. Without a uniting of the membership of the Association and a commitment to walk together, being active participants in this vision, we cannot accomplish the fullness of Gods purpose and will through this Association for these end times. Do not wait on everyone else to do their part for this vision so there will be no schism in the body as a whole.

1 Corinthians 12:4-30.

Camp Meeting is one of the most exciting and highly anticipated times of the year for us. We eagerly look forward for the times when so many of our dear Brothers and Sisters gather together with one primary purpose and goal, that is to be a part of the moving and regeneration of the Holy Ghost as we search the scriptures together.

When God's people come together in this manner it is always an

awesome time. Nothing can take the place of the moving of the Holy Ghost as he revives, regenerates and strengthens the body of Christ.

One thing the ministers of today need to understand, that was well understood by the ministers of previous generations, is that none of us can survive on our own. When we endeavor to continue on without the prayers and support of other ministers we are weakening ourselves and separating ourselves from God's plan of fellowship and breaking the bread of life. Our ultimate strength comes from the power and moving of the Holy Ghost and we must purpose to get in that power.

If a man is stranded on a desert island he would have no choice but to survive, and he could survive well as long as the physical necessities are there. However, he would always have a hunger for the strength of fellowship with others

who could impart their strength to him. Too many have chosen to just survive and walk this path alone. They don't seem to understand that they are also hindering the entire body by separating themselves and pressing along as an individual that is alone.

God is our strength, our refuge and our life. We trust in him as our source, we all do! But it is not God's plan for us to walk this path alone.

We know the days are short and we must be about our Father's business. We must change our lives to follow his pattern and not just the ways we may choose. Camp Meeting is the perfect time to restore our fellowship with one another and with God while finding his divine path and will.

Determine to take up your cross as a part of the whole body and let God's strength become your own as only he can provide.

Camp Meeting Food Donations

If you, or your church, is interested in donating food items to support the Camp Meetings or the Youth Camp we have provided the following list of possible items that would be of great benefit to the budgeting efforts.

Possible Donation Items

Gallon cans of Corn, Green beans, Peaches, Pears, Apple sauce. Coffee, Creamer, Tea, Drink mix, Sugar, flour, shortening, cake mixes, frostings, brownie mix. Spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, macaroni noodles, Velveeta Cheese, Cereal. Syrup & pancake mix. 5 gal bottles of Clear fry oil. Canned pumpkin and evaporated milk. Salad dressings, Miracle whip, ketchup, mustard, hamburger dill pickles.

BEING SEPARATE

A simple word study

We are commanded in the Word of God to rightly divide the Word of Truth. *2Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* We are further instructed to examine ourselves concerning the faith.

(2 Corinthians 13:5) Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

There are only eleven scriptures in the New Testament that speak of being separate or separated. Of those eleven some were given as instructions or commands while others were given as encouragement of the strength and surety of Christ within you, the hope of glory. The following article is a brief study of this word or topic. which would have any relevance to relationships between the members of the Body of Christ since one spoke of gathering all nations and dividing the sheep from the goats.

(Matthew 25:32) And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

Please note that three of those scriptures pertain to being separated, or set aside, for the sake of the ministry. This was the will of the Holy Ghost for the purpose of divine direction and distinction concerning their call and ministry. Those scriptures are Acts 13:2 and Romans 1:1.

(Acts 13:2) As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

(Galatians 1:15) But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

(Romans 1:1) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

Also note that two of the scriptures are a question that asks us in Romans 8:35 "who shall be able to separate us from the love of Christ. The answer is given in response in Romans 8:39 that no one or nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. There will always be challenges and trials to our faith, but we are assured we can stand strong in the love of God.

(Romans 8:35) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

(Romans 8:39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

One of the scriptures is speaking of our great and merciful high priest directly, who was holy, harmless, and undefiled and who was made higher than the heavens for our sake. As the captain of our salvation, he lived his life as an example for us to come and follow him.

(Hebrews 7:26) For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from

sinner, and made higher than the heavens;

All of the previous scriptures are important and powerful concerning those matters they speak of. However, the remaining scriptures can be divided and defined for only three purposes. The first purpose concerns our necessity to come out from among the unclean things of this world and its weak and beggarly elements and be a separated people who can stand in the name of Jesus and call him Lord of Lord and King of Kings.

(2 Corinthians 6:17) Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

This separation is vital to the core beliefs of righteousness, godliness and holiness. Without a holy and godly life that is framed in the righteousness of Christ, who will be accepted with the Lord. According to 1 Peter 4:18 ... *if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?*

(Galatians 2:12) For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

In this scripture Peter had set and eaten with the Gentiles, but separated himself from them in the presence of other Jews for fear of what they may think or say. Paul confronted and challenged Peter about this type of separation. He led them back to the purity of the Gospel and because of this incident was

able to instruct them in the works of faith, not because of heritage or genealogy, but simply and completely because of Christ.

The next scripture relates to the need to separate from people who have hardened their hearts to the ministry of the Gospel and the Kingdom of God. There are some who profess Jesus, but who have allowed their hearts to become hardened to their own ways and beliefs, who speak evil of the truth or of those who preach the truth of the Gospel. In this case the Apostle Paul decided to depart from them to spare the twelve who had just received the Holy Ghost from the bold, doubtful disputations and arguments of those who were hardened.

(Acts 19:8-9) And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

(9) But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

The next scripture pronounces a blessing when others feel it necessary to separate you from their company. This blessing can only hold true, however, if your life is one of righteousness, godliness and holiness, rather than one of hardness and an unrepentant nature. We can expect persecution when we are living for Christ, as the scripture has said in 2Timothy 3:12 *"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution"*. There are so

many descriptions of living for Christ available today, but, only the way that follows the scriptures has validity. *John 7:38* *He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.* It is not man's ideas, understandings or ways that must determine the actions and patterns of our life, it is the example of Jesus Christ as found in the Word of God. Man's understanding and ideas have, more often than not, led to divisions in the body of Christ, the Word of God will always lead to a spirit of unity if rightly divided and heeded.

(Luke 6:22) *Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.*

This leaves us only one scripture in the New Testament regarding those who are separate or who have separated themselves. This is an interesting thought because our one remaining scripture deals with those who separate themselves from the company of other believers. This is not concerning separating ourselves from those who are living unscriptural lives of hypocrisy, bitterness or sin.

We are not speaking of times when it is not possible to come together because of our work, illness or other problems.

This is instead a heart-felt, conscious determination and decision to put space between you and other believers or ministers of the Gospel. We must examine ourselves always

and be certain we are abiding in the spirit of unity in Christ Jesus.

(Jude 1:17-19) *But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;*

(18) *How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.*

(19) *These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.*

Jude instructed the believers to keep themselves in the love of God, praying in the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost does not bring divisions in the body of Christ, except from sin and iniquity. This world will always have those who walk in sin, iniquity and ungodliness. Jude also said to have compassion and save those we could. But, even Jesus told us to take heed what and how you hear. He warned us to take heed to the leaven of the Pharisee, or the religious ones who spoke of God but their deeds denied him. Both the disciples and Jesus made a division between those who kept themselves in the love of God through the Holy Ghost and those who were gainsayers, accusers and complainers who murmured, and spread confusion and division while calling themselves Christian.

We are in times when we must be as wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove. Examine yourselves and keep yourselves in the love of God in Christ Jesus, not just in word, but, in deed, truth and example of a living faith, being doers and not just forgetful hearers.

A Work In Progress

Bible Way Association & The Voice of Truth *Web Sites*

We are transferring to another web hosting company and are in the process of updating both of our Web Sites currently. In the near future you will notice improvements on our web page that we feel will be very beneficial to all.

Some of these changes will allow you to place orders for books, literature, CD's, DVD's or other media. You will also have the ability if you would like to pay for your order at the time of purchase by using PayPal.

Some of these changes are long overdue. We would like to thank all those that are working to make these improvements.

The Voice of Truth *Internet Radio*

One of the most exciting changes are in the works now regarding The Voice of Truth internet radio station. We are upgrading the radio programming which will allow more people to have 24 hour access, without interruption. We have learned that currently only a few listeners can be connected at any one time. Soon hundreds can be connected without interruption and can enjoy the ministry of the Word of God as Rev. Leslie Buckner delivers literally hundreds of messages under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Brother and Sister Buckner will also be singing anointed gospel music and we are anticipating some new promotional and informational items very soon.

We are enlisting the help of people who have an interest in working with these areas and feel confident we are entering a new and exciting time with these two important ministries.

If you, or your church, would be interested in sponsoring Brother Buckner's ministry by pre-recorded messages on your local radio station, please contact us at: 573-996-7317

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Calendar of Events for 2012

Camp Ground Work Days

March 30-31, 2012

There is a lot of work that has to be done each year to open and clean the buildings and prepare for the years events. If you can help, please mark these dates and contact the Office about how you can help.

Bible Way General Assembly **Camp Meeting April 23-27, 2012**

We have extended the Annual General Assembly to a week long event, where there will be Camp Meeting services as well as services to address the ministers of the Association. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Bible Way Youth Camp

June 17-22, 2012

We always have such a wonderful time at Youth Camp and see God do so many great things. Start making plans now to attend, and promote this important event to your church youth group by encouraging them to attend in June.

Family Camp Meeting

September 10-14, 2012

Old Time Holy Ghost Camp Meeting! You won't want to miss being a part of this Camp Meeting where the power of God moves so greatly!

Winterization

October 5-6, 2012

This is a time dedicated to winterizing the water systems and buildings in preparation for the winter freeze. Anyone who can help with this task it will be greatly appreciated!

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

November 3, 2012

Held each year at Bible Way Assembly in Salem, Mo. We always have an outstanding time of fellowship, ministry, and a wonderful meal!

For more information call : 573-996-7317

More anointed books that are written by Rev. Leslie Buckner are becoming available all the time. These books are based upon many years of study and prayer and will cover a large arena of valuable studies. Rev. Buckner has dedicated his life to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The information contained in these booklets are not something that has been copied from some else, each study has been wrought in pray and seeking God for the answers to the needs of the times.

Many of these booklets have been in print for a number of years. As people become aware of the teaching some have ordered enough copies to use as teaching materials for their classes or groups. One pastor began studying and teaching from the book "Resolving Problems the Bible Way" and has only proceeded to page three after several weeks of teaching. This is what true study and teaching is all about, no matter the source of the materials.

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*We would like to take a moment to introduce the staff of
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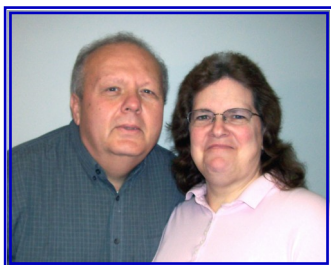
Rev. Leslie and Margaret Buckner

Rev. Leslie Buckner is the Founder and President of Bible Way Association. It was because of the God given vision that the Association had its beginnings and because of his spirit filled leadership that the ministry of the Gospel is proceeding forth today. Brother Buckner, and his wife Margaret, travel across the country delivering the anointed Word of God and anointed gospel song and music bring prayerful revival as they go.



Rev. Eugene and Lana Abrams

Rev. Eugene Abrams has been the General Secretary of Bible Way Association since 1998 and had served in various other capacities since the mid to early 1990s. Currently Brother Abrams is also the Overseer of the Bible Way Assemblies Division as well and oversees some of the activities in the Headquarters Office under Brother Buckner. Sister Abrams is a great help in assisting with the finance and filing services.



Tom and Karen Turner

Tom and Karen Turner have been working with Bible Way Association for a number of years. Part of that time they were serving on a volunteer basis by choice. In recent years they have become a part of the staff of the Headquarters and are responsible for the printing, reproduction and mailing of all literature and other media types. Sister Turner is also caring for the finances on behalf of the Voice of Truth Division and the Christian Fellowships International Department.



Matthew Abrams

Matthew Abrams has been working with the Association in the Campgrounds for a few years caring for the mowing and weed eating services. He has also been helpful in other maintenance areas. Recently he has assumed other responsibilities including helping with the conversion of Sunday School literature formats and working with the audio files to prepare them for airing and reproduction.

If we can be of any assistance, please let us know!



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