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## ***The Faith Once Delivered To The Saints***

*By Rev. Leslie Buckner*

***Jude 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.***

We see here that Jude felt a very urgent necessity to write to God's people, charging them to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. In his book he goes on to describe why this is necessary. It was because certain men had crept into the church to lead it away from the plan of God, and the faith once delivered to them. He makes it clear that these men are those who have not the Spirit, and rely on flesh, and carnality. These men use these charismatic ways to entice God's people out of the right ways of God, and into a mess of confusion, carnality, and deception. As the bride of Christ we must be aware of the efforts of the enemy to destroy our Christian experience, and the power of the church. When we return to the genuine faith once delivered to the saints, then we will see revival break out in our churches, families, and communities.

Abraham is referred to as the father of faith. Sarah and Rebecca were both a type of the church. Isaac was a type of Christ. Therefore, we can study these lives and situations, and learn a lot about the faith delivered to them, and where the church is at today. The church is supposed to get busy and raise up Christians. They are supposed to be Christ-like and not like the world. There is a difference in bringing up a spiritual group of people than those that are carnal, which is really charismatic. Charisma means the ability of the natural man to draw people. In

***John 12:32*** Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men

unto me." They must be drawn by the Spirit.

***John 6:44*** *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

These people have great charisma and have practiced smiling until it looks like they never have a problem. I have preached in churches where those same people, after the Word was preached and the Spirit began to draw them, they were drawn to the altar weeping and praying. It is not all in the smile. It is good to smile but sometimes we have to get sincere and serious with God.

***Hebrews 11:8-14*** *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. 11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. 13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.*

When you declare you are a stranger and pilgrim in this world then by faith you declare that you are looking for a city whose builder and maker is God. You are not looking for something that is built by man. If these, found in the hall of faith, would have been mindful of the country that they came out of they might have had

an opportunity to return to it. God spoke to Abraham and told him that He was going to bring him out of the land. Abraham did not know where he was going. Sometimes you have to walk by faith because you do not know where you are going. You do not know what you are going to do tomorrow.

***Romans 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.***

If the church will continue to be mindful of the place that it came from it will get back there. (*Jeremiah 6:16*) Faith goes on and searches for something deep and something God has established. The city of God whose builder and maker was God. I am not looking for something that man built. I am not looking for something that looks good to the natural eye or is pleasing to the carnal nature. I am looking for something that is after the divine nature of God. It has to be God that builds the house.

Abraham and Sarah had to get something settled in their heart before Isaac could be born. There are people today that God wants to use. They need to do away with the carnal and begin to allow the spiritual to rule their hearts and lives. Once a person gets that settled and makes a total agreement and covenant with God, then they are going to continue to walk in the spirit regardless of what the devil and people say and do.

I am a citizen of a different country. God has given me a promise of another place. I do not know exactly where it is. On this earth, I have wondered here and there but I am going to find that city. The Bible said that those all died in faith having not received the promise. When Jesus left He gave us a promise, He ascended on high. The Father gave us the Holy Ghost. Peter said that the Holy Ghost is that promise unto us, our sons, our daughters and all those that are afar off, whoever the Lord thy God shall call (*Acts 2:39*). We need to look for the promise, not something carnal.

Abraham was told to get away from his kindred. I have seen many movements rise and fall and literally thousands of preachers rise and fall. Carnality will fall. If the church is not built on the Rock, hearing and doing what the Word says, it will fall. We need to be looking, by faith in God, for something that will stand. We may not know what it looks like but God will give us a vision and send us to the place that He wants us to be and tell us what to do.

***Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.***

Abraham had a hearing problem. God told him to get out from his kindred and that that He would show him where to go. God did not show him everything at once; He took it one day at a time. Abraham thought he had a better idea and took Lot along. Getting away from your kindred might not apply to everyone but it did apply to Abraham because that is what God told him to do. His kindred were trapped in doctrines that they needed to get away from.

As they went God prospered Abraham and Lot. The herdsman began to argue. Anytime something is not built on the Spirit of God it will not be right. When the church begins to walk in the spirit then there will not be any arguing. If one tries to build the church on the carnal and on sand he is certain to have a split. It may go good for a while but when you get the church full of social people who are always trying to out do one another it will become a political circus. In the spiritual realm when everyone begins to seek the Lord and hunt for a city that is not carnal this will not have a chance to happen. Everyone is trying to edify one another. God told Peter that after he was converted he should strengthen his brethren. Spirituality strengthens people but carnality drags the people down.

Abraham did his first carnal act when he disobeyed God and took Lot along. The herdsmen were arguing and Abraham told Lot that he did not want to have any

strife between them so he gave Lot the land of his choice. You have to be in the spirit to do that. Charisma would never do that; it will take all that it can get, plus some. Charisma never sacrifices, it is always greedy, and it always tries to promote itself not God.

After Lot was gone God spoke to Abraham and said, "Look north, south, east, and west; everywhere that you step your foot I am going to give it to you. Look at the sky and count the stars; that will be how your seed is going to be. Go out by the ocean and look at the sand of the sea; that is what your offspring will be, as the sand of the sea" (**Genesis 28:14**). Abraham had to go through some things before he received the things God told him he would have. The church has gone through every kind of thing in the world. It looks like they would want to come out from all the stuff. When God was trying to place Saul as king, he was hid "among the stuff". We need to get out of the stuff.

**Genesis 18:2** *And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.*

God did not tell Abraham to go in unto Sarah's maid. God told Abraham that Sarah would bear him a child that would have the birthright God wanted him to have. Abraham had to get some things straightened out before God's promise to him could come to pass. Abraham has come before God and He is preparing him for a powerful supernatural experience of spirituality. Something only God can do.

God spoke to Zacharias when he was praying and told him that his wife would conceive and bare him a child. He told Zacharias to call his name John, not Zacharias Junior. When Jesus was born only one woman, the virgin Mary, was chosen. The Holy Ghost came to Mary and then Jesus was conceived. Joseph was the perfect earthly father. Jesus had a heavenly

Father. When Jesus was about twelve years old He stayed behind while his parents went unknowingly ahead and people began to say, "Where is Jesus?" Is that not just like the church to say, "Where is Jesus?", "I thought you brought Him, I did not have time to pray or seek God. I hope the Pastor has a good message because I did not bring Jesus with me."

Mary and Joseph went back and found Jesus in the temple. Jesus told them that he thought they would know He was about His Father's business. They took him home with them and he grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. He had the right parents at the right time.

**Luke 2:46-52** *And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. 47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. 48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. 49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? 50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. 51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.*

Abraham's name is still Abram in the beginning of Genesis chapter seventeen; Sarah's name is still Sarai even though they had already been through some things.

**Genesis 17:1-9** *And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. 3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked*

*with him, saying, 4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. 5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.: 6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. 8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. 9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.*

Abraham began to listen to God after going through a time with the spirit of error. The church has been through the spirit of error for years. We are going to have to walk before God in the spiritual realm and be perfect. We need to hear and do what God says to do. God's covenant was there but Abraham had to do something. *Genesis 17:15-17 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. 16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her. 17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?*

After all these areas that Abraham went through he was laughing about him and Sarah having this son. Isaac was born; a type of spiritual birth in the church. The church needs to be a spiritual church so that we might bring forth a man of God. We need some men of God in the church. God wants people to rise up and pray, get into the spiritual realm with God and bring forth that which God desires in us, by faith.

Sarah and Abraham found themselves in a little bit of a political situation in the land of Egypt. They told the king a little bit of a lie; that Sarah was Abraham's sister instead of his wife. A little disobedience here and there will inevitably lead to trouble. Now Abraham has to walk before God and be perfect. Abraham and Sarah had to believe.

*Hebrews 11:11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.*

Abraham had to go through the process, seeing if he had the heart of God.

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*Genesis 22:2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.*

*Proverbs 23:26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.*

We are going to have to give our heart to God if we plan to produce for God. Finally it was time to choose a bride for Isaac and Abraham was old, and well stricken in age.

*Genesis 24:1-3 And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: 3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:*

They were not in the promised land yet. Isaac was not to marry someone from

the crowd where they were living. The servant is a representative of the Holy Ghost. God is directing the church by the Holy Ghost to prepare the Son a bride. The Holy Ghost is searching for the bride of Christ. She will be without spot or wrinkle and glorious. She will not be carnal or a "Hagar".

**Revelation 21:9** *And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.*

**Ephesians 5:27** *That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

**Genesis 24:10-14** *And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand; and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor. 11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water. 12 And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. 13 Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: 14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.*

The servant prayed unto the Lord to show him the right person for Isaac to marry. She too would have to hear what the Spirit had to say. Rebekah did exactly what the servant asked for; she was led by the Spirit. The bride of Christ will be the one that hears the Spirit; Christ's bride will not have a carnal nature. Rebekah went with them and Isaac knew her from

a distance and likewise Rebekah also recognized him even before she was brought unto him. God put them together.

**Psalms 127:1** *A Song of degrees for Solomon. Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.*

**Genesis 24:19** *And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.*

Rebekah's womb was shut up but when Isaac prayed for his wife she conceived and brought forth twins. However she was partial to the younger, Jacob, and Isaac in turn was partial to Esau. Isaac became blinded and Rebekah and Jacob deceived him so that Jacob might receive Esau's birthright and blessing. That is politics. Politics have gotten in the church. Not letting God take care of a matter but rather trying to work things out carnally is political. That brings a problem because Esau is angry and Jacob runs away and ends up at a well as did the servant who had brought his mother Rebekah to his father.

When he saw Rachel it was love at first sight and he wanted to marry her. So Jacob went to Laban, Rachel's father, and asks for Rachel's hand in marriage. Laban agreed, if Jacob would work for him for seven years. Jacob worked seven years for Rachel but on the morrow after the wedding found that he had been tricked and that instead of Rachel, Laban had given him Leah in marriage.

That is about like the confusion that is going on in the church today. Many people do not understand what is going on. The confusion is coming from deceit and carnal things. Confusion is not coming from the spiritual side because the Spirit leads, guides, and directs us in all things. Jacob gets all upset with Laban and Laban agrees to give Rachel also to Jacob for another seven years of labor. Down in Jacob's heart he has a surprise for Laban. In the end he finally gets Rachel and most of Laban's cattle.

***Genesis 30:31-39 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock: 32 I will pass through all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and of such shall be my hire. 37 And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chesnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods. 38 And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink. 39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted.***

Many times it is a political thing in the church, with people trying to see who can out do who. Politicians will do anything to get elected. They will put a smile on their face, kiss the babies, and hug everybody's neck. They act like they do not have a problem but when you counsel them you find out they do not have the Spirit; they have charisma. They are depending on their own deceits and ways.

In their hearts children have a longing for someone who will correct them. Some teenagers who have disobeyed their parents and are in a terrible mess say, "My dad or mom never took time to sit me down and correct me." Spiritual correction will build the church. You need to hear what God says and do just that!

***2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:***

Sarah was barren until she and Abraham learned to listen to God and his plan. In their haste they had Ishmael but he was not what God had promised. The church too is barren; it has Ishmael, that which they think they want and will work just as well as Gods plan, but that is not what

God promised. It then becomes a big problem that cannot be solved. The promise was that Abraham and Sarah would have Isaac. They did not get it until they fulfilled their part of the covenant. The promise is spirituality not carnality.

God made His covenant with Abraham. Abraham just did not obtain it for a while because he disobeyed God. He took Lot along and had a child with Hagar and acted like it was from God. A lot of people go to church and they try to make a lot of things look like they are from God. They will jump over the pew in the flesh and everyone will say, "That's God." They will prophesy things that they never heard from God. They will do all kinds of things and try to deceive people into thinking they are spiritual. Isaac did not come until they had their covenant right. It did not matter if they were nineteen or ninety-nine; it was imperative that they were Spirit-led. This was the key to receiving Gods promise.

We are now at the third generation and Jacob needs to get things in order. He has the blessing of Abraham and Sarah but he does not have the blessing of God. Many people think they are right with God, but the blessing of God is what they desire, and it will not come until they are in line with the Word. God can not bless them until they get straightened out.

Jacob took Rachel and the cattle and left. Sometimes when things go wrong you have to make an Exodus, going somewhere else. Some people stay at a church until the fire gets too hot. Then they move over to somewhere else for a few weeks or months because they are not doing what God's Word says to do.

Rachel cannot have a child. Many homes today that do have children are full of drugs, alcohol, molestation and rape and the homes are full of carnality. It takes a "father" and a "mother" to have a house where none of that is going on; where they walk in the spirit and do not live in carnality. I fear we are lacking in spiritual mothers and fathers in the church in this age.

***1 Corinthians 4:15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.***

The church represents the bride of Christ, the mother. In Revelation there is the mother of harlots. These are them that are fleshly natured. Rachel is barren and Leah is having children. The church is birthing carnal and not spiritual children today. The church is bringing forth carnality but not spirituality. One church has two thousand people and thirty minutes of teaching. Many of them are walking in carnality and go home and do what they want to through the week but come to church on Sunday because they are a social member of that club.

Then they can tell people in the neighborhood that they belong to the big church of two thousand down the street. They eat donuts and watch the Andy Griffith Show for Sunday School and say that is a nice clean program. I do not have anything against the Andy Griffith Show but it does not belong in Sunday School, we need the Word of God in Sunday School. We need some spirituality in Sunday School. We need to bring forth spiritual children.

***John 3:6-7 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.***

That church may have two thousand but how many people got saved or how many services did they have that week? This carnal movement is as a Goliath that has risen up and said, "Look at me, look how big I am!" We need some people like David to rise up with the Spirit and put Goliath down.

***Isaiah 59:19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.***

Leah is having children and then she

gets her handmaid to have children, they end up with ten children. In the spiritual realm you are always out numbered and smaller in the eyes of the flesh than anything else. Rachel and Jacob got things together so that they could have children and they had two wonderful sons, Joseph and Benjamin. Joseph was not borne by the handmaid. Joseph was the spiritual one in the crowd of the brothers and they did not like him.

Jacob made Joseph a coat of many colors so that he would really stand out and be special. According to Genesis 37 Joseph was always having dreams wherein there were eleven objects and he was in charge. The brothers were jealous and put Joseph in a well and then sold him to be a slave. They took his coat and put blood on it and told Jacob that a lion or bear must have attacked and killed him. God was against the brothers but He was for Joseph.

Joseph had been sold into the land of Egypt but God was with him. Joseph finally ended up in a prison and while there ministered to a baker and a butler who were there as a result of the kings wrath. Joseph interpreted their disturbing dreams. Two years later Pharaoh heard of this, and called Joseph to interpret his dreams; ultimately bringing Joseph from a dungeon to second highest in Egypt. There is an advantage in the Spirit in the long run.

Leah and the handmaid's children are the ones that sold out Joseph. Carnality is selling the church out today. Lack of spirituality is selling the church out. People may not be able to believe that Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of pottage, but how many in the church do this very thing. It is selling out for something carnal.

Joseph knew how to manage the food before and during the drought so there was food in Egypt. The brother's country was in a drought. Jacob sent his sons to get some corn. The first time they came, they were sent home with a warning; Joseph told them when they came again they



must bring their younger brother Benjamin who was Joseph's full brother. After a period of time Jacob allowed the brothers to return and take the younger brother but it grieved him.

When Joseph finally revealed unto his brothers who he was it was a shock to them. It is going to be a great shock to the churches that are built on carnality instead of spirituality when the drought comes, when everything is sifted out and the truth is laid before them and they have to face it. The brothers were facing the brother that they had sold out. Many of the movements that are rising up today, without the Spirit, are in it for political purposes. They are playing politics in the church and making a social club. They even have classes teaching people how to smile, dance, and speak in tongues. The Bible says that we will speak in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (Acts 2:4). There is a carnal mess in the church today. There is just one church, one faith, one baptism and people are going to be facing the one they rejected some day, Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost. This is the faith Jude said we are to contend for. To contend means to challenge, assert, insist, and declare. We must fervently and earnestly contend for the real faith in Jesus Christ and the Spirit of God, and join ourselves in unity and fellowship with those of like precious faith.

***Ephesians 4:3-6 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.***

Some of these things have come to blasphemy. They have movies on the television that say Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene and they had a child and escaped from there and went to another country; that is a lie from the pits of hell. Now they say they have found the gospel of Judas that is going to vindicate Judas and convict Jesus. All this blasphemy has hatched from carnal minds. There are

many carnal people in our world and sadly in the church and these are setting things up for the antichrist.

There are not many people like Joseph, Isaac, or Jacob. Jacob could not have the name Israel until he wrestled with the angel all night. Jacob had his father and mothers blessing, his brother's birthright, and eventually Rachel and his father-in-law's cattle but his soul was not prospering. On his way home everything was against him, his brother was coming one way and his father-in-law the other. Your sins will find you out and carnality will find you out.

Jacob waited until things were in a mess and then decided to pray, that is just what the church is doing today. Jacob wrestled with the angel all night long. The angel touched him in his thigh and he had to walk crippled the rest of his life but he prayed through that night. If you looked upon the angel you would die, the angel told him to turn him loose because it was getting daylight but Jacob refused until the angel blessed him.

***Genesis 32:25-28 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. 26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. 27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. 28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.***

When daylight came Jacob died and Israel came in. Just like Abram died and Abraham came in. Ishmael was removed and Isaac came in. There is a dying out, a cleansing, that needs to take place so that we can become a new creature in Christ Jesus. We need to get ourselves cleaned up and no longer be involved in politics in the church so that we can become holiness to the Lord.

***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.*

Politics can get in the church by the dress code, preaching, and membership. The things of God will disintegrate in politics and the things of the devil will come up and take dominion. They may put on a fair show in the flesh, however the Spirit produces the real thing. We need to have the right experience at the right time when the Lord comes and He is coming soon. We must be ready, not allowing any seat wherein the enemy might feel comfortable sitting!!!

*Revelation 2:13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.*

In conclusion, we must make a stand today for the faith once delivered to the saints, and handed down to us through Jesus Christ, and the apostle's of the early

church. We must not allow carnality to rule in our lives, nor in the glorious church of our Lord Jesus Christ. Carnality always leads to death, and can never produce the life and power needed in these last days. (Romans 8:6) They key to returning to real living and powerful faith, which will move mountains and produce the revival so desperately needed today, is found in Romans 12:1-2:

*Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

By renewing our mind with the Word of God, we will become earnest contenders and defenders of the faith. We must renew our minds and be transformed into the image of Christ, the author and finisher of our faith, and is returning for a church that is established in the faith.

## *Special Notices !*

1. During the Covid 19 outbreak early in 2020 we made the decision to adjust the business hours of the Office from 4 days a week back to 2 days a week until things get back to normal. Currently we are at the Office on **Monday and Thursday from 8 am until 5 pm**. More days may be added in the near future and we will inform everyone at that time.
2. We recently had a new phone system installed by our phone company that will be totally serviced and maintained by them. This new system will be more reliable and provide better answering machine and voice mail service as well.
3. The only phone number currently in use is 573-996-7317
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# 2021

## Thanksgiving Dinner & A Time of Fellowship!

Every year we work to conclude the years activities with a wonderful time of fellowship with all of our ministers and a bountiful Thanksgiving Dinner to show our appreciation for all.

Our last services of the 2021 schedule will be as follows. We are planning another three day Camp Meeting and Fellowship.

**Thursday, November 4th** at 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, November 5th** with services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, November 6th** ending after the 10:00 a.m. service.

Immediately following the morning service we will conclude the meetings with our annual dinner and a time of fellowship!

We will be providing everything for the Dinner including plenty of turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes and rolls.

We will also be providing a variety of pies, cakes and other deserts!

Due to the danger of spreading the Covid 19 virus we will not be using carry-in dishes and foods.

Masks and hand sanitizers will be provided to anyone who desires to use them. Rooms will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.

**Everyone is welcomed!**

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