



THE CONFERENCE KOINONIA CONNECTOR

CREATING FELLOWSHIP THROUGH
COMMUNICATION

How Do We Face the Future?

There is an interesting passage that has blessed me greatly in the last few days in Zephaniah Chapter Three. The passage answers the above question. Space would not allow a lengthy exposition, but a few thoughts are in order.

We can boldly face the future when we know the attitude and positioning of our Lord toward His children. Note verse 17. Five statements are powerful. "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty." Yes, He is. "He will save." He has and He will. "He will rejoice over the with joy!" The verse here means He is dancing over us. He is thrilled about the attitude of His children in the passage. He is so thrilled that He dances. "He will rest in his love." The Lord knows and is comfortable in His love to His children. "He will joy over us with singing." He sings over us in the bad times to comfort and in other times to encourage and motivate.

With this kind of understanding of God the believer is able to sing, (vs. 14) shout (vs. 14), rejoice (vs. 14), and to work faithfully – vs. 16 – "Let not thine hands be slack." He is able to "Lift His Head" and move forward into ministry. (Our theme for 2007). Lord Grant It!

Bishop D. Chris Thompson

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Special points of interest:

- Special Events
- Planned Giving
- Pastor, Church Board and Treasure Meetings

Sound System Volunteers Needed

The North Carolina Conference will be holding a training day for those interested in volunteering to assist and/or run the sound system in the new J.A. Culbreth Auditorium. Several positions are now available for up coming events.

For information, please contact Michael Reynolds at (910) 980-1162. Sound experience is a plus. Training date to be determined.

Praise Corner

- for the good response coming in for the Sanctity of Life Sunday
- for the fantastic response to the Bishop's Meeting with the Church Boards
- for a spirit anointed, well attended, and excellent program at the recent national Bridging the Ministries Conference at Falcon (Men's Ministries and Royal Rangers)
- for a great increase in Budget in 2006—even in midst of Budget Cuts—a 10.3% increase in Ministers' tithe and 6% increase from the local churches
- for another decrease in General Church tithe/Conference Budget in 2007—to 13% - down from 14%
- for beginning work on the Octagon Bathrooms and the Sudie Butler House
- for Daniel and Rocio Pitti leaving for the Mission Field
- Pastor T.B. Henry of Red Springs, praises the Lord for 10 new members in November
- Pastor Norman Smith praises the Lord for 17 new members since Christmas at New Covenant in Warrenton
- Holmes Bible College is making a move to build the first building on the new campus



THEREFORE being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:1and2

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Prayer Corner

- Rena Williams—Hospital
- Debbie Thorn
- Paul & Elaine's Daughter (Delaina) - Cancer Treatments
- Holmes Bible College—New Campus
- Katherine Lucas—Moving
- J. Doner Lee
- Raleigh Horton
- Dianne Montague—Chemo
- Myrtle Marshburn
- T.L. Byrd
- Betty Tolar
- Jobie Heath's Son—Joe, Liver Transplant
- Awilda Concepcion—Cancer Treatments
- Vernon Clark
- Barbara Lancaster
- Conrad Hall
- Dee Marks' Mother—Colon Cancer
- Mark Reynolds
- Daisy Morris
- Ella Whichard
- Gladys Johnson
- W.M. Cordon
- Larry Smith
- Christine Tyson
- Betty Dowdy
- Lois Brafford Bradshaw
- Randy Gentry—Son of Frank and Betty Gentry
- Kathleen Williams
- Sheila—Chemo (Daughter of Sammy and Joyce Weaver)
- Clara Williams
- Harold and Frances Lewis
- Tim Henry's Daughter—Edith (Cancer)
- Jay Weaver—Surgery
- Linwood Berry—Father Died
- Odessa Jones—Hospital
- Sammy Weaver—Hospital/Surgery
- Jimmy & Marvin Whit-
- field—Brother Burval Died
- GEB Meeting—February 19 and 20 (Bishop Thompson will be in Oklahoma City—Pray for traveling mercies. Meeting was postponed from January)

**Black Choir Robes for Sale—Various Sizes
Contact Kinston First Church and ask for
Errett Marshburn (252) 522-0287 ext 212**

**Gallanti Organ For Sale
Contact Pastor Danny Harris at
Living Faith Fellowship (252)937-2999**

Pastoral Changes

- Rev. Tony Hawley has gone back as pastor to Lamm's Grove
- Rev. Marcus Riggs is the new pastor at Bizzell Grove
- Rev. Jim Gray is the new pastor at Harvest Fellowship, Shallotte
- Rev. Wayne White (Roanoke Rapids) is the new pastor at Emmanuel Fellowship, New Bern
- Rev. Donald Conway is the new pastor at New Beginnings, Plymouth
- Rev. Bobby Williams has resigned at Kinston First. He feels his work there is complete. He is immediately available for preaching and revivals.
- Rev. Calvin Trueblood is the new pastor at Bethany Church.

Open Churches

- Wakelon
- Garland
- Kinston First



Ministerial Changes

- Reverend Jeremy Heltsley has withdrawn from the Conference
- Reverend Michael Gadsden has joined the Conference as an ordained minister from Savannah, GA

Men's Advance

September 14 & 15

Guest Speaker:

Rod Handley

Theme:

Character of a Man

Planned Giving

Our Planned Giving Officer, Jay Stone, led all the Conferences and other Planned Giving Officers in 2006 in total bequests. Brother Stone had a total of 1.7 Million bequests. Most of this was from local churches. WELL DONE! Brother Stone will come to your church and do a workshop and will write wills. Give him a call at (910) 425-5202. Pastors, this is an excellent way to bless the church in the future (and present.) (By the way he might even talk to you about a Gospel Sing—Jay Stone Singers).



Bishop/Conference Treasurer's Meetings with Pastors, Church Boards and Treasurers

Meetings are from 7-9 PM
Anyone May Attend!
2 CEU's May Be Earned
Remaining Meetings!

Monday, February 12	Wilmington/Lumberton Area	Wallace Church, Pastor Bobby Forehand
Tuesday, February 13	Raleigh/Wilson Area	Shiloh Church, Pastor David Wood

Remember These Dates

- February 26, 27, and March 1
Evangelism Rallies
Speaker: Rick Fountain
- March 2—3
C.E. Convention
Speakers: Oklahoma C.E. Staff and Others
- March 9-10
School of Ministry
Leadership II (The Making of a Leader)
Teacher: Rev. Gary Strickland
- March 16-17
Women's Ministries Retreat
- March 22
New Minister's Day
For new ministers, new pastors, anyone desiring a refresher course)
- March 24
Archives Training
- March 26, 27, 29, 23, 30
Emphasis—The Power Of the Holy Spirit
- April 13-14
School of Ministry
Christian Ethics
Teacher: Reverend Doyle Marley
- Camp Meetings
Falcon Camp Meeting
August 5—12
Speakers: Bill Wilson, Terry Tramel, Rick Fountain, Lee Wilson
- Piney Grove Camp Meeting
August 19-26
Speakers: Donald Duncan, Chris Thompson

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**2007 Theme:
Lift Your Head**