

# U n i t e d

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REVELATION 1:12-15  
AND I TURNED TO  
SEE THE VOICE THAT  
SPAKE WITH ME. AND  
BEING TURNED, I  
SAW SEVEN GOLDEN  
CANDLESTICKS; AND  
IN THE MIDST OF THE  
SEVEN CANDLESTICKS  
ONE LIKE UNTO THE  
SON OF MAN,  
CLOTHED WITH A  
GARMENT DOWN TO  
THE FOOT, AND GIRT  
ABOUT THE PAPS  
WITH A GOLDEN  
GIRDLE. HIS HEAD  
AND HIS HAIRS WERE  
WHITE LIKE WOOL,  
AS WHITE AS SNOW;  
AND HIS EYES WERE  
AS A FLAME OF FIRE;  
AND HIS FEET LIKE  
UNTO FINE BRASS, AS  
IF THEY BURNED IN A  
FURNACE; AND HIS  
VOICE AS THE SOUND  
OF MANY WATERS.

## Reclaiming the Land in 2009!

Some things have occurred to me as we start this new year. The Church once so respected and honored even by those who were not believers has fallen on hard times. Part of this is because of the influx of so many other religions into the American scene, but much of it has come from within. Standards established long ago have fallen, morals have decayed and pride in being a child of God seems to have almost disappeared. The land (Church and her stands on issues) has fallen into the hands of the enemy. Let us look around and see if there is any hope of reclaiming that land in 2009. God says; **Genesis 31:3** *And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.* **Leviticus 27:24** *In the year of the jubile the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, even to him to whom the possession of the land did belong.* (1.) The jubilee was the year of rest after the seven cycles of seven years when property was restored to the original owners. (2.) It is time for us to restore the Church to its original owner.

But man said; **Numbers 14:3** *And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?*

1. The modern church has chosen the route of no suffering or commitment for the cause of Christ. Easy beliefism has led to dead and dying churches as we are in full swing of the days of apostasy spoken of by the Apostle Paul in his second letter to the Thessalonian Church chapter 2 verse, 3.

2. Not only have people turned back to Egypt they have taken the church with them.

### **Two major things we have done to put us in the place where we need to reclaim or recover the land.**

First, we have taken the things of the world and brought them into the Church.

- a. We think like the world thinks.
- b. We talk like the world talks.

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- c. We dress like the world dresses.
- d. We party like the world parties.

Second, we have taken the things of the church and given them to the world.

- a. We have given our time that belongs to God and given it to the world.
- b. We have given our finances that belong to God and given them to the world.
- c. We have given our talents that God has given to us and used them for the world.

Now what is the result of that?

- a. Since we have given all our **time** to the world nothing gets done for God. (Prayer, Study, Visitation.) People don't even find time to come to Revival meetings anymore. A gospel sing used to fill the house but other activities have become more important.
- b. We have given all our **treasure** to the world so the house of God lies waste. We can't build or grow because we've given our money to the world and Churches even ours will have to close because we stole from God.
- c. We have given our **talent** to the world so when someone is needed for a job at Church people just don't have time, or make the excuse they are not qualified. The real reason is they just won't commit themselves.

3. What can we do?

**2Chronicles 6:38,39** *If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name: 39 Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.*

What if we don't do it?

**Jeremiah 35:15** *I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me.*

Realizing that the main scriptures used here are from the Old Testament some will undoubtedly say that we no longer live in the Old Testament and therefore these scriptures are for Israel and not us. What I say is, Has God changed in His attitude toward sin? Has He somehow lost His power to save and to judge? What I am saying is that we are nearing the end of this dispensation of time He has given us and unless we get back to the "old Paths" of Jeremiah 6:16 we will never reclaim the land that He has graciously allowed us to use. Is there not a longing somewhere in our hearts to once again see God's power and glory restored to our Churches where souls are saved, Christians rejoice, and the world respects and fears the people of God?

From Brother Lynn Seagrave,  
Pastor, Freedom Baptist Church  
Richmond, Indiana

# THE HELP MATE

## By Linda Black



*Luke 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged 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.***

This month we're going to consider the natural organ known as the heart. An extremely hard-working muscle vital to the life and well being of every human being. Have you ever considered all the heart does to and for the body by the simple action of alternating dilation (expansion) with contraction (shrinking) we call a heartbeat. Four chambers and four valves working together supplies blood to every portion of the body to sustain life. The spiritual heart of the Christian is also vital. Without a proper spirit-motivating, faith-exercising diet the Christian's life will suffer. Like the natural heart, if all a Christian consumes is "cake and ice cream gospel" the heart will soon clog and become less functional and productive. The ability to filter the true Word from the false will be impossible to separate. Exercising your faith will strengthen the heart and not allow clots of doubt to form weakening the whole body. Straight bible-based doctrinal preaching is the best nourishment a spiritual heart can ingest. The gospel will produce a strong, functional, life sustaining heart that will continue to pump the tainted blood on through for purification and insure that the good blood is sent on its way to nourish the whole body affecting our thoughts and actions unto good works. Have you had your heart checked lately? Do you find your strength has weakened? Is your diet healthy? Have you let your spiritual exercise slip away? Don't wait until the heart becomes so weak that your Christianity suffers for lack of interest. Remember, a heart attack may not kill the body but it will affect it for the rest of its life and it leaves scars!

God bless all the ministers in our sister churches who preach the true gospel. Let us all take advantage of the spiritual food they feed us every week. When properly digested, it will keep us heart-healthy and strong in the days to come.



## There Is Therefore...

*There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus...(Romans 8:1).* No longer under condemnation. What does that mean? We know in our court systems, when we are convicted of breaking a law we have one thing to look forward to, and that is the condemnation, or in other words, the penalty pertaining to the offense. In the case of sin, that condemnation is death. *For the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).* If we were to remove one word from the 1<sup>st</sup> verse of the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Romans, *therefore*, it would leave us with an unanswerable question. Why? Why is there no condemnation? We definitely were guilty. According to the law of God, we should receive condemnation. Could it be that God just decided to ignore what I am and allowed me to become his child? Did he just say, well, they weren't that bad? What would be the problem with him just winking at my sin? The problem would be, he would have to deny his perfect holiness. He would have to ignore what he had said in his word. In even plainer words, he would have to become an unjust judge or an outright liar.

Since the apostle Paul did not eliminate the word, *therefore*, what is its great purpose? As we have already stated, without it there are too many questions. But with it, the great answer of our justification before God is answered. The *therefore* in this verse literally connects Romans 8:1 with the preceding chapters in his address, to not only the Roman church, but to the churches to come all over the world. *Therefore* tells us that there is a reason why *there is now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus*. It says, because of something that he had stated previously, we have been cleared of our crimes against the throne of God. Paul never would have been so presumptuous as to think that God would just ignore sin. He knew that God hated sin and that it could not go unpunished.

So what was Paul trying to connect to this verse with this word *therefore*? He recognized that we are all sinners, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)*. That was not even a question. So how could it be that we escaped condemnation? Someone had to pay the sin debt. Just as Job said in Job 33:24, Paul, also had found a ransom. Or, in other words, someone to take our place.

*Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus (Romans 3:24-26).* He goes on to say in Romans 4:8, *Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.* So if we are now blessed, who is the one that sin has been imputed, or has received the condemnation that sin deserved? It was none other than God's only son, Jesus Christ. *Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification (Romans 4:25).* *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 5:1,2).* Once again the word *therefore* is used to connect something special. This time, the atoning death of our spiritual head and the peace we now have with God. *For when we were yet (Continued on next page)*

*without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him (Romans 5:6-9). So, in my flesh, I can only say with Paul, O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death (Romans 7:24)? But by faith I can now say, There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:1,2). What a big word, therefore.*

From Bro. Terry Dobbs

Pastor, Old Fashion United Baptist Church



# Announcements

Westside United Baptist Church of Muncie, In will be having Their Monthly Singing on Saturday Evening, Feb. 7, 2009, at 6:30 pm. The featured Singers are the Old Fashion Quartet of Yorktown, IN. Everyone Wel come!

Upcoming Singers for the March singing will be the Ben Coffey Family from Indianapolis on March 7,2009.

Memorial United Baptist Church of Muncie, IN. will be starting Revival on Feb. 9, 2009 (Monday) at 7:00 pm. Bro. Billy Mitchell of Jamestown, Tn. Will preach thru Feb. 12, 2009 (Thursday) and Pastor Andy Phipps & the Church welcome all to attend.



# The Sacrifice

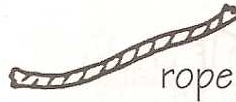
Read **Genesis 22:8,13-14** to find out who provided the sacrifice for Abraham's burnt offering.



Bible



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rope



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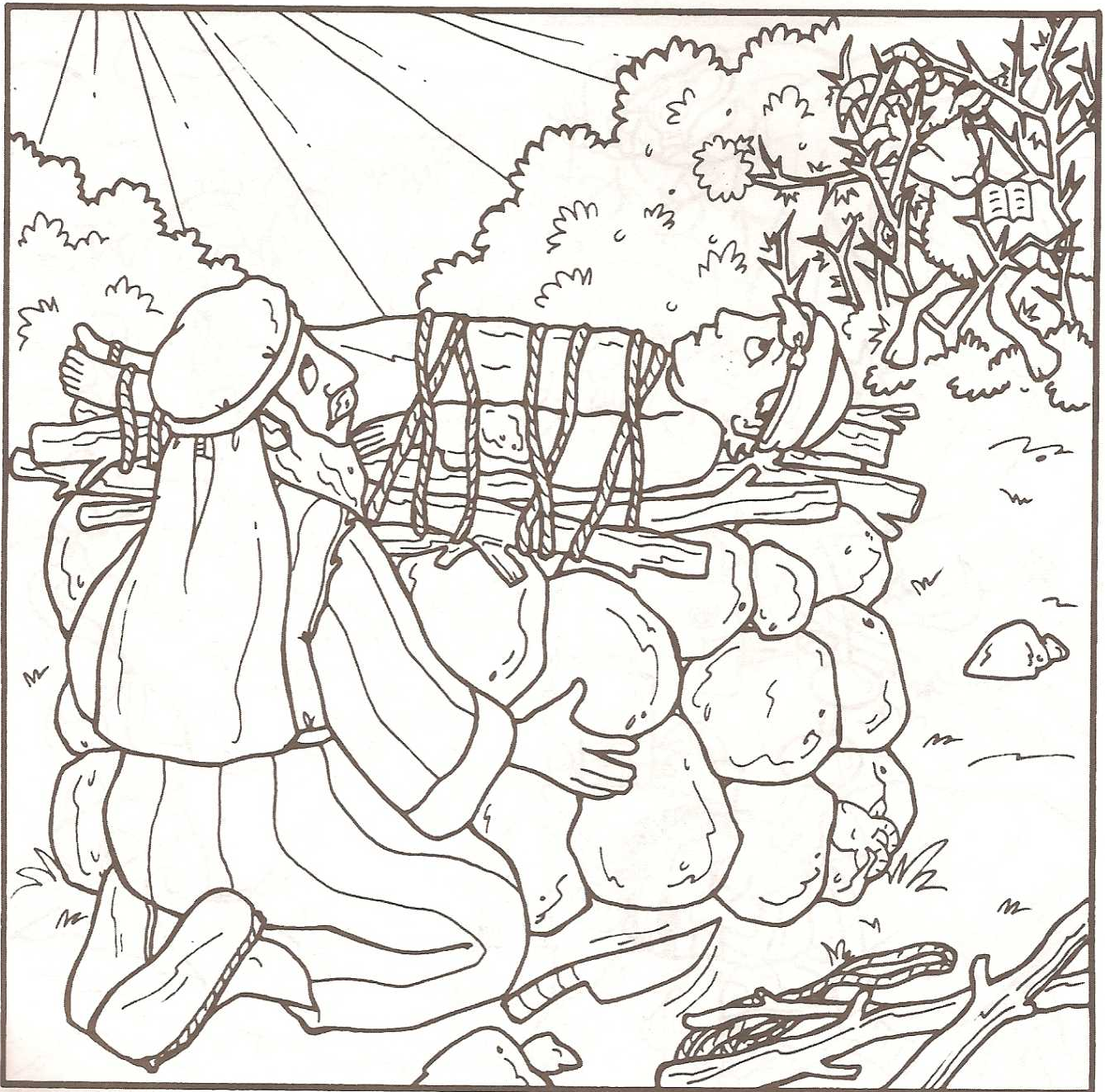
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stick



tree



# Church Directory

Old Fashion United Baptist Church  
9211 W. Arch Street  
Yorktown IN 47396  
Pastor Terry Dobbs  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Thursday Evening 6:30 pm

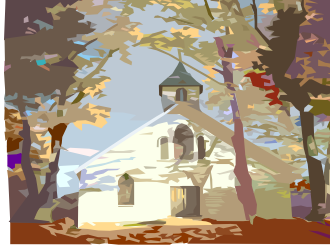
Westside United Baptist Church  
3021 W. Cornbread Road  
Muncie IN 47302  
Pastor Larry Waters  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Thursday Evening 6:30 pm

Gloryland United Baptist Church  
2001 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
Muncie, IN 47302  
Pastor Alvis Sewell  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am

Eastside Missionary Baptist Church  
100 Holland Ave  
Muncie, IN 47303  
Pastor Eric Lambert  
Sunday Morning 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm



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Memorial United Baptist Church  
2911 S Philip Dr.  
Muncie, IN 47302  
Pastor Andy Phipps  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Worship 6:30 pm

Riverview United Baptist Church  
6601 E Black Mill Rd  
Albany, IN 47320  
Pastor Tony Bilbrey  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Tuesday Evening 7:00 pm

First Southern United Baptist Church  
1009 E. 20<sup>th</sup> St.  
Muncie, IN 47302  
Pastor Chris Sewell  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening 7:00

Community Missionary Baptist Church  
1005 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Alexandria, IN 46001  
Pastor Raymond Garret  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Lower Hickory Grove United Baptist Church  
Highway 741 (Blue Heron Mine Rd)  
Revelo, KY 42638  
Pastor Mark Sewell  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Second Baptist Church  
P.O. Box 1188  
Whitley City, KY 42653  
Pastor Michael Casada  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

Faith United Baptist Church  
Brick Church Rd.  
Hagerstown, IN 47346  
Pastor Eldon Denney  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm

New Salem United Baptist Church  
2311 E. Washington St.  
New Castle, IN 47362  
Pastor Brett Rains  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening 6:30

# F r o m T h e E d i t o r

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Community Missionary Baptist Church

Old Fashion United Baptist Church

Ron Black, Editor

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