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Fellowshipping the Apostolic Way

We have heard it recited many times.

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Also, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Obviously the Lord knows best and everyone with this same mind most certainly can agree. We came to magnify the Lord and to lift up His name during our 46th Annual Apostolic Fellowship Meeting, which was held August 9th -15th, 2010.

This week of service was an encouragement and rejuvenation of spirit

to the saints of God. We can never have



Sis. Effie Anderson and Sis. Eoa Robertson leading in song at the opening of the Adult Program Saturday August 14th, 2010.

enough of the praises, fellowship and the teaching of the word.

Each night was a blessing with services beginning nightly at 7:30PM with prayer, praise and testimonies from the saints.

Afterwards we were

spiritually fed through the teaching of God's word by Bishop V.

Bush. Bishop Bush reminded us that we as members in the church are responsible for carrying out God's word in this generation that we may draw others.

Drawing others to this great plan of salvation is what we are striving to do.

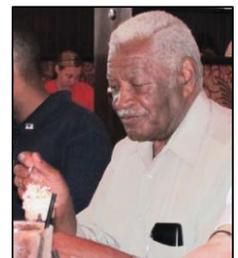
We thank the Lord for Minister Darryl Smith from the state of Maryland joining us in the first night of services on Monday, August 9th. The saints enjoyed the wonderful testimony and words of expression that he gave on this night. We thank

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Happy 78th Birthday Bishop V. Bush!

The saints of Dallas and Lufkin, TX came together Saturday Sept. 18, 2010 to celebrate Bishop Bush's 78th birthday at The Cheesecake Factory in Arlington, TX.

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Bishop Bush enjoying an ice cream sundae after his meal at The Cheesecake Factory.

Thou Art Great O Lord

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone. *Psalm 86:9-10*

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Words from the Pastor

We are the Sons of God Now

By Bishop V. Bush

Greetings everyone. We are thankful that the Lord has blessed us and has granted us this privilege to gather ourselves together here in this designated place that we may come together and worship him up in spirit and in truth. God has set it up that if you would contact the church, then you can get the truth about everything.

There have been questions asked about Jesus being God. We know that Jesus Christ is God and beside Him there is no God. Jesus says in John 8:12 “..I am the light of the world..” He is the light of the world. They brought the woman taken in adultery in the very act and asked Jesus what he had to say about it. Jesus ignored them and they kept asking him. So Jesus said in John 8:7 “He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.” They were all convicted of their conscious and went away leaving the woman standing there. Then Jesus said to her at the 10th and 11th verses: “Woman, where are those thine accusers?

hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.” So after you come in contact with the church and hear the spirit talk, then it is nothing else but the truth.

Nicodemus came to Jesus by night and said, John 3:2 “*Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.*” But when Jesus spoke, he startled Nicodemus and Nicodemus did not now what Jesus was talking about. Jesus said at the 3rd verse, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.* Nicodemus did not know what Jesus was talking about and asked, “*How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?*” Jesus answered, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.* You just can't get in. No matter what you think you know, when you get to the church,

you don't know anything.

There are people who think they know about God, saying Jesus is the son of God and that he went up into heaven. When they get to the church and we put the scripture on them and ask them to show us where God had a son that came out of heaven, then it is over. But we know who God is and who he was. We understand that he had a son. He went into the human family and begat a son. He went to John and got baptized by John in Jordan. The scripture says in Matthew 3:16-17 “*And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*” Then Paul came along and he picked it up in Ephesians 4:8, “*Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first*

into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) This is what the apostles preached.

Nothing came out of heaven but spirit. Nothing went into heaven but spirit. John 1:32 tells us what descended. It states: “*And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.*” It did not say anything about a son coming out of heaven and it did not say anything about a son going back into heaven.

This will not change and all of us who come along have to hear that and believe that. The spirit came down out of heaven and got into that fleshly body that God begat from Mary. And he spoke and said as stated previously, “*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*”

Thomas asked and said in John 14:5 *Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?* Jesus saith unto him, *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should*

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have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Then Philip asked him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Everything that Jesus did in that body, that was done by the spirit. He was getting his disciples straighten out on that and so we believe that. Every thing that the church does, those that are in the church and believe and do everything it says, it is by the spirit. Then they can not make a mistake because Jesus told Peter when Peter spoke up in Matthew 16:16 saying Jesus was the Christ, Jesus said in the 17th – 19th verses, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I

will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

So that role of the sonship, he turned that over to us and made it possible that we can get God's spirit. Then when God's spirit comes into us, then it is not us talking but it is the spirit talking. Then everything we say, it is not the flesh, it is the spirit just like it was with Jesus. All of the things he did, they saw him do and say things no other man had done and said. Even his disciples looked at him one day and said in Mark 4:41, "What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" Well he was God in the flesh. He went to the grave and called Lazarus up out of the grave. Why? Because he was God. He gave us the same victory. By the spirit of God, we can do the same thing. The things that Jesus did when he was here and had the spirit in him, he has now turned that role over to us and the things he did we can do now. The church can open the eyes of the blind, unstop the death ears and raise the dead because it is the son of God now. In 1 John it

states, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. There will come a day when the flesh will not be blessed with the spirit anymore. When it is all over and we wont have to fight anymore, then we are going to deliver the kingdom up to God. It will not be any more the spirit in the flesh. All of us who believe and hold out until the end, we are going to be caught up and changed in a moment and in a twinkling of an eye.

Now we are not mixed up about this thing and we can not stop saying that Jesus Christ is God, because there is no one else but him. When he put the flesh on, he hid himself. When he was here and did all of the miracles, some said they were going to stone him. Jesus asked would they stone him for a good work? They said we are gong to stone you for the good work, but you being a man and make yourself God. John 10:31-33 Well he did not make himself God because he was

God. He was wrapped in that flesh and hid in that flesh. They looked at him and he looked just like all other men, but he was saying and dong things no other man had said and done. But they could not say that was God. . Isaiah 45:15 states: "Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour. They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them:.."

That is how it is today. They are confounded when they hear from us about this thing. They say, "Jesus Christ rose from the dead and went into heaven." We are thankful because we have the knowledge of it and know who God is. He was hid in that flesh. It states in John 1:10 "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Now God put the truth in the church. No matter who comes up and says something different, the church has it right. So let us all come together and get on one accord and do this thing right. May God bless you.

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Giving God the Glory as we Commune Together

the Lord for the Olive Branch, MS saints and the Lufkin, TX saints who traveled to join in the services later on in the week. On Friday night, the little flock directed by Sis. Yolanda Porter and Sis. Barbara Hurts, participated in the Children's Program with a march at the start of the program and with singing their songs. Deacon Paul Jackson conducted a bible quiz in which the children eagerly answered questions. Later that night Minister Jimmie Nelson of Olive Branch, MS spoke from Ecclesiastes 12:1 encouraging the youth to remember God and to serve the Lord in their young days. The rest of the week the saints continued

fellowshipping with one another including a day of fun and activities for the youth during the day on Saturday. Later on that day, there was choir rehearsal in preparation for the



Apostolic Singers of Dallas, TX singing on the program.

Adult Program to be held later that night. The Adult Program was started with a march song entitled, "This is the House of the Lord", led by Sis. Effie Anderson and Sis. Eva Robertson.

We had a wonderful time throughout the program that night. The saints blessed with poems and songs. Bro. Gordon Turner and Bro. Kevin Bush sang impromptu style letting the words flow from their hearts.

As Bishop V. Bush spoke that night, he reminded us that it is our day and time for us to come together and be on one accord. He stated as the scripture states in Revelation 2:7 "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;.." So if we believe then the word will change us and we can all come together. Bishop V. Bush continued to expounded upon the word that night and Sunday morning as well. During bible

study, Bishop Bush answered questions from the saints,



Olive Branch, MS saints rendering a song during the program.

teaching and explaining each question so that all could have the understanding. At the conclusion of the services, three souls from Olive Branch, MS were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

All of the saints were truly blessed during these services and we look forward to being together again!

Three Score and Eighteen Years

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We are thankful and grateful that God has blessed us with a humble man who has submitted his life to spreading the gospel to everyone that he can.

An excellent defender of the gospel, Bishop V. Bush has consistently preached the gospel in spite of all circumstances good or bad. He was filled with the Holy Ghost at the age of 22 in 1955. Now in 2010, 56 years later at the age of 78 he has the

same resolve still standing on nothing else but the word of God. He continues to travel far and near trying to help all that he can to come this way.

As we sat with him at dinner, we presented him with cards, gifts and beautiful words

of encouragement. Each one expressed their gratitude and appreciation for all that he has done for us down through the years. May the Lord bless you Bishop Bush with wisdom, health, strength and many more years!

Spreading the Gospel on the Eastern Shore



Bishop Bush posing with Pastor Collins after services in Denton, MD Friday, September 24th,

The weekend of September 24th-26th, 2010 was a pleasurable one. Bishop Bush traveled to Denton, MD and to Westover, MD to be with Elder Dr. Lowell Collins and the saints of The United Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith. We are encouraged and

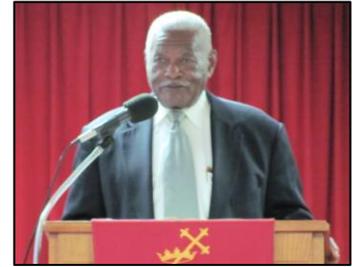
thankful for the wonderful hospitality that was shown by Pastor Collins and the saints there. We enjoyed the songs and the wonderful testimonies from

the saints during each service. We are also thankful for the Women's meeting on Saturday and for the fellowship, the words of encouragement and testimonies that was given by the mothers and sisters of the church during this meeting. We thank the Lord for Pastor Collins and his graciousness in giving Bishop Bush the honor of being the

principal speaker at each service on this weekend. Some of the topics Bishop Bush

spoke on were "All that Believed were Together", "Women Preachers", "God is a Spirit and how Jesus was Raised", "Stay Encouraged and Hold On," among several other topics.

On Sunday afternoon, Bishop Bush also had the privilege in joining Pastor Collins during his prison ministry for men at a local correctional institution in Westover, MD. Bishop Bush spoke encouraging the men to seek God for direction in life and to obey His word. He encouraged



Bishop Bush speaking to the congregation in Denton, MD Saturday, September 25th, 2010.

them that no matter what they had done previously, if they will repent and turn to God then He will forgive them of all wrong.

We went away glad of the good time we had on this weekend. We are praying for everyone there and hope to fellowship again real soon.

Featured Testimonies



Sister Katryce Bush from Dallas, TX writes:

Praise the Lord and greetings to all of the saints. I honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Bishop Bush and all of the saints of God. I am happy that the Lord has given me the privilege to be a part of this

wonderful plan of salvation. I am thankful for my father and mother who reared me up in this way leading by example. I am also grateful for the teaching of the word of God. I am convinced that because of the word I am still holding on today. For no other reason am I able to stand.

I know the Lord has truly watched over me and has been good to me all throughout my life. I remember one

incident when I was about 20 years old. I was locked out of the house and decided to enter through the bedroom window. The window had been previously broken and had not yet been fixed. There were jagged edges along the frame. Not thinking, I picked up a stick to hit away at the broken glass around the edges before crawling in. After a few hits with the stick, a piece of glass flew loose and hit me in my left

eye. I was afraid to open my eyes thinking I may have been blinded. When I finally did and realized that I could still see, I was relieved and thanked the Lord for watching over me.

I thank God for my water baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 8 and for the baptism of the Holy Ghost at age 17. I am still pressing on asking God daily to keep me strong until the end.

Peace be unto you.



Know the Truth

- Q. In what form was Jesus' body raised? Was He raised with flesh and bones?**
- R. Jesus was not raised flesh and bones. He was raised a spiritual body. Nothing came out of the grave but spirit.**

The scripture states in Ephesians 4:10 "*He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.*)" And also in, Mark 1:10 "*And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:..*" So the spirit descended and the spirit went back into heaven.

In Luke 24:39 "*Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.*" Now he said that because the disciples wanted to see him in the same form when he had flesh and blood as noted in John 20:24-26. And he appeared to them in that form and said, "Handle me, a spirit don't have flesh and bones...." This is the reason he went into the house with the doors shut and appeared to them. When they realized who he was, he disappeared out of their sight because God is a spirit. The church body today is the body of Christ.

In 1 Corinthians 15 it was asked "How are the dead raised?" At the 44th verse, it states "*It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.*" Now we have to keep the scriptures in tact and in harmony with all of the scriptures that we read. Jesus was raised a spiritual body and not a natural body as flesh and bones.

Please help us in continuing to promote the **APOSTOLIC NEWSLETTER** by offering your suggestions and feedback. If you have a story or photo you would like to see published, please submit any inquiries and information to Bro. Gordon Turner (g.turner21@yahoo.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

Announcements

Upcoming Events

- **46th Annual Church Anniversary**
Thursday, November 25th - Sunday, November 28th, 2010
Location: 3015 South Malcolm X Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75215
Services will begin nightly at 7:30PM and Sunday morning at 10:00AM.
- Thank the Lord for Jeremiah Clark, Christopher Hebron and Demetrius Hebron for receiving the water baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Thank the Lord for Sister Brenda Eldridge for receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- Check out the weekly broadcast online every Saturday at 1:30PM CT and 4:30PM CT. See the website home page (www.thechurch-apostolicfaith.org) for more information.
- Join us each Sunday for Bible Study. We are currently studying from the book of Proverbs.
- If you would like CDs of the services, let us know. CDs are \$5.00 each. If you would like VHS or DVDs of our main events, the VHS tapes are \$10.00 and the DVDs are also \$10.00 each.

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