



4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018

## FROM THE STATE OVERSEER'S DESK

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### AND HE GAVE SOME...

I send greetings to you in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ our Lord, the Head of the Body, the Church. I would like to thank each one who was able to attend our Minister's Convention and all those who were on the program and ministered there. All the boosts and the messages were powerful and anointed by the Holy Ghost. I do believe that the Lord is moving in the ministry to bring the Church to perfection. As you know, the theme of our convention was Ephesians 4:11, 12:

*"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."*

How important we who have been called into these offices of ministries to fill the responsibility and weight of

our calling! The Apostle begins this challenge to us in the first verse of this chapter.

*"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace"* (Eph. 4:1-3).

In verses 1-6, the Apostle exhorts them to walk worthy of their vocation, and to live in peace and unity.

Verses 7-13 show that God has distributed a variety of gifts, and instituted a variety of offices in his Church, for the building up and perfecting of the body of Christ.

Verse 14 teaches them the necessity of being well instructed and steady in Divine things.



Winter is now in full swing. Arctic air is cooling the south and we are reminded of Jesus' birth.

He came in such a way that we can clearly see that God wanted everyone to have access to the salvation which He would provide. No one is outside of the potential for salvation!

And He has given us the responsibility to go into all the world. Time is short. Let's be about the Father's business!

Deadlines for articles:

February 1st

May 1st

August 1st

November 1st

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Verses 15, 16 teach how the Body of Christ or the Church is constituted.

This is a powerful chapter for the ministry today, to keep us reminded of our calling, and the importance of our calling. This should behoove us to be before our Lord on our knees seeking Him for that Holy Ghost anointing, and that inspiration to minister the powerful Word of God.

*"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"* (Heb. 4:12).

I want to encourage all who are called into the ministry to be working and ministering. There are Rest Homes, Hospitals, Home prayer meetings and other various ways we can be working for the Lord and His Church. Begin praying and fasting, seeking the Lord for those open doors to minister. There is someone waiting for the gospel message, and you can be the one whom the Lord uses to bring that good news to them!

*"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen"* (Matt. 28:19, 20).

In John chapter 4, after Jesus had ministered to the Samaritan

woman at Jacob's well, His disciples returned and found Him speaking with this woman. By this time the Lord had touched this woman's heart, and she left to go back to her city to tell others about Jesus.

*"In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together"* (John 4:31-36).

It is our meat to do the will of the Father today. Our joy is in sharing this message with others.

If you are called into the ministry; the apostle Paul had this instruction for young Timothy and it applies to us today!

*"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry"* (2 Tim. 4:5).

**To the young ministers who are persuaded that God has called you: go in the faith of that calling, and the Lord will be with you and bless you as you obey the call on your lives!**

# MAXIMS

## *Tennessee VLB Coordinators—Chandler & Heather Fox*

What a wonderful year we have had so far in the Youth Department! We are so looking forward to all that God has in store for us as we finish out the rest of this year! Our new theme for the year is "Enemies On The Run" based on Judges Chapter 7.

Most teams in football have what they call "Maxims," short little sayings or phrases. One of the University of Tennessee's maxims is "Carry the fight to (the opposing team) and keep it there for 60 minutes" (the length of the game.) We can carry the fight to the enemy and keep it there! We don't have to wait for him to come to us. In the end, we win the battle. This year, let's fight this good fight together! Let's put the enemy on the run and let's KEEP him there!

If you were at Ministers Convention, you got to hear our big announcement; that we are so beyond excited to have a venue and dates locked in for a YOUTH RETREAT!!! We cannot wait to see what God has in store for us. Youth Retreat will be filled with fun, food, and just a beautiful time in The

Lord. It will be a relaxed environment to just spend quality time as a Youth Group and form wonderful bonds!

The dates will be February 15-17, 2019. It is for ages 12-35. The retreat will be held at the Cedars of Lebanon in Lebanon, Tennessee. Cost for retreat is \$50.

Please encourage all your Youth to come out and have an unforgettable weekend!

Pastors, please send us your emails or the emails of your Youth Leaders, so that we can send out the applications. Also mark your calendars for Youth Convention – May 3-4, 2019.

Please be in prayer for these events. We are so excited for the fun and fellowship, but more than anything, we want these weekends to be life changing in a huge way.

Don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions! Love and prayers to you all, Chandler and Heather Fox

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# THEMES?

## **Tennessee ABM Director — Kim Taylor**

I was thinking back over all the past themes of the Assembly Band Movement in recent years. Some at the General Level and some at the State Level. I was pondering why we utilize themes. So, of

course, I did what we all do, I googled it! Theme is defined as the main subject being discussed; a particular subject or issue that is discussed often or repeatedly; an idea, concept, or lesson that

appears repeatedly throughout a story, reflects the character's internal journey through external plot, and resonates with the reader. So why are themes important? If a story lacks a theme, the reader might not connect with it.

I get excited every time I get a new theme, whether it is for the ABM, the WMB, a Ladies Retreat or a service. I even get excited when developing a theme for decorating my house, painting a picture (by the way I'm terrible, but I love pretending to be an artist!), a get together and the list could go on and on and on.

This year's theme for the ABM is Till We All Come. Sister Cox shared her inspiration at the General Assembly as a band of soldiers climbing a wall and using their bodies as a ladder helping their troop get over. I'm going to be using a traffic light throughout the state this year. I hope you will be inspired to come up with something specific for your local church. After all, if we don't

have a theme, people may not connect with what we are trying to do.

I don't know what you are trying to do, but I'm trying to get to heaven and encourage as many people as I can on my journey there. So, I will continually:

Send Cards

Make hospital visits

Funeral visitations

Meals to the sick and shut-in

Nursing home visits

Check on those who miss service

Shake hands at church

Pray for souls

Share a smile

Be courteous and thoughtful

Go to Band Meetings

Whatever theme we choose from year to year the main subject of the ABM is to love and encourage one another until we all make it home. My prayer is that the ministry will thrive this year in visiting and encouraging the sheep we are responsible for!

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## GOD'S PRECIOUS WORD

*Tennessee Sunday School Coordinator — Edwina Slone*

How precious is the Word of God! No other book can change you to the point that you are a new creature! The Word of God, the Bible, is the only book that is alive! It is life to those who accept it!

As Sunday School teachers, you have the privilege to share the Word of life each and every Sunday! What an awesome responsibility God has laid before you!

The Bible tells us that we labour not in vain. Everything we do for

Jesus Christ has eternal value. You may very well be, the one, who will lead an unsaved person to Christ!

Had it not been for you, and the ministry of Sunday School, many would not have the opportunity to receive the Word of God on a regular basis.

I am excited about this upcoming year! We have wonderful Sunday School literature to teach, and with the Holy Ghost enabling us, the Word of God will be placed

in many peoples hearts this year!

*"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding" (Prov. 3:13).*

God's Word is truly wisdom and understanding!

There is no greater gift, you can give someone, than sharing the truths of the Bible with them. No matter the age of your attendants, God has promised us in Isaiah 55:11: *"So shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing where I sent it."*

You are God's vessel!

As you pray and study during the week in preparing to teach your Sunday School lesson, look for, and anticipate, the moving of the Holy Ghost, on you to teach, and on your class to receive! For we have no greater teacher, than the Holy Ghost.

Time spent in prayer and study is never wasted! God honors ALL of our efforts spent in preparing to present to others His Holy Word.

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).*

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## WHO IS SHE? SHE IS THE CHURCH OF GOD

*Tennessee C.P.M.A. Coordinator — Tim Blaylock*

"On October 20, 1941 at 11:50 a.m., the Church of Prophecy Marker Association was accepted by The Church of God as an auxiliary by unanimous agreement as recommended by the Questions and Subjects committee. Its purpose was to locate, mark, beautify, and maintain places of Biblical interest and other prominent places in the world in connection with the Church of God of the Bible. Further developments in the auxiliary would be worked out later."

CPMA is the auxiliary that specializes in keeping the vision of the Church clear and alive in the minds and hearts of all our members, while also encouraging each member to be "living markers" for

Jesus Christ and His Church as described in the Bible. In our CPMA services, we should concentrate on establishing our people in the doctrine of the Church and making the vision plain." (thoughts from the CPMA Leaders Handbook) Part of the doctrine of the Church is the "Body of Christ" (one body for all of the children of God who accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour). The Church of God is that one Body; she is the "Bride of Christ."

*"My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her. Who is she that*

*looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?"* (Song of Solomon 6:9).

In Song of Solomon 6:9, 10, we find a wonderful analogy of the Church and her beauty. Do you see her? She's beautiful. Everything about her is beautiful. Her doctrine is pure. Her doctrine is none other than the whole Bible (God's Word) rightly divided. She doesn't have man-made laws or doctrine, but her doctrine is God's Word and nothing else; in that she is undefiled. She is pure in and through the Truth of God's Word. We don't make laws or write new Scripture, but we interpret them through the Holy Ghost. We are judicial only, not legislative. We have no need for man's ideas or opinions, because they would defile the Beautiful Church of God.

The Scriptures also tell us that she *"is but one."* She is the chosen one. She was established by Jesus Christ, Himself, and given the commission to *"go ye"* into all the world with the whole truth leaving none of it out; *"teaching them to observe all thing whatsoever I have commanded you."* She is as terrible as an army with banners. She has been given all power to complete her commission, for her power lies in none other than her Maker, the One who established her—the Head—Jesus Christ Himself.

*"Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he"* (Prov. 29:18).

This verse of Scripture says *"where there is no vision, the people perish."* We need a vision,

or divine revelation, of the Church of God and her head, Jesus Christ. We need a divine revelation of her work while here on earth. In observing His commandments and teaching others to do the same, we will find ourselves to be happy in doing and obeying His Word.

*"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God"* (Eph. 3:9, 10).

In Ephesians 3:9, 10, we are instructed to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which was hid in God from the beginning. That mystery is speaking of Christ and the Church as described in Ephesians 5:23, 24, 32. The Church of God is the one Body for all of God's children unified in one faith, one doctrine, one baptism, and one Church for all. We are to declare the manifold wisdom of God, the whole truth.

*"And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it"* (Genesis 28:16-18).

With our visions clear and alive, we, too, can and need to declare



as Jacob did to this world, *"This is none other than the House of God"* with the authority and power of the Holy Ghost and fire (zeal).

I would like to encourage each local church to be 100% in CPMA memberships by state convention if possible, every member to be baptized with the Holy Ghost,

every church in Tennessee 100% filled with the Holy Ghost and each church to do something to beautify and maintain its building and property, for it too is a marker. I would like for each local church to conduct a week long CPMA revival where all the messages during the revival are about the Church (Church messages).

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## THE LIFEBOAT

*Tennessee WMB Coordinator — Missy Hawkins*

*"That whosoever believeth in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life" (John 3:15).*

*"O taste and see that the LORD is good..." (Psalms 34:8).*

Webster defines goodness as: "the quality of being good - morally sound or excellent, especially virtuous, godly, kind and benevolent; generous; sympathetic; well-behaved; dutiful." I like what Adam Clarke has to say about goodness - it is "the perpetual desire and sincere study, not only to abstain from every appearance of evil, but to do good to the bodies and souls of men to the utmost of one's ability."

Our world is changing dramatically every day. It seems as if there is a race to see who can be the most ungodly and immoral. The world does not see it this way, though, because these lifestyles are so accepted, and this is all that many know. What a great contrast the Church can be to this world. We do not want to blend in, but our goal should be to show them that there is a better way.

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness,*

*temperance: against such there is no law" (Gal. 5:22, 23).*

Someone once said, "What a man SAYS and what a man IS must stand together—must consist [be consistent]. His life can either ruin his lips or fill them with power. It is what men see that gives value to what we SAY. BEING comes before SAYING or DOING." Hypocrisy and confusion abound in the secular and denominational realms. People are running here and there trying to find peace and happiness but are becoming more drunk and sickened by the lies and heresy they hear. Certainly, *"...the way of transgressors is hard"* (Prov. 13:15). We have what they need.

Isn't it a wonderful thing to see someone who has suffered a long physical illness nursed back to health and regain their strength and be able to live a productive and fulfilling life? I experienced this with my father. He had a lengthy and life-threatening illness due to a serious fall but recovered

remarkably. Thank the Lord! It took a lot of care and nursing to get my dad back on his feet. I am thankful to have had a small part in this. What a rewarding feeling it is to have helped.

How much greater is it when helping to rescue a sin-sick soul and nurse them back to spiritual health? What a blessing to watch as their sorrow turns to joy and they begin living the life God desires for them!

While caring for my dad one of the main things we were concerned about was to make sure that he had good, healthy food. Even when he couldn't feed himself, we fed him. The Church of God has the good Word of God; let us proclaim it to a world that is dying. *"That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations"* (Psalms 67:2). Let us help them to *"taste and see that the Lord is good."*

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## INTO HIS PRESENCE

*Tennessee BTI Coordinator — Anna Blaylock*

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matt. 5:6).

Just as our natural bodies need nourishment, so do our spiritual bodies. What are you feeding yours? Let's increase our appetites

for the things that would feed our souls and make us spiritually stronger. God has plenty—we just need to "pull up a chair" and "come and dine." You are invited to the feast. Feast on His Word! Dig deep! May God bless you.

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## WHO IS ORDERING YOUR STEPS?

*Anaxios*

*"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD:  
and he delighteth in his way" (Psa. 37:23).*

How often do we make our choices based on how things appear? Just because a door is open, doesn't mean that God opened it. We must look to God for guidance in all things.

*"Shew me thy ways, O LORD;  
teach me thy paths" (Psa. 25:4).*

Sometimes it's best to miss an opportunity if God is not calling us to act. "Well, God didn't say I shouldn't," is no excuse. The enemy of our souls is the master of deception. He knows how to make us offers that we'll have a hard time refusing. He knows just how much

truth to add to make his deception logical, reasonable, acceptable. (Adam and Eve?)

Years of our lives can be wasted chasing dreams that will never bring us happiness—consider Paul. It may seem as if that perfect thing is right around the next corner, but it is always just out of reach. It's the enemy's job to keep our focus where he wants it, so that he can lead us to destruction. All too frequently, we miss out on God's blessings, because we're not focused on what's important. We may recognize the good but fail to



understand the source and fail to give God the glory.

Sometimes we are blinded to the hints from God to go a certain direction because of our own desires. We know what we want for ourselves, assume it's God's will and then blame any difficulties on the enemy, when they are often a result of our own choices. We can't choose our own path and expect God to bless it. We must find God's will. I heard a quote one time: "God, make me a part of what you're blessing."

Jesus tells us that in this world ye shall have tribulation. Not only His followers, not only the lost, but everyone in this world. It is our responsibility to seek out the source of every trial we face. Some are from God in order to strengthen us. Some are from the enemy in order to hinder us. And some may be for the benefit of others.

If we have gone off course, we would do well to find God's will and return to it. If we are in God's will, we must persevere through it. Any other action on our part will only hinder us and those around us. It is certain that, just as Jesus, we must be about the Father's business. But the enemy has plenty of non-sinful activities that can steal our time from the Lord's work. We can become so engaged in our work that we forget who it was that assigned the task (Even work for the Church).

It is critical that we spend time each day asking the Lord to guide our efforts, while He helps us to recognize the busy-work that the enemy tries to slip into our lives,

hoping we'll think it's from God. Is God first in our list of priorities? Does He have to plead with us in order for us to spend time in His Word, in our prayer closets, in His service? We WILL do whatever is important to us. If we come to the end of the day and have not spent time with God somehow and try to squeeze in a few minutes of prayer or Bible reading; whatever it was that kept us busy during the day, THAT is what was important to us; by biblical accounts, it has become our god. If all idols are not removed, our hearts will be divided, we will remain unclean, and we cannot please God in this condition.

How often do we mistake God's mercy toward us as reward for our own perceived faithful service? We would do well to search out our own shortcomings and seek God's face, before considering our lives well lived examples of faithfulness ... and then falling short in the end. Sometimes we see God's work in our lives as blessings, when, in fact, they are the outpouring of His mercy on His wayward children. Sometimes God will send His mercy to us in hopes of directing our attention back to Him as the source of all good things. If our spiritual eyes are not open, we will miss out on His eternal blessings, by and by.

We occasionally will cleave to the very thing in our lives that is hindering us, believing it to be God's will. In doing so, we greatly disrespect the mercy and grace that God made available through the death of His Son. We rarely see this while it is taking place, but

our hindsight is far clearer than our foresight when dealing with subtly of the enemy's tactics.

If we see that we have separated ourselves from God, we would do well to respond quickly. We must quickly recognize the shortcomings in our own lives, and in our families, then help them to prepare themselves to seek the Lord. If

we are not wholly dedicated to God, He is under no obligation to bless us.

As servants of God, we cannot allow our status as children of the King make us feel High and lifted up. We may not be perfect yet, but if our desire is always to please God and find his favor, we will be found faithful in the end.

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## NEWS FROM PORTLAND

The October World Mission Drive was emphasized the last weekend of October in a WMB Crusade, Workshop & Luncheon. Those present throughout the weekend were ushered into glorious, mighty moves of the Spirit of God through the powerful anointing on the preaching by guest evangelist & General Coordinator, Sharon Griffin and in the music ministry of her daughter, Victoria Rose.

Words cannot adequately be penned to describe the power of God present in every session. Victories were won, blessings received and discouragement was destroyed as souls yielded to the beckoning of the Lord in an altar of prayer. The Spirit of God was so powerful on Sunday that as the Holy Ghost moved through the filled congregation and a message and interpretation came forth. A young man answered the call into the preaching ministry and was set forth for his lay minister's license!

There was wave after wave of the Holy Ghost as the mantle of God (a visual used in demonstration of the message) to work for Him, to be used of Him, to receive His anointing was placed on person after person! Hallelujah!!!

The Ladies District-wide mission workshop & luncheon on Saturday included presentations from local church WMB leaders on getting out of the four walls of our churches and going into the highways and hedges... getting into the trenches and ministering to the hurting and lost!

The "go ye" Spirit of God settled deeper in our hearts as we were reminded men are crying, souls are dying and we must get out of our comfort zone! Included with the Spirit-filled presentations and preaching, the day also held much fun and laughter as we fellowshiped together over lunch and were challenged in a mission trivia contest.

Included in all that the Spirit of God did over the weekend, the October World Mission offering totaled over \$1,700!! To God Be The Glory! What a mighty God we serve!!! (Photos on back cover)

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