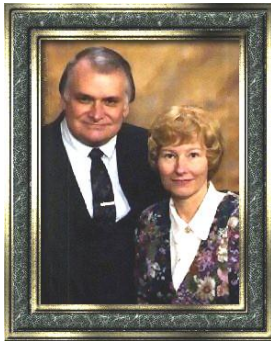


SPIRIT AND TRUTH



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Are Your Bells Ringing?

In the Old Testament we have the opportunity to see the exact detail of what the Lord desired of His Meeting place and how the priest was to minister in it. At the bottom of Aaron's robe were sewn in pomegranates and bells. [Ex 28:5](#) I believe the best reason for the bells and pomegranates is given as follows:

ⁱIn accordance with this, we are also to seek for allusions to the word and testimony of God in the pendant of pomegranates and bells attached to the fringe of the high priest's robe. The simile in [Pro 25:11](#), where the word is compared to an apple, suggests the idea that the pomegranates, with their pleasant odour, their sweet and refreshing juice, and the richness of their delicious kernel, were symbols of the word and testimony of God as a sweet and pleasant spiritual food, that enlivens the soul and refreshes the heart (compare [Psa 19:8](#); [Psa 119:25](#), [Psa 119:43](#), [Psa 119:50](#), with [Deu 8:3](#); [Pro 9:8](#)), and that the bells were symbols of the sounding of this word, or the revelation and proclamation of the word. Through the robe, with this pendant attached, Aaron was represented as the recipient and medium of the word and testimony which came down from heaven; and this was the reason why he was not to appear before the Lord without that sound, lest he should forfeit his life. It was not because he would simply have appeared as a private person if he had gone without it, for he would always have the holy dress of a priest upon him, even when he was not clothed in the official decorations of the high priest; but because no mere priest was allowed to enter the immediate presence of the Lord. This privilege was restricted to the representative of the whole congregation, viz., the high priest; and even he could only do so

when wearing the robe of the word of God, as the bearer of the divine testimony, upon which the covenant fellowship with the Lord was founded.

When we enter our pulpits to declare the precious Word of the Lord, do we focus the people's direction on the cross and HOLINESS TO OUR GOD or compromise with answers and questions of our own making? In these troubled times, we can mistakenly preach a message of combating the enemy on his turf, or direct the people to the Cross of Jesus Christ and His Atonement for the world. I hear time and again, ministers say we are Christian Nation. They point to our founding fathers and all the monuments and federal buildings that declare the Lord in one form or another. They forget what they preach from their pulpits that just because your parent or grandparent accepted the Lord, you are not a Christian, unless you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Today we are not a Christian Nation, but, oh, what a mission field Our Lord has given us. It begins with our neighbor, a friend, the clerk at the store, the child that is open to hear the truth.

I watch in amusement, those who believe that if we can just get all the people that go to church or call themselves Christians, to holler loud enough, we can make the government change. Our task is not that easy. Our founding fathers of this great nation had a personal relationship with the Lord. The people that elected them had a personal relationship with the Lord. **THAT IS WHY WE WERE A CHRISTIAN NATION!** Today, our leaders for the most part do not have a personal, let alone, a public relationship with Jesus. And friend, that has nothing to do with a moral stand or a particular political party. Many churches and pulpits are filled with people that have a head knowledge but no relationship with the Creator, so they pick and choose what part of the precious Word of God, they choose to believe. They turn church services into great motivational speeches of being a better you, when their souls are lost and damned for eternity.

Pastor / Preacher it is time to take a real good look at the following:

First, is your life in order? Have you asked the Lord lately to take an inventory of things that you need Him to clean out of your life? Have you truly sought the Lord for what you should be preaching, or are you taking short cuts? When you preach next, I pray that the congregation will hear the **bells ringing because the priest is in the presence of the Lord.**

Second, the fact that someone has a profession of faith doesn't mean they have had a Christ altering - transformation in their life. A true Christian will be walking in a life that is growing and changing in the maturity of the Lord.

Third, have the members of your church/group received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, or have they been left in a child like growth not having the power and authority of the Baptizer to change this world?

Our Nation will only once again be a Christian Nation when the nation as a whole has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Godly people will elect Godly people to represent them. It is time to tell the truth. We are not a Christian Nation, but we can once again become one, **ONE SOUL AT A TIME.** You can march for morality. You can declare righteousness from the roof tops, **BUT** if you are not winning souls to Jesus Christ, **YOU FAILED** the final exam.

Luke 10:2-9 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers *are* few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. (3) Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. (4) Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. (5) And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace *be* to this house. (6) And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. (7) And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to

house. (8) And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: (9) And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

ENTER HIS GLORY 2009 SEDALIA MO AUGUST 11,12,14. This is one conference you won't want to miss. The Registration Form is attached in PDF AND DOC The doc is fillable with Microsoft Word. We pray you can make it. Please send in the registration as soon as possible so we can plan to make this the best yet.

NEW MEMBERS

UNITED STATES



REV PHYLLIS SKIRVIN - ORDAINED MINISTER – HESPERIA, CA
Pastor Phyllis fills her time by ministering At Victory Outreach, Orchard Christian Church, and Kairos Prison Ministry. I have been call to Evangelize the gospel in the prophetic ministry. I also have been called to support my Pastor in any capacity that is needed. I preach at my Church, teach Wednesday nights make hospital visits. I have had the privilege to stand behind the pulpit everyweek in one capacity or another. I have performed marriage and buriels. But I have no problem supporting and holding up the Senior Pastor at Victory Outreach or my home Chruuch.

She has a passion for the that overflows this general bishop with great joy. Besides a full ministry Phyllis operates 2 flower shops and has accepted the responsibility of developing the Doctoral Program at our Bible College.

“Find a busy person and you will find someone who gets things done.” Author unknown

BIBLE COLLEGE NEWS

This year I had a tough decision to make. I conferred with my Council of Elders in regards to ACEA (Apostolic Council of Educational Accountability.) The cost each year is just about \$1,200 - \$1,400 and yet because of our size of our college, the cost was not being justified. Also, ACEA though they require peer review much as those private groups which accredit colleges, was not willing to say they accredited a school. Now, I never desired governmental sanctioned accreditation because those groups are NOT our peers and do look upon the heart and spiritual focus but rather the outward secular appearance.

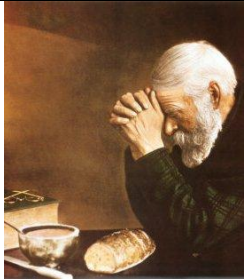


With great respect for ACEA and what they stand for, they were not meeting our need for the cost involved. So this year we will no longer be recognized by ACEA.

Now for the good news. Because my Council of Elders and staff administration stressed the importance for our students to have a college with Peer Accreditation we are now a “Candidate College” with the Accrediting Commission International from Bebee, AR. The same state our College is established in. Go FIGURE! Isn't God good? We will have our on-site review prior to our convention in August. We are joining an Accreditation Agency that has 301 colleges/schools in 8 countries which will accept each other's credits. This will triple what we had under ACEA and yet on a financial basis be 1/3 of the cost annually.

PRAYER REQUEST:

BISHOP ORDUSON: Finances for new vehicle. BISHOP DAVID ESLICK: Health
BISHOP FARRONE: Finances and wisdom for some difficult decisions. BISHOP DAVID SHALE: Health
BISHOP TY TICE: Health and strength. MARY CARLSON: Finances to get her son back.
BISHOP AWODI: Finances and more students DONNY QUERIN: Total Health



Memory Verse

John 4:35-36 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.

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ⁱ Keil and Delitzsch commentary on the Old Testament