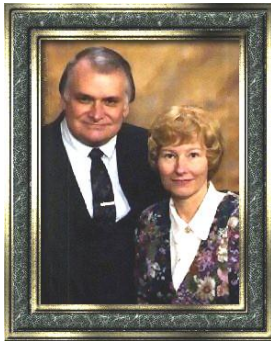


# SPIRIT AND TRUTH



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**FROM GENERAL BISHOP TY  
AND ASSOC. BISHOP BETSY TICE**

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## **Are you UNDER AUTHORITY?**

The last devotion I sent out was from Larry Rice an evangelist who pastored a church for 18 years. When I looked up the word enthusiasm in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, I was blown away when the first definition was "belief in special revelation from the Holy Spirit." Today, too many in the church are seeking NEW revelation rather than Special Revelation from the Holy Spirit. As I was pondering that, I realized that is how the church in America has become carnal. We have, in essence, become gods in our universe, separating ourselves from the authority of the Holy Spirit.

In II Chronicles 7:14 the very first act of having our land healed is to "humble ourselves." When we set pride aside, we open up the communication line to the Father, and He then answers by the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 8:8-10 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. (9) For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. (10) When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.*

At this point, the centurion put himself under the authority of Jesus for the healing of his servant. Jesus marveled at this level of understanding and called it faith. Today, I ask each of the ministers and student of Full Gospel Restoration. ARE YOU A MAN OR WOMAN UNDER AUTHORITY? Are you seeking something new to bedazzle the church with or fully seeking the Holy Spirit within to give that understanding of the Holy Bible that will call man to repentance and seek his help from the Lord? Or are you focusing on how men will

look to you because God has so blessed you with special understanding? If it is the latter, you are so filled with pride that Lucifer is your father.

Success as we, the church, see it is often as Webster defines, “a measure of succeeding with a favorable outcome.” Because we have built cathedrals in which the “cathedra” (throne of authority) is the people themselves, a deacon board, or the pastor, we have limited our success to their ability. Sometimes the results become huge buildings with congregations of thousands patting themselves on the back for all the world to see.

Then we have TRUE SUCCESS! *Matthew 7:21-24 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (22) Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? (23) And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (24) Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:*

We as Pentecostals and Charismatic love to tell how many spoke in tongues, how many were slain in the Spirit, how many were healed, and so on, however, my beloved, if we aren't winning souls to the King of Kings we have miserably failed in our calling. The evangelist that I spoke of earlier in this article said that whenever he goes to a restaurant, he will tell the waiter or waitress the following, “It is our custom to pray to the Lord before we eat. Is there anything you have need of that we could pray for?” He said he has had people kneel and take their hands and pray with them, others would ask for prayer for a few things, and one asked if she could write out a list, which she did on a paper napkin. My pastor will ask, “Do you know my Jesus? Then he follows up with, “If Jesus came right now, do you know if you would go to heaven?”

The second part of BEING UNDER AUTHORITY, is submitting yourself to “Godly Men and Women” that the Lord has placed over you for YOUR protection. As the General Bishop of Full Gospel Restoration, I realized after our last conference that too many ministers were not growing spiritually, so we started to place Mentor Pastor over every new minister that joined hands with Full Gospel Restoration. I have watched not only the new ministers but also the Mentor Pastor themselves grow in leaps and bounds. We began sharing discussions on certain topics, not to come up with something NEW, but to have the Holy Spirit give us the Father's wisdom and understanding.

The third part of BEING UNDER AUTHORITY, is asking yourself if your VISION is big enough to be a part of someone else's VISION. Most of you have placed your ministry under the authority of Full Gospel Restoration Ministers and Churches. So your vision also becomes our and ours yours. What about your personal life? I will use myself as an example. As General Bishop, my congregation becomes you, with my focus on pastors for their personal growth. I do not pastor a church so I must be a part of the body also, so I place myself under the authority of my pastor, Johnny Murphy. He was sharing with me his vision for his church. Our church averages about 100 at most Sunday services. We already have 3 jail ministry outreaches, a nursing home outreach, a food pantry, clothing ministry, produce distribution to over 100 families, etc. Yet his vision is for park outreaches, tent crusades, work training programs, and a food kitchen.

Pastor Johnny and I were talking on Tuesday at the revival, and wondering where Tony and Gracie were? Last night Tony showed up at the revival telling about how many got saved at the women's jail, Tuesday night. Pastor and I had totally forgotten that was where they were. Tony response was, “Revival or no Revival, the work has to go forth!” How wonderful when a pastor can raise up men and women of God who will do the work so effectively that the pastor doesn't even have it in the forefront of his mind. As I rejoiced with Tony over the souls won to Jesus, I couldn't help but realize that I am a part of Pastor Johnny's vision also as a member of Flower Acres Baptist church when I go out to minister to the churches that the Lord has put under my care, I am also allowing my vision to be a part of fulfilling someone else's vision.

Ephesians 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

I ask you two questions and I pray the answer is YES and YES.

1. Will you be a man or woman of God, UNDER AUTHORITY?
2. Will your vision be BIG ENOUGH to also be the fulfillment of someone else's vision?

## **Under the Authority of a Compassionate God**

By

**Bishop Elizabeth C. Tice**

If we are to possess the land, God must possess us. Romans 12 gives us not only a listing of the gifts but also describes the manner in which they are to be used and the manner in which we are to conduct our lives. Most of us would prefer to skip the first few verses on submission and total surrender and go to the gifts and doing part. Why is that? I contend that it is due in large part to holding an improper view of our God. The first trick of the enemy in the Garden of Eden was to impugn God's character. He called God a liar, and Eve, and subsequently Adam, fell for it. He said, "Hath God said?" In this case, satan not only called God a liar but also implied that God would not punish sin. This is one of the errors today. God is viewed as a sort of Santa Claus in the sky who will allow us to flaunt His commandments, as well as the death of His Son, and live our own lives according to "our" standards and choosing. Then, there is the other false belief that God is unfeeling, mean, unreasonable, vindictive, capricious, etc., etc. Either view of God is not likely to produce a genuine submission on our part. In this article, I would like to address the second issue by looking at the compassionate side of God. Let us especially look at God the Father in this respect.

Recently, I have been reading a book entitled Crisis and Trauma Counseling by Dr. H. Norman Wright. In it, he states, "The death of a child has been called the ultimate bereavement." (p.285) With this in mind God the Father suffered the "ultimate bereavement" in the death of His Son. The worst tragedy that we might encounter in life has been felt by Father God.

There is a song written that says, "When Ten Thousand Angels Cried" in referring to the suffering and death of Jesus on the Cross. I'm quite sure that God the Father was weeping too. At the death of Lazarus, it is said, "Jesus wept." Since Jesus is God, it is no stretch to say that God weeps too.

Another way to see the compassion of God and His great love for us has to come from the recognition that Jesus is God. He stated clearly, "I and My Father are one. He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." To comprehend the Father's love for us, let us then look at the life, death, and words of Jesus and apply these to the Father, as well. We must stop dichotomizing the character of God. While the persons in the Godhead may have different functions, they share one character. We must stop viewing God as the

angry lawgiver, bent on destroying the world, and Jesus as the gentle fellow holding the lambs.

Let us study the compassion of Jesus, ascribe it to the Father and Holy Spirit, as well, to give us the courage and understanding to approach Him with our grief, concerns, dreams, and needs. Then, and only then, can we surrender to His will and path for our lives. Then, and only then, can we lay down our religion for relationship.

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**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.**

**Bishop Stone says the Best Western had very good accommodations. We suggest that you place your reservations there, EARLY.**

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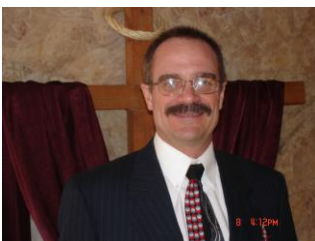
## **NEW MEMBERS**

### **UNITED STATES**



**REV DUANE P ALLEMAN - LICENSED MINISTER – Plaquemine, LA**  
Mentor Pastor – Pastor Chrystal Welch and Billy Welch, Revival Fires Church

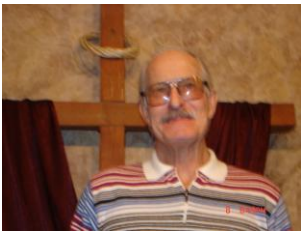
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**REV ROBERT ORIET - ORDAINED MINISTER – Jefferson City, MT**

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Mentor Pastors – Bishop David Eslick and Bishop Alan Gilda. (They are all friends ;^).



**REV TERRY ELLIS - ORDAINED MINISTER** – Helena, MT

Associate Pastor – Worship House of the Rockies.

Mentor Pastor – Bishop David Eslick.

**Welcome our newest Bible College students and Lay Ministers**

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Eglise Souffle de vie( Breath of life church) French speaking

**BIBLE COLLEGE NEWS**

**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 314 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.



**MAY UPDATE:** Because we are getting everything ready for the “accreditation review” we are changing our workbooks that go with each course. The only book that is totally without error is the Holy Bible. It is important that our students learn to think critically as to whether or not each chapter lines up with the Word. The new workbooks will ask the student on each chapter; what the author was communicating; what scripture did he use to support his idea; and did it line up with the Holy Bible and if not why and according to what Scriptures.

Some of the courses are being discontinued for the following reasons:  
Books are no longer in print.  
The author has gone into doctrinal heresy.  
The author is suggesting that some of biblical characters were having homosexual affairs.

The authors own lifestyle has compromised his message. (This does not include those who have repented and are now doing will of the Father.)

**NEW COURSES WE HAVE ADDED OR REPLACED**

BIB211 Walking in Power, Love, and Discipleship (1 & 2 Timothy and Titus) By: Kay Arthur, David Lawson, Bob Vereen More in Inductive & Kay Arthur Series

BIB301 Pentateuch From Paradise to the Promised Land, 2d ed.: An Introduction to the Pentateuch by T. Desmond Alexander

BIB302-BIB303 Handbook on the Historical Books: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra-Nehemiah, Esther

BIB304 The Bible Exposition Commentary, Old Testament Wisdom & Poetry  
By: Warren W. Wiersbe

BIB305 Introduction to the Prophets  
By: Paul L. Redditt

BIB306 The Life of Christ: The Smart Guide to the Bible Series  
Edited By: Larry Richards Ph.D.  
By: Robert C. Girard

BIB307 The Book of Acts: The Smart Guide to the Bible Series  
Edited By: Larry Richards Ph.D.  
By: Robert C. Girard

BIB308 Paul and the Prison Epistles: The Smart Guide to the Bible Series  
Edited By: Larry Richards Ph.D.  
By: Kathy Collard Miller

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

BISHOP ORVILLE STONE: Restored strength from bout with Shingles.

PASTOR CHRYSTAL WELCH: Health. Billy's total recovery from back injury.

BISHOP ORDUSON: Finances for new vehicle.

BISHOP DAVID ESLICK: Health

BISHOP FARRONE: Finances and wisdom for some difficult decisions.

BISHOP DAVID SHALE: New responsibilities with the Bible College

BISHOP TY TICE: Health and strength.

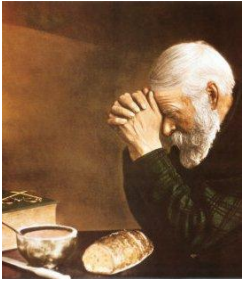
BISHOP AWODI: Finances and more students

DONNY QUERIN: Total Health

PASTOR BEN KINCHEN: Health and strength to lead his new church.

UPCOMING FGRMC CONFERENCES: U.S. August 11-13, 2009 Nigeria October 25-November 8, 2009

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## 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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