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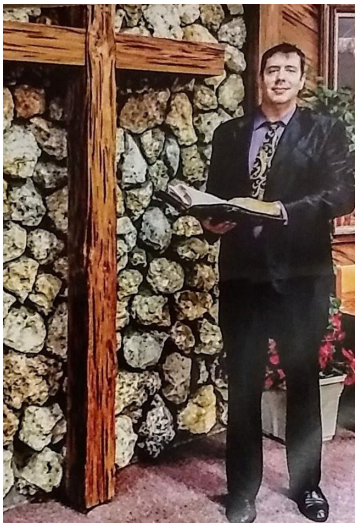
MARANATHA SERMONS AND NEWS

ACTS 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:



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MAN IN THE MIDDLE
By Pastor Troy Wiley

It was the ultimate fulfillment of prophecy. The Messiah. He became the man in the middle. One thief on his left and another on his right. And there in the middle, the Son of God, lifted up between heaven and Earth. Christ is the man in the middle. He is the man, the God-man in between the throne of God and earth.

The thief on one side was praying to live. He said if you are Christ, save yourself and save us also. The thief on the other side, he was praying to die, or praying concerning his death. He said to the Lord, when you are come into your kingdom, remember me.

The man in the middle was all about the will of God. From the cradle to the cross, the purposes of God was the purpose of his life. He had prayed the night before he died, not my will but thy will be done. He was there in the middle, just as it was prophesied between two thieves. He was dying of crucifixion, just as David had prophesied hundreds of years before. He was partaking of death that you and I might live.

The man in the middle, Christ Jesus, he had the first gospel tract over top of his head, nailed on his cross. It was written by Pilot. Pilot said I find no fault in him. He wrote and said this man is King of the Jews. There was the gospel, published upon the first tract. Christ Jesus, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. There he was, in the middle, dying.

Right in the middle of whatever you're facing today, if you will look in faith, you can find Christ. If you are a believer, the Bible says all things work together for good, to them that love the Lord. If you are not a believer, he is still right there in the middle, His Word says He is the God of all flesh, and he said, all souls are mine. He is in the middle today my friend, between the warfare that is going on in the heavens, between the forces of light and the powers of darkness, he

is the one that is in the middle between the curse of sin, that is upon the Earth, and the call of God to redeem fallen man. Christ is the one in the middle.

When we look back at his life, according to the scriptures, we always find him in the middle. When he was born, he was in the middle of controversy. The wise men saw his star, the sign of his coming. The wicked King moved in fear, to slay all of the male children in Bethlehem, under 2-years-old. Christ was right there in the middle of the struggle. The controversy between the Kingdom of God, and the powers of darkness, Christ was right there in the middle. Then again when he was 12-years-old, when his mother and his siblings could not find him, he was right there in the middle of God's will. He was standing in the temple, speaking to the doctors and the lawyers, declaring the scriptures. He said who is my mother, and my brother, except he that does the will of my Father.

And when he was at the last supper, Satan had asked for Peter, to sift him as wheat, sitting at the table with Christ. And Judas had sopped with him in the dish, and Satan put it in his heart, to betray the Lord for 30 pieces of silver. Again, we find Christ right there in the middle.

And as we look into the future, we will find him in the middle again. Coming to catch away his church, his bride. He will make an appearance in the sky, in between the heavens and the earth, and the Bible says unto them that look for him, shall He appear, the Second Time. Are you ready for the man in the middle?

THE EASTER SEASON
By Pastor Troy Wiley

The Easter season has once more and again come upon us. What a blessing to see the seasons change before our very eyes in the natural. And what a great opportunity we have to pause in the spirit and see the changes that God is bringing forth in the spirit realm, in connection with the Easter season.

There is a contrast always between the suffering and the blessing. There is always relation between the price to pay, and the payoff that comes when the blessing comes forth. We reap what we sow, in the natural and in the spiritual. If we sow to the Spirit, we will reap peace and life everlasting.

The blessing of the Lord maketh rich and he adds no sorrow there too. All of the suffering that Christ endured, which led up to his physical death, the resurrection and the power of the Resurrection was and is the proof of his deity. If we suffer with him, we will reign with him. When we endure the hardship and suffering in his name and for his glory, then he will arise with healing in his wings, and we will come forth in his resurrection power.

One of the beautiful things about the Easter season, is the willingness of Christ to suffer by faith and in faith. Faith without works is dead. Christ was willing to endure suffering, to the extent that no individual had ever suffered before. The

just shall live by faith. He was willing to believe for God's will to be done, despite what it cost him in his physical body.

When he had paid the ultimate price, and he said it is finished, he was glorified in the manifestation of the Resurrection, which was shortly to come. In other words, in order to be raised up, we must endure by faith.

Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission for sin. He endured the cross, suffering unto death so that in him we may live and move and have our being. He said I am come that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly.

Even now, for those of us who are enduring suffering, and going through different kinds of suffering, by faith and in faith, there is a glory coming forth. There is a glory to sustain us, and there is a glory which will be even more visible, in the resurrection of our life, both now and in eternity. We are raised up with him.

The Pearl Hall Sunday School Class

NEW BEGINNINGS AT MARANATHA – HAPPY BIRTHDAY PASTOR PEARL HALL
By Pastor Troy Wiley

As Easter approaches, the inspiration of Christ's Resurrection, always brings to pass the expectation of new beginnings, in the body of Christ. Every day that we live, his mercies are new, and his compassions fail not. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever. As we look unto this Easter, the members of Maranatha also have appreciation for the things that God is doing in this season for us.

To look back briefly, in the late 1980's, our founder Pastor Pearl B. Hall had evangelized for many years. God gave her a very successful evangelistic career. Anyone could have stopped at the place where she was at that point in her ministry, and could have been seemingly very satisfied. She had evangelized all over the country, recorded several gospel albums, and in the early 1980's, she birthed and established her first church in Fayetteville.

While she was holding Revival in Georgia, God deeply dealt with her concerning a second Church in Raeford, North Carolina. She was up all hours of the night, prevailing in prayer, concerning this call to establish a second church. Finally, she consecrated to God's purposes, and accepted his will concerning this new work. Upon returning to North Carolina, following a very successful Revival in Georgia, she located a house over in the Fieldcrest area of Raeford, near Scurlock, and started a work there. By 1990, she was the pastor of this same work, in a brand-new church, in the same location that Maranatha is presently, off Highway 211, over 30 years later.

Recently, in one of our Sunday morning services, during Sunday School, I was inspired to consider in my spirit, the reality of all the blood, sweat and tears that Sister Pearl put in, and her husband, Brother Tommy, for the many years that she led the church. Under her leadership, God blessed tremendously. There is nothing that can be said, except to God be the glory. Sister Pearl would want all of the glory, and honor, to be ascribed unto the name of the Lord. As her birthday approaches, which is April the 17th, it was impressed in my heart to consider our Sunday School Department. We have many young children in our Sunday

School ministry presently. And we will be naming our Sunday school class in honor of our founder. Please enjoy the picture of The Pearl Hall Sunday School Class. This is a very fitting tribute to the handmaiden of the Lord, who I knew and worked with for many years. I have the privilege of pastoring this church in Raeford, and God has given her a great legacy. This church, Maranatha in Raeford, was under her leadership until her passing in 2016, at age 90. Happy birthday Sister Pearl!

Pastor Pearl Hall, from her days as an Evangelist

WIDE MOUTHED JARS ARE EASILY FILLED
By Pastor Pearl Hall

Psalms 81:10-16, "I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. But my people would not hearken to my voice; And Israel would none of me. So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: And they walked in their own counsels. Oh that

my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways! I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries. The haters of the Lord should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured forever. He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee."

Growing up as a country girl, I learned to can foods in the summer for the cold winter months. Mother didn't believe that anything should be wasted. So everything that we couldn't eat, she would put into jars. Mother taught us girls, that a wife could throw more out the back door with a teaspoon, than a husband could shovel in the front door with a shovel. So, like mother, I have done a lot of canning through the years. I have found from experience, that it is so much easier and much less time consuming to can with big mouth jars. They became my favorite because they were so much easier to clean, and to fill. It's the same way when the Lord told Israel, "Open your mouth wide and I will fill it." God desires to bless his people. We have not, because we ask not. He can't put food in the mouth, that will not open. Did you ever watch a nest full of baby birds? They will be, oh so quiet, until that mother bird comes flying back to the nest with food in her mouth, then those baby birds get so excited, and chirp like crazy, and all of their mouths open just wide as they can open it. The mother bird puts the food in their big mouth, and flies away to get some more. It is fascinating, just to sit and watch how eager they are to be fed. It must be a real joy to that mother bird, to see those little mouths wide open, waiting to be fed. It's no wonder she hurries off to find more food.

We could surely learn from these little creatures. All the Lord is asking, is a chance to bless us. Widen the desires and expectations of your heart and the Lord will keep on pouring it on. The Psalmist said in 119:131, "I opened my mouth, and panted: for thy commandments." Wide open mouths, along with hungry, panting hearts always gets the blessing, because they make known their need unto the Lord. They wait with wide open mouths, and the Lord feeds them until

their hearts are full, and running over. They lay hold on heaven, and believe that God is all sufficient to satisfy the longing in their souls.

The Lord has not only invited us to come, but to come boldly to the throne of grace. Oh, how the Lord looked upon Israel, and longed to subdue their enemies, longed to pour his blessing upon them. He said then, "The haters of the Lord should have submitted themselves unto him." Did you hear what he said? If he could have blessed Israel, as he desired to do, then the God haters would have seen it, and would have turned to the Lord. But Israel would not listen to the Lord, or have anything to do with him.

A sinner, that goes to hell, will not go there because there was no way for his escape, but because he simply refused to turn unto the Lord, and would have no part of him. No one goes to hell, but they that refuse to go to heaven, because the price has already been paid, to assure you a place in heaven and Jesus invites you to come. Let whosoever will, come and take of the Water of Life freely. "With honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee." Out of the hard places of our lives, God will bring forth honey. Out of the hardest afflictions flow the sweetest streams. From the sufferings of Calvary flow the sweet dreams of love, mercy and grace.

The Lord declares in his word that there is nothing too good for his children. Romans 8:32 says, "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"

But only those who allow the Holy Spirit to control their lives, can receive the things of the Spirit. Either we kill sin, or sin will kill us. But if we will open our mouths wide, and yield our hearts fully to the Lord; He will pour His blessing upon us without measure. Oh, what a mighty God we serve!

David, thou sweet Psalmist, would you let me help you sing, page 34 in your hymnal? The one that goes like this, "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: The

humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all of his troubles. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and deliverth them. O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. Come, ye children, harken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and deliverth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants, and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate. The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate", Psalm 34. Thanks David, we will have to do that one again sometime soon.

I am so glad that I know the Lord Jesus, not only as Savior, but as the most precious friend I have ever had. I will open my mouth wide and sing his praises. I will tell of his goodness everywhere I go. Only the righteous can know the real joy of living. Only the redeemed can wear a smile, all the time, regardless of circumstances. Only the blood washed can dwell in the secret place of the Most High, resting securely in his loving arms, until the storms of life have passed over. My daughter said to me, "Mother you

have led a very sheltered life." And I thought, "You are right, sheltered in the arms of Jesus."

Living in this troubled society of which we find ourselves apart, we need the comfort and security that only the peace of God can bring. I have just read with amazement, in the morning paper, that a six-year-old has been arrested for assaulting a teacher, and where a nine-year-old kicked, punched, and slapped a principal at the school. Troubled homes, produce troubled children, but if we will open our mouths wide, the Lord will bring us to the banqueting house, where his banner over us is love. "Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the apple tree: There thy mother brought thee forth: There she brought thee forth that bare thee. Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: For love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: The coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: If a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned." Song of Solomon 8:5-7.

Here is a picture of the bride and the bridegroom, coming up together, out of the wilderness, her leaning on her beloved, their backs to the wilderness, and their faces toward Spice Mountain. What a lovely sight! She is not alone, he is her strength. Oh, saint of God, do you grasp the true meaning? Christ has gone down into the wilderness of sin, and has brought us up out of it. But we will never be able to make it out on our own. We must lean on him, turning our backs to the wilderness, of the world, with our faces toward the Father's House. Christ speaks of his jealous love for the bride, that will not tolerate any infidelity on her part, but assures her, that his love for her, was of such magnitude, that no power on Earth could quench it.

The love of God, so rich and pure, so measureless, and strong. It shall forevermore endure, the saints and angels song.

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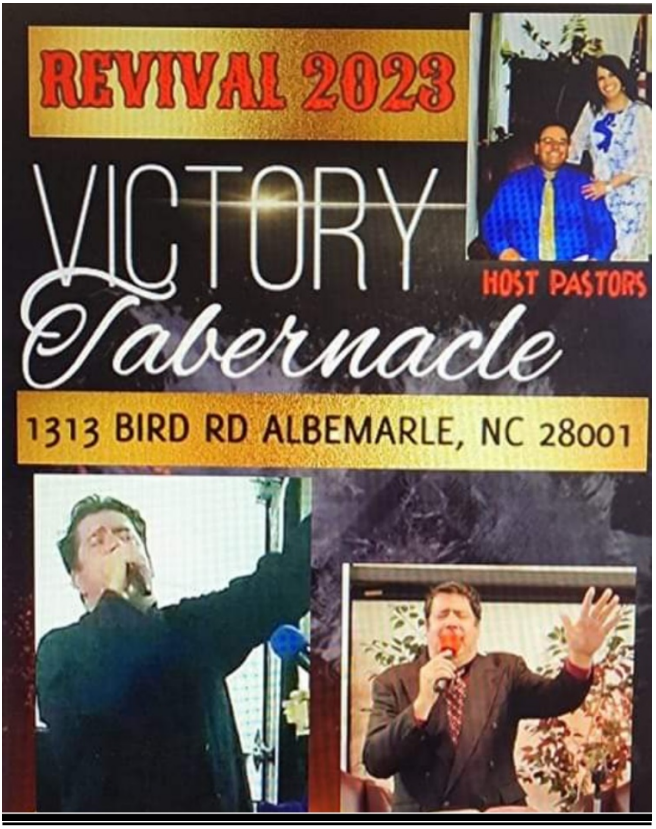
Shiloh Tabernacle of Carthage

Apostle Troy to minister at the Flame of Fire Outreach Ministry International *See April Events on Page 14*



Apostle Troy to minister at Victory Tabernacle *See April Events on Page 14*

APRIL EVENTS

Sunday, April 16th, 10:30am & 6pm
Monday & Tuesday, April 17th-18th, 7pm
Apostle Troy will render revival services at Victory Tabernacle
1313 Bird Rd, Albemarle, NC

Friday, April 21st, 7pm
Apostle Troy will minister at International Fire Ministries, 610 Cedar Creek Rd, Suite 110, Fayetteville, NC

Saturday, April 29th
Women's Conference
Maranatha True Holiness Church, 979 Aberdeen Road, Raeford, NC

Saturday, April 29th, 7:30pm
Apostle Troy will minister at 251 Curry St, Mebane, NC

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE AND LOCATION

Sunday Services at 12 Noon, Maranatha True Holiness Church, 979 Aberdeen Road Hwy 211, Raeford, NC.
Tuesday night weekly service, Maranatha True Holiness Church 7:30pm.
Wednesday night weekly service, Shiloh Tabernacle, 704 Harris Street, Aberdeen, NC 7:30pm.
Thursday night weekly service, Shiloh Tabernacle,10410 Shannon Rd, Shannon, NC 7:30pm.
Friday night weekly service, Shiloh Tabernacle, 219 Pete Kelly Road, Carthage, NC 7:30pm.

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