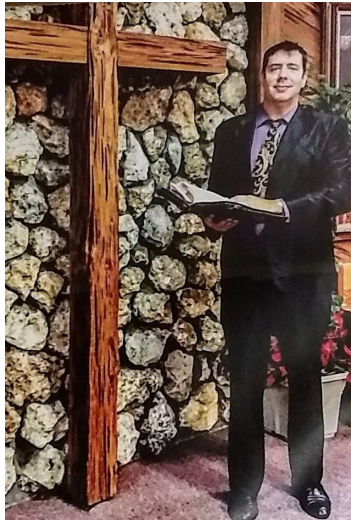


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ACTS 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:



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MOTHER'S DAY

By Pastor Troy Wiley

The blessing of knowing your mother is not possible for everyone. The blessing of having a mother is the design and destiny of God in each of our lives. We all have a mother in the natural, and many of us have been blessed to have other women who also are like mothers to us in life. Whichever the case, Mothers are divinely appointed.

God told Adam, this is woman, she was taken out of the man. God ordained the one to become two, and then by the covenant of marriage, the two become one again. The rib that the Lord took from the man, was formed into the woman. And the man and the woman, then through the ordained Will of God, became one again.

This is the plan of God spiritually for man and his descendants. There are other ways that we try to achieve it, but this is the way it is done when it's in line with the Word of God. The mother is the heart of the home. And that man, he is supposed to be the head.

The mother has the appointed position to cause life to be made manifest after conception. The first woman was so called by God, "The Mother of all living". From this scripture we know and understand that God ordained the Mother to be the instrument through which God makes life possible. One must notice that this life, the life which God brings forth through the woman, is not possible if there is just a woman. Nor is it possible if there is just a man. But God's plan is the man and the woman, and these two first becoming one, through the covenant of marriage. And thus, the Bible says, "Except the Lord build the house, they that labor, labor in vain".

The question is asked today, where have the homes gone? Where is the family home today? However, the real question is not where is the home, or where is the family. Simply put, the mother and the father are not in place, and therefore the home is compromised.

Compatibility is not just a sexual quality. Attraction is not supposed to be the primer to a relationship. What you have in common is not the bottom line either. There is more to it than that. Far more. That man and that woman, they must allow God to work in them, from the inside out. They have got to submit themselves first to God

individually, and then as it is his will, he brings them together spiritually, until there is such strength there that God, and God alone builds the house, that is there life as one in him, divinely united together. That which God hath joined, let no man set it asunder.

The mother has the ability to make or break that home. She is the chosen vessel of God to bring life forth, from within the womb, to the appointed days of man's life here in the flesh. It is the mother who feels that child move within her. It is the mother who bleeds to bring that child forth in delivery, and it is the mother who impacts that child first. What goes into the mother, while she is pregnant, goes into that child. Thus, as the Bible says, that mother is the mother of all living.

There is definitely a connection between that mother and that child that transcends time and eternity. For example, as Christ was about to die on the cross, he looked upon his mother, as she beheld his suffering, and then he looked upon John, his disciple, the Bible says, "The disciple who the Lord loved". And then he said, "Woman, behold thy son, and son behold thy mother". And Mary, the mother of our Lord, the Bible says, she went to that disciple's house, from that day on. The bond between a mother and her son can be so real, that death can be put on hold until the dying knows that all is well.

Hannah in the Bible, she in her desperation prayed a sacrificial prayer. She said God if you give me a son, I will give him back to you all of his days. God remembered Hannah, she had a son named Samuel. And then she remembered God. She gave him back to God, and he was raised up in the temple at Shiloh. Her willingness to honor God, was the means to produce Samuel, one of the mightiest prophets who ever lived.

Mothers are divinely appointed by God, and no other person can ever take mother's place.



Twin girls that are a blessing to our church.

THE ELDERS, OUR SPIRITUAL LEGACY By Pastor Troy Wiley

The years pass by, and time keeps moving. The seasons of life come and go. The changes that time brings present themselves, and things do not remain the same. This is for all of us, in every walk of life. But concerning the church, the legacy that one generation leaves for the next is of great importance.

Elijah told Elisha that he had asked a hard thing. Elisha said he wanted a double portion. In the end, his request was granted, but it cost him. He passed the test and the legacy that he received was overflowing. When the mantle fell back to the earth, Elisha picked it up. This was God's plan. It was not passed on from Prophet to Prophet, or person to person. God called Elisha and put him under the Prophet Elijah. And finally, the mantle was passed from the fiery chariot that raptured Elijah, back down to the earth to the only prepared individual, Elisha.

Spiritual legacy is not like the fairy tales of the world. The legacy of God invested from one generation to the next, cannot be passed

by human will. It must be God's will. For it is God which works in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

The elderly generation of the church has something to pass on to the generation that is forthcoming. It will not be transferred simply because one is leaving, and another one is coming on the rise. The mantle that is upon the leaders of today, will only be conveyed to the leadership of tomorrow, as God sees fit.

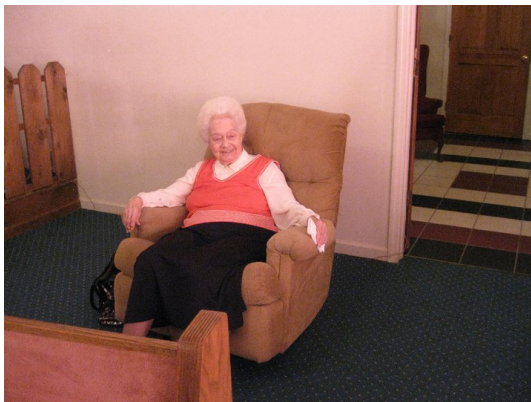
In the economy of God, he adds the increase by his Spirit. Paul may plant, and Apollos may water, but it is God that adds the increase. He chooses his vessels. He ordains his favor upon his appointed vessels according to his own will. His anointing is not given simply by the touch of man's hand, the Word of God says, not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord.

During the years that I have spent in church work, both as pastor and evangelist, I have noticed that when the elders are called home, the church goes through a shift. The elderly saints who have spent so much time in the presence of the Lord, they add to the atmosphere of the Lord's House. There is an anointing upon them that balances the church, and it brings us forth corporately. When they are present in the services, there is a flow that enables the work of the Lord to be realized in a fuller measure.

There is a scripture found in the book of Lamentations that says the Elders have ceased at the gate. The gates of the city of Jerusalem served as the main place for all affairs, civil and spiritual. And it was the Elders who were the influential leaders. Their very presence was essential in order for the daily affairs of life to be carried out. And so, it is with our churches and our ministries of today, God has invested himself in the legacy of God, it is flowing in our elders and only God will distribute that legacy as He sees fit.



Bishop McKeithan & Pastor Troy share the same birthday, May 9th.



Pastor Pearl Hall's announcement (middle). The last picture of her taken inside Maranatha True Holiness Church (bottom).

THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME
By Pastor Pearl Hall

They thought it was unthinkable, it just wasn't right, and God did not call women to preach! Born and reared in a traditional Southern Baptist home, I thought that too. Nevertheless, at the tender age of about twelve, during a "Big Meeting" at the church, I trembled under conviction and gripped the back of the pew in front of me. The appeal was made by the minister, "If you would like to unite with the church, come forward and give me your hand". Something spoke to my heart, "There is more to it than that".

From that moment the Lord was on my trail. I would walk those old country roads, like most any country girl would do, and God would deal with my heart. I didn't even know at the time what was going on. I only knew I could never be comfortable in sin. My mother and daddy were old-fashioned, and in growing up I never knew what movies and dances were. In my senior year of high school, some of us girls would sneak off campus, and go down to a local juke joint, and do the jitterbug. I was pretty good at it too.

After graduation, I moved to town, rented a room from my sister, and went to work in a local "dime store". This was during the World War II era, and a few times I went to the USO square dances, and being away from my mother, I began to frequent the movies. Invariably, when we had purchased the ticket, and walk through that swinging door, my conscience would smite me and I would pray, "O God please don't let me die in here".

This writing is not only in defense of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for which I would gladly give my life today, but also in defense of each and every holy and Godly woman who has had the call of God upon their life, and have been anointed by the Holy Ghost, and sent forth by the urgency of the Spirit as lambs among wolves. I am aware that some women who call themselves, "a prophetess", possess and are possessed by a Jezebel spirit, and have become a disgrace to the cause of Christ, but I am also aware that a lot of men have done the same thing.

I have never tried to exalt myself, for I know that I am the least in the family of God. My adversaries have been very helpful in keeping me humble. I have never asked a pastor to let me preach for him, and I have always preferred my brother. I believe that if God calls a man, or a woman, he will surely open the door. Joel 2:28-29, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out

my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also upon the servants, and upon the handmaidens in those days will I pour out of my Spirit ".

The same pouring out of the Spirit was to be upon the daughters as well as the sons, and both of them would prophesy or preach. Zebedee had two sons who were preachers, (James and John), and Philip had four daughters that preached, Acts 21:9. In Romans 16:1-16, twenty-eight names are mentioned. Twenty men and eight women. It is interesting to note that the first one mentioned is a woman. Phebe is called here a servant of the Church at Cenchrea. Is not a minister a servant? Jesus said, "But I am among you as he that serveth". Who can deny that Christ was a minister?

We find three groups of believers in the sixteenth chapter of Romans. The first group in verse 3-5 enjoyed the ministry of Priscilla and Aquila, in whose home they met. The second was ministered to by the five brethren mentioned in verse 14. The third was served by the five leaders recorded in verse 15, three of whom were women. I am not a feminist. I abhor the very sound of the word, but male chauvinism is equally distasteful. I believe that Christ is the head of the church, and the husband is the head of the wife. I believe that a wife should be under subjection to her husband. If the wife will quit wearing the britches of authority, and let the head be the head, there will be peace in the home. God's way always works.

"Learn in silence", found in 1 Timothy 2:11, is a Hebrew figure of speech, meaning to be submissive. For example, let's look at 1 Thessalonians 4:11, where Paul says, "And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you". This makes it quite clear that the word silence does not mean dumbness, but acceptance of authority. So, a married woman was not to teach or claim authority over her husband, but to be in subordination. Many misunderstand this command and take it out of its context, which is in the family, and say that a woman is forbidden to preach.

(to be continued)



Happy Mother's Day to all! Pictured are Sister Elaine (front), Pastor Dorothy Pounds Jones (left), and Nancy Dowless Pounds (right). Pastor Troy's mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

“MY MOTHER”

I once had a precious mother
and to me there was none other
She was always kind and good,
and shared her love to us
as a mother should.

The cross for her was not
easy to bear.
Because many times we seemed
not to care
Through many days of sorrow
and strife,

My mother sought a better life
in finding Jesus' door
to her heart
She read and prayed
and did her part.
She worked with her fingers
thru heat and cold,
While asking Jesus to save
our souls.

While building upon her
mansion above,
God heard and answered her
prayer of love.
Thru thick and thin
my mother stood,
And went to church when
she could.

Then one day, Jesus placed his call-
the death angel came.
She departed from us all,
She moved to fill her place so
rich and sweet
To be crowned with stars at
the master's feet.

We all know as times go by
we, too, can have a home
in the sky.
So now,
We treasure the sweet memories
of mother,
Because, to us, forever, there is
none other.

By – Dorothy Jane Pounds Jones



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THE FEEBLE ARE NECESSARY
1 CORINTHIANS 12:22
By Pastor Troy Wiley

The word body is used 17 times in 1st Corinthians, Chapter 12.
This chapter is where the gifts of the Spirit are listed. The

general setting for these gifts can be found there also. Study of the chapter as for its central theme, one will find that the body of Christ is the main subject. The main thing is the main thing. And concerning the body of Christ, the feeble are necessary. For without the whole body, even the members that are feeble, you do not have a complete body. For the body is not one member, but many, 1st Corinthians 12:14.

The word feeble means to be without strength. The Bible says, those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary, 1st Corinthians 12:22. Spiritually speaking, the weakest link in the chain, is still part of the chain. Without it, the chain is broken. Sadly, the body of Christ suffers many times, because the members are divided, and not united.

The feeble parts of the body in our eyes, may not be feeble in the eyes of God. Notice what the scripture says, "Which seem to be more feeble", verse 22. The Lord told us in the Word, despise not the day of small things, Zechariah 4:10. That brother or sister in the Lord, that may seem to you and me to be small and not essential, is just as much a part of the body as any other member. We may look upon them and see no reason for their inclusion in the body, but we must understand, God included them for a reason.

The members of the body which seem to be more feeble, as the scripture says, without these members, the body would not be as effective. The function of the body as a whole is dependent upon every member, and these members are united by the very hand of God. They are put together by his Spirit. The Bible says we are all baptized by one Spirit, into one body, 1st Corinthians 12:13.

The word feeble can also mean sick. There are times that the natural body becomes sick, and in like manner, the spiritual body can become sick. This is not the will of God. He has told us that he wished above all things for us to prosper, 3 John 2. We must remember that the body relates to the members, and the members relate to the body. God said he has tempered the body together, 1st Corinthians 12:24. The body is one. Its function is not individual, it is a united body. Weakness and

sickness are not the same spiritually speaking. Feebleness helps us to depend on God. And then unity comes forth.

Speaking to the believers at Corinth, Paul the Apostle by the Holy Spirit, is instructing the body of Christ concerning the necessity of each member. The word feeble can also mean weak. The weak parts of the body need the strong parts, and the strong parts are not complete without the weak parts. God has provided for both the weak and the strong. God puts relationship in the body, and the members relate one to another. The small toe balances the foot. The little finger balances the hand. The lesser members are still members. They are still connected to the total body, even though they may not be as visible as the more pronounced members, they are still part of the body. The parts of the body that we think are more valuable, are not as valuable without the whole body, including the weaker parts. How many times in scripture has God said that he is God all in all. And so, it is concerning the body of Christ. The big and the little, the weak and the strong, the feeble and the least feeble, each are necessary.

Consider the elders in the body. The church benefits from the older generation. They bless the body simply because of the witness of the Spirit in them. Their very life is a testimony. You can look at the elders and see God's faithfulness. And in time, when God calls one of the elders home, others in the body then begin to come forth, to fill in the place where the elder generation was. It is then that the witness and the effectiveness of the elder generation is realized. And so it is even with the members that seem more feeble, their presence in the body adds to the body, as a whole. And thus, they are necessary.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Sunday, May 7th

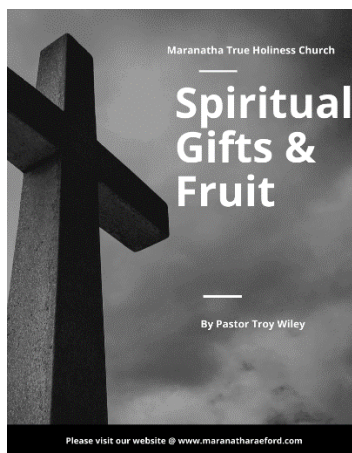


Immediately following morning worship May 7, we will be celebrating Pastor Troy's, 48th birthday. Please join us in the fellowship Hall.



This is also going to be a special thanksgiving for God's miracle of healing.
Contact: Sister Elaine, Pastors Troy's mother with any questions.
919-622-4613.





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MAY EVENTS

Sunday, May 7th, following morning service
Birthday Dinner for Pastor Troy
Maranatha True Holiness Church, 979 Aberdeen Rd, Raeford, NC

Sunday, May 28th, following morning service
Monthly Dinner
Maranatha True Holiness Church, 979 Aberdeen Rd, Raeford, NC

Saturday, May 27th, 7:30pm
Pastor 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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