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In this issue, the Shiloh Church family is celebrating the ministry of our Pastor Rev. Herman Washington and Rev. Dr. Kelvin Redmond. We will also be enjoying the talents of the Worship & Arts Ministry and preparing for the holiday season and new year!!!

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CLERGY APPRECIATION

Ephesians 4:11-16 KJV



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: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.



OUR VISION STATEMENT

WE, THE SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH WILL BE A CHURCH THAT MODELS THE LIFE, THE TEACHINGS, AND THE MINISTRY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY.

WE ARE A CHURCH THAT IS WILLING TO BE CONVINCED OF WHO HE IS, AN EXPRESSION OF HIS LIFE; COMMITTED TO WHAT HE TAUGHT, AN EXPRESSION OF HIS TEACHINGS; AND CONSISTENT WITH WHAT HE DID, AN EXPRESSION OF HIS MINISTRY.

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PASTOR'S VISION IS OUR VISION

"Where there is no vision, the people perish", [Proverbs 29:18 KJV](#)

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The word vision is defined as the act or power of seeing.¹ The physiological sense of vision is the special sense by which light rays are transformed by the eyes retina into electrical signals that are transmitted to the brain by the eyes optic nerve.² The spiritual sense of vision is the ability to conceive a thought or concept by unusual discernment or foresight. God communicates His will to His people through the men that He has chosen to lead His people by vision. God came to Abram in a vision ([Genesis 15:1](#)). God spake to Israel in a vision ([Genesis 46:2](#)). God told Aaron and Miriam that when He wants to make Himself known he will communicate through a vision but Moses was the only man at that time who God said He would speak to mouth to mouth ([Numbers 12:6-8](#)). God doesn't normally speak to people mouth to mouth and there were times where the revelation of God was rarely heard or seen. During those times God's Word was extremely precious ([1 Samuel 3:1](#)). The real question is how can we tell, especially during these precious times, that God is leading our spiritual leaders?³ If people can't see what God is doing, they will stumble all over themselves.⁴ Moses told the Lord that the people wouldn't believe him when he told the people that God sent him ([Exodus 4](#)). Eventhough God gave Moses several different signs to use to prove to the people that God was leading him, the ultimate expression of God's love was the assurance that God would be with Moses, *"Certainly I will be with thee"*, [Exodus 3:12 KJV](#). It took some proof before Gideon actually perceived that it was the Lord speaking to him but God assured him also that He would be with Gideon, *"And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee"*, [Judges 6:16 KJV](#). How do we know that the Lord is with our Pastor and giving him a vision for our church? We see God's presence in his life and we can see the successful progress of our church. Potiphar saw that the Lord was with Joseph and helped Joseph be successful in everything he did, *"And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand"*, [Genesis 39:3 KJV](#). King Saul's life lets us know that God doesn't respond to disobedience because when he petitioned for God's help, God did not answer ([1 Samuel 28:6](#)). On the other hand, Jesus Christ was the perfect example of how obedience grabs God's attention, *"He truly worshiped God, and God listened to his prayers"*, [Hebrews 5:7 CEV](#). God has given our Pastor a vision for our church that models the life, the teachings and the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. We know that the teachings of Jesus Christ are solid doctrine because Jesus is the Word of God, *"And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God"*, [Revelation 19:13 KJV](#). We also know that Jesus is one with his and our Father God, *"I and my Father are one"*, [John 10:30 KJV](#). Therefore, our Pastor's vision for our church includes that we model our spiritual lives after the life, the teachings, and the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the best of our ability. We are a church that is willing to be convinced of who he is and we are seeking to be an expression of his life. Jesus says that if we truly love him that we should do what he says so we are committed to what he taught and we are striving to live our lives so that our lives are an expression of his teachings, consistent with what he did and an expression of his ministry.

"Remember, there is nothing too hard for God!!!"

Submitted on behalf of Pastor Washington by Writing Team Member Trustee Stan Ridley

¹ <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/vision>

² <http://www.dictionary.com/browse/vision?s=t>

³ Deuteronomy 18:22

⁴ Proverbs 29:18

A Conversation with Rev. Dr. Kelvin Redmond

October is National Clergy Appreciation Month. Clergy Appreciation Day is observed every year on the second Sunday in October. It is a time that our nation recognizes the work of the clergy. It was originally called Clergy Appreciation National Day of Honor. The celebration of clergy was established in 1992 by Hallmark Cards with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries and religious workers. Hallmark first offered Clergy Appreciation cards in 2002.⁵ Many people in America refer to Clergy Appreciation Day as Pastor Appreciation Day but like Moses, every shepherd needs an Aaron, “Moses was so tired that Aaron and Hur got a rock for him to sit on. Then they stood beside him and supported his arms in the same position until sunset”, [Ex 17:12 CEV](#).⁶ We are grateful and appreciative that the Lord has sent Dr. Redmond to Shiloh to support our Pastor Herman Washington. The Shiloh Church family loves both Pastor Washington and Dr. Redmond so much that we dedicate not just one day but the entire month of October to recognizing both Pastor Washington and Dr. Redmond for their love and commitment to the spiritual growth and well-being of our church family. In honor of this year’s Clergy Appreciation Month we sat down for a few moments with Dr. Redmond and asked him to share some reflections that he may have concerning his ministry at Shiloh and maybe offer some ideas on how the Shiloh Church family could express their love and appreciation to him and Pastor Washington. According to Dr. Redmond, some of the best ways that our church can show our appreciation to Pastor Washington and Dr. Redmond are listening and being receptive to the teaching and preaching that Pastor Washington and Dr. Redmond share with us every week and to apply those lessons in our daily lives by loving one another. Dr. Redmond shared that when he first visited Shiloh, he never intended to stay at Shiloh. However, you never truly know God’s plan for you in ministry. On that particular Sunday, Dr. Redmond said he never knew how much He needed to be ministered to. It was the entire worship service from the first note played by the ministry of music to the preached word from Pastor Washington, from the beginning to the end of service that Sunday that kept him at Shiloh.

But God had a different plan for Dr. Redmond. It truly was and has been a blessing for him and his family. Not just the excellent teaching and preaching but he also experienced the love that was flowing throughout the Shiloh congregation. Dr. Redmond profoundly stated that, “*The growth of the church is being expressed by the love that the membership shares with one another*”. Dr. Redmond came one Sunday to visit and found true worship and realized God wanted him at Shiloh. He is a contributor to the ministry in Shiloh. We asked Dr. Redmond where he thought the church would be in a few years. Dr. Redmond stated that the vision of the church is the vision that God has placed on the Pastor’s heart that God will use for the Shiloh family. Pastor Washington and Dr. Redmond and their families play a significant role in our families and our communities. They are our spiritual leaders. If we receive the ‘Word’ from them as suggested by Dr. Redmond and apply what we learn then the spiritual growth in our lives will be encouragement and a testimony to their commitment to obeying God’s calling on their lives. Encouragement is defined as to inspire with courage and confidence; to stimulate by providing assistance; to promote the cause.⁷ Appreciation is defined as the act of estimating the qualities of people that gives them their proper value and expressing gratitude and thankful recognition.⁸ We should be responsive to our ministerial leaders. We should listen to their wise counsel. They are alert to the conditions of our lives and work under the strict supervision of God. They have the most important responsibility on earth, our spiritual well-being. We should contribute to the joy of their leadership and not make it hard for them ([Heb 13:17](#)). Sometimes clergy wonder if what they are doing is really making a difference. As a church family, we must come alongside them and be their “Aaron”. Let’s remember during this year’s focus on Clergy Appreciation and encourage and support Pastor Washington and Dr. Redmond with shouldering their burdens, strengthen their families, and applauding their efforts, “...*encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see*”, [Deut 3:28 KJV](#).

⁵ <https://corporate.hallmark.com/holiday/clergy-appreciation-month>
⁶ <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/clergy-appreciation-day-second-sunday-in-october/>
⁷ <http://www.dictionary.com/browse/encourage>
⁸ <http://www.dictionary.com/browse/appreciation?s=t>

November Focus: Worship & Arts

By Sis. Carol Antrom

Worship & Arts Ministry Leader



I was asked the following two questions. Here are my simple, abridged answers to those weighty questions:

Question #1: *What does worship mean to you?*

Answer: To me, worship is a lifestyle of obedience...obedience to the one you worship! As I see it, the main aspect of worship is to be so overtaken, so captivated by someone that every area of your life is dealt with, in light of the one you worship. You gravitate to everything about that person.

You want to know everything there is to know about that person – their likes, their dislikes, what is important to them; in order that you might emulate those things in your own life. In a very real (but positive) way, you are obsessed with that person's life...how they do things...their style of living...Hmmm! - their LIFESTYLE!

Worship also means to tell of someone's worth, to show someone's worth.

Yes, in worship, you tell others about that person's worth, but more so, in worship, you tell that person (the one you worship) how much they mean to you; you daily tell them (the one you worship) their worth...and, you daily show them their worth by what you do for them.

I worship Jesus, The Christ! I want to learn more and more about Him, and then, emulate His life. I'm fascinated by Him, and long to tell Him how worthy of praise He is! I'm indebted to Him, and long to show Him what He means to me, by daily obeying Him! This is worship! Through the Word of God, I continue to learn more and more about the Lord Jesus Christ, so I can know and do what pleases Him. I may not always get the 'do' part right, but, this 'work-in-progress' continues to do better and better – in my worship of Jesus!

Question #2: What is my vision for the Worship & Arts Ministry?

Answer: I envision a ministry led by the Holy Spirit that uses many aspects of the arts (song, dance, musical instruments, drama, writings/literature, even artwork) in the worship services and special presentations. I visualize these creative and imaginative skills being used:



- To express our worship, our love, and our praise for our God.
- To reinforce, to put an 'Amen!' to the Word of God being taught by Pastor Washington and the ministers under his leadership at Shiloh.
- To encourage the Shiloh family – the covenant community.



Granted, I definitely see The Worship & Arts Ministry as a tool for evangelism outside the walls of this church building, but, I believe God has given the talents found in this church, first, to speak to this church. What is needed for this house, God has placed in this house to encourage this house, to teach this house / this family – Shiloh.

The vision I picture is always a presentation of excellence in each area of artistry. Why? Because we're doing everything as unto the Lord. He deserves the highest quality!
Psalm 150...Psalm 33:2-3...Colossians 3:16-17

I cannot finish the answer to this second question without saying one more thing. There is no working Worship & Arts Ministry vision if that vision does not line up with the Pastor's vision for the Shiloh family. It must be colored by his God-given vision, and in concert with his God-given vision. I believe such is the case!





DECEMBER

Monthly Focus: MISSIONS

A Conversation with Sis. Yvonne Redwood interviewed by Sis. Lisa Ridley

Christianity is the largest religion in Ghana with approximately 71.2% of the country's population or 19.3 million people claiming to be Christians in the country's 2010 census.⁹ The Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life estimates that there were over 2.4 billion Christians in the world in 2010.¹⁰ Four of the ten countries with the largest number of Protestant Christians were in Africa.

10 Countries with the Largest Number of Protestants

Countries	ESTIMATED 2010 PROTESTANT POPULATION	PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION THAT IS PROTESTANT	PERCENTAGE OF WORLD PROTESTANT POPULATION
United States	159,850,000	51.5%	20.0%
Nigeria	59,680,000	37.7	7.5
China	58,040,000	4.3	7.2
Brazil	40,500,000	20.8	5.1
South Africa	36,550,000	72.9	4.6
United Kingdom	33,820,000	54.5	4.2
DR Congo	31,700,000	48.1	4.0
Germany	28,640,000	34.8	3.6
Kenya	24,160,000	59.6	3.0
India	18,860,000	1.5	2.4
Subtotal for the 10 Countries	491,820,000	13.9	61.4
Total for Rest of World	308,820,000	1.8	38.6
World Total	800,640,000	11.6	100.0

Population estimates are rounded to the ten thousands. Percentages are calculated from unrounded numbers. Figures may not add exactly due to rounding. See Appendix C for details on the range of estimates available for China.

Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life • *Global Christianity*, December 2011

Our very own Sis. Yvonne Redwood has made a couple of missionary trips to Africa and she has taken some gifts from the Shiloh church family to our brothers and sisters in Africa. Sis. Lisa Ridley recently interviewed Sis. Redwood concerning her latest trip to West Africa.

RIDLEY: What did you learn about yourself during your visit to Africa?



REDWOOD: The country is Ghana. Africa is the continent. It's in West Africa. During my first trip to West Africa I met a man and his family at the airport. I had to wait for an airplane that was delayed and I got

to speak to this man and his family. I have some family but I don't really have any people that I feel spiritually connected to so that I can tell other people that I am going home to another part of the world to see my family. I don't really have some place in other parts of the world where I feel like I can go back to and feel like I am really connected. I was explaining this to this man and his family from Ghana while I was at the airport during my first

trip to Gambia in West Africa. I was asking him about his people in Ghana. During our conversation, we spoke about what happens to people in Ghana when their family members die in their country. He explained to me that in Africa when family members die they cut a piece of their hair and a piece of their fingernails and then they put the hair and fingernail into a matchbox. Only the patriarch or a male can do this and they



take the piece of hair and the piece of fingernail because they believe that the hair and the fingernails do not decay like the rest of body. They believe in Africa that people can use a person's hair and fingernails to identify their ancestors. When I explained to this man from Ghana that I felt like I had a big spiritual hole inside me because I didn't feel connected to any place he told me not to worry because by taking a piece of my hair and fingernail I would be connected to his family. That really helped me to feel more spiritually grounded to some place. When I go to Long Beach here in Long Island, New York, I would always say that I wasn't really connected to any place so I was just going to have my body cremated and have my ashes put in the water at Long Beach but my trip to Ghana has helped me to feel more spiritually rooted to a place. 71% of the people in Ghana are Christians so there's a very strong spiritual sense there and I felt more connected to the people of Ghana. Of course, when I went to Gambia I never felt that way. That's what I learned about myself during my trip to Ghana. I learned that I am spiritually rooted to Africa now.

RIDLEY: When you say spiritually rooted now, you are trying to say that you feel connected to the people of Ghana because this trip helped you get connected even though they are thousands of miles away on the continent of Africa?

REDWOOD: Yes, my trip to Ghana helps me feel spiritually connected to Africa.

⁹[http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?rd/cstdy:@field\(DOCID+qh0059\)](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?rd/cstdy:@field(DOCID+qh0059))

¹⁰ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_by_country

RIDLEY: The distance between the continent of North America and the continent of Africa does not affect the connection that you feel with the people of Ghana?

REDWOOD: No, the distance between America and Africa does not affect my connection. That's what I learned about myself. The first time I went to Africa, I was aware of a connection and I felt it but after spending time with the people of Ghana and speaking to them I felt peaceful, calm and happy. I really felt so much better being there. I couldn't live there for a lot of reasons but the trip to Ghana was good for me.

RIDLEY: What did you learn about how culture impacts the way people live?



REDWOOD: Someone from the island of Jamaica in the Caribbean said that the people in Jamaica lived better than the people in Ghana. People that live on the island of Jamaica are not doing so well either but people even in the United States that are in the welfare system are living like kings and queens compared to people living in Ghana because the people in Ghana don't have any systems for anything. There's no social security, there are no homeless shelters, they have nothing.

The men in Ghana live out in the market place of the streets. The men learn at a very early age that to be able to learn how to do something they must go out into the streets of the market places and hustle. They even sell water in bags for \$1.00 which would be 25 cents in the United States. They sell vegetables or peanuts or whatever it is because everyone is selling something. All the children in Ghana, both boys and girls, have their hair cut like a boy until they are 16 years old because the hair on children in Ghana is considered a distraction. The girl's hair is cut very close until they are 16 years old but after that they can let it grow out.

RIDLEY: Do the young people in Ghana have the same kind of problems that our young people have here in America?

REDWOOD: The young people in Ghana don't have the same problems that the young people in America have because the people there are very respectful. I asked about homosexuality and the people of Ghana said homosexuality in their country is not allowed.

RIDLEY: If people here were to go there and spend some time in Africa then would they appreciate living in America?

REDWOOD: The first day they got there.

RIDLEY: Do they have a lot of problems with illnesses and diseases?

REDWOOD: When I was in Africa ten years ago I think they had just recently received the polio vaccine. Previously, if anyone got the disease they would become disabled.

RIDLEY: We hear that when people in these very rural communities are exposed to people from more modern communities we are told that the diseases that we've been exposed to could destroy their communities because their people are not immune to the diseases and illnesses that we are exposed to. We take all kinds of medicines to help us fight off diseases and illnesses but they live in an all-natural environment.

REDWOOD: That's what killed many of the American Indians. White people brought their plagues and diseases from Europe to the North American continent which killed many of the Indians in this country. The food in Africa is what we would call here in America organic. Here in America we call it organic but in Africa they just call it food. All the food there is fresh and natural. The chicken taste different in Africa because the people there are eating real chickens and not the processed chickens that Americans eat. Africans eat something called a fowl which has less fat than the American chickens. They eat a lot of rice and fish. They also use a lot of spices. Everything has a lot of spices in it. The spices help the body to stay cool in hot weather. The average life expectancy for women in Africa is 65 years old and for men its 66 years old. We, in America, would be shocked by the African lifestyle but that's just how people in Africa live. There's a lot of dust in the country and a lot of places don't have paved roads.

Most of the roads are dirt roads.

RIDLEY: Basically, what you are saying is that the body of a person living in Africa is broken down because of the hardships of life and living?

REDWOOD: Yes, and it's on a daily basis. It's not like the American lifestyle where an American family says, "Let's go take a vacation". I asked my friend from Ghana how much did he pay in rent? He said \$600. I said \$600 a month? He said, no, \$600 a year. That's \$600 their money. On the average, people in Ghana are paying approximately \$50 a month for rent. My friend in Ghana has a family of five people and he's making about \$7.50 a day and sometimes he doesn't have enough to pay all his expenses. He has a wife, a 13-year-old, a 9-year-old and a 6-year-old.

RIDLEY: What did you learn about economics and poverty during your trip to Ghana?

REDWOOD: The economy is hard to understand because the politics of the country is mixed up with everything. Employment in general for the people in Ghana is a problem because if you are not a hustler then it's very hard to find work. My friend in Ghana has a hard time getting work. Everyone wants to come to America but they don't understand that it's hard for people to get into America. My friend from Ghana said that he wanted to come to America but people that want to come to this country must go through an interview that is almost

like an interrogation. They ask so many questions. Why do you want to come? What are you going to do? What are you going to do when you get there? Americans just have to get a VISA to go to another country but we are not interrogated. They want to come but it's not easy. Some people get a lottery. Some people win the lottery and that's how they get here. They need someone to sponsor them. They need a family member to sponsor them. The man from Ghana asked me what do they have to do to come here? I told him to come here the person would have to have a lot of money and have a place to live. Even for us in America we must provide housing for those people we try to bring into the country. Are we going to provide housing for the months that they are going to be here?

RIDLEY: People in Africa say I would like to go to America but they are so far away.

REDWOOD: Exactly. I would love to sponsor somebody but where are they going to live? Am I going to be able to support them for 6 months? But they can't work. What kind of job are they going to get? Suppose they are just visiting and then all of sudden they say let me work. It's not going to work out.

RIDLEY: As a follower of Jesus Christ what did you learn during your trip to Ghana that would help you to be a more fully devoted disciple?

REDWOOD: The people in Ghana who came to where we were brought clothes and artifacts but before we left for the evening I said let's pray. That's what I did. Every time I saw them I said let's pray. One man that I saw said that after we prayed that he felt so peaceful and he had such a great night's sleep. Then another man came who was Muslim and I asked him if he died where would he go and he said he didn't know because he said he was a Muslim. I led him to Jesus Christ. That's what I did. Every time I saw the people we prayed. We prayed for them as Black men and for providing for their families. In Africa, the men are very serious about their women. The African men are very serious about their African women. They always say we must take care of our women and we must take care of our families. A lot of the masks that are made in Africa are images of male and female. People like to buy carvings in Africa and a lot of them deal with male and female images because they believe that God made man and woman. They don't condone homosexuality at all. They don't like that.

RIDLEY: How might your faith have been different if you had grown up in Ghana as opposed to America?

REDWOOD: They are very much about Jesus. Those who are Christians in Africa are adamant about being saved. There's no wishy-washiness. They are not pretenders. They are almost dogmatic about the doctrine. They are adamant when it comes to Jesus. 71% of them are Christians. Whenever you are going down the street you see messages about Jesus Christ and scriptures from the Holy Bible on vehicle bumpers, on license plates, stores have signs with verses related to the Holy Bible. When you are driving down the road you will see a verse on the public bus that says Psalm 39 or Psalm 14 or something like that.

RIDLEY: What did you learn or experience in Africa that will change the way you live and

represent Jesus Christ in your home community and church?

REDWOOD: The trip to Africa has made me more grateful and adamant about my faith in Jesus Christ. First, the Lord made a way for me to get there. No matter what your circumstances are you should still appreciate Jesus. When we looked at the kids in Africa, they played with rocks and sticks because that's all they have and that's all they know, right? We know what we know here but because I know what's there and I know what's here, it just makes me more grateful concerning where the Lord places people. Going to a place like Africa just makes me more grateful and when I look at some people here in America, especially in our churches, I wonder why are they not more grateful? I don't expect them to jump up and down and do a dance like I do but in way a believer should be able to get a sense of God's gratefulness.

RIDLEY: Yes, that's right. 2 Samuel 6:14 says that David danced before the Lord with all his might.



REDWOOD: Yes. I look at some people and know that they have been in church a lot longer than I have but when I see them just sit there and show no expression of gratefulness...I'm just not feeling that.

RIDLEY: Yes, you are right. There are some people in our churches who have been there as long as the church has been there and they still haven't shown any authentic expression towards God's goodness. I don't know why. Maybe they've just have never had a true experience with the Lord. Hebrews 12:15 says that we need to try to make sure that people like this don't miss out on God's wonderful kindness, otherwise, they will become bitter. Maybe there are some bitter folks in churches that don't know how to express gratefulness for God's goodness. They'd prefer to whisper, gossip and murmur.

REDWOOD: They are probably stuck in spiritual bondage and we don't know how much on a regular basis they are in that battle. That's what some people don't understand. We must have a personal relationship with Jesus. It's not just about Sunday. Jesus is everywhere. Sometimes I ask people, "How are you?". Sometimes they will say that they are not having a good day. I'll say listen, "Did you get up this morning?".

RIDLEY: If we get up in the morning then that's a good day.

REDWOOD: Sometimes I'll say to people, "Are you working?" There was a time where I had no money. There were times when I didn't have any food. Some people that I met in Ghana had very little food and ate with their hands but they were still grateful. Everywhere we went they gave us utensils because it was so obvious that we were Americans. We couldn't drink the water. We had to use bottled water for tea. We could bath with their water but we couldn't brush our teeth or drink it.

RIDLEY: What have you learned about your own Christian calling?

REDWOOD: Keeping on talking about Jesus. When you talk

to people about Jesus you never know where the conversation will lead you. When I spoke to the Muslim man in Africa I didn't know that our conversation would end up leading him to Jesus Christ. You should be open and receptive. I have learned to be obedient because if you don't then later you will hear the Spirit saying, "Why didn't you do this?", "I told you to do this", and the scolding is not worth it. I've learned to obey.

RIDLEY: Yes. What did you learn about God?

REDWOOD: To keep trusting Him.

RIDLEY: How can you continue to support the on-going work in the area where you served in Ghana?

REDWOOD: I want to speak to Pastor Washington about the possibility of supporting missions in Africa. Pastor Washington asked the church to give me money so that I could take back clothes to the people in Africa. Deaconess Cheryl Mitchell gave me a lot of clothes to take back to Africa. I told her that the age of some the children was 9 and 6 years old and she said that her son was 10 years old so she gave me a big bag of clothes. There were so many clothes that when we got to the airport with the clothes the bag was overweight. It costs \$100 for the overweight bag. The skycap at the gate made the weight of the bag lighter so that I didn't have to pay the \$100 so I gave him a \$20 tip to show my appreciation for what he did. He saved us \$100. I would like the church to support some of the people in Ghana through the church missions as missionaries. The family in Ghana has one bedroom with 7 people sleeping in it. A kitchen in Ghana is half the size of an American kitchen.

RIDLEY: Now that you've been to Ghana, what other two places would you like to go?

REDWOOD: Israel in March and a Spanish country but I am not sure which one yet because I don't want to go any place where there is a lot of racial tension. I don't really like cold places. I want to go to warm places. A lot of people say that Johannesburg is like New York City. I don't want to go anywhere everybody else is going.

RIDLEY: Would you recommend people to travel to Ghana?

REDWOOD: Yes. They need to see what happened to their ancestors. How they had to walk a thousand miles in chains. How they were taken away from their houses and families. How their wives and children were molested. How the men were starved to death. How people died on the trail to the slave ships. How they were placed in the dungeons of ships. No food and no drinking water. Excrement all over the floor and on the walls of the slave ships. How they had to lie down on their bellies on the slave ships. How their women were raped and impregnated by the vicious slave masters. How their women had to raise the children of their slave masters if they were even allowed to keep the babies. How people were dying all around them and if there were too many slaves on the ship they just threw them overboard. How they ended up in a place and a country that they never knew among people who couldn't speak their language. The other problem we have is that we don't teach this story in American schools and we don't teach it to our children at home. Other people put their story in front of their children on day one and every day afterwards. Once someone can control your mind then they can

control the person. The mind is very warped when you see people that look like me walking around with blonde hair.

RIDLEY: Yes, you're right but don't forget the blue contact lenses. Black people wearing artificial Blonde hair and blue contact lenses.

REDWOOD: Anytime someone can convince someone else to spend money on clothes that look like rags means there something wrong with the mind. Fashion designers create clothes for women that are skin tight so that men can be more lustful.

RIDLEY: It starts with the mind. Once the devil pollutes the mind then everything else follows along.

REDWOOD: They have figured out how to do it. They have even figured out how to get people to wear slippers in the street.

RIDLEY: The Lord says it starts with the mind. God commands us in [Ephesians 4:23](#) to renew the spirit of our minds. He tells us to renew the way we think.

REDWOOD: People need to stop listening to things that will put them down and degrade them as a person.

RIDLEY: The Holy Bible says that there will be a day when men and women won't even listen to sound doctrine ([2 Timothy 4:3](#)). I think we are in that time now.

REDWOOD: There was a young man on TV recently who said that students are being given so much confusing information in schools that they don't even know what the truth is.

RIDLEY: People are rejecting sound doctrine today.

REDWOOD: Exactly.

RIDLEY: In the 1960s, if people knew that a man like Dr. McKissic was speaking at Shiloh then the church would have been jammed pack with a line going out the door and around the block but today he comes to New York and the church is half full.

REDWOOD: Exactly. I was shocked at the few people that came. I was even somewhat embarrassed at the small number of people that showed up to hear Dr. McKissic.

RIDLEY: The Holy Bible is true. The road to destruction is very wide and there is plenty of room on it and many people take that road but the way to heaven is narrow and only a few people find it ([St. Matthew 7:14](#)). Jesus Christ is the truth, the life and the only way to heaven ([St. John 14:6](#)).



Here's The Thing

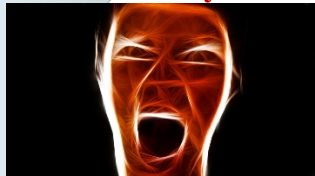
An Editorial by Deaconess Irene Gardon

If only I could get out of my own head.... I could walk in Victory, but here's the thing.....I have heard some preachers refer to their sanctified imagination in gist when preaching a sermon and one day while sitting at my desk at work I wondered, if using my *sanctified imagination*, what would happen if Faith and Fear got into a boxing ring on my behalf, who would win? Here's the thing, this kind of thinking is not something that we broadcast. It's one of the secret things if we're honest about it that we keep to ourselves. And we don't necessarily share it with anyone else. Anyway, real or imagined....in the Apollo Creed vs Rocky Balboa; or Ali vs Frazier fights each found the other to be a more worthy opponent. If nothing else you knew it was going to be a good fight, because of who was in it; and there could only be one winner. Here's the thing, I'm not a boxing fan and I don't buy into the hype, but I know a good fight when I see one. And usually the worthiest opponent, the one with the most training, the one who is most fit, and the one who is most tested.... wins. Many of us have been on this "Faith-Walk" for many years now. We have a working definition of what Faith is and how it works. We have the Bible, its references and countless examples of how faith is played out in the lives of those who belong to God. They are and have been our shining examples, including Jesus Himself, but here's the thing.... somehow when fear creeps in, or when we open the door to it we fall into unbelief; quick, fast and in a hurry. I want to be better. I want to believe more. I want to stop doubting. I want to stop being afraid. I want to stop holding my breath. I want to let go of what I've been holding onto that I think is my salvation, but here's the thing... I'm afraid.....and I don't know if I can take a punch. Pastor Jim, in our recent Spiritual Life Conference made the most eloquent, impassioned, and factual case for Faith in Jesus Christ that I have ever heard. And it's not like I haven't heard what he said before, but his persuasive, unapologetic offering stirred me and awakened my sleeping faith again, and I knew I had to get up again. My faith has been in the boxing ring so many times with my fear, that when the battle arises rather than fight, I have protected my faith by hiding it. Therefore, I am guilty of letting my fear win. Fear is a bully, and it takes us hostage in so many ways, and holds us for so many days until we are ashamed to admit it. When I haven't had the solution to life situations concerning my health, my children's well-being, or just life in general, I have held my breath, while fear punched the life out of me, even knowing that Jesus is a more worthy opponent.

And here's the thing, we all sat in silence for three nights, in Pastor Jim's class, and listened intently to his proof that Jesus is a more worthy opponent, and that our faith is built on what God the Father planned for us, what Jesus, His Son purchased for us, and the protection that we have in the Holy Spirit of God, who continues to provide for us. We know that the Battle is already won, and in the end we walked away in victory, proclaiming how good it was to have been there. We often forget God's presence and power when we face uncertain and difficult times. Our faith falters and we doubt that God is with us. Sometimes even doubting that He is real, and who He says He is. God knew that we would struggle with unbelief and He has spoken reassuring words to us through the Bible. When you begin to doubt, and feel that you are not up for the battle we ought to ***"Let the Word of the Word Encourage us."*** (Carol Antrom). Like me, I hope you will read these Bible verses and pray that God will renew your heart and mind toward who He says he is and who He says we are, and be encouraged as you see God move through all circumstances in life to grow our faith. 1 Thessalonians 2:13- ***"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe."*** 1 Timothy 4:10- ***"That is why we labor and strive, because we have our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe."*** Hebrews 11:1- ***"Now faith is the confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."*** Hebrews 11:6- ***"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."*** Isaiah 40:31- ***"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint."*** Isaiah 35:4- ***"Say to those with fearful hearts, 'be strong, do not fear, your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."*** 2 Timothy 1:7- ***"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."*** Romans 8:15- ***"The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'"*** So here's the thing, using your *sanctified imagination* ... if Fear and Faith got into a fight on your behalf... who would win?

The Look of Hatred

An Editorial by Trustee Stan Ridley



It doesn't take much to hate. In response to the violence at a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia on Saturday, August 12, 2017, the former President Barack Obama quoted the late Nelson Mandela and sent out a message on his twitter account that said *"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin or his background or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love. For love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."*¹¹ When God first created man, man was pure and without sin. When God was through with His creation it was perfect. God created everything out of His abundant love and it was stamped with His approval (**Gen 1:31**). The Lord says we can admire our own efforts when we do good, *"Don't compare yourself with others. Just look at your own work to see if you have done anything to be proud of"*, **Gal 6:4 ERV**. God shows us that our self-esteem doesn't rely on what other people say but we can prove ourselves to ourselves (**2 Cor 13:5**). When we do what is right then we can appreciate our effort without inordinate or exaggerated opinions because Jesus Christ lives in us. The one that lives in us is the personification of humility and he reminds us to maintain a realistic favorable impression of ourselves. At the same time, true believers in Jesus Christ don't lose their self-respect in the midst of cruelty and hatred because of their confidence in Jesus Christ. God tells us to test ourselves in order to make sure we are solid in the faith. We should not take everything that we do and say for granted. Our actions, attitudes and experiences are not happenstance. They tell us something about ourselves. Do we love those that are around us every day? (**1 John 4:20**). Do we treat strangers right? (**Heb. 13:2**). Do we even love ourselves? (**Eph 5:29**). If we hate ourselves how can we truly love anyone else? (**Matt 22:39**). We need to give ourselves regular checkups. We need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ lives in us. We need to test it out. If we fail, the test then we need to do *something* about it (**2 Cor 13:5**). For people that claim that they belong to Jesus, the *something* they can do is obey God's Word. If we pass the test, the result is a high self-esteem and confidence that we can use to withstand

the cruelty and hatred of the Adversary. On the other hand, if after examining ourselves, we find that we are not obeying God's Word then we are doomed to fall victim to the enemy's devices and attacks (**2 Tim 2:26**). Hatred is a snare that Satan uses to trap people and make them slaves to his will. Satan is a deceiver and makes people think they are doing what is right when they are actually disobeying God's Word. Satan is motivated to deceive because he saw what God created and he hated it. Man disobeyed God's command which allowed hatred to enter the world and pervert perfection. President Obama and Mr. Mandela were correct about people learning hatred from others (**Prov 22:24-25**). The Lord would prefer that we stay like little children in our minds and never learn about hatred (**1 Cor. 14:20**). Adam and Eve were first like babies when it came to evil because they were originally pure when God first made them. Satan looked at them and hated them. Hatred perverted that which was holy. Goliath looked at King David and hated him (**1 Sam. 17:42**). Aaron and Miriam looked at Moses Ethiopian wife and hated her (**Num. 12:1**). Sometimes all it takes is a look. Hateful people always try to rationalize a reason for disqualifying others that don't look right to them. King Solomon's lover said that her brothers hated her dark-skin (**Song of Solomon 1:6**). Hatred begins in the heart of the hater. Cruelty traps the mind. We hate what we see because of what's in our hearts. Abigail told King David that cruelty and hatred were a trap (**1 Sam 25:31**). She warned King David that God had many blessings for him but if he didn't respond properly, all those blessings would be in jeopardy of being lost. Responding to cruelty and violence with cruelty and violence results in us being like the people who harm us (**Matt 5:43-48**). When we respond to our enemies like Jesus Christ responded to his enemies then we will cause our enemies to be ashamed. After King David heeded to Abigail's warning and moved out the way by going home, God stepped in and took over (**1 Sam. 25:36-38**). We don't need to do anything to those that hate us because God is our Avenger. The Lord says that taking care of our haters is His responsibility (**Rom. 12:19-20**). The obvious question is then what do we do when our enemy is cruel to us? What if our enemy is set on intending to harm us in anyway? We should make sure that we do what's necessary to ensure that we take safeguards to protect our families and property (**Ezekiel 33:1-5**). For spiritual protection God has provided us with a sanctuary and a shepherd (**Heb. 13:17**). Our church is the sanctuary in the wilderness that God has given us and our Pastor is the shepherd along with support from his

¹¹ <https://www.yahoo.com/news/obama-message-goes-viral-charlottesville-violence-202918081.html>

ministerial staff who are all put in place by God to warn us every week about the spiritual challenges and conflicts that we face every day. God has given them the responsibility for the lives of His people (**Ezekiel 33:6**). The Biblical principles and message that God gives us through His ministers helps us to stay safe in this wicked world (**Ezekiel 33:7**). People that disregard God's warnings will be held accountable for their own doom (**Ezekiel 33:4-5**). People that are able to always have the best things in life are the most vulnerable to disregarding God's warnings (**Mark 10:21-22**). Rich people who disregard the warning may come to realize the truth too late (**Luke 16:25**). If we listen and heed to the warning message that God gives us through our Pastor every Sunday, then the next thing we should do is worship the Lord. Jehoshaphat got a warning message that his enemies were coming against him and he heeded the warning by worshipping the Lord and then petitioning God for help in his prayers (**2 Chr. 20:1-12**). After Jehoshaphat worshipped and prayed, the Holy Spirit came and delivered a message to God's people through the preacher (**2 Chr. 20:14-17**). The people then worshipped God (**2 Chr. 20:21**). God destroyed their hateful looking enemies while they worshipped. Daniel was in trouble when he refused to obey the bogus laws created by King Darius' administration (**Dan. 6**). Prayer and worship doesn't work for disobedient people unless they confess their disobedience first (**Lev. 26:40-44**). God commands us to worship him in spirit and in truth (**John 4:24**). Lying to God can have very serious consequences (**Acts 5:1-11**). God even reserves public shame for the most serious offenders (**1 Tim. 5:20**). Many times our sicknesses, ill-health and even deaths are consequences of not being honest with the Lord, "*This is why many among you are weak and sick, and some have died!*", **1 Cor. 11:30 CJB**. God is not talking about confessing in secret just to Him either (**2 Sam. 12:12**). A sincere relationship with the Lord has vertical and horizontal elements. We can't relate to the Lord until we are able to properly relate to people. Sometimes the greatest measure of our character is how we treat the people that we dislike the most, "*Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you*", **Matt. 5:44 KJV**. King Saul was rebellious and disobedient and when he got in trouble and could no longer go to his confidant, the Prophet Samuel, he then prayed to the Lord but God would not hear him (**1 Sam. 28:6**). Disobedient people are not qualified to communicate with the Lord. He commands us to first confess to someone else and then pray for one other. We've got to be right with God before He answers

our prayers. Anyone who lives the way God wants can pray, and great things will happen (**James 5:16 ERV**). Disobedient people are not in right standing with God. Husbands that don't treat their wives right will not have their prayers answered (**1 Pet. 3:7**). God gives us the standard for how to treat our wives properly (**Ezekiel 16:10-14**). Obeying God's commands is a necessity for survival from the attacks of hateful people. The ultimate test of our obedience and survival is worship. The person or thing that we choose to worship can determine if we live or die. There's only One true and living God. Prophet Elijah told God's people to make a decision. Who will you choose because the choice that we make will determine our destiny and our future. It's a life or death decision (**1 Kings 18:21**). Elijah put forth a challenge to unbelievers. Make a decision and then be prepared to live or die with the decision you make (**Phil 1:21**). God doesn't like people that try to stay indifferent. Being in the middle is the worst place to be (**Rev. 3:16**). Make a decision. Be decisive and go ahead and worship your idols and serve other gods if that is what you choose to do (**1 Kings 18:24**). You will have no choice but to accept the consequences or benefits of your decision. Take note that if you are wrong, you will end up in eternal damnation but if we are right then we will spend eternity in Paradise with the Creator. God says that there may be times when false prophets get it right but when this happens it's only a test to see if His children will stick to His Word and serve Him only or let deception steal their hearts away to serve idols and false gods (**1 Deut. 13:1-3**). Many people fall for these false gods because they are fooled by these deceivers. Satan is the author of deception and can sometimes mimic the truth. The Lord tells us that we must follow Him, respect Him and obey his commands at all costs and do what He tells us to do. We are to serve the LORD our God and never leave him. Those that leave were never a part of our family anyway (**1 John 2:19**). Idols are representations of the things that people believe to be important in their lives. Even people that claim that they love the Lord sometimes can't resist the temptation of succumbing to pride in idolatry, false gods and deceptive ideas (**Judges 17:4-6**). When God finally exposes these false ideologies, all of their false gods will deteriorate into nothing then those that were deceived will lose hope because there is no deliverance in Satan's kingdom. Satan's false ideas, false ideologies, false religions, and false gods will all come to an end and be destroyed but Jesus Christ is eternal and God's kingdom will last forever. The look of hatred will come to an end and God's children will end up in Paradise with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and our Father God Almighty.

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“And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there.”,
Joshua 18:1 KJV

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*Prayer for Our Sick & Shut In*

God, our Father, we are so grateful that we can call you Father,

Because, therein lies the assurance that we have that you care for us.

And it is because of our relationship that we have with you

That we know for a certainty that no good thing will you withhold from us.

Thank You Almighty God!

Father many among us are sick; some are hospitalized; and others are shut in, in other ways.

Some we know about, and others we don't.

But you are omniscient;

You are omnipresent;

You are omnipotent;

And we ask you to cover in the areas, by your Holy Spirit, what we cannot do.

We ask you to comfort, by your Holy Spirit, those who are hurting.

We ask you to comfort, by your Holy Spirit, those who are alone, and maybe even fearful.

O Lord, reassure us that you are our light; that you are our protection, our shield, and our peace.

We need those reminders today and in the days ahead. Give them to us each day.

May we stand firm in your power as we find our strength in you!

May we not tremble before the enemy, as we stand like a tree planted by rivers of water;

Rooted and built up.

God, we recognize that it is only through the blood of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ

That we are more than conquerors.

Help us to stand strong and tall in the midst of all of our trials and tribulations,

As we depend solely upon You in all things, even our sicknesses, and our diseases.

In Jesus Name, we ask it all.

Amen

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Adult Sunday School - 9:30 AM Sunday mornings
Youth Sunday School (ages 13-18) - After altar call, church fellowship hall
Young Adults Meeting (ages 19-35) - 1st & 3rd Fridays, 8 PM
Bible Study & Weekly Prayer Time - Wednesday, 7 PM
Men's Fellowship - Every Monday, 7 PM
Kids Space (ages 5-12) – Sunday mornings following offering
Exercise classes - Saturday, 9 AM

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