

The Clarion of Christ Ministerial Fellowship

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Pray for the Laborers of the Harvest

Bert Ghilardi

Luke 10:1, 2

After these things the LORD appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

² *Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.*

There is an urgent plea that we should pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers. The harvest the Lord looks for is plentiful and abundant. The harvest is not for man but it is for the Lord. Often man looks for numerical growth in the church and many souls being saved as the only sign of the full harvest. In this article may we define the Lord's harvest and the type of laborers that the Lord is looking for in the church and in the earth.

May we ask ourselves if we are fully available to be a laborer for Him or if we have been side-tracked by a wrong focus or worldly entanglement. Often as workers in His vineyard we have been side-tracked by the so called work of the Lord and the need to see immediate results. Many times we are enticed by the cries of loved ones and family to the point where we no longer believe we have a valid call from the Most High God.

1 Peter 2:24, 25

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

In 1 Peter 2:24, 25 it says that Christ bore our sins so we can be returned to the Bishop of our souls. May He become the overseer of our lives once again. 1 Corinthians 3:9 *9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.* The Word declares that we are God's workmen. We are laborers working with and for God. We are God's garden, vineyard and field under cultivation. We are God's building that will be totally inhabited by the fullness of God's Spirit. In order to be a fellow laborer may we allow the Lord to break up our fallow ground so the Lord can trust us to be a co-laborer with Him in the right ministry, in the right place; the place of His choosing.

2 Corinthians 5:1-3 *For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.* In 2 Corinthians 5:1-3 and 1 Thessalonians 5:23 *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Paul taught us that the Lord's full harvest must take place in the life of each believer brought to full sanctification and being made blameless at His

second coming. Should there not be a people that would fully cooperate with the Holy Spirit's inworking so the Lord could receive 100 fold return on His harvest? Revelation 14:16-20 *16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. 17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. 19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.*

Revelation 15:5-8 *5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: 6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.*

7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. 8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

In Revelation 14:16-20 and Revelation 15:5-8 we see that the Lord's harvest will be brought about in the earth and the church at the same time. These verses show us that the Lord sees the full harvest cannot happen without His full judgments in the church and in the earth at the same time. Matthew 13:40-42 *40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.*

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. In Matthew 13:40-42 the harvest the Lord longs for will not just gather and restore but will gather out all things and those that offend.

Luke 10:17-18 *17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. 18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.*

Rev. 12:7-11 *7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

In Luke 10:17, 18 and Revelation 12:7-11 there are many ministries in the land that are only involved in deliverance. The Lord's full harvest would be that Satan himself would be overthrown by a company of overcomers that have become aligned to His Throne. Surely the Lord's harvest is greater than man conceives.

Micah 4:1,2 *But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.*

2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Are we not living in the days of all nations being brought to Zion? John Wright Follette said that God's people are too localized. We live only for that which affects our present need and circumstances. As those that are called to leadership, we often are entangled with our local church and natural family. How long shall our ears become deafened to the cries of God's family in distant lands? By praying, giving of our substance or being available to go the Lord's full harvest to all nations could be fulfilled. When we become ingrown and introspective spiritual decay sets in.

May we look to the fields world-wide for they are ripe for the harvest. James 5:7, 8 exhorts us to be involved in the final harvest with the same faith and endurance the Lord has. Lord, I pray that we would be involved in the full harvest you have prepared.



Isaiah 6:8 Whom shall I send? Then said I, send me. Ω

Bert pictured at the grave of John Wright Follette in New Paltz, New York

The Gospel Trumpet - Part 2

Mark Waters



Continued from Part 1... January's Clarion

Up to this point, we have seen that Joel's message is a gospel message. The only hope for Zion, God's ultimate purpose for man in His Son, is found in the gospel. We have been looking at what made Joel put the trumpet to his mouth. What is it Zion so urgently needs to hear? Part 1 ended with the fact that Joel is showing us that the Lord has come to them as one who will keep His word. Joel describes the Lord as one who is strong to execute His word. The Lord has

come to His people with a priestly ministry and He has one great objective. It is to restore and establish Zion and its lost testimony. The Word has come in our midst with a work of God's grace that has something to do with Zion. We are glad for the Lord's ministry to the lost. We do not diminish that, but Joel is showing us the word coming to secure in God's people something very precious to God Himself. We continue now to look at the gospel Joel brings to the Lord's people:

1. In the gospel God, brings us to Zero. (Joel 1) Note how 'dark' this book begins. What a hopeless state is put before us. Joel first blows the trumpet to open our eyes to the state we find ourselves in. The gospel work in our lives begins here!

His prophecy opens with the terrifying nature of the state of the nation. There has been a terrible invasion in the land. What a state the church has come to! All the good is eaten up. Joel is saying, do you see the state we as God's people are in? Don't be complacent about where things are at. Things are pretty bad! Has it ever been like this before?

What a negative way to start a book! Everything is brought to zero. Why does God start like this? I thought the gospel was supposed to be good news! There is a sense in which we have the repeat of the creation here. In **Genesis 1:2**, the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. This same darkness is what we find in Joel. The darkness doesn't turn God away. He has an answer! He is not going to leave things like that! **God comes to that very terrible state and there He speaks a word.** Do you see the target of God's word in creation? It is this place of utter desolation and need that becomes the target of a great work of God's grace! That same thing is happening here in Joel.

Note **Joel 1:1**. Just like in creation, God speaks a word into that terrible state of darkness. God has to bring us to a discovery about ourselves that He can't protect us from! An example of this is seen in the life of Peter! He is a man, who in his own opinion, has it all spiritually together. He knows exactly how things ought to be. He thinks he's God's great leader! In his opinion, others don't have it, but he does! He's got it! He has an inflated opinion of where he himself is at in the Lord. He says to Jesus; "Others may deny you, but I never will!" Like with Joel chapter one, the invasion of the Gospel in Peter must first bring to zero. He must be brought to see his own true need and bareness before God. Peter, you don't have it like you think you do! **The Lord cannot protect him from this discovery!** When Peter saw it, he went out and wept bitterly. **O the terrible view Peter got of himself!** How devastating it is to us, when we really see the true state of things in our own hearts. "Lord I thought I had it all together, but I have got nothing." **We try to avoid coming to this place! We fight so hard to have something and to be something for God, but God is working to bring us to zero,**



The CMF Spring Gathering

Wed., April. 25-Fri., April 27

Tuscarora Inn & Conference Center,
Mt. Bethel, PA. The registration
deadline is April 11, but if you now find
yourself able to join us for all or part of
the Conference, we'll find room for
you!!

For more information call Mark Waters
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*Pastors and workers are welcome.
If scholarship is needed please, let
Mark know.*



Women's Retreat Registration in progress

June 1-2, 2018

**Bethany Christian Fellowship
Athens, PA**

The cost is \$30 and there are scholarships available for both the registration and lodging cost. Please call Arlene Ghilardi (607) 754-3709 if you need to take advantage of that.

This year's theme is the
Body of Christ.

Supper will be at 6:00 p.m. on Friday followed by worship, Bible Study and a time of fellowship. Saturday will be a full day of seeking the Lord, worship, the Word and ministering one to another.

because it is there that the gospel works.

We think it's the end when we see things this way, but really, it's the beginning!

After Christ's resurrection the angel gives the message... "Go tell the disciples AND PETER..." The gospel is breaking into Peter's life. All that he tried to be for the Lord in Himself has come to naught, and there The Lord began to show Him the power found in God's grace! THERE IS AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE RISEN LIVING LORD WHO SHARES WITH US HIS LIFE. After a night of fishing, the Lord comes down to the shoreline and calls out to him and the others. Have you any fish? Of course, they didn't, and when Peter discovers it's the Lord on the shore, he dives in the water to get to Him. The Lord was cooking fish there on the shore. The very thing that Peter was trying to get all night... **Jesus had it for him there.** He was learning life's great lesson; We must go to Jesus to get what we need. It says there that after they had dined... This was a critical time for Peter. This meal with Jesus is very important. Rev. 3:20,21 tells us the voice is drawing near to have a meal, and that having a meal with Jesus is the secret to overcoming. We become overcomers by receiving of a meal Jesus serves us with, we become the recipients of His work, a meal He has made. One we had no hand in making. **The gospel is breaking Peter!** Jesus tells Peter; another shall gird you and take you... **THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A LIFE OF DEPENDENCE ON GOD. "I need you every hour..." It will NEVER be us. God must bring us to the indispensability of His indwelling presence in every one of us. The answer isn't in us. We are not going to enter into what God is doing in Zion by the law or by our strength. Peter comes to understand the gospel trumpet! He begins to understand the power of that trumpet in his own life.** So much so, that when he stands to describe to those in the upper room what has happened to them on the day of Pentecost, he preaches out of the book of Joel. Peter is bringing the church to the same hope that Joel brings in his book, that God's work of grace begins in our nothingness. God brings us to zero that He might be all-in-all to us, in us, and through us. He alone will get the glory. Peter takes the prophecy of Joel and preaches the gospel out of it. He says "This is that!" **The power of God in the gospel is what is being released in the book of Joel to a people that have been brought to zero and knows terrible loss and bareness.** It is very significant, that after Peter was brought to zero, that for his first sermon, he preaches out of Joel and blows that powerful trumpet to those in the upper room. Look at what it did! Peter blew Joel's gospel trumpet and a great and mighty deliverance took place! 3000 souls came to the Lord in one day! This is the word that Zion needs to hear in this most desperate hour. Has the Lord sounded that trumpet in

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your own heart? Have you seen the bareness of your own state before God? **Do not fear this, for it is to that very place of bareness that the word of God is sent!**

2. In the gospel, God is calling us, as a body, to Himself. 2:16. This is not a call to make sure we are where we are supposed to be on Sunday mornings. It is deeper than that.

The answer to the crisis God's people are facing is surprisingly not to jump into a "spiritual warfare" position. That would be normal. **To hear the trumpet in that day was to call God's people to war! "The enemy has come. There is danger! Zion is at stake, so what do we do? Let's go fight!" This is an alarm alright, but it's not an alarm to arms! It is an alarm to gather together as God's people unto the Lord! The crisis we are facing**

requires a corporate response. It is a call to be built together as one people, and as one man, to turn to the Lord with all our hearts. It is time to get before Him as a body! **We will not become what God has called us to be apart from real relationships with each other. It's going to take a people who are built together. Joel's trumpet blast is a call, not to arms, but to get before God together and rend our hearts.** There must be a corporate repentance. He didn't say, go home, get in your prayer closet, get alone with God and get right with Him. **He said gather together, get to God's house and seek Him together.** It is time to break with our individualistic mentalities, and in true fellowship, love, and care for each other, be built together as living stones into a temple in which the Lord reigns. God has always been after a corporate expression of His Son and before this age ends He will have it. **Note who Joel calls to come to this gathering!** He says to assemble the elders, gather the children, even those who are nursing, then he speaks of the bridegroom and his bride on honeymoon night. You might remember that in the law, those that have just been married are exempt from everything, including going to war for a whole year, but here in Joel, they are not exempt! You might think, come on, it's their honeymoon night. Surely something so personal, so precious, so vital to them as a new couple would exempt them! Surly culminating their marriage on wedding night is more important? **But the alarm has been sounded. It carries with it the sound of terrible urgency. No one is exempt from this call to gather together. There is nothing more important than this! The day we are in requires a people who are living together as one.** The conflict of the ages taught by prophets and by sages in its fury is upon us today. God is wrapping the age up and He will have a glorious church for His Son. **With that day fast approaching God is even interrupting that precious honeymoon night. The day we are in, and what is coming, requires this kind of response!** Have you heard Joel's trumpet? **"It is the time to take the kingdom. Rise up ye strong, possess the land! For every power and dominion is given now into our hand. Ye that have ears to hear the trumpet, ye that have hearts to understand. It is the time to take the kingdom. Rise up ye strong, possess the land!"** Nothing is to stop us from THIS CORPORATE drawing near to God! **The enemy wants us divided and living out our own individualistic lives.** The power is in our union together. What does Joel tell us to do before the Lord? **TURN TO HIM WITH ALL OUR HEARTS. TURN TO EACH OTHER WITH ALL OUR HEARTS.**

Christ Ministerial Fellowship Website Update

www.christianmaturity.com

The website is up and running. You will find lots of information about CMF, our last few newsletters, downloadable books, and audio messages. Check it out and spread the word.

Celebrations

Walter & Joan Muench celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary May 1. Address your love and blessings to 414 Lindsay St. Ridley Park, PA 19078

Maria Paula Londono is getting married to Alejandro Holguin on June 30 in Pereira, Colombia. Maria Paula has been our interpreter in Colombia for 6 years and we rejoice with her.

Prayer Requests

In need of healing:

*Paula Price
Phyllis Fischer*

Upcoming Missions

Bert and Arlene Ghilardi to Colombia June 18-July 3.

- *Lou Pressman and Ric Vargas to Bolivia in June for 3 weeks*
- *Colombia in August/September for three weeks.*
- *Japan in the fall, and*
- *Peru towards the end of the year.*

Other Requests

Ron Moore for the grace to complete his book on C.L. Moore.

For the first recording session for Stream of God Bible School May 25-28 in Endwell, NY.

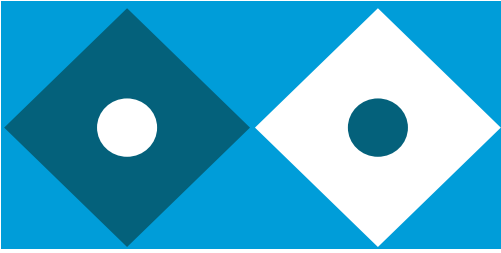
Face the fact the church is in crisis. It is not as it should be. The reality of Zion is at stake! **There's no corn, new wine or oil.** The church has lost its testimony and power! Here is a church with no real word from God any more. It has lost the presence of God, and the true anointing in their midst and Joel says to wail about it. **The church has changed.** The meal offerings and the drink offerings are no longer brought to God's house. These were offerings that speak of love and devotion to God. They represent a life poured-out to Him. They were about God getting in man what satisfies Him. **Instead, the church has become man-centered.** Generally speaking, Church today is all about what man gets. It is in crisis, and it's time to gather together and rend our hearts before him. Cry out to Him to grant us the corn again! Cry out to Him to restore the new wine and the oil. **These vital things are what make us who we are in God and they've been lost!** Lord make the church the place where it is about God's satisfaction again. Deliver us from man-centeredness. Apparently, God's people responded to this urgent call. It all turns in **vs. 18** with one word. "Then..." *(to be continued in the next edition)*

Authors In Our Midst

Lou Pressman has written a book called "*Understanding Pentecost as Seen Through the Feast of Weeks*" and is presently writing a book on the Life and Ministry of Moses. Lou is pastor of Montrose Christian Fellowship, Montrose, PA. Coming from a Jewish background, Lou and his wife Theresa came to Christ in the 1970's by reading the Bible for the first time. As a result of his upbringing, Lou offers special insight into the Old Testament.



Ron Moore is writing a book chronicling the Life and Ministry of his late grandfather, C.L. Moore. No one is more equipped to put into writing this unique prophet's life than Ron. Ron travelled extensively with C.L. driving him all over the United States and Canada. C. L. ministered to countless people well known to unknown, ministry to people sitting in a café. Ron was witness to much of it and what he didn't witness he has conducted interviews to discover first hand the impact that C.L. had on their lives. The book is entitled "Journeyman With Christ" and will be released this year. Ron and his wife Lorraine live in Coram, Long Island, NY.



Next youth event

Summer Camp July 22-27
Refreshing Mountain Camp
Stevens, PA

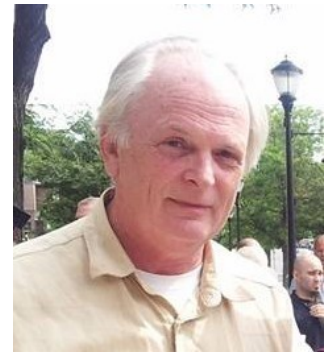
Once again this July young people from various churches will attend the annual youth camp sponsored by Emmanuel Fellowship Church, Mohrsville, PA. Under the direction first of Lucille Valori and then Michelle Valori Goodman this camp has been running twenty years or more. Hundreds of youth have been involved in the camp since it's beginning. These youth have been exposed to quality ministry by the many gifted teachers and have received from God through many moves of the Holy Spirit in their midst. Fun activities, games and exercises have been interjected during the camp to teach specific spiritual lessons and encourage each participant to establish a personal relationship with God for themselves. Times of worship have been anointed and prophetic and have given the youth an opportunity to touch God and receive of His glory. Registration is \$330 for the five days and includes meals, lodging and activities and all the services. For those of you who know about summer camps, this is a very reasonable price. Most participants are involved in various fundraisers during the year to help defray the cost. Montrose Christian Fellowship and House of Bread Fellowship Church just completed a bake sale that raised enough money for each participant to get \$100 towards their registration. For information contact Arlene Ghilardi at 607 754-3709.



Keith Carroll dedicated his life to our heavenly Father in his pre-teen years. During the teenage years, he became an avid student of the Scriptures. Keith has ministered in a variety of Christian denominations serving in many capacities including senior pastor. He has written 3 books: *Created to Relate* brings clarity and new insight into the design and

function of the human body, soul and spirit. *Christ Culture* is a fresh way of looking at God's desire for our life on earth. Keith's latest book *The Fellowship of His Presence* brings clarity to the multi-faceted nature of God and His Presence as a reality in our daily lives.

John Murray pastors Tree of Life Fellowship in Plymouth, PA. He is a prolific author. His testimony is included in the book "*Chosen to Honor Thee, A Book of Life*" in which he documents his salvation experience in 1971 and the surrounding events. In addition to this fascinating book other titles include "*The Titanic, a Sign Prophecy, a Spectacle, a Theater*", "*Twelve Divinely Architected Gates, volumes 1 and 2, The Revelation of the Mystery of the Gospel* (English and Spanish) and his latest yet to be released regarding the dwelling places of the Lord.



Mark Waters, pastor of Bethany Christian Fellowship, Athens, PA is writing a book on the Christian foundations.

Mark, a very gifted teacher, has been an avid student of the Book of Hebrews and will no doubt bring a very biblically sound and in-depth teaching on each of the foundational stones in Hebrews 6: 1-3.

The CMF Fall Gathering

Wed., October 31— Fri., November 2

Tuscarora Inn & Conference Center, Mt. Bethel, PA.

Pastors and workers are welcome.

Save the date!!