

The Prophet's Column

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Dear Friends,

We are glad to greet you again in the Name of our crucified, buried, and risen Lord. The greatest thing in all this world is just to know Christ. Do you know Him? Are you rejoicing in Him? Can you say, "He is mine, and I am His?" I can. What a joy just to know Him! "O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever." (Psalms 118:1). Yes, it is a gracious thing to give thanks unto the Lord. Are you thanking the Lord? Or do you have bitterness in your heart? Do you go about your daily tasks thanking the Lord and rejoicing in Him? Do you rise in the morning thanking Him? Do you go to bed at night thanking Him? Do you? If you know the Lord, it is a thankful life. Yes, I thank the Lord He sent His blessed Holy Spirit

who one day awakened (Eph. 2:1) me and convicted me (John 16:7-11) of my lost condition (Luke 19:10) and revealed the Christ to my heart (Gal. 1:15-16). Yes, the greatest privilege in all the universe is just to know Him and walk with Him as you travel along life's way, from this world to that which is to come. What a joy! Then you can say with the Psalmist: "The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me." (Psalms 118:6-7). Now that is just one privilege that my Lord has given to me; to see my desire upon them that hate me. Some folks think they can't live without hating someone. You'll just have to live in hell with your hatred. Do you want Christ above all others? When you come to want Him above

everything under the sun you'll be saved. Now the question is: "DO YOU WANT CHRIST ABOVE EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD?" Do you? I can't answer that for you. The responsibility is on you, YOU MUST GET TO CHRIST!

Remember, my sinner, we are praying for you but you must flee to Him! I ask the saints to continue praying for me, and especially my family, for my daughters are not saved. They need to know Christ. May the blessing of my Lord rest upon you there as you labor in the work of the Lord getting the messages out over the air waves and in print. We must occupy and labor "TILL HE COME!" Which I believe will be soon!

In the Beloved,
Your Gospel Editor and
Teacher,

Brother J.M. Little

Inmates praise prison ministry

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tered to them." Lancaster said, "A lot of people in here don't really know God."

He said they have heard of God, but they don't have a real understanding of Him.

Lancaster said having people minister at the facility has really brought a lot of joy into his life but he isn't in a rush to declare which religion he'll practice.

"At this point I consider myself non-denominational because I understand that there are different types of religions, but I do believe that Jesus is the one who came and died on the cross for our sins," he said. "I am spending time trying to get the full understanding about God for myself. I am not the type of person who would go with one type of religion without knowing exactly where I am going."

Lancaster said he is feeling his way through religion and reading about it for himself.

"I am not going to say that I am with a Muslim religion, a Christian religion, or a Jehovah Witness religion because they all have good teachings, but I'll stay non-denominational until God leads me to do otherwise."

Lancaster says that it is important to have a ministry at the rehabilitation facility. He says he is trying to learn all that he can while incarcerated. "When I was out in the streets, I was doing a lot of running around and being too fast for

myself, but I have three young children now and I know if I learn as much as I can about the Bible and about God, I can get out there and show them a better way," Lancaster said. "I know that by exposing them to God, He will manifest in them and make them good kids like I always wanted to be."

Lancaster appreciates the people coming to speak. "I think that it is great that people want to do things for others," he said. "God chooses people to show others the way."

Robert Slade, 33, said: "Having people to come and minister to me has helped me to become more open-minded about religion."

Slade said since he has been at Right Turn, he reads the Bible a lot, and is getting a better understanding of God, and he has hope for his future.

"At one time I had given up on life, but since becoming closer to God, I have learned a lot of what life is all about," he said.

Slade, who is scheduled to be baptized this month said, "I believe I am on the right track."

"Having ministry in prison is very important to me because I believe that idle time is the devil's workshop," said 38-year-old Donald Henderson, a Right Turn inmate. "The ministry and the program also teaches discipline. I think that God put me here to save me. The people who come here to speak to us have helped to show me that

there is a better way." Henderson says he has a lot of respect for the speakers, but Rhedrick is one of his favorite speakers.

"I admire Mr. Rhedrick because he is a person who has goals in life, but he takes time to share the gospel with us."

Rhedrick said, "I just want to show these men that there is hope and try to help them gain their self-confidence."

He enjoys trying to make a difference in the lives of these men but wants others to help.

"Don't wait on any election, or a committee meeting, but commit to do something yourself to make a difference. I guarantee it will enhance your life, but most importantly it will enhance your spiritual life."

Gospel workshop Aug. 12-17

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announcers," reports Gospel Announcers Guild chair Al Hobbs. "Our main focus, of course, is to assess where we are and what is needed for future industry growth." Incidentally, the most noticeable change in activities is the absence of the annually-held GMWA Excellence Awards. As reported earlier in the year, workshop executives have now repositioned the awards program for their annually-held board meeting, which is held in March. (A date and site are yet


to be announced for next year's session.

This week's scripture: "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty," - I Corinthians 1:27

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Africa subject of workshop

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this is ironic when once upon a time, we had the largest library in the world in Africa.

"We just don't want our children to view black history only from the time of slavery. It is important that they learn about their history from the beginning of time," she said.

Chambers said: "Our pastor, Rev. Sheldon R. Shipman, has been very supportive of this event. He truly enjoys African history himself and he serves on the board of directors of this program."

Chambers said spirituality plays a major role in this program because, "Everything we do begins and ends with prayer."

She said any child can attend the program and it is not just for the people of the church. "There were fifty slots open for this program. If a child was not able to attend this workshop, they can attend the next one."

The class costs \$75, plus a \$10 registration fee. Costs help to cover workbooks, administrative costs and T-shirts that the students will receive.

Chambers said the parents are welcomed to attend and

they are actually looking for volunteers to work for at least an hour a day.

Chambers says, "I believe the workshops in African Studies will help prepare students for the next school year by giving them a better outlook about their history and themselves. They will be ready to tackle any academic challenge."

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