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*Put on love,
which is the
perfect bond of
unity.
Col 3:14*



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SEEK UNITY by Deb Albury



Those attending morning Bible Study at the Holy Grounds Coffee House

learned that the Prophet Jeremiah had a destiny set aside for him. God spoke of the intimacy that existed between them. "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I separated you for Myself."

Likewise, our Father knows each of us with this depth of intimacy, but our understanding of it is only revealed to us when we are ready to accept our divine assignments. Just as God appointed Jeremiah to be a prophet to the nations, He has a divine appointment for each one of us.

Realizing our divine gifts and putting them to use for His Kingdom is our reasonable service. As individuals, 1 Cor. 12:4 assures us that there are different kinds of gifts, ways of serving, modes of working, and each of us is given a particular manifestation

of the Spirit that will be for the common good. It is God's Holy Spirit who distributes these divine gifts as He chooses. The same Spirit gives them, the same Lord is being served, and emphatically it is the same God working them all in everyone.

God purposes to unify the body "for just as the body is one but has many parts; and all the parts of the body, though many, constitute one body (v.12)." As believers we accept how this Godly principle works in a single congregation, a ministry, or a fellowship. It helps us understand how or where we as individuals fit into our 'home' Body, based on our gifts. Often one hears the saying 'your gift will make room for you in the Body of Christ' but what is rarely seen is individuals knitting themselves to one another to please God cell by cell and tissue by tissue maturing into the organ most needed by the whole Body of Christ.

Fostering this Godly principle within the organized Kingdom Body is challenging. Instead of each congregation, ministry, or fellowship sharing the divine gifts

appointed to them, we have needless *duplication* of services and activities – disjointed little bodies of mediocrity -- all for the sake of having the same or better than the next church.

Seeking Unity requires the Body of Christ to commit to cross-discipleship so that the cells that are meant to be the hand are with the hand, the eye with the eye. Believers must be encouraged and by the shepherds over them to seek discipleship for their gifts and return home with matured gifts rather than stay with the 'home body' and atrophy. "Rather all the parts will be equally concerned for all the others. Thus if one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; and if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy (v.25-26)." These verses refer to the whole body of Christ, not just to the local church. Unity is found in the Blood of Christ, the greatest connective tissue in the body of mankind. Seek Unity in gifts, in heart, mind, body and soul for the edification of the saints and the redemption of the lost.

Pastor Scott Launches Bible School *By Roberta D'Amico*

Do you want to know when Jesus is coming back? What the tribulation will be like? What is Millennialism? On May 31 and throughout the month of June, 2 PM, Sunday afternoons at the Holy Grounds Coffee House are now devoted to the new Redemption Gate Bible College. Coffee House Church had been meeting on Sunday afternoons for several years. Most of those coming already attend another church on Sunday morning, and a local pastor is having church at the Coffee House in the morning, so the Sunday afternoon ministry has now become a Bible School. The people that are coming are excited about the Bible School, especially the first course on Fundamentals of Prophecy of the End Times.

The plan for the Bible College in the future is that after the first five-week course, Pastor Renzo will teach a course on discipleship, and then Pastor Jonathan will teach the next course, to be announced. This program will provide in-depth teaching on different subjects to help Christians grow in their knowledge of the Bible, no matter if they are young or old, new Christians, or long-time Christians. Pastor Scott teaches in an interactive, Holy-Spirit led "rabbinical" style. You may ask questions, take notes, and enjoy the lively discussion.

Dr. Lively has been studying prophecy in-depth for the last few years and God has gifted him with a concept of teaching that is informative, exciting, and

easy to understand. He has hand-outs and gives homework! He begins his teaching with Matthew 24, where Jesus Christ puts the events of the book of Revelation in the correct sequence. Then Pastor Lively explains the seals, trumpets, and bowl judgements, using diagrams and outlines to help. Many features of the Book of Revelation are related to passages in the Old and New Testament, giving an in-depth understanding of them. One example of this is shown in Revelation 19:15 where the returning Christ "treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God" against the wicked. It is a profound moment to realize that in the Garden of Gethsemane, the "Cup" that Jesus chose to drink was not just the suffering, humiliation, and death for our sins, but actually the wrath of God that we deserved, sparing us and securing our forgiveness.

The first five-week course, Eschatology 101, is a Certificate Program. If a person completes the course and passes a short exam they can earn a certificate. The courses will be free, but the Certificate cost is \$25. There will be a potluck, a discussion period, and socializing following the class on Sunday, to which you are expected to bring something if you can. This awesome ministry to help Christians grow and be strong in faith is provided by God through your donations.

Save the Date!

The big day is Saturday, August 15, 2015, 10 a.m., at Riverfront Park. This year Convoy of Hope will be better than ever, expecting to reach an estimated 7,000 guests, requiring much help. Each of the many events will need a team of volunteers: entertainment, children's games, lunch, shoes, family photos, haircuts, resume help, medical and dental screenings, community and veteran's services, 2 bags of groceries, and a committed prayer team, plus set-up and clean-up, to name some jobs. So volunteer now!

Ongoing Events Holy Grounds Coffee House

SUNDAY SERVICES 11 AM & 2 PM
MON THRU FRI MORNING BIBLE STUDY 7:30 AM
TUES & THURS PRAYER 11 AM
TUESDAY NIGHT Men's Bible Study 7:30 PM
WED BIBLE STUDY 4:30 & CELEBRATE RECOVERY 6:30 PM
SATURDAY LUNCH 2-4 PM WEEKLY
1ST SAT MONTHLY MARRIAGE SEMINAR 4 PM

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New Saturday Night Activities

Saturday night activities will be changed because Bruce is not able to lead it right now.

Matt will be doing a Band night TBA.

Cathy Marvici is planning on music for the 4th Saturday of the month.