

November 2018



*Administrative Bishop Daniel W. Hampton*

## **OUR GOD, OUR FAMILY, OUR NATION AND OUR WORLD IS DEPENDING ON US**

Over the last few days we have witnessed some of the most horrific crimes ever committed in our nation. It seems as though we have departed from doing what is right and reverted to bursts of outrage, revenge, anger and violence which never accomplishes anything. It only produces more of the same actions and raises the level of vitriol in the minds of so many.

What has happened to reasonable discourse, level-headed thinking and productive conversation? It appears there is a spirit which is gripping the thinking of people that is absolutely unimaginable. What is the spirit we are now facing? What kind of thinking do we now have to confront?

Who would have thought, just a few years ago, going to the mail box and receiving a package would be a dangerous thing? Could you have imagined going to church, the place of worship, and having it turned into a crime scene of murder? How about attending school or sending your child there only to receive notice of someone shooting the innocent? Many more questions could be added to this list but I think we all get the picture of what is now taking place way too often.

The all-important question, which I hope to shine some light on, is **WHY?** I do not write this article as the one who thinks I have all the answers to the **WHY'S**, but only to add some food for thought and hopefully encourage the people of God to realize where we are.

In Paul's second letter to Timothy we find, in chapter three, a long list of things which he wrote would take place in the last days. As we review this list we find each one is progressively worse than the other. Read very carefully the following verses and examine those things listed and see if you can identify the spirit we are dealing with today. Even though this letter was written some two thousand years ago, it is as up to date as though it was written today.

II Timothy 3: 1-5 1) "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2) For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3) Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4) Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; 5) Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

What did those verses say to you? Notice I underlined the word fierce, for I believe this is the spirit we are facing today. When you study this little word in its original form it is the Greek word - *anemeros* - which means: brutal, savage, cruel, inhuman, brutish, unfeeling, merciless, gross and not tame. It has the ideas of a pride of lions or a pack of jackals attacking their prey to literally tear it apart and crush its bones. This is what Paul was talking about would happen in the last days. Can we not identify this spirit that is now working to destroy and dominate our world?

We removed prayer, the commandments of God, the Bible, discipline and righteousness from our institutions of learning, as well as most public arenas, and those fundamental truths have been replaced with hatred, violence, shootings and unthinkable destructive actions.

It is time for the church of Jesus Christ and all believers to do as II Chronicles 7:14 says; "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and will heal their land." All of us can agree it must start at the house of God and when we do we can and will see the greatest revival ever recorded in this nation and world.

Will you join with me and begin today by praying according to II Chronicles 7: 14? The healing of our families, our nation and our world is dependent upon our obeying the word of God.

### Never Too Late

Congratulations to Dr. Haskel T. Salmon on receiving his Ph.D. in Theology at 85 years of age! Raised in a Church of God parsonage by his father, Michael C. Salmon, who pastored in the Church of God for 48 years, Dr. Salmon began pastoring in 1963 in Jennings, MD. He has pastored churches in Maryland, WV, and Florida. During his time pastoring in WV, Dr. Salmon built churches and parsonages in Coal City, Oceana, Chattaroy and Weston.

While serving as a pastor he attended International Bible Institute & Seminary, receiving a Bachelor of Theology in 1985 & a Master's Degree in 1987. He has been "blessed" to minister in the Church of God for over 50 years, retiring in 2013 while pastoring at Peterstown, WV at age 80. With time on his hands after retiring, he decided to see if he could earn a Ph.D. to encourage his children and grandchildren. After almost 6 years and publishing six books, with the Lord's blessing and the help of Pastor Jesse Farley and members of the Glen White Church of God, he has earned his Ph.D. in Theology. Congratulations Dr. Salmon!

## Congratulations!



**Dr. Haskel T. Salmon**



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# “Believing for Great Things in 2019” Prayer Conference

*January 20-21, 2019*

**This year, in order to encourage as much  
participation as possible, we will be  
holding Prayer Conference  
simultaneously in 6 different locations!!!**

**Sunday Evening Services — 6:00 pm**  
**Monday Morning Services — 9:30 am**  
**Monday Evening Services — 7:00 pm**

**New Martinsville, Pastor Mick Frye**  
**Evening Speaker: Albert Mitchem**  
**Morning Speaker: Amanda Mitchem**

**Martinsburg, Pastor Rick Knight**  
**Evening Speaker: Bishop Daniel W. Hampton**  
**Morning Speaker: The Hamptons**

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**Evening Speaker: Randy Bowles**  
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**Evening Speaker: Harold Newsome**  
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**2019**  
**Women's Conference**



April 5- 6 @ New River  
Ministry Center

Featured Speaker: Annette Watson  
Ocala - Living Waters Church Ocala, FL

\$90 overnight registration  
\$70 commuter registration  
Includes meals & materials  
Detailed info coming SOON to Pastors' Wives

## "COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS"

2018 MINISTER & SPOUSE CHRISTMAS BANQUET  
DECEMBER 7TH - 6:30 PM  
\$25.00 PER COUPLE OR \$13.00 SINGLE  
BECKLEY DREAM CENTER  
224 PINWOOD DRIVE BECKLEY

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The cost will be \$25.00 per couple & \$13.00 single ticket with the exception of retired ministers/spouses and widows. Everyone is required to submit a reservation form. Please check the appropriate boxes above. We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you and yours!

Please RSVP by  
Thursday  
Nov. 15th, 2018

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25802

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# Mark Your Calendar

**November: Scripture - Psalm 150:6**

2-3.....S.P.E.A.K. Retreat — The Lodge (NRMC)

21-23.....Thanksgiving Holiday - STATE OFFICE CLOSED

**December: Scripture - Luke 2:11**

7.....Minister & Spouse Christmas Banquet — Dream Center

20 - Jan 7.....Christmas Holiday - STATE OFFICE CLOSED

**January: Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:15**

19.....MYLA Youth Leaders Conference — New River Ranch

20 - 21.....Prayer Conference 2019 (Multiple Locations)