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# CORPORATE Anointing

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One of the most unusual concepts of leadership in relation to the Kingdom of God is found in the fourth chapter of Zachariah. It is the context for the popular passage, "It is not by might or power, but by My spirit." Zachariah had been shown a lampstand with seven lamps. Since the primary purpose of this prophet's message is to urge the leadership of Israel to finish the rebuilding of the temple, it is not surprising that an image in the vision out of the temple should be used—the Lampstand.



Zachariah found some puzzling things about the pictures given in the vision. This lampstand unlike the one in the temple has a reservoir or a bowl that supplies the lamps with oil. The term used in the Hebrew is *gulliah*. This word is used in Song of Solomon 4: 12, for a spring of water, thus (according to the commentary by Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown), it was the "spring"<sup>1</sup> or supply of oil for the lamps. In the temple it was the priests who refilled the lamps with oil. Here the oil reached the lamps by way of "pipes" from the, *Gullah*.

The most troubling question for Zachariah concerns the two olive trees he saw on either side of the *guttah*. Two times in the chapter Zachariah asks the angel explaining the vision about the identity of the two olive trees (4:4 and 4:11); those questions sandwich the "by my spirit" statement in 4:6. It is clear that the mention of "spirit" in 4:6 is to be represented by the "oil" flowing to the lamps. The angel identifies the two olive trees as the two anointed ones (4:14) standing by the Lord. The two trees are the source of the oil that fills the *gullah* that in turn fills the lamps.

The two anointed ones are Zerubbabel, the governor of the Jews, and Joshua, the high priest. These were the leaders appointed by Cyrus to rebuild the temple, Isaiah prophesied that Cyrus was the servant God raised up to perform His will—that will was to rebuild the temple. So, Cyrus' appointment of Zerubbabel and Joshua to their leadership positions was God's appointment. The mission was to oversee the project of rebuilding God's house. God's will requires God's grace to accomplish it. The actual work of the building project was done by the people and the leaders supervised. The grace to accomplish the task flows from the anointed ones to anoint the ones doing the work. Hence the idea, that the corporate entity, the people, are anointed through the leaders.

The implication for leadership is astounding. God sends many of the people back to rebuild the temple but he gives the vision and the grace for the project to the two leaders. God's grace produced in them flows out in a common anointing to each individual worker. It is not the innate ingenuity or natural talents of these two leaders that will move the project of God's will forward. It is a divine enabling that will accomplish God's desired ends.

This is a common theme throughout scripture. God could have talked to the elders of Israel about His desire to deliver the people from Egypt. He did not. He called a man, gave him the revelation of His will, and gave the man powerful signs of His spirit. It was actually the humility, even self denial that was an asset to Moses' leadership. Moses had to discover what he could not do before he could be an olive tree that would convey the corporate anointing to all of Israel. Even his sister and his brother were confused about who could lead Israel in the project of deliverance. Leprosy helped clear their understanding. Koran mistakenly thought anyone could fill the "gullah of Israel." It was his last mistake. (See ANOINTING Pg.4)

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**Dr. Tim Warner**

# Chairman's Corner

## What About the Children?

*Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it. "And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10:13-16 NKJV*

As summer approaches, regardless of the ministry to which you are called, children must be brought into planning for your church or mission! If you forget the children, you have not only missed the mark of ministry, but have, as indicated in the above verse, closed your doors to Him who sent them. In fact, you cannot even understand the means by which salvation is given, if sincere thought is not given to the humility of children. My heart is stirred to write to you on behalf of "the little ones."

Many ministries of the IMA already have awesome, creative, and vibrant programs by which the children are reached and nurtured for Christ. I've had the privilege of visiting churches and missions in several IMA Districts, and have been impressed how they are supporting parents to equip kids to flourish in their faith amidst a corrupt world. Keep on reaching the children for Christ! At the minimum, each church should host a relevant and effective Sunday School program. Let us not forget the immortal words of former FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover who said, "A child brought up in Sunday School is seldom brought up in court!"



May I be so bold as to challenge your thinking along the lines of ministry to children? Many churches no longer see the need for Sunday School and have either dropped it altogether; or have exchanged it for children's church. Please consider this: Where else will children learn the stories in the doctrinal sense? (Doctrine is not a bad word; not even for kids). How will children carry strong biblical values into the whole of life, if Sunday School does not reinforce the beliefs of the home, school, and church? Why will children want to further study God's Word in an orderly fashion, if they do not first receive that foundation through Sunday School?

Recently, I spoke with a classmate from Bible College who had faced immorality by a family member, martial strife, and death of two loved ones. She said, "Tim, do you know what has kept me through these horrendous times?" She continued, "The things I learned in Sunday School!" "Like what?" I asked. "Like, 'Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tell me so': like, 'The wise man built his house upon the rock...'; like, I can face the giants of my life as did David'; like, standing up for my faith like Daniel...". An elder in our church recently remarked, *I cannot imagine where I would be with out Sunday School; after over fifty years, I still attend the best ministry in the Church!*

- ◆ Raise up and designate a children's pastor (or director);
- ◆ Renew Sunday School program with fresh ideas and new curriculum;
- ◆ Begin a new Three-week-per-month children's church (during sermon);
- ◆ Hold a 4-5 day DBVS tent meeting with music, drama, teaching, and FOOD;
- ◆ Have a fun, exciting, and relevant children's sermon once per month;
- ◆ Offer a pre-school and Kindergarten program with a [k-12] Christian Day School;
- ◆ Host a "safe place" Halloween alternative with games, costumes, and a message.



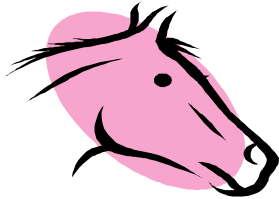
Whereas, Sunday School is not the only ministry, it is the "meat and potatoes" for children's ministry. Actually, there's a multitude of ways you can reach out to children. Here are some dynamics our church has implemented over the past few years. I offer them to you by way of suggestion:

Of course, the Word, praise, baptism, administration, church polity, spiritual gifts, praying in the spirit and the like are vital to ministry; yet we must not neglect, offend, nor forget "the lambs" of the flock! So, what about the children?

*Need help with growing your Sunday School or Children's Ministry? Contact National Board Members: Dr. Rick Van Hoose IMA Resource Director or Rev. Dan Hernandez, IMA Youth/Young Ministers Coordinator or attend our National Conference in September 09, where The Cathedral will model an excellent children's ministry.*

**By Rev. Ray Brown**  
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Recently, I heard of a minister who started a "Cowboy" church. This small group meets in a barn every Sunday. They sit on hay bails with horse flies all around and the preacher preaches from a horse. Literally, a sermon on the "mount". GET IT? Mount?!? (Oh well, stay focused here.) The preacher said, "he was tired of seeing the "sour faced" Christian and refused to hold typical worship services". To some that may seem slightly un"stable". However, lets think this through for a moment. Doesn't the church mean the "called out ones"? Doesn't the Bible tell us to compel them to come? Yes or "Nay"? The Bible tells us that we are the temple, (or the housing), for the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost from what the Bible says is that He will lead us and guide us into all truth. The Holy Ghost is moving and wants us to move, to lead and to guide. Anyway to continue, truly we are the church. It is not just a place to go on Sundays.



## STOP HORSIN' AROUND

Believe me I am not against the traditional Sunday church service. I have "hoofed" it to church since I was a kid. We should come together as a body and worship the Lord together and be encouraged by the community that God has brought together. Also, The Church, (I am speaking of the entire church body world wide), through thousands of years has brought the Good News into the world. The Church has committed itself to "The Great Commission".

"Mane"ly I am only stating the obvious. The message remains the same, however, the method is ever changing to reach people where they live. When an English speaking missionary goes to a foreign land he doesn't speak English and just expect people to understand it. As good as the intention is and the sincerity and the passion, the people the missionary is trying to reach WILL NOT understand. The missionary must have an interpreter to translate into the language the people can understand.

We may not have a horse or a stable but we do have the means right in front of us to reach people where they are. Yes, where you live, where you work people are ready to hear and see hope. Let's "STOP HORSIN' AROUND" and just start inviting people to your church service. Lets be the Church through the week. "STOP HORSIN' AROUND". Let's be the Church. Let's love because God is love, let's bring hope because He brought us hope, let's have faith in people because He has faith in us. "STOP HORSIN' AROUND"!

## A Word From The Heart

By Rev. Carole Dollar  
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*Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy. Proverbs 31:9*

We are surely living in the last days. The signs of the times are everywhere. And we can be assured all end time prophecy will be fulfilled. In Matthew 24 we read: that Nation will rise against nation; false prophets will rise; the love of many will grow cold because iniquity will abound; men's hearts will fail them for fear of those things coming upon the earth.

Jesus commanded in Luke 21:35: *"Watch and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that come to pass and stand before the Son of Man."* I inquired of the Lord, "What must I do to be accounted worthy?" He gave me some glorious promises of protection and provision for His people who care for the poor and needy.

*Blessed is he who considers the poor; the Lord will deliver him in the time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive. And he will be blessed on the earth. You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies. The Lord will strengthen him on his bed of illness; ad will sustain him on his sickbed.* (Psalms 41:1-3)

This is God's antidote for these troubled times. This scripture promises that God will deliver us from the will of our enemies. The will of the terrorists is to destroy all Christians whom they call infidels. This protection includes economic disasters and also natural disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, etc.

Beloved, we must start ministering to the poor and needy as never before. We have homeless and destitute people in every city and town; and now due to the current economic crisis more families are becoming homeless. This will bring honor to God and God's favor to man. For it is written in Proverbs 14:31, *He that oppresses the poor reproaches, (shames/disgraces/mocks) his maker, but he that honors Him has mercy on the poor.*

As we have mercy on the poor the Lord will have mercy on us, for He shows mercy to those who are merciful. This current war we are waging will not be won with man's weapons of warfare, but by invoking God's hand of divine protection and provision over our communities and nation. As we become a refuge for the poor and needy God will be true to His Word and protect us from terrorist attack, natural disasters and economic depression. For God cannot lie and the above are covenant promises and God never breaks covenant.

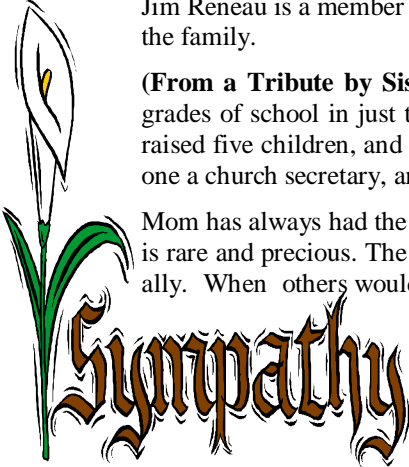
**HOW TO INVOKE  
GOD'S  
PROTECTION  
AND  
PROVISION**

**Sis. Hazel Reneau**, Sarasota, Florida went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday April 1, 2009. She had been sick for quite some time. Sis Hazel is well known, loved and revered by friends across the U.S. and around the world. She is the wife of Rev. Richard Reneau, a past Chairman of the IMA and a Board Member for many years. Their Son Pastor Jim Reneau is a member of the Florida IMA District Board. The IMA sends our deepest condolences to Bro. Reneau and the family.

(From a Tribute by Sis. Hazel's daughter **Debbie (Reneau) Dean**) Mom was very bright and after completing four grades of school in just two years, she graduated at the age of 16, and married Richard Reneau a few days later. Mom raised five children, and at one point had four in high school at the same time. One is now a pastor's wife, one a pastor, one a church secretary, and the other two active in ministries in their local church.

Mom has always had the poise to be quiet and unassumingly authentic. In this day of flamboyant ministries and egos, that is rare and precious. The thing that is so unique about my mother is that she has the courage to love people unconditionally. When others would be sitting beside their husband on the platform, I have often seen my mother wrestling a tired

baby so mommy could receive what she needed from the Lord. Mom has the courage to love even the unlovable. She never talks down to anyone. How does she always know just the right thing to say to make each one feel at ease? I don't believe I have encountered people who are more forgiving than my parents. There is no one I respect more than my mother. Surely Mom is a Proverbs 31 lady.



(ANOINTING FROM PG 1)) Paul speaks of how others were to build on the foundation he laid. He warned the elders of Ephesus that some of them would dissimilate because they wanted the role of being the olive tree. Peter warned elders to lead not because they were coerced but voluntarily lead those "allotted to them." John speaks of the churches as being the seven lamps on the lampstand. The message is addressed to the "angel/messenger" of each church and then the church by way of the messenger.

We live in a culture that thinks that leaders are optional. God still raises up leaders and anoints them with vision and His spirit so His will may be done. Expect that when God leads you to a vision His spirit will flow through you to those "allotted" you for God's projects. Never short-circuit the time you spend in the presence of the Lord to make sure nothing hinders the "oil" flowing through you.

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