



# Shield of Faith Newsletter

**“A CHURCH FOR ALL”**

## What are you preparing for?



***Bishop Henry B. &  
Dr. Marty Alexander***

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Bishop HB Alexander

From the Pastor's Desk

# “A People Prepared for the Lord!”

“And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah...to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” (Luke 1:17)

**Saints of Shield of Faith, we are entering this new year asking God to give us more of His Spirit!** When we are filled full with the Spirit of God, set free from carnality and worldly distractions, we are more than conquerors, able to deal with anything that 2010 or any other year could bring our way.

### Led by the Spirit of God

In this present year we must be led by the Spirit of God! Romans 8:14 tells us, “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” What an important statement St. Paul makes in this scripture to the Romans. It is one that needs to be deeply appreciated. We must appreciate the safety and the fruitfulness of being “led by the Spirit of God.” It is undoubtedly the key to victory and success in our walk with God!! As we enter 2010 we must be eager to *listen attentively* to the Holy Ghost and we must be willing to quickly *obey* Him. God is the Good Shepherd, more than willing to *lead* those who are willing to follow Him in obedience.

Over and over you will hear the critically important word, **‘PREPARATION’** in my preaching and teaching at this season. As your pastor, I want you to be prepared and fully ready for all that God wants to do in your life in 2010. This new year will be filled with wonderful opportunities that we must be prepared to benefit from. Conversely there are certain to be negative developments and various attacks of Satan before we come to the end of 2010. It is for that reason that I am directing all the saints to consider the scripture above. In 2010 we must be “...**led by the Spirit of God!**...”

### God is PREPARING Us

I cannot tell you exactly what 2010 will offer or threaten. None of us have the capacity to see the future precisely unless God grants prophetic revelation. But we sense that powerful ministry will occur in 2010. We feel a breakthrough anointing and see the joy and faith in the hearts of God’s people. We feel the spirit of Evangelism and Prayer as never before. Our church has never entered a year with such excitement—not only among our young people, but also among our TAME Ministers, our Prayer Ministry, our Power Room workers and our Evangelism Team. There is a clear sense that **GOD IS PREPARING US FOR SOME WONDERFUL THINGS IN THE YEAR AHEAD!**

### Prepared with Strong FAITH!

Because we know that the devil always seeks to hinder and resist the move of God, we are preparing our hearts in strong faith, determined that we will not let the evil one steal even one thing that the Lord has for us. We enter 2010 prepared to “*fight the good fight of faith...*” and to receive God’s best for us, our church and our families.

### Preparing in Prayer and the Word

I predict to the saints of God that we will fall more in love with Jesus this year, and that this increased love for God will draw and drive us ever deeper into prayer and into the Word of God. Since the average pastor spends no more than 15 minutes a day in prayer, we will set our hearts to be exceptional and extraordinary in both prayer and in the reading of God’s Word. Those things will transform our hearts so that we are ready to live in victory and Holy Ghost power in 2010. May God bless us in this New Year!

*God Bless the Saints*

Bishop Henry B. Alexander, pastor

God is turning His People back to Him—he is purifying and preparing us for something GREAT!

It feels like God is preparing us for something!



This year will be filled with wonderful opportunities

# *A Prepared Youth Taking Their Generation Back*



# *A Prepared People*

*By: Samantha Hutchinson*

We are living in a time where sin worsens more and more each day. No time for games because when the Devil plays, he plays for keeps. He is hungry for souls therefore we must be hungrier. He fights hard against us therefore we must fight harder.

Being prepared is more than just our personal relationships with God; it is also about winning souls and helping others prepare. The whole theme of 2010 is “A Prepared People” not “A Prepared Person” meaning we have to

help each other so that we can all be ready when Jesus comes. We have to be prayed up, we must be fasting and we must be studying the word of God more than we ever have before.

It is a lifestyle we must live and we must go for God full fledged and whole heartedly. By doing this, we will be prepared for hard times that we will have to endure, we will be prepared to do ministry and evangelism. It has to be our lifestyle; we must serve him completely and consistently. “Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man

cometh.”—Matthew 25:13.

We will never know the exact time, we just know that he is coming and he is coming soon. Whether you are young, old, medium—whatever you classify yourself as—God still expects holiness, no exceptions.

To me being a prepared people means living your life according to the will of God. Serving him with sincerity, surrendering yourself completely over to God. He isn't asking us to be perfect; He just asks that we be prepared.

## *Guard it well*

*Poem by: Minister Dawn Duran*



Minister  
Dawn Duran

A word to the wise;  
dry your eyes.  
The strength that is  
in you,  
is moving in this  
venue.  
Give nothing away to  
the enemy at hand,  
he really doesn't rule  
this land.

Although he will  
try, “What!” You  
ask, “Why?”  
The soul and free  
will is what he de-  
sires,  
And you better be-  
lieve he's always on  
the wire.

Going to and fro,  
Don't you know,  
So a word from the  
wise; Guard yourself  
well,  
Lest the enemy take  
you straight to Hell.

# Christian Jokes for the Soul

## A Bible Brain Teaser

There are names of 16 books of the Bible mentioned in the paragraph below. See how many you can find.

"I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu; kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others, it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help find them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this paragraph."

Answers will be in next months newsletter.

## Our Reasonable Service

By: Gordon Walters

*"Go gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for 3 days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the King which is against the law; and if I perish I perish!"*(Esther 4:16)

This passage shows the importance and effectiveness of consecration. Because of Esther's Fast to God, not only was her life spared, but also the lives of her people.

In my personal consecration experience, I find it to be easier to reach God when you are at your

lowest state, in the flesh. God's desire is not to see us suffer, but it is to strengthen us spiritually. We as children of God must live a life consecrated to Jesus Christ.

This does not mean you must starve yourself to become more spiritual. All it is to consecration is presenting your body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God (Romans 12:1). Taking the time out of hanging out with your friends to study the word of God and to speak to God is consecration. When you put away all music or television programs that may be edifying to your flesh but not your spirit, you are

Q: Who in the bible kissed Heaven's door but died and went to hell?

A: Judas

## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

Bible study.. check! Prayer time .. check! Sunday church.. check! Whew, glad I got those out of the way so I can get on with my day!



WORSHIP IS NOT PASSIVE.. give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice the kind He will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? **Romans 12:1**

presenting your body a living sacrifice. When you fast on Wednesdays, you are in consecration. Without consecration, there is no sanctification, and as Paul said in Romans 12:1, "it is our reasonable service".

In essence, as saints of God it is our job to live this lifestyle of consecration to Jesus Christ.

I pray that in reading these few words of encouragement, you have gotten a better understanding of consecration. May God keep you, and may your relationship Him grow stronger and stranger each day. God Bless.

# *Your victory lies in consecration*

*By: Kacey Tabor*

The Biblical definition of consecration is the devoting or setting apart of anything to the worship or service of God. Consecration for the Christian is being set apart for the purposes of God. This is not an optional concept for a disciple of Jesus Christ. If we are going to live victoriously in these last of the last days, we will have to live consecrated lives. So how do we do that? I'm so glad you asked.

There are many ways to consecrate oneself as unto the Lord such as prayer, fasting, bible reading, financial sacrifices and so many others. For the purposes of this article, we'll be focusing on the concept of fasting. The definition of fasting has not changed throughout history. In the Greek and Hebrew languages, the words for fasting are *nesteuo* and *tsumm*. The Greek word means "to abstain from food or drink; the Hebrew word means "to cover your mouth." In our language, fasting means "to abstain from all or certain foods, as in observing a holy day; to eat very little or nothing." In simple terms fast-

ing is the practice of deliberately and willfully denying oneself your usual intake of food and/or drink for a certain period of time – mostly for spiritual purposes. So many churches in Christendom today, do not practice the concept of fasting. It is deemed as "old fashioned".

Fasting is not by any means a new phenomenon just not practiced as in the days of old. Fasting is one of our greatest spiritual weapons aside from prayer. It is the atomic bomb of the spiritual realm! Fasting should be considered as a time of great spiritual opportunity. When we couple prayer with fasting, we get God's attention! We are telling God, "I'm serious!" Matthew 17:21 states, "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."

As we enter the New Year, we will be embarking upon our annual 40-day fast consecration. Am I excited about fasting? Absolutely NOT! My flesh does not want to forego food for any period of time, give up my strawberry/banana smoothies nor the specific demands of the consecration

such as no television, no sweetened drinks, etc. However I'm excited about the *results* that occur during the fast as well as the breakthroughs and victories that happen even long after the consecration has ended.

There's no way a child of God can seek God for 40 days and not arrest the attention of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I encourage each child of God to prepare oneself with a sense of anticipation and expectancy for the consecration. See it as a spiritual opportunity to connect with God, to break habits and bondages, become more spiritual, more powerful, and more anointed to move to a new spiritual level. To be a "Prepared People for the Lord" in 2010, we will have to "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Isaiah 55:6.

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# Senior Moment

*By: Patricia Parker*

Praise the Lord Saints,

It is indeed an honor to serve as your senior ministry leader. Our ministry will serve the unique needs and concerns of mature women and men, 55 years of age and over at Shield Of Faith, Tivoli Plaza and Tivoli Gardens. We will incorporate fellowship, fun, and grow lifelong friendships. Let us love one another as Christ loves us. I invite you to join us, we are saving a seat just for you on Saturday February 6th , 12:30pm at Shield of Faith.

# Young Insight

*By: Janae Duran*

God is pure

God is pure: God is love. God saved our sins because of love. God is pure because he is clean. That's why God is good to me. So, see you in heaven, I hope you go.



## January Birthdays



Shawanda Warren  
Dorothy Vasquez  
Christopher Wright  
Linda Cruz  
Gina Miles  
Madkin  
Audra Blount  
Vivian Haire  
Ashley Morgan  
Dana Jones  
Eduardo Garcia  
Rachel Burr  
Ramona Rice  
Kendra Watkins

Andrew Evans  
Amanda Jackson  
Larry Goldsmith  
Quitus Altin  
Eileen Sanders  
Miriam Garth-Quaye  
Donovaun Ware  
Davonne White  
Elizabeth Leggings  
Travon Johnson  
Glory Edukere  
Destiny Magee  
MaCherie Kitchen  
Alvin Frierson

Antonio Valenzuela  
Nathaniel Dearman  
Monica Brown  
Charles Smith  
Sonya McNair-Wimberly Kit  
Alice Burnett  
Melissa Henry  
Marvin Rice  
Jordan Lee  
Alicia Harris  
James Campbell  
Rydna Williams  
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## Weekly Order of Service

- Sunday School.....9:30 am
- Sunday Bible College.....9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship.....11:30 am
- Biblia Abierta.....3:00 pm
- Monday Hour Prayer.....12:00 pm
- Tuesday Bible Study.....7:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer.....7:30 pm
- Friday Youth Service.....7:30 pm
- Saturday Evangelism.....10:00 am

### Special Services

- 1st & 3rd Sunday TAME.....6:00 pm
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Mentor Group..2:00 pm