

Revival Through Miracles (continued)...

We began to fast more and pray and all of a sudden people possessed by demons began showing up. One gentle rushed the stage screaming "Shut Up" as I exhorted about the Oneness of God! As he approached the stage I approached him with a hand outstretched and when my hand met his head he dropped flat on his face! Don't worry, I didn't hit him. When He got up he was speaking in other tongues and was baptized in Jesus name. From

that moment, an immediate flood of souls came into the Church. That's because God uses miracles to advance His church into greater dimensions of revival and growth.

Revival is not something that is on the way, revival is already here! The aroma of our amiable Father is now spreading throughout our land. There is a fresh, sweet spirit of God growing and spreading now throughout churches, businesses, homes and schools. Revival is happening

now! If you want to experience a greater level of revival in your Church, city, or region, begin to ask God to confirm His word with signs following, and watch God open hearts, minds, and eyes to His precious truth.

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To the wonderful ministerial family of Section 2, greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only saving Name under heaven and in earth.

Brethren, looking back on our past and into our new year as a new section, you can only conclude that we are blessed. I have received good reports from all our churches, and our section leaders are doing a wonderful job. We commend them for working so diligently for our section and, of course, for the Kingdom of God. Let's keep up the good work.

Our section in our Louisiana District has been blessed by the election of Bro. David Hairford to the church in Galvez. Bro. Hairford was able to bring that church into the fellowship of our district and make it part of the United Pentecostal Church International. This is an outstanding accomplishment! We are receiving wonderful reports of growth in the Galvez church that stem from the innovative ideas that Bro. Hairford brings to this field of labor.

Albany UPC has elected Bro. Tommy Russell as their new pastor. This past Sunday, January 20th, Bro. Russell brought a fine man from his church who

had suffered a stroke and was paralyzed on the entire right side of his body, to our church in Denham Springs for the annual healing service. Over 1,000 people in attendance at the healing service, as well as over 6,000 viewers online, witnessed the Lord heal this man instantly! He entered the church in a wheelchair and after prayer for his healing, this entire audience witnessed him getting out of the wheelchair, walking, pushing his wheelchair up onto the platform, across the platform and out the door! This incredible miracle is bringing revival to the city of Albany! Praise God!

Brethren, I'm looking forward to our annual sectional meeting on March 5th being held at our church in Denham Springs. Please make plans to be with us. You will be impressed with our annual report this year; God has blessed our finances. You will also be impressed with the cutting edge tools that have been made available to our section: OneCall, Lagniappe newsletter, website, etc. These tools will bless us as we seek to grow our churches and win our communities. Please be prepared to discuss these innovative ideas with us, and offer your input to make our section even better. I want to thank our leaders



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Presbyter, Section 2

for the articles you've prepared for this issue of Lagniappe. These articles always bless our section. Let's keep up the good work this year, working together to grow the Kingdom!

In closing, I love all of you wonderful men and women of God. We have a great section, and we have much to offer the Kingdom. God bless you for everything you do for the Kingdom of God!

I remain respectfully yours,
Rev. W. R. Johnson Sr.
Presbyter, Section 2

Section 2 Conference
Tuesday, March 5 | 7pm
First Pentecostal Church of Denham Springs
1020 South Range Ave, Denham Springs, LA 70726

FROM THE SECRETARY

A matrix is something that constitutes the place or point from which something else originates, is taken from, or is developed; or in other words, the mold or cast. The Greco-Roman world was the matrix for western civilization. Several years ago, I read an article explaining that a scientist placed a camera to look inside an unhatched egg. The camera observed and counted the times that the bird inside the egg pecked to try to escape from the confines of that shell. Almost 10,000 times that little bird pecked, until the egg broke and allowed the chick to come forth and move on to a purposeful life. When a maturing giraffe needs adult nourishment to grow, the only place that this nourishment can be found is in the tops of trees found in that region of the world. At the point where the giraffe is about to starve for the proper nourishment needed to live, many scientists believe that at that point the neck starts growing! In other words, when there is need that pushes us to the point of desperation, the seemingly unattainable becomes attainable.

As many of you know, my wife and I recently became lead pastors in Galvez. Our commitment in this new endeavor, which many of you share, is not just to experience numerical growth, but for our church to reach the point that we are desperate for a genuine move of God in our community. We must reach the point where we are desperate to see people changed by the infilling of the Holy Ghost and baptism in His Name; the point where we are praying and fasting for a matrix kind of revival such as the one found in the book of Acts. We must see all our local congregations weeping and praying for an outpouring of God's Spirit. Our section could become a matrix for what we all believe, then we will become a part of what the Lord wants to do through us in these days.

I read a story about Charles Blondin, who was a famous French tightrope walker. Some say he was the greatest tightrope walker of all time. One of the most often told stories of Blondin, is his crossing of Niagara Falls on a tightrope. He reportedly performed that fearless feat several times. At some point he turned to his large audience, which included numerous reporters from various newspapers, and he asked them, "How many believe I can walk across this tightrope pushing a wheelbarrow?" People cheered loudly. They believed Blondin could do it. Then he asked, "How many believe I can push a wheelbarrow across the tightrope with a man sitting in it?" Again, the crowd cheered with a loud response. Blondin, then pointed to one of the most enthusiastic men in the audience, and said, "Okay, you get into the wheelbarrow." Obviously, the man made a quick exit! Blondin demonstrated that there is often

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

What a great Section 2 Children's rally we had February 2. It was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Robert Martin along with Hope Central church for hosting. Also thanks to Children's evangelist, Rev. Eddie Gorden, our Louisiana District Children's Ministry Secretary who always does an outstanding job.

The annual Save Our Children (SOC) offering is due May 6th. The Louisiana District SOC goal for 2019 has been set for \$200,000 dollars.

Thank you for your faithfulness in past giving and thank you for what you will give in the future. This money is used to invest in our children. With kids camp right around the corner in June, any camper who raises \$500 dollars for SOC will receive special recognition, a front row seat to the drama, a T-shirt, and a fast pass to move to the front of the lines. Additionally any child's contribution will also count with their local church's giving.

As you know, we are gearing up for kid's camp and it's going to be a great year! But it doesn't stop there; every parent can register their child for Kidz Zone at camp meeting during the day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ministry of Section 2 for allowing me to serve as your children's ministry director. It has been a tremendous blessing for my family and me to be part of this wonderful section. Thank you for the love and kindness shown to us over the last few years.

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a great difference between the faith we SAY we have, and the ACTION faith we need to move forward! I pray that in 2019, we all have that kind of faith that will lead us into action, so that we may experience that matrix kind of revival found in the book of Acts!

Ephesians 3:20-21 "Now unto him that able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Global Missions connects us to the Global Harvest. I am very grateful to be part of an organization that is in 225 Nations with 691 missionaries in the field. What a benefit it has served me in witnessing to a family recently from India. They were comforted to know that I am part of an organization that has missionaries all around the world and in their home country where some of their family still reside. On a side note, globaltracts.com is a great resource if you are teaching or need to teach someone a Bible Study who does not read English. Bible Studies are provided on that website in several different languages.

2 Corinthians 9:6 says, "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." We have a great opportunity to sow bountifully in the mission field as we schedule or host a missionary.

There is still time to schedule a missionary for a service this year. In the event that your service schedule conflicts with availabilities, you could choose instead to host a missionary. Both of these options are a blessing to missionaries on deputation. To schedule or host a missionary, please contact me at acehrtz@aol.com.

As always, thank you for your commitment to the mission field here and abroad!

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May God continue to bless all of you as you labor for souls in 2019. If I can ever be of service to you in any measure, please don't hesitate to call.

In His Service,
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REVIVAL THROUGH MIRACLES

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." — Albert Einstein

A miracle is a work accomplished by God for godly purposes. Miracles always happen with a purpose in mind. Firstly, they give birth to a living hope and passion towards God. We must believe and understand that miracles are God's idea to advance His kingdom and that these manifestations of supernatural power and ability can stimulate great revival. True revival – spiritual awakening – will sustain and transform people both inside and outside of the church. It's always been the intention of God to do wonders for and through His people. The Bible declares, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast our devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." (Mark 16:17-18 King James Version). I've always asked myself, "Why did God choose these signs"? And the more I read I discovered that signs were God's way of validating or giving assurance on His word. In Hebrews, it states that; He proved it by using miraculous signs, wonders and all kinds of miracles and He proved it by giving people various gifts through the Holy Spirit in just the way he wanted (Hebrews 2:4 Easy to Read Version). After God ascends into heaven and commissions the disciples, He uses signs to confirm His Word in Mark 16:19-20 (KJV). So miracles were one of the ways God confirmed His own Word.

This lends great insight into John's thesis for his book. "These things are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ" (John 20:31 King James Version). Belief leads to life. Belief and life go hand in hand in John's Gospel, because, if you believe in Jesus you have life. You'll see it, when you believe it. So, miracles seem to be a tool that God uses to awaken belief in us, which in turn awakens us spiritually and allows revival in our lives and the lives of others. If we want to see a greater revival, we ought to pray, prepare and believe for more miracles.

Approximately 45 years ago on a Wednesday night, a man entered the First Pentecostal Church of Denham Springs, LA with a small child in leg braces. The Pastor of that church Rev. Johnson preached on Isaiah 53, explaining that Jesus would be beaten for our healing. There were very few people attending the church at this time, approximately 20 souls. When Pastor Johnson finished his sermon, the man approached the pulpit with the child in his arms. Her legs were deformed, turned 50 degrees from normal. The father said to Pastor Johnson, "If you believe what you preach, pray for my little girl to be healed."

Pastor Johnson began to pray, and the child's legs began to snap and pop as they were healed. The braces were removed, and she has never worn them since! These braces sit in a glass cabinet in the hallway of the church as a silent testimony of the healing power of our God! Nine great families began to attend the church after this miracle was noised abroad! From that point, the church began to grow and has never stopped. The revival that was born on that Wednesday night has continued and the church now numbers over 1,000 souls! A new building has been built that will accommodate 1,850 people, and God is filling it! The father of that little girl, Malcolm Meyers, is now a United Pentecostal Church minister, and has built a thriving church in Covington, LA. The little girl, Nicole, is all grown up and married and is serving God faithfully. She tells about her miracle every place she goes! What a magnificent God we serve!

In 1977, my Father and Mother Richard V. Allmon Sr. and Lois Allmon were sent by their Pastor Bishop George Coleman to start a Church in Bogalusa, La. The District had land and a small building but no people in this location. My Father and mother immediately hit the ground witnessing and having service. Sometimes it would only be my Father, mother and three older siblings in service as things began. My parents had to live in the same Church where they Pastored and while it had running water there was no tub, so my father still working as an electrician quickly found someone to install a tub. While the carpenter was working, he had a stroke and screamed! My mother heard him while she was in prayer and ran in to him having a stroke. She began to pray and God raised him up. He continued the work and finished the job because God had totally healed him. When he left, he began to tell everyone in the city "if you ever have a problem call those people that "say those funny words when they pray." The Church immediately began to grow and in that same year that building was totally full! God desires to show Himself strong by performing miracles that will cause revival. The question is, are we believing for the caliber of miracles that will have people flooding to meet this Jesus we preach about?

In 2012, after serving in the U. S. Airforce, I left my career to return home and see our Church and city have revival. Little did I know I would be doing that as the Senior Pastor of Full Gospel UPC. But, shortly after the passing of my Father I transitioned into the pastorate. With a word from God, a heart for the lost and the church I got right to work. I began preaching and teaching about the 1st Century Apostolic Church, and us experiencing everything they experienced.(continued on next page)