

G O D ' S M I S S I O N A R Y

# STANDARD



I WILL MAKE  
THE DARKNESS  
LIGHT...



Conference President **Jacob Martin**  
216 Schoch Street  
Middleburg, PA 17842  
[jacobmartin@juno.com](mailto:jacobmartin@juno.com)

Vice President **Jeremy Fuller**  
[jfuller@embarcmail.com](mailto:jfuller@embarcmail.com)

Secretary **John Zechman**  
[president@pvbi.edu](mailto:president@pvbi.edu)

Treasurer **Alan Walter**  
[parson1988@aol.com](mailto:parson1988@aol.com)

Home Missions Director **Jeremy Fuller**  
[jfuller@embarcmail.com](mailto:jfuller@embarcmail.com)

World Missions Director **Wilmer Paulus**  
[sepikpau1@juno.com](mailto:sepikpau1@juno.com)

## THE INVASION OF PARIS

“I WILL MAKE DARKNESS LIGHT  
BEFORE THEM . . .” ISAIAH 42:16



DAVID WISE

The reputation of Paris was as bad in 1881 as it is today. It was a city filled with pleasure seekers, socialists, and atheists with an axe to grind. The Protestant church of France was seemingly powerless to make an impact upon the darkness of their land, and the capital city seemed to defiantly reject any attempts to promote the gospel in its midst. Into this wasteland of hardened souls came three young English girls who purposed to turn Paris upside down and rescue souls from the devil's grip. The Salvation Army sent “Katie” Booth, Adelaide Cox, and Florence Soper to a mission field that defied and mocked them from the moment they arrived. Kate Booth, age 22, was the oldest and the leader of the group. None of them really spoke French, and they learned “on the fly” as they consulted a dictionary and practiced the language by conducting street meetings. They existed on boiled potatoes and spent hours in prayer daily. The people responded with a strange mix of indifference and open hostility. New Testaments that were given out were promptly torn up and used to light cigars. In one of their meetings, a person yelled out, “Pleasure is our God!” Without missing a beat, Kate showed that she was beginning to understand the language and the people by responding, “Yes. And God is my pleasure!” Herbert Booth, one of Kate's younger brothers, joined the girls in the crusade and quickly got a black eye for Jesus' sake. Yet the young man demonstrated the same spirit as his older sister when he stated, “We have the devil and two million of his best soldiers against us, but we are going on. Something wonderful must happen before long.”

After several very difficult months, the “break” came in the form of their first solid convert. One night at the mission hall they had rented, the motley crew who came to their services was particularly wound up. Not knowing what else to do, Kate made a deal with them. She would give them twenty minutes to dance, and then they would give her twenty minutes to preach. At once, the mission hall turned into a mad house where the inmates cut loose for the agreed upon amount of time. Kate and the girls then tried to begin their part of the service. The crowd wasn't willing to give up the floor; but one tall, dark-haired, angry-looking man, stood out from the crowd, defended the girls, and insisted on their rights. William Booth's daughter began to preach and the Holy Ghost came down from heaven. She preached for over an hour, and no one uttered a word to interfere or mock. She felt led to speak to the man who defended her after the service. He opened up his heart to the young girl and told his story. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 12**

[facebook.com/gmstandard](https://facebook.com/gmstandard)

[twitter.com/gmstandard](https://twitter.com/gmstandard)

# DECADES OF DARKNESS ... ... EXTINGUISHED BY LIGHT



**J**ohn Walter was blessed to be born in a Holiness pastor's home. Some of his most powerful memories are of hearing his mother praying out loud from her bedroom and asking the Lord to "save my boys." Evidently, Sis. Walter had reason for concern when it came to the spiritual standing of her male children. Though restrained from sin in many ways, young John Walter was full of mischief. However, the consistency of his parents in their walk with God spoke to him about the reality of their religion. Other older saints, like Bro. Paul Miller, played a key role in influencing Bro. John to consider the claims of Jesus on his life. The willingness of older Christians to give of their time to listen to young people made a big impression on Bro. Walter in his teenage years.

Though he professed to be a Christian while in his early twenties, he eventually fell away and went into deep sin. This period of spiritual darkness lasted for forty years. Yet God was faithful to him in his years of spiritual defeat, and he could never get away from the memories of his youth. One night, toward the end of his forty years of wandering, he cried out "God, where are you?" He felt the Lord say to him, "I am right here!" Soon after that, he went to Penns Creek Camp with his brother Dave one Thursday night. Though he didn't respond to the altar call, he knew his time had come. He went home and gave his heart to God but felt nothing. The next night, while waiting for the service to start, he felt led to tell Bro. Harry Plank what he had done the night before. When he did, the witness came, and he has never been the same since.

The call to the ministry came as he felt the urge to pray for a church that didn't have a pastor. Though he was not the man for that church, Bro. Walter felt like the Lord was telling him that he needed to be available for such a call. He began filling in at various churches, and then the way opened for him to go to Butler as their pastor. In his time in the ministry, Bro. John has learned to lean hard upon the Lord and that whether he is "to live or die," he must trust the Lord for everything. One of his greatest memories is when the pipes froze one night at Salamanca church. He had no idea what to do next but to call upon God and to leave the matter in His hands. Though the temperature continued to drop overnight, the next morning found the water running, with no sign of freezing or damage anywhere. Such answers to prayer have only strengthened his resolve to go deeper with God and make up for years that were wasted in selfish pursuits.

The deep sorrow caused by decades that were given over to sin and Satan give extra weight to Bro. John's admonitions to young people, who are just starting out in the Christian life. His fervent plea to anyone just beginning to follow Jesus is to "make up your mind 100% to serve God and give Him everything." If we do this, "God will be to us the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." What a blessing it is to watch this "brand plucked from the fire" now burn with a desire to please the Lord in every way. ❏

# READY FOR

# ROME!

## “...I AM READY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO YOU THAT ARE AT ROME ALSO.” ROMANS 1:15

**B**rother Paul wrote these timeless words while in Corinth (winter of AD 57-58) during his third missionary journey. In my opinion, Romans is the greatest theological document ever penned. And the question I want to ask is: How does Saint Paul begin this inspired masterpiece? I dare say with EAGER CONFIDENCE.

In the middle of the first chapter, we find this intriguing announcement. You may not understand my fascination with the sentence until I remind you what Rome was. Rome was the capital city of the world – the home of the Caesars. It was the epicenter of concentrated power. It was the richest and vilest place on planet Earth.

The old warrior of the Cross is not enamored by her splendor or intimidated by her sins. He knows from decades of experience the Gospel is exactly what Rome needs! He writes in the following verse, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek (Rom. 1:16).”

On Sunday, November 12, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., God’s Missionary Church Inc. and the Pilgrim Holiness Church of New York linked arms in a historic act of brotherly confidence and camaraderie to launch a brand-new Holiness church in ROME, New York. Eighty-five people attended the inaugural worship service. Throughout the three services on that memorable day, 102 different people worshipped in the beautiful brick building at 207 North Madison Street. More than 50 of those individuals had never been inside a Holiness church before. All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!

Brother Erik Samborski was installed as the senior pastor. He has pastored three and a half years for the Pilgrims and currently serves as an advisor on the Pilgrim Holiness Extension Committee. It is the joint vision of our respective Church Planting Boards that Pastor Samborski will gain valuable experience during this first phase (18





months) of the Rome church plant. This, in turn, will benefit the Pilgrim Holiness Conference by furnishing them with a pastoral family who may launch a new church for the Pilgrims in a future season of ministry.

Brother Matthew Kilgore has been installed as the associate pastor. He has been our main contact during the entire process beginning in April of 2016. God led Brother Kilgore to find the Church and parsonage we are purchasing for \$135,000. Over the summer months, Brother Kilgore felt the call of the Lord to pastoral ministry. He had been effectively leading a house church ministry in the months leading up to November 12th.

Nearly 30 new people have attended the services in Rome since the launch 10 weeks ago. It is our vision to have 1,000 visitors during the first phase of this new ministry. We have scheduled two revival meetings and a number of other special services. Starting a new church during the winter months was understandably more difficult than it would have been if we had started in the spring. Looking back, however, it appears abundantly clear that the Lord has been superintending the birth of this new church from the beginning, and we must not doubt His wisdom in ordering any of the details.

One of Mr. Wesley's most unforgettable lines from his Journals is, "The World is my Parish!" In fact, these words are etched on the base of his statue in the forecourt of Wesley Chapel (London, England). He was by tradition a conservative "high churchman." By these words he sought to justify what was known as "field preaching" in his day. Sometimes his itinerant ministry was called into question because, as an Anglican Priest, he crossed over the parish boundaries of other priests in the Church of England and often preached without their permission or blessing. As a fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford, Mr. Wesley had no parish of his own and was exempt from the parish boundary rules. And yet he felt compelled to offer this defense, "The World is my Parish!"

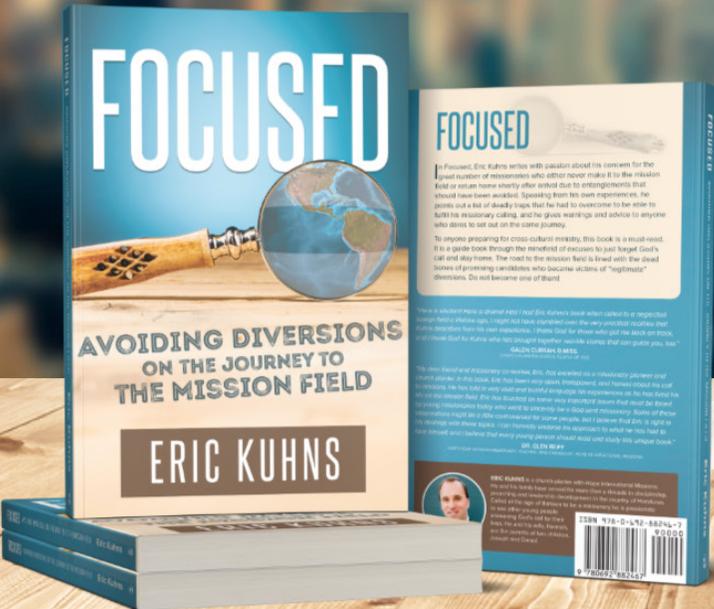
As spiritual children of John Wesley, we can do no less. We must go where the need is. We must go where the Lord opens the door. I am thankful for the privilege of working with men in two sister holiness denominations who have crossed the boundaries to try to reach the 32,415 (2016 census) people who need Jesus living in the city of Rome, New York. Those men, women, boys and girls need the message of Holiness. We stand united and ready to preach the Gospel at Rome also! 📌



**JEREMY FULLER**

In his newly released book, "Focused", Eric Kuhns addresses the entrapments that Satan uses to derail up-and-coming missionaries from their calling. Written with passion and from practical experience he calls the reader to a life of obedience and surrender to God's will.

ORDER YOUR COPY TODAY  
[www.feaministries.org/focused](http://www.feaministries.org/focused)



# RISE UP

JUNE 11-15 YOUTH EVANGELIST:  
 REV. JACOB MARTIN



 GOD'S MISSIONARY  
 YOUTH CAMP  
[WWW.GMYC.ONLINE](http://WWW.GMYC.ONLINE)

## THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- PREREGISTRATION IS ONLINE NOW UNTIL MAY 23 FOR \$65 AND INCLUDES A FREE SHIRT
- STUDY GENESIS 39-45 FOR BIBLE BASEBALL
- STARTING TIME IS 3 PM ON JUNE 11
- ENDING TIME IS 5:30 PM ON JUNE 15
- FOR MORE INFO CONTACT MATT MALOYED (570) 837-9750



# Get the Picture

YOUR POTENTIAL. GOD'S PLAN.

# Thank You For Attending #YC18GetThePic

#YC18GetThePic was epic! God blessed the ministry of Rollin Mitchell and others in a powerful way. It was another record shattering year for attendance with over 600 young people and over 900 people total! The picture we will never forget is that of the mighty manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the services; especially the snapshot of the Sunday evening service, as wave after wave of young people sought God at an altar and received spiritual victory! To God be all the glory! Thank you for coming! We trust you "Got The Picture" that God has a plan for your potential! Make plans to come next year: January 30-February 4 with Main Speaker, James Plank.

## YOUTH DISCOVERY REPORT

**T**welve years ago, Youth Discovery was birthed to give young people from the holiness churches in South Central Pennsylvania an opportunity to fellowship and enjoy healthy recreation in a revival atmosphere. Through the years, this youth event has been a traveling youth convention giving a number of God's Missionary churches (Newport, Duncannon, Camp Hill, Bloiserville, & Pleasant Valley BIC) an opportunity to host the services.

From Friday evening to Sunday night, nearly 200 people attended the four services. Thank you to all who have an interest in this youth event. Your prayers, attendance, and giving have been recorded in Heaven.

The theme was "Counter Culture" and was based on the admonition in Romans 12:1-2. Bro. Adam Buckler did an outstanding job challenging us from God's Word on what it means to fix the gaze of the soul upon Jesus Christ (Hebrews 12:1-2), changing the individual and the "culture" around him. The Sunday morning message was uniquely blessed with many definite victories at the altar. We praise the Lord for meeting with us again this year in such a manifest way.

Please plan to attend Youth Discovery next year. Convention Dates are January 18-20, 2019. To be added to the Youth Discovery mailing list e-mail [jfuller@embarqmail.com](mailto:jfuller@embarqmail.com).



# PARADISE IN RUINS

BY: ROCHENDA CANCIO CRANE

The wheels of the Southwest airplane touched down on the runway and, inside the plane, cheers and clapping erupted. Cubans were returning to their motherland to visit family...and this time we were on board.

I had heard stories of Cuba my whole life. My dad told me of its beauty and his memories of family. He told me about my grandfather's fish business and my great-grandfather, the writer and poet. He vividly remembered playing with cousins and friends in the streets and in the town square. But he also remembered the escape! They left without saying goodbye. They couldn't afford for anyone to find out. And now, here we were, going back to meet those same cousins. You can't imagine our excitement.

I snapped a picture of my brother Jose, my sister Angela and my dad, Jose Cancio, as they stepped off the plane. We were the only plane at the airport. After we got through customs, we stood outside the airport, by the flag pole that was waving the Cuban flag, and watched that same plane take off and head for the United States. My brother, always the jokester, looked at us and said, "Well, there goes our ride home". We laughed.

It took my sister's great packing skills to get us all squeezed into our tiny rental car with all our luggage. This included 225 pounds of much needed supplies to leave with our family and church friends.

We were like kids on Christmas Day as we left Santa Clara and started the 45-minute drive to my dad's hometown, Caibarien. We were taking it all in. 1950's cars, horse and carts, buses, trucks of every kind and bicycles were just a few of the things you passed, or dodged, along the way. Right away you noticed two things: the beauty and the poverty. Over the next few days we would also see the strength and creativity of the Cuban people.

We spent 5 days packed with adventure and emotion. We traveled 600 miles to specific towns and sights that were important to us. Our sweet cousin, Rosa, took us from home to home meeting family. They cried tears of

joy and held our faces as if they had been waiting all these years to meet us.

One morning, Jose and my dad got up extra early. They strolled the streets and enjoyed breakfast "Minutas" from a porch vendor. "Minutas" are deep fried fish filets placed on bread. Jose reported back to us that they were delicious.

We thoroughly enjoyed the many cathedrals of Havana and the beautiful buildings and pillars in every town. It's one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen in my life, but it is paradise in ruins. The peeling paint and crumbling stone seen everywhere was a constant reminder that the last 58 years had taken its toll on the country. But the people are strong and beautiful. They are geniuses at taking anything and making something out of it. They fix, re-fix, repurpose, re-use, invent, and re-sell. They are survivors!

One of the absolute highlights of the trip was attending church on Sunday morning. Over the past ten years, God has opened amazing opportunities for my dad, and others, to preach, teach, and hold Bible studies and conferences in Cuba; especially with a church in Santa Clara.

It was such a privilege to meet Pastor Dania Seymore and enjoy several meals in her home. Her daughter, Yani, joined us every day on our travels and we spent a lot of time laughing, singing, praying, and hearing about her family and the church. Yani is a tremendous part of the ministry in Cuba.

What a joy it was to sing and worship with these brothers and sisters in Christ. Some songs we sang were familiar. We remembered singing them as kids at the Spanish church in Miami. Other songs and hymns are sung in English at our churches in America. There was an instant connection, as there always is when you are among Christ followers. The Spirit of the Lord was among us and it was wonderful.

There were people of every age there, but I was struck by the number of young adults in attendance.

CONTINUED ON [PAGE 12](#)



# PRESIDENT

**Oct 30:** Administrative work (Travel notes for the President)

**Oct. 31:** Beavertown, God's Missionary Youth Camp Board meeting: Youth Camp President, Matt Maloyed, directed the meeting. We agreed to some schedule changes. The dates are still the same: June 11-15, 2018. Also, administrative work (Sermons and World Missions)

**Nov. 01:** Penns Creek, World Mission Board meeting with Bro. Simmons: Bro. Simmons has been helping on the mission field in Brazil for many years. He plans on joining G.M.C. and continuing to serve the Brazilian people.

**Nov. 04:** Administrative work (General Board and sermons)

**Nov. 05:** Millmont, P.V.B.I. Choir service: God's presence was very real in the service. There were lots of good testimonies from choir members and the congregation.

Northampton: I visited the church and heard Bro. Paulus give an update on World Missions. I appreciated the PowerPoint presentation. Let us all be about the Master's business.

**Nov. 06:** Penns Creek, General Board meeting: We were excited to grant licenses to Bro. Billy Simmons, Bro. Matt Kilgore, and Sis. Becky Clark.

**Nov. 08:** Camp Hill: I visited Sis. Eileen Gordon in the Holy Spirit Hospital. Mountain Road, revival meeting: Bro. Michael Mason challenged us to be a witness.

**Nov. 09:** State College: I visited Sis. Bickert in the hospital and Sis. Janet Witmer in her home. Both ladies have been pastor's wives.

**Nov. 09 -10:** Beavertown, Bus and Outreach Board meeting: Next year's dates are March 06-08, 2018, at our Lebanon G.M.C. It is an honor to work with a board full of men trying to advance God's work.

**Nov. 11-12:** Rome, NY: We had 102 different people attend the Rome God's Missionary Church on our opening day! Over half had never been to a Holiness church before. God's presence was real in the services. People said, "We are coming back."

**Nov. 13:** Penns Creek, P.V.B.I. Board meeting: Discussed the President-elect moving into school housing. We also discussed many other issues relating to the school. We thank God for each of these board members and the different ways in which they are a blessing to God's work.

**Nov. 14-19:** God gave us a good revival meeting in Columbia, SC. Bro. and Sis. Ken Walter are doing a great job ministering to the saints and caring for those who are lost. It was a joy to make pastoral calls in homes and at the hospital with the pastor.

**Nov. 20:** Traveled home from SC.

**Nov. 21-22:** Administrative work (Travel notes, phone calls, and e-mails)

**Nov. 23-25:** It was great to have family come in from Ohio to visit for Thanksgiving.

**Nov. 26:** Beavertown: Rev. Dan Durkee shared a hunting sermon with the thought of being ready when the deer comes. Then he reminded us to be ready for Christ's coming.

**Nov. 27-28:** PA gun hunting began. I saw 0 deer. Did I quit hunting? No. When things don't go our way as Christians, do we quit? No! We know better days are coming.

**Nov. 29-Dec 01:** Administrative work (Scheduling Conference President visits, etc.)

P.V. staff and faculty Christmas banquet on Thursday night. What a privilege to spend the evening with so many of my friends.

**Dec. 03:** Sunbury, P.V.B.I. Choir service: There were 250 in attendance.

**Dec. 04:** Administrative work

**Dec. 07-10:** Lakeland, FL: Visited Bro. Handfield. His wife passed away unexpectedly. Please keep him in your prayers. Sis. Handfield will be greatly missed. We appreciated her faithfulness to God and love for her church family.

**Dec. 11:** Harrisburg: Rhoda and I went to the Home Mission Christmas banquet. What a great update and meal. Each pastor shared how there had been new people in church and how someone had been saved in each church. This is truly the reason for the season!



JACOB MARTIN

 Follow on Twitter for weekly travel notes and sermon thoughts  
[@jacobmartingmc](https://twitter.com/jacobmartingmc)

was a tip from Bro. Gordan Kinkaid who happens to go to another one of our churches. Great teamwork!

**Dec. 18-23:** Administrative work (Article writing, prep for FL, travel notes, scheduling Conference President visits)

**Dec. 25:** We were blessed to have all our children and grandchildren for Christmas.

**Dec. 27-30:** Administrative work (Sermon prep for Sunday and Haiti Ministerial. Helped Rhoda with ministerial mailing, etc.)

**Dec. 31:** Shamokin: We enjoyed the New Year's Eve service. Rev. McKenzie let each person pick a verse to a Christmas chorus, and he also read a Christmas story. We then transitioned by preaching a message about taking Christmas with us into the new year. Because of Christ, we have the message of Hope, Help, and Healing. 🙏

**Dec. 12:** Beavertown: I assisted Pastor Shaffer in moving boxes to his new house.

**Dec. 14-15:** Viewings and funeral for Sis. Darlene Handfield: A life well lived. Thanks to our conference family and Bro. Handfield's family and friends for all the love and support that was shown. We were also privileged to have Sis. Darlene's brother and four sisters stay with us for two nights. We made some new friends and good memories in this difficult time.

**Dec. 16:** Administrative work (Article writing and sermon prep)

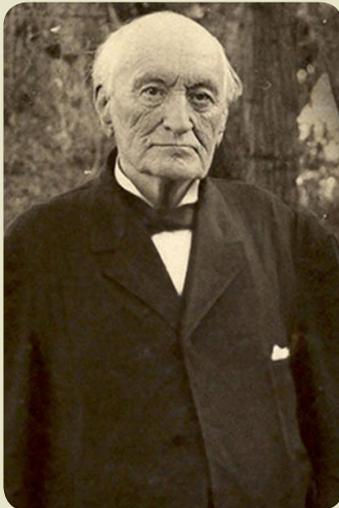
**Dec. 17:** Lewistown: We appreciated the good report of a couple of new children in the morning service. This



## The Second Approach

Whoever goes behind the veil, whoever seeks and obtains the blessing of a pure heart, will appear again among the people, and this time with wonderfully multiplied power to do them good. He will be antagonized in many directions; but oh, the power he has with God, and the power he has over souls to quicken, encourage, and lead them to God for salvation! How tender and gentle with men! How fearless of men and devils and the world! How bold for the truth and Christ! He has looked in the face of God, and can now look calmly and properly upon the face of man; he has the tongue of fire and his words burn- he indeed burns while he utters them; he has the fullness of the blessing and overflows; he has a mighty propelling force in him, a fire in his bones, a love in his heart that will not let him rest until the salvation of God appears and abides.

*(Excerpt from "The Second Blessing in Symbol" by Beverly Carradine)*



## Unction

It is the power of God in human utterance. It is the promised power in testimony and ministry that was to come when the Holy Ghost fell upon us. It may be impossible to describe it, but everyone recognizes when it is present. It is that, without which attempts at preaching and testimony are vain. Nothing reaches the soul of men through human agency in conviction, either for pardon or purity, without it. The presentation of truth is nothing without this divine presence, which lifts Godward, which awakens, impels, and saves. We must have it. We do well to stop all machinery and cry to God . . . until into our souls comes this personal fountain of life. We must have unction. It is the sword that pierces between soul and spirit; the hammer that breaks the hearts of men and leads them to the cross. Oh, brethren of the ministry, we must have it. Let us never preach another sermon without knowing that God is speaking through us to men. Oh, brothers, sisters everywhere, it is your enduement of power; you must receive it fresh, by the breath of God, or you are nothing.

*(Adapted from "The Nazarene" by Phineas Bresee - Founder of The Church of the Nazarene - )*



## The Spirit of Fire

The baptism of the Spirit is the baptism of Fire. Our Lord's straitening for the baptism of blood was followed by the fullness of Pentecost, in the gift of the Spirit of Fire. His love was shed abroad in their hearts and His holiness became the master passion of their souls. They burned and they shone: burning and shining lights. The spirit of cold obedience was kindled into an enthusiasm for righteousness, and the slavish sense of duty burst into a flame of eager devotion. This is the miracle of Pentecost. It kindles the fires of Christ's soul in the souls of men. They receive, realize and reproduce His mind, His heart, His life. His zeal becomes the all-pervasive character of their lives. They manifest His fervent devotion to the will of the Father, His holy passion for reality and righteousness, and His consuming zeal for the salvation of the lost. Religion at flame-heat illumines the mind, energizes every faculty, and impassions every element of compassion. Fire does not mean rant, or noise, or ruthless self-will. It acts differently on different material and in different people, but in all it burns, kindles, and glows.

*(Adapted from "The Way to Pentecost" by Samuel Chadwick)*

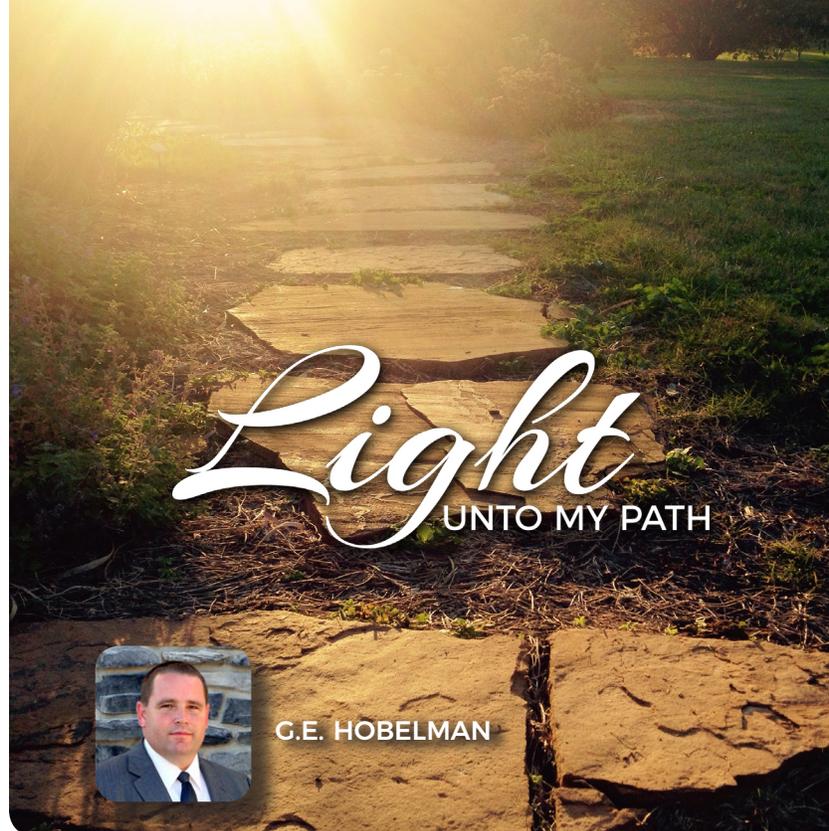
The clash between light and darkness has echoed down through the generations of time. In a physical sense, there was a time when the earth was dark and without form. God broke through the darkness by proclaiming, "Let there be light." And it goes without saying that "Light" pushed back the darkness. However, spiritual darkness came with the rebellion of Lucifer; and because of him, mankind has experienced the reality of true darkness. Separation from a holy God followed as a result because in His Presence there can be no spiritual darkness. Alienated in the depth of our spiritual morass, mankind seemingly had no real hope of being restored to the One who is all light. But that was not the end of the story.

One of the highlights of the Feast of Tabernacles was the lighting ceremony that took place on the first day. According to the Mishnah, there stood in the Court of the Women, four 75-foot-high, golden candelabras. They each had four branches with 10-gallon bowls on top that were filled with oil. At the appointed time, special music was played and the oil was ignited. From the temple's position on the hill above the town, everyone around could see the glow of those 16 blazes of light leaping towards the sky. This was a visual reminder of when God Himself came down in the temple and manifested His Presence in the brightness of His Shekinah glory.

It was with this vivid picture in mind that Jesus, during the Feast of the Tabernacles, stood teaching in the Court of the Women. Perhaps He even stood by those very candelabras as He uttered the words recorded in John 8:12, "I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Perhaps everyone there did not fully understand Jesus' words, but for those with "eyes to see," John spoke often of Jesus as "the Light." In fact, John 1:9 tells us, "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

The truth of this verse speaks to us in 2018, because even though we do not see Jesus in the flesh, we have the witness of the Word of God. There is something illuminating that happens when we gaze into the Holy Scriptures and read of man's nature, defiled by sin, yet we also see the love of the Divine Godhead earnestly pursuing fallen man. With such hope that the light brings, it is difficult to imagine why anyone would prefer darkness to light. Yet only three verses beyond the well-loved John 3:16, verse 19 records Jesus telling us that "this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

Unfortunately, this condemnation also continues to be



G.E. HOBELMAN

true in 2018. What is ironic is that in our modern times, "enlightened" mankind has been systematically attacking our source of "true light." History records the "Age of Enlightenment" as when science and reason became the new beacons of light and the standard by which truth itself began to be evaluated. Nothing was sacred, and even Scripture began to be subjected to the reasoning of philosophical thinkers and measured against scientific claims. Scriptural accounts of Creation, the Fall, the Flood, and even the Virgin Birth are now considered to be only symbolic, or discounted completely, because the reasoning of man indicates they are impossible. Even authorship is now questioned because to the modern mind the best way to explain prophecy is to say that it was written after the fact.

There is much that might be said here, but simply stated, the attack upon Scripture has been long and relentless. Today, many churches who once held the Bible to be the infallible, inspired Word of God, have changed their position. At best, some say it gives us what we need for salvation. Yet how can we even depend upon that to be reliable if all the rest is suspect? Truly man's efforts to avoid answering to the dictates of a Holy God have brought more spiritual darkness.

The good news is that the darker the night, the brighter the light shines. The impossible is always possible with the power of God. The answer to the darkness is the absolute nature of the Bible. God's Word has never been destroyed and that is not about to change. God's Word is forever settled in heaven, and though heaven and earth pass away, God's Word will never pass away.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

He had been a happy man once; but in two devastating blows, he had lost his wife and his young son. At his son's graveside, he had shaken his fist at God and pledged his undying hatred for his Maker. His race towards Hell was strangely interrupted by the "English freaks" who came to Paris. For the first time in his life, he saw God in the lives of these English girls. His heart broke, he repented of his sins, and he became a pillar to build the new work upon. In the days to come, converts began to multiply rapidly. A beachhead had been secured in enemy territory. Paris had been successfully invaded.

## "GOD IS PLOWING THE GROUND OF OUR CULTURE IN PREPARATION FOR JUDGMENT AND REVIVAL."

Our culture bears an uncanny resemblance to Paris in the days of "the invasion." The true gospel message is not clearly preached in many churches of our day. Even worse, it is very hard to find Spirit-anointed people who are constantly and consistently pointing others to Jesus by their words and actions in the marketplaces of our culture. Yet, if we have any sense of what is happening in our nation, God is plowing the ground of our culture in preparation for judgment and revival. The darkness has become so pervasive and destructive that people are sensing there must be more to life than pleasure and prosperity. In the midst of a broken nation, sanctified

NON PROFIT ORG.  
POSTAGE PAID  
SHOALS, IN  
PERMIT NO 18

PENN VIEW BIBLE INSTITUTE  
GOD'S MISSIONARY STANDARDS  
P.O. BOX 970  
PENN CREEK, PA 17862

hearts must preach a full gospel, which purges the desperate soul from its darkness and makes it "full of light." A watered-down gospel will not heal a broken people. We must not only have the message of the three girls, but we must also have the same spirit. After a difficult time, Kate Booth wrote that she needed to regroup and "fight like a tiger." Not in a fleshly, harsh way, but by setting her sanctified will to never surrender. We, in our day, have had our share of setbacks and disappointments. Yet, we must "gather the troops" and purpose to jump start that prayer meeting or begin that bus route. The Bible tells us that "I will make darkness light before them . . . and unto the upright, there ariseth light in the darkness." Our God will do that very thing, if we only keep up the fight. 📌

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

The friendship and love among the believers is strong. They pray for one another and share their burdens.

It was incredible to think that in that room sat multiple families and generations that have been directly impacted by the efforts of God's Missionary Church that started almost 70 years ago. The seeds that Carl and Ernestine Shuey and others planted then are still bearing fruit today!

Monday afternoon, right on schedule, another Southwest plane landed. Cheers erupted as before and more Cubans got off to visit family for a few short days. This time, we were eager to board that plane to "catch our ride home".

After a quick 45-minutes over the water, we were thrilled to be back in the United States with our spouses and kids. Lots of hugs, laughter, and stories; life was back to normal...well, not really. After a trip like that, you are never really the same. 📌

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

Its words are true and when our Lord Jesus says "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and no man cometh unto the Father but by me," it cannot be interpreted any other way. Absolute truth never changes. This is our rock, the anchor for this generation. As the Psalmist states, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." John says in this light we have hope for "if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." We run to the darkness clearly affirming God's Word as the divinely inspired, fully authoritative, beacon of light given to us by the "Light of the world" that illuminates our way back to full relationship with God! 📌

## "THE IMPOSSIBLE IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE WITH THE POWER OF GOD."