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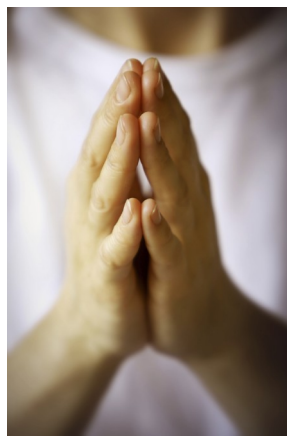
# HIGHER GROUND NEWSLETTER

## A Word from the Spiritual Director

Grace, peace, and mercy be multiplied to you in the name that is above every name Jesus Christ. Greetings family, I pray this little post finds you all blessed and highly favored of God! As you know the spring week-ends are already here and I hope you are as excited about them as I am. I truly believe people of faith are excited people who are expecting great things to happen in and thru us, because of the faithfulness of our Lord and King Jesus.

I want to share with you something I know the Lord has laid on my heart. I have often wondered and asked myself, "why are so many of God's people discouraged and defeated?" We are a redeemed, blood bought church of whom God has purchased our salvation and

deliverance. We of all people in the earth should be victorious in every area of our lives. After all, we believe Calvary's work was complete don't we? Perhaps we don't or won't admit it, but the truth is many really do not believe in God's "finished" work. Sure we will readily confess our salvation, and yet even that is brought into question from time to time isn't it? If in fact we allow the enemy of our souls to cause doubt in regard to our salvation, is it any wonder he can so easily dupe us into doubting God's will and desire for us in the many other areas of our lives? Paul both encourages and warns us in Col. 2:6-8 "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abound-



ing therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."-- Pay attention to v. 6, he said "as ye have therefore received Christ, walk ye in him." How did you receive Christ? How did you receive your salvation? If you did it any other way than what the Word of God instructs, I'm afraid you didn't receive anything at all. We all know the Word says in Eph. 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." So I ask you again, how did you receive Christ? You received Him by grace (unmerited favor) through faith! Having made that point clear (I hope), lets examine the rest of that Col 2:6 ..."so walk in him." It is apparent Paul is instructing us (Paul's instruction is Holy Ghost inspired by the way) to walk or live in Gods grace through faith!

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## Prayer Vigil

**We need your prayers!! The Men's and Women's Weekends are coming up and it is *essential* that these weekends be covered in prayer. Please visit [www.hgexperience.org](http://www.hgexperience.org) to sign up, or call Larry Kirk at 870-480-9004.**

### Important Dates

Men's "Experience" #37  
March 11-14  
Dennis Reynolds, Director  
[dl.reynolds@live.com](mailto:dl.reynolds@live.com)

Women's "Experience" #38  
March 25-28  
Angela Ledenham, Director  
479-359-0358

## Women's "Experience" #38 Director's Note

By: Angela Ledenham



*"Springing into newness of life"*

Greetings!  
I just wanted to share a little note with you before the upcoming Spring weekends. Our theme for the Ladies' Weekend is Romans 6:4 "Springing into the newness of life." I don't know about you, but that is so exciting to me and I can not wait to see what God has in store. Jesus is all about new and exciting.

All these years of serving the Lord have taught me

one very important thing. Serving is an act of worship. Worship is an attitude of the soul; not a song you sing. So, the question I leave you with today is....What is the attitude of your soul? Do you truly know Him? Do you love Him more everyday? Are you ready to serve Him 100%, with your whole heart? If so, please contact me if you aren't already on the workers list for the La-

dies' Weekend and I can give you a job to do. There are several areas where your agape are needed.

JESUS IS LORD!

Angela Ledenham  
479-359-0358

(Angela will be without internet for another month, so please use the new number above to contact her.)

## Summer Weekends

Servants needed!!!



Men's "Experience" #39  
July 15-18  
John Ledenham, Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If you are interested in working the Men's Summer Weekend in July, please contact me as soon as you have cleared your calendar as I will be starting the worker's list. My internet is down for another month or so due to moving and remodeling/repairs so please contact me by phone at the new number listed below.

Thank you and remember...

JESUS IS LORD  
John Ledenham  
479-359-0358

Women's "Experience" #40  
July 28-Aug. 1  
Angela Matthews, Director

*If God is calling you to serve at the Women's Weekend this summer please contact Angela Matthews at hotjavamama55@yahoo.com or 417-847-3597, or you can find her on Facebook.*

## Candlelight

**Men's Candlelight Service**

**Saturday March 13  
7:15pm**

**First Christian Church  
Eureka Springs, AR**

**The Candlelight service is one of the biggest highlights of the Higher Ground experience for both pilgrims and sponsors. Your participation in this service will bless you immensely, but more important, it can help bring the pilgrims another step closer to God and His amazing love.**

**Come be the 'Light of Christ' for your brothers and sisters in the faith.**

**Women's Candlelight Service**

**Saturday March 27  
7:15pm**

**First Christian Church  
Eureka Springs, AR**

## A Word from the Spiritual Director (cont.)

This is so simple, you're really gonna need somebody to help you misunderstand it. Now notice v 7 of Col 2... "Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." Again, how were we saved? How are we to walk or live in Him? Grace thru faith ... I love how Paul uses the word "rooted" here, he's implying something has



been planted. Built up, once faith is "rooted" in you, it should be being built up, not torn or beaten down. Not only built, but "stablished" (established), unmovable, unshakeable, steadfast in the faith! So now that we know we are to be living our lives the same way we received Christ, lets heed the warning Paul gives in v8 of Col 2. "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." If you have ever heard me speak or exhort more than once, you've probably heard me say this.. "Faith begins where the will of God is known"! No, I didn't come up with that on my own but I have adopted it some time ago and I believe it with all

my heart. Why am I even bringing this up you ask? Because v 8 warns us to "Beware". Here is the point



I'm trying to make, "Let Gods Word be true, and every man a liar". I'm not trying to belittle or put down anyone's doctrine or "philosophy's" unless they do not agree with the Word of God! Whether it be out of ignorance, spiritual laziness, or even desperation, people have come up with their own diluted versions or interpretations of God's Word. In other words, we have accepted lies, many of which have even come from behind the pulpits throughout the churches, and we have watered down the Word of God to meet or match our own experiences rather than "walking or living" in Christ's grace through faith. Our prayer should be "God I want the experiences in my life to meet or match what your Word says". Or Lord I be-



lieve but help thou mine unbelief". Beware of anyone who tells you "God has cursed you to teach you

something" "You stay sick all the time because God is teaching you a lesson". I could go on and on..."God doesn't care about your prosperity, and so your being broke all the time and not being able to pay your bills just means God just created you to be poor". None of the aforementioned is biblical! Beware!!! God gets a bad rap for a lot of things He's not responsible for.

Rom 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God!" Our faith is totally and completely dependant on "The Word of God" not



the word of men or men's philosophy. Your faith must be rooted in Christ, Whom the bible refers to as The Rock. Matt 7:24-27 "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which builded his house upon a rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock: And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth

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them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand; And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."-- As I pondered on the defeated and downcast children of God, I know the Lord pointed me to this passage of scripture. Notice this parable is speaking about two kinds of people, both

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General Information  
E-mail: [sportsguy@windstream.net](mailto:sportsguy@windstream.net)

Don't miss the chance to come and welcome the new family members and see how God worked during the weekend!!

Men's Closing  
Sunday March 14  
3pm

Women's Closing  
Sunday March 28  
3pm

man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."-- Mark 4:14 "The Sower soweth the word"-- The Lord's will for our lives is to be overcomers, and to be a people of joy and peace. His Word is the seed that is planted inside of us, remember "faith cometh by hearing, hearing by the word"? Matt told us there were those who heard the word but they didn't do what they heard. These people were defeated by the storms of life. I believe these people rejected knowledge, or they were lacking knowledge, thus they were destroyed.

We cannot cheat God's law of seed, time and harvest. You may cram for an exam and pass a test because you stayed up late the night before the test and studied. Most will admit, though they passed the test, they most likely will not remember what they "crammed" for. Seed, time and harvest will not let you do that. You cannot go out the night before the harvest and plant your seeds and expect to reap like those who planted, weeded, nourished, built up, (put time into) so that when harvest time was ready, they actually had something to harvest. Gods word is a much needed seed that you and I need to have rooted in us if we ever expect our faith to grow to the point that we will be able to harvest when the time comes!! The storms of life have beaten upon all of us... if we're not



founded on the rock Jesus Christ the Word, we will not stand.

Without faith it is impossible to please Him! His will is for you to be blessed, healed, whole, restored, prospered in every area of your life! He

loves us O how He loves us and don't let anyone tell you He's sitting upon His high holy hill waiting on you to screw up so He can strike you down... that is a lie. He wants to bless you and give you life more abundantly! Put your faith in the Word of God, not someone's misinterpreted version of it!! Let Gods word be true, and every man a liar!

I pray this has helped and encouraged you!  
I pray your resolve is to build your faith in Gods word  
I pray your life's experiences match that of Gods word  
I pray you truly experience the more abundant life!

See you soon In His Grace thru faith

## A Word from the Spiritual Director (cont.)

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"heard these sayings" and both experienced storms in their lives and yet one withstood the storms of life and the other did not. We see the exact same thing in our world today, there are the same two different kinds of people. All of us experience the storms and yet not all are able to withstand them. Hos 4:6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge." We are a destroyed people because of a lack and rejection of knowledge! It does not have to be this way! We can stand in faith on the Word of God and be victorious and be overcomers in this life if we will "walk or live" in God's grace thru faith! Thanks be unto God who always causes me to triumph! I know I'm saying a lot here but please be patient I'm almost done.. Mark 4:26-29 "And He said, 'So is the kingdom of God, as if a