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HIGHER GROUND NEWSLETTER

Men's "Experience" #39

John Ledenham, Director

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight....

Are you ready to get in the ring for our Savior? Are you ready to get off the sidelines? If so, we still have room for workers and pilgrims for the Men's Weekend July 15th-18th...Please let me know if you would like to serve. We need lots of agape! Thank you to all who have already put in a lot of work to help make the weekend a success. And please don't forget to secure your spot on the prayer vigil.

In His Service

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Women's "Experience" #40

July 28-Aug. 1

Angela Matthews, Director

Dear Higher Ground family,

Can you believe that school is out and summer has come with a vengeance. Time seems to go by faster and faster. As we all know, it also means that we get busier and busier. Experience #39 and #40 will be here before we know it.

I first want to thank everyone for the overwhelming response to work on the upcoming women's weekend. What a blessing it is to have so many willing Servants. I wish there was a place for everyone who wants to be involved. And there is....we have times open through out the weekend that you could be covering the weekend and the ministry in prayer. Many people feel that this job is less important but without prayer this ministry would be NOTHING, it would be in vain. Ephesians 6:18 says: "

Upcoming Weekends

Men's "Experience" #39 July 15-18

Women's "Experience" #40 July 29-Aug. 1

Our summer weekends are fast approaching. Have you considered how you can be a part of the weekends? There are many ways for you to be involved:

1. You can be a servant. Give your weekend to serving others and showing them the love of God. If you don't have the whole weekend be a day servant and spend a day in the work of the Lord

2. You can sponsor a pilgrim. The only way for this ministry to happen is for you to sponsor pilgrims. Invite your friends and family to come and experience the love of God in a whole new way.

3. You can bring agape for the pilgrims. This is a very important part of the experience. I'm sure you remember how special these small gifts were throughout the weekend.

4. You can pray. This is the most important part of the weekend. Please give an hour (or two or three) of your time coming before the throne of God, lifting the pilgrims and the workers before Him during the weekends. You may sign up on the website at www.hgexperience.org or call Larry Kirk at (870) 480-9004 .

Be open to how the Lord wants to use you through the men's and women's weekends.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." We also encourage everyone to come for the candlelight service on Saturday night and the closing on Sunday. Do you remember, as a pilgrim, how special those two experiences were? All those people that you did not know, who came out on your behalf, to reveal

God's love. (on my weekend I bawled like a baby).

Thank you once again, and I can't wait to see how our Wonderful Savior is going to work for the upcoming weekends.

Jesus is Lord!!!

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A Word from the Spiritual Director

By: Ed Plummer



We must guard our hearts from faithless experiences.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

Greetings in the Name that is above every name- Jesus the Christ! I pray you all are as stoked about the upcoming weekends as I am... people of faith are always expecting great things to happen when our confidence is truly placed in Him. As we are seeking and EXPECTING God's perfect will to be accomplished in these upcoming weekends, I want to ask you simply "What are you looking at?"

Prov 29:18 *Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.* Immediately we should know this is speaking of the right kind of vision. God wants to put His vision in us. Sadly, if we allow him, the enemy of our soul wants to cast a wrong vision in us as well. Obviously, the Lord is not speaking of our natural ability so see here. Rather, He is speaking about our ability to see spiritually...

other translations use the word "Revelation" instead of "Vision". Let's look at both A) and B) portions of this verse for a moment. Examine your own life here and you can quickly determine whether or not you have the right vision. B) *but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.* During the time this was written all they had was "the law", so I think it is safe to replace "the law" with "the Word" here. After all Jesus came not to do away with the law but to fulfill it. Are you a happy individual? If you are keeping "the Word" you are. If, however you find yourself walking around in a foul mood, depressed, sad, worried, anxious, bitter, etc, perhaps you're not looking at the right vision or revelation. Jer 29:11 *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.* I love how He uses the words "peace" and "expected" here. Jesus said many times throughout the scriptures

"Peace be unto you" or "My peace, I leave with you". We can and should "expect" PEACE in our lives. Again, I ask you, what are you looking at? God gives us the ability to choose. He presents us with the same choice each and every day. Deut 30:19 *I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:* Are you



choosing the right vision of blessings and life, or are you allowing your vision to focus on curse and defeat? We must guard our hearts from faithless experiences. The Word of God always trumps our experiences. We must not allow what we are (cont. on p.3)

Snack Table

Do you remember how wonderful the snack table was on your weekend? Do you remember always looking to see what new things were there? Do remember how special that was?

You can help make that a special part of the pilgrims' weekends that are coming up. Would you consider baking a special treat or making a healthy snack to bless the pilgrims as they travel through their weekend? What a wonderful (and easy) way to show those men and women the agape love of God.

Pass on the love that was shown to you.

Prayer Vigil

Please sign up for the 72-hour Prayer Vigil. Our labor will be in vain if the weekends are not bathed in prayer. We want God to be free to work and His Spirit to move throughout the weekend, and we want Satan to be bound and cast away. Sign up for your time of prayer at: www.hgexperience.org or call Larry Kirk 870-480-9004

A Word from the Spiritual Director (cont.)

or have experienced (especially negatively) to dictate our belief or unbelief in God's Holy Word. He said that He came that we may have life and have it more abundantly- He also said the enemy came not but for to steal, kill, and destroy. Satan desires for you to maintain a vision of defeat, hopelessness, fear, despair and only you by faith in God's Word can resist that. James 4:7 **Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.** The intended subject here is you! You must first submit...to God, then you must resist the devil. The latter without the prior is futile.

Do you know what the Word of God says about you? If you do



not, then it is impossible for you to have the right vision or revelation. Every blessed Holy Word is intended to bring you vision...revelation. When someone speaks to you and you do not understand or you misinterpret what they are saying, it causes confusion (God is not the author of confusion). When that communication becomes clear we often say "I see that"...now we're not getting a tangible photo at this point but our understanding has been enlightened..thus we have received revelation of the matter. This is what our Lord desires for us to have, enlightenment, vision, revelation, understanding of His "thoughts", "plans" for us. Heb 11:3 **Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of**

God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. We serve a God of infinite vision! God had



a vision or revelation of the universe, galaxies, worlds inside Him before His faith spoke it all into existence. This same God made us in His likeness and in His image!!!

The woman with the issue of blood in Mark ch. 5 had a vision of herself touching the Master's garment and herself being made whole. V. 27 says **When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment...** Notice it says "she heard of Jesus"- this woman got a vision, she received a revelation! V.28 **For she said, if I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.** Rom 10:17 **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.** This omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent God of ours cast His vision into this woman who had been struggling with a dreaded disease for over 12 years. How did He do that? By her hearing, by her receiving revelation... She absolutely submitted herself to God, she resisted the devil, she heard (understood, saw) God's plan



for her, she pressed in, she received her healing immedi-

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

ately! Why? She refused to "look at" the curses and defeat in her life any longer and she chose to "look at" the vision God had for her!! 2 Cor 4:18 **While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.** Know this, anything you are experiencing in this life can change. If what you are "looking at" does not align with His Word, change what you are "looking at"! His Word calls you the head, not the tail, the lender not the borrower, more than a conqueror, blessed not cursed, overcomer not an under-goer, by His stripes ye were (still are) healed, Praise be unto God who always causes me to triumph.... and much, much more! This is the victory that overcomes

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the world, even our FAITH! Your faith is the blueprint to your vision! Little faith = little vision, great faith = great vision.

The Word reveals (brings revelation) to us in regard to our salvation. By His shed blood we are cleansed...made white as snow. When this cleansing occurs in our lives, I'd like to think of it as God erasing all the junk in our lives and literally giving us a clean slate. Now the canvas of our lives is completely rid of all the ugly marks that sin and this world had put upon us. With each word He speaks to us now, He is, as if with the stroke of a brush painting His vision in our lives. Each word is another stroke of the Master Artist painting us as He envisions us to be. He is so skilled and proficient, He "sees" the end from the beginning and ohhh how beautiful His portrait of each one of us truly is. He wants us to "see" what He "sees"...what are you looking at?

As we approach these summer weekends, we need to allow God's vision to be our primary and only focus. We should "see" these pilgrims being set free, delivered, healed, blessed and leaving the mountain in total and absolute victory in every area of their life!! As we look at the vision God is casting to us, let us also allow Him to use us to cast the same to all those He entrusts us with. Let us determine to be caster's of the Vision of Victory!

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Mark Your Calendar!!!

Candlelight Service

Come be the "Light of Christ" for the pilgrims who are walking through their experience.

Men's Candlelight
July 17 7:15pm
First Christian Church
Eureka Springs, AR

Women's Candlelight
July 31 7:15pm
First Christian Church
Eureka Springs, AR

Closing Ceremony

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 July 18
3pm

Women's Closing
Sunday Aug. 1
3pm