



SUMMER 2011

HIGHER GROUND NEWSLETTER

A Word from the Spiritual Director

By: Ed Plummer

Greetings family in the most Holy name of Jesus Christ! Praise the Lord, the summer weekends are almost here again. I pray you are all excited and expecting as we release our faith together, knowing God will be faithful to manifest Himself yet again as He always does! The bible tells us in Jn 14:21 "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." What a promise! Is there anything greater than our Lord manifesting Himself to His people? "Keeping His commandments" is

evidence that we love Him! Let me pause here to say "Thank you in advance for your participation in these 'life-changing' experiences!" I realize we need pilgrims to have this ministry but equally important are those who sacrifice their own lives being both willing and obedient! We hear it at the close of nearly every weekend by our pres. "This is the body of Christ in action". Isa 1:19 says "If ye be will-

ing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land!" I am convinced this ministry is so successful because of God's grace and the willing obedience of those who serve! Obedience without being willing will not profit much nor will being willing yet not obeying accomplish much either. It takes both! Heb 12:2 says "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the JOY that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Once we get past our own selfishness and commit to the service of God, we can then see the Joy that is set before us...lives being radically changed for the kingdom!
Keeping His commandments = manifestation! Matt 22:37-40 says "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great



TRAINING!!!

Saturday June 4
9:30 am
First Christian Church
Eureka Springs, AR

If you are working a weekend this summer you NEED to be there.
This is a time to learn more about how you will be serving and getting together as a team so God can mold us into the body of Christ that He wants to use during the weekends.

Men's "Experience" #45

Travis Gregory, Director June 16-19

As I prayed and prepared for the weekend, I was reminded how every day the enemy threatens our families, our friends and our jobs and churches. We are called by his word to "stand in the gaps" and help to defend those who are weaker. Nehemiah 4:14 says "And I looked and arose and said to the nobles to the leaders and to the rest of the people, Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord and awesome and fight for your brethren your sons your daughters your wives and your houses. All Christians have been called to follow the Lord, and to look out for our fellow believers. He has equipped us all with the means to follow these instructions. We must be in prayer and in His word daily, so we can be aware of when and where he wants to use us. The enemy will use any way to tempt us from being the "warriors" God has made us to be. But remember, the Lord is truly GREAT and AWESOME and we need to FIGHT every day for His people, to take up the Word and listen to Gods call. I am looking forward to seeing the things God has planned for Higher Ground #45!

Any Agape you can bring is needed. Just think of how great it was to see what had been left on your bed while you were out. Just pick up enough for 24 pilgrims.

It is easier than ever to sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigil, just check out the website and sign in. Make yourself a reminder for when you committed to pray and take the weekend to the Lord in prayer for your fellow Christians on the Mountain. See you soon.

Women's "Experience" #46

Annette Knowles, Director July 7-10

I am so excited to be directing the next Women's weekend Higher Ground Experience # 46, July 7-10. It is going to be a wonderful weekend. Many people thought I would never do this, but this is exactly how God works. He puts you where you never really wanted to be and you find out that is exactly what you need. WOW!!! How AWE-SOME is That..

I ask that you all be in prayer for the weekend, the pilgrims and the servants. And pray that everyone gets a touch from the Lord. It is mainly about the Pilgrims but the Servants get such a blessing just watching the changes that happen as the weekends progress.

If you haven't signed up for the prayer vigil please do so. Also you don't have to be work-

ing the weekend to bring AGAPE or SNACKS. This is a Great way to show your love to the pilgrims even if you unable to serve. All Agape is greatly appreciated. Just remember how wonderful your weekend was in-part because of these wonderful gifts you received.

Training is June 4th at First Christian Church at 9:30 a.m. (This is where we have Candle Light) Please be there. It is very important to be at training. It will be very helpful for all servants for the weekends coming up. You can meet the people you will be serving with and there may be something you need to do to get ready for the weekend.

JESUS IS LORD

Prayer Vigil: www.hgexperience.org

Candlelight

Men's Candlelight
June 18 7:15pm
First Christian Church
Eureka Springs, AR

Don't forget about this wonderful time of overwhelming love for the pilgrims. Come share communion with your Higher Ground family, pray for each other and for the pilgrims, then greet the pilgrims with open arms and Christ's love.

What better way to spend an evening!!!

Women's Candlelight
July 9 7:15pm
First Christian Church
Eureka Springs, AR

A Word from the Spiritual Director (cont.)

commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." One of my favorite passages is Jn 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

When we consider these 2 passages there is a obvious difference. Jn 13 says "A new commandment"! Both command (not suggest) us to love! John requires us to love "as He loved us". He loved us unconditionally, He loved us sacrificially, He loved us willingly and He loved us even when we were

unlovable! The command to love is not based on how we feel, it is accomplished by our choice to willingly obey. Many are misguided in thinking that love is a feeling,



believing we must have warm and fuzzy feelings towards others before we are capable of loving them. I can absolutely guarantee you that our Lord Jesus was not having warm and fuzzy feelings toward us while He carried the weight of the cross on His bruised and beaten body up Golgotha's hill! Rom. 5:8 says, "But God commendeth his love toward

us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus loved us when we were still His enemies! And because he loved us like that, He commands us to do the same.

"That ye love one another as I have loved you". He is talking to His disciples, saying Peter you love John like I have loved you, Andrew you love Thomas as I have loved you, Curtis you love Ed as I have loved you, you see where this is goin' right? I am convinced that the Lord is set to provoke those to jealousy who are not fully committed to His kingdom. He wants the world to witness His love

through each of us towards one another so

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they will desire to become a part of this "body".

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples". By what? By our loving one another as He has loved us! This is how all men will know that we are His, because we LOVE one another!

Your church attendance will not show men you are His, your bible carrying will not prove it, your scripture quoting will not convince any-

Love One Another
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. JOHN 13:34

one, your spiritual gifts wont, your faith proves

Want to help serve during the summer weekends, but you can't get the time away?

What about providing some **agape or some wonderful **snack**?**

You remember what a blessing those things were to you when you were a pilgrim!

Why not pass the blessing on this summer?

What a wonderful way to be a part of these life-changing weekends!!

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nothing.... it is because you love, plain and simple! This is the principle thing, everything else will only work when it is done in love!

1Thes 4:9-10 "But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed you do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;" Can we even wrap our minds around this?? God, who is LOVE, is teaching us how to love! I would challenge all of us to agree with this scripture and whether or not we can understand it, lets just put our faith on it and be-

lieve He is teaching us how to do it. I agree with Paul when he says "you are already doing it, but we beseech (beg) you to increase in it." The HG family is operating in Love but I want to charge us to "increase" in it!

In summarizing let me state again, Jn 14:21 If we love Him we will obey Him (willingly) and when we do this He will manifest Himself to us! The first and greatest commandment is love! Psa 127:1 "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." We must intentionally build this ministry in Love or our efforts will be in vain. I am looking forward to seeing you all on the upcoming weekends and I am persuaded we

will all meet again with one goal and one purpose... to see the manifestation of our Lord Jesus.

Jesus is Lord!

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