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#### Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

Greetings in Christ's name,

In the last issue of the Newsletter, I mentioned three things which I need to follow up on. First of all is the severe back pain Mary has suffered with for three or four years. In early August, I asked her how severe her pain was on a scale of one to ten, and she said it was an eight. Many times in the past she had literally been in tears with no hope of ever getting help from the doctors. At the end of

the morning service on Sunday, August 28th, Tim called on the men of the church who wished to take part to come to his office for a time of prayer for Mary. There they anointed her with oil and prayed over her in accordance with James 5:14-15 - "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." In addition to the prayer meeting at our home church. I made the need known to our entire email subscription list. Many responded promising to pray for her healing. I was away preaching but immediately after the morning service I called home to see how the prayer meeting went. All Mary could say was "that was a powerful prayer meeting." It is now October 18th, and for these last fifty-two days her back pain has been completely gone. God healed my wife of that terrible, agonizing back pain. Thank you to all those who prayed, and to God be the glory for the great things He hath done!

The next item that deserves attention is the *There's Hope Family Ministries* mentioned at the bottom of this page. I am preaching this week for Pastor Doug Powell in their Faith Promise Missions Conference, and for the second time I am staying on the grounds of this good ministry. During more than fifty years of traveling and preaching, I (like most preachers) have stayed (with no complaints) in everything from cockroach or bed-bug infested motels to five-star motels with valet parking and bellhop service, but I can say without reservation that this Powell Family Memorial cabin beats

luxury motels all to pieces, not because of the high speed internet service (there is none) or the wide-screen television with cable service (there is none of that either). There is not even a strong cell phone service, so those addicted to texting and staying in constant contact with the world would probably not be happy here. But for me to enjoy my first cup of coffee at 4:00 am from the front porch without another house in view – to watch the light of day gradually force the darkness to step aside while God reveals some of the beauties of nature – to hear the birds awake with a song that only God could give – to listen to the chirping of wild turkeys and even ocasionally see a big flock of gobblers come out of the woods into the open – to just enjoy nothing but the sounds of nature in the early morning in this setting helps me to meditate on how great and how good God really is. And less than a five minute walk into the woods to the old "rock altar" where you can pray with nobody listening but God is an experience you won't find on the internet or the world wide web. I would highly recommend that pastors become aware of what Brother John and Brenda French are doing in this place to help preachers "retreat from the battle...and regroup."

The third item is the book *The Church That Jesus Promised to Build Versus Old Landmarkism.* Before publishing this book, knowing the controversy that it might cause (one man has already become upset with just the title and declared he will not read the book), I sent the manuscript to ten different Independent, KJV Bible-believing preachers for their evaluation. Each one, after reading the book, gave it 100% doctrinally accurate approval, and even before the first printing, there are requests for more than one hundred copies. This book is now available and offered on page 7.

Victory Baptist Press continues to work on getting the next shipment of Spanish Bibles for South America finished, and after that there is a possiblity of printing a whole French Bible for Haiti. At this point it is only in the suggestion stage, but If God directs us to do it, we will give it our best shot.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

May God be with you till we meet again,
Jim Fellure

## Evangelist Jim Fellure recommends John & Brenda French and the *There's Hope Family Ministries.*

Brother French says, "Many preachers' homes are being destroyed by separation, divorce, and rebellious children. Much of this is because of the pressure of the ministry. God has given us ninety-four acres to develop into a retreat for the man of God and his family . . . this is the perfect place to retreat from the battle. Not a place to quit, but a place to regroup."

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#### **Print Shop News**



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Since our last Newsletter, we have been busy printing and collating our latest truckload of paper into Spanish Bibles. We are nearly done with the printing, and the collating is able to go on at the same time because it is a four-step process with the equipment we have for collating. This will be the third container of Bibles we have sent to Peru, South America, to missionary Don Rich, who is our distributor down there. The second

container was emptied much quicker than the first one we sent him, and he has been out of them for several months. Many of these Bibles will go to remote jungle areas where Bibles are not available even if the Victory Baptist Press in 1999. Brother Richburg now serves as people do have the money to purchase them. In many of these jungle our general field director. churches, the pastor is the only person who has a Bible. The Apostle Paul said in the book of Acts that the saints at Berea were more noble than those in Thessalonica because they searched the Scriptures daily to see whether the things Paul was preaching were right or not. How is anyone to do that if they do not first have access to the Scriptures? With your help we can help make saints in South America more noble by providing them with their own Bibles.

On another front, it has been a long time since Victory Baptist Press has added a language to our list. We have been contacted by some missionaries to Haiti who want French Bibles for that island nation. Please pray that we will be able to find the best text and the money to do the project. Haiti is one of the poorest nations in the world, and it seems they are ravished by storms and earthquakes; these are followed by disease they are never able to recover from. Even if they do recover, their life is not much better than before the catastrophes and life is still hard. Many are willing to send food and medicine to help these poor souls, and they certainly need it, but the harsh reality is there is never enough to completely alleviate the problem. Sending them Bibles may not help them eat or build a house that can weather the storms, but they can know where their eternal soul will be after death. In a land where so many die at early ages, I would say that this is of the utmost importance.

On the home-front, I would ask that you pray for our daughter Sarah, who also works in the shop here. She has Crohns disease, which is an autoimmune disease that affects the digestive tract. She has struggled with it for years, but even more so in the last year or so. She currently only works six hours a day and is on a very restrictive diet. Please pray that God will put this disease in remission so she can lead a more normal life. She has had several tests lately to see what, if anything, can be done differently. Your prayers are certainly appreciated.

> May God bless you, Bro. Albert Berg

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The Dunns became field representatives for Victory Baptist Press in September 2010. After pastoring two churches for a total

of 24 years, and being heavily involved with printing and distributing the Scriptures, the burden for printing became so real to Brother Dunn and his wife Emma that he resigned as a pastor to become a full-time representative for VBP.



#### WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

by Jacob Fellure

The second in a series looking at the many wonderful words that describe salvation.

#### Redemption: Free at Last

"In whom [Christ] we have redemption through his blood," -Eph. 1:7

Redemption takes us to the slave market of sin, where men and women who are enslaved to sin are set free by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Slavery was common in Bible times. One could become a slave by being born into it, sold into it, or forced into it because of a debt. If another person paid the price to get a slave out of slavery, it was redemption.

#### Slaves to sin

Every human that has come into this world was born a slave to sin. Did someone need to teach you how to be selfish? Where did you learn to lie? We were born into the slavery of sin. But we also chose sin. Unlike many slaves, who despise their masters, we loved our sin. Blinded by sin, we believed it was enjoyable. Dulled by sin, we did not realize how harmful sin was: it separated us from God! Do you remember the life of sin and the misery, shame, and guilt it produced? Redemption removes the misery and the guilt. Because He redeemed us, the chains of sin have been broken!

But it does not just remove us from sin's bondage—through redemption we are also restored to God. When man was created, he was intended to walk with God, serve God, glorify God, and enjoy God. When man sinned, all of that went away. The presence of God was a frightening thing, not an enjoyable reality. It was impossible to please God because we were enemies of God. But through redemption, freedom and restoration were made available.

Consider the prodigal son, he left his father to spend his inheritance and enjoy his life. Eventually he ran out of the inheritance, and all of the enjoyment left with it. He ended up eating with the pigs in a pig pen. There, he decided it would be better to be a servant at his father's house than to be eating with pigs. On his journey home, before he could even make it back to his father's house, his father saw him, ran to him, and welcomed him back as though he had never left.

When I was redeemed, my relationship was completely restored. I now can walk with God, serve God, glorify God, and enjoy God.

#### The payment for redemption

Consider the One who demanded the payment. God in His justice demands a price be paid for sin. It is God the Judge who prescribed death as the wages of sin. Redemption (or any other part of salvation) is not merely wiping the slate clean. God cannot simply look the other way with sin. Sin has defiled the human race and made us all guilty before God. In this predicament, we needed someone to redeem us. But since all were in need of redemption, who could provide the payment necessary for our redemption?

Consider the One who provided the payment. It is God who provides the payment. This is the miracle of redemption: That God, whom we were alienated with, would provide the payment, so that we could be reconciled to Him.

This miracle becomes exceedingly more precious when we consider what that payment was. He did not pay for us with gold and silver. He bought us with the shed blood of His Son. The only One able to save us from our sins, was the One we had offended, but He still laid down His own life so that He could save us from our sins.

What a wonderful redemption!

#### **MEMORIALS**

Each contributor listed below, through their individual contribution, has helped provide 345 Bibles for the mission field.

**FROM IN MEMORY OF** Ridge Road Baptist Church of Brewton, AL ......Helen Baggett Campbellsville Baptist Temple....Morris Beard .....Sue Miller .....Jean Doughman ......Vernith Parrish ......Gladys Bowen Norma Hasch ......Bob Riggs Ray and Bethel Trump ...... Mrs. Kathye Evans Sarah Russo.....Joaquin Amader ...... Connie Caliendo .....Dr. Elkas' Retirement Freedom Fellowship Church of Central, SC ..... ...... Carl Bell First Baptist Church of Arcola, LA ..... ...... Robert Rainey Tom and Debbie Portier ...... Robert Watson .....Robert Rainey Nile and Sharon Stine .....Bill Burnside Jim and Nancy Bradley .... Charles Ray Weddle First Baptist Church of Lisbon, WI ..... .....Rachael Baker Thinking of First Baptist Church of New Lisbon, WI......

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" (Revelation 14:13).

......Harold Davis

...... June Schinmer

#### Benefits & Blessings



Mrs. Pam Leake

Do you ever reminisce about things that took place in your life when you were a child? Fun memories of times when you had no cares, and you got excited about new things to do and places to go? One of my favorite memories is of a summer vacation when Mom and Dad decided to take me and my brothers to the beach. Now, mind you, this was many years ago when the "beach" was still a nice and wholesome, more family-oriented

place to go and enjoy the sand and sea! I had never been to see the ocean, but I had seen pictures of it and read about it, and it looked unbelievably large. Mom would tell me about it and about how we would prepare to go there by buying new flip flops and sunglasses, and a new sailor hat to protect my head from sunburn. It's such a clear memory...the excitement of going to a new place I'd never been before, and seeing sights I really couldn't imagine. I had no doubt that I would get there, even if it was a long way from home, because my Dad promised we would, all in due time!

Preparations were made for all that we might need for the trip. Back then, we packed our lunch to take with us because there weren't many fast food places, and we wanted to save our money for when we arrived. My brothers and I all got something new to do on the trip, whether it was a new coloring book and crayons, or some type of little travel game. We watched Mom pack our suitcases as the excitement built. Our hearts were rejoicing with expectation, and we could hardly wait to go! There was no problem

convincing us to go to bed early so we could get an early start the next morning. In just a few hours we would be at our destination.

This trip scenario is not unlike the one we, who belong to the family of God, are anticipating in the not too distant future. We are going to a city we have never seen before with our human eyes. The excitement is building as we see the day approaching! Our heavenly Father has given us "hints" about this beautiful place in His Word, and the closer we get to our departure, the more we think about what it will be like. It will be unlike anything we have ever experienced, and though we have read about it and, perhaps, seen artistic depictions of it, we truly cannot imagine its reality. The wonderful truth is that Heaven is a real place, and we don't doubt that we will arrive because our Father has promised that "where I am, there ye may be also." The getting there we leave up to Him, and He has taken care of all the preparations. We'll have no need of things to occupy us on the trip because it will be as quick as the twinkling of an eye!

My heart can rejoice in this time of waiting for the trip home to Heaven because, even in the midst of some unpleasant and uncertain circumstances, my sights are set on what is beyond those circumstances. It's not going to be a one-week or two-week vacation and then back to this present life. No, it's my final destination, that place Paul spoke of in 1 Corinthians 2:9, "eye hath seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Truthfully, I can't wait to go!!

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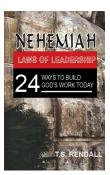


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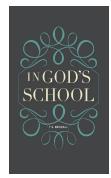


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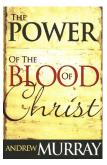


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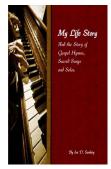


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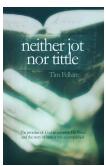


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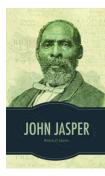
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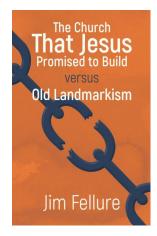
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#### John Jasper

by William Hatcher 155 pages \$9.95

John Jasper was a slave for 50 years, and a preacher during 25 years of his slavery. He was the ante bellum preacher until 89 years of age, when he preached his last sermon on 'regeneration.' He was the last of his type, and we shall not look upon his like again.



#### The Church That Jesus Promised to Build

by *Jim Fellure* 113 pages \$7.99

It is an established Bible fact that Jesus is building His church, but both history and experience proves that all the brethren don't see eye to eye on the many different aspects of this church, and those many differences bring up some very interesting, and to say the least, controversial questions. Questions like, How does one get into this church? Who are the members? Do the members ever change churches? Can they ever be taken out? Has this church ever had a split? Have they ever merged with another church? Has this church ever, or can it in the future apostatize? Have they ever mortgaged their property? Does this church that Jesus is building ever have yard sales or a car wash in order to raise funds to pay the utility bills? Have they ever

had a business meeting and out voted their head? Has this church ever, or will it ever in the future have two services on Sunday—one contemporary and one traditional? Did J. R. Graves, the founder of Old Landmarkism, teach that the Church will bring in the kingdom? What about fermented wine and everyone drinking out of the same jug during a communion service? Who makes up the body and bride of Christ? Is water baptism essential for being a part of the church of the firstborn? Is there a Holy Ghost baptism in this age? Are Baptists the only ones authorized to preach the Gospel? How important is the local church? These and many other questions find very clear and scriptural answers in this book.

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#### The Pastor's Page



#### **Judge Not**

#### Matthew 7:1-6

Matthew 7:1 is the world's favorite verse. They like to quote it any time they are confronted with their sin, even though most people don't know where it is, who said it, or who it was said to. The world resists anything dogmatic, authoritative, or absolute and their answer to you telling them

they're wrong is to spout, "Judge not." They don't believe any other verse in the Bible, but they believe that one.

So many people read verse 1 and read no further, so their interpretation is that all judgment or criticism or determining what is right/wrong is strictly forbidden. The only reason they read that because it is what they want to read. Don't tell them how to live, what to do with their body, how they can dress, that they shouldn't be shacking up – **JUDGE NOT!** 

Many Christians who know better are intimidated into silence because they don't want to be accused of being divisive or judgmental. Political correctness has killed our nation, and it is killing our churches, too. We are so afraid to have an opinion that is going to be disputed. A man can no longer just speak his mind without being crucified. So ... I believe Joel Osteen, Rick Warren, Benny Hinn, and Rod Parsley are false prophets. I believe women preachers like Beth Moore, Joyce Meyers, and Paula White are rebellious women who ought to go home, submit to their husbands, and quit pretending to be preachers. I believe CCM is dangerous, the ecumenical movement is dangerous, Calvinism is dangerous, and Hillary Clinton is a crook who should be put in prison. How is that for being judgmental?

The Lord is not saying it is wrong to judge – read it; He is saying it is wrong to judge the wrong way. John 7:24 says we are to judge with righteous judgment. A people cannot survive without having good judgment. We must be able to call something black and white, to say something is right or wrong, and to be able to know the difference in things. If you take the liberal slant you can't have any standards, you can't ever preach against sin, you can't ever correct someone with the Bible. But that is not what this verse means.

#### 1) Avoid Spiteful Criticism (7:1-2)

This is not about suspending critical thinking and discernment, but neither should we go around looking for problems. Some people are always picking, always criticizing, always making mountains out of mole-hills. Don't be that person.

Some people do that in a church. We all know those who see it as their ministry to keep the preacher straight and be a little

Baptist detective in their church. They have a grumbling, discontented, sour disposition and can only see the two or three things they don't like. Also, you can do this in a marriage: some men have become an ogre to live with because they're always harping on the things the wife doesn't do yet never praise her for what she does do.

But Jesus is saying the judgment you give to others is the judgment you expose yourself to. You should expect others to be as hard on you as you are on them, and be willing for God to judge you by the same standard with which you judge others. Your judgment will become your judge, so it is better to have a merciful spirit than a critical one; better to err on the side of caution and not judge than to judge unrighteously.

#### 2) Exercise Self Criticism (7:3-5)

The illustration is so simple you can't miss it: don't become so obsessed with a minor flaw in someone else and miss the huge flaw in your own life. Judge yourself by the same standards by which you judge others, and judge yourself BEFORE you judge others. First Peter 4:8 instructs us to have charity because we're going to want some coming back our way. At the end of the day, I need to have been as hard on myself as I was on anyone else. If I am really concerned about truth and righteousness and judgment, then I am going to want to see it in my own life first.

Get the plank your of your own eye if you are going to look for specks in other people's eyes. And if you are going to dig the speck out of your brother's eye, be careful how you do it. You won't need a pitchfork. You can jump down their throat and call them every name in the book, but maybe a kind word, a gentle exhortation would help more. This is even a good word for fathers: we can be so hard and adamant and unrelenting, but why not be kind and approachable. Can you see the plank in your eye, or only the speck in your child's eye?

#### 3) Employ Sensible Criticism (7:6)

To pull it all together, Jesus mentions two filthy animals and two pure things. Don't throw a part of the holy sacrifice to dogs, and don't cast pearls before swine. The point is have some discernment in who you offer judgment to. There are some people who will accept your criticisms and your exhortations and will respond to you, but there are some people you know who are not going to accept it. Twice this week someone has tried to draw me into a debate, and I have ignored their insults because I would just be wasting precious truth on someone who would only tear it apart as though it were nothing.

Judge yourself by the same standard as you judge others, judge yourself first, don't live with a critical spirit, and be wise in who you offer judgment to.