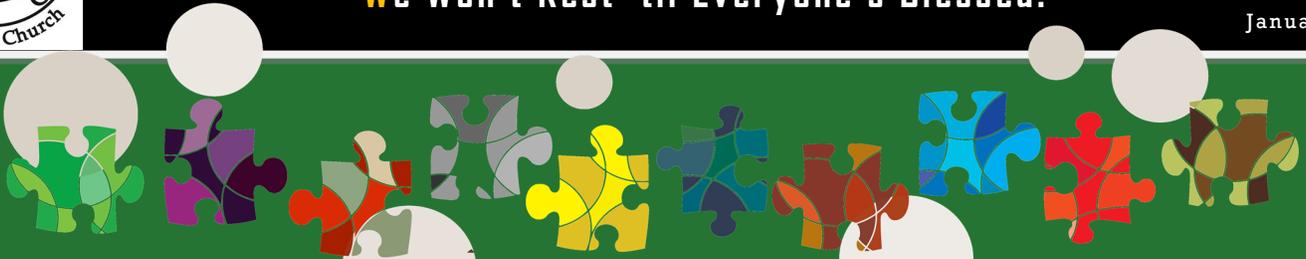




# REVELATION QUARTERLY

We Won't Rest 'til Everyone's Blessed!

January 2016



## Reflecting on 2015

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"The Triple A Church"

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LET YOUR PRAISES RING IN 2016!!!



# IT'S WHAT WE DO!

By Shana Stephens



Happy New Year RMCC!! As we transition as individuals, families, and as a ministry into 2016 it is imperative that we not forget the word Apostle Sanders spoke over us last year. When the man of God released REST it was not just for one year, it was a word that will apply to the decade!

This year, 2016, will be my eleventh year at Revelation Ministries Christian Church and I also believe one of the most important. I say that because I realize, even though I have heard Apostle say it before many times, that “if it is going to be, it is up to me.” This year the word for the year is a verb, it requires action and an individual demonstration. You cannot depend on anyone else to do it for you, you cannot hide behind or lean on anyone, it has to come from you. The word of the Lord that Apostle released for this year is Let Your Praises Ring in 2016!! Just the phrasing alone is exciting! God has been good to us for many years! He has kept us, sustained us, blessed us, provided for us in season and out of season and now, if you never have before is the time to give God some praise!!

This year, God is not seeking an ordinary praise, not a conventional praise, not even your regular praise; this year God is seeking a people that will give him an astonishing praise, a peculiar praise, an extraordinary, attention getting, spirit-shifting, particular praise! Apostle shared that praise ushers us into peace; he taught that our praise brings His presence and the anointing and above all things that is what we should desire. Our next moment is not determined by fate or luck, it is determined by our praise!

After I heard the word for the year, after praise, the word “let” is where I found myself meditating. Let, by definition is a verb which speaks to an action, it means to not forbid or prevent, to authorize, grant the right to, enable to and entitle to. Just that word alone implies that it may not always be easy or convenient but we have to do it! We cannot withhold, defer or delay our praise, God wants it all.

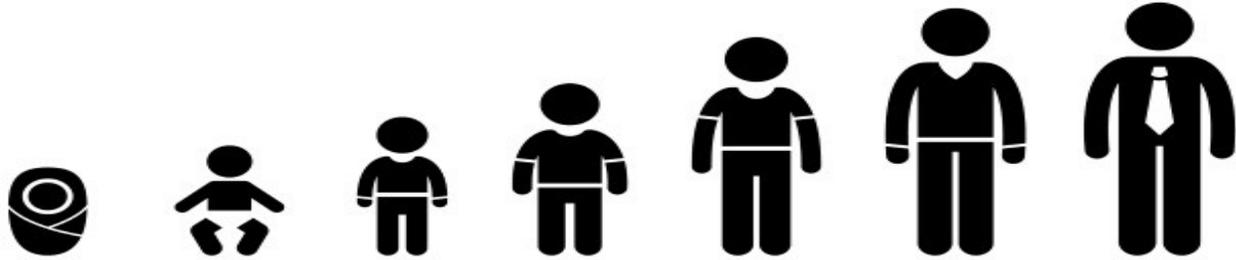
One of the ways Apostle illustrated the word for the year was through Isaiah 38:1. Isaiah the prophet had been sent by the Lord to let Hezekiah know that he would die and not live. Hezekiah did not go to the Lord and say “Oh God, you know my heart.” He immediately turned to God and reminded Him that he was a praiser! Hezekiah reminded God that he did not cease in devotion and that he had been God’s best cheerleading, horn tooting praiser and because of that Isaiah, who had already dropped the mic, turned and came back at the Lord’s command to speak another word.

Hezekiah was so thankful, he sang a new song to the Lord! Verses 18-19 says, For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth. Apostle shared that right there is where we should be!! Melodies from heaven are hovering over us waiting for praising vessels to be released out of.

This year, the man of God said, the Lord is ready! He is waiting on prophetic proclamations of our praise. God wants it all! Our praise, our worship, our prayers and even our problems! Now is the time to draw nearer to God and the ministry! It is not time to complain, to vent to one another or to lay down our salvation and cast off restraint. Turn up your praise and watch God show out!! We must open our hearts, open our mouth and with our own voices, release the clarion sound of what is due God, Our Praise!!!! Let Your Praises Ring!!

# Maturity by the Holy Ghost

By Deacon Solomon Cogdell



Genesis 1:1 tells us that God created the heavens and the earth but verse 2 tells us that the earth was without form and void. We know that everything God creates is good, so between verses 1 and 2, what happened? Something cataclysmic!

Satan and a third of the angels were cast down from heaven with great destructive force. Verse 3 goes on to tell us the only way to get this earth back into balance was the Spirit of God had to move to re-design how God had intended it to be. This is a snapshot of the work and the importance of the Holy Ghost both in our lives and in advancing the Kingdom of God.

With that said, Acts 3:21 speaks of the “times of restitution”, or restoration, because there are things that have been lost in the body of Christ. All the things God has spoken to us concerning the promises and full inheritance have not yet manifested in our lives but we understand according to Galatians 4:2 that we must grow up (mature) before we are able to receive the inheritance of what God has for us.

As a scholar does, Apostle Cornelius Sanders described the maturation process in sequences of three's. Using the Old Testament Tabernacle as his foundational tool, he explained the Outer court, Inner court and Holy of Holies and how they apply to our maturity. The three represent Salvation, Sanctification and Maturation, respectively. There were also three mandatory feasts the children of Israel had to partake in.

The first, Passover, again represents our salvation. The second was Pentecost, which was 50 days after Passover. Pentecost is significant because Acts 2 reveals that it was not until Pentecost had fully come that the Holy Ghost filled, with the evidence of speaking in tongues, all who were present and on one accord in that particular place. Completely different from Old Testament structure where only a few people had the Spirit of God resting on them.

So the Inner court has something to do with the work and infilling of the Holy Ghost, and Apostle shared that since Pentecost was 50 days after Passover then we should be filled with the Holy Ghost in close proximity to our Salvation. The third feast was Tabernacles representing full blossom, great harvest and full maturity. So we cannot come into full maturity without the Holy Ghost.

Apostle shared another analogy from John 14:6 that refers to Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life. In the Outer court, salvation, is where we are shown the way, or pointed in the right direction. The Inner court, where we get filled with the Holy Ghost, brings us into deeper truth. John 16:13 lets us know that the Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Truth who will lead us into all truth.

# Maturity by the Holy Ghost (Cont.)

## Highlights from the Pulpit

By Viengkeo (Bee) Paredes

To believe is to have confidence in the truth.

Belief is to trust God without the laws of deductive reasoning...without all the proof.

Belief has nothing to do with knowledge but it does have something to do with awareness.

Belief brings a result.

Believing, at its core, is an awareness.

Power is released at the pinnacle of your thought.

Believe  
Thought  
Emotion  
Action

One of the ways to get close to God is through fasting and praying.

As soon as you hesitate, you're doubting.

We must protect our faith is based in a spiritual law:  
- has a benefit or a consequence  
- sometimes there's both benefits and consequences

We need to live a life of cause and effect (spiritual law)...not a life of merit (choice).

There are so many segments of the Body of Christ who are not walking in the truth of the Word. Yes, many know the Bible, but its revealed truth remains hidden (hidden manna) and cannot be uncovered without the Holy Ghost. Finally, the Holy of Holies is where we come into life and the full presence of God. Again, it is the place of maturity.

So we see that we cannot come to maturity without first being filled with the Holy Ghost and it is at the place of maturity where we receive our inheritance. According to Ephesians 4:13-15 it is God's desire that we grow up into the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

I love it that God is so caring to not only give us the instruction to mature, but with the instruction, also send His Son as the Person and picture of what maturity looks like and how the process was (and is) lived out on earth.

Hebrews 6:2 reveals the doctrine of baptisms is a foundational teaching in Christianity. One of the seven baptisms in our Bible is the baptism of fire found in Matthew 3:11. Being filled with the Holy Ghost is a foundational teaching missing in much of our services today and the result is a lack of power in life and service. There is no church without God.

Apostle taught us that God speaks to Himself. Let's take a look at the Amplified version of 1 Corinthians 2:11-13:

*(11) For what person knows the thoughts and motives of a man except the man's spirit within him? So also no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. (12) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the [Holy] Spirit who is from God, so that we may know and understand the [wonderful] things freely given to us by God. (13) We also speak of these things, not in words taught or supplied by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual words [to those who possess the Holy Spirit].*

Hence, God speaks to Himself, meaning He speaks to those who possess His Spirit. The reason why many misunderstand the teachings of God when heard is because, biblically, they are not filled with the Holy Ghost.

This is the part of God in us that understands the Word, who enables our spirits to absorb and understand it. Only then can we properly receive it and walk it out by faith, thereby releasing within us the power to mature as well as its manifested promise of the inheritance in our lives.

To be the church of impact that so reflects the life of Christ in the earth, it is of utmost importance that we not only discontinue to neglect the teaching of the Holy Ghost, but more importantly be filled with Him.



# SEEING THE INVISIBLE

By Cynorra Jackson

As we get to know our brothers and sisters in Christ, we discover some of the things they like. For those of you who don't know me very well yet, I love to read. There is a certain thrill of getting a new fiction novel and inserting myself into the lives of the characters. If you enjoy reading, you know exactly what I am talking about. You get so consumed by the plot that you begin to share in the failures and triumphs of the characters. You get so caught up that you seem to escape to another place entirely. It is as if your present world no longer exists and the pages that you are reading become your world. But what would our world look like if we applied that same "escape" to something real versus fiction? What if the tension that makes us want to escape was overridden by a force greater than anything out of the mind of man?



In the message Just Believe: Tension of Believers Apostle Sanders shared that there is a tension taking place on the inside of us that makes it challenging to find rest. There is a tug-of-war going on and we sometimes struggle to see the reality of our lives and who we really are. We want to take a time-out from life, but you and I know that there is no such thing. We cannot press a pause button in our lives to take a rest. We must find this rest in the world written especially for us by the author and finisher of our faith.

Apostle stated that we "must practice looking at things that are not seen in order to see the truth." The only way to practice seeing the invisible is by reading the Word of God through the eyes of faith. Hebrews 11:3 says that "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." This natural world exists because of the invisible world and the truth of this lies just beneath the surface. It is also in this invisible world that we can see God. The scripture points out that Moses, one of the patriarchs, "by faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible," Hebrews 11:27. So every time we read the Word, we are activating the spiritual world. When we operate in it by faith we see Him who is invisible through the invisible world.

This is why what we read becomes so important. People want to escape to another place, but as Christians we are not escaping when we read the Word. We are reading about our home, our life, our eternity. So, as good as I may think a novel is, it pales in comparison to the truth that the Word of God expresses. When we read the Word, we can become like David in 1 Samuel 17:51 slaying the giant because we are giant problem solvers. We can receive the "handfuls of purpose" that were dropped for Ruth in chapter 2:16 and receive the favor God is giving us. The anointing of Shamgar can be ours because we will do what he did in Judges 3:31 and use what we have, and stand where we are. We can embrace the sacrifice of Christ on the cross for us and receive our salvation because according to Apostle Sanders, "Being born again is not just a concept. It is the literal, legitimate, infallible, spiritual experience that transfers us or brings us initially into the kingdom of God." Everything in the Bible is a reality. God's desire is that we get caught up in that invisible world to see our future. Faith only responds to the world that we cannot see. So, as children of the Most High God, I encourage us to read the Word more than we ever have before. God put our story in His book. Read the pages and allow the invisible world to manifest itself on this side. I guarantee that there is nothing fiction written about our lives in His Word.

Why didn't Noah's ark sink?  
Because it was covered.  
Sometimes things sink because we're not covered.

The shadow reflects the real.

The invisible man is the Holy Ghost.

Don't waste your time explaining yourself to people who are committed to misunderstanding you.

In the Holy Ghost we are:

Fallible

Growing

Dependable

Biblically Christ-Centered

The Holy Ghost brings edification, exhortation and comfort.

Gifts of:

Revealing

Power

Utterance

Wisdom

Knowledge

Discerning of Spirits

Healing

Miracles

Being saved is the doorway to another level.

Being filled is a key that unlocks a door to a room of the gifts.

Gifts are activated by praying in the Holy Ghost.

# LOOKING FORWARD TO...

By Deacon Solomon Cogdell

Faith is a positive prophecy that cannot be fulfilled in a depressed state.

Praise shows the strength of your faith.

Grief should only be an acquaintance.

Nothing in life can hold the Christian down.

Faith is the ability to give God praise before the miracle manifests.

Your praise will shorten your prison sentence.

Praise gets to the root of the problem.

Praise is the fertilizer for prosperity.

Sowing and reaping

Giving is not eliminated by poverty nor enforced by pressure.

We must be encouraged through preaching.

When you do it Gods way, you will always see a harvest.

Time and chance happens to everyone.

Complaining only complicates your situation.

When you know God, it grieves Him when you doubt Him.

Give God praise before it happens.

What a year in 2015! It included such events as our annual Church picnic which has always been a blessing. It also included our 21st Church Anniversary. The year was a year of weddings. Many entered into the covenant of marriage and we celebrated them together. And what can be said about the Word! Apostle Dr. Cornelius Sanders II had consistently delivered messages from God that truly anchored us into our Heavenly Father's heart. He effectively turns the hearts of the children back to the Father, and you cannot put a price tag on that. Many thanks to our holy man of God! The mantra was "God is Removing the Stress for a Decade of Rest" of which we will still feast on for years to come.

## THE KINGDOM OF GOD

RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE, & JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST

In 2016 we're looking forward to love, looking forward to life, looking forward to peace and God's presence and prosperity. We're looking forward to a hope and a future, an expected end. We're looking forward to praising our God and intimacy with Him. We're looking forward to God unfolding His individual plans and purposes for our lives, and fully embracing, immersing and engaging in them. We're looking forward to peace in our relationships and unfeigned love towards each other. We're looking forward to a great life and fellowship amongst us, the saints here at RMCC. What a precious people to serve God with; we're amongst such a beautiful body of believers. What a great privilege to have been called to worship God under the care and caliber of such a man of God as Apostle Sanders. We're looking forward to the daily infilling of the Holy Ghost and the atonement and communion we have with Him. This is a year to look forward to a manifestation of the power and strength of God in our lives. It's a year to look forward to an anchoring in Him. This is the year that we trust God where we cannot trace Him, as Apostle has taught in times gone by. A time of trusting God without the luxury of following the footprints of those that would have walked this path before.

I can only be so grateful for the Word that has ushered us into 2016. Tears of joy belong to us as recipients of the love of God so freely showered upon us. As we go on at times acting like Jacob before our Father, He yet speaks gracious life over us. Job 6:25 says "How forcible are right words!" His words are so uplifting that they literally pull us up and out of the negative situations we both find ourselves in and get ourselves into. Using our Apostle, God so faithfully and forcibly speaks us out of every single one of them! Apostle has been such an integral part of bridging the gap in our relationship with God in conveying such mantras as "Let Your Praises Ring in 2016" and such messages as both "Praise is the Fertilizer for Prosperity" and "Vision". Apostle has been sharing that God is crowning the year with goodness and is dropping fatness upon us (Psalm 65:11). From Ruth 2:16 he said God is giving us handfuls on purpose, meaning as we go after it (whatever "it" is) God is going to make sure that when we get there, it will be waiting for us. In a time where others will have to fight and struggle for what they are going after, in our case it will be waiting on us. He is giving us the best of the land, not the leftovers. Thus, God has instructed from Ruth 2:8 not to look on another field. This is the year to come close; not follow from a distance. This is the year to not only show up to church, but become fully engaged and involved with what God is saying and doing; to wait on God with bated breath.

# LOOKING FORWARD TO...

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God is saying this year is the beginning of some of the most prosperous years of our lives and from the beginning of the year to the end of the year we going to be blessed. It's going to start right and it's going to end right! From both Psalm 92:10 and Ecclesiastes 9:8 Apostle shared that God is anointing us with fresh oil and we're coming into a long period of anointed season where there will be a consistent breaking forth of God's blessing into our lives (anointed people, places and seasons). With all of this said, the key to unlocking it all into our lives is our praise because it's our praise that causes the earth to yield its increase (Psalm 67:5-6). Our praise begins to magnify God in our lives. It's a weapon that clarifies our scope and reveals the reality of who God really is in our lives. The revelation of Jesus Christ literally begins to unveil in us and consequently His picture inside becomes our image outside. We are transformed into His image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Our praise negates our feelings. We've been instructed from 1 Thessalonians 5:16 to rejoice evermore. Apostle shared that David praised 7 times a day and through the process of it he discovered a spiritual law. That is, even when we go crazy and mess things up at times, if we just continue to give God praise we find that He still moves in our lives. It's our praise that God inhabits (Psalm 22:3) and it's as we do this, as David found, that we are ushered directly into the presence of God be it at church, on our jobs, in our homes or at the grocery store. Apostle taught that most know Abraham as the Father of faith, yet little teach that Abraham was a man that praised God. It's from his life that we learn praise shows the strength of our faith because Romans 4:20 reads: "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God."

From Philippians 4:4-5 we learn to rejoice in the Lord always and to let our moderation be known in every situation we find ourselves in. Apostle developed that word moderation in sharing that heat of the intense situations we find ourselves in, we must show self-control. When the opportunity presents itself in the midst of a moment for us to go crazy and to suddenly react negatively, its right then that our moderation (self-control) must be known. Moderation is a product of a consistent rejoicing in God. Praise harnesses us amidst the situations of life. Remember, it was Jesus who was singing while on the cross (Psalm 22). Saints, again, we're looking forward to a great year with each other, but most importantly a great year of growth in our God. And I believe in this year that He is also looking forward to you.



There is no anointed season without anointed people and places.

We are coming into a long period of anointed season. We must worship and praise Him.

Vision comes from God revealing you to yourself.

Is it your dream or God's dream He had for you?

Testimonies are the prophetic pointer to the listener.

If your vision does not go to eternity, you don't have a vision.

Your vision must include eternity with Jesus and people (salvation).

Proverbs 29:18—Where there is no vision the people perish... (cast off restraint, live as if there is no tomorrow, live without purpose).

Moses was able to get the people out of Egypt because he began to give them vision on how things were supposed to be (promised land).

God uses leadership (the person in charge) to bring clarity to vision and sharpen one's scope.

The real sign of God's presence is a multi-cultural church.

# LET THE PRAISES RING

By Jr Jones

God has been good to us all. He has taken us through a bevy of difficulties throughout our lives as Christians. He saved us, died and rose for us, blood-washed and blessed us in spite of ourselves. We have received teaching by our man of God on how to adequately give him due praise—especially with the instruments of our bodies and furthermore drawing the connection that praise is an attitude that at all times magnifies Jesus Christ. Apostle has said that our prosperity is affected by our praise. Let us dissect this a bit more: John 3:16 says that God loved us all enough to send His only Son to die for our sins so that we can have salvation. That alone is a grand gift that we did not deserve, and if God were to refrain from blessing us anymore we decree that we are a people that would serve Him for nothing. Now, just think if we as the sons and disciples of the Almighty were to praise God with that mentality in everything we did—not only would things be added unto us as individuals (Matthew 6:33) but those around us would be drawn to Jesus Christ and the Kingdom. Ultimately, we need Gods prosperity along with the power that has been invested to us by the Holy Ghost (The Invisible Man). Remember to keep Apostle Sanders lifted up in prayer as he continues to aid us in glorifying our Maker.

Amen.

