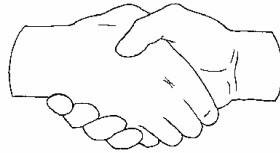


# THE COMPANY NEWS



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## THE COMPANY NEWS UPDATE

Our Fifth Annual Son's Gathering at World Outreach for Christ in Scottsburg, IN was a great success with the largest attendance so far. Once again Apostle Jim and Mary Donahue and their church were gracious hosts.

Though several of the spiritual father's shared briefly, the major ministry came from sons and daughters who give cause for great hope for the future.

Also during this time, the ARM Board of Directors met and 'took care of business.' The members of the Board were asked

to remain for another year and all were willing, including board member-in-training, Pastor Dan Dyer. The board officers also were re-selected and accepted the challenge of serving for another year.

Apostle Clayton is our leader and corporate president; Apostle Bob Hauselman is our vice president; Prophet Rodney Bridges is our secretary, and Bro. Jeff Clayton is our treasurer. We appreciate the willingness of our Board and staff.

**From left to right:** Prophet Rodney Bridges



[Mississippi]; Apostle Bob Hauselman [Indiana]; Apostle Ricci Hausley [Pennsylvania]; Apostle Tony Rezendes [Massachusetts]; Pastor Dan Dyer [Indiana]; Apostle Chuck Clayton [Indiana]; Apostle Ron Peake [Ohio]; and Bro. Jeff Clayton [Indiana].

## THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S GRACE

APOSTLE RON PEAKE

There is a great story in Genesis 15 about God's covenant promise to Abram. It begins with Abram complaining to God about being childless and God responding that He intends to give Abram an heir from his own loins. And in addition God is

going to give Abram "this land to inherit it." This promise thrilled Abram's heart "and he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?"

Abram was neither questioning God nor disbelieving His promise, but was asking for a sign or seal of this promise

through some covenantal act. God, indeed, responds with a covenant to seal the promise. God tells Abram to gather the covenant objects in **Gen 15:9** "And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and

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### Up and Coming Events

- Mid-Winter Retreat in Nashville, IN - February 5-8, 2006
- Worship Conference - Bro. LaMar Boschman in Sellersburg, IN - June 9-10, 2006
- International Apostolic Resource Ministries Conference in Indianapolis, IN - July 10-12, 2006

## THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S GRACE

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a ram of three years old, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon. **Gen 15:10** And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not."

Abram did as God instructed and waited for God to show up and walk with him through the covenant pieces, thus sealing the covenant. For the covenant to be sealed and sure the covenant makers had to walk together through the sacrifice. For Abram to get the promise, God and Abram had to walk together through the pieces. So Abram arranged the pieces as instructed and waited for God to show up and seal the covenant with him. But as the day drew on and Abram waited for God, the fowls of the air came down to eat the carcasses. This was a frightening event for Abram because without the sacrificial pieces there could be no covenant and the promise of God would not be sure to him and his seed. So Abram frantically drove off the fowls to preserve the sacrifice. But as the day wore on he became exhausted by the effort and eventually fell asleep. The Word of God says that when he fell asleep a "horror of great darkness fell upon him." Why a "horror of great darkness"? Abram had failed, he could not guard the sacrifice, and he could not stay awake and wait for God, so the promise would not be sure.

No inheritance, no land. Indeed, it was a great failure and a great disaster for Abram. And so he collapsed in exhaustion in a great dread. But after Abram fails, in the midst of his failure, God shows up to do for Abram what Abram did not deserve and could not do for himself. God Himself, as a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp, God the Father and God the Son, show up and pass through the pieces, thus sealing and making sure the covenant without Abram's help. God Himself does all that is necessary to bring to pass the promised blessing in Abram's life.

He does this by Grace. One defini-

tion of grace is: God gives to us what we do not deserve and can not obtain for ourselves. Abram did not deserve to receive the promise of God because he did not seal the covenant with God. He could not save the sacrificial pieces and he could not stay awake and wait for God. So God did for him what he did not deserve and could not do for himself. This is what he does for us, first in our salvation experience and then in every aspect of our lives.

Another definition of Grace is: the God given desire and the God given ability to do His will. Since there dwelleth in me no good thing, He gives me the desire for Him, the desire to do His will, and since I am not capable in my own strength to do God's will, He gives me the ability to respond. Thus, when I respond he gets all the praise and all the glory. Therefore the Bible says in Eph. 2:8-9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Grace is not the same as mercy. Grace gives us something beyond mercy, as wonderful as that is. Mercy forgives me for what I have done and it does not give me what I deserve. For

example, if I steal your hat, mercy declares that I be forgiven for what I have done and will not be punished for my actions. I de-

serve to be punished for my crime, but mercy says "no". Grace, on the other hand says "not only will I not punish you for your crime, but here, take my coat, shirt, pants and shoes, in fact, take everything that I have. You do not deserve it and could never get it on your own, but I will freely give it to you."

We can not earn God's love and acceptance; He freely gives it by His grace. We all begin our relationship with Jesus that way but all too soon we begin to think that what we could not earn and did not deserve, we can now get more of by working harder. We begin to

think that the God who loved us as fully and completely as it is possible "while we were yet sinners" will somehow love us more or be more pleased if we behave better. We, like the foolish Galatians having begun in faith think that we will somehow be perfected by keeping the law. These foolish thoughts form a stronghold in our mind that actually distances us from Him. Our works have the opposite effect that we are looking for. Remember Adam and his close relationship with God, they walked together and communed in the garden. When he sinned he hid from God, God did not hide from him. Adam's effort at making the relationship better again was to clothe himself with the work of his own hands. He covered himself. God said that Adam's work was not acceptable and provided for Adam what Adam did not deserve and could not obtain for himself. Glory to God.

This slide in the church toward legalism began almost immediately as we see from the rebuke of the Galatians. Paul talks about its pull on us in Romans chapter 7 where he reveals his struggle to keep the law and his ultimate failure. He describes the conflict within him as he strives to be good and to do right by adhering to the law. He laments at his complete failure and even concludes that he was better off not knowing the demands of the law because knowing what he was not supposed to do only made him want to do it more. Ultimately he cries out "Who will deliver me from this body of death." Here Paul is picturing a means of Roman execution where the person being executed would be strapped face to face with a dead body, a body of death. The dead body would slowly and surely kill the person it is strapped to as it decays. As the one being executed walks around chained to the body of death, every breath is a breath of death. Paul declares that his efforts to keep the law are being chained to a body of death that is slowly but surely killing him. He cries out for deliverance and receives his answer: "Thanks be to Jesus Christ who has delivered me from this body of death."

*Apostle Ron & Paula Peake pastor*

*Agape Fellowship Church in*

*Cincinnati, OH.*

# A FATHER'S HEART TOO LATE

PROPHET RODNEY BRIDGES

The apostle Paul once quoted a poet of his times in proclaiming the truth of God's word "*for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'*" [Acts 17:28]. There is a song that has had an almost daily impact on my life for years, especially as it relates to the turning of the hearts of the fathers and their sons.

The song, *Cat's in the Cradle*, was co-written by Sandy and Harry Chapin *who* based the song on a poem written by his wife, Sandy, about Harry's neglectful father. He wrote the song after he got upset because he had missed his own son's birth while he was out touring. It is the story of a father and son who can't schedule time to be with each other and it's a warning against putting one's career before family. I am compelled to not only preach our message 'Hearts of Fathers and Sons turned,' & finding a way to live it.

My child arrived just the other day,  
He came to the world in the usual way.  
But there were planes to catch,  
and bills to pay,  
He learned to walk while I was away  
And He was talking 'fore I knew it,  
and as he grew,  
He'd say, "I'm gonna be like you, dad.  
You know I'm gonna be like you.

**[THE REFRAIN]**

And the cat's in the cradle  
and the silver spoon,  
Little boy blue & the man in the moon.  
"When you coming home, dad?"  
"I don't know when,  
But we'll get together then.  
You know we'll have a good time then."

My son tuned ten just the other day.  
He said, "Thanks for the ball, dad,  
Come on let's play  
Can you teach me to throw?"  
I said, "Not today,  
I got a lot to do." He said, "That's ok."  
And he walked away,  
But his smile never dimmed,  
Said, "I'm gonna be like him, yeah.  
You know I'm gonna be like him.

**[THE REFRAIN]**

*And as I hung up the phone,  
It occurred to,  
He'd grown up just like me.  
My boy was just like me.*

Well, he came from college just the other day,  
So much like a man I just had to say,  
"Son, I'm proud of you,  
Can you sit for a while?"  
He shook his head,  
and he said with a smile,  
"What I'd really like, dad,  
is to borrow the car keys.  
See you later. Can I have them please?"

**[A NEW REFRAIN]**

And the cat's in the cradle  
and the silver spoon,  
Little boy blue & the man in the moon.  
"When you coming home, son?"  
"I don't know when,  
But we'll get together then, dad.  
You know we'll have a good time then."

I've long since retired and my son's moved away.  
I called him up just the other day.  
I said, "I'd like to see you if you don't mind."  
He said, "I'd love to dad, if I could find the time.  
You see, my new jobs a hassle, and the kid's got the flu,  
But it's sure nice talking to you, dad.  
It's been sure nice talking to you."  
And as I hung up the phone,  
It occurred to,  
He'd grown up just like me.  
My boy was just like me.

**[THE NEW REFRAIN] and Selah!**

## THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S GRACE

To live in His grace we must cease from our own efforts. Our efforts are a result of our prideful hearts that think that we can please him more or have more of his love or favor by being more righteous in our actions. When we think that we can be more perfect and thus more pleasing to God by keeping the law we deny the work of His grace. God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. I am proud when I think

that my efforts will accomplish anything. I am humble when I rest in Him, when I cease striving and know that He is God. The challenge is to be not entangled again in the yoke of bondage and to stand fast in the liberty where-with Christ has made us free. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that all of God's thoughts toward us are good. He is not thinking about what we have done wrong; His thoughts toward us are not

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evil, but good, to give peace, to give us hope and a future.



**WISE MEN  
STILL  
SEEK HIM!**

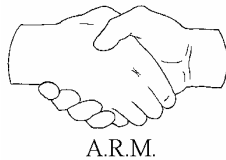
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## APOSTLE CLAYTON'S ITINERARY



We want to thank everyone who has been praying for Apostle Chuck and the recent physical attack that he suffered. He is much better now and moving toward full strength. There are still a few health issues to face, so please remember Apostle Chuck in your prayers.

### NOVEMBER

**16-20** Pastor Calvin Veal  
God's Children Ministries  
Port Allen, LA  
(225) 387-5237

### DECEMBER

**5** Monthly ARM Meeting—9 AM  
Dillsboro, IN  
(812) 689-5414

**6-9** International Coalition  
of Apostles [ICA] - Dallas, TX

### JANUARY

**4-8** Elder Donald Anderson  
Faith Community Fellowship  
Jackson, MS  
(601) 362-0564

**10** Monthly ARM Meeting—9 AM  
**NOTE—Tuesday, not Monday**  
Dillsboro, IN  
(812) 689-5414

**11-23** Apostle Ricci Hausley  
Eagles' Nest  
Philadelphia, PA  
(215) 848-9906

### FEBRUARY

**5-8** Apostolic Resource Ministries  
Mid-Winter Retreat [R & R]  
Nashville, IN