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# Newsletter

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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## THE PRESERVATION OF THE BRIDE

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**A THREE-PART SERIES THAT ADDRESSES  
THE DECLINE OF THE INDEPENDENT  
CHRISTIAN CHURCHES & CHURCHES OF  
CHRIST AND WHAT CAN BE DONE  
ABOUT IT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.**



With special musical guest JAYDEE MILLER recently returned from Branson, MO where he performed with Spoken 4 Quartet and the Blackwoods.

**WHERE: ANTIOCH CHRISTIAN CHURCH-OLNEY, IL**

**DATES: FEBRUARY 3 AND 4, 2018**

**TIMES: Saturday at 10:00am & 1:00pm-Lunch Served, Sunday at 6:00pm**

If you live anywhere within driving distance of Olney, Illinois you are invited and encouraged to make the effort to attend this seminar. We have already heard some are coming from Indiana and Kentucky. This seminar will be held at Antioch Christian Church where Mike Baker has been preaching for over 30 years. The book with the same title has been completed and is in the editing process. We hope to have it ready for distribution by the Men's Clinic here at Christ's 40 Acres.

**DIMINISHED COMMITMENT IS CAUSED BY THREE THINGS . . .**

**CONFUSION: WHICH CAN ONLY BE CORRECTED  
WITH KNOWLEDGE.**

**FRUSTRATION: WHICH CAN ONLY BE CORRECTED  
WITH UNDERSTANDING.**

**DISCOURAGEMENT: WHICH CAN ONLY BE CORRECTED  
WITH VISION.**

**THIS SERIES PROVIDES THE KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING,  
AND VISION WHICH CAN DRAMATICALLY EFFECT YOUR  
CONGREGATION IN A VERY POSITIVE WAY.**

### HERE IS WHAT SOME ARE SAYING ABOUT THIS SERIES.

AFTER GOING THROUGH THE SERIES ONE PREACHER STATED, "I NEED YOU TO COME TO THE CHURCH WHERE I PREACH AND TEACH THIS TO THE WHOLE CONGREGATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

ONE PREACHER ASKED, "HOW CAN I HELP YOU GET THIS INFORMATION TO EVERY NEW TESTAMENT, RESTORATION CHURCH IN AMERICA?" THEN HE STATED, "THIS COULD BE A MAJOR FACTOR IN TURNING OUR BROTHERHOOD AROUND."

ANOTHER PREACHER EXCLAIMED, "I WOULD LIKE TO GET EVERY CHURCH MEMBER IN OUR BROTHERHOOD AND LOCK THEM IN THE BUILDING, ONLY LETTING THEM OUT AFTER THEY VIEW THIS SERIES."

A LONG-TIME, FAITHFUL MEMBER OF ONE CONGREGATION CLAIMED, "I HAVE KNOWN THIS WAS WHAT WAS WRONG FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS BUT I JUST COULD NOT PUT IT INTO WORDS. YOU HAVE VERBALIZED IT PERFECTLY. NOW THAT WE KNOW WHAT TO DO WE MUST HAVE THE COURAGE TO DO IT."

ONE OF THE STAFF WITH THE DIRECTORY OF THE MINISTRY SHOUTED, "FINALLY! SOMEONE IS TAKING NOTICE OF THE FACT THAT OUR BROTHERHOOD IS DYING AND WANTS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT."

**"THIS SHOULD BE A REQUIRED COURSE OF STUDY FOR EVERY  
PREACHING STUDENT IN OUR BROTHERHOOD."**

Three, 90-minute, powerpoint presentations discuss the recent history of this Brotherhood, in the light of Scripture, as the Emerging Church of the Postmodern Era has crept into the Churches. Each dynamic session discusses one of the issues which the Progressive Church Movement has ushered into some Churches over the past 40 years.

**Session One: WORLDLY CONDUCT**

Allowing the things of the world to come into the Church.

**Session Two: FALSE DOCTRINE**

Teachings which are contrary to the Bible especially the New Testament.

**Session Three: DIMINISHED COMMITMENT**

Lack of commitment on many levels which eventually turns participants into spectators.

These presentations help one to clearly understand this problem and how we obtained it, so proper steps can be taken to correct it. Each session includes positive, practical, proactive steps anyone can take to reverse this trend and get the Church back on track.



Recently this material was presented at Christ's Church of Nashoba, OK and we learned a very important lesson. **BRING THE YOUTH! Jr. High and High School students were very attentive making comments and asking questions afterward. Don't leave them out. They need this!**



## Directly from the Director

### I Never Said That!

Whenever the statement is made that words mean things, someone enviably feels the need to quote **2 Timothy 2:14.**

**“Keep reminding God’s people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.”** What they don’t understand is, there wouldn’t be any quarreling about words if everyone used Bible words to explain Bible concepts. They always fail to include the next verse. **“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”** Christians are obligated to study the Word of God and understand what is there. Jesus warned of the fact that false prophets were present. He said they come in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. The Apostle Paul strongly encouraged Timothy concerning this. **“As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God’s work—which is by faith. The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm,”** **1 Timothy 1:3-7.** There is a huge difference in quarreling about words and commanding certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer! The goal of this is love. We should not want anyone to end up in Hell. If we truly love others, we will warn them about false teachers. The problem is, false prophets do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

The Apostle Peter also warned very firmly concerning false prophets. **“But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping,”** **2 Peter 2:1-3.** Peter said they would introduce destructive heresies. He also em-

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## Women's Ministry Report



**Dora Carnes**  
Director of  
Women's Ministries

### Be Refreshed at Sweet Life Café!

Yes, this café-themed getaway is as relaxing and refreshing as it sounds! Get away from the busyness of life as you relax with friends, share laughter and stories, and spend time with God. Join us at our **Sweet Life Café Retreat** during the Men's Clinic in May 2018 to experience all this and more!

The Women's Clinic has been growing and this year we will be taking a new and fresh approach to our program. In the past, we have only listened to speakers. This year we will be enjoying, learning, crafting, and fellowshiping with each other.



To be able to participate fully in this refreshing, **Sweet Life Café Retreat**, you **must** preregister by April 1st. This will enable us to purchase and receive all the goodies, literature, gifts, and study materials for each participant. You will still be able to attend if you do not preregister. However, we do not want anyone missing out on the full benefit of the program by having all the materials. So, come on Girls! Register yourself and at least 25 of your closest friends right now!

There will also be great music during these sessions by some of the musicians who are at the Men's Clinic. Booth space is also available for the ladies in the Chapel.

We will need 48 coffee cups in sets of 4 that match. The décor of the cups is unimportant as long as they can be used in a Christian atmosphere. If you can donate some in sets of four, it would be appreciated.

Progress is being made on the Patty Lou Smith Memorial Chapel. We are hoping and praying the sidewalks and porch will be completed by this clinic.



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2018

- Christian Service Week ————— March 5-9
- Christian Service Week ————— April 2-6
- Pre-Clinic Service Week ————— April 23-27
- Pre-Clinic Activities ————— April 29-30
- Christian Men's Clinic ————— May 1-3
- Senior Bible Camp ————— June 10-15
- Junior Bible Camp ————— June 17-22
- Family Fun Camp ————— July 22-27
- Round Robin Revival ————— September 9-13
- Ladies' Retreat ————— September 28-29
- Bigfoot Festival ————— October 5-6
- Bigfoot Festival Worship Service — October 7

# KIAMICHI CHRISTIAN MEN'S CLINIC

Held the first week of May for the last 69 years will be

# MAY 1, 2, & 3, 2018

## MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND



**JOE PUTTING** is making a return trip to the Men's Clinic as a featured speaker again this year. He is coming all the way from Ormond Beach, Florida. Joe is Senior Pastor for the Tomoka Christian Church and is bringing a group of men with him for the Clinic. Like so many in our Brotherhood, Joe is successfully

doing the "mega-Church" program in an urban area without compromising the truth. Under the leadership of Joe Putting, the Tomoka Church has adopted a mission-focused mentality: Bringing the hope and love of Jesus to those locally and abroad who are struggling, marginalized or seeking connection. Their motto is from *Acts 15:19*: *"It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God."* The exciting thing is, the principles he uses to build a large Church in an urban setting are the same principles which should be used in the smaller Churches in small towns and rural areas. Truth works everywhere and Joe teaches in such a way that everyone will understand and be able to take home ideas and tools to improve the outreach of their congregation for Christ.

**HE WILL SPEAK SEVERAL TIMES. DON'T MISS THIS!**



If you would like to have just a small taste of what I enjoy every day, come to the Clinic. Come early. Stay late. Get all you can while you are there. No excuses now men! I'm counting on you to make the difference.

And remember, **Pray for America!**

## THE WOMEN'S CLINIC IS GROWING!

Hello, Girlfriends!

This year's Women's Clinic will have a new and improved style of program. We all love going out for a warm cup of coffee or tea with friends. And most of us long to extend those short visits and take time to slow down and really enjoy time together.

That's exactly what we'll do at **Sweet Life Café**, during the Women's Clinic 2018. Join us at this retreat, where we'll savor time with God and friends. Together we'll experience meaningful Bible studies, flavor-filled activities, and scrumptiously delicious fun!



We'll begin each morning with a visit to our beautiful coffee, tea, and hot chocolate bar. Our **Sweet Life Café Retreat** will be held at 9:00 each morning in the Patty Lou Smith Memorial Chapel. Registration is only \$25 per person for the entire event! This covers three mornings of fun and refreshing activities, continental breakfast, and a burlap tote filled with goodies.

Call Dora at (918) 942-8871 for more information or to learn more and register. Use the form below or if you prefer to register online, fill out the Men's Clinic form on our website.

Take time to relax, to make new friends, to worship God, and to savor your relationship with Jesus. We hope you'll join us at **Sweet Life Café!**

# KIAMICHI CHRISTIAN MEN'S CLINIC 2018

## May 1, 2, & 3 at Christ's 40 Acres - Honobia, OK

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Emer. Contact & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$25 Pre-Registration    ☐ \$35 At the Door Registration    ☐ First Timer is FREE

YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER ON-LINE AT [www.kiamichimission.org](http://www.kiamichimission.org).

# RESERVATIONS

You may now go online and reserve a Campsite or a Bed in the "Medical Needs Dorm." This dorm has been called the "Flyer's Dorm," the "Closest Dorm," and a number of other names. It is the brown, block building with the green roof just West of the Steel Tent. It will now be called the "Medical Needs Dorm." If you need electricity for breathing equipment, are in a wheelchair, have trouble walking, or come to the Clinic on a motorcycle, you may reserve a bunk in this dorm. There are restrooms and adjustable beds in this dorm. You must have a reservation to stay in this dorm. Unless you ride a motorcycle, you will need to bring your own bedding.

Log on to [www.kiamichimission.org](http://www.kiamichimission.org). Right on the top of the home page is a black bar with red print. Click on this bar for camping. There is a map of the campgrounds and a chart of the Medical Needs Dorm. Pick your site or bed and fill out the form. If you are not able to go online, call us at (580) 244-3473.



Meals will be available from a variety of vendors during the Men's Clinic if you decide not to bring and cook your own. Side-Saddle Catering will be in the Dining Hall, the Community and Senior Centers will be in the Canteen, the Honobia Creek Store & Café is

just down the road, and there will be food vendors on-site selling Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Bar-B-Q, Indian Tacos, French Fries, etc. There are also other great places to eat within fifteen minutes of Christ's 40 Acres. Meals will vary in price depending on what you buy. In the Dining Hall, a full breakfast will cost \$6.00. There will also be a "Cereal Bar" during breakfast for any size donation. There will be a "Salad Bar" and "Dessert Bar" at lunch and supper for any size donation. A full meal for lunch will cost \$8.00 and a full meal for supper will cost \$10.00. You will be able to eat very well in the Dining Hall for around \$24.00 per day. I recently had three meals at McDonald's in one day while traveling and it cost over \$30.00. It did not even compare to what you can get at the Men's Clinic.

There are three reasons for making this change in the food situation. Years ago there were 17 churches in the area who

# DORMITORIES . . .

## "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED"

There are several dormitories available at Christ's 40 Acres. "Rustic" is probably overstating their condition. Most have an attached restroom "after a fashion."



You are welcome to stay in a dormitory, but please be advised:

1. There is no maid service or room service.
2. There is no bedding so you must bring your own.
3. There is very little air conditioning or heat.
4. You will need bug spray, ear plugs, air freshener, and your own varmint control apparatus.
5. "Flip-Flops" are recommended if you plan on using any shower on the property.
6. If it rains, and it usually does, be prepared for flooding and leaks. Again, can you say, "Flip-Flops?"

We have risen above the old 21-hole out-house with no dividers, but not very far above. Go online to [www.talihinacc.com](http://www.talihinacc.com) to find available motels and cabins in the area. Just sayin'.



would donate food and workers to provide 6 meals for the clinic. That is not the case today. The Mission must purchase all the food and hire several cooks along with a number of volunteers to provide for 9 meals. The \$35.00 meal ticket would cover around half the cost, the remainder being taken from the general fund or offering. We can no longer do this and make the necessary capital improvements that are needed at Christ's 40 Acres.

Secondly, back in "the day," there was no food available in this area. If we didn't cook it, it didn't happen. That is no longer the case. By including businesses in our area it helps the economic foundation of the community.

Finally, the Clinic is growing, especially with the addition of the Women's Clinic. Soon our kitchen will not be able to handle this without a very expensive upgrade/makeover which is not economically feasible for three days per year.

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# JANUARY BUILDING PROJECTS SHOULD ALL BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY ONE!



The A. B. McReynolds Guest Lodge was completed on the exterior except for the stone which will be added this Spring. The Director and Wife live on the second floor which is completed. The first floor is designed to be a Bed & Breakfast for visiting VIP's and other guests. It will also be used for conferences and the School of Preaching. The kitchen, dining room, living area, and guest bed and bath need to be completed by this fall. Better get busy!



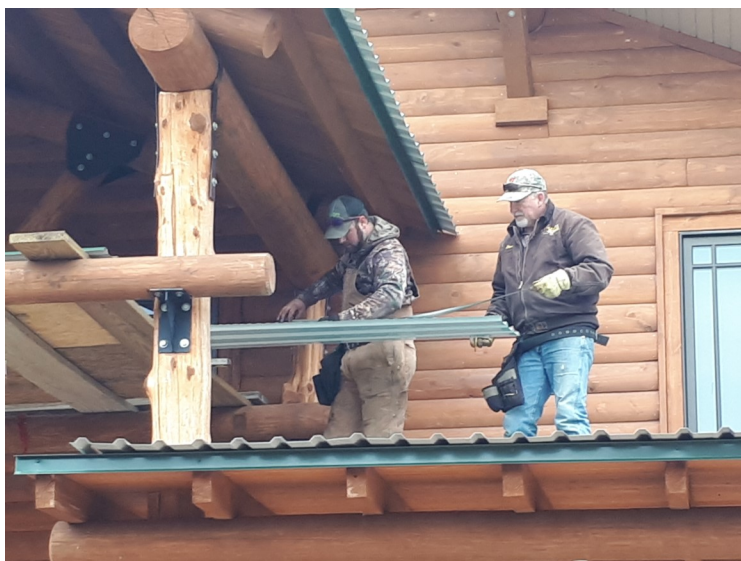
Arthur, Doug, and Artie have been working diligently this month on this staff housing. The inside is complete except for cabinet doors and HVAC. Stone will be installed in the Spring. Pictured below are three "chases" to hold the condenser and drain lines for the mini-split HVAC system. When the covers are installed it will appear as three crosses. \$5,000 is needed for the HVAC system.



The carport and rear deck is underway and will be completed this month. Then the stain will be applied.



Bro. Artie helped Board Member, Dave Shaw and his son Deston install roofing on the front porch and rear deck of the World Mission Builder's Lodge. It is now water tight. Choctaw Electric will be setting the pole and transformer this month. The first weekend of February is scheduled to finish the rough excavation and install the electric from the pole to the building. Tile for the seven bathroom showers and floors has been selected and installation should begin this month. Plans are being made to begin the interior trim in February. Can you help? Call me.



Before the month is out, this little shed should be completed with log siding, trim, and stain. It will hold some equipment as well as personal items of the Director that need to be removed from the Patty Lou Chapel.

Progress continues to be made on the Patty Lou Smith Memorial Chapel. A small section of soffit and eave needs completed then work will begin on the sidewalks and porch. The windows have all been donated but cannot be installed until all the interior demolition is completed for fear of them being damaged. The upper floor of the building will be removed and the ceiling of the chapel will be converted to a cathedral style with posts and beams. The original idea of converting this upper level to sleeping quarters for the Women's ministry has been scrapped due to safety concerns. Plans are being made to build a ground-level building for this purpose.

phasized their greed and warned these false teachers would exploit them with fabricated stories. Phrases such as, “accept Christ as your personal savior,” “You need a personal relationship with Jesus Christ,” and “Go to church,” as if CHURCH was a place, are FABRICATED!!! These concepts are not taught in God’s Word. They are DESTRUCTIVE HERESIES!!!! It is the vocabulary of the Emerging Church of the Postmodern Era. It is unwise to roll the dice and take a chance on using these words of men. Jesus warned that many would look, talk, and appear to be on His side even prophesying, driving our demons, and performing many miracles, yet they are not part of Him. **“Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’” Matthew 7:22-23.** Are you willing to take this chance? They were doing these things for the wrong reasons often using the wrong words!

WORDS MEAN THINGS! We should commit ourselves to using words that can easily be found in the Bible. We SHOULD NOT be participating in using men’s words and trying to make them fit into the Bible. I DON’T BELIEVE GOD APPRECIATES BEING MISQUOTED. THE ONLY REASON I CAN PROPOSE FOR USING THE WORDS OF MEN INSTEAD OF THE WORDS OF GOD IS TO PLEASE MEN.

Robert Brock makes a great observation in an article written for The Restoration Herald Magazine, February of 2018, entitled “Recapturing a Christian Vocabulary”. *“We are in danger of losing our Biblical vocabulary. One of the lessons from Church history is this: **“If the-ology does not control our vocabulary, then vocabulary will control our theology.”** In other words, if we do not have a strong theology, grounded on a careful, diligent, and deep study of the Word of God from which our vocabulary flows, then we are in danger of a superficial and popular terminology that will shape our understanding of God’s will, which is not only absent from the Word of God but actually opposed to it.”* The phrase “If theology does not control our vocabulary, then vocabulary will control our theology,” is one of the foundational statements of the early Restoration Movement which has been overlooked today, yet it is critical for us to understand if we would be true to Scripture.

We must continue to analyze our words and actions to confirm whether we are embracing God’s light or flirting with the darkness. Being a false prophet has serious consequences whether it be purposeful or accidental. **“And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever,” Revelation 20:10.** Opposing false doctrine and proclaiming truth is dependent on solid, Biblical preaching by solid, Biblical, committed, called Preachers. Where oh where have they gone? (From Preservation of the Bride.) AC



Pictured above are the “Butler Brothers” from Christ’s Church of Nashoba, Oklahoma where Arthur Carnes is preaching each Sunday. They both have been involved with that congregation since childhood. Ashley, on the left, is very involved in missions and just returned from a Medical Missions trip to Haiti where they treated almost 200 patients as well as providing them with medicine. They were also able to leave tables full of medicine which he collected from local pharmacies in the Kiamichis.

Rodney, on the right, is a disciplined, Bible student. He leads in all aspects of the Church and teaches an excellent Bible Study each Sunday Evening.

The congregation is not afraid of change. Notice the new 80” television recently installed at the front for teaching.

Years ago, the Men’s Clinic would start on Tuesday night and end on Thursday night. Then there was a change to begin on Tuesday Morning and end at noon on Thursday. But now, we begin on Tuesday morning and end on Thursday night. You are missing the BEST part of the Clinic if you go home early! Last year some said they didn’t realize that a change was made and didn’t plan to stay but promised not to make that mistake again. Make the most of your time and expense by staying for the whole thing! Don’t be a chump & have to kick yourself later when you find out what you missed! Come early for the activities on Sunday and Monday then plan to stay through Thursday night.

**CALLING ALL LADIES! ENJOY THE . . .**



**AT THE 2018 WOMEN’S CLINIC.  
MAY 1,2, AND 3**