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Phoenix Christian Assembly

FROM THE HEART OF PASTOR DON

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Two Thousand Ten has come and gone. It was a good year filled with a lot of exciting things. We had a great Bible Conference, a great VBS, a great Summer Camp and a great California Trip for the kids.

I personally got to go back to Illinois and Missouri with Bobby and video tape my whole life story from birth to marriage. What a time of reminiscing as we traced the steps of those twenty-two years.

Of course, the big excitement for the Year of 2010 was the building of our new multipurpose building. To be here on the grounds every day and watch it come out of the ground was so exciting. To

me the building of the Tower was thrilling which has so much symbolism. The good news is that we do not have to pay interest on a mortgage payment and take money from our Missions giving which is a solid commitment for this ministry.

Now that 2011 is here we see it as a year of great opportunity as Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "A great door of opportunity is opened unto me but there are many adversaries," suggesting challenges. We know that opportunities never come without challenge, however, let me say that I do believe that God is greater than any challenge as He assures us that faith is the victory.

As Paul was writing to Timothy he admonished him to make full proof of his ministry. One translation says discharging all duties of your ministry. One Greek scholar said that it means to leave no stones unturned challenging us to do everything that we can do. That is the challenge we are accepting for the New Year. In whatever way you want to say it, the time has come in which we need to redeem the time for the days are evil.

May God give you a prosperous, productive and plentiful New Year.

Pastor Don

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 3rd
Prayer & Fasting 6:30pm

January 9th
Larry Ahlborn evening service. Join us as we worship the Lord together with Brother Larry as he shares with us in song and on the piano.

January 10th
Ed Enoch and the Stamps Quartet will be in concert 6:30pm

January 14th
Women of Wisdom Ladies Fellowship 7:00pm

February 5th
Cleaning Day at the Church

February 11th
Youth Valentine Party

February 13-16
Annual Bible Conference
The Conference begins on Sunday Morning and continues with teachings in the morning and afternoon Mon-Wed and evenings services Mon-Wed

THE FULTON STREET PRAYER REVIVAL

The Fulton Street prayer revival began September 23, 1857, in the consistory room of the North Dutch Reformed Church, just a few blocks from where the World Trade Centers once stood. It grew to include Christians from a variety of denominational backgrounds, and spread from one local church throughout the city and nation and into the world.

Jeremiah Calvin Lanphier was hired by the consistory of the Collegiate Church as a lay missionary in connection with the North Dutch Reformed Church. From his personal observations and experience, he felt it would be profitable to challenge "men engaged in active business to devote a portion of the time usually given to rest and refreshment at mid-day to devotional purposes." So Wednesday, from noon to one o' clock, was set aside in the consistory building on Fulton Street to give "merchants, mechanics, clerks, strangers and businessmen generally an opportunity to stop and call upon God amid the daily perplexities incident to their respective avocations."

The first meeting was held on the 23rd of

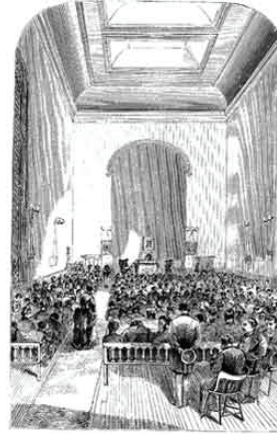
September, 1857. The first person to join Lanphier was a half-hour late; several others came even later. Five denominations were represented. "Prayer and praise were offered." The following week, twenty attended. The third week, there were forty. By the fourth week, they decided to hold a meeting every workday. Within months, meetings were being held throughout the city; the movement soon spread to other U.S. cities from coast to coast.

The agenda was simple: "the salvation of the soul." They would pray for the "souls" of family members, neighbors, and coworkers by name. Others would join in praying in agreement. They prayed for salvation and praised God when it happened.

The absence of "oratory" (i.e., a speaker) and "argument" (theological discussion) made these meetings both unique and attractive. Four items distinguished these prayer meet-

ings from others:

- 1) Spontaneity. With the exception of a patterned beginning, the meetings general conducted themselves. Almost everyone participated.
- 2) Their interdenominational nature. Leaders came from every evangelical faith: Baptists, Brethren, Congregationalists, Episcopalians, Friends, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Reformed. Issues and items which distinguished them were not discussed.
- 3) Promptness. The meeting started promptly at noon and closed promptly at one. Prayers were held accountable to the five-minute rule.
- 4) Their focus on prayer. The "agenda" was prayer for salvation and for the Holy Spirit's empowerment. No "business" was conducted.



Historians estimate that as many as one million people may have come into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as a result of this prayer revival.

JANUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Church open for prayer
2 Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm	3 Prayer & Fasting 6:30pm	4 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	5 Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	6	7	8 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am
9 Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm Guest- Larry Ahlborn evening service	10 CONCERT- Ed Enoch and the Stamps Quartet 6:30 pm	11 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	12 Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	13	14 Women of Wisdom Ladies Fellow- ship 7pm	15 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am
16 Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm	17	18 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	19 Adult Education 5:55 pm Thanksgiving Service 7:00pm	20	21	22 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am
23 Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am Prayer Meeting 5:00pm	24	25 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	26	27	28	29 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am
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FROM WHERE I STAND

THE ULTIMATE OPPORTUNITY

We are starting the New Year in America with political parties warring over policy with no trace of resolution in sight. War is hanging over several countries like a giant balloon ready to pop at any moment and throw entire regions, if not the world, into an all out confrontation.

No doubt there are many nations, our own included, that are on the verge of a

financial meltdown, if not already bankrupt, leaving so many questions and much uncertainty. And if that is not bad enough, the rise of False Prophets and deceiving Messiah's seems to go unabated, drawing the masses into a false sense of security and spiritual well-being.

However, were these things not happening we would not be able to embrace the Bible as the source of truth as it has been predicted in its pages. Coupled with the Bible giving us the promise of Jesus' returning to earth for

His church is the minute by minute touch of the Master bringing strength and comfort.

When we read of the tests, trials and persecutions that Christians experience we always want to be the exception to the rule. With the promise of God's Word and Jesus Himself, all of the problems and uncertainties of the world are the ultimate opportunity for the believer to sit and learn of our Lord, a place we all need to be.

Pastor Steve

A NEW DOOR OPENS

There are open doors in every life, doors to high achievements and wide usefulness and spiritual discovery. Many of us, in mood which we allow too often, look upon our circumstances in life as barriers to attainment; but in our moments of truer perception we discern that the imagined prison bars are in reality open doors of opportunity. Our circumstances only look like barriers because the inward eye by which we recognize spiritual values is diseased.

But there are never open doors without opposition. "A great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." There is an opportunity in every difficulty and a difficulty in every opportunity. That is why so many blessings are missed, so many heights left unscaled, so many fine chapters of service left unwritten. Some of the finest foreign missionaries are those who never went! They heard the call, they felt the urge, they were keen to go, they saw the open door and would have gone through; but there were adversaries, obstacles, dis-

couragements; there was hesitation; the vision faded; and the grand vocation was never fulfilled.

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Just here we are thinking specially about *the open door of the new year*. The last day of the old year is shut against us. However much we may wish to wrench it ajar again, we cannot. But the door of the new year, by the grace of God, now swings open. As we cannot go back to re-love the old year, let us not pine amid useless regrets, but turn our eyes to the great new door of opportunity which the new year sets before us. There are many who go blindly into the new year without a thought that it is a God-given door of opportunity. The "god of this world" blinds their minds. Let us not be like them. May we see the new year to be what it really is—a "great door" opened to us!

First and foremost it is a door to *richer fellowship with God*. Fellowship with God has no attraction for the unbeliever. But God has awakened a new nature in us who are Christ's, and that new nature has both the hunger and the capacity for spiritual joys. The purest joy this side of

heaven is fellowship with God. At the break of the new year our heavenly Father calls each of us to a closer fellowship with Himself.

But the new year is also an open door to a *greater usefulness for Christ*. When at length we cross the river and ascend yonder shining approach to the heavenly city, will some of us give wistful looks backward, wishing that we might have used our opportunities more faithfully to bring others to that fair place where the King reigns in His beauty? The pleasures and pursuits and concerns on which we spend so much time now may seem strangely small *then*. We ought always to view things as we shall view them *then*. How loyal and willing and active we ought to be, despite all discouragements, in the matter of daily bearing our witness for the Savior! It has been said that a pessimist is one who sees a difficulty in every opportunity; whereas an optimist sees an opportunity in every difficulty. Let this be a year of seeing opportunities rather than difficulties. If we have eyes to see, there are "open doors" everywhere.

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FEBRUARY 2011

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		1 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	2 Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	3	4	5 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am Cleaning Day
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