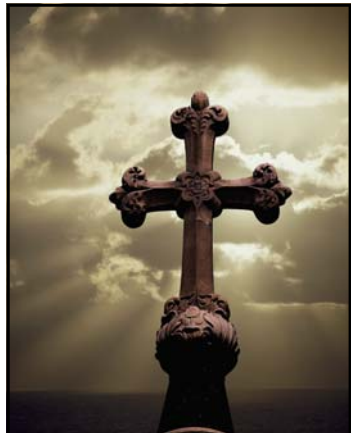


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THANKSGIVING: A TIME FOR REFLECTION

By Pastor Bob Goldsby

I trust all of you have enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday – with all the trimmings. As I think about this season I realize that this is a good time for reflection on our awesome God. Vision is best shaped in the light of Christ’s grace working in us. Genuine thankfulness leads us to ask Him; “How do you want me to serve you?” As we seek Him for the answer to that question we come to understand the destiny He has set for us (Ephesians 2:10).

That makes this a good time to take a fresh look at the vision God has given City Harvest Church and our zone.

In his book “Nine Keys to Effective Small group Leadership” Carl F. George wrote:

“I am convinced that effective small-group ministry must accomplish three goals:

1. Provide nurturing relationships in the presence of Jesus Christ.
2. Invite others to faith in Jesus Christ.
3. Reproduce a new set of leaders so new groups can be formed.”

“**Most small-group** ministries accomplish **the first** objective. It’s exciting to realize that every time a group convenes in Jesus’ name, it becomes a place where Christ shows up and ministers through His body.”

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GOD OF THE BREAKTHROUGH

By Tim Loudermilk Sr.

As I reflect on the things going on in our District and Zone I see heroes. You all have been going through great needs both in your individual lives and house churches. You have handled them like champions. In some cases obstacles have arisen that we have not been able to easily overcome. I want to encourage you that God will bring a break through in every area of your life.

The names of God reveal His character, His will and His attributes. Jehovah

Jireh – the Lord is our Provider, Jehovah Shalom – the Lord is our Peace, to name two. The Lord wants us to also know Him as “**God of the Breakthrough.**”

Remember Paul and Silas. While in jail they praised God and God set them free. The “God of the Breakthrough” changed the outcome of that circumstance. The key was in them praising and worshiping through the trial.

In I Chronicles 14:1-11 we

read that David was anointed King of Israel and all the Philistines went up to seek David. David inquired of the Lord – “Shall I go against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hands?” The Lord said to David, “Go up, for I will deliver them into your hand.” God delivered the Philistines that day into his hand—David said “God hath broken in upon my enemies like the breaking forth of waters – therefore they called the name of the

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I've encountered. My prayer is that by acting more intentionally, this evangelism rate will be doubled so that at least half of North America's small groups will see conversion growth during the course of any 12-month period."

"**The third objective** is approached haphazardly in most churches. In reality, perhaps the most strategic thing a church's leadership can do is to help raise up another generation of leaders. They, in turn, will make the growth of even more small groups possible."

Those three points state our vision. The author goes on to say:

"Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law (vision)."
Proverbs 29:18

"The invitation and vision (of his book) are for you to help form the kind of church where dramatic life transformation happens routinely—hungry souls are pouring in; people are finding meaningful relationships; men, women, and children are coming to faith in Christ; believers are maturing into fully committed followers of Jesus Christ; and new leaders are constantly released for ministry, all in the context of Biblical community."

This final paragraph describes what can happen if we "own the vision" and "keep the main thing the main thing." I am very much encouraged because I see all of these happening in our House Church leaders and members. When Pastor Bob called each of you "the heroes of CHC" he spoke for all of the elders and staff.

I've watched you sacrifice to care for Father's children. I've seen you band together and accomplish great things. We are developing new leaders and planting new House Churches and we are seeing conversion growth. As you witness and serve, God is drawing more and more people to you.

There are always areas we can improve and we will probably be talking about some of those things in future issues of this newsletter, but we have a great zone with great people serving together.

I am so thankful for each of you!



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place Baal-Perazim" (God of the Breakthrough). God manifested Himself as the God of the Breakthrough, the "Flood of His Power" coming through for David and giving him the victory over his enemies.

Like the breaking through of waters, the enemy cannot stand against the "God of the

breakthrough." Whatever held you back, restricted you, kept you from fulfilling your destiny will be no more! When God is with you, who can be against you? You are more than a conqueror through the "God of the Breakthrough."

**THE LORD OF THE BREAKTHROUGH WANTS
TO VISIT YOUR HOUSE TODAY!**

"... and David said, "God has broken through my enemies by my hand, like the breakthrough of waters." Therefore they named that place Baal-perazim." 1 Chronicles 14:11

WHAT DOES GOD WANT YOU TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

Marie Loudermilk

E.E. Cummings said, “It takes courage to grow up and turn out to be who you really are.”

What better thing is there to be “when you grow up” than exactly what God intended for you to be, to “fulfill your destiny.” How do you have a happy house church? By helping people find and do the things He ordained for them (Eph 2:10). They will be happy beyond measure.

When I talk about this I get interesting reactions, often “The deer in the headlights look,” or “the hopeless look,” or “the what are you talking about look.”

Most people either don’t know what I am talking about, or they have given up. Very few can say, “yes, I know my destiny.” This is sad, because people need to have the wonderful experiences of fulfilling their destiny.

Fulfilling your destiny is not just some moment in the future. It is a process so that at the end of your life, you can say with Paul, “*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness...*” 2 Tim 4:6-8.

Fulfilling your destiny is not as complicated as it seems. Ask yourself, what do I enjoy doing? What did I enjoy doing as a child? Then start asking God for opportu-

nities to do these activities and see where it takes you. Remember, it is one step at a time.

When I was four years old, I felt God told me that I would be “like a missionary” telling people about Jesus. I thought, “why not start now?” So, I took the family 10 volume “The Bible Story” books and started to share the bible stories from the pictures in the book. I have shared this story with my grandchildren over the years and I always end with, “God can let you know, even as young as you are, what He wants you to do in your life.”

I still love telling people about Jesus. I believe I am in the process of fulfilling my destiny. I am doing what I love to do: teaching people about Jesus, teaching people how to become leaders, and teaching them to fulfill their destiny.

What is your passion? What would you do if there were no limits? Ask God to start opening doors and showing you how. Do you need to go to school for more education? Do you need to take bible study classes to know more about the Word of God? Ask God what the next step is. Then start taking the steps.

Fulfilling your destiny is worth the effort and will be rewarding now and in eternity.



“Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him.”
1 Corinthians 7:17 (ESV)

WELCOME TO THE GOLDSBY ZONE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of the City Harvest Church, Goldsby Zone Newsletter. The leaders of the zone have had it in their heart to improve our communication within the zone. We are determined to make whatever adjustments are required to minister to and communicate with our leaders and members (future leaders!).

Our plans are to do this newsletter monthly and distribute it as a paper document. Eventually it will also be made available by email or other electronic media as well.

This month we are featuring the zone leadership

as Tim and Marie Loudermilk and Bob and Kathy Haught share their heart and vision. Next month I’ve asked John LaMadrid to share on personal witnessing. I’m confident you will be a challenge. Please provide us with feedback so we know how to improve and to meet the needs of the people.

We would also like to include a brief testimony of someone who has experienced God’s power in their life. We look to the House Church Pastors to provide us with names and the testimonies.

God bless you richly.



Wise men are those seeking truth and God's will. It was true then ... and it is still true today.

WONDERFULLY MADE

By Kathy Haught

God was very intentional in His design of you, your uniqueness and giftedness. The Bible tells us in Psalm 139:13-14 "He created your inmost being" and "you are fearfully and wonderfully made". In Jeremiah 29:11 He says "I know the plans I have for you...to give you hope and a future."

If God already knew the plans He had for you when He created you, wouldn't He have gifted you to fulfill that plan or destiny? Of course He would! He has gifted you with everything you need to accomplish His will for your life. Let me ask you, where are you in the plan of

God for your life? Do you know the gifts God has given you? If you know the answers to these questions then the next question is: are you using those gifts to glorify God?

If you don't know the answer then begin that journey of discovering and exercising those gifts. First, write down 3 positive words that best describe who you are. Secondly, what is one thing you do very well that you can share with others? Third, share it with someone in the next 10 days.

Remember while on this journey that "You are Wonderfully Made".

GOT VISION?

By Bob Haught

Most of us are familiar with Proverbs 29:18 that says, "Where there is no vision the people perish (cast off restraint)." Perish means no guidelines or uncontrolled. We need guidelines. We need a vision to know where we are going or we will be like the "blind leading the blind."

Isaiah says it this way in verse 50:10, "Who ... walks in darkness and has no light ... let him stay upon his God." When we walk without vision we are leaning on our own understanding.

It's clear to see that we need a vision. Not just any vision, but a God-given vision for our future to give us hope.

Jeremiah 29:11 speaks clearly of God's desire to give us just that, "a future and a hope."

Is your vision perhaps a little foggy or unclear? Call upon the Father (Jer. 33:3) and He will answer. Seek wise counsel. Discuss it with your HC Pastor or with your District Pastor. When Kathy and I received from the Lord the vision for our HC we confirmed it with our leadership and made sure that it was in harmony with the vision of CHC.

Once you have your vision, you can begin setting both the short and long-range goals to reach its fulfillment.

News & Events

Jan 6, '08	Bethel Bible (All Units) Register at CHC
Jan 13, '08	Zone Leader Potluck Creekside Estates 2:00—5:00pm
Jan 14, '08	Kreider Series #1 Loudermilk's 3009 Fairmont Ave (360) 773-0638 7:00—8:00pm

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