

Hope of Glory Ministries

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To My Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We are rejoicing in the Lord over the many things we have seen happen since our last newsletter to you. The Rock, our Christian Bookstore and more, opened on November 23rd. That was a miracle in itself. I remember looking at all the inventory still in boxes, the mess throughout the ministry center, training on the new computer system, etc; and thinking Lord I know "all things are possible with God" (Mt. 19:26) but my natural eyes are not looking at a pretty picture. I knew we were putting the hours in, as some nights we were there till the midnight hour. But I must admit that there were times when we were unorganized and tired and our flesh was getting in the way of God's Spirit. Jesus said, "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and they are life" (John 6:63). As the 23rd of November drew closer, I can humbly say that we were "seeking Him diligently" (Hebrew 11:6) and I can testify that He showed Himself to be a "Rewarder". I remember on November 21st looking around and seeing about 15 or more volunteers the Lord had "rewarded" us with and they were stocking shelves, cleaning, carrying boxes to the trash, encouraging us, hanging pictures, and the list goes on and on. In about a six hour period of time we saw order come out of disorder, beauty come out of ashes, and saw the visible come out of the invisible as the vision our Lord Jesus had given us a few years earlier was now being manifested right before our eyes. Hallelujah! Praise be to God for great things He hath done! We had witnessed, in somewhat of a different way, the transforming power of Jesus Christ. I remember telling someone the next day, it was if I had seen someone come to the Lord and surrender their life, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and had read the Gospel according to John all in about a six hour period. It was truly awesome to witness and I give God all the glory!

We also began in January holding a community worship service on Thursday nights at 7 pm. We were led by the Holy Spirit to minister on the power of God's Word in our daily lives. We thank God for His presence in these services as we have seen a "demonstration of the Spirit and of power" (1 Cor. 2:4). As I am writing this newsletter, we will begin this Thursday on ministering the Power of God's Spirit in our daily lives. Our heart is that the Holy Spirit would lead and direct all of our services and we will experience an awesome and authentic move of God. Please join us as the Spirit leads you.

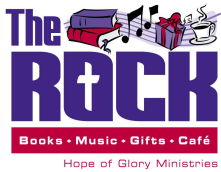
Our first Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon was held on February 12th in our ministry center and we were blessed to serve about 29 pastors. The Lord has spoken to my heart to hold this luncheon monthly as a way to honor our local pastors and to encourage them to build stronger relationships with one another. Please join us in prayer that more of our pastors would come to this time of food and fellowship. We have currently assembled a list that totals about 150 churches in the Greenville, Winterville, and Ayden communities. We are confident in the Lord that their participation will increase as we continue to invite them out on the second Tuesday of each month. There was a great spirit of unity and fellowship at our first luncheon and we thank God for each pastor that attended.

We are excited about the upcoming conferences that our ministry center will be host to. A youth conference in March reaching out to High School kids, an adult conference in April about walking in the Spirit, and a six day crusade event in May with teaching in the mornings and services held each night. Also our Grand Opening for The Rock is set for April 20th. We should be moved into the store location by the end of March and this will give us about three weeks to iron out the wrinkles. Please pray for this transition. Miriam Tyson will bless us all with a concert on this Grand Opening night at 7 p.m. We are also planning other concerts and ministry events this whole week to celebrate the goodness of the Lord and to give Him thanks for the ministry He has birthed at Hope of Glory.

As I have stopped right now to ask the Lord what He desires to share next—the Holy Spirit quickened me to John 21:25 which reads, “And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen” (NKJV). Does that not excite you? As believers today we can sit down and read the Holy Bible which includes the Old and New Testaments. The Bible is not just a book that contains God's Word—it is God's Word! And John in his gospel of Jesus Christ is telling us it is all truthful but it is not exhaustive. We are enlightened and challenged by these scriptures that the Holy Spirit directed to be included in the Holy Bible as we read it today. But to stop and think that “there are also many other things that Jesus did” just blesses me beyond measure. The Apostle Paul wrote it like this to the Corinthians: “For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known (1 Cor. 13:12)”. The early disciples walked the roads of the Holy Land with Jesus in their day; and yet we today as Christians walk with Jesus as our fingers turn the pages of God's Holy Word and we walk through the Bible and see Jesus Christ on every page. Back to John 21:25—there is so much more I could write to you about the great things our Lord Jesus is doing but then our newsletter would become a book! We thank God for our many partners who have supported our mission. Our needs are great. Your gifts are a tremendous blessing to us and will be used wisely. Please come and visit us. May God bless you richly!

*For now
we see in
a mirror
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*Love in Christ,
Clark Stallings*



“The Rock” Report.....exciting things are happening! New things are arriving daily! Bibles—new book titles— hot music releases — videos—tons of children items geared to all ages.

In the book area, pertinent to this season is “Reliving the Passion” by Walter Wangerin; a daily devotional for the forty days leading up to Easter. We also have many other recently published books by noted authors, such as Ann Graham Lotz, Jim Cymbala, and Max Lucado pertaining to the aftermath of the September 11th attack. There is a broad selection of books on love—all facets of it! As we pass Valentines Day and head towards Easter—this is the greatest season of the year to reflect on the Lord of Love!

We have things for the home, such as tabletop churches, birdhouses, lamps, stone figurines, water fountains w/scripture, picture frames, and artwork. For the garden, we have European pots, cross stakes, wind chimes, decorative wall crosses, outdoor candle holders, and wire vine climbers. We have lots of newly designed jewelry and much more! Stop in and see us and pick up a calendar of daily specials. Hugs and fellowship are just an added bonus to your visit!

To request an application to work or volunteer at the bookstore, please call (252) 756-5546.
For speaking engagements, please call (252) 321-6857.

As God has led us into this new territory, we have been on the mountain, but we have also had to go through many valleys. God has had to shape us in order that this may be His Ministry and not mans. So Lord, we praise You for the valleys!

When hard times approach us
That forever changes our lives
We may be so shocked
But You are not surprised

We may not understand
And may feel we’re all alone
But You are still in control
And still seated on the throne

You are not obligated
To answer our every “why”

Sometimes it’s very painful
But there’s a lesson to be learned
Our faith must be tested
To see where we will turn

It’s so easy to praise You
When we’re on the mountain peak
But in the valley is where we’re formed
Making us strong where we are weak

You are a Holy God
And there’s always a bigger plan
Than what our natural eye can see

_____ I would like to contribute \$_____ to support this ministry.

_____ I am interested in volunteering at “The Rock”.

_____ I am interested in volunteering at the Ministry Center.

_____ I would like to be taken off the mailing list.

PRAYER REQUESTS: (each request will be lifted up to the Throne of Grace and prayed over individually)



MISSION:

To stand in the gap between our community of believers and the church, and between the church and the lost. We will come alongside these three groups to proclaim the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ and minister through Christian resources, evangelism, discipleship and community outreach.

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To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy, which

Ministry Events

- Worship Service every Thursday @ 7 p.m.
- Father's Monthly Prayer Meeting last Tuesday of each month
- March 13, 14, 15, & 17: High School Youth Conference — Faith & Fire Ministries

- April 19&20: Adult Conference "Wings of the Spirit"...a time to be strengthened with P.K. Price & Jeanne McCoy of Mountain Ministries International and Treva Tankard of Harvest Church leading worship
- April 20: Miriam Tyson in Concert
- April 26: Scott Bircher in Concert
- May 12-17: Norman Robertson Ministries Six Day Crusade
- June 1: Mel Holder, Vanessa Daniels, & Scott Bircher in Concert

Prayer Requests

- Smooth transition with Bookstore move
- Powerful move of God's Spirit in all ministry services
- Unity at Pastor's Appreciation Luncheons
- Mighty wall of protection surrounding ministry, staff, and volunteers
- New partners to prayerfully and financially support our mission

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