

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

### JANUARY 2008

Isaiah 42:6-9

*"I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. "I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."*

**We** rejoice in the new things that the Lord is declaring in our midst and remember with fondness the former things our Lord has done. As one chapter closes for Harvest Christian Fellowship, another chapter begins for New Life Fellowship.

I think many of us were overwhelmed at the response of those who came to our last service at the Grange building in Columbus. We had such a wonderful time of worship, sharing memories and communion. I have heard so many say that it was a time of healing and reconciliation. It was also time to send off those who would not be coming to New Life Fellowship into a new venture with Lord - like the Marshall's, who have started a home-based church in Pennsylvania. We just have to praise God for His faithfulness and the joy we all share in knowing that He has taken hold of our hand and guided us in His paths of righteousness.

**We** also had an amazing start to our new fellowship on January 5th. The chapel was packed and there was much anticipation in the air. Our two speakers were Rev. Hwang from the Korean Presbyterian Church and Pastor Tom Brazell from New Covenant Community Church. Besides welcoming us to the new facility, Rev. Hwang said that they are praying that the Lord would send revival to us. When he said this I felt this was more than a prayer, it was a declaration of what the Lord is going to do! As I have spoken to other members of the Korean Church and folks from New Life, we believe that this touch from the Holy Spirit will ignite the Korean church as well, and we will partner to reach our area for Christ. Please continue to pray in agreement for this word to be fulfilled.

Pastor Tom Brazell spoke to us about being a people who stay in desperation. Desperation comes at a cost. In a day and age when so many are searching for something to fill their lives or bring security and provision, we must decide that there is only one source - Jesus Christ. We must seek Him in desperation and He will bring us from the pit to a firm place and put a new song in our hearts (Psalm 40:1-3). Pastor Tom spoke from II Kings chapter 4 where the widow who lost her husband came to Elisha for help. Elisha asked what she had in her house. She said that she had nothing... but a little oil. Our assessment is that we have nothing but... God's assessment is to take the little that you have and through His power He will multiply it! The answer is in your house. Use what He has given you because when obedience is applied by faith it produces abundance.

**We** praise the Lord for these words of direction and encouragement! And we rejoice in the NEW LIFE that is truly birthing among us. The Lord met us on the eve of January 5th and we know that He will continue to move us and mold us for His purposes.

**As** I close this letter, I truly want to thank you for your love and prayers and participation in Harvest Christian Fellowship. And for those who are taking the new step toward the birthing congregation at New Life Fellowship, I want to thank you for your faith and courage to believe in the Lord and to truly participate in what He will do to make His name known among the people of Burlington County and the Trenton area.

Many blessings to you!

*Pastor Gene*