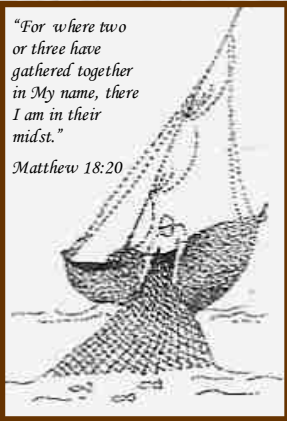


"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."

Matthew 18:20



The Gathering Net

Why Am I Hurting, Lord? Could You Pick Another Reason, Please!

By Carmen Falcione

Dear Saints,

Sorry it has been awhile since you heard from us! Hope you like the new quarterly format. Many of you are so busy with church, work and family responsibilities that getting another newsletter to read each month can be truly overwhelming. I am constantly amazed by how much "stuff," good and bad, that comes across my desk; so, rather than putting another "brick" on your load, I hope this will bless you in some way.

God's Revelation Leads to My Action: In past months I was having some physical and stressful symptoms that were affecting me daily. I went to my doctor. He did some tests, nothing extensive since the symptoms were not excruciating just vexing and irritating.

When I went back for the follow-up visit the doctor told me that he could not find any medical reason for the symptoms. I thanked him and as I exited the office, I was somewhat perplexed. I said, "Lord, what is going on here?" He then gently but firmly said to me that the reason I was experiencing so much pain was because 'I was being ungrateful and complaining about some things in my life.' When He spoke that to me, I was acutely aware of the revelation. It was very convicting and convincing. I was aware that I was doing some of it, but I was blind and didn't realize it was more pervasive. **It is the Holy Spirit's job to open my eyes, mine is to respond.** Now some of you may say, "Well, I probably do a little of that, but it's not that bad." Mmmm—Sound familiar? Well guess what saints?



Ungratefulness and complaining is a **SIN**. What's peculiar about sin is that it has nothing to do with how small or BIG it is. It is displeasing to God. It grieves the Holy Spirit and has consequences that affect our **body**, soul, and spirit! This became more apparent to me, when I was sharing this sin in my life with a dear, long time friend.

This brother in the Lord said this revelation hit him like a spear to his belly (biblically: conviction in the inner spirit

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Prescription for Joy:

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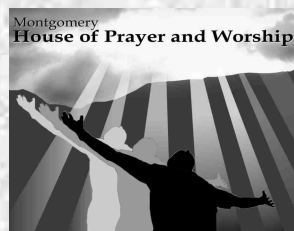
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1 Thess 5:16, 18 "Rejoice always. ...In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

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Are You Ready? MHOPW Is Coming! You Don't Want To Be Left Out!

By Gil Melendez

Dedication for the Montgomery House of Prayer and Worship was held on Friday, May 18th, at the facility in Greenbrier Place on Perry Hill Road. Mayor Bright and the first lady expressed their delight at answered prayer that

there will be continual prayer going on for the city. The atmosphere at the dedication was charged with worship, praise, prayer and anticipation. As the worship singers, band and attendees raised their voices in praise,

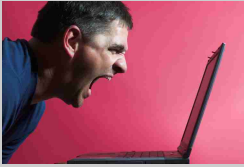
one can only imagine the continuation of this for years to come – ushering in revival, restoration and righteousness to the city.

This will be a place of ongoing

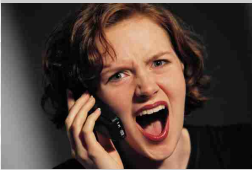
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DO WE EVER FEEL LIKE THESE TWO?

NOT ME, I DON'T HAVE AN ANGER PROBLEM!



I DON'T COMPLAIN EITHER AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT!



1. Confess your sin.
2. Have genuine Godly sorrow.
3. Take "action" by repenting.

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man) and he realized at that moment why he had been feeling angry and depressed lately. So, we both came to an agreement that we needed to do business with God, repent, stop grieving the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and be set free and start being grateful and enjoying life again. Part of the "insidiousness" of the sins of ungratefulness, complaining, depression, and anger is that we are not trusting God with the circumstances of our life, and not believing that He really does care what happens to us in our daily journey. It truly smacks against the **goodness, kindness, mercy and Fatherhood** of God! Did He not say, "I'll never leave or forsake you. You are the apple of My eye and engraved on the palm of My hand. I am for you and not against you, says the Lord"

Saints, many times we are so dismayed about the situations in our life because, ("Easy," Carmen) **it's always about "US."** And again I say gently, **this is a form of "Idolatry."** OUCH! Now "some" of you saints may not be guilty or convicted about this topic but I truly believe it is one of the strongest roots of our adamic nature. Praise God Isaiah 53:6 states

that He (Jesus) took the iniquity (SELF-CENTEREDNESS, having one's own way) of us **all** upon Himself at the cross, so we can be set FREE!!

We live in a fallen world. We are not in Heaven yet. Jesus said, "In this world you will have tribulation, (so quit complaining Carmen) but take courage that I (Jesus) have overcome the world."

Yes, Saints, there are legitimate reasons for some pain, depression, mental and emotional stress. But some of it is needless bondage. My Lord Jesus loved me enough to allow me to experience the symptoms in my body so that I would cry out and ask Him, "Why?" He knew these sins (ungratefulness and complaining) were hurting me and the rest of the body of Christ. Yes, that's biblical. He wanted to help set me free. So He gave my friend and me the biblical prescription: (1) Confess your sin, (2) Have genuine Godly sorrow, (3) Take "action" by repenting. That's it! Doing the opposite of what you have been doing! The Holy Spirit gave me some wonderful scriptural pills to take daily. If any of this has brought conviction to your heart now and or later, you are welcome to try some of

these: **Phil. 2:14 "Do all things without complaining, grumbling, murmuring or disputing."** **I Cor. 10:9 & 10 "Nor, let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpent, nor grumble as some did and were destroyed by the destroyer** Whew, that's strong! **I Peter 4:9 "Be hospitable to one another without complaint!"**

Now the proactive aspect of repentance: **Phil. 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice!** And last but not least, **I Thess 5:16, "Rejoice Always."** And again in verse 18, **"In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."**

As I close I want to say this. It is so easy to get into a bad habit of any kind, verbal or action. I have asked the wonderful and all powerful Holy Spirit to empower me to daily entrench me in Godly habits of speech and action. With Him all things are possible!

In His love and service,

Carmen

Montgomery House of Prayer and Worship

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prayer and live worship 24/7, in two-hour segments - reminiscent of the Tabernacle of David, and fulfilling the scriptures that this type of worship would be restored. Amos 9:11 and Acts 15:16 This multi-racial, multi-denominational, city-wide Montgomery House of Prayer and Worship will soon open for 24 hours a day prayer with live worship, seeking the blessings of

God over our city and state. "And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out to Him day and night?" Luke 18:7 There is a growing 24/7 prayer movement in evidence all around the world. God said, "I will ... make them joyful in my house of prayer ... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." Isaiah 56:7

God watches over us 24 hours a day (Ps.121) and in His Word He

calls us up to watch and pray with Him. Revelations 4 and 5 reveal that the angels and the 24 elders worship God literally night-and-day. The Bible teaches us to pray that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven and in heaven there is only praise, worship and intercession, 24 hours a day. This is why we believe that praise, worship and intercession should also take place on earth for 24 hours a day. The only way in which this can be realized, is by establishing 24-hour prayer watches.



Montgomery House of Prayer and Worship

Greenbrier Place

1230 Perry Hill Road

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Montgomery, Alabama

Come join us in prayer!

A Glimpse at the Dedication of the Montgomery House of Prayer and Worship, May 18, 2007.



Carmen's June Calendar

June 3rd, Sunday Preaching at Grace at Bell Road

June 5th, Tuesday 1:30 Board Meeting for Montgomery House of Prayer and Worship

June 7-11th Trip to Arkansas

June 13th, Wednesday 8:00-11:00 Teach Bible Study at Canaan Land for Men

June 13th, Wednesday 3:30-5:30 City Watchman Prayer Drive around the city

June 18th, Monday 10:00-12:00 Isaiah's Legacy Board Meeting

June 20th, Wednesday 11:30-1:30 John 17 Pastor's Luncheon at GATEWAY BAPTIST ON BELL ROAD.

June 27th, Thursday 12 Noon Bible Study at Beasley Allen Law Firm

June 30th-July 4th Katrina Mission Trip with Gateway Baptist Church to Waveland Mississippi

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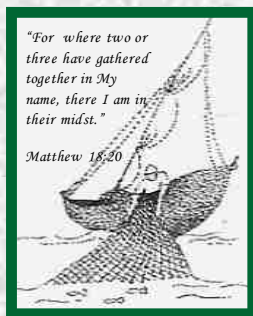
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May Calendar Highlights

**Every Monday Bible Study at
Legacy Advisors**

**May 2nd Mayor's Prayer
Breakfast**

May 3rd National Day of Prayer

**May 9th City Watchman Prayer
Drive around the city**

**May 11th Hosted PTL Program
TV45**

**May 13th Ministered at Pa-
nama City Beach Vineyard**

**May 16th Servant Leader Team
and John 17**

**May 18th Dedication of the
Montgomery House of Prayer
and Worship**

**May 22nd Convoy of Hope
Luncheon**

**May 25th Noon Bible Study at
Beasley Allen Law Firm**

**May 27th Preached at Grace at
Bell Road**

the prayer closet -

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

How can I pray for Carmen and Elaine?

- Pray that their trips to Arkansas (June 7-11) to see Elaine's family and the Mission trip to Mississippi at the end of June will be times of refreshing and blessing.
- Pray for insight, wisdom and anointing on Carmen and Elaine as they have opportunities to teach and preach the word of God around our community and beyond!
- Pray for administrative needs in the Gathering ministry to be accomplished efficiently and to the glory of God. (mail outs, newsletter, website, etc.)

- Pray for anointing on Carmen and other leaders involved in the oversight of John 17, The Montgomery House of Prayer and Worship, and the Servant Leadership Team.

How can I pray specifically for the new ministry at the Montgomery House of Prayer and Worship?

- Pray for churches around our community to catch the vision of this ministry and take a time slot to lead in prayer and worship.
- Pray for construction work to be finished well and quickly so that the center can open.
- Pray for the Lord to supply

the financial resources needed to keep this ministry going.

- Pray for the Board of Directors—for wisdom as they plan this ministry, for stamina as they add more duties to their busy schedules, for clear hearing from God on each step that they take and how they guide this work of His.
- Pray for Gil Melendez and Carmen as they serve as chief coordinators/spokesmen for this ministry, that they will clearly convey all God desires to do through this Prayer Center and that they will not grow weary!