

Fillmore Festival—November 1st thru 4th, 2007

Rev. Joyce Kramer of Unity Church of Tidewater and Rev. Richard Billings minister of Unity of Oak Park will co-host the Fillmore Festival in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Rev. Kramer has been a long time advocate in support of the legacy and teachings of Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, co-founders of the Unity Movement headquartered in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Among the speakers will be Unity ministers: Rev. Richard Billings, Rev. Joyce Kramer and Rev. Elizabeth Forrest, all of whom may lay claim to the title of pioneers of the Unity Movement.

Presentation will include Basic Spiritual Ideas that have helped all of us on our path to understanding, the study and application of the 12 Powers, World Consciousness, and the integrity of Practical Christianity as taught by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore.

Time is drawing near so you will want to act accordingly. For a detailed brochure concerning dates, times, events, location and lodging call Unity Church of Tidewater at: 757-464-0772

Board Meeting—October 6th 2007 Lee's Summit, Missouri

There will be a Board Meeting of the Conference on Practical Christianity in Lee's Summit, Missouri, on Saturday, October 6, 2007.

As usual the meeting is open to all members of the Conference. Members who are not on the Board will not be permitted vocal participation unless they have presented, in writing, what they would like to address so that it can be put on the agenda. Request must be made within two weeks prior to the meeting date published above. Upon receipt of the request the person or persons will be given an allotted time and a time limit in which they may speak. All board business will be discussed in open meeting but only board members may participate.

2008 Convention

A chairperson for the 2008 four-day Convention of the Conference on Practical Christianity is needed so that the event may take place. Several locations are being discussed by CPC members but it will be the job of the Chairperson to "nail it down."

We are considering only "retreat center" locations to help with expenses for the individual as well as offering a closer time for networking and individual committee business.

Contact Rev. Charlie at 900-939-2023 if you are interested in this project.

Wanted

Submit an article for the newsletter. Limit your subject to about 500 words. Or write a book review. Your peers are always interested in what you are doing at your church. Send it in soon.



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"We fairly sizzle with zeal and enthusiasm to do the work that is ours to do."
Charles and Myrtle Fillmore

Two Horses . . .

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it.

From a distance, each looks like every other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing.

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing.

If nearby and listening, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray. When she returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, she stops occasionally and looks back, making sure her friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see. Good friends are like this. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours.



News from Fillmore Theological College by Rev. Donald Hudson

The marketing arm of Fillmore Theological College is in the final stages of completing its new recruiting brochure. The brochure will be presented as a tri-fold and some will be available in color.

Ministers will receive a number of brochures and will be encouraged to distribute them among their congregants. Others will be mailed to a targeted audience and will be available for request by readers of Journey magazine where our first magazine ad will be published in August and October.

Our staff and mentors continue to grow as FTC prepares for student enrollment in one or more of our programs. If you are interested in becoming a mentor for the college you are encouraged to go online at www.fillmorecollege.com to review the material and to find where you would better apply your skills. All mentors will be asked to present documentation that they are well versed in their area of study.

Application for mentorship may be obtained from Rev., Dr. Donald Hudson at revdon@fillmorecollege.com.

"Quality Education that is Transformative, Challenging and Affordable" is our theme. Education with a purpose, offering personal growth at affordable costs.

Highest blessings, Rev. Don

The man of wisdom is never of two minds; the man of benevolence never worries; the man of courage is never afraid.
Confucius

**Conference on Practical Christianity
New and Renewal Membership Application**

Yes, I would like to join or transfer my membership from WFPC to the Conference on Practical Christianity.

Title: Ms. Miss Mrs Reverend Dr. Other _____ Date of Application: _____

Name of Person or Organization: _____

Address #1: _____ Address #2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Day Phone: _____ Eve. Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Membership Classifications and Dues:

General Member \$60.00—Professional Membership (Minister or Licensed Teacher \$95.00—Church or Study Group \$125.00

I am enclosing my dues for Calendar Year 2007 Member Classification: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Note: Dues are payable each January for the coming year. Dues are not prorated and are nonrefundable. At all classifications of membership the member is entitled to full voting privileges (One vote per membership) at all General Membership meetings in addition to all of the rights and privileges listed in the by-laws of the Conference on Practical Christianity.

Mail Membership Application and Funds to: **Mr. Robert Kent, Treasurer**
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P.O. Box 1221
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Due Now

**Ministers/Organization Quarterly Report
2007**

Thank You

Name of Minister or Organization: _____

Address: _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Board President _____ Phone # of Board President: _____

No of Sunday Services _____ No. of Other Services _____

No of Weddings _____ No of Christenings _____

No of Memorials _____ No of Workshops _____

No of Hospital Visits _____ No of Prayer Meetings _____

You are blessed for all you do.

Is your tithe enclosed with this report? Yes. Amount \$ _____ Thank you. You are appreciated.

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**THE CONFERENCE ON PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY
FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR FISCAL 2007 THROUGH THE MONTH ENDED
June 2007**

DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUS RECEIPTS	PREVIOUS DISB	RECEIPTS June	DISB June	RECEIPTS 2007 TO-DATE	DISB 2007 TO-DATE
Beginning Balances	828.44				828.44	
Dues, Tithes and Fees	5,136.50		1,212.70		6,349.20	
Office rent, utilities, equipment, supplies, and postal charges		3,272.27		786.41		4,058.68
Professional services and fees		1,062.11		338.00		1,400.11
Other						
Petty cash, College Transfer		450.00				450.00
Totals	5,964.94		1,212.70	1,124.41	7,177.64	5,908.79
Ending Balances		1,180.56				1,268.85

1. The Conference fiscal year is January through December.
2. The beginning and ending balances on the report agree with those of the bank statements.
3. The ending bank balance includes \$500.00 in funds restricted for the filing of IRS 501 (c) 3 tax exempt status.
- ...4. For the sake of efficiency and economy, the reports of fiscal activity have been condensed and simplified.

Rev. Jane Stansfield Newly Ordained

Approved for Ordination during the month of July, Rev. Jane Stansfield has achieved the status of Independent Unity Minister of Practical Christianity by the Conference on Practical Christianity.



Rev. Jane Stansfield

Rev. Susan Gumm will perform the ordination ceremony in the State of Colorado on August 5, 2007.

Rev. Stansfield brings many skills to the Conference on Practical Christianity and in particular a wealth of experience in prayer ministry and prayer chaplaincy. Rev. Jane, in league with Rev. Gloria Alexander, our Chair of the Prayer Committee will begin work in developing an international prayer team to serve the desires of those outside of the United States by providing for their prayer needs. Rev. Alexander will continue to Chair the Prayer Committee and to attend to the prayer requirements within the United States.

We are looking forward to a long relationship with Rev. Jane Stansfield. Congratulations Rev. Stansfield.



www.fillmoresunity.com

If you haven't visited our website lately you might want to discover the new look as well as some additions. We have added a minister's resource page.

Free Unity books by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore are available on line as we add to the library

New Members . . .

Take the time to invite people to join our organization. We all associate with folks who are Truth students that want to be made aware that we exist for them.

If you are a minister it is important for you to invite your congregation to join. This makes for a tighter relationship in the commonality among our members.

We are an organization designed to grow and all of our efforts so far have lent to the purpose of bringing more and more people to the Truth as we understand it.

Let us know if you have encouraged someone to become a member.

Classic Unity . . .

Blessed Am I

Rebecca Roupe

BLESSED is my body, for it is a temple of the Lord Most High. I honor and respect my body, for in it dwells the Holy One, the Christ of God.

BLESSED is my mind, for into and through it flow the rich ideas of God. Through it I know the joy of His life, the power of His love, and the wonder of His creation.

BLESSED are the words of my mouth, for they are consecrated to messages of good cheer, love, and kindness. They are ambassadors of good will and peace.

BLESSED are my feet, for they carry me in paths of righteousness, joy and justice. They walk on holy ground, loyal in the service of the Master.

BLESSED is my heart, for therein dwells patience, contentment, understanding, and loving-kindness.

BLESSED are my hands, for they minister willingly and efficiently. With a benediction they perform works that bless unknown friends in unknown places.

BLESSED are my ears, for they hear and heed the voice of God as it speaks both in my inner self and in the outer world of sound and harmony.

BLESSED are my eyes, for they are opened to see the beauty of life. They behold only perfection, and their vision is clear, their sight is keen.

BLESSED are my lungs, for they breathe the life-giving breath of Spirit.

BLESSED is my blood, for its purified stream nourishes and renews every cell in my body, making me strong, harmonious, and whole.

BLESSED am I, for I am radiant with the life and light of Spirit, unfettered and unbound, triumphant, glorious, splendid, and free!

The Blessing above is an example of the unique and unpublished styling's of many Unity authors, ministers and of the co-founders of Unity Charles and Myrtle Fillmore. More of these writings can be found at:

www.unityheritage.org

A Complete Understanding of Angels

Contributed by Rev. Nancy Smith



I only know the names of two angels. Hark and Harold.

Gregory, 5

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to heaven, then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes.

Matthew, 9

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else.

Mitchell, 7

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science.

Henry, 8

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from holy cows.

Jack, 6

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The basic message is where you went wrong before you got dead.

Daniel, 9

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath, somewhere there's a tornado.

Reagan, 10

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, who's a very good carpenter.

Jared, 8

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it.

Antonio, 9

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth.

Katelynn, 9

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the kid get over it.

Vicki, 8

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them.

Grace 5



Bible Study (NIV) Rev. Charles Smith

2 Chronicles 7:11-14

When Solomon had finished the temple of the LORD and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the LORD and in his own palace, the LORD appeared to him at night and said:

"I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices."

"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

Although there are many instances when the Holy Bible is quoted out of context, there are many passages that offer gifts of the Spirit that allow us yet another manner in which to make use of the teaching. These few passages offer one of the most important messages for attaining peace throughout the Bible. After Solomon had finished the Lord's Temple and had done all the Lord had asked of him the Lord appeared to Solomon and uttered the covenants made in 2 Chronicles 7:11-14. It is not a complex message but it tells us that no matter what happens in our world, in our individual world, if we surrender to the will of God and if we pray and if we turn from our error ways, God will hear our prayers, and will forgive our wrong doings (our mistakes) and God will heal our land (our lives, our health, our circumstances) and establish His Kingdom within each of us and will remain there always.

God's eyes will be ever open to us individually so that He will see our needs even before we do and that His heart will be open to providing all that would give us the "peace that passes all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

This wonderful passage also provides the formula to exacting World Peace when attended to by God's people. It doesn't necessarily mean that all wars will end or that a surreal serenity will prevail throughout the World. It does, however, provide that those who call themselves God's people would lend themselves to these simple instructions we needn't fear anything because God's Eyes, Heart and Hands would be upon everything we experience providing for our very best life. Providing for an elegance and quality of life we have heretofore experienced. We are truly blessed.

We must also understand that to "surrender" does not mean

to give up our gift of free will or to admit defeat by God. Surrender is a matter understanding that we of ourselves can do nothing. This form of "surrender" gives us more power than we could ever learn to use. By surrendering to the almighty spirit of God we are opening ourselves to the very best life has to offer. God does not want to defeat us, God only wants the very best for us in every facet of life. To yield to God is simply to get out of our own way so that the almighty activity of the Holy Spirit can be active in our lives.

To surrender is the work by which faith is nothing (James 2:26). To surrender to our Creator is to receive the wealth of health, happiness and well-being.

A little humor . . .

A new pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10."

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

Genesis! 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

Remember when the funniest jokes were the clean ones? They still are!

Contributed by Rev. Teny Rule Fisher

When everybody on earth was dead and waiting to enter Paradise, God appeared and said, "I want the men to make two lines. One line for the men who were true heads of their household and the other line for the men who were dominated by their women. I want all the women to report to St Peter."

Soon, the women were gone and there were two lines of men. The line of the men who were dominated by their wives was 100 miles long, and in the line of men who truly were heads of their household, there was only one man. God said, "You men should be ashamed of yourselves. I created you to be the head of your household. You have been disobedient and not fulfilled your purpose. I told you to be the spiritual leader in your family. Of all of you only one obeyed. Learn from him. Tell them, my son, how did you manage to be the only one in this line?"

Said the man,, "I don't know, my wife told me to stand here."