

# THE CHANNEL

flowing from . . .

Rivers of Living Water Cathedral

604 Howland Street - PO Box 1323

Fremont, OH 43420

419-334-7389

E-mail: [rlwmi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rlwmi@sbcglobal.net)

Web: [rolwohio.com](http://rolwohio.com)



Bishop Dr. Robert L. & Joyce M. Jones  
Senior Pastors & Founders

February 2017  
Volume CXLIV

## WISDOM MEANS PREPARATION

Because God gives us wisdom we can be prepared for whatever may come **if we heed** His Word. Matthew 25:1-13 teaches us about the 10 virgins. Five were wise and five were foolish. The wise virgins were prepared; they had extra oil on hand just in case it was needed. The foolish virgins filled their lamps but did not use wisdom; therefore, they had no extra oil when it was needed.

The Lord has impressed Bishop Jones that the **People of God should not be deceived** with the next few years of seemingly financial blessings. The People of God need to **be wise in their spending** so that they are prepared for the leaner times. If you have large debt, pay it down. Those who are wise in their spending and saving will be like the wise virgins; they will be able to share with others as the Lord leads. You will also be like Joseph when God used him to give directions to Pharaoh that the country needed to save grain during the 7 years of abundance; thus, allowing them to help not only their own people but other countries during the next 7 years of famine that came.

Because we are salt and light to the world, the world will look for help. **Wisdom will guide us in our helping others**; thus, continue the blessings upon our own lives. **“Freely ye have received, freely give.”** However, wisdom also says, *‘Don’t give away your seed.’* Remember to **continue to plant** so that **you will have a continual harvest**. It is one of God’s unchanging laws that He has put in place.

We do not have the spirit of fear; we have confidence and trust in the creator of this world.

Put this where you will be able to recall what the Lord has shared with *His People*. We have a choice. We can either take heed and follow the path God has spoken; or we can ignore what God has shared with us and be like the foolish virgins and be found wanting and regretting the choice we made. **Listen to and obey the Spirit of God and blessed!**



## ALREADY GONE?

Where has the first month of 2017 gone? Let us look back on some message tidbits to remember what God is speaking to us. What should each of us focus on in 2017?

- ♥ Go to where you are needed – go to hurting and needy people in the market place
- ♥ Jesus is a leader; the devil is a driver.
- ♥ There is no way you can go ‘under’ when Jesus is with you.
- ♥ There are many believers, but few disciples – students of Christ.
- ♥ Believers follow the crowd; disciples follow the cross.
- ♥ Discipleship is a process of dwelling and following the Lord to develop the foundation.
- ♥ Special strength comes when we share and uplift one another.
- ♥ Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth in any situation.
- ♥ Holy Spirit will always reveal the heart of God.

- ♥ God is the gardener; the Holy Spirit is the sap flowing from the vine Jesus to us, the branches, to give us nourishment.
- ♥ The church is God's toolbox; we must take care of the gifts God gives us.
- ♥ To be more spiritually healthy do I need to lose some 'weight' that keeps me from pleasing God?
- ♥ Whatever is causing me weariness will discourage me in my walk with God – I need to lose that weight that so easily trips me up.
- ♥ Obedience is the key to everything!
- ♥ If I do what God said, I will have the outcome God said.
- ♥ You are valuable! Invite others into the process; therefore, the work is easier and better because it allows God to get all the glory.
- ♥ Jesus said, "Follow me." He will keep you from lying.
- ♥ People can't handle the truth. Tell the truth and shame the devil. God said, "Tell the truth."
- ♥ Revisit what God told you – don't let His promises slip.
- ♥ Repeat what God said – we aren't reminding God; we are reminding ourselves!
- ♥ A premature blessing is like a premature birth. It isn't all there.
- ♥ JESUS is the reason!
- ♥ There is a reward in trusting and relying on God. Allow Him to prove Himself.
- ♥ We are His workmanship – He is doing it. It isn't something we need to do.
- ♥ Take Courage to Be – My design was ordered by God even before I was formed.
- ♥ There is only one you in this world – you were ordained for a particular purpose.
- ♥ I can because God put the "I can" in me when I was born!
- ♥ When I please others, I am not pleasing God.
- ♥ I must allow God's purpose to happen in my life.
- ♥ I have been fearfully, wonderfully, marvelously made.

- ♥ Greater works is easier to do than the great works.
- ♥ Salvation of the soul is greater work.
- ♥ Our potential in God is more than we can imagine.
- ♥ God loved us even when we didn't love us.
- ♥ God ordained that we should have our lifestyle in greater works.
- ♥ "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of Hosts (Jesus Christ)."



## Our Kids' Tidbits

These tidbits came from notes the kids wrote in their books during the sermon. Any child who takes notes all month and turns them in on time receives a Big Boy Gift Certificate. This Sunday, January 29, begins a new month for their note-taking reward.

Elysia – Verily, verily I say unto you, you will be doing work.

Essence – John 14:12 – Wanted me to go beyond him. Dad wanted me to do greater things and he did great things.



## February at a Glance

- ❖ **Feb. 18 – Saturday** – Brothers & Sisters in Christ meeting at Arby's at 10 a.m.
- ❖ **Feb. 19 – Sunday** – Book Club at 6 p.m. at the church
- ❖ **Feb. 22 – Wednesday** – Submit all information for the March Channel to Rev. Julia Schwert.

## WINTER WARNING!!

Winter is upon us! As most of our members know, if the weather where you live is ever inclement, please use your own judgement to determine if you can safely attend the scheduled service. We want our family to be safe! Any offerings you have can be brought to the next service or if you prefer, you may mail them to PO Box 1323, Fremont, OH 43420.

Any cancellations due to weather will be announced on the following TV Channels as early as possible:

Channel 11 – WTOL  
Channel 13 – WTVG  
Channel 24 – WNWO

If we have a current telephone number for you, we will attempt to contact you by phone. Remember, it is your responsibility to keep the Church Office up-to-date on your telephone number and your address.



## Regular Service Times

### Sunday

10 a.m. – Morning Worship

### Wednesday

11 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
6:30 p.m. – Bible Foundation  
6:30 p.m. – Youth Services

### Thursday

6 – 7:30 p.m. – Recovery Outreach Ministry led by Rev. David Tucker. Need help to overcome an addiction? Come to these sessions. Our desire is to help you achieve and experience an abundant life in God.

### Saturday

6 – 7 p.m. – Prayer



Feed **your** Soul  
every week.



## BOOK CLUB

Our book club will meet on **Sunday, Feb. 19**, at **6 p.m.** at the church. Our study discussion will continue with Chapter 6 of The Battle Plan for Prayer. Feel free to bring a refreshment or beverage with you.

## BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST

The men and women will have a combined meeting this month on **Saturday, Feb. 18**, at **10 a.m.** at **Arby's**. Please invite someone to fellowship with us. We will be finalizing dates for various projects.



## LOCK IN THAT DATE!

Our Executive Council has officially put the following dates on our church calendar. Please mark your calendars accordingly:

**April 9** – Executive Council Quarterly Meeting

**May 19 & 20** – BBQ Fundraiser

**August 13** – Annual Church Picnic

**December 8 or 9** – Adult Christmas Party

To get your activity date on the church calendar, please submit your desired activity dates to the Executive Council. We are requesting this so that everyone will be **1) kept informed** and **2) to avoid any conflicts**.

You may give a list of all dates and activities to Rev. Julia Schwert prior to the next Executive Council meeting. Thank you.



## OUR YOUTH

Our kids will be learning “All About Jesus” for the next six months. Each service upstairs includes praise and worship along with their lesson time.

The teachers are pleased to see the kids enjoying their own time of praise and worship to the Lord. Expect to see some new talents from our children as they express their love to the Lord in a variety of ways.

