



## Howdy Ya'll



It's been so good to hear from so many of you. We're reaching more and more folks every day and putting faces with names of people that we're really

coming to know and love. We hope many others of you will write and let us know what is new in your world. Slowly but surely you are all calling or writing and sharing your prayer needs, the visions that God has placed in your hearts, or just sending a friendly "howdy". You have no idea how much the "howdy's" help us keep our chins up in the air and encourage us.

In the month of December we really began pressing into seeking God's kingdom and putting into practice the word of reconciliation. The Lord allowed us to reach out and love in a tangible way so many people that our "family reunion" has grown in numbers very quickly.

This month of January we have filled our calendar with times when we can teach, minister and encourage many of you. We are now going into Midland (TX), Odessa (TX), Lubbock (TX), Seminole (TX), Hobbs (NM), Roswell (NM), Capitan (NM), and Ruidoso (NM). We are beginning to schedule February and March so why not call and find out when we'll be in your neighborhood.

So what are we doing when there in these cities? Jeff is teaching and sharing from the apostolic viewpoint just what God is doing in the local bodies of Christ and the ultimate plan, the completed body of Christ (worldwide). He has been invited to speak at two men's groups (women were invited as

well), one in Midland and one in Odessa. We were so excited to see so many folks; both new and old familiar faces as well.

We have also been invited to come into homes where we anoint and pray for the sick, the oppressed and the downcast souls in the body. We have seen some rather miraculous healings and deliverances as well as a few "slow but sure miracles". (Miracles don't have to be instantaneous to be miraculous.)

We're really having a blast as we see folks walking in their individual gifts and callings and see the body being tempered together by the Holy Spirit. We're doing something "new" and "unusual", but more than anything it's productive. It's been a long time since we've seen anything so productive in the body.

We are beginning to set a pattern so that the body in these areas can come on a regular basis and find dependable ministry. If you'd like to join us or open your home for similar ministry, do feel free. We also need folks to participate by volunteering to call and remind folks as well. If you can help, please call and let us know. You can leave a message or call the cell number on our answering machine as we do much of our scheduling on the road.

?? **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month**, Midland, TX---Hosts Penny & Hank Malone, 3309 Pinemont from 1-3PM. Communion, discussion, teaching and ministry. Call for more information; 915-550-7642.

?? **2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month**, Hobbs, NM---Temporary Hosts Kerry & Verna Evans 2532 N. Jade from 7-9PM. Teaching, discussion and ministry. 915-550-7642.

?? **4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month**, Roswell, NM---Temporary Hosts Shane & Tasha Olive 2604 Bay Meadow from 7:9PM. Teaching, discussion and ministry. 915-550-7642. If you can't come Friday try Saturday.

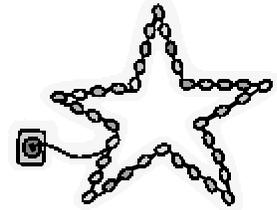
?? **4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month**, Roswell, NM---Hosts Ed & Evelyn Swindell 3011 N. Washington from 2-4PM. Teaching, discussion and ministry. 915-550-7642. If you can't come Saturday, why not come Friday?

Prior to the meetings we also go into homes to minister to folks who need healing, prayer or other hands-on ministry. Remember, we do make "house calls". We'd love to have a host home in the cities of Lubbock, Abilene or your town.

We are working to get to know everyone of you face to face, heart to heart. Come help us get to know you!

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### Points of Interest:

*☞ Jeff & Cerise Say HI!*

*☞ We're looking forward to meeting you.*

*☞ We need you.*

*☞ Call us anytime.*

*☞ We love to pray!*

*☞ Share your newsletter with a friend.*

## The Mystery of the Covenant (Part 1)



I've been a believer for 23 years and been exposed to the word for all of my life, but only recently has it come alive to me in such a clear way. I was lead of the Lord to read a book called "The Blood Covenant" written by E. W. Kenyon around 1935. I won't go into a lot of detail about how I came to this place, but I am fully confident that it was a direct leading of the Lord to be able to be in a fuller place of agreement with my husband as he had already studied and understood what I am just now coming to. He has graciously allowed me to share a thumbnail sketch of what I am learning at a few of the places we visit, but he and I are in agreement that everyone should understand what covenant means before anything else is taught. With understanding of what I am about to share, I know that the word is going to be fresher and clearer to everyone who begins to understand the richness of the term covenant and also our covenant with God through Yeshua the Anointed One.

I sense that this study will require more than just one newsletter to share, so I will begin as God instructed; with the natural first and then the spiritual.

Yeshua drew pictures he called parables. Jeff and I use what we call LCDs or the "Lowest Common Denominators" to make deep spiritual truth so much easier to understand. I will share the picture that God gave me of an ancient ceremony of covenant and the order and terms of the covenant. I have personally read the book on "The Blood Covenant" close to 10 times and plan to read it at least that many times more to get a fuller understanding. I hope you will read these articles over and over so that the seed of its truths will sink in deeper. But before I begin let me offer a word to those of you who may not want to hear a "woman" teach. Please read this with the mindset that I am merely a woman sharing what a man taught me. Please don't skip this article because I am a woman, but read it in the vein that I am a secretary who has transcribed in "shorthand" the words of a great godly man, E. W. Kenyon.

Imagine two native tribes standing face to face. One tribe is known for its great military strength, the other for its ingenuity and wisdom. The military tribe doesn't have a clue how to build anything technical unless it has to do with war. The intelligent tribe is clueless to defending themselves, but make amazing mechanical devices that make life easier. The two tribes are tired of "suffering" without the things the opposing tribes enjoy. They decide that they will "cut a covenant" and become one strong and intelligent tribe. Here is the order of the ceremony and the steps that are taken to ratify the covenant. You will notice that every word that is bold is a word or term that is understood by covenant keeping peoples.

- ?? First the **priests** of the **tribe** are **chosen, dressed** and **anointed**.
- ?? The **two participants** of the **covenant** are **chosen, dressed** and **anointed**. (Best of the best are chosen.)
- ?? **Witnesses** are **chosen, dressed** and **anointed**.
- ?? **Terms of the covenant** or **commandments** are discussed.
- ?? **Terms of the covenant** are **scribed** or "**engraved**".
- ?? **Blood** is shed. Ash would be **rubbed** into the cut so that a **scar** was left. Usually the palms were **cut** and **blood** dripped into **wine**. (**Sign of the covenant**.)
- ?? **Drink the wine**.
- ?? **Bread** is eaten.
- ?? An **animal** is **sacrificed** & eaten (**meal**.)
- ?? Each **tribe** member **swears (commits)** to **keep the covenant**.
- ?? **Gifts** are **exchanged; robes, signet rings, staffs, scepters, children** given in a **marriage**. (These gifts are the **earnest** of down payment of the **covenant**. Without these there would be no **good faith in the covenant**. (**The tithe is our part**.)
- ?? **Blessings of keeping the covenant** are **professed** or **confessed** and **recorded** by **scribes**.
- ?? **Curses of forsaking the covenant** are **professed** or **confessed** and **recorded** by **scribes**.
- ?? **Trying period begins** to see if **tribes** will **keep the covenant** or **break** it.
- ?? **Benefits** or **blessings of the covenant** are **reaped** for **keepers**.
- ?? **Curses of the covenant** are **reaped** for **breakers**.

The two **tribes** are **finished** with the **ceremony** just prior to the **trying period** and the **covenant** is in effect or **ratified**. Every member of the **tribes** is **sworn** to **kill** anyone that is caught **breaking the covenant** so that the **betrayal** doesn't spread. As children grow up into the **tribes**, the boys about to reach manhood are put through the "**rite of passage**" whereby they **enter into the covenant** after they **prove themselves faithful** and **strong** enough to **keep** it. If they **reject the rite of passage** they are either **killed** or sent out as **infidels** and treated as "**dead**" to the **tribe**.

Now comes the exciting part. If an enemy **tribe** comes and attacks the **tribe** called "intelligent", the **tribe** called "military" is **sworn** to defend the **weaker tribe**. The intelligent **tribe** **gives** all their technology to the military **tribe** and their **lives** are improved. The **covenant** is based upon **weaknesses** and the two are made **stronger**! No one loses unless he **rejects the covenant** or **breaks the terms of the covenant** or **commandments**. If someone breaks the **covenant**, all the **curses professed** during the **ceremony** are in **effect**. Usually enemy **tribes** would be scared away by the **scar** or "**sign of the covenant**" in the hand of the **tribe**.

Consider this; God **cut** the **covenant** with himself (**Yeshua**) and allows us to **partake** in it by **faith**. Our only **requirements** or **commandments** are to **believe** in the **covenant**, **love** and **serve Him**, **love** and **serve** our **brothers of the covenant**, **testify** or share it with others and **keep it in**

**our hearts.** It is now a **faith** or **breath (oath) covenant** and we are required to **hear God's voice** and **do** as he instructs. The way we **break covenant** is to **stop trusting in the covenant** he made with himself.

**Meditate** on this and see these **terms** in your **bible.** Search them out. We don't **make covenant** with **unbelievers** now, James tells us not to **swear** for any reason and at any time. Can you see why? Just make your **word good, do what you say you'll do, be faithful to God** and to **your fellow brothers of the covenant.** Always **remember the weak members of the tribe.** We can never say, "**We did it alone**" or "**by our own hands**" as we are in **covenant with God** and with our **fellow man.** We can never exalt ourselves above the **covenant** or the **throne of our God** or we get in real trouble.

There is much richness in this short study. Take time to really read and reread it. Learn to recognize these terms and familiarize yourself with them so you can recognize them in your bible, testament or covenant. It only gets more exciting from here.

## Hearing Ears



We want to thank all of you who have sown into our lives and the lives of the little sheep we're hunting for. It was so hard to leave our other life after so many years of service, but here we are serving the most awesome God by serving His precious children. If it weren't for your generosity we wouldn't be able to do all we need to do to reach out to the

really hurting folks in the body.

We want to let each one of you know that we pray very seriously over the seed you have sown. We know the power of agreement, the power of unity (Psalms 133), the power of a body working together with each member doing its part. We also pray seriously for your many needs. We pray that God will supernaturally show those who pray for us, who help us by offering their homes, who sow their seed that it is actually doing what they sent it to do! No useless ground here!

We'd like to "draw" you a picture of what happens when one part of the body doesn't do its job. Imagine you are right handed and you decide that you're going to save your left arm and hand for when you get old. You tie your arm to your body and NEVER allow it to move. You think that one day you'll just begin to use that side of your body, but the day comes that you've set aside to use it and when you untie it it is totally worthless. First it's paralyzed, secondly it's shrunken and shriveled from atrophy. That's how a lot of the body of Messiah (Christ) is today. They don't realize that their prayer support is needed NOW; they think, "I'll pray when things get serious". Others think, "I'll give when I have loads of money", but because they don't sow early they never have anything to sow.

The great majority promise to help out, but they never make their word their covenant. They promise things and then back out or simply forget. God gives us what we give Him; if our word is no good His word will be no good. He tells us "Either make the tree good and its fruit good or make the tree bad and its fruit bad". Time is running out. Ask an older man or an older woman about time passing too quickly and he or she will tell you they would have done many things much differently had they known that time would pass so fast.

For those of you who are hearing God's voice and are endeavoring to do exactly what He tells you, we stand with you. For those of you who are just a little hard of hearing, we're praying for you to have really young ears! For those of you who find yourselves spiritually deaf and unable to hear the voice of God, we're praying for miraculous healing because you need to prosper and be in health and the only way you can is by having your souls prosper (3 John 2). God wants your souls to prosper and that comes by doing what He tells you to do. For those of you who once heard His voice and refused to do what He told you to do, we pray His mercy and grace to shower you and that you will see His goodness and repent and do that "old thing" you promised but didn't do.

God loves each and every one of you and He needs you to pray (stay in contact with Him for yourself and for others), He needs you to sow the seed He has given you, He needs you to keep your word whenever you give it so that He can keep His word to you! Isn't it nice that God needs us? He's so big He made us to need one another and He decided to need us as well to do His will.

We're seeing miracles, but we believe for "greater" miracles as we press into trusting God for the body to be one. We want every member of the body to function in perfection. Not one person is without value or can be "tied up" for later use. We want miraculous healing for anyone of you who has become atrophied because someone who just didn't understand how valuable you really were set you aside. Forgive them quickly, run to the Father and then be all He created you to be. We sure need you, each and every one of you.

## Sever The Root To Bring Forth The Fruit



Hi this is Jeff and I want to share this delicious course in the meal God has me putting before you via this newsletter! The body of Christ must begin to walk in what I am about to share. You need to know before I go any further that I was deceived in this area for a few years and the devil took from my family whatever he wanted, wherever he wanted, and anytime he wanted. Jesus told us that the devil comes to steal, kill and destroy but that He came to give us abundant life. In I Tim. 6: 10 he tells us "the

**root of all evil** is the love of money.” Not **having**, or **wanting**, or even **needing** money, but **loving money**. I found out, sad to say, after the fact that when you love money you listen to its voice and that it will tell you things like, “tithing isn’t for today”, “tithing is Old Testament stuff”, or “tithing was just for people that lived in Israel when the temple was standing and because there is no temple there is no reason to tithe”. For example, you’re sitting in your local church and the Pastor begins to teach on tithing. Immediately the devil shows up to steal the word the Pastor just sowed in your heart. The devil tells you, “All these guys want is your money”. You just heard the wrong voice. You are moved to obey that voice because the **root of all evil** is at work in your life and it will keep you depending on the money you love instead of the One who has given you the very power to obtain wealth. God gave us the power to obtain wealth so we can further His Covenant on this earth. We are given many accounts of men that lived hundreds and hundreds of years before the “Law” was given to Moses for the Israelites. These men lived long before anyone took it on themselves to build a temple yet all these men were giving a tithe of all they had to the man of God in their lives. So with the **root of all evil** working in believer’s lives today, men aren’t giving a tithe of all they have to their “man of God”, so most of the body of Christ has the **root of all evil** at work in their lives and don’t even realize it. Because of this the body of Christ as a whole isn’t able to go as far in furthering His Covenant as it would be if the **root of all evil** was severed in the believer’s life. So let’s sever that root shall we? Here is only one of the examples we are given in The Word showing us the principle of the tithe.

In the book of Genesis (the book of beginnings or the book of first things) there is a record of the first time anyone tithed to a man of God. Abram had just come back to his dwelling place, the Plain of Mamre. It was after defeating several kings and their armies while rescuing his brother Lot and all Lot’s family as well as all the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. In Gen. 14: 16 we are told that Abram brought back all the goods from the battle, his family, and all their families and all the wealth, which would include cattle, sheep, goats, silver and gold and probably much more than we can imagine. The king of Sodom (a picture of the **root of all evil**) came out to meet Abram before the man of God got to him. He was trying to talk him into making an exchange with him first. Saying “Abram you keep the money for yourself but give me the souls”. The devil is always trying to get to us before God does to get our souls, but if he is too late for that he will try to deceive us into doing what he is saying instead of doing what God has said. The devil’s offer almost always appears to be a “good” thing. That is why we must “listen” for our Father’s voice all the time. Now, Melchizedek comes to Abram as God’s man or representative and offers him bread and wine (covenant) and then speaks the blessing over Abram. Immediately after God’s man speaks the

blessing over Abram, Abram understands it was God that has given him the victory in battle. So, to show all men present that he serves God and that he would not have had the victory without God’s hand on him he turns and gives a tenth of the spoils from that war to God’s man. He also gives a tenth of the spoils to God’s man to show God that the money means nothing to him compared to being led and helped by the Most High God. There has been an exchange! God’s man Melchizedek comes to Abram and releases the blessing on him. Why? So God can work in Abram’s life. When Abram immediately turns and gives the tithe to the man of God he severed the **root of all evil**. Being obedient immediately with what Abram knew God had given him allowed the blessing to remain on his life all the way to his death. Before Abraham died he passed the blessing on to Isaac and Isaac tithed. Isaac passed it on to Jacob and Jacob tithed. We can read about all these men they all died very healthy and wealthy. The Most High God led and helped all of them because the **root of all evil** was not at work in their lives simply because they loved not their money and tithed. Have you severed that root in your life?

## Working Out With Jeff



Do we really understand who we are? Do we really know what has happened to us? We have been made a new creature the old man is dead. This new man has been given the ministry of reconciliation. Reconciliation of what or who? First lets look at what that word means.

**Reconciliation** - 2643 – katallage - (Strong’s) defines this word as an exchange (figuratively, adjustment), i.e. restoration to (the divine) favor, atonement reconciliation or (-ing).

Rom 5:11 says: not only this, but we also triumph in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

2 Cor. 5:18-19 God, reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and now He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Wow, that’s the job, the duty, the ministry that all of us in the body (as a whole) have been given. It is the job of reconciling the people in our sphere of influence, in our everyday lives into a right relationship with God. In simple terms this means that we are “in” the Kingdom of God and they are “outside” of it. We have been given the ministry to invite them to enter into it. Praise God what a privilege!

Jesus was asked why he spoke to the multitude in parables. His reply was “Because it was not given to them outside the Kingdom to understand the mysteries of the King-

dom of God” but to His disciples it was given to understand the mysteries even though they were hidden. He also told us that "A lamp is not brought to be put under a basket, is it, or under a bed? It is brought to be put on the lamp stand isn't it? For nothing is hidden, except it is to be revealed; nor has anything been made secret, but that it would come to light. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear. Take care what you listen to. By **your** standard of measure it will be measured to you; and more will be given to you besides. For whoever has, to him more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him."

We need to set our lamp out for everyone that passes by to see. Because the light we have been given is for that purpose. We actually have the authority to give people that are not in the Kingdom the power to come into the Kingdom. Yes the Holy Spirit is The One Who reveals all Truth to whosoever will, but it is we His disciples, His sons, which must speak it out to the ones in need of entry or reconciliation to the Father. We are the ones that must yell from the rooftops that God is not mad; He loved the whole world and everyone in it and wants ALL people to come into right relationship with Him through His Son. Which, by the way, is THE ONLY WAY to enter into The Kingdom of God! I'll end by telling you this, the Holy of Holies still has a veil that ALL must come through to get to The One True God. That veil is the flesh and the blood of The Anointed One. **Heb 10:19-20** says "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh". Lets get busy reconciling people back to God. Show them the veil and invite them to enter through Him. Reconcile!

## Celebrating Faithfulness

A little mouse told me to share with you the anniversary of a very special ministry, one that will be 27 years old on January 15th. That ministry is the Good News Ministry of Joe and Vantrice Burkes to those in bondage to alcohol and other addictive substances. Many of you know Vantrice from the "Light of the Southwest" program on Prime Time Christian Broadcasting. Others of you know them as you have supported this wondrous ministry with prayers, tears and your dollars. We want to congratulate them for a job "well done" and encourage them to reach out and touch more and more folks.

Vantrice has a vision to create a ministry center to train others to be able to do what they have been doing these past 27 years. She is also believing to be "Debt Free in 2003". We all know that the ministry of healing and de-

liverance is free, but it costs money to get it to the folks that need it. Why not consider sowing some good seed into this ministry and help them go another 27 years? We love you Joe and Van! Thanks for your hard work, diligent hands, encouraging words and sweet spirits. Keep up the good work!

If you would like to send a love letter written in the form of a check address it to: Good News Ministry P. O. Box 1447, Ruidoso, NM 88355-1447.

## Answered Prayer



We don't want to be premature in rejoicing, but we do want to let you know that one of our major prayer requests is in the process of being answered in a huge way. We will share more about it in the next newsletter, but we do want to share our anticipation and excitement with our answered prayer. We believe very strongly in the "prayer of agreement" and it's clear that by sharing our needs with you for such a prayer, that they are getting met much faster than when we prayed alone.

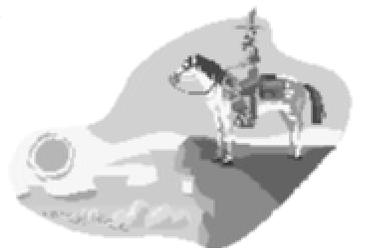
We ask again for the prayer of agreement for the following items:

- ?? A second vehicle
- ?? A DVD-CD/RW for the ministry computer
- ?? A tow hitch for our SUV
- ?? Effectual doors in new cities across W. Texas and E. New Mexico
- ?? Folks to commit to prayer for FL and what the Lord is doing through us
- ?? Continued health and strength to do the job before us
- ?? Covenant relationships with folks of like and precious faith

We want to thank you all for your faithful support and the really effective prayers of you prayer warriors. We would love to be in prayer for your needs as well, so don't hesitate to call. We are available anytime, but are usually at home on Wednesdays.

If you have a personal need, we'd love to stand with you for whatever you need. Please send a letter or card with the thing(s) you need and we'll lay hands on them and agree with you for the manifestation of what you're standing for.

Also a reminder, if you need personal ministry and see that we'll be in your neighborhood do not hesitate to call and we'll come to your home. If you call and we're home, you can also come to our home and we'll pray with you.





# Jeff & Cerise's Schedule January 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Call for more info on all upcoming meetings.	Call and host a meeting in your town.	Our 25th anniversary. Thanks for all your cards and letters.	<b>1 Prayer Day</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Jeff speaks at Midland Men's meeting	<b>4 Sabbath</b> Meeting in Midland at Malone's 1-3PM
<b>5</b> Roswell, NM	<b>6</b> Roswell, NM	<b>7</b> Gardendale, TX	<b>8 Prayer Day</b> Jeff speaks at Odessa Men's meeting	<b>9</b> Meeting in Seminole 6:30-9PM Thanks Beatrice!	<b>10</b> Meeting in Hobbs, NM 7-9PM Thanks Evan's family!	<b>11 Sabbath</b> Gardendale, TX
<b>12</b> Work on newsletter	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15 Prayer Day</b> Vantrice Burkes Celebrates 27 years of ministry	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 Sabbath</b> Meeting in Midland at Blackwell's 1-3PM
<b>19</b> Jeff preaches at Courts of Praise, Odessa, TX AM & PM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22 Prayer Day</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Roswell Meeting at the Olive's 7-9PM	<b>25 Sabbath</b> Roswell Meeting Swindell's 2-4PM
<b>26</b> Ruidoso, NM	<b>27</b> Capitan, NM	<b>28</b>	<b>29 Prayer Day</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Call for prayer.

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