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MATTHEW 4:19 - AND HE SAITH UNTO THEM,  
"FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN."

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# Welcome

## November 2022

Welcome to our second edition of The Fishermen Ministry newsletter. We will be putting out a monthly newsletter in order to keep you up to date on what's happening. We will post everything from featured messages, announcements, travelers corner, birthdays and much more.

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## FEATURED MESSAGE

Take a Knee (By: Steven Atherton)



TFM TX Wednesday 2017-09-27 - STEVEN ATHERTON  
TheFishermenMinistry

### Take a Knee





Texas Wednesday service 2017-09-27

A timely message that Brother Steve shared back in the fall of 2017. Our nation is divided. What it needs is Jesus and the Gospel of Peace that he brings. People are not our enemies. If we can't hear people but take them to be our enemy we are misjudging the battle. God is going to arise through a humble people who will

choose to love Him and one another more than themselves. May you listen and may the Lord transform us into just such a people.

[Click Here To Listen](#)

## 13th Annual Minister's Conference

When Brother Richard D. Eutsler, Sr. held our first Ministers Conference back in October 2010, his vision was for it to become an annual event where ordinary people, serving an extraordinary God, came together to share with and learn from one another that all would be edified in Christ. This Year's Ministers Conference was the closest we have come to fulfilling that vision to date.

Departing from past practice, our Seminar sessions were not broadcast online so that all present could open up to the Body of Christ on issues that they might not want to have live streamed on Facebook. The breakout sessions organized by callings were a particular blessing to most participants and has led to the organization of monthly get togethers on an ongoing basis for those sharing the same callings in the Lord. The privacy of the Seminars also facilitated folks freely discussing their individual visions in Christ as well as our collective vision as a Body. It also enabled us to discuss a wide variety of practical issues that were helpful to attendees, but not necessarily relevant to those who might listen on Facebook live. Those discussions provided an excellent opportunity to get organized as a body to implement some of the key actions that the Lord is having us do, particularly in the online ministry. Stay tuned for further developments as I believe you will see the fruits of this year's conference on many fronts over the next twelve months. That should set us up well going into next year's Conference.

The preaching services at this year's Conference were ably led by Brother Richard's son, Richard D. Eutsler, Jr. His messages focused on 5 key points:

Day 1 – Without a vision, the people perish, but we have been given a vision. It is time for us to embrace that vision and walk it out by faith in love.

Day 2 – We need to regularly come to the light that our deeds may be made manifest, whether they be authored by God or not, so that we can learn from our mistakes and grow in walking in His ways.

Day 3 -- Entering into and walking in the Kingdom of God is a work that God performs in you IF that is what you want Him to do and are willing to humble yourself to trust Him rather than your own understanding as He moves in your life to accomplish it.

Day 4 – Presenting your body a living sacrifice unto God (or, in other words, laying your life down before Him) on a daily basis and embracing the reasonable service that He asks of you is the key to walking in demonstration of what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God in your everyday life.

Day 5 – It is important to remember that God's nature is not your nature. The more you submit yourself to the Word of God and choose to embrace the new life you have in Him (a life in which you walk in all the attributes of His love to all regardless of how they treat you), the less hold your corrupt, deceitful old man will have over you.

If you missed the services live you can listen to the [audio files](#), or [watch the videos](#).

Together, the Seminars and Services evidenced the Body of Christ working together as the Apostle Paul described that it should in Ephesians 4:11-16:

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;  
12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the

body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, [even] Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

If you have never attended one of our Ministers Conferences and would like to next year, I encourage you to [check out past meetings online here](#) and get in contact with Steve Atherton via [email](#) or [phone/WhatsApp](#) (1-802-371-8220) to discuss how that could happen.

## South Carolina News



**Cottageville, South Carolina** has had some busyness this month especially with the children.

- They continue in their weekly Bible studies, this time pairing up on them. Jenna led a study on the book of Ruth. Ruth, Raelyn, and Abby started one on the creation of the earth. Angie was in Texas for the Airgun Expo but the children continued to have their weekly exercise as a group, taking turns to lead under Maggie's supervision with games and dodgeball. For more info on children's PE on Fridays contact Angie at: [\(843\) 860-8824](#) or [Email Angie](#)
- There were several birthdays during the month including Sam & Jenna, who had a costume party, which to quote Maggie was "quite interesting." Prince Erik, an alter ego called Chad, a vampire, a serial killer and some victims all showed up ready for the party and there was apparently quite the chase going on. Judging by photographic evidence, everyone wore smiles indicating enjoyment of the opportunity to hang out, dress up, and eat cake. Who wouldn't?
- Maggie's surgery went well and while she can't lift more than 10lbs, she can reintroduce some "normal" foods again.
- The TFM-SC music team's newest member is Edmund Perry, Jr. It's a wonderful addition to have a male voice back on the team. May the Lord direct Rose in her current position leading the team, and unite them all in



service to Him and the Body. If you would like to know more about the music team or how you can be a part of it, please get in touch with Rose Eutsler: [\(803\) 387-9910](tel:8033879910) or [Email Rose](mailto:Rose@musicteam.org)

### Lynchburg, South Carolina

James and Rose attended a local church gathering called "Old Timey Days" at the Presbyterian Church. The local Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches come together for one service for "Ole Timey Days." The local pastor of the Methodist Church preached and was the only pastor in attendance from the three churches. They had a large Southern buffet style lunch directly after service out on the lawn and got to meet some of the locals, which was a blessing. James plans for he and his family to attend each of these churches individually in the future. Pastor Ridinhour, the Methodist pastor, has horses and also gives riding lessons.

For questions regarding the COTTAGEVILLE, South Carolina fellowship:

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For questions regarding what's going on in LYNCHBURG, South Carolina:

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## Grace Ranch - Texas News



October was a very busy month. We had our annual minister's conference, followed

by Airgun Expo 2022. The ministers conference was a tremendous blessing for me personally, having been provided the opportunity to preach each day. That was a first for me and something that I'm looking forward to doing again. I hope that you all were also blessed. Everyone here at the ranch contributed to the conference's success in various ways. The music and broadcast team arrived early to set up, test gear, and get ready for service, and we were often just wrapping up our sound check when it was time to go live.

I had originally thought that we'd have a gap between the morning meeting and our evening meeting for me to go and get other work done in advance of Airgun Expo, more on that later, but the afternoons were often filled with conversations about the meetings and fellowship. Most of us had dinner separate from the kitchen after the meetings. I know that it was a blessing for my family as we were able to discuss what we'd learned from the day. I believe others would express the same. All in all, this year's conference provided us all a great launching point as we look forward to what the Lord has next for us as individuals and as a body of believers as a whole.

Moving to Airgun Expo. Airgun Expo is an event that I plan around my work in the airgun industry. It encompasses a week of content going out every hour until dinner and then a nightly wrap-up of the days events. Last year we hosted it in May and had companies represented from all over the US and internationally. I had planned to have it in May this year, but postponed it so that I could recover from heart surgery. It was a bit of a hectic mess to get everything lined up, marketing materials ordered, and content created so that Cheryl, Maggie, Sue, and Angie, could have the content ready for publication through the week of the 24th. In the end, we published almost 50 pieces of video content, both pre-recorded and live. A typical video release schedule would be 1 to 2 videos per week. So that's at least about 6 months of content pushed out in a week.

Angie traveled out on the 18th of October in advance of the event and was instrumental in getting everything ready just in time. Unsurprisingly, it came down to the wire with us doing final testing the day before we had to go live. Personally, it was a tremendous testimony of the Lord's ability to accomplish things to His will and His glory. Back to the daily gap during the conference, I had planned to use that time to get everything filmed and ready in advance of the 24th. I chose rather to put the Expo and all its loose ends in the Lord's hands and focus on our minister's conference. The Lord, with perfect provision, gave us the time and energy to get things done for everyone to do their part. Everyone here at the ranch pulled together to make sure that things went as smoothly as possible. It was great to see the Lord's hand in action amongst each of us. It also cast a light on where we could do better with regard to accommodations going forward.

The other part of Airgun Expo is the opportunity to fellowship with people outside the ministry. Tyler, the new owner of Airgun Pro Shop, and Joe, a sponsor for the event, were both here for three days. Tyler stayed here at the ranch where Joe traveled in from Clint each day. Both have been out to the ranch before, and it was our pleasure to have them out again. We also had others come out for the day as part of their involvement with the event. It gave all of us the opportunity to interact with folks in a meaningful way and allow the anointing to do the work.

Again, October was a big month. A good month. I look forward to what the Lord will have us do next.

For questions regarding the Grace Ranch, Texas fellowship:

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## The Crew and Guests at the Expo



## New England News

The New England fellowship meeting provides an opportunity for believers that don't live close enough to one another to meet in person each week to share what the Lord is doing in their lives. We've talked a lot about our families recently. We've all experienced failures and victories. Hearing The contrast between how we operated as unbelievers and our walk in Christ helps to give us all hope. We are all more grateful and blessed with the perspective we share as a body than we could ever be as lone believers. Forsake not fellowship.

If you live in New England and would like to be a part of the New England Zoom fellowship, please call Scott Stevens: [+1 \(303\) 746-3310](tel:+13037463310).

## Africa News



### **A message from Brother Lawrence Tsimese**

Lightening up a dark room is always a delight. This is how I would describe



Christian missionary work. Can't be said to be easy but since it's His work and not ours, He gives us the grace to persevere and get things done. The African terrain is full of surprises, ups and downs but hey the Lord keeps you going when you totally depend on Him for direction and follow after His ways.

I have had encounters with many believers and unbelievers alike. Whereas most believers think of Christianity according a certain pattern of denominational dogmas, most unbelievers lean towards other religions because in their view the many Christian denominations makes it seem like the Church of Christ is a divided entity. One spends lots of time to engage and convince them that the Church of Christ is One with One Lord. Patience is the watch word.

With discipleship, my regular contacts are with believers who in most cases are into church leadership one way or the other. Opportunities to minister the gospel in diverse churches are also available and are mostly by invitation. And when I am granted those opportunities, the messages I preach have always lingered on the baseline of practical Christianity and the call to follow after God's ways. Firstly, the messages emphasize the importance of allowing the word of God to dwell in you richly and putting Christianity to work in all areas of one's life. Church leaders have consistently been challenged to put more emphasis on the fear of God and making Christianity a way of life. Christians should stop boasting of their denominations, wealth and affluence and rather live "Jesus-like" lives.

I always contend that going to church is not the same as knowing God. There are many people in church today whose lifestyles do not reflect having any experiential knowledge of who God is. Furthermore, being involved in church activities is not the same as loving God. If you love God, it will show in the way you conduct the affairs of your life. God is calling us into an intimate knowledge of His person and His attributes. If you know God, the evidence will be seen in the way you relate with people around you. These messages have had the expected impact on congregants, believers and non-believers alike.

Many people get shocked by my response when they tell me that they desire to "enter into full time ministry" and I answer them "every believer is called to minister". You don't have to go to a seminary before you can do the work of God. Just let your light shine wherever you are and bear fruits that abide in whatever capacity you find yourself according to the vocation wherewith you are called. All you need as qualification is to be born again

2 Corinthians 3:2 to 6 states:

2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

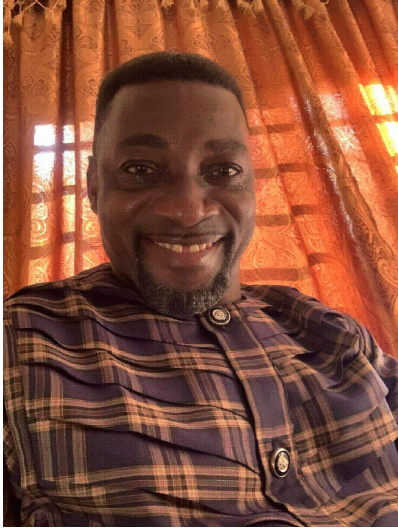
3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

6 ¶ Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

Believers are sometimes oblivious of the fact that they minister in many ways through their daily activities. I encourage them to do whatsoever their hands find to do as unto God and not unto man and they would realize that they already have a full time ministry in their daily activities even in their secular works. Just live as a Christian and you'd be fulfilling your "fulltime ministry on daily basis with your words and your deeds, your thoughtfulness and help and your giving in diverse ways. Currently there are three very consistent and dedicated candidates who have signed up for and are undergoing discipleship. Two are in Ghana and one is in Uganda. There are others who have started and given up along the way. Let me briefly introduce two of the disciples currently in Ghana in the persons of Pastors Samuel Mensah Korsah and Augustine Selom.



#### Gomoa Ohua in the central region of Ghana

He is the Leader of HOUSE OF GLORY TRIUMPHANT CHAPEL INTERNATIONAL, a ministry he started in Sierra Leone in 2016. He and his wife left Sierra Leone back to Ghana in February this year to seek a fresh direction from God. Even though he is currently domiciled in Ghana since February 2022, he still has some form of oversight of the church's activities.

He views the discipleship relations with the Fishermen Ministry as the new beginning he seeks.



#### Pastor Augustine Selom hails from Keta in the in the Volta region of Ghana.

As a former Roman Catholic he encountered the Lord and surrendered his life to Jesus. In 2007, he acknowledged the divine call of God to full time Christian ministry. He applied and was accepted into the Anagkazo Bible Training Seminary, operated by the Light House Chapel International at Korle-Bu, Accra. Upon successful completion of the full course in pastoral ministry in November 2011, he was appointed as a pastor in The Lighthouse Chapel International where he's been until he resigned earlier this year. He is seeking the face of God for the way forward so finds the discipleship very essential to understand the direction of God for his life and ministry once again.

## What's Going on in South Africa

Megan has been in South Africa for 5 weeks now. Her reason for being there ahead of her family (and then for their family as a whole spending time in the country in which she was born and raised), is to be on the Lord's business, and He is surely working that out. Most importantly she's been meeting and interacting with people she knows (as well as new people) as the Lord leads, in preparation for further ministry when her family as a whole is here. Ministry doesn't mean preaching, of which she has done almost none, but she has spent a lot of time with people, testifying of the Lord's goodness and provision and hearing their stories. It's been very surprising to her to see the response she's gotten from people she hasn't spoken to in 2 to 2.5 decades, even some she barely knew back then, who are eager to meet up again before and also during her family's visit. People are literally crawling out of the woodwork. Ok, not literally. But the calendar is filling up with braais and plans to visit with others all the way into the new year.

Thus far she's spent time with both her parents, her dad's family, several of her extended family, a couple of friends, a few people Joan knows, some of whom Robin met on her trip in 2019, and new people too. At a braai (pronounced brigh as in bright, meaning cookout) at her cousin's house this weekend, a colored coworker of his spontaneously invited her to his house the next time she's in town, the weekend before Steve and the children arrive, so he can cook steak or seafood for her, the 2 things he is good at. Joan will be spending that weekend with her at



her cousin, and he and his wife, and probably their Muslim friend, another coworker who was also at the braai, were all invited too. The invitation was genuine and reiterated numerous times, and Megan greatly looks forward to receiving their hospitality and baking a chocolate cake for the occasion. When she asked the man what kind of chocolate cake he'd prefer he said, "Whatever God says." Her response was, "I'll ask Him."

She's been met with a warm reception everywhere, and the Lord has been opening doors for ministry with each and every person. Everyone wants to know the same things:

- How long she's there
- Why she's there
- What changes has she seen since she was last there 20 years ago

A quick synopsis on the last point...

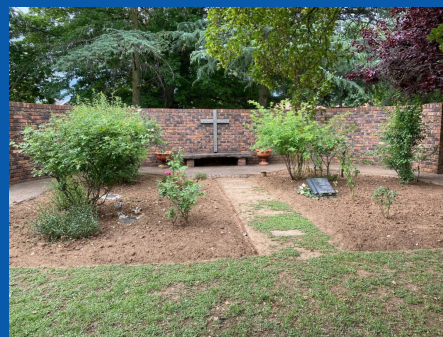
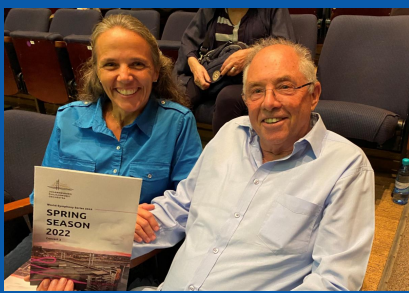
- The most striking things are the lack of maintenance in general, including the most notable issue of load shedding, where power stations haven't been maintained over the decades and so need to be shut down for several hours in a day, affecting the whole country at differing times of the day or week. There is usually a warning of when it's going to happen, though those aren't as reliable in some areas as others. While the power is out, everything in that area is affected: houses are without power, businesses without generators are without power, traffic lights are out and need to be used as 4-way stops, WiFi goes out unless connected to a UPS, though cellular data seems to be less affected, etc.
- There is a general, though not complete, lack of care (which is also part of maintenance), like the abundance of garbage on the roadsides.
- There is also much evidence of poverty, with 34% of the population unemployed.
- Megan has taken to looking for white faces at work in stores, banks, gas stations, etc. that she has been to thus far and can count on one hand how many she's seen in 4 weeks. Most of the white population has left the country because they couldn't find work or there were better opportunities elsewhere in the world including places like the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Australia, and even Bosnia!
- As people have asked her about the changes she's noticed, to a man, no matter their race or gender, they themselves have commented on how things are deteriorating, but what can they do?

The Athertons plan to introduce some people to Thanksgiving because it is an American holiday unknown outside of the nation in which it is celebrated. Because it's not a holiday in South Africa, they'll be doing it 2 days after everyone else in the U.S. on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, and the list of people invited and inclined to come continues to grow.

The Lord has provided a place for the Atherton family to stay for the first 2 months that is perfect for them as a family as well as the ability to host visitors. He also provided a vehicle that can carry 7 people, despite the hiccup of her father's 7-seater van springing an oil leak (a week before her arrival) that led to a sludgy mixture of oil and water running through every water pipe in the vehicle which includes AC, heat, etc., so he had to get rid of the van.

Megan has been documenting her experiences with Facebook posts, and photos and info in an almost daily emailed newsletter. If you aren't receiving the Daily Diary newsletter and would like to, please [email Megan](#) to be added to the list. Please pray for Africa, South Africa in particular, as the Atherton's journey there is beginning, that the Lord would prepare the hearts of the people for Himself, and that He'd move through them individually and as a whole to the full accomplishment of His will, and to the blessing of each person involved and to His glory.

Some photos from Megan's newsletter







## TRAVEL



### Athertons head to South Africa

Steve and the children leave for South Africa on November 19<sup>th</sup> and return June 17<sup>th</sup> 2023. Please keep them all in prayer and feel free to contact them in their absence. The free app WhatsApp ([iOS version](#) or [Android version](#)) is the most widely used means to text people in Africa or Europe. Like iMessage it has voice and video call options.

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Megan: [\(802\) 485-8624](tel:8024858624) or [Email Megan](#)





## Hockers head South

Charles and Karen Hocker are still enjoying their annual trip north. They are currently on the East Coast heading south. Give them a call if you'd like to meet up during their travels.

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## MESSAGES TO REMEMBER



### Teaching on Shields of Gold, Shields of Brass

This is a powerful sermon from Richard D. Eutsler, Sr, in which he shows how the church, by compromise and pride, lost the power of God and rather than humble itself and repent before God that He might restore it, offers the works of man in its place, falsely teaching that the works of God are not for today.

[Click For Audio](#)

## THE GREAT COMMISSION

Everyone knows the "Great Commission". It was succinctly set forth by Christ and recorded in Mark Chapter 16:

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

## UPCOMING TFM DATES TO REMEMBER

November

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GAIL STEVENS BIRTHDAY

November

8

EDMUND PERRY JR BIRTHDAY

November

18

VALENTINA TSIMESE BIRTHDAY

November

19

**STEVE ATHERTON & CHILDREN FLY TO SOUTH AFRICA TO JOIN MEGAN (who left in October)**

November

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JIM CANNON BIRTHDAY

November

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EDMUND PERRY SR BIRTHDAY

November

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