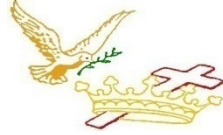


# BREAKING FORTH



## The Good News

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"That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving..." Psalm 26:7

### *Apostle's Communique:*

The Good News in Bal Perazim is that it's **Forgiveness** time! We are still "Living in the Land of Goshen," in "The House that God Built;" and God desires for us to forget and forgive. To forget means to lose the facts or knowledge about something from the mind; or fail to recall; it also means to overlook, omit, or neglect intentionally. To forgive means to give up resentment of; or grant a relief or pardon for. This is exactly what Joseph did when his brothers, who were jealous of him, threw him in a pit and later sold him into slavery in Egypt (Gen. 45). Regardless of Joseph's brothers' actions, Joseph was pulled out of the pit and eventually placed in a position of power and prestige in Pharaoh's palace. Joseph understood that God was carrying out His will through the brother's actions, and forgave them. He knew that God was positioning him to save his family from the famine throughout Canaan and Egypt. God was making provisions all along! He wants us in the Land of Goshen!

Now is the time for God to dig up (and deliver us from) our dead issues; the things that we have kept buried all of this time. Like Joseph's brothers, when we keep our sins and misdeeds buried, they begin to gnaw at us, eating away at our core, leaving us weak and open to attack. This unforgiveness matures into hatred, and hatred and anger will make us give up our covenant relationship with God. This is not God's desire for us. Yes, Satan will bring it back up to us; but we must tell him to take it up with Jesus, because forgiveness has already been loosed. The Bible declares in Matthew 18:18, that whatever we loose on Earth, shall be loosed in Heaven. Forgiveness is attainable (with God)!

Be blessed,

Apostle M. K. Braxton

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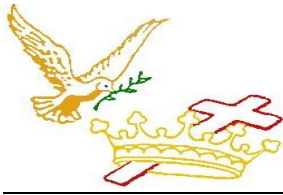
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One of the main objectives of "Breaking Forth" is to bring the Good News; keeping everyone, near and abroad, informed concerning Ministry updates. This is done through the reprinting of sermons, preaching material, and other inspirational articles.

We reaffirm the foundational truths that have made us who we are... ***Children of God.***



## **THE CHALLENGE of FORGIVENESS**

In the heat of an argument, my wife came up with an acute theological insight. We were discussing my shortcomings in a rather spirited way when she said, "I think it's pretty amazing that I forgive you for some of the dastardly things you've done!"

What struck me about her comment was its sharp perception into the nature of forgiveness. It is not a sweet platonic ideal to be dispersed in the world like air-freshener sprayed from a can. Forgiveness is achingly difficult, and long after you've forgiven, the wound lives on in memory. Forgiveness is an unnatural act, and my wife was protesting its blatant unfairness.

A story from Genesis captures much the same sentiment. The brothers that Joseph struggled to forgive were the very ones who had bullied him, had cooked up schemes to murder him, and had sold him into slavery. Though he went on to triumph over adversity and though with all his heart he now wanted to forgive these brothers, he could not bring himself to that point—*not yet.*

I view Genesis 42–45 as Joseph's way of saying, "I think it's pretty amazing that I forgive you for the dastardly things you've done!" When grace finally broke through, the sound of Joseph's grief and love echoed through the palace. What was that wail? It was the sound of a man forgiving.

**We can stop forgiving others when Christ stops forgiving us!**

----- *Our Daily Bread*

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 (APOSTLES DENNIS & RAVONDA JACOBS)  
 NOV 4

APOSTLE M. K. BRAXTON  
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APOSTLE M. K. BRAXTON  
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 (APOSTLES MARCUS & WENDY BECTON)  
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APOSTLE M. K. BRAXTON  
 @ BETHANY FELLOWSHIP  
 GREENSBORO, NC  
 (PASTOR REGINALD HOLIDAY)  
 NOV 15



THINGS TO COME

Who: Bal Perazim Christian Ctr Min
What: Christmas Play
Where: Bal Perazim Christian Ctr
When: December 20th @ 4:30 pm
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Schedule of Services

Sunday School.....9:50 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service....10:50 a.m
Evening Services...Held as Scheduled
Noonday Prayer.....12 noon
.....2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mondays
Corporate Prayer & Word Explosion
.....Tuesdays.....6:45 p.m.
Friday Night Services.....Held as
.....Scheduled
Men's Fellowship.....8:45 a.m.
.....4th Sunday Morning



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THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

Here is what we have been learning in
Sunday school at BP:

The Angel of the Lord in the Old
Testament is a mysterious messenger
of God. The Lord used this heavenly
emissary to appear to human beings
who otherwise would not be able to see
Him and live (Ex. 33:20). The Angel of
the Lord performed actions associated
with God, such as revelation,
deliverance, and God's judgment.
While similar in nature to other angels,
the Angel of the Lord occupies a
higher station in heaven than angels in
general.

The Angel of the Lord appeared to the
following Old Testament personalities
and performed the following actions on
God's behalf:

Abraham- Prevented him from
sacrificing his son Isaac (Gen 16:7-10);
Israel- Prepared the children of Israel
to enter the Promised Land (Ex 23: 20-
23); Three Hebrew Men- Protected
these young Israelites from
Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace in
Babylon (Dan 3:25).

In the New Testament: Peter-
Released Peter from prison (Acts
12:7); Joseph- Assured Joseph of
Mary's purity; warned him of Herod's
plot; told Joseph about Herod's death.
Angels operate to establish God's
kingdom on Earth.



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CONGRATULATIONS

Hadassah Watson

Graduates, with Magna Cumme Laude honors, from NC Central, on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

Reverend Mother Vera Williams

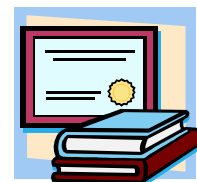
Graduates from Fayetteville State University (at the Crown Coliseum), on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 am, with a Bachelor of Science Degree (Birth-Kindergarten) and a minor in Social Work.

Brother Jermaine Walker

Promoted to Major in the United States Army

Bal Perazim Members

To those who have completed their new-members' class, recently joined or rededicated their life to Christ, congratulations to you all and welcome!





## kidz korner



A couple had two little mischievous boys, ages 8 and 10. They were always getting into trouble, and their parents knew that if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons would get the blame.

The boys' mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed and asked to see them individually.

So, the mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the clergyman in the afternoon.

The clergyman, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there with his mouth hanging open.

The clergyman repeated the question. "Where is God?"

Again, the boy made no attempt to answer.

So, the clergyman raised his voice some more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "Where is God!?"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room. He ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him.

When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied: "We are in real BIG trouble this time! God is missing, and they think we did it!"

