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Kerry L. Fink President

# **President's Letter**

Hope this finds your month of August both productive and excellent!

Your American Evangelistic Association is busy moving forward and getting ready for a great Fall 2016! Our AEA Biblical Studies team is preparing for their travel in September to Israel and a number of important meetings and connections are scheduled for the team while in the Holy Land. Also, our Fall Conference Steering Committee has been busy beginning to put together a program for our 62nd Anniversary, 2016 Fall American Evangelistic Association Conference, "Help for Our Spiritual Journey", that will happen over the weekend of November 11-13, 2016, in Melbourne, Florida.

Make plans now to be in Florida. It's a great time of year to get-away to the warm, beautiful Florida beaches, and the theme parks and such are far less crowded, if you choose to extend your stay to visit before or after our conference.

Our event is hosted by AEA's Bishop Jerry & Pastor Maria Lawrence at the Community Gospel Truth Church in Melbourne, Florida. This year features a special intensive session on Saturday morning from Pastor Loretta Iannicelli, Equip Services, Inc. of Boston, MA. Pastor Loretta will be presenting her "Spiritual Self-Care for Leaders and Disciples" program. Afternoon sessions include updates on the Joint Partnership in Education with Dr. Ed Connatser, Dean of External Studies Program at Chesapeake Bible College and Seminary, as well as a special panel discussion "Israel, the Rise of Anti-Semitism, and the Church", with Deacon Therese Farmer, Bishop Charles & Dr. Judy Farmer.

There's always great opportunities for fellowship with AEA Pastors and Leaders from around the Country. Events are being organized for Friday, as well as a Meet and Greet dinner that evening and a Special Reception on Sunday afternoon hosted by Community Gospel Truth Church.

We are excited and we hope you are making plans to join us. For details on all, please contact our Executive Office Director, Cyndi Dabrowski, at Cyndi@AEAMinistries.org.

We value your membership with the American Evangelistic Association and thankyou for your financial support. Praying for your continued GOOD SUCCESS in all that you put your hand to as He leads, in Jesus' name!

God Bless you and Go Forward!



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## **The Pastors Corner**

#### **SPOTLIGHT on PURPOSE**

By Rev. Loretta Iannicelli, Equip Services, Inc.



The purposes of a person's heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out." (NIV) Proverbs 20:5

#### **Purposed to Endure**

All humanity has the common denominator of being made in the image of God. Every individual is born with both calling and purpose. One can either discover their destiny or miss it altogether. Through Christ, the believer has the power and influence of the Holy Spirit to draw upon for wisdom and guidance toward achieving His plan and will for their lives. Paul of the Bible provides us with a clear and meaningful example of purpose. Yes. Others in the Bible overcame great hardships, but Paul's laundry list of persecution for the Gospel stands as a great encouragement to believers today that they, too, can turn any thorn into an opportunity for God's grace and power to win the day.

#### A Hope for Destiny - Grace to Last

Paul persevered amidst great weakness, hardships, insults and difficulties (2 Cor 12:10). His plea to his Corinthian friends was timely in that they were facing a crossroads that jeopardized their stability, endurance, and sustainability. Paul wanted their focus to remain on Christ and the power of the unseen – aiming for a perspective of spiritual health, maturity and stamina - that would empower God's far-reaching, kingdom-minded vision. The further the Corinthian Christians moved off the focus of Jesus Christ and the power of the Gospel as their central theme, the more their perspective and vision moved outside of God's will for them.

So I ask today, when was the last time you examined your focus? Are God's kingdom plans being worked out through you in all His perfect power and grace? Could a change of perspective bring forth a timely adjustment that better serves you and others? God's bigpicture vision still remains in that we are called to feed his sheep and reach a world lost and desperately needing His love and saving grace. Be encouraged! We are purposed to endure.

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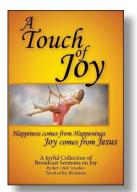
#### **God's Chosen Never Really Retire**

By Rev. Dick Trosclair

Upon retiring from pastoring a small Interdenominational Church about sixteen years ago, my wife and I moved to our present location to manage a 210-acre boy's ranch. Within ten months it was dissolved. Having prayed about this move for five months we were questioning, "Why Lord".

We began to serve the community with several community organizations.

Within a year, the Lord placed on my heart to use my radio trained voice to begin preaching sermons on Sunday morning radio stations. And so, the beginning of, "Broadcast Evangelist."



This I have continued for fifteen years; a 30-minute broadcast throughout our county, plus being "streamed" around the country. Its name is "Touch of Joy Ministries".

Eight years ago I developed a website, and Touch of Joy Ministries began reaching across the country. I had not expected such, but found I was getting "hits" from

twenty-four other countries as well.

Just recently, I self-published a book of twenty sermons on JOY. Its title is "A TOUCH of JOY". It is available directly from the printer in soft back or as an e-book through this link:

http://www.lulu.com/shop/rev-dick-trosclair/a-touch-of-joy/paperback/product-22729075.html,

At 79 years of age, the Lord seems to have more for me to do.

Signed, "one happy camper," Rev. Dick Trosclair



## The Pastors Corner cont.

## **CBCS 2.0**

Congratulations to the students who just completed the inaugural Chesapeake Bible College & Seminary Course, Old Testament Survey - Part 1, at the College's newest Distance Learning Center, the AEA affiliated Community Gospel Truth Church in Melbourne, Florida.

Bishop Jerry Lawrence and Pastor Maria Lawrence have a long history of excellence in discipling by using their Tuesday night Bible Class sessions to educate the general membership. Through the Distance Learning Center program with Chesapeake Bible College and Seminary, the Church is now able to take those class sessions to a new level, allowing those who want to take the courses for Academic Credit, are able to use the Tuesday night Bible Class now as a Bible College Class with credit towards a degree.

The inaugural class just completed their first class towards the CBCS Diploma of Ministry, under Instructor Paul King, and Community



Gospel Truth Church begins the second class, under Instructor Clement Richards, in August. The Lawrences have seen that many are very interested in the degree aspect of the study, and others simply prefer to audit the class to further their own personal Biblical understanding.

The Distance Learning Program is available to AEA Affiliated Churches and Minsitries by arrangement with Chesapeake Bible College & Seminary. Give us a call or drop us an email to learn how this unique program can work.

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