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Statement of Purpose

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STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION

*G*reetings Dear Salem Brethren,

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Greetings, brethren, through our Lord Jesus Christ in sweet Christian fellowship and love! Many are wondering what has happened to the Salem Association. Well, we are still here. We were hanging on by a holy thread at times, but we are reorganizing with God's miraculous power and grace. With this issue of the Symbolic Code, we aim to set the record straight, redress past wrongs, and express the position and goals of the new working group. In doing so, we hope and pray that the golden ties that bind us will bring His true children back together working harmoniously in proclaiming Christ's soon coming kingdom.

TEXT FOR PRAYER

Cherished Sin Keeps Truth Out

C.O.L. p. 50 -- "He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.'...if there

is not a moral transformation in the human heart, if old habits and practices and the former life of sin are not left behind, if the attributes of Satan are not expelled from the soul, the wheat crop will be choked...

“If the heart is not kept under the control of God, if the Holy Spirit does not work unceasingly to refine and ennoble the character, the old habits will reveal themselves in the life...The soul ceases to draw nourishment from Christ, and spirituality dies out of the heart.

“...Pray that we be free from the cares of this life and from sin, for no matter how impressive the Truth that goes into one’s ears, It will never reach the heart if there is any cherished sin therein.” 2 TG 15

In order to assist the saints in gaining the necessary spiritual growth, the Salem Mount Carmel pasture has been flowing and continues to overflow with living truths, satisfying hungry truth-seeking souls.

SALEM’S PAST

Brother Adair has served as vice president of the Salem Association for 47 years and saw the organization through many trials and changes. Salem’s origin is with the small group of believers who headed east to rebuild the Shepherd’s Rod movement sometime after the “knockout blow”, after the liquidation of the original Mount Carmel in Texas. There were splits that came shortly thereafter, and many groups and associations grew from this one movement, but with God’s grace Salem has persisted. Thanks to the efforts of those early Davidian pioneers which included Brother Don and Sister Marilyn.

The organization experienced many changes and rifts that undoubtedly caused the leadership to be protective and extremely cautious when connecting believers to the work. This caution, although well-meaning, has us in the predicament which we find ourselves in today. In short, the Salem association headquarters is

in such a state of disrepair that the premises are unlivable. Initially, there seemed to be a lack of funds available to hire someone to clean up and rebuild. In the 47 years of the Adair's tenure, there were no investments made towards the housing of workers or in hiring staff to continue the work at Salem. The original building, built in the 1970s burned down in 2010. There is still debris from that fire accumulated on the property. Partial remains of buildings need to be torn down. There are also many trailers and storage trailers that need to be cleared, we have received some estimates with a Davidian brother working on the remaining building costs.



Mount Carmel Headquarters is, as was the wall in Jerusalem of old, in desperate need of repair.

To add to this dilemma, when our dear Sister Marilyn passed, there was no one to fill the role of secretary/treasurer, and the incoming funds dwindled. Brother Adair and the association needed help to continue. In the process of changes surrounding Sister Marilyn's death, most of the council resigned leaving Brother Don living isolated and with but few supporters.

DAVIDIAN BRETHERN ARRIVE AT MOUNT CARMEL

Shortly after Sister Marilyn's death, two people who were longtime trusted Salem members came to the grounds to purportedly help Brother Don. However, one of them, who we will call Sister D, could not account for missing tithe money. We will address exactly what happened later on. In a nutshell, Sister D attempted to get her name on the bank accounts, wrote up legal papers to become executor of Brother Don's and the association's affairs, assume ownership of all assets, and put him in a nursing home. God again stepped in and

saved the association from falling into the wrong hands. However, the work of deception did not stop there. Approximately over one year later, when Brother Don suffered a stroke, the same individual spread a rumor that he had died even though he was alive and recovering! Our late Sister Xochil was the first to inquire if this rumor was true; she was comforted with a solid “no”. Shortly afterward, three brethren arrived at Mount Carmel to check on the premises. They reported that they were there because they also heard Brother Don had passed. They were surprised to see him walking around working on his articles. These brethren had an interest in obtaining the property a while back but were denied. Both parties were in contact with the person reporting this falsehood. She dialed in to all the Bible studies to record for future use and claim them as her property when he dies. She also circulated studies of Brother Don when his dementia progressed and that he was teaching error. In his earlier studies on the topic, he did not teach in that manner, especially while he had optimal health.

THE HALL FAMILY VISITS SOUTH CAROLINA

Sister Judy stayed at Mount Carmel from February to November 2019 helping Brother Don, then left for medical treatments. She returned for a short while after Brother Don’s stroke in July 2020. In March 2021, Sister Judy moved back to Salem and was accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law. Her daughter, Sister Hall felt profoundly moved to go to South Carolina during her and her husband’s two weeks of spring break. When they arrived, they were shocked and saddened to find Brother Don’s dementia had progressed significantly as well as his living conditions. The Halls and Sister Judy immediately worked to remove Brother Adair from the premises, which was not an easy task because he initially refused. Eventually, they were successful and put him in the Airbnb they were staying in. Then they started looking for trailers to replace Brother Don’s old one. But the Halls had to return after spring break, leaving Sister Judy with the task of finding a place for her and Brother Don to stay temporarily.

Sister Judy was seeking help from Salem's members but found it very difficult. Help was solicited from a couple who were long-time members who had experience with construction and could help with the rebuilding process. They surprisingly arrived the following week, and after assessing the place, said they would not help without a council in place. The association had three council members and one recently resigned. We will call this couple Brother & Sister K. Brother K conveniently had a suggestion as to who the new council members should be. They selected four members to include themselves and another couple they had brought into the message, all living in close proximity. They were a tight-knit group, and for this reason, Sister Judy had reservations about two couples being on the council. She did not feel this was a fair representation of the members. Sister Judy knew that with this close friendship, they could easily achieve a quorum vote, winning any issue that would come to the table. She argued for diversity on the council. Plus, she and Brother K verbally agreed that this would be a "temporary working group" put together for the sole purpose of rebuilding Mount Carmel until completion, then a regular council (to be voted in) would replace them. Meetings were held on a regular basis (almost every Sunday) to address the rebuilding process. However, at the second meeting, the majority of the new working group voted that the "working group" would become the Council, which notably, the two senior council members, Sister Judy and Brother Watkins, opposed.

However, the problem of needing someone to take over the duties of vice president remained. Subsequently, a unanimous vote took place that Brother K would replace Brother Don as vice president because of his health status. Brother K appeared to be a good candidate; he was a successful business owner and a long-time Salem supporter and knew the message.

SISTER HALL RETURNS TO SOUTH CAROLINA

Sister Hall returned to South Carolina to work for the association after she heard the voice of God wake her out of her sleep and tell

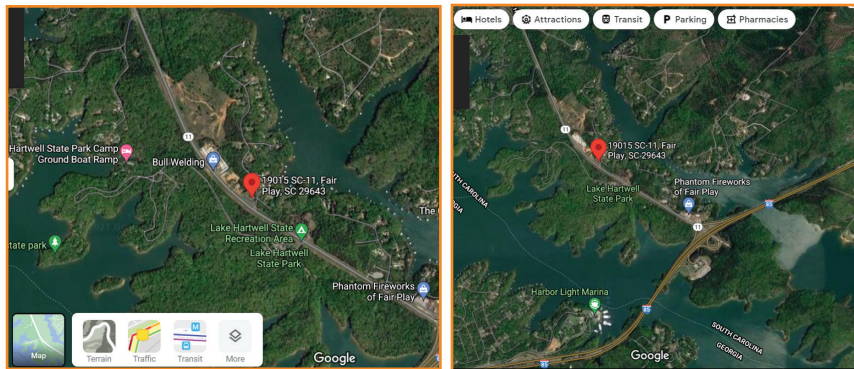
her to quit her job to come to help the work. Fearing to disobey, she promptly resigned from her lucrative career to volunteer for the association. She did not know if she would receive unemployment benefits or any monetary compensation, yet God provided. After working for three weeks in May 2021, the council members were so pleased with her work that they paid her, then offered her and her husband a two-month contract as project managers from June to July. They were hired to oversee the rebuilding process, find new potential properties, and prepare a fiscal report to apply for a bank loan.

During their short stay, the Halls accomplished the much-needed administrative functions to have a council in place and for Mount Carmel to continue. They had to start from scratch, as the business file cabinet containing important business documents was stolen by Sister Marilyn's relatives after her death. They worked tirelessly to piece back together the administration functions of Sister Marilyn's work. Additionally, they obtained a residence for a temporary headquarters, as well as moving, sanitizing and setting up furniture and office equipment in a clean work environment. The Ks also generously donated the deposit for the new office including help for Brother Don's care. Things were going smoothly, until there was a disagreement about the future location of the headquarters.

A RIFT BETWEEN THE BRETHREN

Things took a different turn when the Ks came to view a new property in South Carolina. Brother K at first said it was just an option to look at so the Ks were simply trying to speed up the process which the council approved of. Other property options were also approved for research, and to continue on with the rebuilding process. The Hall's, Sister Judy and Brother Adair went to view the new property. Although very clean and modern looking, there were numerous areas that were non-compliant with the message, so none agreed with the potential purchase. The building was a real estate office that was built around 2008 to develop the Hartlake subdivision of luxury homes; each home had boat slips on a lake. It

was in a business zone on the main rural Hwy SC-11 & near Hwy 85, a major interstate highway leading to major cities such as Atlanta, Georgia, etc. On barely over an acre of land, there was no space for



Aerial shots of the new property.

expansion by adding new buildings. New business structures were quickly being erected to accommodate the growth surge in the area. In addition, about 40 feet from the office was a cell tower with 5G panels to service the surrounding area (detrimental for the body). Lastly, the terms of the loan were not ideal, and the property was not “solitarily in the woods”. These concerns were all addressed at the next meeting by Sis Hall.

A few days after this meeting, Brother & Sister K drove from Georgia to South Carolina to speak with the Halls. Sister Hall apologized asking for forgiveness if she had been too blunt in the meeting in giving her opinion. She explained she was dealing with fatigue from overworking roughly 12 to 14 hour days. In response, Brother K told the Halls that “you all are paid to report and not speak” and that “this was a problem that I foresee happening again”.

Brother Hall responded to Brother K saying, “We have been asked and been depended on for our opinion this entire time, now when we have a different opinion, we’re told to report, and not speak?” As on-the-ground foot soldiers, the Halls felt obliged to give an accurate assessment and report, as decisions made by the council would directly affect them and the organization. Sister Hall acknowledged that she could modify how she spoke and would try to be more mindful

and respectful in meetings. However, their demand for complete submission at the risk of her integrity was a dealbreaker, and that if she was to be controlled in this manner, she was the wrong person for the job, for she “would not be muzzled”. She verbally resigned, but as the heated conversation dissipated, the parties made peace and agreed the mission would continue.

Sister Hall was totally engrossed in outlining future plans for the organization and realized that the most important aspect of the ministry was not just a building. There was dire need to fund a few solid workers to oversee the rebuilding and continue the publishing work, pushing it into the 21st century. An updated web presence was needed in social media, print, film, and sound, all of which she was well equipped to do. Her degrees were in digital media communications and film, specifically so she could help the work one day. Sister Hall immediately developed a plan for the growth and expansion of Salem’s ministry, She wrote up up a media communication campaign and expressed her findings to Brother & Sister K. All the reports, research findings, and completed work objectives were sent to the Ks and council members.

After Brother & Sister K traveled to South Carolina to speak with the Halls, the vice-president decided to call a meeting, basing the agenda loosely on addressing Sister Hall’s objection. Instead of addressing the irrefutable facts that the property did not fit the message’s criteria or the needs of the association, the push for the new property was even greater. The *Mount Carmel Center Training Manual* was referenced and read by Brother K. He then declared Salem’s plans for rebuilding must fit the exact specifications Brother Houteff described therein regarding the old Mount Carmel in Waco, TX.

Sister Hall asked if this meant that the Association had to find a parcel of land that was exactly 375 acres. Brother K said that it did indeed mean this and that anyone who opposed it would be deemed an “enemy of the message” and considered to be “committing treason”. He then revealed his revised plan, that instead of this property being

a long-term headquarters, it would be the perfect investment that would bring in large profits. At the end of a seven-year, owner-financed, \$435K loan with a balloon payment setup, they could sell it for a profit and buy 375 acres to rebuild a new Mount Carmel headquarters. Brother K also asserted that all the other associations were wrong in not building on exactly 375 acres, because this was the blueprint Brother Houteff used to set up Waco. (The Ks have years of real estate and property investment background.) However, this building purchase would have wiped out all the association's funds, leaving nothing to pay workers and scarce funds to operate. Sister Hall pleaded with the Ks to be patient while she researched other, more favorable, financial options. Sister Hall's 2021 & Beyond Plan, developed to grow Mount Carmel's ministry through investment in workers, equipment, a new office or rebuilding funds was ignored.

BROTHER HOUTEFF BEGINS TO SELL OFF WACO BY PART, THEN THE WHOLE

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PREPARING FOR ALL-OUT EFFORT

1 The Hunting Campaign launched last year initiated and heralded a new electrifying and progressive advancement of present Truth. *{10SC1: 3.1}*

2 Now again, with even greater emphasis toward reaching her goal, Mount Carmel Center makes the following announcement to all faithful Davidians who will realize that this good news is perhaps nothing short of a sign. Mount Carmel Center, by commencing to first sell its excess property, then the whole, is symbolically leading the way to the program that is outlined by the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, in the words: *{10SC1: 3.2}*

3 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath and buyeth that field." Matthew 13:44. The Lord himself is leading the way. *{10SC1: 3.3}*

4 "... Jesus has made it possible for you to accept His love, and in happy co-operation with Him to work under its fragrant influence. He requires you to use your possessions in unselfish service, that His plan for the salvation of souls shall be carried forward with power. He expects you to give your undivided energies to His work. *{10SC1: 3.4}*

The Hunting Campaign was started by the prophet to decentralize and streamline the headquarters (eventually selling all) and expand missionary efforts to all 50 states.

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1 The Circulation Department reports that most encouraging to them this year was the large orders received from the Hunters for the different states and foreign countries and the ingathering of names, and that between the two they have been kept more than busy. *{10SC2: 19.1}*

2 The file cabinets have swelled to overflowing, and Brother Berolinger has built two new card-file cabinets for the overflow and will soon make a new plate-file cabinet. The filing system has had to be expanded by two extra files this year. *{10SC2: 19.2}*

3 The finishing touches are being placed on the new printing building, and before long it should be ready for occupancy, thus giving more needed office space in B-8, the central office building, which now houses the printing and publishing departments as well as the correspondence department. *{10SC2: 19.3}*

4 The Hunting Campaign inaugurated two years ago has been steadily expanding. The states covered during the entire campaign to date are: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, parts of New York, all of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and South Carolina. *{10SC2: 19.4}*

5 States that are not yet completed but are still being worked by the Hunters, include: Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. *{10SC2: 19.5}*

TOTAL PRICE:	\$435,000
19015 & BLDG:	\$375,000
19013 & 2 BOAT SLIPS:	\$60,000
CLOSING DATE:	TBD (AUGUST 23, 2021 OR AFTER?)
DOWN PAYMENT	\$10,000
FUNDS AT CLOSING:	\$120,000
SELLER FINANCE NOTE	\$305,000 ¹
	(5 YR BALLOON PAYMENT, INT RATE OF 4.875%)
	Or
	(7 YR BALLOON PAYMENT, INT RATE OF 5.625%)
OTHER TERMS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Contingent upon Buyer review of property ✓ Contingent upon Buyer obtaining zoning for intended use ✓ Contingent upon proof of funds and satisfactory credit check and review of financials by Seller ✓ Improvements or changes to Property to be approved by Seller, such approval to not be reasonably withheld ✓ Actual seller to be the Corp and LLC that own the two separate parcels ✓ SC standard Commercial Purchase/Sale document to be utilized (fair & balanced) ✓ Seller is a SC licensed realtor. However, both representatives of the parties are working on their own behalf and not as realtors. Accordingly, there are no commissions on the transaction. ✓ No repairs to be made by the Seller. 	
<small>MORTGAGE WITH 20 YR AMORTIZATION, INTEREST RATE OF _____, MONTHLY PAYMENT OF \$ _____, BLDG AND LAND (BOTH PARCELS) AS COLLATERAL FOR LOAN, BALLOON PAYMENT AFTER YEAR ?</small>	

Pictured: Actual terms of loan presented by the seller. The terms of the loan required \$130k down at closing, which would have taken all that the Association had in the savings and checking accounts.

Sister Hall was aware of how Waco had been parceled and sold off in order to fund the Hunting Campaign. She privately talked with Brother K about her concerns, but found him to be very forceful about his opinion and agenda. Sister Hall was repeatedly accused of being worried about her pay, even though she had left a job that paid her more. Even so, she said she would remain open and pleaded with the Ks not to rush into getting the new building, because there was already a temporary office to operate from. Instead she asked for time to finish the fiscal report and pursue the bank loan so there would be more options for funding the ministry.

She began researching large land parcels and found that there were not many parcels of land available in South Carolina with 375 or more acres, but that amount of land was definitely available in Georgia, where the Ks lived. She privately spoke with Brother K, asking him if he was planning on moving the association to Georgia, which he denied. Sister Hall asked him if he believed the “solitarily in the woods” doctrine and the testimony of the Salem Davidian brethren that Brother Houteff told them, “One day the headquarters will be here in Salem in its entirety”. Brother K assured her that this was so, and also that he would not pursue a building that Brother Adair did not approve of. (This promise was speedily broken).

Sister Hall and some involved members didn’t see the sense of

investing in a building that would deplete operating expenses yet would not be a permanent home. This purchase would entail an owner financing a 7-year term, on a little more than an acre of land with one office building for over \$430K and a balloon payment of over \$200K at the end of the seven years. The property would revert back to the owner if there was any default of payment. Although the prophet did get a bank loan for Old Mount Carmel, it is not recorded that he used the title for investments.

Sister Hall witnessed Brother Ks' argument in both private conversations and in council meetings that 282 Davidian Way was not "solitarily in the woods", which was a gross misrepresentation. Frustrated with Brother K's tyrannical style of leadership and willingness to say one thing and then do another, Sister Hall reluctantly submitted her resignation. However, the council refused her resignation and requested the Halls to stay. This resignation was only after several tense conversations where Sister Hall was repeatedly pressured by Brother K to support his plan and then was accused of being "divisive". From this point on their working relationship was impaired.



As the dispute over the land purchase continued, God miraculously opened the way for 282 to be rebuilt by the unexpected arrival of Brother Cook. He is a longtime Davidian brother and friend to the Adairs, whose family lived in Mount Carmel, assisting in the literature printing campaign and in editing Brother Don's books.

As a building engineer, he had all the expertise necessary for the rebuilding project. He offered his services assessing the damage, suggested building materials and layout options.



Phase 1 of Brother Cook's plan involved clearing the debris and junk and utilizing containers already on the property to build an initial office structure and residence.

Brother Cook's proposal for rebuilding and an aerial shot comparison of both properties was presented to the council. The evidence was clear that only one location qualified as "solitarily in the woods". Additionally, the cost for rebuilding was minuscule and less financially taxing than the proposed office building purchase. None of these evidences impressed Brother K, who faintly expressed that Brother Cook had a doable and impressive plan. However, Brother K was bent on nothing else but his plan and ensuring that it would be carried out.

HALLS VOTED OUT & A SPEEDY MOTION ENSUES

At the very next meeting, his power to deliver his plans was strictly exercised. The Halls were voted out as employees, with Sister Hall banned from working for the association. The closing date for the office property was fast approaching. A motion was quickly put on the floor for the investment purchase as soon as that agenda item came up. Sis Judy was upset, opposing the move saying, "This is a major decision that requires a field vote (other association protocols too), why don't you use your own money instead of the association's?"

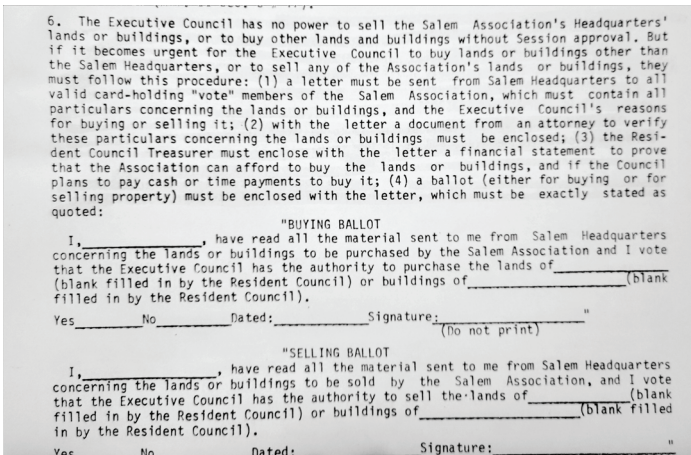
Where is your love for the sheep? The tithes is not used for investments, but to pay workers and ministers in the field, please hold off until field representatives are contacted, so they can have a voice as well.” Her pleadings were ignored and, of course, their quorum plus one reluctant vote (whom Brother K had financially influenced the spouse) won. Only the two senior council members, Brother Watkins and Sister Judy opposed. The disapproving members agreed that the meeting outcome of purchasing the property and terminating the most active foot soldiers in the work, the Halls, was not of God.

GOD INTERVENES

Heavy spiritual warfare immediately began as the saints abroad started fasting and praying. A week before the purchase closing date, the bylaws arrived stating that the council has no authority to purchase or sell land without an official field notification, giving them a voice in the matter. Sister Judy immediately passed this information on to the council members and a special meeting was called. Brother K initially declined, but suddenly changed his mind. Next, God would reveal that Brother K had a plan to get rid of Sister Judy the week following the Halls’ removal. Sister D mentioned above was sought by Brother K to testify against Sister Judy in the upcoming meeting. Brother K even had others in the working group speak with Sister D before the meeting to cement his plan. This testimony went on for over two hours with Sister D speaking the majority of the time. Accusations were made against Sister Judy ranging from wanting to “control Mount Carmel” to Brother Don not having dementia or being ill, and that he was being abused and afraid of her. She asserted that Sister Judy wanted power and money and that was the reason why she was at Mount Carmel. This was an attempt to vote Sister Judy out, but two, strong on-the-ground witnesses, the Halls, spoke in her defense. They confirmed Brother Don’s health diagnosis and the taxing nature of being a full-time caretaker. Sister Hall questioned the timing of Sister Judy’s unexpected trial, mentioning that she had discussed Sister D’s case with Brother K months earlier,

which he declined to address. At that time, he had even expressed his agreement with Sister Judy's assessment of Sister D.

Brother and Sister Hall disputed the accusations with solid facts, verifying that Sister Judy had a large, custom home in Texas and a generous military pension. This enabled her to work for hardly any pay, while often times foregoing her pay to give to foreign missions in Davidia, as well as help ailing members. Sister Judy offered little words of self-defense. The council did not proceed to vote her out



and ended the trial with Brother K's expressing a plan to revisit the issue. Sister Judy then presented excerpts of Salem's newfound bylaws concerning the purchasing of land; it clearly stated that any purchased land or buildings must be appraised by a lawyer and a vote must take place by certified mail to the members. The bylaws also stated that a council and a vice president have to be elected through a session. Additionally, the Executive Council (vice president, secretary, and treasurer) must reside at headquarters or live nearby. Therefore, the move to purchase the new property was stopped in its tracks, and God received the honor, glory and praise!

Clearly, after seeing this Providential intervention, Brother K admitted that God told him his plan would fail, stating that this was an indication that God was still with him. Ignoring God's sign and impressions, he still made further attempts to gain monetary means

for the purchase. The following month, the K's arrived unannounced to the temporary headquarters in an attempt to speak with vice president, Brother Don. It was previously communicated to them that she did not want them to visit at this time, so Sister Judy refused to let them in. Brother K became angry yelling, "I paid for this house, I'm calling the sheriff!" Sister Judy responded that the current month had been paid for by the Association, not the Ks because all financial support from them and three other families stopped as soon as their plan failed. (During the time when they thought they were in power; the Ks did not want to discuss Brother Don's personal affairs and repeatedly said to "leave that to Sister Judy".) All of a sudden, they were so concerned about him. They told the police that they were concerned that Brother Adair was going to a nursing home, and wanted to ensure he was receiving proper care and that he was not afraid of Sister Judy. The police spoke with Brother Don privately to assess such but found no faulty actions. The Ks were told to leave the premises. A Davidian brother who happened to be visiting also came to the aid of Sis Judy acting in good faith between the parties, giving good insight which helped to calm the situation. Again, we praise God for his protective care for Mount Carmel and the parties living there!

On another note, in case you are not aware of Sis Judy's background with the association, she has been with Salem since 2002, and she has been actively involved since Sister Marilyn's death helping Brother Don for almost three years. She was aware of Sister Marilyn's death burden that God would send someone to help care for him. As Sister Judy prayed for Brother Don's health, God impressed her to go and see about him. As such, she's remained actively involved in Carmel's work since. She ensures that all the association's funds remain intact for the rebuilding project, sending out book orders, etc., and that Brother Don's physical and health care needs are being met.

Sadly, from August up until today, the Ks stopped all tithing and support and refused to respond to Sister Hall's attempts to reach out and unify both sides (three other involved families also withdrew all support and joined them). However, they've consistently contacted

Sister Judy on the first Sabbaths of each month to see if there was going to be a Bible study. The Devil never stops his attacks, especially on a place where the truth is flowing from.

SISTER D's DECEPTION EXPLAINED FURTHER

13. If any valid card-holding "vote" or "no-vote" member of the Salem Association should stop paying his tithe, claiming that he has no confidence in those who control it at Headquarters, then he must be considered an "unfaithful" Davidian, and the Executive Council must immediately invalidate his fellowship card, because of the following inspired reference:

"Some have been dissatisfied and have said: 'I will no longer pay my tithe, for I have no confidence in the way things are managed at the heart of the work. But will you rob God because you think the management of the work is not right? Make your complaint, plainly and openly, in the right spirit, to the proper ones. Send in your petitions for things to be adjusted and set in order; but do not withdraw from the work of God, and prove unfaithful, because others are not doing right.'"--9 Test. 248.

14. If any valid card-holding "vote" or "no-vote" member of the Salem Association should wrongfully use his tithe for other purposes, claiming that it is for a good cause, is "making a mistake," and the Executive Council must invalidate his fellowship card immediately, because of the following inspired reference:

"A very plain, definite message has been given to me for our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects which though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said that tithe should be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from the Lord's arrangement. God will judge for these things."--9 Testimonies, page 248

15. Any Davidian in America who holds a valid "vote" or "no-vote" fellowship card is required to send in his monthly tithes and offerings by the second week of the following month. If he does not comply with this requirement, nor sends a letter of explanation, the President must immediately write to him about it.

The bylaws state that if a member stops paying tithe, they must have their membership card revoked.

After Sis Marilyn passed, her relatives were at the property harassing Brother Don. They claimed Mount Carmel belonged to them, so they filed a court petition to remove him from their trailer on the association property where he lived. They would go through the mail on Bro Don's desk looking for tithe, but Brother Don waited for the mailman, immediately hiding the tithes in a safe place. Fearing that the relatives may find it, he quickly sent two and a half months' worth of tithes to Sister D, asking her to keep them until he could get things settled. Prior to this, since Sister Marilyn's death, Sister Judy asked Sister D numerous times if they could go check on Brother Don, but she declined. A couple of months later as they were talking on the phone, Sister D said she was meeting this brother up at the association in five days. As Sister Judy continued fasting in prayer for Brother Don's health and his bereavement, God impressed her to be there when this brother arrived, so she met Sister D at Mount Carmel. When the brother arrived they had a council meeting, along

with a heated debate of where the tithe should be sent. Sister D was yelling with tears, “But you promised me that you would send me the tithe!”, but that didn’t make sense, because the brother was supposed to be the treasurer. Brother Don asserted that the tithe stays at Mount Carmel and the treasurer had to reside there. The brethren then opened the Leviticus reading a quote telling Brother Don that he had to listen to them because the council was the “highest voice of authority.” Brother Don did not trust either of them, and providentially, Sister Judy was voted in as secretary-treasurer. The brother left, as he was not approved for becoming treasurer. Sister D was waiting for Sis Judy to leave Carmel, but instead she ended up leaving due to a home emergency and Sister Judy remained.

Sister D privately mentioned to Sister Judy she had come down to Mount Carmel because her attorney advised her that she would have to pay taxes on all the tithe money received and it would be in her best interest for her to get her name onto the accounts. (The small amount she returned, over \$2K, wouldn’t be worth her trip.) Suspecting that something was not right, Sister Judy asked her on three separate occasions the total amount of tithes received. Each time, Sister D gave the same specific amount, but that total did not match up with the personal check amounts and names she (Sister D) had credited and recorded. Sister Judy asked her to send in the rest of the names so that proper credit could be given to match her reported total sum, but she was unable to do so. It turned out that she was hundreds of dollars short based on names and amounts credited and on her final reported total. Six months later as consistent dollar amounts were routinely flowing in each month, it was discovered that she only returned about a half month’s portion to Brother Don in the same envelope that he sent her. Brother Don never counted the money, because that was his late wife’s responsibility. When she was initially confronted on the missing funds she never responded, but she instead called Brother Don and told him if Sister Judy wants her off the council she will resign. Sister Judy said, “Tell her yes, she needs to be off of the council.” However, she did not resign (not a council member today), but a month later she had other members confront and attack Sister Judy by phone, asking her how much money was actually missing.

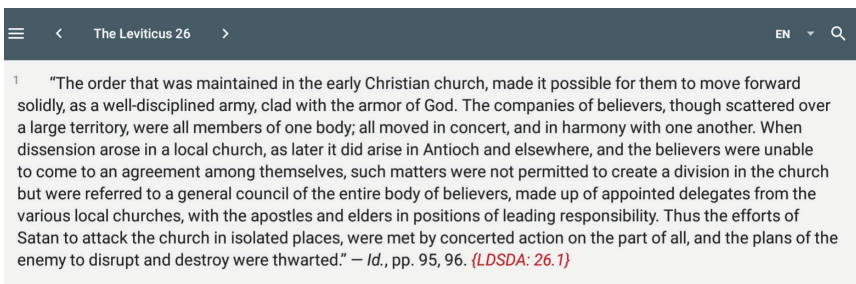
Sister Ds' supporters also disrupted and attacked Sister Judy, while promoting Sister D on the conference call bible studies. They along with Sister D made numerous attempts to turn Brother Don against her. (Most of this occurred while Sister Judy was away in Texas receiving medical treatments for over a year). Sister D was well aware of his Alzheimer's condition because she was frequently in contact with him for many years, noticing the decline. Additionally, a close relative of Sister D's passed with Alzheimers' so she is well familiar with the nature of the disease. (Her plans for takeover were laid out years before others were able to notice Brother Don's mental decline.) Last year, one of her supporters called and asked to let Sister D call the state of South Carolina to put him in a nursing home, which Sister Judy declined. Currently, while Mount Carmel's website is being revamped, Sister D launched a Facebook attack on the talented Davidian who graciously volunteered his services, and she doesn't even know him. The overall attempts to attack Sister Judy, and to put Brother Don in a nursing home, to spread rumors that he died, steal God's tithe, write up a will with her as the executor and to discredit the person revamping the website reveals what she really is. Sister D and some of her supporters were never true Salem members, because they and Sister D were never tithe-payers during their many years of involvement. True, she has many admirable skills to use in the work, and truthfully, we wish that she could be here at Carmel, but her unwillingness to admit the wrong and set right the missing monies disqualifies her. Her supporters often asked to forgive her and to let it go. The bylaws state that those who are on the council must be faithful tithe-payers. "...But if the sins of the people are passed over by those in responsible position, His frown will be upon them, and the people of God as a body will be held responsible for those sins." Testimonies, Vol.3, p. 265

God will hold the leadership and the body accountable for overlooking sin. Such unfortunate schemes to gain control of Mount Carmel have occurred throughout history, even till now. Historically, God always intervened to save His true association from falling into the wrong hands. God will never allow unclean hands to tarnish His pure line of truth stemming from the prophet, Brother Victor Houteff himself.

ANOTHER ASSOCIATION EMERGES!

The Ks, the three other families that left, along with Sister D have now teamed-up and started an association called “Salem International”. Just the use of the name “Salem” speaks volumes to the cause they wish to be associated with and the one they broke off from. However, there can only be one, true “Salem Association”.

The Ks made off with important internal documents and the growth plans that Sister Hall created for the association. According to Salem’s bylaws and the Leviticus, there is no justification therein for breaking off, starting another association, smearing the names of those who have been on the ground, or attempting to steal Salem Association’s members both locally and internationally. Salem’s members were established through Brother Don’s labors and their obedience to the truths taught. God’s desire is that things must be



done decently and in order. As such, Sister Hall asked Brother & Sister K to wait until Salem’s sessions commenced to bring forward their candidacy and ideas to the members to be voted on, but they declined. Sister Hall never heard another word from them (even though she tried several times to contact them). This would have been the only right way to institute their desired changes, and the only way approved by the Rod and Spirit of Prophecy. More could be accomplished if all were willing to work together in a spirit of true Christian charity. As you have seen, that was not the case.

In a nutshell, Sister D only went to the association to get her name

on the bank accounts, wrap up Brother Don's end-of-life affairs, gain control of the organization, especially by using his Bible study recordings (she saved up over the years) and his books and articles to say she is the storehouse after he passed on (which she is doing now). Similarly, Brother K had only been actively involved for four months and during this short time, he was willing to wipe out every last penny the association had! He continued on, ignoring the fact that the association's equally urgent problem (besides the need for a new building) was a lack of workers to continue the work. Sister Judy has been the only one standing in the way of vulturistic, money-grabbing and power-seeking attempts. So now they make much effort to discredit her along with Salem Mount Carmel's name and work. In addition, brethren from other groups are stopping by without advance notice because they have heard an evil report!

In spite of it all, we welcome them. Brother Don, Sister Judy and the Waco brethren had a great fellowship, for there is always a bond that binds us, the Rod message. Let those who are "concerned" with Mount Carmel's affairs and Brother Don dispense with their businesses, jobs, and the comforts of their homes to stand in the trenches (come to Mount Carmel) to labor. Yes, all should be willing to do this before they criticize those who are upholding the heaviest burdens of the work. And if they do not know an evil report to be truth, they should speak no further than what they have a personal knowledge of. We urge our brethren who are sincere to come back into the fold.

Also keep in mind that, "We are now living in the time of Jacob's sin denoting name" (Deceiver) 12 SC 5:15. "Davidians will have much trouble among themselves, on the way home, and ahead of them." 12 SC 5:19. Bear in mind that dissension amongst God's people is the most effective tool of the enemy to stop spiritual progress and thus retarding the work. We're advised that as long as the battle continues, this dissension will also continue till the very end of time.

"The mightiest conflicts are involved in the furtherance of the message, and the results of its promulgation are of moment to both

heaven and earth. “The controversy between the two great powers of good and evil is soon to be ended; but to the time of its close, there will be continual and sharp contests. Testimonies to Ministers, p.470.” 12 SC 1:3-4

What is most damaging to the cause is egotism, a desire to exalt self, personal agendas, wanting to be right at the detriment of others, and irrespective to the association and the work. These selfish hindrances will never be acceptable to God. Additionally, He will not accept people-pleasers, man followers, those who will not stand for the right, and even those who could easily be bought or sold for money, especially during immense pressure. Such individuals disqualify themselves. Most importantly, following and obeying the Rod message in its entirety, and not a man, will get us exactly where God wants us to be. “His sheep hear His voice.”

OUR PRESENT

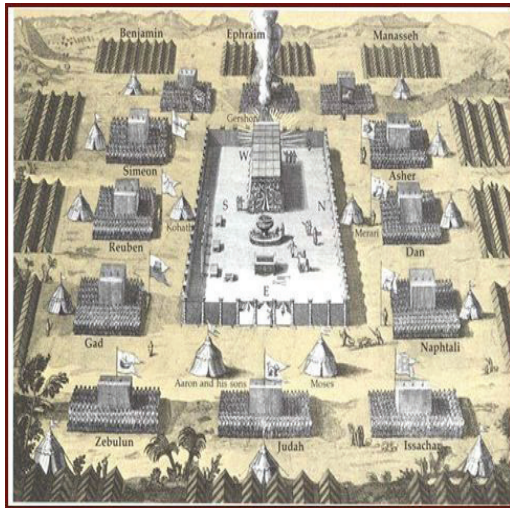
With numerous setbacks attending Mount Carmel, we do not see these circumstances, which at first seemed insurmountable, to be a sign that we have been wrong in supporting and upholding the Salem association. To the contrary, we reaffirm our loyalty by this truth: that we as Davidians are instructed to support the work and do our utmost to ensure that the promulgation of truth should continue, regardless if those in charge betray or mismanage their trust (although this practice we solemnly pledge to end).

Additionally, we are now calling all members in good standing to help in the process of voting in a new council. Council members can only be voted in during a session by members in good standing. Council member candidates must adhere to the message, pay a second tithe, and must also be married to one spouse. If on their second marriage, they must prove that they were biblically without fault in the dissolution of the previous marriage. Additionally, the office of vice president, secretary, and treasurer are considered executive offices and resident positions. They must live on the headquarters' property or in close proximity (within the local area code).

The Salem Association is not just calling for any Davidian to “come up to the help of the Lord”, but we are calling for only those true Davidians who speak no guile, live and practice the truth, as well as have love for the message and God’s sheep. These precious living truths must first be infused in us, especially as we proclaim them to the church first and then to the world.

IN CONCLUSION

With the signs of the confederacy just before us, how vital it is that we more seriously start or continue this heart-wrenching, deep-searching work of preparation, purifying our souls. For we must oppose the confederacy and we are sealed before the confederacy commences, 13SC 3,4:10 We must be true to principle standing firm on His Word come what may, and “striving with all our God given power to be among the 144,000”. Consider the following statement:



The tribes (camp) of Israel were so thoroughly organized, that when Balaam came to curse them, he could not but bless them. - Patriarchs & Prophet p. 442.2

“The fact that the 144,000 are without guile in their mouths shows... they have a message to proclaim, and they are to be found blameless in their proclaiming of it: speaking the truth and nothing but the truth” (only pure doctrine). Tract 9, p.58

Moreover, God has true children in every camp with the majority still in Laodicea. God will lead his true children exactly where He wants them. Additionally, some of these associations and some independents are serving the grand purpose in getting the message out to our Laodicean brothers. However, Salem’s main focus, outside

of printing books, is on giving an understanding of the strong meat, the deep doctrines of the Rod to other Davidians. God uses all of these various entities for the sole purpose of getting the 144,000, in spite of what harm one group tries to do to another. Remember this, "Many are the plans in a man's head, but it's the Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21. Praise the Lord! So no matter what group you're with or where you're at in your walk and in your work, contemplate this beautiful promise given:

"For every truth-seeker, moreover, stands the promise that He will not let one of them be deceived:... And if the heart of man is in living connection with God, the voice that cometh from above will be recognized... Those that do the will of God shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God for no deception will cloud their minds." --Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work, pp. 64, 65." 10TR42"

MISTAKES OF THE PAST RECONCILED

With our history in mind, we recognize that sincere, truth-seekers and truth-living saints have been among us supporting the cause for decades and years. To those saints, we are thankful for the fellowship we once enjoyed. However, we are saddened that some have left the fold. Admittedly, there were many hurtful events of the past, personal and administrative issues, as well as the medical condition of the vice president. As such, some decisions were made that were a setback to the cause, and driving a separation among us. For this, we deeply regret and sincerely apologize. We ask that you resist the urge to let negative emotions or circumstances lead you to disregard the truths that you once feasted on in the Salem Carmel pasture, and to remember the good times we shared, mostly during Bible studies. Moreover, we send you our deep gratitude for the many years of moral and monetary support, for we could not have come this far without you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and may God bless and multiply each one of you. Please know that no matter where you find yourself today, we pray that you would find forgiveness towards us, and that the seal of God may be placed on

your foreheads as well as ours'. We love each one of you with prayers that you continue to prosper and grow spiritually in the message and in the Lord. We welcome you back with open arms.

AN APPEAL FOR THE REBUILDING PROJECT

With all the current events transpiring in quick succession before our eyes, we know that the setting up of God's kingdom is sure to follow. With that in mind, we are appealing to all Salem believers, faithful tithe-paying supporters as well as those who feel the need to "come up to the help of the Lord" to assist in the rebuilding of Mt. Carmel Center.

Currently, we are in need of a new building for living quarters as well as a new office building. A small voluntary working group is in place to pray, support, plan and execute, but we need faithful volunteers & workers to see this gigantic project through. In these difficult times we know that only the Lord can miraculously provide the necessary funds for His work, especially so as He moves upon each one of our hearts in benevolent giving. Consider the following statement from 3 Symbolic Code (SC) 3,4:7:

"COME YE TO THE HELP OF THE LORD":

"In His providence, God has ever limited the advancement of His cause on earth to the measure of the liberality of His people. Under the Hebrew economy, the building of the tabernacle progressed in direct ratio to the response of the people to the plan of Moses to raise means for its erection. Again, when God worked upon the hearts of the Jews to rebuild the temple at Jerusalem, their efforts prospered to the degree of their benevolence. Likewise, throughout the Christian Era the gospel has advanced just in proportion to the obedience and self-sacrifice of its supporters. We read from the Spirit of Prophecy that, "Unselfish liberality threw the early church into a transport of joy; for the believers knew that their efforts were helping to send

the gospel message to those in darkness. Their benevolence testified that they had not received the grace of God in vain. What could produce such liberality but the sanctification of the Spirit? In the eyes of believers and unbelievers it was a miracle of grace.” Acts of the Apostles (AA), p.344 “The experience of apostolic days will come to us when we whole-heartedly accept God’s principle of benevolence,—consent in all things to obey the leadings of His Holy Spirit...Volume 7 Testimonies (7T), p.146.

“In the light of the foregoing statements, we must conclude with the Spirit of Prophecy that, “Spiritual prosperity is closely bound up with Christian liberality (AA,p.344), and that therefore, God’s cause today in the closing work for the church, will advance only as we make a covenant by sacrifice. Indeed, if sacrifice is what God required in Moses’ day, in Nehemiah’s and Paul’s, when the demands of the work were comparatively small, how could he possibly require any less today when “all things” are to be restored, and when the gospel must go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people in just a short time?” 3SC 3,4:7

In the past, the message coming from Mount Carmel has been concentrated meat geared towards those mature in the faith. However, there is also now a focus to go all out and reach our Laodicean brethren as the signs of the times tell us that the kingdom is fast approaching. We appeal to all present truth believers to pray for the will to give liberally as the Lord blesses you with the means for this project. We can and we will succeed only by God’s sustaining grace and power! In this all out effort, we pray that the Lord bless and keep you, making you steadfast in the faith. We love each one of you and are truly grateful for your generous donations and faithfulness throughout the years. We thank God in advance for you and what He will do through you as we move forward together in faith for the rebuilding of Mount Carmel Center.

In Christian peace, benevolence, faith and love,
The (Salem) Mount Carmel Working Group

Current Bylaws - QUALIFICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

1. The members of the Executive Council should be seven in number at all times where possible, as resident council members living at Headquarters or nearby within a local phone call.

“All Davidians eligible to become elected members of the Council must meet the following qualifications:

- They must be a valid, card-holding “vote” member of the Salem Association,
- They must have a fairly good knowledge of the Rod message (no novices),
- They must not be in debt in excess of their means,
- They must not demand high wages for their services, and
- They must not be burdened with the cares of this life to draw their attention from their work as a council member.

2. The session delegates must not elect seven council members who are not qualified and eligible to serve on the Council, just for the sake of having seven members.

3. If all seven council members cannot be elected at once to serve at Headquarters, then the Council must be divided (resident and non-resident). And if the session delegates divide the Council, then regardless of the number of members elected, the majority must always be resident (living at Headquarters or nearby within a local phone call), while the minority of non-resident members must be living elsewhere.

4. If the Association does not have seven valid, card-holding members who are qualified and eligible to serve on the Council, or if the Association cannot afford to pay wages to support all seven council members at Headquarters, the the session delegates must elect four resident council members (Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer,

council member) to live at Headquarters or nearby with a local phone call and three other non-resident council members to live elsewhere.

5. If the Association does not have four resident council members and three non-resident council members who are qualified and eligible to serve on the Councils, then the session delegates must elect three council members (Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) to live at Headquarters or nearby within a local phone call, and two non-resident council members to live elsewhere. The session delegates may also elect two honorary council members who may render their opinion on a “consensus ballot” to give their opinion regarding any issue, but their opinion is not legally binding as is the vote of the other five council members. This “honorary position gives opportunity for other Davididans to give their advice based on past experiences (A.A. p. 573, par. 1), as well as give opportunity for young Davidians or new members to learn to be wise counselors. Later, when there is a need for legal council members, these honorary council members may be elected by the existing Executive Council to become legal resident or non-resident members of the Council (see ARTICLE 1 Section 13 # 3).

For more information, contact Sister Judy at (210)-854-3606

Latest News

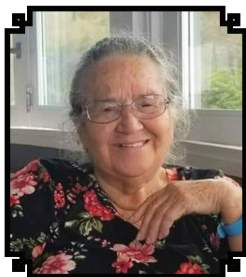
Congratulations to a Doctor!

Congratulations to Brother Rawle Watkins! He recently received his Naturopathic Doctorate degree. Way to go Dr Watkins, praise the Lord for seeing you through those hard years of study!! He and his family moved to California where he'll learn further natural healing modalities to be used for God's glory. He desires to open a natural treatment center at Salem Mt Carmel Center. Amen!!

Go with God's blessings, and may His face shine upon you in all that you do; our prayers are with you ~ Salem Association

Death of Our Dear Sister Josefa Xochil Guerrero

We are saddened to inform you that earlier this year we lost our dear Davidian sister, Sister Xochil to COVID. She was laid to rest by her family on May 14, 2021. She had three children whom she raised in the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Sister Xochil was a member of the Salem association for over 50 years, and an SDA for 52 years. Although her primary language was Spanish, she often called and checked on Bro Don and sent in a monthly faithful tithe. She fought the good fight of faith; she started churches in El Salvador (her home country), conducted a study group just before her death, and studied the Rod message with many SDAs. She was truly a gospel warrior, preaching up to her death. Honored in the Christian community as a "Mother in Israel" and well-loved and respected by the Hispanic brethren who knew her, here are some reflections they offered in her memory:



"Sis Xochil was dedicated to the Davidian message and was a friendly, loving woman who had patience for others. She represented Christ well." ~Bro Carlos Andrades.

“Sis Xochil was a people person with many friends. She stood strong on what she believed was truth.” ~Sister Eva Avila.

“She was a very faithful Christian who always thought about people in need and how she could help. She was respectful, intelligent and knew so much about the message wanting to tell everyone she knew about the truth. She said her main concern was to bring people to the message.” ~Sister Maritza Carter.

“Sis Xochil loved the Lord and the message with all her heart. She gave to all those whom she knew that needed food, clothing and money. Her home was opened to all walks of people. She lived sacrificially to serve others at times leaving herself without food for days. She believed in the Bible and all of its promises, living for and awaiting God’s soon coming kingdom. I hope to see her there soon.” ~Brother David Chaidez.

“Sis Xochil was faithful to the Salem, South Carolina Association to the end. Other Davidians tried to win her to their side but she held firm to the belief that Salem was the only true association. She started with the New York association, but she didn’t care what others said against Bro Don, she followed the truth as taught by Salem. Her love for sharing the Rod message brought other Hispanic brethren into the fold, rejoicing in the last message to the world.” ~Brother Joshua Reyes.

This is just a small recap on Mama Xochil’s life. To her family and those who were closest to her; they knew that she did so much more. She was deeply loved and adored. We mourn her loss with you, and we remember you in prayer.

Be faithful and strong in the Lord, so you may see her again in the kingdom that she loved and lived for.

The Salem Association Davidian family presented the family with a monetary love gift. In turn, the family requested that all donations given in her memory be used in support of the gospel that their mom stood for. If and as these funds come in and the current Salem donation will go to support the Hispanic work, particularly in translating Salem doctrinal teachings into Spanish. Sis Elizabeth said that will make her mom very happy. We are in need of a Spanish translator. Please contact us if you are willing and qualify.

In closing, Sis Xochil not only lived in preparation for the kingdom, she spent years preparing for her death so as not to be a burden on anyone. She had an illness thinking she would expire many years ago. However, God had other plans. She continued to live, consumed with the gospel fire igniting those whom she came in contact.

“The battle cry is sounding along the line. Let every soldier of the cross push to the front, not in self-sufficiency, but in meekness and lowliness of heart. Your work, my work, will not cease with this life. For a little while we may rest in the grave; but when the call comes, we shall take up our work in the kingdom of God to advance the glory of Christ.” Signs of the Times, December 27, 1899

“Our Flower”

Our Xochil, a beautiful flower so perfect
and new,
Her petals glistening in the bright morn-
ing dew.

God blessed and nurtured her as she
grew and grew,
While her beauty and spirit touched all
those she knew.

Her Creator loved her -this she knew,
So she tried to remain perfect, for saints
and sinners to view.

God whispered her days on earth are but
few,
His Garden in the Kingdom would need
more of you
...when it's time to renew!

By Sister Tupolo





Health Tidbits

Topic: Temperance & Exercise

The Editor's Health Habits- Strict temperance in eating and drinking is highly essential for the health preservation and vigorous exercise of all the functions of the body. Strictly temperate habits, combined with the exercise of muscles as well as of the mind, will preserve both mental and physical vigor, and give power of endurance to those engaged in the ministry, to editors, and to all others whose habits are sedentary. As a people, with all our profession of health reform, we eat too much. Indulgence of appetite is the greatest cause of physical and mental debility, and lies at the foundation of the feebleness which is apparent everywhere. -Testimonies, Vol. 3, p. 487.

Importance of Exercise--There are men and women of excellent natural ability who do not accomplish half of what they might if they would exercise self-control in the denial of appetite. Many writers and speakers fail here. After eating heartily, they give themselves to sedentary occupations, reading, study, or writing, allowing no time for physical exercise... -Counsels to Writers & Editors p. 103

OVEREATING

Since the average normal stomach holds about a quart, the average meal for an active person should never amount to more than a pint and a half. Overloading the stomach is as harmful to the system as to swill intoxicating liquor. Yes, even, more so. One of the resultant evils of such an erroneous habit is that, besides causing gastrointestinal disorders, it enlarges the size of the stomach, and as a consequence the whole body becomes misshapen. Especially is this so with the youth who are in the growing stages, for one organ has influence over another. -The Entering Wedge pp. 39, 40

THE ROD SPEAKS

REPRINT FROM THE ORIGINAL SYMBOLIC CODE SERIES

“He will call men from the plow and from other occupations, to give the last note of warning, to perishing souls. There are many ways in which to work for the Master, and the great Teacher will open the understanding of these workers, enabling them to see wondrous things in His word.”—“Testimonies for the Church,” p. 170. {2SC1: 2.4}

THE OBJECT OF OUR CAMP

The many inquiries and reports from far and near bear the evidence that most of our people do not fully understand the purpose and the character of the work for which Mt. Carmel Center is being developed. Therefore, we wish to further explain. {2SC1: 2.5}



Elisha was called from the field to labor for the reform of Israel.

The main object and the first cause for this project is to fulfill the commission according to Ezek. 4:2, “Lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about.” That is, build a temporary place (camp) where you can train workers (battering rams, margin-leaders) who can go and boldly face the situation, for which cause “I have made thy face strong....As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead; fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.” (Ezek. 3:8, 9.) {2SC1: 2.6}

Secondarily, this camp is to fulfill Isaiah 58:7-10, 12: “to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of

the Lord shall be thy rereward. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I am....And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday; and they that shall be of thee,” i.e., those who are with heart and soul with you in this work “shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.” {2SC1: 2.7}

Therefore, outside of these two classes—the workers for training and the worthy poor who need our help—should be out in the field, doing what they can to bring the light of truth to our brothers and sisters throughout the world which is to place the seal of God in our foreheads so that we can escape from the slain of the Lord (Isa. 66:16), and then be sent to a11 nations to bring the second fruits to the house of the Lord (verses 19, 20) and then shall the end come. (Matt. 24:14.). {2SC1: 3.1}

Hence, Mt. Carmel is not for S.D.A.’s to colonize as they have done elsewhere in times past, but it is to stir them up to a realization that they need to spread everywhere like ants to awaken the church and the world. {2SC1: 3.2}

“AMEND YOUR WAYS”

“Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. (Eccl. 8:11. {2SC1: 3.3}

Most of our people are so deeply asleep, and so greatly stupefied that it seems there is nothing that can fully awaken them from the “Laodicean sad deception.” They study the message and admit it to be the truth for this time, rejoice in it and speak it to others, but they do not catch on the points which reprove their own personal sins and carelessness, by which they break both the moral and the physical laws of God. {2SC1: 3.4}

Please restudy the whole message—the two volumes of “The Shepherd’s Rod,” the tracts, and the Code, and try to find out wherein

you yourselves are not walking in its blazing light. Then correct the errors at once if you expect to obtain the promises of God. Do not neglect your only duty which should “engross the whole mind, the whole attention” and fit you for His eternal kingdom. {2SC1: 3.5}

Most of our people are sick because they have not as yet learned how to live. Correct your habits. “Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.” (Ezek. 18:31, 32.) {2SC1: 3.6}

You may not understand all there is about it, but that would not excuse you from doing faithfully the little things which you already perfectly know. Start with the A B C’s in the science of reform as you would in a grade school, gradually climbing up the ladder of perfection as you would from the first grade up to a course in a university. As you are unable to understand in the schools of the world the higher grades ahead of the lower, so you will never learn all the science in physiology or the mysteries in the laws of God from its heights down or all at once. Moreover, if you are not willing to do correctly the little things in life, what will it compel you to agonize in prayer for the power you need to accomplish the great thing? {2SC1: 3.7}

No one can successfully be promoted to a higher position until he proves true and proficient in a lower place. Says the apostle Paul: “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” That is, no one can in a haphazard manner do the necessary things of life and yet stand innocent before the Lord. His command is: “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” (Matt. 5:48.) {2SC1: 3.8}

“TO WHOM SHOULD MY TITHE GO?”

Question No. 96:

While still holding membership in the Seventh-day Adventist

denomination, should one pay tithe to the Davidians?

Answer:

One can best answer this question by asking himself the following questions:

Do I believe that The Shepherd's Rod contains the message of the hour, the sealing message of the 144,000? Have I received any spiritual help from it? Has it caused me to repent of formerly indulged sins? Am I now a better Seventh-day Adventist than I was before I accepted it? Has it made me love the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, and the brethren more than ever before?

If one's answer to each of these questions is "No," then he should pay his tithe to the church of which he is still a member. If his answer to them is "Yes," and if he is still in doubt as to where he should pay his tithe, then he should further question himself:

Had I continued in the Laodicean course in which the Rod found me, could I be saved and ready to meet the Lord at His coming? Can my Seventh-day Adventist brethren be saved by remaining in their present condition?

If to these questions one's answer is "No," then his answers to the following questions will instruct him where to pay this tithe. Since I am responsible for the light which is now shining upon my pathway, and since I must help give it to my brethren, should I pay my tithe to the Denomination so that the ministry may have more money with which to fight both the message and my personal endeavors to reach the people with it, and thereby, working at cross-purposes, only help to keep them in darkness? Or, should I pay it to the Davidians, the "storehouse" of Present Truth, where it naturally should go to promote the advancement of a heart-searching reformation and to rescue my Seventh-day Adventist brethren from eternal ruin? And as they themselves are not prepared to meet the Lord (Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 371), then how can they adequately

prepare the heathen? In view of all these facts, shall my tithe go to the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in behalf of the heathen or to the sealing message in behalf of the brethren? If I dare not place my tithe to the support of what I believe to be Present Truth, then how will it be supported, and where else can I conscientiously place my tithe?

Furthermore, if I place it in the Denomination to be used largely for the evangelizing of worldlings, rather than in the storehouse of Present Truth to be used for the benefit of my brethren, then am I not doing so to the neglect of my own brethren, and thus denying that I am my brother's keeper?

And ought I, moreover, obey the ministers' order to go in search of sheep in the house of Baal, instead of heeding the Lord's express command to take the heaven-sent remedy to the sin-sick sheep in the house of Israel (Matt. 10:6)? Which of these two endeavors would be the more sure to gain for me the commendation, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord'? Matt. 25:21.

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing.' Matt. 24:45, 46.

Now if after having answered these questions to your satisfaction, you are still undecided as to what you should do with your tithe, then read Tract No. 4, The Latest News for Mother, 1943 Edition, pp. 63-70. Then "remember Lot's wife," and do as the Lord bids you."

-Answerer Book 4, pages 41-43

CANNOT MY HOME BE HIS “STOREHOUSE”?

Question No. 97:

“Is it Scriptural for one to retain and personally use his tithe and offerings in order to carry on the gospel work in his own community, according to his own plans?”

Answer:

“Nowhere in the Scriptures do we find permission to use the Lord’s money at our own discretion. The only justification for so doing would be sheer inability, for some reason to send it to the Lord’s “storehouse.” Should one voluntarily, though, engage in such a practice then he would set the wrong example before others. And if following in his lead, others assume the same right, their course must inevitably result in seriously handicapping the Lord’s work, bleeding and subverting His treasury, and thus disorganizing His work and reducing the church to a mere shell, while her members are hiring themselves as laborers in the Lord’s vineyard, helping themselves to the Lord’s money, and running without having been sent! What a Babylon that would be!

Though the Lord commands, “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse” (Mal. 3: 10), He does not say to bring all the offerings. Thus, He shows that if we would engage in some personal charity or missionary activity, we should sustain it from offerings, not from the tithe.

“Angels keep a faithful record of every man’s work, and as judgment passes upon the house of God, the sentence of each is recorded by his name, and the angel is commissioned to spare not the unfaithful servants, but to cut them down at the time of slaughter....And the crowns they might have worn, had they been faithful, are put upon the heads of those saved by the faithful servants....’ Testimonies, Vol. 1, p. 198.”-Answerer Book 4, pages 43- 45

IS IT MY DUTY TO SET RIGHT THE LORD'S TREASURY?

Question No. 98:

Should we pay our tithe to the “storehouse” if we know that it is not used rightly?

Answer:

Knowing that our tithe belongs to God's storehouse, our greatest burden should be to see that it is faithfully paid there. Nowhere in the Bible do we find that the Lord has laid upon any tithe payer the policing of the channels through which these funds pass.

The Lord's treasury is under His control, and if He Himself should not see fit to correct an abuse in the handling of His money, certainly we could not correct it however hard we might try. If we guard carefully that part of His work which He entrusts to us, our only concern will be to find out where His “storehouse” is, and then faithfully to deposit His money there. He has not made us responsible for its use; that, He will personally take over--even as He is now “taking the reins in His own hands.”

When the Promised Land was divided among the twelve tribes of Israel, the tribe of Levi received no land for an inheritance, as did the eleven tribes. Instead, the Lord decreed that the tithes of the other tribes were to go to the Levites. This was their inheritance. It was actually their own. And just as they, as the tithe receivers, had no right to dictate to the others, the tithe payers, what to do with their own increase after it had been tithed, so the tithe payers had no right to dictate to the tithe receivers what to do with the tithe. Each tribe was itself to be accountable to the Lord for that which He had entrusted to it. Thus it must be today.

“ONE WITH OR ONE OF...

Question No. 93:

Although I am not a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, yet since I have the light on Ezekiel 9 and on the truth of the 144,000, will I fall in the slaughter of the wicked if I do not fully accept and live up to the light? And, conversely, will I be subject to the enjoyment of the privileges of the 144,000 and be one of them if I obey all the light of this message?

Answer:

Even though you are not a member of the church, still you will be held accountable for the light which you have on the subject, for no one finds the truth accidentally, or sees it without the Holy Spirit's aid.

By the same law of accountability or sacred responsibility, even though you may have come into the message only recently you can be eligible for the election of the 144,000 if you live up to the message that is to purify and seal them. Whether or not for a certainty, however, you will be one of them, we do not know, but if you are faithful to the message, you will at least be one with them.

-Answerer Book 4, pages 34, 35



Calling all Salem Davidians!! 2021 December 5th Special Session!! (virtual via Zoom)

- **11:00 AM EST**
- **10:00 AM CST**
- **8:00 AM PST**
- **6:00 PM ZAMBIA**

Session Agenda:

1. Review & Revision of bylaws
2. 2021 & Beyond Rebuilding Salem Plan Review & Vote
3. Volunteer Drive
4. Candidacy of future council members

*Zoom link directions and passcode will be given in the near future.

Locating God's Headquarters of Today

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We begin with the last book of the Bible “In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end” {AA 585.1} “In the Revelation are portrayed the deep things of God.” {AA 584.1} So let it reveal to us where God’s headquarters of the sealing message is today, of course with the help of other bible prophecies such as

Revelation 7:2,3:

“We go to the angel of Revelation 7, the one in which we are more interested at the present time. This particular angel is ascending from the east. ‘Ascending’ here could not mean departing or flying away, but simply coming, or advancing. For example, in the morning while the sun is rising or ascending, the temperature gains in heat as it nears mid-day; just so with the angel that is to seal the 144,000. The angel was seen coming, but he is taking time.” {ISR 22.1}

What Geographical Location in the East is this Angel is Ascending From?

“It is located to John in the symbol of the two-horned beast’s coming up, not out of the sea, but “out of the earth” (Rev 13:11), the only place where trees naturally grow. And as according to Daniel 4:20-22, trees are figurative of rulers, therefore the trees in this instance represent “the ancient men...before the house” (Ezek. 9:6) - a fact which reveals that in this period, the church’s headquarters are in the two-horned beast’s dominion - the New World, “the earth.” {8Tr. 24.2}

“Since the headquarters of the sealing message is to be found in America, therefore the geographical location in the east where the

angel is ascending is in America, the two-horned beast's domain (GC 440.2)

1SR Tr.10: "In 1844, as all Seventh-day Adventists know, Sister White was given a vision of the 144,000 signaling the sealing angel's starting his ascent from the east (Rev. 7:2-4).

From then on he was ascending, and the saints were awaiting his arrival. Finally, in 1929, through the Sabbath School Lessons the Lord announced throughout the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination that the angel had arrived. Then the scroll began to unroll and the angel's presences to be felt by many of those who were agonizing for truth and righteousness." {SR Tr. 10.2}

So the angels ascending from the east represents Sister White's having her first vision about the 144,000 and his arrival in the west represents Brother VTH with the sealing message.

Let's find out where Sister White was when she had her first vision: LS 17.1, 2 "I was born at Gorham, Maine, Nov. 26, 1827. My parents, Robert and Eunice Harmon, were for many years residents of this State"

"While I was but a child, my parents moved from Gorham to Portland, Maine" LS 20.1,2; 26.3;

"In March, 1840, William Miller visited Portland, Maine, and gave a course of lectures on the second coming of Christ" "In company with friends, I attended these meetings"

"In June, 1842, Mr. Miller gave his second course of lectures at the Casco Street church in Portland" LS 64.1

My First Vision "It was not long after the passing of time in 1844, that my first vision was given me. I was visiting Mrs. Haines at Portland...While we were praying, the power of God came upon me as I have never felt it before"

It's clear Sister White was in the eastern side of America when she had her first vision about the 144,000, and Brother VTH was in the

west side of America when he had the light on the sealing of the 144,000 and many other prophecies pertaining to the Judgment of the Living. He was a Sabbath School Teacher at Exposition Park SDA church in Los Angeles, California (2TG 35:22.1 & 7Tr. 20.1) There's something important about the east coast and the west coast of America 1T 147.1 And that's the reason why the sealing angel had to fly to the west side of America where people's hearts were more tender and susceptible to the truth and the spirit of God at that time.

1T 147.2 "I saw the people in the West could be moved much more easily than those in the East"

1T 147.3 "I saw that tenfold more has been accomplished in the West than in the East with the same effort, and that the way is opening for still greater success."

And thus the sealing message originated in the West as revealed to us also in the message by Ezekiel's prophecy "For the forefront of the house stood towards the east" (Ezek 47:1) "Then said he to me, These waters issue out towards the east country, go down into the desert, and go into the sea" (Ezek 47:8)

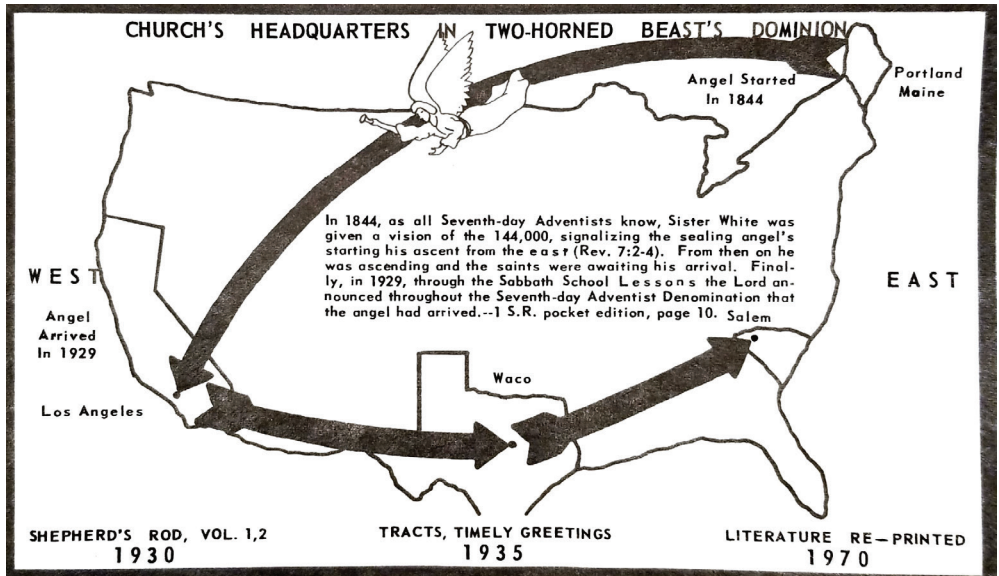
2SR 297.0 "This direction of the compass denotes that the message of the Loud Cry is to start eastward when it is first revealed. The church membership being largely east of California and across the Atlantic, naturally the message must start toward the east. This symbolic prophecy reveals that the message of the loud cry is to originate in California"

This is in fulfillment of Sister White's prophetic words in the letter to Elder E. E. Andross and in Testimony Volume 1 in regard to the east and the west

The Shepherd's Rod is the Loud Cry Message

2SR 230-231 "What is the message? The eleventh hour message is none other than Revelation 18 -- the Loud cry of the Third Angel" And the first headquarters of the message was set up there in the

West where the message originated. Then five years later it moved eastward across America.



1SC 10:3.1 “It has been evident for some time that it would be necessary to seek a more central location for the office in order to serve the whole field efficiently, so those at headquarters have been praying very earnestly over this matter for many months and as they kept on praying for light, the Lord finally indicated definitely that beautiful Southern California was no longer to remain the center of His work for the lost sheep of the house of Israel, but an eastward course was to be seen in the stream from that fountain which is to swell into the great river of Ezekiel’s prophecy, and plans were soon formulated whereby a thorough search could be made in the territory indicated by the Lord where the future headquarters were to be found.”

And from that headquarters Shepherd’s rod Vol 1 and 2 and some Tracks were published (1Tr 37.1) And that future headquarters, the second was established in Waco Texas in 1935 1SC 10:1.10 “Therefore, He gave us one of His beautiful lakeside hills adjacent to Waco Texas, a city of about 60,000, yet far enough from it to be away from the world and its evil environment -- about 5 miles from the center of the city, about 2 1/2 miles from the city limits. There lie 189 acres of land for our camp.”

When they moved to Waco Texas it's important to note that God had clearly directed Elijah to set the headquarters outside the city limits 1SC 10:3.3 "One thing was clear in our minds concerning the new home for our work, and that was that we should have a rural base from which to operate -- one with room enough to demonstrate that the Lord made no mistake when He told us through His messenger that we should be out of the city, and in an environment conducive to health, and one where we could care for the needy among us, and furnish employment to those who are learning how to give the message."

The headquarters remained there in Waco, Texas for several years until the city limits began to envelope it. Then Elijah decided to sell the camp starting with the excess property, because again, the headquarters could not be within a city.

This again, was announced through the Symbolic Codes 10SC 2:13.1 "Yes, with the city coming to our very doors, the peach orchard must go."

10SC 1:3.2 Now again, with even greater emphasis toward reaching her goal, Mount Carmel Center makes the following announcement to all faithful Davidians who will realize that this good news is perhaps nothing short of a sign. Mount Carmel Center, by commencing to first sell its excess property, later the whole is symbolically leading the way to the program that is outlined by the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy, in the words: Again (Matthew 13:44) The Lord Himself is leading the way 10SC 1:6.1 "Be it, therefore, known that Mount Carmel property is being subdivided for high class residences beginning at the old peach orchard near the Mount Carmel entrance."

These were some of the reasons why Mount Carmel Center was sold off among others. Elijah had just sold a part of the property when he died in 1955. His wife Sister Florence become the Vice President and continued with the sale of Mount Carmel Center and fulfilled the prediction of selling the whole property.

After the sale of old Mount Carmel Center they bought a piece of

land and built “new” Mount Carmel in Elk, which was later closed and its properties liquidated in 1961 after the association suffered the “knockout blow” prediction in White House Recruiter, page 33.

The knockout blow was fulfilled by Sister Florence and her council in 1959, when her false prediction of the fulfillment of Ezekiel nine flopped at the end of a 42 months latter day application, which she erroneously taught would commence in 1956 (that’s a study on its own).

In that very year 1961, when the “new” Mount Carmel Center was dissolved, all the true Davidians had a session to chart the way forward. And through the very study of Ezekiel 47, they learned that the stream does not end in the middle of America, but that it further flows eastward across America to the east coast. So they reorganized themselves and set up an office at Riverside in California. They too, as did those at the first headquarters in 1935, searched in the eastside of America where the future Mount Carmel Center was to be established and found that there was a rest home in South Carolina which was an annexation of old Mount Carmel. They were surprised to learn that their Davidian brethren in Salem expected them and welcomed them warmly. This was because during a visit to the Salem rest home Brother Houteff had told Brother Nations, “that one day the Mount Carmel is going to be here in Salem”. The Salem rest home, its occupants, along with the believers from the West combined into a small company in 1970. This is the origin of the Salem Association. The headquarters has been in Salem/Tamassee in South Carolina ever since. It is under this headquarters that the 144,000 will finally be sealed according to the light given to Sister White in the following quote:

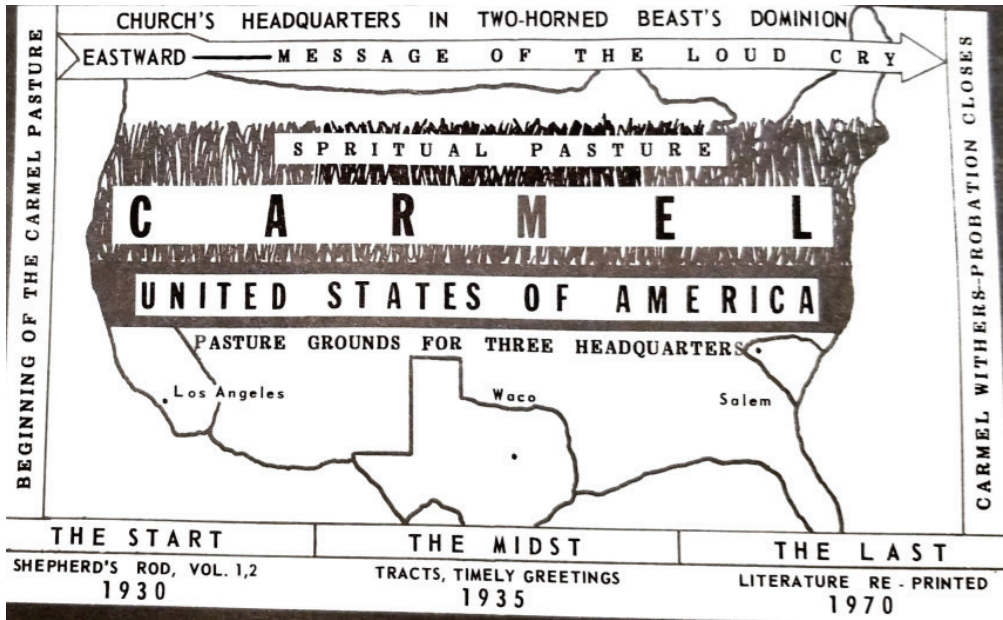
1T 414.1 “According to the light which God has given me, there will yet be a large company raised up in the East to constantly obey the truth.”

Remember this is where the sealing angel began his ascension in 1844 when Sister White had her first vision and the Lord advised the saints to go to the west side. But now we have seen the movement of the sealing message from California where it originated in

1929 (2SR 297), to Waco Texas in 1935 and now in South Carolina since 1970 until the 144,000 are sealed.

The only people mentioned in the Bible that consistently obey the truth by following the Lamb withersoever He goes are the 144,000, no other.

Revelation 14 Verse 1: When the sealing is over and the Lord mounts up in His chariot to heaven, leaving the 144,000 standing at the east gate on the east side of America where the true headquarters of the message is today up to the time they are sealed.



Ezekiel 10 Verse 19 : The rest of the false associations that have distracted from the right course are noted in the following words: “Those who follow in the distracted course they have chosen will be left to embrace errors which will finally cause their overthrow; but they will for a time be stumbling blocks to those would receive the truth” There are several associations here and there teaching their various errors making it difficult for people to know the true headquarters today. However, we are assured that the Davidians who are not too lazy to study will, through investigation and studying

discovered the true headquarters and will cut loose from the false ones and get affiliated to the true one at Salem, South Carolina. There will always be false among the true; they may leave and start something of their own, devoid of the spirit of truth, but we, at the Salem Association will stand.

May God bless His flock with the spirit of endurance and steadfastness to the end.

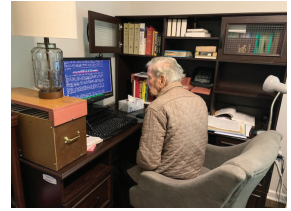
~By Brother Obi Chilala, Zambia, Africa



Mount Carmel's Temporary Headquarters

LIGHT OF TRUTH CONTINUES TO SHINE FROM SALEM
ASSOCIATION

Mount Carmel center's work, over the last 47 years, is to keep the prophet's writings intact, including the small codes which many associations reject, but Salem teaches because of the testimony of the only living residents of Mount Carmel under the tenor of the Brother VTH. They testify that these codes were Brother Houteff's sermons delivered to residents of Mount Carmel. These sermons were type-recorded and kept on file, yet were published by Florence Houteff after the prophet died (which causes some in Davidia to disbelieve). The small codes (Symbolic Code 10-13) contain the essential truths/studies for last day events that Davidians need to know; namely more details about the Leopard-like Beast, the Scarlet -Colored Beast the Latter-Day Confederacy, Jacob's Time of Trouble, Jonah & the People of God (Ninevah & Assyria). These codes have Sister Houteff's words in brackets. Before rejecting any of these small codes, all Davidians should follow the advice given to Laodiceans in searching for ALL truth, with the right spirit and intention.



As aforementioned, a temporary working office was needed for the living quarters and the offices of the headquarters at 282 were unliveable. Brother Adair & Sister Judy are now staying in a pleasant home (as caretaker & patient) about 30 min from 282 Davidian Way. The house is a 3-bedroom with a large basement, with one room converted to a office. It is situated in a quiet neighborhood with all types of beautiful vegetation growing about.

All of Brother Adair's meals are mostly organic and hand-prepared by Sister Judy, who is not only an excellent cook, but a registered nurse. Brother Adair enjoys working in his office on his history book. He goes on a daily walk and gets out of the house by running daily errands with Sister Judy, and also on the Sabbath by visiting the rest home and worshipping with Sister Bonnie (original Mt Carmel member) and Sister Helen.

Brother Adair has long labored to keep the truth of Mount Carmel alive, and we honor his legacy by providing him with the very best care possible. Sister Judy continues to provide him with high-quality care while managing the daily affairs of the association.

Please continue to pray for us at Mount Carmel, and pray that God will send the workers that we need. God bless and thank you all!

To Apply for the Executive Council:

Please contact us for an application, along with a short bio of applicable experience and your desired role.

The candidates for offices will be listed in the next Symbolic Code in preparation for the upcoming vote.

With all the shifting changes in Davidia, it becomes of vital importance that those who are chosen by God, are truly dedicated, living up to the message and committed to this rebuilding project (not power seekers) to spearhead His work.

Most of all, this divine project could not go forward without your continued faithful prayers and support... Please Pray for Salem Association!!

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