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Hart to Heart Ministries is a training center for those who desire to be used by the Lord.

There are conferences twice a year teaching the "How To" of ministry.

There is teaching on the love walk.

Private pastoral counseling is available, as well as deliverance for those who want to be set free from the past hurts in their lives.

Healing takes place on a regular basis. The Bible tells us by Jesus stripes we were healed. 1 Peter 2:24

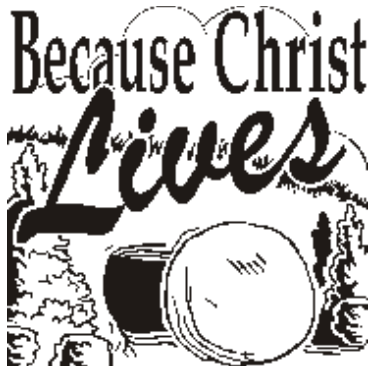
If you need to have your faith come up to the next level, you will find how to do it.

Sunday services begin at 10:00 a.m. There are opportunities galore for those interested in being a servant.

Bible study meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.



**Resurrection Sunday services begin at 10:00 a.m.
Bring your children and enjoy the celebration of our risen Lord.**



Because Christ lives, we can live in peace, joy, health and prosperity.

When we tell Jesus we are sorry for all the things we have said, thought and done wrong, He forgives us. We wouldn't have that forgive-ness if Jesus hadn't died on the cross and rose again.

It is so wonderful to know Him as our Savior. He has saved us from a horrible future. We have been given eternal life. How exciting, to be able to live with Him forever!

Many still do not know Jesus personally. They think He is some starchy God up in the sky and that He doesn't care about them at all. Honey, He went to the cross, dying in pain and humility just for us. He did it so that we can live with Him one day in Heaven. Of course, we have to receive Jesus into our heart and live for Him. It is there for the asking.

Because Jesus lives we are set free from all demonic activity and strongholds. Of course we have to do the battle, but we are victorious through Christ. Through His blood on the cross, we receive that freedom at salvation.

Because Jesus lives we are free to be all He wants us to be. We are able to have a life of abundance. Abundant joy, abundant peace, abundant fulfillment, abundant everything!

Because Jesus lives we are able to forgive

others who have treated us poorly or have done something wrong to us. We couldn't do that, if Jesus hadn't set us free.

Because Jesus lives we can go to the church we choose and worship Him in spirit and truth.

Because Jesus lives we have the freedom to read our Bible knowing He will help us understand it.

Because Jesus lives, we are able to love the unlovable.

Because Jesus lives our bodies have the right to receive total healing through the stripes of Jesus. He took all our diseases to the cross with Him. He took away the enemy's stronghold in our lives of sickness. All we have to do is believe, trust and obey God's Word. We don't even have to pay a price for it, because Jesus already did it.

Because Jesus lives, we can receive the power of the Holy Spirit into our lives so we will have the direction and guidance we need for our daily lives.

Because Jesus lives, He provides everything we need.

What a Savior!



Diary of a Bible



- January** A busy time for me. Most of the family decided to read me through the year. They kept me busy for the first two weeks. They have forgotten me now.
- February** Clean up time! I was dusted yesterday and put in my place. My owner did use me for a few minutes last week. He had been in an argument and was looking up some references.
- March** I had a busy time the first of the month. My owner was appointed leader of something and used me. I get to go to the Easter services, my first time to church this year.
- April** Grandpa visited us. He kept me on his lap for an hour reading I Corinthians 13. He seems to think more of me than he did.
- May** I have a few green stains on my pages. Had some early spring flowers pressed in me.
- June** I look like a scrap book. They stuffed me full of clippings from the newspaper. One of the girls got married.
- July** They put me in a suitcase today. I guess we are off on a vacation. I wish they could stay at home as I will have to stay in this thing a month.
- August** Still in suitcase.
- September** Back home again and in my old place. Have a lot of company. Two "True Stories" and four comic books are on top of me. I wish I could be read as much as they are.
- October** They used me a little today. One of them is very sick. Right now I am shined up and in the center of the table. I think the preacher is coming.
- November** Back in my old place. I was asked today if I was a scrap book.
- December** They are getting ready for Christmas, so I'll be covered under wrappings, paper, and packages.



*** Prayer does not change God, but changes him who prays.**

—Soren Kierkegaard

*** Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.**

During the year 2010, our church has united in reading more of the Word. We have a chart and are recording the books of the Bible we each read.

Daily we read some in the Old Testament and some in the New. It's not a challenge of competition, but one of helping each person know the Lord better.

Try it this year yourself, increase the amount of time you spend reading the Bible and see what God does in you. I know you will be blessed!

The Cross Changed Everything

Everything has been different since the Son of God climbed Calvary. Life has been different, death has been different, sin has been different, faith and hope and love have been different. Round the wide universe the arms of the cross have reached; its head has touched the heavens; its shaft has gone down deep as hell.

Here was the Church's message from the very day of its birth:
"Christ died for our sins."

—James S. Steward
A Man in Christ



The Gift of Water

We thank You, Almighty God, for the gift of Water, Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it You led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the Land of Promise. In it Your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us ... into everlasting life... In it we are buried with Christ in His death. By it we share in His resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

*** Don't give God instructions — just report to God for duty.**

*** A trembling lower lip may be more the sign of a true Christian than a stiff upper lip.**

*** People who squawk about their income tax can be divided into two classes: men and women.**



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You can check out our web site for articles or if you have time to hear a message, you can do that too. We are a happening place, check us out.



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Hiding from God

A pastor phoned the home of some recent church visitors.

A voice answered with a whispered "Hello."

Pastor: "Who is This?"

Whisper: "Jimmy."

Pastor: "How old are you, Jimmy?"

Whisper: "Four."

"Jimmy, may I please speak to your mom?"

"She's busy."

"Then may I speak to your dad?"

"He's busy."

"Are there any other adults at your home?"

"The police."

"Then let me speak to one of the police officers."

"They're busy."

"Who else is there?"

"Firemen."

"Well, put one of the firemen on the phone."

"They're busy."

"Jimmy, what are they all busy doing?"

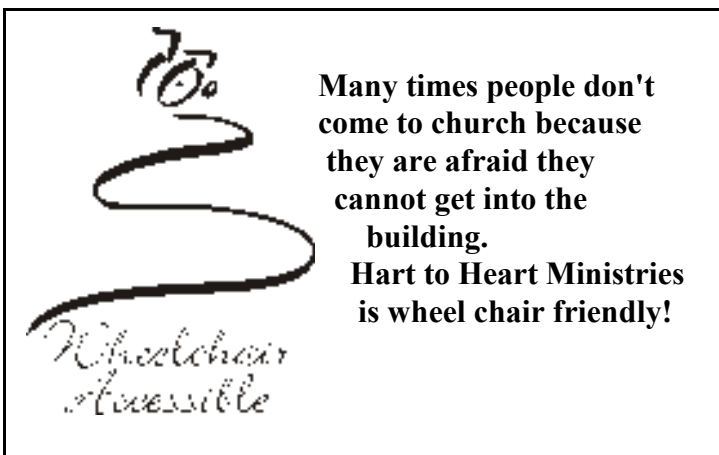
"They're looking for me."

Just like Jimmy, a lot of people are hiding, not only from parents and police, but from God. And there is nothing funny about hiding from the One who loves us most and the One we need the most."

—Leith Anderson

The Old, Old Story

A little boy was not exactly happy about going to church on Easter morning. His new shoes were too tight, his tie pinched his neck, and the weather was just too beautiful to be cooped up inside. As he sulked in the back seat of the car, his parents heard him mutter, "I don't know why we have to go to church on Easter anyway. They keep telling the same old story, and it always comes out the same in the end."



Holding on to Faith

by Rev. Joan Hart



John 16:7 says, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you."

The word Expedient means to "be able for." Jesus is telling His disciples that since He is leaving and sending the Holy Spirit, life will be more profitable for them.

As believers, and being filled with the Holy Spirit, our lives should be progressively improving. It doesn't mean we don't have problems to contend with, because we know that problems and faith travel down the same road. **But faith is the answer to problems.** So the solution to all the tests and trials we encounter in life is **faith in the Word of God.**

When problems increase, and the attacks of the enemy intensify, the things in life we go through are becoming more severe. That is no reason to let go of your faith! That's all the more reason we need to walk in faith.

Without faith, we are limited, but with faith all things are possible!

Faith is not just a decision or an act,

it is a "lifestyle."

In Hebrews 6:12 it says, through faith, *through faith, through faith* and patience we inherit the promises of God.

We all get going in our faith walk and then when something happens, we take a step back instead of grabbing onto the promises and going forward.

When you leave church your faith should be up, but what usually happens? Invariably the enemy does something to rob us of the Word we heard and our faith falls to the bottom.

Mark 4:15 tells us that once the word is sown, satan comes immediately to take it away.

In I Peter 5:8, Peter tells us we must be constantly on our guard because the devil roams around, seeking whom he may devour. We have to have our mind made up that the devil is not going to devour us!

Why does satan seek to devour those who have the Word of God in their heart? Because they are dangerous to him and pose a threat to his kingdom.

The more Word we receive, the more dangerous we become to satan. Hallelujah! We are all increasing our Word intake this year at Hart to Heart Ministries.

The more determined we are to live by faith, the greater the threat we pose to the enemy. He will put pressure on us to give up and quit. That happens just before our answered prayer happens, just before our ship comes in, just before our healing manifests, just before we get a raise, just before we get out of debt, just before we have victory in any situation!

He knows what God has planned for us and he knows it is all good, so if the enemy can trip us up by telling us our faith is too weak and we have sinned and we are no good, maybe it will cause us to lose faith. He knows the answers are just around the corner to the solution we need, the new thing we are believing for, as well as the victory we are standing and believing for. That's why we have to **stand firm and not let go!**

We can't go by sight, we go by faith. Remember, **facts are facts, but the truth is always the Word of God.** It is not just some book we read and feel better, it is the truth for each of our lives. **It is packed with power, healing and deliverance, so of course the enemy doesn't want us to read it. Defy Him — READ It!**

We have to take a stand in faith and refuse to budge. We all have opportunities to give up, but we have to resist the devil.

We have to watch our mouths and control what we say. That's a part of our faith lifestyle. It is a lifestyle we pass on whether we know it or not.

I grew up in a churchgoing home. We were in church every time there was something to go for. I loved it, even as a child. I didn't like the long sits in church, but if I sat next to my daddy, he would give me candy to help me sit.

I learned to appreciate Christian music and observe nature from my dad. He was a Christian, but I didn't know that until years later after I received Jesus. But, those things were passed on down to me.

His walk of love was awesome. He was a doer, always putting someone else ahead of himself. He never said anything about it, but I observed it. We didn't even go visit our relatives each Sunday, that lived 50 miles away, unless we went to church first. They always waited for us to get there to have dinner. We weren't even in a spirit-filled church.

The bottom line is, through his walk with the Lord, it was passed on down to my sister and me. We picked up the baton and ran with it. It was a faith heritage we received.

What is your family observing by your actions, your words and your faith? Even though there may be one member of the family in whom there is no faith, if the one member who does have faith practices it, and lives it before them, it still can be passed down to the next generation.

We want others who don't know Jesus to see us as imitators of Jesus.

Do others see you boldly declare the Word of God at home, or elsewhere? We all have certain people or ministers we like to hear. After we hear them for a while we sort of get it down in our spirit, then we pass on those same things that we received from them. That is also a heritage of faith we can pass on.

Satan knows how powerful that plan of God's is, so he is out to spoil it. The devil saw the only way to stop the lifestyle of faith from being perpetuated in the earth was to get the Word of God out of the hands of ordinary men. So he managed to get it shut away in monasteries during the dark ages.

But one man, Martin Luther, rediscovered it and began to preach. The just shall live by faith. It's the same message God ushered in with the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit known as the Charismatic Movement.

God has a plan and a destiny for our

lives. If you ever discover that plan and fulfill that destiny, it will be because you have fought a good fight.

It's not easy, and it's not tiptoeing through the tulips. It is an all-out, no-holds-barred type of warfare waged by a determined ruthless enemy. But we are prepared and equipped for it. In Ephesians 6:13-17 it says we have the armor of God and sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

We have the promise of God that no weapon that is formed against us shall prosper. If we are to fulfill our divine destiny, we have to be prepared to engage in spiritual warfare. The blessings of the Lord don't come easily or automatically. They are not going to just fall upon us from heaven like a ripe apple out of a tree. We have to take our Sword, the Bible, and use it to go through the demonic forces that are trying to stop us from receiving God's best in our lives.

Jesus defeated the devil on the cross so that believers can exercise authority over Satan. We are going to have to stand in that victory, warring a good warfare by holding onto our faith and having a good conscience.

Don't put your faith away, put the devil away. Stop listening to the enemy and listen to God! Take hold of your faith and go ahead like never before! You will be victorious all because Jesus is alive!





Conference
Springing into Action



Saturday - April 24, 2010

Speaker - Rev. Joan Hart

Special Music
Lorene Lewis
Prophetic Psalmist

Saturday Schedule

- **Morning session - 9:30 a.m.**
- **Afternoon Session - 1:30 p.m.**

Everyone is Welcome!

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