



And Also With You

MID-JULY 2014

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JULY

SUNDAYS

10:00 am
Worship
(nursery provided)
Kids's Chapel

6:30 pm The
Union's Worship
Service

MONDAYS

6:30pm
Small Group

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am
Women's Bible
Study
12: Noon
Communion

FRIDAYS

8:15 am
Men's Group

CHALICE



BEARERS

July 20

Maggie Rockett
Susan Jones

July 27

Kitty Barksdale
Janic Terry

August 3

Bob and Jane
Grafe

Agreements



The Rev. M. Scott Davis

An agreement occurs when people come to the same opinion or point of view. Furthermore, it is when people come to an arrangement as to a course of action.

The word "agreement" in Greek is "*symphano*," from which we get the word "*symphony*." The basic meaning of symphony is *consonance* or harmony of agreement of sound among varying components. In Matthew 18:19-20, Jesus explains two major spiritual occurrences that happen when we make an agreement or "*symphano*." He first says, "If two of you on earth agree (*harmonize*) about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven." Then he adds, "For where two or three come together in My Name, there am I with them."

The Lord is teaching an important spiritual principle that centers on agreements. First, wherever the agreement is centered, change occurs. Secondly, a new presence, joins the gathering, in this case His presence. All spiritual principles such as this one can work in the positive as well as the negative. Positively, when several people come into agreement with one another under God, then His Spirit shows up, and healthy growth occurs. Negatively, when several agree with something that is contrary to God, then a malignant growth occurs, and a presence that is *not* the Holy

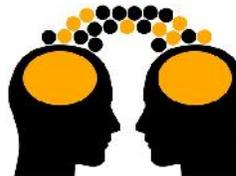
Spirit joins the group!

Agreements are like eggs. An unfertilized egg will eventually be miscarried and not produce life. However, a fertilized egg immediately begins to grow from one cell into two, two into four, and so on.

This spiritual concept of agreement is so important because each day, we are being aggressively bombarded by the enemy to agree (*harmonize*) with many of the lies he whispers into our minds even while the Great Lover is wooing us to make agreements with His Word. The agreement that gets fertilized is the one that begins to grow within us. This agreement may either be malignant or healthy.



The enemy desperately wants us to make agreements with resentment towards our spouses, our children, and even our friends. If we agree with such thoughts, then a dark presence joins with our hearts and resentment grows from one cell to two, two to four, until we have a root of bitterness. If, however, we make agreements to bless others when they curse us and to love our enemies rather than hate, then the presence of the Great Lover enters our hearts and growth begins to occur as well.



Luke 5:38 in the KJV says, "*And He spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old.*" The King James Version clearly emphasizes the theme of agreements. Note the last part of the verse: "*...the piece that was taken out agreeth not*

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with the old.” This speaks of our new lives in Christ not harmonizing with our former lives in the world.



Agreements are contracts! They are very powerful and no respecter of persons. Have we made agreements that we are not aware of? Ask God to

show you, and then break them in Jesus’s Name. Be in *discord* (another musical term) with such negative agreements as: *“I am waiting for the other shoe to drop”*; *“I am getting older, I am starting to have health issues, and it is not looking good”*; *“I am afraid that I will not have enough money to carry me through ‘til I die”*; *“My kids do not seem to be measuring up the way I would like for them to”*; *“That marriage doesn’t stand a chance”*; *“The problems in the world today are insurmountable,” etc.* Get the picture?

Each of the above statements is begging to be fertilized by our agreement because if we do, then it can continue to grow within us and a dark presence enters in.



One last observation about agreements: We must be far more powerful in

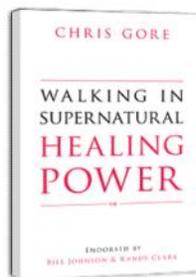
the heavenly realm than we realize if the enemy so desperately needs to partner with us through negative agreements. The same is true with God. We are made in His image, and He sometimes chooses to delay action until several of us harmonize with each other about Him. Watch out, because when we agree together about His truth, then all sorts of things can happen—changes begin to occur, and the Spirit of Jesus joins those in harmony with the great Harmonizer Himself! Keep your eyes open for agreements that might cross your paths.



Father Scott will be sending by email a verse from God’s Word to declare each day during the next twenty one days of prayer. This season of prayer is equivalent to what Daniel did in Daniel 10:2ff when he waged war in the heavenly realm on behalf of his people. This three weeks of prayer begins at sundown on July 15 and ends at sundown August 5.

“With God, all things are possible.”

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.”



Father Scott highly recommends the following book by Chris Gore.

You can order your copy from Amazon.com.



Chris Gore

Financials



May Income \$15,698
 May Expenses \$17,528
 Net \$-1,830

June Income \$12,555
 June Expenses \$16,290
 Net \$-3,735

First Half of 2014
 Income \$ 92,496
 Expenses \$102,194
 Net \$ -9,698



The Rev. Matt Riley (pictured here with wife, Katie) will be the guest preacher on

July 20. Matt is our missionary to France, and a number of you support his ministry on a monthly basis. The Stewards also support Father Matt’s work on your behalf by sending \$300 per month towards this work. We welcome Matt and his family & following worship there will be with an old fashion American hot dog pot luck. Hot dogs, chips, and apple pie for our French missionary from Iowa! The Rileys are ministering out of Verdun, France and are working with Moslems, unchurched French people, and those who dabble in the occult. If you would like to become a supporter of this ministry see Father Scott.