

# His Place *focus*

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## Howard Morgan: Entrusting Ourselves to I AM

“Thy will be done” is the “most dangerous prayer” a believer can utter, Dr. Howard Morgan told worshippers gathered at His Place on Sunday, October 30. Speaking this prayer in earnest



begins a process of testing and trial, so that God can replace our “I want” with His “I Am” in our lives.

Morgan, founder of Howard Morgan Ministries and Kingdom Ministries International, shared the Word at His Place Worship Center Saturday night, October 29, and the following Sunday morning.

Continuing the Sunday morning message, Morgan said we must be willing to place ourselves on God’s operating table to so He can remove out self-centeredness. This surgery is painful. But “only those who have gone through this process can rule and reign” in God’s kingdom.

Our western culture encourages church leaders to seek growth and unity by trying to please participants, Morgan noted. Sermons are limited to 20 minutes and worship services to an hour. Song choices are based on the likes and dislikes of the congrega-

tion. Music and dancing are added for entertainment value.

In contrast, “it’s not entertaining when the Spirit comes; it’s scary,” he said. Yet we don’t routinely pray, “Oh scary God, come into us.”

“I believe God wants to change the whole face” of church operations, Morgan said. Leaders shouldn’t seek primarily to fill large auditoriums, but to carry out on the church’s “true business” of training disciples. “Every one of us is called to be a disciple and make disciples.”

He said each of us can disciple someone around us – even if the person’s growth period in Christ is only a week less than ours. “Discipling is no more than helping someone learn what you already know.”

Believing that “Jesus is Lord and I’m not” also means we grow in unity. Morgan lamented our nation’s divided, denominational Christianity.

However, unification doesn’t mean that, in line with our western, people-pleasing mentality, we back off just to avoid conflict, he said. “That may be Christian, but it’s not Kingdom.” Unity “is not based on our theological agreement,” but on following Christ.

Morgan, a messianic Jew, advocated the traditional Hebraic, “iron sharpens iron,” method of studying scripture. Learners raise questions

and discuss – even argue – points of scripture. Multiple viewpoints are considered valid. The teacher’s (“Rabbi’s”) attitude would be “You know, I could be wrong, but let’s study together.”

Church leaders who use this method “create an environment that lets the gifts come out” of the church body.

Morgan noted that “so many churches don’t know the history of the church and the Jewish people.” The truth is that “Jesus, the Jewish Messiah, didn’t come to start a new religion called Christianity. He came to bring the nations to God.”

And, Morgan asserted, “before the Lord comes,” all followers of Christ “will be one.”



### Church Events

- **Nov. 4th- 5th - 24-Hour Worship & Intercession 7 PM - 7 PM**
- **Nov. 13th - Operation Christmas Child packing party after church**
- **Nov. 19th – Fellowship Gathering**
- **Rehearsals for kids’ Christmas musical after church each Sunday. Lunch served.**





# ***Sharing God's Glory at Mountain Glory***

Observations from Pastors Paul and Marian

As many of you already know, His Place Worship Center sponsored a booth at this year's Mountain Glory Festival in downtown Marion. We were in a perfect location, right on the forefront of the street, and very visible.

Due to our location, quite a few people dropped by, and our workers were able to speak with them, pray with them, interact with them. Our children even handed out candy to other children! In fact, we handed out all our church cards, and candy!

As pastors, we want to thank each one who participated and came out to help man the booth. We especially want to thank Chase, Beth, and Russ Laney for procuring the booth for us, making sure of its location, putting it up, taking it down, and ensuring its return.

We think we can safely speak for everyone involved: we all had a great day of fun, fellowship, and ministry! As your pastors, we love and appreciate each one of you, and all you did to help make our first October Fest Outreach one of immense success in the Kingdom of God. Thank you for your faithfulness.

We learned quite a lot from this year's experience, and look forward to next year: to reaching out, praying with, and sharing God's love with people who are desperately in need of our Savior, Jesus.

So, let's don't wait for them to come to us. Let's be bold and go into the highways, hedges, and fields and compel them to come in. The Bible says, "The fields are ripe unto harvest. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few." Let's don't let that be said about His Place Worship Center.

We are excited about what God is doing at His Place. We are a family, and we want you to come, just as you are, and let us love on you. You are important to us.

For more information, please note the web address and telephone numbers. We look forward to seeing you soon!





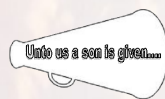
# Children's Ministry

*Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. Psalm 127:3-5*

## **Preparing for the Messiah's Birth**

With the Christmas season approaching, the His Place children spent October experiencing prophecies of the coming King.

### **The coming Prince of Peace**



On Sunday, October 2, the children learned that a prophet speaks the words God gives him, often proclaiming what God plans for the future. They learned that Isaiah prophesied Jesus' birth, and they made mini-megaphones bearing Isaiah's words "Unto us a son is given." They also learned that Isaiah said the coming king would be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6, NLT).

### **Thy kingdom come....**

The children learned, on October 9, that when Jesus' kingdom is fulfilled, it will be safe for children to lead around fierce animals such as lions. Also, "the baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra. Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes without harm." And "nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain." (Passages are from Isaiah 11:8-9, NLT). The kids made and decorated snake finger puppets.



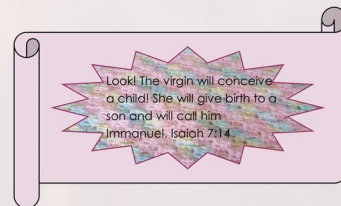
### **Thou anointest my bear with oil**



On October 16, the kids took turns anointing "Beary," a stuffed bear, with oil. They learned that Jesus was sent as the anointed king, or Messiah. The kids created and put on jeweled crowns displaying the words "Jesus Messiah Christos."

### **He walks with me and He talks with me**

Through Jesus, or "Immanuel," God lives with us. That was the subject of the Sunday School lesson on October 23. The younger children made mini-scrolls displaying the words of Isaiah 7:14: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel" (NLT). The older children drew pictures of what the world would be like without Jesus.



### **Hopelessness and resurrection**

On October 30, the Sunday before Hallowe'en, the kids learned how God can bring dry bones – and dry hopes – to life. Jesus also brings us to life through His resurrection. As the teacher read Ezekiel 37:1

14, the kids

acted out the story of the valley of dry bones. They rattled maracas as the bones rattled, and danced when the bones came to life.

The children also assembled a skeleton from a stack of card stock "bones," and played a game of "Freeze Dry Bones/Live Dry Bones."



# SING THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS



**Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. Psalm 33:3**

Kids, His Place needs your voices to proclaim the joy of Christ through this year's Christmas musical. Rehearsals will be after each Sunday worship service, for about an hour.

The musical, "Joy to You and Me," will be directed by Pat Epley, assisted by Marion Stephan. Participation will give our children the chance to profess Christ through "the gifts of song, dance, and acting—gifts I've seen our children demonstrate in Sunday School and worship services," says Marion Stephan.

Parents, we urge you to bring your kids to rehearsals. Our kids deserve the chance to use their talents to proclaim the Christ whose birth we celebrate at Christmas.

## From The Pastor's Desk

### Thoughts from Pastors Paul and Marion

Soon after you read this, or perhaps before you read this, our presidential election will have been decided. In this month of Thanksgiving, we may or may not be thankful for the results. But there is one fact for which we can always be thankful: Jesus Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

In much of the world, not only are there persons living in squalor and hunger, but persons who have never heard about our Lord.

Operation Christian Child (OCC) distributes shoebox gifts to children who may never have received a gift in their lives. The shoebox gift program also introduces children to God's gift in Jesus Christ. Shoebox recipients are invited to participate in a 12-week follow-up program taught by native volunteers.

Please join us for a shoebox packing party after church Sunday, November 13. On or before this date, please also place school supplies, toys, clothing, and accessories in the donation box in the church building. Monetary donations toward the \$7 per shoebox shipping donation are also welcome.



Can't come to the event? Shoeboxes can be virtually packed online at [samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/), for a fee of \$25. Or you can pack a shoebox and take it to your local collection center. Go to [samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/) for a list of drop-off centers in your area.

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