

# Turning Point News

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## ‘New World Order’ prophecy foretold

**T**hroughout civilization, humanity has longed for a better world. Undeniably, nurturing visions of utopia appear to be a powerful, instinctive desire within us. We are all in search of a better place, a world where there is unity and harmony. Humans seek a completely new order of things; one might even call it an intrinsic yearning for a “new world order.” You’ve probably sensed this desire in your own heart. Even during the best of times, we often find ourselves with a vague feeling of discontent. In Genesis chapter 10 the Bible addresses the earth’s first monarch, the mighty Nimrod, who founded the city of Babel. He had visions of a new and powerful centralized government, and he built himself a lofty tower to consolidate that vain and dangerous vision. Nebuchadnezzar, chronicled in the book of Daniel, brought Babylon (Babel) to the height of its glory and envisioned extending its influence and power throughout the known world. Then came the Medes and Persians led by Cyrus, who also sought a new, glorious government not yet achieved by mankind. Centuries later, Alexander the Great rapidly subjugated huge territories for Greece. After his short-lived reign and early death, his expansive empire soon was divided and conquered by the Romans. Their Caesars then began implementing their unique version of utopia called “Pax Romana” — or Roman Peace, but this empire also met an tragic demise.

The Bible uses history’s greatest failure of a global power grab to make an unforgettable point. Of all the world leaders mentioned and have come through history, none came closer to realizing a golden, united world empire than Nebuchadnezzar. God came to this king in a dream, giving him an amazing vision of the future (Daniel 2). But all of this doom and gloom has a purpose. At the end of the vision, God reveals “the rest of the story.” Humanity’s state of existence doesn’t end in a state of confusion, always to be frustrated in futile attempts for utopia. In fact, it “ends” with a grand, glorious, and revolutionary transformation — a rebirth, if you will. In Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, a gigantic heavenly stone breaks into the scene, striking the image on its feet. Then suddenly, the statue completely and violently dissolves into dust. God Himself takes the stage as the entire human system of government and religion on earth is brought to a quick end. So now that we know it’s must a matter of time, what exactly will our heavenly home be like?

Fortunately, the Bible gives us several passages of scripture that provide some fascinating insights into the heaven that’s to come. God wants us to know the real “utopia” and that it’s better and more fulfilling than anything we’ve ever known. An important aspect of this utopian new world order will be the biosphere of heaven: its life-cycle will be eternal, not one cursed with decay and death of this sin-infected world. The Creation story makes it clear that all of those negative biological processes entered our world as a result of catastrophic sin (Genesis 3:17-19). You see, a perfect world would be pure misery for anyone whose heart was not converted — who didn’t learn on earth to love what God loves. If you don’t turn away from the things that cause Him grief now what makes you think you will want to please Him in heaven? The Judgment Day will not be a time when God confers a sentence on hapless victims. God honors our choices and is not a tyrant. Never has been, and never will.

### Events at TPMC

- March 10 — Highest Praise in Concert (6 p.m.)
- March 14-16 — Spring Revival (6:45 p.m. nightly)
- March 18 — Pastor Appreciation Day (3:30 p.m.)
- March 30 — Communion (6:30 p.m.)
- April 21 — Youth Vesper (TBA)
- April 28 — Youth Rally (3:30 p.m.)

## ‘Highest Praise’ gives Concert

**H**ighest Praise ensemble gave praises unto God once again hosting their third musical concert, March 10. Spearheaded by Brother Kwayera Franklin, the ensemble consisting of teens and young adults from Turning Point Mission Center rendered several selections from old school New Jersey Mass Choir, ‘I Will Sing Hallelujah’ to new school ‘One Thing’ by Marvin Sapp.

New additions to the group include Brother Michael Kennedy, Jr. and Brother Steven Blevins. The concert was in support of the Pastor’s Aide organization of Turning Point Mission Center. Proceeds from this concert went to this department. DVDs are now on sale. Go to the church’s website for further details.

## Community youth, church honor black heritage at TPMC

**T**urning Point Mission Center weekly community youth bible study students joined the church in honoring black pioneers in areas of science, sports, entertainment, arts, education, business and reflections of those mentioned in the Word of God, Tuesday, February 27.

Poetry expressions and dramatizations also were highlights of the black history celebration. A moment in history was also offered by Mother Helen D. Rushing as students learned lessons of life as an African-American throughout our history.

Skits from the junior class and readings from the primary and teen classes provided information about some of America’s most noted and prominent black leaders in politics and government.

The program was hosted by the education department of Turning Point Mission Center. The community youth study consists of young people who show interest in learning the fundamentals of God’s Word in various areas where Turning Point Mission Center has ministered through youth rallies. The community youth bible study meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

## Prayer: Ask, it shall be given you

**C**hrist declared, “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh

receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?”

O what amazing love and condescension! The Lord Jesus encourages His believing ones to ask for the Holy Spirit. By presenting the parental tenderness of God, He seeks to encourage faith in the reception of the gift. The heavenly Parent is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children.

The greatness of the gift and our need of it should fill us with a hungering desire for it. Have we reason to believe that an earnest application to the Source of all power for the deep moving of the Holy Spirit upon hearts will be crowned with success? Certainly; but before we talk to others in regard to this, let us first talk with God. Plead with Him as if your life was depending upon the gift you desire. Remember that the blessing is promised unconditionally, absolutely, certainly. If you ask in faith, presenting the name of God’s Son as your indorsement, your prayer will be heard and answered. God’s goodness makes this promise unchangeable. The infallibility of the promise is to inspire faith in the one who asks. “Ask, and ye shall receive.”

## From the Pastor’s Desk *Inspirational Thought:* ‘The Mystery of Godliness’

**H**e that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Romans 8:32

Before this wonderful, priceless gift was bestowed, the whole heavenly universe was mightily stirred in an effort to understand God’s unfathomable love, stirred to awaken in human hearts a gratitude proportionate to the value of the gift. Shall we for whom Christ has given His life, halt between two opinions? Shall we give God only a mite of the powers of our nature? Shall we return only a part of the capabilities and powers lent us by God? Can we do this while we know that He who was Commander of all heaven..., realizing the helplessness of the human race, came to this earth in human nature to make it possible for us to unite our humanity to His divinity?

He became poor that we might come into possession of the heavenly treasure, a far more exceeding and

eternal weight of glory. To rescue the fallen race, He descended from one humiliation to another, until He, the divine-human suffering Christ, was uplifted on the cross, to draw all men unto Him. The Son of God could not have shown greater condescension than He did; He could not have stooped lower.

This is the mystery of godliness, the mystery which has inspired heavenly agencies so to minister through fallen humanity that in the world an interest will be aroused in the plan of salvation. This is the mystery that has stirred all heaven to unite with man in carrying out God's great plan for the salvation of a ruined world, that men and women may be led, by the signs in the heavens and in the earth, to prepare for the second coming of our Lord...

As the Head of the church Christ is authoritatively calling upon every person who claims to believe on Him to follow His example of self-denial and self-sacrifice.... They are called upon to rally without delay under the blood-stained banner of Christ Jesus. Withholding nothing, they are to make an entire offering for the attainment of eternal, measureless results --- the salvation of souls.

— From That I May Know Him, pg. 81

## Healthy Living Water & Weight Loss

**D**rink 8 glasses of water each day” is what we hear all the time, but what weight loss benefits do we really get from drinking water?

All functions within the body require the presence of water. A well-hydrated body enables these functions to occur quickly and efficiently. All chemical processes involve energy metabolism and drinking plenty of water will make us feel more energetic and boost our metabolic rate. Are you still wondering what does this have to do with weight loss?

Okay, here it is.

*Water makes your metabolism burn calories 3 percent faster.* Drinking water is important if you're trying to lose weight. Some studies have shown that thirst and hunger sensations are triggered together. If there is a slight dehydration, the thirst mechanism may be mistaken for hunger and one may eat when the body is actually thirsty. As most food contain some water, if one doesn't drink much, they may be subconsciously driven to eat more to gain the necessary water supply, and you

also gain the undesired effects of increased calorie consumption.

*Don't like drinking pure water?*

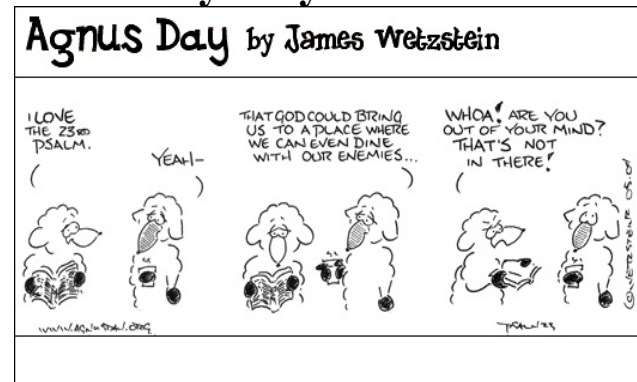
Gaining water from eating fruit high in water content is a great way to boost water consumption without drinking it directly. Fruit will also help fill up the stomach with low calories and gain tons of vitamins, minerals and more to increase vitality. In fact, any food high in water content can boost water consumption.

Here are a list of benefits of drinking water:

- REGULATE APPETITE
- LESS WATER RETENTION
- HELP CURE SOME HEADACHES
- HELP BLOOD PRESSURE/CHOLESTEROL
- EASE JOINT PAIN
- DECREASE RISK IN SOME CANCERS
- RELEASE TOXIC WASTE PRODUCTS
- IMPROVES SKIN

So drink up! Water is not only good for you, it can be good to you.

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## Ministry For You

‘A Smile A Day Keeps Old Satan Away’

**H**ave you ever wondered why so many people are walking around in the church with vexed and sad faces? Has it ever occurred to you that maybe they haven't smiled lately?

What is the purpose of a smile? What can a smile do? A smile can let people know they are welcome. A smile can express happiness and joy. A smile can even express unbelief (Genesis 18:10-12). Smiling can also express agreement. Who knows who needs a smile?

To smile at someone is one of the simplest and easiest weapons against the devil that God has empowered every one of us with. It is one of those ministries that you don't have to fast and pray about to make sure you're not misusing it. It always comes in handy and is always needed.

Thank God for the ministry of smiling. You can be rest assured that it is a gift of the Spirit because it yields fruit of love, kindness, gentleness, peace, temperance, meekness, joy, patience and faith.

Know that you express faith that your smile is going to bless someone that you never knew needed a smile from someone because Satan reared his ugly head and was about to convince them to give up, and seeing someone finding something to smile about made that person want to go on a little further.

A smile can minister to you as well. Just as you are looking at yourself in the mirror and Satan shows you all of the despair, cruelty, and failures in life, you can smile and see God showing Himself strong because, guess what? He chose YOU!!! Satan's powers have to flee when God lifts up a standard [of smiling] against him (Isaiah 59:19). So, when all else fails, smile. Minister to someone today.

## Editorial

### *Beware of the Leprechaun*

*Col. 2:8 — "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."*

**A**merica is a country whose culture is steep in mythical holidays and celebrations that have minuscule foundations on God's Word.

As many Americans, including Christians, celebrate St. Patrick's Day, many are celebrating in ignorance as to how and why this celebration is and came to be, and if, at all it is of any glory to God (1 Corinthians 6:20).

St. Patrick's Day honors the patron saint Patrick of Ireland. In Ireland, this holiday celebrates the conversion of the Irish, whose primary religion is Catholicism to Christianity. In the native land, businesses are closed and many attend church to learn more about this saint. How odd is this that these religious people are celebrating Christianity, but go to church to reverence a man named Patrick?

Celebrations, parades and the like take the focus of any one person who they believe is deserving of sainthood and is placed on self-gratification. But not only

are the outside expressions of this holiday questionable, but the symbols are also something to be in question.

The idea of the leprechaun is derived from the Irish word meaning shoemaker, although its origins may lie in the Irish word for pygmy. These little men are noted for being intoxicated and being self-appointed guardians of ancient treasure, burying it in crocks or pots. The legend goes that leprechauns shy away from humans because they regard them as foolish and greedy, attempting to steal the treasure they are to guard. Leprechauns are considered as genies who grant immense wealth if they are captured by humans, carrying magical coins that provide false security in times of trouble.

God's Word warns us about entertaining such witchcraft and dependence on fables. "Neither give heed to fables or endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith..." 1 Timothy 1:4.

The idea of celebrating an intoxicated being who grants "trick" wishes and hordes wealth that he doesn't himself obtain should be ludicrous to the saints of God. These characteristics do in no way exemplify God, but rather the devil, himself. Christians should be mindful of this power of the lawless one and submit to the character and lifestyle after our Savior, the only one to be honored.