

January 4, 2004

To the Church in the Greater Jonesboro area, and all called to be Saints.

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

may peace, faith, hope and love within our Lord Jesus Christ be multiplied.

And in the immortal words of the Apostle Paul:

**Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. - Philippians 2:2**

Most recently our Lord has placed upon my heart several burdens, just one of which is the great ongoing need of donors, for the American Red Cross. I am quite sure you are aware of the great accomplishments this organization has made; not only in our community, but throughout this great nation.

In order to assist this fine organization, in their great need, I propose to you and ask that once again the "Body of Christ" come together. And in love and with like mind, champion this great cause. Not unlike you have done in the past with the Church Health Clinic, with it's great outreach of love to those in need of medical care; with a city wide blood drive now being scheduled for the two weeks prior, and week following the Easter celebration.

Upon presentation to your assemblies, scheduling of specific dates and times can be coordinated through the American Red Cross by contacting them directly. You in effect would be hosting each an independent blood drive, within your own assemblies and surrounding community that you serve. However, I am sure that you can see the much larger picture... the assembly of "the Body" in spirit and like mind; assembled in love and outreach, for the greater or common good.

Together we can save a life, with an outreach of love.

**So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. - Romans 12:5**

I am taking at liberty to enclose a copy of a poster that I have designed that can be duplicated and used if you wish, for promotion within your own congregations and community as well. Any additional questions should be directed to Bob Draper, Donor Recruitment Supervisor, at the American Red Cross. Phone 870-268-1971, Pager 800-644-2383.

**Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. - II Corinthians 13:11**

I remain His servant,

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**Truth.**

Aim at the sun and you may not reach it; but your arrow will fly far higher than if you had aimed at an object on a level with yourself. - F. Hawes

And what a great truth it is. A truth that can not only be applied to our every day lives, but a truth that can be applied or has application within one's self. Strive not for perfection, but for distance. Run the race, fight the good fight. And above all, reach for the stars.

Man as a race, has the capability to obtain that unobtainable goal, if we but would only search within ourselves. If we would but trust in ourselves and God, we would find no obstacle too great, no mountain too high, no star beyond reach.

Strive not to see beauty within perfection, for nothing or none are perfect... only he that is Christ Jesus is perfect and without blemish. But strive to see the beauty that is or within all things created, and marvel at those concepts, truths and ideals that go that full distance; the full distance of arrows flight.

"The Phoenix"