

First Anniversary



This month is the anniversary of our first full year as the Conference on Practical Christianity. What a great first year we've had. Here are some of the accomplishments we have had occur in our first year:

- **July 2006**—Summit meeting in Greeneville, Tennessee, to decide to dissolve the World Federation of Practical Christianity and establish the Conference on Practical Christianity. Vote was unanimous for the action and the Conference on Practical Christianity was moved to go forward.
- Rev. Charles Smith voted as President, Robert Kent appointed as Treasurer, Rev. Marty Copelin appointed as Secretary, Rev. Teny Rule Fisher, Rev. Nancy Smith appointed as Board Members At-Large.
- **August 2006**—Incorporated as non-profit corporation in the State of Kansas.
- **August 2006**—Inauguration of our newsletter logos.
- **September 2006**—Launched our website <http://www.fillmoresunity.com> on the World Wide Web.
- **December 2006**—Historical letter to the membership written by President Rev. Charles Smith explaining the path that led to our present experience and the need to re-organize.
- **January 2007**—Beginning of first fiscal year of the Conference on Practical Christianity.
- **January 2007**—Fillmore Theological College established and incorporated in the State of Kansas as Non-Profit corporation. Rev. Donald Hudson appointed as founding and active Chancellor of FTC.
- **March 2007**—Fillmore Theological College Website <http://www.fillmorecollege.com> launched.
- **March 2007**—Online study program application for Fillmore Theological College launched by Rev. Donald Hudson.
- **May 2007**—Robert Kent commits Lone Wolf Press and prepares to publish non-copyrighted books written by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore.
- **June 2007**—Fillmore Theological College presents first draft of college catalogue for review.
- **June 2007**—Fillmore Theological College awards first full scholarship to **Alexandre Attipoe of Accra Ghana**.
- **July 2007**—Membership drive presented in newsletter, logos.
- Visit our website for even more developments.

Wanted

Submit an article for the newsletter. Limit your subject to about 500 words. Or write a book review. Your peers are always interested in what you are doing at your church. Send it in soon.



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"We fairly sizzle with zeal and enthusiasm to do the work that is ours to do."
Charles and Myrtle Fillmore

Quarterly Reports and Good Standing

One of the most important things we can do for the Internal Revenue Service and our 501 (c) 3 status is to keep good records. It is in line with spiritual law that order and cooperation are important to the well being of the individual, the community and to concerns of rendering unto Caesar. (Wasn't just about the coin).

The IRS allows us freedom from tariff and penalty to do our good work as long as we attend to the requirements and regulations they have presented to us. Non-Profit status is truly not a right but a privilege. We are being blessed with this privilege.

Consequently, we must do what is morally and ethically proper to maintain our relationship with the IRS. Good records keeping involves submission and keeping on file our Quarterly Ministry reports. Ministers and organizations belonging to the Conference on Practical Christianity are obligated to submit reports to the Conference on a quarterly basis. Not doing so places all of the other ministers and ministries in jeopardy of losing their 501 (c) 3 protection.

The consequences of not submitting these reports is becoming a minister or ministry **not** in "Good Standing" with the Conference on Practical Christianity. This means that when the IRS sends the verification of member ministries and ministers those who have not submitted the Quarterly Report will be omitted from the IRS verification list. Getting back on the list would then become a matter between the minister or ministry and the IRS.

It becomes too difficult not to take the time to submit the report. The result is that order and cooperation are upset and the consequences can be far-reaching.

Whether you have activity or not, simply complete the form leaving those things you are not doing blank. If there is a problem we can work together to make it right with the IRS.

Blessings to you. It is affirmed that all things work to the good in God's great world.

News from Fillmore Theological College by Rev. Donald Hudson

Fillmore Theological College is fast becoming a working college on the world wide web. We have sufficient courses on-line for any student to begin their exciting journey to understanding. First and foremost Fillmore Theological College is dedicated to the spiritual growth and development of the individual student. It is in this way that we become an important part of the broadcast of Practical Christianity throughout the world.

There is never a time when we have studied enough. Never a time when we have learned all there is to know. It is our responsibility as thinkers, teachers and doers to continue to broaden our individual spiritual character so as to demonstrate the glorious good of God in everything.

You are encouraged to go on line (www.fillmorecollee.com) to look through the Fillmore Theological College catalogue and to find something to sharpen your skills and to increase your knowledge base. Like a sports competitor we become better at life when we understand the techniques of living and apply them as habit and not as flashes of temporary consciousness.

All of the courses are priced so as to allow everyone to participate in the educational process. You may complete them at your own pace and you can apply them to your life, to teaching others and, if you so choose, to apply your completed courses toward a diploma or degree or to add to your resume if ordination is your path.

The one single application requirement is the desire to be more than you are by becoming more than you are.

"There is in everyone that spirit of fairness which will give every idea a chance to prove itself."

Charles Fillmore

**Conference on Practical Christianity
Membership Application**

Yes, I would like to join or transfer my membership from WFPC to the Conference on Practical Christianity.

Title: Ms. Miss Mrs Reverend Dr. Other _____ Date of Application: _____

Name of Person or Organization: _____

Address #1: _____ Address #2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Day Phone: _____ Eve. Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Membership Classifications and Dues:

General Member \$60.00—Professional Membership (Minister or Licensed Teacher \$95.00—Church or Study Group \$125.00

I am enclosing my dues for Calendar Year 2007 Member Classification: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Note: Dues are payable each January for the coming year. Dues are not prorated and are nonrefundable. At all classifications of membership the member is entitled to full voting privileges (One vote per membership) at all General Membership meetings in addition to all of the rights and privileges listed in the by-laws of the Conference on Practical Christianity.

Mail Membership Application and Funds to: **Mr. Robert Kent, Treasurer**
Conference on Practical Christianity
P.O. Box 1221
Greeneville, TN 37744

Due Now

**Ministers/Organization Quarterly Report
First Quarter 2007**

Thank You

Name of Minister or Organization: _____

Address: _____ City _____ St ___ Zip _____

Board President _____ Phone # of Board President: _____

No of Sunday Services _____ No. of Other Services _____

No of Weddings _____ No of Christenings _____

No of Memorials _____ No of Workshops _____

No of Hospital Visits _____ No of Prayer Meetings _____

You are blessed for all you do.

Is your tithe enclosed with this report? Yes. Amount \$ _____ Thank you. You are appreciated.

Please mail to:

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**THE CONFERENCE ON PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY
FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR FISCAL 2007 THROUGH THE MONTH ENDED
May 2007**

DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUS RECEIPTS	PREVIOUS DISB	RECEIPTS MAY	DISB MAY	RECEIPTS 2007 TO-DATE	DISB 2007 TO-DATE
Beginning Balances						
Dues, Tithes and Fees						
Office rent, utilities, equipment, supplies, and postal charges						
Professional services and fees						
Other						
Petty cash, College Transfer						
Totals						
Ending Balances						

Figures available to members
when receiving
newsletter by U.S. Mail

1. The Conference fiscal year is January through December.
2. The beginning and ending balances on the report agree with those of the bank statements.
3. The ending bank balance includes \$500.00 in funds restricted for the filing of IRS 501 (c) 3 tax exempt status.
- ..4. For the sake of efficiency and economy, the reports of fiscal activity have been condensed and simplified.

Christ in you by Charles Fillmore

--The true light, which guides every man coming into the world, is, and ever has been, in man. Even the outer man was formed and came into existence through it. This is "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27).

www.fillmoresunity.com

If you haven't visited our website lately you might want to discover the new look as well as some additions. We have added a minister's resource page.

Free Unity books by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore are available on line as we add to the library

Whadda ya think?

—If a cow laughed, would milk come out her nose?

—So what's the speed of dark?

—If it's true that we are here to help others, then why exactly are the OTHERS here?

—If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

—Clones are people two.

—If quitters never win, and winners never quit, what fool came up with, "Quit while you're ahead"?

—If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?

New Members . . .

Take the time to invite people to join our organization. We all associate with folks who are Truth students that want to be made aware that we exist for them.

If you are a minister it is important for you to invite your congregation to join. This makes for a tighter relationship in the commonality among our members.

We are an organization designed to grow and all of our efforts so far have lent to the purpose of bringing more and more people to the Truth as we understand it.

Let us know if you have encouraged someone to become a member.

TAKE CHRIST WITH YOU

Frank B. Whitney

Know that Christ is with you this day. He is the Spirit of God dwelling within your breast. He is the presence of light, peace, joy, love, life, and substance within you. Be aware of His presence and know that He goes with you wherever you go. As you develop in spiritual understanding you will be more aware of His presence than you are of your own self. Should you be called on to go into some place of darkness, take Christ with you. Realize that He goes with you as the Spirit of light, illumining the darkness with His presence. He goes with you as wisdom and inspiration.

Take Christ as peace with you this day. If you should be called on to go into some environment of inharmony, take Christ with you; that is, realize that His peaceful presence is with you. Know that inharmony cannot exist where He is. Realize that His presence is ever causing peace to be manifested as a visible representation of Himself and of the very peace of heaven.

Take joy with you wherever you go. Christ as joy abides within you. Let His presence scatter all sorrow and depression. Realize that He puts to flight every belief in depression. In Truth only Christ exists and there is naught but joy. Be aware of His joyful presence and abide in His joy.

Take Christ, divine love, with you. This presence is an antidote to all belief in the power of hate and fear. No hateful or fearful thought can abide in the presence of divine love. Nothing unloving can endure in the presence of Christ.

Take Christ as life, health, and strength with you. Know that He is the life, health, and strength of your own body. Realize that your consciousness of life in Christ is mighty to help you lift others to the consciousness of the presence of the Christ life within them. Know that Christ is your eternal, enduring, never-ending life.

Realize that Christ is your substance. There is no lack in Christ. His presence establishes plenty for you in all your affairs. His presence causes you to serve others, and they compensate you lovingly for your loving service.

When you take Christ with you, when you are aware of His presence, you take with you that which knows no defeat, that which will work good for you, that which will cause you to accomplish whatever you undertake. Take Christ with you into your home, into the presence of friends, into your business, into your play. Wherever you go, there goes Christ.

Source www.unityheritage.org

There was an Indian Chief who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly.

So he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away.

The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in the fall.

When they had all gone and come back, he called them together to describe what they had seen.

The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted.

The second son said no it was covered with green buds and full of promise.

The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen.

The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.

The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen but only one season in the tree's life.

He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season, and that the essence of who they are and the pleasure, joy, and love that come from that life can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up.

If you give up when it is winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, fulfillment of your fall.

Moral:

Do not let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest.

Do not judge life by one difficult season.

Persevere through the difficult patches and better times are sure to come some time.



The Inexhaustible Resource of Spirit is equal to every demand. There is no reality in lack. Abundance is here and now manifest.

Charles Fillmore

John 1:1-4

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

John 1:14

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John's opening echoes Genesis (Gen 1:1), but whereas Genesis refers to the God's activity at the beginning of creation, here we learn of a being who existed before creation took place. In the beginning the Word already was. So we actually start before the beginning, outside of time and space in eternity.

By stating both positively and negatively that the Word is the agent of all creation (1:3), John emphasizes that there were no exceptions: the existence of absolutely all things came by this Word. The universe is incredibly wonderful, so how much more wonderful must be the one upon whose purpose and power it depends. "The builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself" (Heb 3:3).

For John it is the incarnation of the Word that makes sense of all of life. Thus, here at the outset we have the two most fundamental affirmations about Jesus in this Gospel, namely that he himself is the presence of God's own life and light and that he makes this life and light available to human beings. In one profound sentence we have the central assertion of this Gospel concerning the revelation of the Son and the salvation he offers. For John it is the incarnation of the Word that makes sense of all of life.

When we look at this Word become flesh John says we see glory (v. 14). Often in John the "flesh" is that which is natural, powerless and superficial (cf. v. 13). But now the flesh becomes the sphere of the supernatural, the all-powerful, the really real. Matter becomes spirit bearing, and we see the divine glory not through the flesh but precisely in the flesh (Bultmann 1971:63).

It is helpful to distinguish three basic types of sight (cf. Kirk 1932:106 n. 4; Bultmann 1971:608 n. 4), which include (1) physical sight; (2) rational sight, that is, perception through rational thought and inference; and (3) spiritual sight with the "eyes of the heart" (Eph 1:18), that is, perception of the soul that comes through intuition, communion, faith and love, as mediated by the Spirit to those who are willing to do the will of God (Jn 7:17). The second and third types do not necessarily involve visual perceptions, and thus the themes of

vision and knowledge overlap considerably (cf. Dodd 1953:166-68). When Scripture says it is not possible to see God, it is referring to vision in the physical sense, since God is not a physical object. It is possible to see him with the second form of sight (that is, sight in the sense of intellectual perception) for Scripture says truth about God can indeed be inferred from the natural order (for example, Ps 19:1-4; Acts 14:17; Rom 1:19-20). The third form of sight occurs in the context of covenant relationship and love. It includes mystical experiences, such as those experienced by Isaiah (Is 6:1) and John (Rev 4:2-3), but also less visual perceptions.

To Study this in context go to: <http://www.biblegateway.com>

Metaphysics

John 1

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2. The same was in the beginning with God. 3. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

In pure metaphysics there is but one word, the Word of God. This is the original creative Word or thought of Being. It is the "God said" of Genesis. The Greek original refers to it in the 1st chapter of John as the *logos*. The Greek word cannot be adequately translated into English. In the original it denotes wisdom, judgment, power, and in fact all the inherent potentialities of Being. This divine Logos was and always is in God; in fact it is God as creative power. Divine Mind creates under law; that is, spiritual law. Man may get a comprehension of the creative process of Being by analyzing the action of his own mind. First is mind, then the idea in mind of what the act is to be, then the act itself. Thus the Word and the divine process of creating are identical.

Apart from mind nothing can be made. Even man, in his forming and bringing anything into manifestation, uses the same creative process that God used; to the degree that the qualities of the one Mind enter into man's thought in the process his work will be enduring.

The divine idea—the Christ or Word of God—is always everywhere present

Mysteries of John—Charles Fillmore