

Communiqué 3/1/9

Notes from Don Rumbles Teaching 2/22/9 Romans 11:26 – 12:21

11:26 'A Deliverer will come out of Zion'

- Mount Zion- a place where God and people interact
- Christ arising in His people [that would be us]

12:1 'I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.'

- It requires God's mercy for us to do this
- What is our reasonable service?...to present ourselves a living sacrifice
- Pick up your electric chair and follow Jesus
- A cross is formed when my will aligns with His will, His will being the vertical line mine the horizontal
- Our thinking is wrong until we embrace the cross

12:2 'And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.'

- Transformed [metamorphosis] from the inside out
- His will for me is good and well pleasing and perfect – FULL GROWN

12:3 'as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.'

- Think of ourselves according to the measure of faith we have received

12:5 'so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.'

- We are living stones [all different shapes, sizes, etc] not bricks [uniform with the same size and shape]
- Our differences make bodyness [a Rumbleism]

Romans 12:3-8 Functioning in bodyness

Romans 12:9-21 The heart from which we are to function

January Treasurers Report

Undesignated Giving	\$2981
Church Operations	\$945
Deacon's Fund	\$415
Elder's Compensation	\$600
Missions	\$1022
Capital Improvements	\$254

TRANSITION IN MINISTRY TO THE CHILDREN

The people brought children to Jesus, hoping he might touch them. The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus was irate and let them know it: "Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me. These children are the very center of life in the kingdom. Mark this: Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in." Then, gathering the children up in his arms, he laid his hands of blessing on them. [Mark 10:13-16 The Message]

The Lord is directing and confirming that it is time to make a transition in how we minister and relate to our little ones who according to Jesus are the very center of life in the kingdom. It is our desire to be obedient and follow this leading so we are calling for anyone who is impressed by the Holy Spirit to be involved in offering your gifts to the children to let us know. We have for many years relied on a few to do what is a responsibility that all of us share in. We are not looking for Sunday school teachers but for those who feel they may have something to offer in the development and growth of the children.

"Are your ears awake? Listen to the Wind Word, the Spirit blowing through the churches."
[Revelation 3:22 The Message]

During this first week of Lent make a sacred space in your day for the following Scripture.

Sunday 3/1	Mark 1:12-15
Monday 3/2	Matthew 25:34-40
Tuesday 3/3	Isaiah 58:5-9
Wednesday 3/4	Psalms 51
Thursday 3/5	Matthew 7:7-11
Friday 3/6	Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday 3/7	Matthew 5:43-48

In the kingdom of God
We descend into greatness