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Leading the thirsty to living waters is something we do regularly at Craighouse. It involves getting over ourselves in order to pay attention to someone else. It means seeking connection with people who may have different backgrounds, different “worlds,” and different ways of looking at things than we do. It means, therefore, asking questions with a sincere desire to know someone, being authentic, and giving what we have. Sometimes it takes a little story on both sides in order to relate and find common ground in the emotions of life. It takes the opposite of anonymity and getting lost in a crowd. It takes solitude, knowing ourselves, knowing God, and a desire to know other people.

At Mary Craig Ministries we define success, not by numbers, but by whether or not we are doing what God has asked us to do. We look at our obedience, not the results which are up to God anyway. We get out the message of the gospel and help people to grow and be encouraged in their faith. We help people through tough times and teach one another how to laugh, love, and learn.



The power of the Holy Spirit is something I find intriguing. The Holy Spirit moves in creative power, greatness, ability, a working energy, dominion, authority, strength, and the power to give. He is the Spirit of Life and living waters flow out from God to others to refresh, cleanse, and enliven. People who see the Holy Spirit in us can sense this life, this energy, this strength that comes from Him. It is not intoxicating, like the counterfeit. It is invigorating and inviting. It’s probably the main reason people seek us out at Craighouse—because they are thirsty for living waters. They are thirsty for the Holy Spirit.

We started Fall with a busy schedule, as you know. Four weeks into the Strategic Spiritual Warfare course, everyone is hanging in there. It’s getting serious, now, and it’s good people are praying for one another. This course seems to appeal to area pastors, church leaders, ministry leaders, and others who see the need to know the enemy, know the

weapons of our warfare, and know the power of Christ in fullness. I have taught this course in many churches, always with a very positive response.

Rev. Craig will continue teaching the Didache on Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Didache was used by the early Church to train up disciples for Christ. This Bible study is informative, interactive, and fun. We also pray on Tuesday nights for all the emails and prayer requests that come into the ministry.



The Power of Prayer Luncheon showed us that we like to gather around a huge table to share the Word, pray for one another, and worship with the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Rev. Jackie Clanton plans to have another luncheon from noon to 1:00 p.m. **Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**, so please plan to come and bring friends. Jackie inspires all of us!



Friday nights from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. we wind up our series, "Looking for His Appearing: The Comings of the Lord Jesus Christ." We'll turn our attention to preparing for Christ's Coming the end of this month. Then on Friday, October 27, we have a surprise!



**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**, we'll be having one of our famous fellowship dinners. 6:00 p.m. Bring food and a friend for this fun evening and dress like a "Seed Sower," because we're going to focus on the harvest.



On Sundays, Rev. Jim Craig continues his series in Exodus. It's deep, folks, and where can you go for great teaching and worship such as this? After the service we pray for people who have special needs, and we really see God move! It's wonderful to come together in a place where you are known, cared about, and cared for.



For example, T. came last Sunday. Our web manager, Kroy Ellis, had given her a Craighouse card on the street. She called him and he picked her up and brought her to the service. She had trouble seeing, but fortunately, she was in a place of worship where it was okay to walk up close to the screen and read the words and join in. After the service we prayed for her. She is a crack addict and went into deliverance. She opened up some, and so we gave her some food, clothing, a Bible, Bible tracts for her friends, and some Bible story books for her four year old son. I talked with her awhile, and she left a different person. In the least, she could not deny she had seen the power of God

move in her life and found people who met some of her needs and gave her living water for her thirsty soul.

Please join us at Craighouse! We know God will bless you. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Lovingly,



PS If any of you want a CD of the talk given by Dr. Mary Craig to Celebrate Recovery on Breaking Bondages: Finding Freedom, let Pastor Jim or Mary know and we can supply you with them for \$4.00 each.