
JOHNNY JERNIGAN MINISTRIES

Positioning Churches for Unstoppable Growth

Where We Have Been

New Life Assembly of God;
Samson, Alabama

First Assembly of God;
Ashland, Alabama

First Assembly of God;
Luverne, Alabama

First Assembly of God;
Greenville, Alabama

Harvest Assembly of God;
Lakeland, Florida

First Assembly of God;
Panama City Beach, Florida

Where We Are Going

Rowan Christian Assembly;
Salisbury, North Carolina

New Life Church;
Southlake, Texas

First Assembly of God;
Sylacauga, Alabama

First Assembly of God;
Daleville, Alabama

First Assembly of God;
Akron, Ohio

Dear Family, Friends and Ministry Partners,
Hello from the front lines of Johnny Jernigan Ministries. I hope that you are riding the waves of Covid-19 craziness and chaos with the joy of the Lord in your heart. Here is my declaration to you: *"I remain confident of this, We will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." (Psalm 27:13 NIV)* This is our promise and this is our inheritance. What an amazing journey the past five months have been, right? I have started traveling again over the past seven weeks to minister in our churches. What I have seen has brought me both great joy and, deep sorrow. Each week, as I have given invitations to the altar, the altars have been filled. People are coming to faith in Jesus, repenting, renewing their faith in Him and seeking His presence in their lives. I have also observed that in most of our churches, they are more than half empty because of the fear of this virus. Hear me dear friend, I feel deeply that this is a time for a cautious, careful and calculated season to reach out to the people around us. We can observe all guidelines of social distancing and still connect to the culture around us. People are scared of this virus, they are worried about the upcoming election and the riots are bringing such uneasiness to the minds of so many. Everywhere we look, the news is bad. People are looking for hope, they are looking for peace and they are looking for comfort. **They will only find that in the house of God and in the love of our Savior.** That is why I say, we must reach out right now with the message of the cross and the gospel of Jesus. We need to offer people we encounter the hope, the peace and the comfort that only comes from a relationship with Jesus. In every city I have ministered in these past seven weeks, something wonderful is happening. Many are turning to the Lord in this hour. There is an openness in the hearts of people everywhere right now to discuss spiritual matters. We must seize the moment dear friends, not just do business as usual. The Lord will take care of us as His children. No matter what happens in the next three months, we must not be silent. **We *must* launch.** We must also address those around us

carefully, cautiously and in a calculated social distancing way offer the message of life and hope. **We must not allow this season to swallow us...we must swallow this season!**



I Will Not Let This Swallow Me!

(Ezekiel 37:1-10)

The old hymn of the church is ringing in my heart. The words are, *“The King is coming, the King is coming, I just heard the trumpet sounding, and now His face I see, oh the King is coming, the King is coming, praise God, He’s coming for me.”* Do you feel this too? You see dear friends, the bible is filled with people and seasons where they thought their situation would swallow them. **However, faith arose in their hearts, and they swallowed the situation, rather than the situation swallowing them.**

I have the picture above and have held on to it now for many years. It is a picture of a crane that has a frog in its mouth and the crane is trying to swallow the frog. I love this picture. The frog has his head in the mouth of the crane, but the frog reaches around and grabs the frog by the throat as if to say, *“you will not swallow me, not now, not today!”* He has the crane right where he wants him. He has him right between the clutching of his hands and stops the predator from swallowing him. This is one of my favorite pictures. Dear friends, if we are going to triumph in this season, we must live by faith. If we feel like everything is trying to swallow us, we still have the ability to choke our enemies and live.

Consider Ezekiel. In the book of Ezekiel chapter 37, verses 1-10, there is a dialogue between the Spirit of the Lord and Ezekiel. God takes Ezekiel and shows him a valley of very dry dead bones, where life HAD been. God asks Ezekiel a question, ***“can these bones live again?”*** God was looking for just one person to get in agreement with Him that these bones could live again. One can put 1,000 to flight, two can put 10,000 to flight. God was

simply looking for Ezekiel to get in agreement with Him that life could come in this dead situation. ***It is the same question that God is asking the church in America right now.*** The answer is emphatically 100%...YES! Now think with me for a moment. Ezekiel was a seasoned prophet and a strong minister in the house of the Lord. He has seen miracles again and again with his God. However, he was bewildered, confused and unsure of himself when confronted with a need to answer this question. The uncertainty in this situation was trying to swallow the faith and hope of Ezekiel. Ezekiel's answer to the question from the Lord, *"only you alone know."* In other words, I am not sure Lord, only you have the answer. Then, I love what the Spirit of the Lord does next. He tells Ezekiel **exactly** what to say over these dead bones. He tells Ezekiel to prophesy to the bones. God says for Ezekiel to say, *"Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. This is what the sovereign Lord says to these bones. I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin. I will put breath in you"* (verses 4-6) In verse 7, Ezekiel makes an amazing statement. Ezekiel says, *"so I prophesied as I was commanded."* God told Ezekiel what to say over this dead, fearful place that was trying to swallow his hope and his faith. Then, Ezekiel declares what God told him to say over this valley of dry dead bones. Out of sheer obedience and raw determination, Ezekiel began to speak the words he was told to speak over this dead place. He then says, that, *"as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together bone to bone. I looked and tendons and flesh appeared on them, and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them."* **WOW-Wheezer!** Can you even imagine how the faith of Ezekiel began to increase? One moment he is looking over a valley of dead, dry bones. Then, in the next moment as he begins to speak, there is a cracking and convulsion in this valley of bones as tendons and flesh began to cover them. Now he is looking over a valley of "corpses" because the bible tells us *"there was no breath in them."* If Ezekiel would have stopped right here, he would have been half way to a miracle. The half way place is a miserable place. It is half way from life and half way from death. It is half way from light and half way from darkness. It is half way from hope and half way from despair. But look dear friends, faith begins to settle into Ezekiel's heart. Verse 9 tells us, that then the Spirit said to me, *"prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to it, This is what the Sovereign Lord says, Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live."* God again tells Ezekiel **exactly** what to say over the fact that there is no breath in this valley of corpses. Verse 10 says again, *"so I prophesied as I was commanded."* Out of obedience, Ezekiel prophesies a second time. Then verse 10 continues to say, ***"and breath entered them, they came to life and stood up on their feet...a vast army."*** Think with me dear friends, was the vast army in the valley of dry places or in the house of God? They were IN the valley of dry dead places. There are multitudes outside our church walls in the valley of dry dead places and they are simply waiting for someone to come and speak the "word of the Lord" over them. Friends, **the power of life and death are in the tongue.** What the dry dead places in America need right now, is the ongoing prophetic declarations of life and breath from believers all across this land. I am convinced that Ezekiel would have prophesied a third time, a fourth time or a fifth time until life came into this dry dead place. You and I have the power of life in our mouth. The question is, will we look at ABC, CBS, CNN, NBC and FOX networks and only allow them to declare death over America? Will we sit idling while the enemy speaks death over and over across our nation? NO! We must arise

as Ezekiel did, shake off the fear and uncertainty and speak over the dry dead places and say, "Hear The Word Of The Lord!" If God did it then, He can do it again dear friends. May we never allow this season to swallow our faith and confidence in the Lord. May we speak even louder that life can come again into the dry dead places. Oh dear friends, we can do this. Grab the enemy by the throat and say, you will not swallow me today! Everything seems a bit confusing, fearful and uncertain right now. But dear friends, listen to Ezekiel and squeeze the enemy by the throat. Begin to speak words of life and hope and victory and triumph over the dry dead places! Nothing times nothing is nothing, right? May we as the people of God speak over our nation, our communities, our churches and our families and say, "dry bones hear the word of the Lord!" Dear partner and friend, Karen and I will not let this season swallow us, will you? Look up dear friends, God is moving and souls are at stake. Declare life by speaking God's words dear friends, speak life! What was dead can live again. Thank you for sending us each week as your evangelists to continue sharing the message of life and hope in Jesus! Miracles in the dead places are..... just ahead!

Evangelists Johnny and Karen Jernigan
Matthew 11:12



Please pray for our children. Left is move in day at SEU. Abigail begins her junior year at Southeastern University. In addition to her studies, she is active in a leadership role for SEU. She is also a tutor at their tutoring center. Jacob begins his junior year of high school. He serves as chaplain of his class and continues to thrive in baseball as well as a great deal of community service projects around Mobile County. John David is finishing his MBA at SEU and is working with a wealth management company in Mobile. Left is a picture on Karen's

birthday. She enjoyed time with her boys. Thank you for covering our children in prayer.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry! For future contributions, please visit our website at, JohnnyJerniganMinistries.org and...click...donate!

In Ashland, Alabama and again in Lakeland, Florida, we saw 15 people in each church come to the altar of decision. Many were weeping as they called on Jesus to set them free. This ministry exists to see souls come to a saving faith in Jesus and to mobilize churches to reach out to their communities.

In Midland City, Alabama, we saw two people who were baptized in the Holy Spirit. This is significant because both of them had been seeking the infilling of the Holy Spirit for over 25 years! As they began to speak in new tongues, they wept as they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They left rejoicing and expectant for what this new experience will bring to their future life in Christ!

