Today, <u>Jan. 2, 2022</u>, we celebrate 48 years since the founding of this ministry previously known as Denbigh Church of God, now World Outreach Worship Center – since 2000.

- What an incredible journey this has been as we've been on staff for more than 27 years and in the position as lead Pastor for 10 years this month.
- We owe an incredible thanks to the Lord Jesus for raising up this ministry in the Hampton Roads region. We also owe an incredible thanks to the founding pastors, Bob and Dot Collins who led us for 38 years.
- We also owe thanks to the Pastoral staff who are faithful to the Lord and the ministries of WOWC in Advancing the Kingdom.
 - In the last two years we have all experienced challenges and yet, seen the faithfulness of the Lord towards our personal lives as well as the congregation of WOWC.
 - The pastoral staff has spent many hours of meetings in prayer and communication in seeking the will of the Lord for the future of WOWC.

We are looking for a fresh start as we begin 2022 and the future ahead of us.

- Today, we are better known as **Wow Church** among the community.
- We are presenting a new logo to represent WOW Church Faith Family –
 Discipleship that will appear on all the social media and other platforms promoting WOW Center.
- We will retain our website location of www.Wowcenter.org but you will also see a new URL address: www.wowchurchva.org
- We're not changing the name of WOW-Center, just re=branding how we promote
 and advertise the ministry emphasizing Faith- Family Discipleship in moving
 forward to Reach All People Restore the Hurting Discipleship Every
 Believer Into Active Ministry.

We are living in a history-making hour in the earth.

It is a time of great **contending** and yet a time of **birthing** revival, awakening, and reformation!

The Lord wants to take His church out of **Survival** into **Revival**!

<u>Isaiah 60:1-3</u> promises us that in times of great darkness in the earth God will cause His glory to shine upon His people, initiating the greatest harvest the earth has ever seen.

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; BUT THE LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising."

Revival is at hand!

Isaiah 37:3

Hezekiah declared, "for the children are come to birth and there is no strength to bring forth."

This prophecy was given to King Hezekiah, a righteous king who was a reformer of the nation of Judah turning them back to God.

He was faithful to the Lord, yet his city, Jerusalem, had become besieged by the King of Assyria, Sennacherib, and was faced with certain destruction if God didn't intervene. (Much as we face in America today.)

Sennacherib was one of the cruelest conquerors in history, leaving terror in his wake of destruction. It is about him and this time of threats from the enemy that Isaiah wrote: "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that rises up against you in judgment you shall condemn" <u>Isaiah 54:17</u>.

The Rabshakeh Assignment Isa. 36:2-; 2Chron 32

"The King of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh [High ranking Assyrian military officer] to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem with a great army. V.4 – The Rabshakeh said to the King, On what do you rest this trust of yours? V. 7 – If you say to me, we are trusting in the Lord our God, is it not he who removed high places and altars? How can you defeat the great army of Assyria?"

The Rabshakeh was sent to demoralize God's people with his words:

- Trying to get them to give up, lay down their weapons and surrender the city.
- He tried to convince Hezekiah and his leaders that God had forsaken them and would not save them.
- Rabshakeh's name means "chief prince," and represents a demonic assignment against believers, leaders, and even nations today.

He was the voice of Sennacherib, or if you will, the voice of the devil.

- He sought to get into the minds of God's people, tried to define the narrative, beating them down by relentlessly filling the atmosphere with lies.
- Rabshakeh's voice filled the air with accusations against who God is, against the leaders and about the impossibility of their situation.
- He was spreading **poison** through the sound of his voice and trying to get in their heads so that they would be worn down and give up.

Don't let the enemy get in your head!

Today there is a relentless demonic voice that is trying to talk believers out of their divine assignments.

- The voice of the enemy will try to convince you that all your prayers and decrees have been for nothing and that in the end, God will not do what He said.
- The voice of the enemy will try to wear you down with accusations, intimidations & frustrations so that all your strength to birth revival and fulfill your calling is exhausted.
- Rather than being a nation changer, you seek only to survive.
- Is it possible to be pregnant with revival and not have strength to bring it forth?
- Is it possible to be pregnant with your miracle answer and it be aborted or stillborn because you give up or get so distracted with problems that you lose your focus or your faith in God?
- Is it possible to no longer have strength to stand for the destiny of your nation because of the mental exhaustion of contending?

The Decade of Peh

We are living in the **Hebraic year 5782**.

- 80 is the Hebrew word "Peh" which means "MOUTH, SPEECH OR SOUND."
- It represents the voice.
- During this decade the battle is over which voice is controlling the narrative.
- It is imperative we listen for the voice of God.
- Psalms 29:4 declares, "The voice of the Lord is powerful."
 - o His voice always brings victory!
- We must also be aware of what our own voices are saying.
- Are our words aligning with God's voice?
- We need to be alert to the enemy's voice and his bombarding negativity, hopelessness, and fear.

Every day we are assaulted by an antichrist barrage of words.

- The goal of cancel culture is to get believers, prayer warriors, and reformers to back down, break down and surrender.
- The battle over the voice is fueling the battle for our nation.
- In this tipping point moment in history, God's ekklesia must unite to stand against this demonic attack to see righteousness and justice once again established in our land by releasing our voice and God's decree against all the lies of the enemy.

Going From Besiegement to Breakthrough!

Rather than let the Rabshakeh and his poisonous words rob them of their land, Hezekiah set himself to seek the Lord and to pray.

- He encouraged his people with these faith filled words: Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him: With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles." 2 Chronicles 32:7-8.
- We must allow these words to encourage us during these challenging times.

Hezekiah laid the accusations of the enemy on the altar and lifted his voice to God in prayer.

- He also sent for Isaiah the prophet, to get a Word from God for the nation.
- This is the synergy that comes when godly government, prayer, and the prophetic anointing create a dynamic for breakthrough.
- Isaiah told Hezekiah the Lord had heard his prayers; He would defend the city and save their nation!
- He then released a prophetic word of breakthrough that sounded impossible, declaring God would fight for them.
- That night God sent one angel who wiped out 185,000 Assyrians!
- Rabshakeh and Sennacherib both returned to their own country, only to be killed by their own people.
- God fought for Judah!
- <u>Dedicated prayer</u>, <u>powerful prophecy</u>, and <u>anointed decrees</u> shifted the battle and brought heavenly intervention!
- Victory was manifested as God mobilized the angel armies to overthrow the enemy.

We need to position ourselves just as Hezekiah did, setting ourselves to seek the Lord, hear His voice, and put our trust in Him to fight for us, we will see every voice of the accuser struck down, every besiegement destroyed and everything stolen returned in abundance.

- Hezekiah's name means "Jehovah is my strength."
- In this time of contending, God will restore our strength physically, emotionally, and spiritually so we can fulfill our divine assignment.

The Voice of the Lord Shatters the Enemy!

"The Voice of the Lord will shatter the Assyrian (your enemy), with His scepter He will strike him down. Every stroke the Lord lays on the back of the enemy with His punishing rod will be to the music of tambourines and harps as He fights him in battle with the blows of His arm!" (Isaiah 30:3; NIV)

We, as God's people and Reformers must be strong!

Seek the Lord and hear His voice.

Shake off every chain of discouragement and fear,

Resist Rabshakeh's voice from getting in your head,

The voice of the Lord will shatter your enemy!