

Water & Fire e-zine

Water & Fire online magazine has been created as a venue for the discussion and exploration of the theological and philosophical perspectives of the end-time *Church in Philadelphia*, the sixth of seven churches on a 1st-Century mail route. The work of this church is delivery of the message that *the kingdom of heaven is near*, and *those who endure to the end will be saved*. This work is primarily directed at the lost sheep of spiritual Israel. And this journal of spiritual discernment—where mental landscape merge—seeks to broadcast worldwide the good news that *those who endure to the end will be saved*, for this is the gospel that must be taken to all nations before the end of this age will come.

The intention of the editor and publisher of this magazine is to release six editions a year, with supplemental editions appearing as articles and issues warrant. Submission of articles is welcomed by authors who understand the typology taught by the end-time Church in Philadelphia (authors of articles accepted will receive publication credit only). In addition, articles addressing anthropological dispersion theory, especially as developed by Dr. Barry Fell and Mr. Stephen Collins will be considered. And the editorial intention of this magazine is to make publication credit in *Water & Fire* an enhancement to anyone's *vita*.

Jonathan Edwards' typological exegesis is now an idea whose time has arrived. This journal will take typological exegesis beyond anything Edwards could envision.

Who We Are

W*ater & Fire* magazine is the production of *Homer Kizer Ministries*, which began as the work of Homer Kizer during the summer of 2002. When Kizer pulled into the parking lot of Southeastern Illinois College on Thursday of the second full week of January 2002, he felt a strong and sudden need to reexamine and place in print his understanding of the Book of Daniel. He had not before written any theological work although he had been baptized into the Body of Christ for three decades, and had numerous publications.

Applying his training in literary criticism to Holy Scripture, Kizer found that the inspired text didn't say what he had been taught that it said. In fact, he found that the differences were great enough that he ceased fellowshiping with the organization of which he was a member. He began attending the services of a non-denominational Sabbath-keeping fellowship that has since become *The Philadelphia Church — Stonefort* when the fellowship's pastor, Mr. Bob Farr, also began to find in Scripture the understandings Kizer had published in three books (*A Philadelphia Apologetic*; *Rereading Prophecy*; and *Holiness, Righteousness & the New Covenant*) during 2002. Pastor Farr and Professor Kizer formed *Repairing the Breach Ministries* to do the work of evangelism, and *Repairing the Breach Ministries* remains the outreach arm of *The Philadelphia Church — Stonefort*, while *Homer Kizer Ministries* remains the literary arm.

Today, *Homer Kizer Ministries* has grown from a spiritual induction notice to a small but theologically significant work that threatens to topple doctrinal understandings dependent upon historical exegesis. The ministry's mission field is the spiritual cities of the lost sheep of Israel. The ministry gives that which it received gratis. It is supported by those who welcome its teaching into their lives, thereby receiving for themselves the reward of a teacher (Matt 10:40–42). Its finances are independent from *The Philadelphia Church — Stonefort's*.

The Philadelphia Church — Stonefort

Located at the edge of the Shawnee National Forest, the small community of Stonefort, Illinois, named for a nearby pre-European contact stone fortress, has been the home of a Seventh-Day Baptist congregation for a century and a half. When members of that congregation, along with one of its pastors, became convinced that the annual Sabbaths should be observed as well as the weekly Sabbath, these members were joined by disenfranchised members of the former Worldwide Church of God. Together, they formed a non-denominational Sabbath-keeping fellowship that has since become *The Philadelphia Church — Stonefort*, a new work with a unified outreach ministry and worldwide evangelism.

The Philadelphia Church — Stonefort holds weekly Sabbath services, new moon observances, and annual High Sabbath services at 45 White Oak Street, one block south of U.S. Highway 45. In addition, the church sponsors a fall feast site, with services held daily throughout the Feast of Tabernacles and Great Last Day.

Everyone is welcome to attend services. Prior ministerial contact is not required.

For more information about the Church, or to request a Fall Festival brochure, visited the Church's web-site, or write: P.O. Box 123, Stonefort, IL 62987, U.S.A.

The Philadelphia Church — Stonefort's theological positions on issues central to its beliefs are not put forth in a statement of beliefs, but in the archived literature of its outreach ministries. As new and better understandings of Scripture are revealed, essays and articles are added to the archived literature. Thus, similarities and differences between the Church and other Sabbath-keeping organizations can be determined (along with the logic for or against similarities) by reading the Church's literature. And it is this continuously expanding body of literature that forms the core of the Church's evangelical efforts.

It is the sincere desire of Pastor Bob Farr, and of members of the fellowship that interested parties attend Sabbath services when in or passing through Southern Illinois. In addition, if advisory assistance is needed in starting an associated fellowship, please contact Pastor Farr, nor any member of the ministry's outreach team.

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