

AN INTERVIEW WITH PASTOR SHERMAN J. FORT

Well Good morning Pastor. How are you feeling today?

Good morning to you. I'm feeling blessed, happy, and grateful to be alive.

Tell me, what's on your mind and agenda for this morning.

Well, let me see, today is Wednesday, so I'm still reminiscing some about last nights Bible Study at Canaan. We had a great time, but I think I need to slow down some more when I'm teaching and give more time to the tackling of the text we're teaching. Right now we're studying the book of Revelation!

I'm also thinking about meeting a brother from CMBC for a kind of breakfast meeting, my confirmed 9:30am appointment this morning, our Noon-Time Bible study today... you know things like that.

Okay, let me ask you a few questions and see if we can't give people a little insight in to who you are as an individual. Okay, here we go. What's your favorite color?

Blue! It used to be something else, but I really like Sky Blue. It makes me think of heaven, peace, tranquility etc.

What's your favorite food?

*Well I'm changing a little in that area. But, I love me some brown rice (cooked right); broccoli and of yeah... Chicken. I must admit, though I'm more than a little concerned with this "bird flu" sweeping across our nation. I saw in the news a few days ago that Israel was just hit with the lethal form of this virus. And I thank **GOD** we left there before it happened.*

Oh yes, you and several others just came back from Israel. It was your second trip there. We'll have to talk about that some more next time. Back to some personal questions... I would ask what your favorite restaurant is, but all of Canaan knows that answer! It's Houston's. Instead, let me ask you what your favorite activity is.

Hmm, now that's a good question. It all depends. It's a matter of mood, heart, emotion and drive at the time. However, I will say that I really love spending time with Sis. Fort. We were up late the other night in fact, just kind of being silly- I was singing while she was trying to sleep. You know stuff like that. In truth, though- I must say: I am guilty of not spending enough intentional, quality time with my wife and our two daughters.

But I enjoy hanging out with Angie, watching a good basketball game, reading a good book, listening to preaching and of course listening to some really good music.

Okay Pastor, we've got to wrap up this first online interview that will be on our website for a few weeks before the next one comes out. In closing, let me ask: Where do you see Canaan going in the future?"

*What a great question. Can I be honest? Wherever **GOD** takes it. And I don't mean that as some trite, catch all answer. I've simply lived long enough to know I'm not in charge, **GOD** is.*

And He can do what He wants to do, with whom He wants to do it, whenever He wants to do it, to whatever extent He wishes to perform... and He doesn't need my/our permission to get anything done!

*We of course have our Motto, Mission Statement and Ministry Theme. Our Theme this year is: Becoming A Healthy Church: Focused on Faith, Family, Finances and Physical Health. And we are trying to plant two new churches in Queen Creek and Maricopa. We're in the process of trying to complete various additions etc., to our current facility, but in truth I have to say... I don't know what **GOD** is going to do. Let's just trust Him!*

Amen Brother Pastor. Amen. Until next time... Amen.