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Pastor's Brief

A Renewed Mind

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13-14, KJV).



Beloved,

How good and beautiful it is to dwell and commune together in Holy Unity. For God has called us all into “One Body” and “One Baptism,” which is in Christ Jesus, His Son. As such, we give Him all the Glory, Honor, and Praise for Great things He has done for us.

As we enter into this new year, God is calling all of us to a “new stance (posture)” in Him. No longer can we rely on the posture of past events – what was, what has always been, what worked before – but He is calling us to do “A New Thing” in the Kingdom. This requires that we take on a “renewed mindset” and a “new attitude.”

First, we must understand that we are all in this great fellowship together, and with God there is no respect of persons. Whether black or white, male or female, affluent or impoverished, God loves us the same; therefore, His love towards us flows equally abundant to each. We must, therefore, cast off and cast away the thoughts that seek to divide us, creating the big “I” and little “you.” For we all come to Him the same way – a sinner in desperate need of a Savior; At the foot of the cross, the ground is level; that means, the same precious blood that it took to save you is the same precious blood that it took to save me, no more, no less. Thus, we must see one another as God sees us, as precious children to whom Christ was willing to suffer, bleed, and die to redeem us back to God. This is the renewed mindset and the attitude that God requires of all His children, if we are to perform the work of the Kingdom.

Accordingly, we must not allow the enemy to distract us and divide us regarding trivial matters, but must remain steadfast in loving one another, promoting others higher than ourselves, in order to progress the work of the kingdom. There are souls to be saved, families to be rescued and lives waiting to be impacted by the Gospel. This is the charge given to the Body of Christ in the Great Declaration Jesus uttered in His prayer - “*Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven*” (Matthew 6:10). For that reason, let us pursue after “The Higher Calling of God in Christ Jesus;” united by one Spirit, performing the Will of God.

Working Together in Christ,

Pastor Jerry and Alicia Jones

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The Path to Success

Submitted by Dr. Barbara A. Smith



There are many definitions for success in today's culture. For some, success is defined by the number of accomplishments we've made, or the number of possessions we've attained.

But Jesus' definition of success is counter cultural. It has nothing to do with our accomplishments or our possessions -it has everything to do with our character.

Jesus' teaching in Luke 16:10 is primarily about the content of our character. He says that those who are trusted with small things will be entrusted to larger things. Those who are faithful with what they've been given will be given the opportunity to be faithful over more. And those who are dishonest, unfaithful, and untrustworthy will do the same with what they're given.

It's not ultimately important to Jesus whether we are financially successful in life. What's more important is what we do with what we've already been given.

Little acts of faithfulness every day is how our character is shaped over time. The small decisions and the hard decisions are what create us into people of trust and honesty.

If you're asking God for more in life, make sure that you're being faithful with the things He has already given you. Use the resources and opportunities you have to build trust and honesty with other people.

God is looking to use people of character rather than people of success. So pray for God to increase your character and to give you the opportunities to become a person who is faithful and honest in every area of life.

(Taken from YOUVERSIONBIBLE)

QUOTE

Live in faith.

*What may seem like a Series of unfortunate Events may be the first steps to an **amazing journey.***

Author Unknown

How to Keep Calm During Life's Storms (A Faith-Based Guide)

1. Pause and Pray

Before reacting, talk to God.

"Lord, You are in control. I place this situation in Your hands."

Psalm 46:10

2. Shift Your Focus

From the problem-to God's promises.

What you focus on will shape your peace.

Colossians 3:2

3. Breathe in His Peace

Slow your thoughts.

Invite the Holy Spirit to calm your heart.

Philippians 4:7

4. Trust the Process

Storms don't mean God has left you.

Sometimes storms are where He grows you.

Isaiah 43:2

5. Walk by Faith, Not Fear

Choose faith even when you don't understand.

2 Corinthians 5:7

6. Remain Thankful

Gratitude keeps your heart anchored in hope.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Daily Reminder

God is with me;

I choose peace over worry.

-Author Unknown-

Submitted by Sis. Mary Autry



“12 Ways To Be A Blessing To Your Church”

– Kate McVeigh-

-Submitted by Dr. Barbara A. Smith-

1. Do Not Ask What Your Church Can Do for You, but What You Can Do for Your Church
2. Pray Daily for Your Pastor
3. Bless Your Pastor on Special Occasions
4. Get Involved in the Helps Ministry
5. Follow Through With Commitments
6. Submit With Style and Always Smile
7. Recognize the Trap of Familiarity (Note: 1-7 in previous newsletters.)
8. Overcome Offenses

We all know that there is no such thing as a perfect church. The best thing to do is to look for the good things in your church. Be a part of helping, not complaining. Understand that your church will not always be flawless. Look past its flaws and do your part to make your church better!

There are so many silly little reasons why people get offended. They become offended at the most trivial things. For example, one woman told me that she believed God had called her to attend a certain church –but then later she left because the music was too loud!

I asked her, “Why didn’t you just sit in the back or use earplugs, instead of leaving the church that God had called her to attend?” Needless to say, she didn’t have a good answer to that question! She was just doing what most people do – run when they become offended.

Don’t let the devil do that to you. Don’t let him run you out of your church because of an offense. God wants you to walk in victory over offenses. He wants you to live completely free from the hurt and turmoil they can cause.

We find out how to deal with offenses according to the Word. The Bible assures us that offenses will come to us in this life, but it also tells us we can have the victory over them when they do show up. Matthew 8:7 Woe unto the world because of offenses! For it must needs be that offenses come...



HE WILL

The Lord will lead you through all your sufferings. (1Peter 2:21)

Life brings difficulty and hard times.

His grace will help your suffering,

giving you the ability to face hardship, loss and disappointment.

You will have joy because your hope is firmly grounded in His Word.

Continue to stand firm and stay close to the Lord.

His power will give you courage,

His Word will give you wisdom,

You’ll be able to face anything; He will lead you and be with you always.

-Author Unknown-

Black History Facts

Here are just a few Black History facts to highlight the richness of our history. We should strive to learn more about the lesser known Black History facts throughout the year not just for the month of February.



Black leader, educator and diplomat **John Mercer Langston** is known as the first African-American lawyer in Ohio and the first black person to be elected to public office in the United States. Langston became involved with Howard University, an African-American institution, setting up the school's law department in 1868 and later serving as acting president. He ran for the university's presidency in 1875, but was removed from running due to his race.



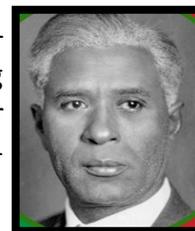
As a doctor, engineer, and NASA astronaut, **Mae Jemison** has always reached for the stars. In 1992, Jemison became the first African American woman to travel in space. She has also written several books and appeared on many television programs including an episode of Star Trek: The Next Generation. In addition to her many awards, Jemison has been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame and the International Space Hall of Fame.



Gabrielle Christina Victoria "Gabby" Douglas is an American artistic gymnast. She was a member of the United States women's national gymnastics team, dubbed the Fierce Five by the media, at the 2012 Summer Olympics, where she won gold medals in the individual all-around and team competitions. Douglas is the first African-American woman in Olympic history to become the individual all-around champion, and the first American gymnast to win gold in both the individual all around and team competitions at the same Olympics.



With only an elementary school education, **Garrett Morgan** began his career as a sewing-machine mechanic. He went on to patent several inventions, including an improved sewing machine and traffic signal, a hair-straightening product, and a respiratory device that would provide the blueprint for World War I gas masks. The inventor died on July 27, 1963, in Cleveland, Ohio.



Henrietta Lacks was an American woman whose cervical cancer cells were the source of the HeLa cell line, research on which contributed to numerous important scientific advances including the development of drugs for numerous ailments, including polio, Parkinson disease, and leukemia. Henrietta herself was unaware that any sample had been taken.

In the 21st century Henrietta's case was an important component in the debate surrounding informed consent from patients for the extraction and use of cells in research.

Source: unitedwaysca.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Coming Up Next Quarter Spring 2026

In this quarter God instructs his people to relate in particular ways to their friends, neighbors, family, governmental structures, and even the structured rhythm of our days. He cares about how we treat our bodies, what we consume, and how we use our time. This quarter contemplates a kingdom perspective regarding our responsibilities, relationships, and communities.

Obligations to Neighbors

The first unit of lessons explores the relationship between God's people and their neighbors inside and outside the church. This unit begins by studying the Israelites' exile in Babylon and looking at Daniel's exercise of faith in a hostile environment. The lesson also considers mental and spiritual health alongside care for our bodies.

Other lessons in this unit teach that Christian love is not simply an intellectual exercise but an intentional action. Jesus' teaching breaks social expectations as he invites his followers to extend their hands to all people, not flinching at anyone who might grasp them in return.

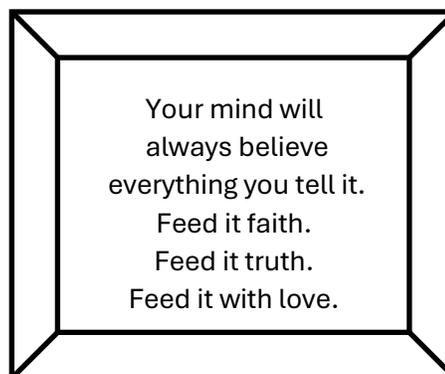
Obligations to Family and Community

The second unit examines the scope of the Christian life from its foundations in Jesus' resurrection to its application in the household. We belong to God through faith in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Therefore, God's way of doing things shapes our households, allegiances, and submission to authority. God values children. They model Christian values and perspective. Jesus asks us to learn from them and diligently instruct them in God's ways. Our households are strong when we love God with the whole of our lives and honor the marriage covenant. God calls his people to implement his commandments and values, which alter our attitudes toward children, our spouses, and governmental structures' power, authority, and prestige.

Obligations to God and Society

The final unit studies the mission of God's people in life and society. The unit launches with the story of the prophet Jonah, whose reluctant evangelism to the people of Nineveh prompts a conversation with God about who is worthy of receiving the good news.

Learners are encouraged to consider how to reach out to neighbors from various cultural backgrounds. **Lessons from Echoes Adult Comprehensive Bible Study Submitted by Mother Veronica Smith, Sunday School Superintendent**



ARE YOU AN ANYBODY ?

This is a story about four people named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**. There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that, because it was, **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have.

Author Unknown

30 THINGS TO STOP HOLDING ONTO

- CLOTHES THAT DON'T FIT
- GIFTS YOU NEVER LIKED
- OLD ELECTRONICS
- SINGLE SOCKS
- STORAGE BOXES OF "MAYBE" ITEMS
- CRAFT SUPPLIES YOU NEVER USE
- BOOKS YOU DIDN'T ENJOY
- CLOTHES THAT "USED TO BE YOUR STYLE"
- BROKEN THINGS "YOU'LL FIX ONE DAY"
- OLD MOBILE PHONES
- SOUVENIRS COLLECTING DUST
- CHARGERS FOR THINGS YOU NO LONGER OWN
- EXPIRED SKINCARE
- RANDOM WIRES & CABLES
- TUPPERWARE WITHOUT LIDS
- FREEBIES AND PROMO ITEMS
- "JUST IN CASE" ITEMS YOU'VE NEVER NEEDED
- UNCOMFORTABLE SHOES
- OLD MAKEUP
- MANUALS YOU CAN FIND ONLINE
- WEDDING FAVOURS FROM SOMEONE ELSE'S WEDDING
- OUTDATED HOME DECOR
- BOXES YOU HAVEN'T UNPACKED IN YEARS
- PHOTOS THAT DON'T BRING JOY
- DECOR YOU DON'T EVEN LIKE ANYMORE
- NOTES FROM SCHOOL/COLLEGE
- BAGS OF MYSTERY STUFF
- DUPLICATES OF EVERYTHING
- FANCY STATIONERY YOU'LL "SAVE FOR LATER"
- THE GUILT FOR LETTING GO — RELEASE IT TOO!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March

8th - Pastor's 20th Anniversary
 21st - General Annual Eldresses Fellowship-Kinston
 28th-29th - District Union

April

Mar 30th - April 4th - United Holy Week Services
 5th - Easter Sunday
 11th - Unity Day- Kinston
 18th - Ministerial Alliance Conf. @ CFA
 24th - Quarterly Conference
 26th - Holy Communion

May

10th - Mothers/Women's Day
 16th - Mid-Year Conference @ CFA
 23rd - Ushers' Banquet @ CFA
 24th - Family and Friends' Day
 25th - Memorial Day
 30th-31st - District Union

The Sharp Sword of Christ

Rev. Tony Evans

In Revelation 2, Jesus introduces Himself to the church in Pergamum as the One who has the sharp two-edged sword coming from His mouth. That is not the soft image of a baby in a manger or a gentle teacher by the sea. That is a warrior King with authority flowing from His words. His Word cuts both ways,. It comforts the obedient, and it convicts the rebellious.

Think about the security scanner at an airport. No matter how carefully something is hidden in a bag, the X-ray machine exposes it. The Word of God works the same way. It slices past excuses, appearances and masks. It does not bend to cultural edicts or soften itself to make us feel comfortable. It exposes the truth.

Pergamum was called the seat of Satan, yet believers there were told that Christ's Word was sharper than any Roman blade. In a city filled with compromise, His Word was their weapon. It still is today.

You will never live as an overcomer if you keep the sword in its sheath. Open the book. Let the Word cut away what does not belong. Let it judge every thought and shape every choice. Scripture is not a suggestion. It is the weapon God placed in your hand. Hold it high. Let it cut deep. Trust the One whose Word is sharper than steel.





Toys for Tots Collection



Christmas Cantata



CFCM Mothers Ministry Officers



YPCL Dr. Martin Luther King Presentation



Elder Joseph Crosby and Bro. Everette Crosby honor their sister, Mother Catherine Smith



Mother Lois Murphy one of speakers at the 4th Annual Harnett County Civil Rights Stories Remembered



Eldress Frances Harvey & Pastor Jerry Jones
Pastor Appreciation



Youth Sunday School Class



Moher Emma McLean and Mothe Veronica Smith



Bro. Tae Bell shares words of



Deacon and Mother Murphy celebrate their 48th
Wedding Anniversary



Bishop J.E. McDowell and Asst to Bishop
Thomas Washington at Annual Conference

Bible Wordsearch

The Lost Sheep

Wordsearch 273

Matt. 18:1-18

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- WILLING
- WITNESSES

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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