



Voices of Christ

Christ Church Ministries Newsletter

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The Holy Ghost (Spirit) and the Word of God



In Genesis we find that it was the Spirit of God and His Word which created all things. In Romans it says "If any man be in Christ, He is a new creation". How does this happen?

It is after the first creative pattern that we become "A New Creation". The Spirit of God (Holy Ghost) and His Word have a central role in the conviction and conversion of the sinner (*John 3:3-8; 16:8-11; Roman 8:1-2; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 12:13; Titus 3:5*).

Go back to the original promise concerning the Holy Spirit's work in the world found in *John 16:8-11*. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would *convict the world in respect of sin*. The Greek word used here for "convict" is *elencho* meaning "confute, refute, reprove." How then did the Holy Spirit "*convict the world in respect of sin?*" He convicted and converted sinners through the preaching of the Word of God (*Acts 2:1-37*). The Apostles' words were the words of the Holy Spirit

Remember it was preaching of the Word that caused the people on the Day of Pentecost to be "*pricked in their heart?*" They *heard* words preached by Peter, who was under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost (*1 Peter 1:12; John 17:20*). The Holy Spirit did not inspire the Apostles with the word of truth on Pentecost and then quit. He continued to work through the word of truth, and does so still today. We are saved and being saved because someone preached the Word of truth to our dying soul.

Reader, if you are waiting for a move of God, it will be through or as a result of the Word of God. The Holy Spirit works on the sinner and the saint today through the Word of truth. The question is, what is your response to the work of the Holy Spirit through the Word of truth? Will you ignore Him (*Nehemiah 9:30*)? Will you harden yourself against Him (*Zechariah 7:12*)? Will you resist Him (*Acts 7:51*)? Or, will you be "*born of the Spirit*" today (*John 3:3-5; Acts 2:38; Acts 10:44-48*)? How you respond to the work of the Holy Spirit through the preached Word of God will determine your eternal destiny (*Acts 13:46-48*).

Bishop Robert A. Baker

Praise the Lord, thank God for His many blessings. Christ Church Altar Ministry Reports: As of August, Twelve souls received the gift of the Holy Ghost and 22 were baptized in Jesus' Name, to God be the glory!!!!

Grace and Peace to the people of God |Part I



As a ministry, we have made great strides this year. Yes, there have been some disappointments, but there also have been victories. Souls are being added to the Church and being saved.

Many are experiencing “a new awakening” of the Power of God. We are thankful for the grace and mercy He gives us every day. Though all have sinned and fall short of God’s glory, his words promise us “we can do all things through Jesus Christ that strengthens us.”

The challenge and calling of every believer today is emphasized in Colossians 3:1. This chapter begins with an IF. If you have been redeemed, accepted God’s gift of salvation then”be risen with Christ.” To be risen with Christ is to be risen to eternal life.

In this verse not only have the Colossian believers been freed from sin, they have also turned to a new life, leaving behind old ways, habits, values, vices, interests, and sins. Seek those things, which are above (Col: 3-2).

These “things” include deeper knowledge of Christ, a closer fellowship with Him, experience of His resurrection power, and victory over sin. The Greek word literally says, “Set your mind on things above.”

The readers are not to be preoccupied with things on this earth, such as legalistic practices (Col 2:16, 21-23), and vices (v. 5); nor are they to dwell on things that are not wrong in themselves (houses, jobs, careers, ambitions, etc.), but can be wrong should they become priorities above Christ.

This passage is to challenge us throughout the year

- Live, as God would have us to.
- Accomplish that which He desires for us.
- Be found in his pure will.

We have a new day before us. God is the God of new beginnings. Let us resolve to commit our ways unto Him, and He will direct our path. Do not fail to start! It takes more power to start a car and get it moving than it does to keep it running.

A car uses less power running than starting. Cars too must start in low gear, after that they move to higher gear, because the motion helps to keep it going. A life in motion helps itself. If it is started right, it is easier to go right. For the lost man, woman, boy, or girl the start begins with believing, receiving, and obeying the Word of God.

Elect Lady Evangelist Patricia Baker

God Gives Us Rest

Cancun, Mexico – June 3 – 10, 2011

As Jesus was the greatest example ever for taking needed rest, I decided that my 60th birthday would be the best time ever to do just that. As I pondered what I wanted to do to celebrate the BIG 60, I decided that I wanted to take some time to rest and reflect. I wanted to go some place that was near the water because I find that to be very relaxing.

The accommodations had to have a balcony with an ocean view with a variety of delicious food and not require all day to get there. This was our first time trying the “all-inclusive” and it was worth every penny.

Well, Cancun was the place to be. We had a great time. Our room was a deluxe ocean view with a large oversized balcony which provided for great reflection during the early morning and late evenings as the sun set. Calm waters from the ocean and the peacefulness of being on your own private balcony provide a sense of tranquility that easily led to a few naps from time to time.

Another means of rest and relaxation included a two hour long water and massage therapy for mom and I on my birthday.

I had a repeat performance just before heading back to “reality.” Between the sauna and food, just being in such a beautiful hotel and city was fantastic. The sights were great and, the Gran Melia Beach Resort and Spa is just the place for peace and relaxation. It had places to relax all throughout the hotel. It also had greenery, a Koi pond, and seven fabulous restaurants from sushi, international, seafood, to Mexican.

Everything was so fresh and appealing to the eyes. We had fruit almost every meal and, mom and I got brave and had mussels and were surprised that they were actually delicious. Breakfast was like no other buffet I have ever experienced – DELIGHTFUL!

Would I do this again? How often did Jesus rest? I can’t catch up with him, but, I truly believe there are significant benefits to planning some “down – time” in all our lives. So, where am I headed to next? I will give it some thought and let you know. Life is too short and God has created so much beauty for us to enjoy. What are you waiting on?! Enjoy God’s creations while spending quiet time with Him. It does not get any better than that!

Sister Joyce Richardson

Youth Summer Trip

On June 23-25, the Young People’s (YP) Auxiliary took our summer trip to Washington, D.C. While there, we spent a day at Six Flags Theme Park in Baltimore, MD, a day visiting Marymount University and the Smithsonian Museums, and a day visiting the Holocaust Museum and taking a tour of the United States Capitol Building. The trip was not only fun and educational, but it was an opportunity for the YP to bond with each other.

In doing room assignments, I intentionally placed them with people they don’t normally associate with and it proved to be a blessing. As young people are sometimes naturally resistant to change, they were somewhat hesitant at first but were encouraged to try it with an open mind. I had the pleasure of witnessing new relationships formed!

Our first outing was a great success and we’re looking forward to continuing in that vein. We would like to thank Pastor Baker for the opportunity to take the trip, the parents that trusted us with their children, and all those that supported our fundraiser efforts to make the trip possible. *Please continue to pray for the Young People’s Auxiliary and support our efforts to enrich the lives of the Young People both spiritually and naturally.*

Sister Rhonda Y. Echols



Prayer

Lord when my world is shaken; help me to remember that You are unshakeable. When I feel weak help me sense Your strength giving me power to rise above my circumstances.

When I am afraid, help me to remember to worship You in the face of fear. When I need to stand strong against overpowering challenges, help me to remember all the great things You have already done for me.

May those memories increase my faith and give me courage to move ahead. May they provoke wholehearted praise for what You are about to do in my life

Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great [things] he hath done for you. 1 Samuel 12:24

Rebecca Lynn Webb's Life Story

Rebecca Lynn Webb was born on Father's Day, June 20, 1971, weighing only 3 pounds, 9 ounces. She was a beautiful baby. Shortly after being released from the hospital a month and a half later, a change began to take place. She gradually became unable to function, not able to eat or to drink, not able to move, to make a sound or anything. Her face grew long; her head became large, and lost practically all body weight, due to not being able to eat and other malfunctions.

After several tests, it was discovered that the soft area in the top of her head had completely closed, causing pressure on her brain. Rebecca's mother was informed of the surgery she would need on her head in order to survive; even then she would remain a vegetable. The surgery would only round up her head and face. The doctor said she would never walk, talk, cry, etc. He explained the use of an electric saw to saw the skull open, removing a portion.

After being admitted to the hospital, she came down with a serious case of pneumonia for approximately two weeks. At her mother's request, she was privileged to take Rebecca home to comfort and to just love and to assure her that everything would be alright, hoping that some way she would feel mama's love and concern for her. After she had her surgery, Dr.

Wooding, her pediatrician, requested her mother not come to the hospital to visit her. Instead, she would receive daily phone calls regarding the baby's progress, and she did. Having also been asked if an institution would be considered to place her, the answer was no!

After having been released from the hospital, Rebecca was laying on the bed as usual. Her mother noticed her sitting up alone; progress had begun!

Rebecca began taking physical therapy at Riverside Hospital in Portsmouth, VA. At the age of two years old, Rebecca was taken to her doctor for an appointment at which time she walked into his office. He could not believe what he saw. He could hardly believe she was walking!!

Rebecca's grave condition is the cause in which I sought the Lord, for there was no other source of help (God has a way).

At the age of 13 years old, Rebecca was admitted to Children's Hospital of the King's Daughter for scoliosis, having been in the vegetative position for so long, her spinal cord curved, causing her rib cage to be pushed out of her right side. Two rods are presently located in her back to support the spine in a normal position.

Not one time has there been a complaint with the back. X-rays have been taken, and good reports were given.

Rebecca's medications consist of only over the counter medications for minor conditions. She has never had a seizure or any such thing. Since being a very small child, Rebecca has taken her place in every church she has attended among the mothers and missionaries. For what reason, I do not know, but God knows. Perhaps she draws spiritual strength from them.

Rebecca loves church, even when she's home, she spends most of her time with her gospel DVD's and behaves herself as if she was at church. She does this until bedtime practically every night.

It was Rebecca's condition that led her mother to Christ.

To God be the glory!!



A Special Poem for Rebecca Lynn Webb

Rebecca, you are very special, incredibly precious, unique and scientifically amazing, regardless of your I.Q. Looks, position, circumstances and despite what anyone may say to the contrary, you are part of a plan, full of potential, a valuable asset and worthy of time, effort and love.

You are my fellow human, my equal, you have been given a chance, an opportunity and happiness, and even longevity lies in using it for the benefit of others.

You are not what you were yesterday, but what you choose to be today and even if that change comes later rather than sooner, it's reason to rejoice, and there is still time to leave a favorable, lasting impression and a positive contribution.

So come love with me, laugh with me, cry with me, heal with me, stand with me, grow with me, build with me, and share with me. You are needed, you are wanted, and you are family.



*Submitted by
The Cracker Barrel Team of Hampton, VA*

A special "Thank You" to Sheryl Newton, General Manager, and the Cracker Barrel Team, for hosting Rebecca's 40th Birthday Celebration.

EXPERIENCING THE ABUNDANCE OF LIFE

God wants us to experience the abundant life, a life full of more, more than adequate, abounding, over sufficient. The common thread of the abundant life is: In all that you do, do it as unto the Lord. Allow all of your life to be as service unto him. This is your ministry.

Ministry can be fulfilling and fun. You see, God gives us the desires of our heart. When you have committed your life to serving him, what you like to do is in line with what he has called you to do. I'm talking about your passion. That thing that you feel so strongly about, that you love.

As you do it, you are creating your circle of influence, ministry. Within your circle of influence are the tools and your assignments. My hobbies are a part of my ministry. Travel is a passion of mine. As I am blessed to travel, I respond to the opportunity to pray for what I encounter as I go from place to place. My interest in travel is to see God's creation, the geography, the land, vegetation, and wildlife.

My travel interests include oceanography, under the sea, the colorful coral and fish. As a certified scuba diver, I encounter ministry as I encourage my fellow divers to respect God's underwater creation.

I encourage you as a person of faith to believe that you can operate in ministry as you pursue the desires of your heart.

For He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

Sister Cheryl A. Turner

I AM HEALED, I AM EMOTIONALLY WHOLE!

I attended the Summer TM Camp July 10-11 and everything from beginning to end was a divine setup by God. I got away from the distractions and I just pursued God like never before. I emptied everything out before Him, even things I had never really talked to God about. In the midst of the pain, it was like God stepped right in, dealt with the root of my issues, and healed/delivered me. He also poured so much Word into me, He's awesome!

God is amazing me with how He's moving in my family. We didn't plan it, but while I was at TM Camp in Ohio, my brother was in Louisiana at another church conference being ministered to and slain by the Holy Ghost. He has finished the first set of classes for ministerial training at his church; he's steadily studying God's Word, witnessing, etc. He also was promoted as Director of Physical Therapy Department for two hospital clinics. Meanwhile, things are improving between me and my mother.

We are in contact more, we say, "I love you," we hug when we see one another - these are all things I never got before until now. It blows my mind because I remember how my brother declared himself a atheist and would try to discourage me in my service to God. Now look at how God has him.

Therefore, I had to stand up and testify in the Sunday morning worship service to let everyone know how good God is - not just in healing me, but also in setting me in a new place. It was also encouraging to see how many people spoke to me after service regarding how they were touched by my testimony and how it related to their struggles. I can now honestly say that I know what it's like for myself to have a renewed mind and spirit, one where I am no longer bound to my past or making decisions out of brokenness. The way that God has just been setting things up in my life since the very beginning- I know His hand is on me and leading me to great things.

Sister Jennifer Dilworth

HE TRULY IS A GOOD GOD!!

I first want to say thank you for allowing me to share my testimony. He truly is a good God!! I believe that everyone has a calling in life, and since I was young, I always knew that I would help people. I did not know how but I knew the Lord would allow me to help people one day. I decided that day was going to be May 24, 2011. Leading up to this day I was starting to feel that I was not representing God to the fullest. I would come to church not feeling well, and often times I wanted to go home because I did not have enough "stamina" to sustain during service and before I knew it, my body and my personality did not match each other. Therefore, with much prayer and support I decided to have the Weight Loss Surgery. Even though there were some rough days, God truly blessed me during the whole procedure.

This was my third attempt going through this weight loss journey. I would go to the initial meeting, talk with the Doctor, but was always stopped at the insurance part of the journey. During this last meeting I went through the whole process but to God be the Glory!! I found out that my insurance from my new job paid 100% of the procedure. Amen!! The day of surgery arrived and naturally I was a bit scared but I knew God was with me, so after all the prayers and hugs from my family I went into surgery and an hour and a half later, I was rolled into the recovery room. I stayed in the hospital overnight and was able to go home the next day looking forward to a new life.

Over the next two weeks, I would experience pain from my incisions, numbness in my legs and a liquid diet. After the initial two weeks, I was supposed to be ready for work up and moving around the Doctor exclaimed, but I still felt sick. I would try and get myself ready to go to work and I couldn't, I couldn't bathe myself, I couldn't dress myself and I was very weak. I started to get sent home from work because I could not function. This feeling lasted for the next couple of weeks. I wasn't eating, I kept vomiting and had constant pain in my stomach and chest. I would get help going to bathroom and then quickly go lay down, I had no energy and I started to weep at night sometimes not thinking I would get any better, but just as the Devil started messing with my mind late one night while I couldn't sleep all I could think about was *Isaiah 53:5* where it says says "**But HE was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed!!!**" So I started saying to myself that I know and believe that I'm healed. So that week I went to a new Dr, who explained that this was all a part of the process and just give it some time and I will feel better.

So with my faith and perseverance I said "I will myself" and with the prayers from the Pastor, Mother Baker and the saints "The prayers of the righteous availeth much" I started to get better, each day I push and pushed until now 7 weeks later I have lost 50lbs and feel good! I can now look back and sing, "**My soul looks back and wonders how I got over**". Never forget the Joy of the Lord is your strength! May God continue to bless you!

Sister Arnetta Green

Woman of God

Woman of God this is dedicated to you
For all that, you are and all that you do
Woman of God I have my
"spiritual" eye on you.

The day when you could have
been home in bed,
You came to church and held a hand,
You prayed for healing power and
strength. Never showing your
own pain on your face.

Woman of God you remain virtuous
while others give away their treasure,
Throwing away their rubies
for worldly pleasure,
Not saying that it is an easy thing to do
and Woman of God I admire you.

You walk with an air of impeccable
style and grace Such royalty I can see
written on your face,
Yet with a humble spirit you attend
to the needs of your fellow men.

Woman of God how did you do it?
You looked the enemy right in the face
Told him straight up you have
no power in this place!

Woman of God you always
remain encouraged
Even when the situation appears to be
bleak your undying
faith in God is what I seek.

You weep in silence,
You stand in the gap of the valleys,
You roar as loud as a lion to ward off
threats to your lambs.

You use discernment in all your ways.
Surely, goodness and mercy will follow
you all of your days.

The Lord God has placed
a halo upon your head.
Your faith and faithfulness combined
With holiness is a cord that
will never come untwined.

Woman of God
Remain encouraged,
Remain steadfast and true
Because other Woman of God like me
are watching and learning from you.

*Written by,
Sister Margarite Bobbs*



CHRIST CHURCH
 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011
 RODEO WRANGLER ROUND UP FOR JESUS YEEE HAWWWW!!!!

HOWDY SAINTS

Another Vacation Bible School has come and gone and if you were not there then you really missed out on a high time with the Lord. Minister Angel Toney and staff did an excellent job. A big thank you kindly goes out to all of those that lent a helping hand at the ranch (Christ Church), to make this year's VBS most memorable.

Just to give you some idea of what it was like on the ranch, every day we would visit the Golden Sharps, where we were fed the Word of God. We were taught that God values us (*Psalms 139:14*), God will be there for you (*1 Peter 5:6-7*), God's 180 plan (*Luke 19:1-10*), God has need of me (*Philippians 2:5*), and God's 24/7 plan (*Psalms 19:13-14*).

Not only did we have food for the soul but we were also fed some good vittles at the corral. We put our skills to work in the room where we made fun arts and crafts projects.

We also visited the Wild Frontier, I do mean wild!!! You never knew what to expect at the Frontier. Here is where we played games with a purpose. One of the challenges we had to face on the Frontier was to imagine what it is like to be out there trying to decide which road to take.

Do you listen to the voice saying, "follow me, I won't lead you wrong," only to find out that you were listening to a false prophet who led you down the wrong path, or do you listen to the voice saying,

come, I will never leave you nor forsake you." This was the voice of a true prophet and your reward was heaven. Sad to say but not everyone made it to heaven.

There was a bunkhouse nearby in case we had any injuries. Being on a ranch you can never be too careful. The sheriff and her posse were always on duty holding everyone to the law of the land.

Again, I would like to say a job well done. We are looking forward to see what next year's VBS has in store for Christ church. God Bless ya!!

*Mrs. G Aka Minister Guliford
 Proud to be a buckaroo!!*





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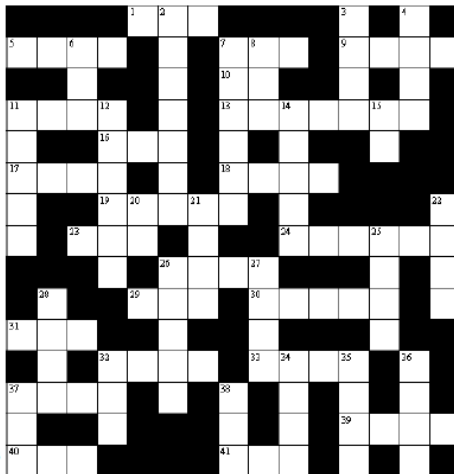


Challenge your mind How well do you know the Bible?

Look for
answers in
CCM Fall
Newsletter

Across

1. "Every ____ of a man is right in his own eyes."
5. This piece of sporting equipment is mentioned only once in the Bible (Isaiah 22:18).
7. Where the Samaritan took the wounded traveler
9. In which book is Peter's sermon at Pentecost found?
10. This man was a king of Egypt.
11. Where did Samson die?
13. Whom did Joab smite with three darts while this man was hanging helpless from a tree?
16. This is the mountain where Aaron was buried.
17. Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "____, ____ , lama sabachthani?" (same word)
18. "Sallu, ____ , Hilkiah and Jedaiah. These were the heads of the priests."
19. What king came to Elisha for aid, and was told to shoot an arrow from the window?
23. For whom was the Sabbath made?
24. What prophet called on the Lord to smite the attacking Syrian army with blindness?
26. Of what element were ovens usually made?
29. What common household animal is not mentioned in the Bible?
30. What tree gave name to a famous hill overlooking Jerusalem?
31. Place where Daniel was thrown
32. Place that Zacchaeus went to see Jesus as He passed by
33. Oldest son of Shem
37. The people of Nazareth, "rose up and thrust Him out of the city, and they led Him to the ____ of the hill."
39. What golden creatures were included with the Ark of God as a trespass offering when it was returned to Israel by the Philistines?
40. One of the two tribes of Israel whose name had only three letters
41. Number of plagues God sent on the Egyptians



15. What king had a bedstead of iron nine cubits long?
20. A town of lower Egypt whose priest's daughter Joseph married
21. With what did Abimelech sow the city of Shechem after he had conquered it?
22. The seventy told Jesus, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your ____."
25. What Esau received from Jacob in exchange for his birthright
26. What animal did Rebekah ride when she went to her wedding?
27. Jesus said His was "easy."
28. "How shall they ____ without a preacher?"
32. How many times a day did the priests burn incense on the altar of incense?
34. Complete the quote, "A living dog is better than a dead ____."
35. Who did Paul tell Timothy to bring with him when he came to Rome?
36. Word in the Bible that means "house" or "habitation"
37. Jesus told the paralytic to "take up his ____ and walk."
38. Martha's sister Mary, ____ at Jesus' feet and heard His Word.

Down

2. The king of this country was responsible for carrying the ten tribes of Israel into captivity.
3. The type of coat Goliath had
4. "There shall come forth a Rod from the ____ of Jesse."
6. Previous name of Bethel; the place where Jacob had the vision of the ladder to Heaven
7. What book has the reference to Abraham as being God's "friend"?
8. The name of the city where king Saul ordered the eighty-five priests and their families killed for helping David
11. Language in which the New Testament was written.
12. Who tore his garment into twelve pieces, and gave Jeroboam ten of them to signify that God would divide the kingdom?
14. The material of which the waterpots were made at the wedding in Cana of Galilee

SAVE THE DATE

Christ Church "Women of Purpose" Fall Retreat

**Theme: Renew, Refresh, Revive
Are You Rapture Ready**

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

Dates: September 23-24, 2011

Location: Crown Plaza Hotel, Williamsburg, VA
Cost: \$100 (includes hotel, dinner, breakfast & lunch)
Sunday Service on Sept 25, 2011 at Christ Church,
Hampton VA

For more information, please contact Christ Church,
Ministries at (757)827-8997 or visit our website at
www.ccam.org

Worship Service Schedule

Sunday: Sunday School – 9:30 am
Morning Worship – 11:15 am

****Every 2nd and 4th Sunday

Children's Church – 11:15 am****

Tuesday: Prayer – 12 noon (2nd & 4th)

Prayer – 7:00 pm (1st & 3rd)

Wednesday: Bible Study – 12 noon,

Christian Living – 7:00 pm

Saturday Prayer – 8 am

Everyone is encouraged to submit writings, church ads, poems,
and testimonies. **Please submit your articles to**
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We invite you to come and fellowship with us

A warm welcome and a loving smile will greet you the moment you walk through the doors.
You will experience anointed worship and hear an inspiring message from our Pastor that will bless you.
We believe you will experience the touch of God's Holy Spirit and power as we worship.