



**Christ Church
Ministries
Newsletter**

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Voices of Christ

Its the Anointing that Destroys the Yoke!!!

Vision Statement

Our vision is to build a body of believers from diverse social and cultural backgrounds, who through a firm grasp of the Word of God, committed to sharing the gospel of restoration and empowerment, ministering to the needs of the Hampton Roads Community.

*Sunday: Sunday School - 9:30am,
Morning Worship - 11:15am*

*****Every 2nd and 4th Sunday
Children's Church - 11:15am*****

*Tuesday: Prayer - 12 noon (1st & 3rd), Prayer
- 7:00pm (2nd & 4th)*

*Wednesday: Bible Study - 12 noon,
Christian Living - 7:00pm*

Saturday: Prayer - 8:00am

Pastor's Message



Baptism: Is Baptism Necessary For Salvation?

1. Jesus placed baptism before salvation, not after it (Mark 16:16). 2. So did Peter (Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21). And Paul (Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12-13; Acts 22:16). 3. Jesus and the apostles inherently linked baptism with faith (Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:26-27; Colossians 2:12). Thus being baptized is simply trusting in God's way of saving you.

Baptism: The Thief On The Cross-Wasn't Baptized!

1. The thief was forgiven under a covenant that ceased at the death of Jesus. Upon His death the First Covenant ended (the Law of Moses) and the Second Covenant was instituted (Hebrews 9:15-17; 10:9-10). 2. The command to be baptized in water to obtain the forgiveness of sins is found following the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:16). 3. Since the death and resurrection of Jesus, all who live, are accountable to the instructions found in the New Covenant. This is a universal covenant for all mankind (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19). 4. Included in this covenant is the command to be immersed in water for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 8:35-38; 10:47-48; 18:8; 22:16; Ephesians 4:5; Colossians 2:12-13; 1 Peter 3:21). 5. Pertaining to the thief, it is purely assumed that he wasn't baptized. He may have been baptized under John's baptism, for he knew about the Kingdom of God (Luke 23:42).

Bishop Robert A. Baker

Special Thank You Message



***Elect Lady Patricia Baker, President Christ Church Women's Auxiliary
&
Founder of "Women of Purpose" Conference***

Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"
Hebrews 11, which is known as "the faith chapter", starts with "Now faith is." It is important to understand that Faith is a NOW" PHENOMENON. Faith is given to us miraculously, by the grace of God, to apply to our lives.

It is God's miracle-working power that leads us to believe His Word, which in turn will lead us to victory.

Faith is based on the fact that Jesus Christ is the foundation that supports us in our daily walk, or the 'Substance'. He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb.13:8) It is your faith that will carry you through 2010. 'Evidence' means 'Confidence'. Faith is being confident of what you are going to achieve based on what you see right now. Rom 4:20 tells us that Abraham upon receiving the promise from God that he would become the father of many nations in his old age, staggered not at God's promises, but was **strong** in faith, giving God the glory. Without confidence, means without faith, and without faith it is impossible to please God. Women of God I encourage each of you from this day forward, to exercise the measure of **faith** God has given each of you, and in doing so harness the power (anointing) from above. Replace fear with faith, faith that is so unwavering that you can ask anything in the Lord's name and He will do it.

I offer my sincere thanks to our "Women of Purpose Conference speakers: Dist. Eld. Palmer, VA State Council, National Evangelist (PAW), Evangelist London, Lady Elect, Evangelist Golden, Greater Emanuel (CGOIC) and Evangelist Watkins-Woods, National Evangelist & Psalmist (PAW).

We believe the Word, Anointing and Power will flow freely, as we bind the forces of Satan, and loose the power of God.

Baptisms Messages

**Praise the Lord for 5 souls
were baptized in April:**

Evyyan Woodard, Willie Simmons,
Wabu Robinson, Anthony Olds, &
Reginald Marshall



A Special Friend

When I rose today, you were on my mind. The
brightness of the day reminded me of you. How
thoughtful you are ever so kind

You are someone very special to me
With a heart of gold
Always ready to lend a hand
To help carry the load
Love has a place in your heart
Dear and softly sweet
You are a friend of friends
And patience that can't be beat

It measure beyond extreme
Nothing can compare
Stay true to your calling
Please don't change, don't you dare

Never shut me out
A person that loves like you
Shows the love of God
And this I love no doubt

Your strength is what I can rely on
Your love so dear and true
Heaven will sing your praises
May life in return be a blessing to you

Sister Jeri Redd

Couples Getting to Know One Another

Hello to all couples, I want to share my experience we had with our selected couple. We were able to learn things about them we never knew before.

We met at Ruby Tuesday's, just sat, and talked. I felt relaxed and comfortable with them. Our conversation was engaging and interesting. Our experience was so rewarding, and we cannot wait to fellowship with our next couple!

Although we are new to the ministry and in this walk, the couple's ministry has been helpful and rewarding; because we are able to discuss things in our lives and truly understanding that the things we are feeling are natural and normal.

We realize that "CHURCH FOLKS" are not that bad. So step outside of your comfort zones and be willing to "link up" with another couple that may be going through the same things.

Sister Tish Lewis

By having faith, anything is possible.

Always trust in God.

Christ Church Newsletter Ministry

Article Submissions

God has empowered us to do His work through the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives. He gives all believers spiritual gifts to enable us to do the task(s) He wants us to do. God's objective is that we be instruments of His grace to other people in specific ways through the use of the gifts He has given (1 Pet. 4:9-11).

Our newsletter will be used to:

- Communicate more effectively with our members
- Energize member
- Use as an outreach tool to bring in new members

Everyone is encouraged to submit writings, church ads, poems, and testimonies
All items are not limited to the above listings, but must be received by the 15th of the previous month to be **approved and used** in the newsletter.

Please submit your article to
m.a.hackney@hotmail.com

EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT AND SPREAD THE WORD!!!

Have you seen the Christ Church Ministries Website? Check out the following link: <http://ccam.org/homepage.html>. There you will find a warm heartfelt welcome from Bishop and First Lady Baker, information about Christ Church, its history, various ministries, and our leadership.

Did you miss a bible study or Sunday morning service? It's OK. You can request a home bible study and make a prayer request on-line. This website is loaded with information including current church events, calendars and our pastor's commentary. Do you want to know more? Just click on the many links on our home page. We have information about our service schedule, on-line audio, directions to the church and ministries connect. What more can you ask for? Check out the website and tell a friend.

Marriage Ministry



Praise the Name of JESUS

The Marriage Ministry is off to a great start this year! We have an outstanding committee that has come together to focus primarily on one goal, to build and strengthen marriages.

Our vision is to help men and women who have committed to the covenant of marriage through teaching, mentoring, counseling and fellowshiping with one another to help maintain a godly relationship through edifying one another in dealing with relationships children in the home, with spouses and relationships outside of the home. Most importantly, we seek to build up marriages in the light of CHRIST. We are looking forward to having good relationships at home, as this causes a domino effect that will lead to having good relationships at church.



This year, thus far we have accomplished all of our planned events. The most recent was the Marriage Adventure 2010, at *Chincoteague Island*; nineteen couples came out and had an enthusiastic and glorious time. We ate, we prayed, and fellowshiped!

Also this year we kicked off Couple2Couple; couples were paired up and try to get together in numerous ways such as, dinner dates, for coffee or simply by chatting on the phone. We encourage this at least three times in a 2-month period, and if couples cannot make the date, just wife to wife or husband to husband will do.

We still have some more events scheduled for the remainder of this year. Keep a watchful eye, we are boldly chasing after GOD, encouraging couples, and strengthening the marriage and the home!

Sister A. Bruce

Usher Board Ministry

The User or Minister of Order is equipped for service by inspiration of the Holy Ghost and is to be effective in building up the body of Christ through executing order before and during service. *Let all things be done decently and in order. 1 Corinthians 14:40.*

Sister L. Hunter

Greeters

Christ Church Greeter's Ministry helps our members and visitors feel the love of God when they enter into our church to worship the Lord. It is our belief that the people of God should not only feel welcomed, they should feel at home, even if it is their first time.



We work to follow the words of the Lord as He said in John 13:35 *"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have loved one to another.* During the months of January and February 2020, we welcome and greet approximately 40 guests who have visited with us either by invitation, internet or phone book search. We believe God for an increase of souls searching for truth throughout the remainder of this year.

Sister D. Harris

Missionary Ministry



We are striving to press on! We have come this far by faith, leaning on the LORD. This has been a year to do what is most pleasing to Christ. We have been going to nursing homes, hospitals and home visits. As we encourage others, we ourselves are encouraged; especially to know that GOD uses us to minister to HIS people.

We thank GOD for our Pastor and First Lady, who instructs and leads in the caring of the saints. Knowing that the work that we are pressed to do, we do it all in love. GOD is love, so we follow the perfect example.

Mother J. Moser

Luke 14:23

And the Lord said unto the servant go out into the highways and hedgers and compel them to come in that my house may be filled.

I learned so much today listening to the testimony of God's people. The Outreach Ministry was trying to encourage God's people but their testimony was encouraging to our ministry. It is important to share with others your testimony of the greatness of God.

The Outreach Ministry goes door to door, praying people would open their doors so we could minister to them. Some were willing to have us reach out to them but others were not. God knows the heart of His people. Keep your Faith in Jesus.

*Outreach Ministry
Missionary Ethel Croft*

Outreach Ministry The Year of Harvesting



We praise God for each one that has contributed to the outreach endeavors in 2009, but that was last year. Philippians 3: 13-14 admonishes us to forget those things, which are behind us, and to reach forward to those things, which are before us.

We are not resting on yesterday, instead we want to improve for harvest time is coming, and we are looking for a mighty move of God in 2010. Bishop Baker has declared that this is the year of souls. What are lost souls?

They are family members, acquaintances, co-workers, neighbors, and complete strangers that have not come to the saving grace of God in accordance to Acts 2:38.

Christ Church has been blessed to meet so many individuals at the point of their need. We've fed them, clothed them, and given to their children; however we realize that the greatest need a person can have is to know the Lord Jesus Christ in the pardon of their sins. We fire baptized believers have been charged and empowered to take the Gospel to all nations.

John 4:35 NIV

Do you not say, "Four months more and then the harvest"? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

The harvest is in our homes, on our jobs, in our neighborhoods, at the shopping stores, sitting next to us in the pews. We're surrounded by harvest. The harvest is ready and waiting on us. This is the year of harvesting.

Elder T. Baker

Out Reach

Every 3rd Sunday Lincoln Park
Outreach Service

June 27 Baptism Celebration Dinner

July 17 Block Party (Street Meeting)

Virginia State Council 75th Anniversary

Holiday Inn Koger Conference
Center

July 6 - 10
Richmond (VA)

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information about
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<http://ccam.org>**

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.