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# Voices of Christ

## Pastor's Message

### Names of God: Jehovah Jireh



In Genesis 22 we find the first compound name of Jehovah. The first part of this name 'Jehovah' means "the Revealing One". It also implies the unchanging eternal God. Because of this name, you can know that just as He desired to meet Abraham's needs, He wants to meet your needs.

The purpose in knowing his name is not to have head knowledge about who God is, but to have a relationship with Him. From chapter 12 through 22, God reveals Himself to Abraham because faith in God requires revelatory knowledge not reason.

In our text, Abraham was about 120 years old and had been walking with God for about 50 years. Now God is giving him a chance to know Him more intimately. The son that had come as a miracle 25 years after the promise was to be offered back to God. Verse 3 says Abraham rose early. He walked by faith not sight and was ready to do what God directed. When a covenant was to be confirmed, the parties would exchange oldest sons. This was the heir and the significance was that all they owned would be given to the other's son. How could Abraham give his son to God – Jehovah – a spirit? He prepared to release his son's spirit.

Notice that in Gen. 22:5, Abraham says, "he and his son would go worship and THEY would return to the servants." That was Faith. He clung to the promises of God that said, "I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth" 13:16. Abraham's words of faith matched his action! According to Hebrews 11:17-19 Abraham could see God raising his son from the ashes. Abraham called the place Jehovah Jireh.

**Jireh** comes from the verb 'to see' verse 14. The eternal changeless God "sees" your need before the need arises and He declares that He is **El Shaddai** (All Sufficient) to meet and to nourish those in need.

*Remember this:* God's pre-vision dictates His pro-vision. Jesus is the perfect provision of God for your every need.

*Bishop Robert A. Baker*

## Mission Statement

Our principle desire is that all men might know Him in the power of the Holy Ghost. We are endeavoring to reach the peninsula and its surrounding communities in obedience to the Lord's command in Mark 16:15, "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"

## Message from Elect Lady Patricia Baker



### Want A Friend, Then Be A Friend Part 1

"The bible tells us in order to have a friend we must first show ourselves to be friend (Proverbs 18:24)." If we were to look back over our lives, I wonder if we could remember the number of people, we considered friends. Perhaps friends could be categorized. There were friends we would bring to our home to meet our parents, and there were friends we kept away. Friend we could describe in various forms. You might have a friend that you can confide in that will never disclose your most intimate thoughts. The best friend any of us could ever have though is Jesus. However, before I continue let me tell you about the different friends one might have.



**Fun Friends**—In every group there has to be someone who will make everyone laugh and keep the mood light. When I think of a fun friend, I think of us riding down the road in a car with the windows down, singing at the top of our lungs and laughing uncontrollably. No, this is not just for teenagers. Every person needs a companion who will always lighten a stressful situation by pulling away and simply having fun.

**Honest Friends**—While the truth often hurts, having a friend who will be honest with you no matter how much you do not want to hear it, is invaluable in your life. No, we do not want someone who is rude and negatively shares his or her opinion. However, each of us needs that person in our life who will know the circumstances we are in and be truthful with us about them.

**Kind and Compassionate Friend**—One of the greatest characteristics Jesus possessed was compassion. We live in a world full of selfish people who are seeking a place for one person only, themselves. Having a friend in your life who you can share your upsets, your broken heart, and your hurt feelings with and knowing they will cry with you through the pain, is truly irreplaceable. They may always lend a listening ear, and you never have to wonder whether they are going to answer the phone, rather you are comforted in the fact that they will always be there. They are the friends that send you encouraging cards in the mail and never forget a special moment in your life. *I will continue this article about friends in our next Newsletter. Perhaps those of you who will read this article will reflect on how many types of friends you have. Keep in mind the bible says, "In order to have friends, we must first show ourselves to be friendly (Proverbs 18:24). I would like each of you to think about what kind of friend you are.*

### Marriage Ministry

The marriage ministry is moving on. In June, we have been enjoying Marriage Sunday School Classes. Pastor has blessed our souls with good information on keeping our marriages on the right path. We started with watching the movie "Fire Proof", and now we are enjoying different facilitators. Topics that we have discussed include sensitivity and respect.

Rescuing your spouse from spiritual danger was also enlightening! The classes has ended, we hope start back up in the fall. I encourage all married couples to come join us on this adventure of *dealing, coping and living real in JESUS!*

*Sister Angie Bruce*

### I am Healed in Jesus Name

I give thanks to my Father who is Christ Jesus my Lord and Savior. The Lord delivered me from three strokes where I could not talk or walk. I felt down and hopeless, but one night the Holy Ghost woke me and led me to Isaiah

53:5-12; "He was bruised for our iniquities and with his stripes, we are healed. No weapon that is formed against me shall prosper. I will keep on holding on to His promise." Pray for me that God will continue to strengthen me. *Sister Patricia Singleton*

### This is my Testimony

I just want to share how God said no to cancer in my life once again. On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, my doctor informed me after a routine visit that he thought the cancer may be back and in my bones. I was caught unaware not expecting to hear cancer again. I was scheduled for a test to find out if the cancer was back. I called on God and the prayer warriors to go before Him once again for healing. I will not say I was not worried but I stretched out on faith and believed God to do it again. On July 9<sup>th</sup>, God did just that, out of the mouth of my doctor the test is negative there is no cancer. I gave God Praise for being God of the encore. Truly, He did it again.

*Sister Marie Warren*

### God's Love

God's Love is like a summer breeze with a burst of sunshine so bright in all of His glory with all of His power and might.

There is a sweet gentle feeling just looking at the clear blue sky feeling so much love and comfort you ask yourself why.

Why do I deserve this? Remembering the things, I've done, thanking back over the long list, yes, doing a lot of wrong.

Sweet and precious, He is to me He whispers, "Come up Here", I'll set you free He never forget to love on me I'm never out of His sight He brings me such joy He made me His Delight.

He filled me with His Holy Spirit He gave me His Holy Name I wear them with a badge of Honor He is Lord of Lords this forever will I proclaim

His Tenderness and Mercy cannot be compared He has a plan that will see me through when trouble comes my way He stands ready to fight for you and me.

I thank Him for His everything even when the teardrops come through He leads and guides the way what He tells me, It is True.

Thank you God for not turning away even when you saw me in sin and if I happen to slip and fall with your perfect love, I can always begin again. ©

*Sister Jeri Redd*



### Graduate Celebration



Join us after church July 25, 2007 for the celebration of Christ Church students who have graduated or received special accolades during the school year. For additional information, see Sister Karen Wilkins.

## For Him Only Christ Church Youth Dancers

There is currently a group of young ladies ranging in age from 5-16 who have chosen to worship the Lord in dance. They have dedicated their time, energy, and body to the work of the Lord.



Dance is an art form loved by many. *Romans 12:1* says “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service” (KJV). Therefore, they have chosen to be obedient to the Word of God and use their bodies to the glory of God.

When asked why do they dance? Here are some of the responses:

“I dance because it’s my life and it helps me praise God.”

“I express to God my gratitude for giving me this gift. It is also a way that I explain to other people what God has done for me.”

“When I dance, it’s like I’m in a whole different world, just me and God.”

“It’s how I express my love for God.”

The members of **For Him Only**, have learned that there are many different types of dance not just praise dance. In addition to learning the choreography to new songs, they also participate in bible studies and a detailed song analysis of each song. This helps them to connect with the song. The rule is if it’s not in the Bible, we don’t dance to it!

**For Him Only** meets for rehearsal every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 9:30am immediately following intercessory prayer.

Sister Brandie Rascoe



### The 2010 Summit “The Reality Show”

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Are you looking for some excitement and fun then join us for The **FREE** 2010 Summit “The Reality Show” Event, which will be held at Christ Church Ministries, 39 Joynes Rd. Hampton, VA. This event is open to everyone.

**Friday Night August 6**, is our Extreme Worship Service at 7pm

**Saturday, August 7**, there will be workshops from 11am-2pm, followed by a barbeque

This is a great opportunity to meet new people and learn about why it is important to understand how the choices we make throughout our lives affects everyone we Love or care for.

### Another side of the “Abundant Life”

*John 10:10* The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. Life Abundantly more than adequate richly supplied, abounding, teeming, plentiful, overflowing, and full of joy.

Saints have you consider attending a live drama performance that brings forth joyful emotions and laughter. Locally we have drama performances at high schools, colleges, churches, community theatres and even Tony award winning performances at larger arenas.

The Lion King is coming to Chrysler Hall in November. Currently, performing on Broadway is Tony awarding winning actors Denzel Washington and Viola Davis in “Fences” Written by African-American playwright, August Wilson (1945-2005).



“Fences” (set in the 50’s) is the story of Troy, an ex Negro League Baseball player. Troy is coping with his failed dreams, through his son Cory, the football athlete, his faithful wife Rose, a churchgoers and his job as a garbage collector. This performance was funny, intriguing and encouraging. Did you know that Denzel Washington’s father, Denzel Washington, Sr. was a Pentecostal preacher?

Sister Cheryl Turner

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

\*\*\*\*Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Children’s Church – 11:15 am\*\*\*\*

**Tuesday:** Prayer – 12 noon (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>),  
Prayer – 7:00 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)

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

*God loves you  
When no one else will*

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**Christ Church Newsletter Ministry**  
Article Submissions

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 1<sup>st</sup> of the each month to be **approved and used** in the newsletter.

Please submit your article to [m.a.hackney@hotmail.com](mailto:m.a.hackney@hotmail.com)  
**or the following Committee Members**  
**Mary Hackney, Angie Bruce, Kathy Wright,  
Sheila Green & Marie Singleton**

**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.