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A DEVOTIONAL **FOR MEN ON THE GO**

RUNNING FULL SPEED TO HIM

"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3, NIV)

Have you ever watched little children around a swimming pool? Whether they can swim or not, you need to watch them very carefully. So many of them have no fear whatsoever. Deep end or shallow end, it doesn't matter. Fearless and not fully aware of the consequences, they jump, confident that everything will turn out okay because Mom and Dad or Grandma and Granddad are there. A simple--but not simpleminded--approach to life.

It's the picture of the complete dependence Christ describes in today's verse, a dependence necessary to enter His Kingdom, to be great in His Kingdom, to be His servants for all the world. A dependence using the knowledge with a simple--not simpleminded approach to life. A dependence using the knowledge, gifts, and abilities-- the wisdom--He has created within us to make decisions that honor Him; -not us. And then announcing, "God, here I come!" knowing He will be there to make sure everything turns out okay.

You may not believe that God stands ready to catch you in His arms. You may not have the benefits of being raised in the secure and loving setting that you are providing for your children or grandchildren. Maybe instead of loving, protecting, and defending you, your parents, and other family members did the exact opposite.

Let me suggest that you find someone to share with, someone you can begin to trust with some of the difficult moments of your life. Someone who by their example gives you a glimpse of the loving nature of the God you can trust to always provide and who wants the very best for you. Start there to catch the view of the God who waits for you. **Start there to develop that eternal relationship with the God you can trust to catch you when you fall or when you jump, yelling, "God, here I come!" AMEN.**

UNCOMMON KEY: *Spend time with children to see their simple approach to life. And then try to adopt that approach in your own life. If things seem too complicated, find someone you can confide in. And pray that God will give you the faith of a little child. AMEN.*

Uncommon Life - Daily Challenge
—Tony Dungy and Nathan Whitaker

A MEDITATION FOR EVERY **MARRIED COUPLE**

HOW TO HANDLE PROBLEMS

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."

(2 Corinthians 10:3, 4)

Problems--we've all got them. How we solve them is based not so much on what we do with them but how we think about them. Here are five possible ways of thinking about our problems.

Curse the problem. This, in essence, means adding negative opinion to negative facts of the situation--in other words, compounding the negativity.

Nurse the problem. Focusing time and attention on the problem itself rather than on its solution.

Rehearse the problem. Replaying the problem until the person is actually thinking about very little other than the problem.

Disperse it. A technique used in tackling scientific problems is to break a problem down into its component parts and then to work at each part until an answer is reached. As the component problems are solved, the big problem is also solved. **This principle holds true for all of life.** One of the most effective things a person can do about what seems to be an overwhelming problem is to attempt to break it down into its smaller component problems and then deal with the smaller issues one at a time.

Reverse it. Seek out the positive. No situation or circumstance is 100 percent bad. There is always some glimmer of hope, some ray of light. Recognize negativity for what it is--a distraction from a positive solution. **Dismiss the negativity. Of course, you do not ignore the problem in hopes that it will go away.** To the contrary! Disposing of the negative thought means facing the problem *and* facing your negative response, making a conscious decision that the negative response is going to do nothing to solve the problem, and in that light, refusing to dwell on the negative and turning instead to the positive. **Only you can reverse the way you feel about a problem.**

Which of the approaches reflects your marriage? AMEN.

After You Say, "I Do" Devotional
—H. Norman Wright



DEVOTIONAL FOR SINGLES

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WEALTHY?

"A rich man's wealth is his strong city."
PROVERBS 18:11

Would you like to be wealthy? What a ridiculous question! Who wouldn't? Most of us think that wealth will solve all our problems. When we are single, we often believe it will attract the right person to us or provide a lifestyle that is free from any responsibility. Perhaps wealth will provide security, and that's what everyone wants. Proverbs affirms this when it says that "the rich man's wealth is his fortress; the ruin of the poor is their poverty" (10:15).

If you have a large savings account, trust fund and multiple IRAs, you feel like the writer of Proverbs--you have a fortress. But look at the complete passage in Proverbs 18:11:

"A rich man's wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall in his own imagination."

According to this passage, the rich only imagine they are secure; their security is only in their dreams. The security of wealth is limited:

"He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf" (11:28).

Wealth buys friends, doesn't it? Sure, we're attracted to wealthy people because we live vicariously through what they have. The book of Proverbs affirms this when it says that "the poor is hated even by his neighbor, but those who love the rich are many" (14:20). It seems that money does buy friends, but are they really friends? Would these so-called friends remain faithful if the wealthy suddenly became poor?

Wealth does more than buy friends, it also ransoms our lives: "The ransom of a man's life is his riches, but the poor hears no rebuke" (13:8). The wealthier you are, the more of a target you are--not just for ransom, but for others hitting you up for something.

We need to remember that when our economy collapses, and it will, all the wealth in the world won't get us out of that mess: "Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death" (11:4).

More wealth does buy power in this world: "The rich rule over the poor and the borrower becomes the lender's slave" (22:7).

But there is another major problem with being wealthy. Your wealth can go to your head. Your money can become your identity, but there is no depth or substance to that identity. "The rich man is wise in his own eyes, but the poor who has understanding sees through him" (28:11). "There is one who pretends to be rich, but has nothing; another pretends; to be poor, but has great wealth" (13:7).

Do you still want to be wealthy? Perhaps, especially when you hear about the ridiculous amounts athletes or movie celebrities are paid. But who do they become from all that fame and fortune?

Before you press on to a life of trying to be rich, you may want to consider something else Proverbs has to say. It's really quite simple: It's better to be a person of integrity than to be wealthy: "Better is the poor who walks in his integrity, than he who is crooked though he is rich" (28:6). "Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than he who is perverse in speech and is a fool" (19:1). "Better is a little with righteousness than great income with injustice" (16:8).

It's better to have reverence for God than to be wealthy and have the trouble wealth can bring when He is not a part of it: "Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and turmoil with it" (15:16).

Finally, it's actually better to live a life of moderation than to be wealthy: "Two things I asked of Thee, do not refuse me before I die; keep deception and lies far from me, give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is my portion, lest I be full and deny Thee and say 'Who is the Lord?' Or lest I be in want and steal, and profane the name of my God" (30:7-9).

So, if you still want to strive to be wealthy, go ahead. But you don't have to. You're already wealthy if you know Jesus. The riches you have in Christ are far better than anything the world has to offer." AMEN.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What are some of the lies that you have believed about wealth? Have you found your identity in something you own rather than who you are in Christ? If so, which of today's verses do you need to apply to your life to have the riches that make you rich in God's eyes?
AMEN.

--Dr. H. Norman Wright, Single Purpose

- TEEN'S CORNER -

GOT QUESTIONS? GOD'S GOT ANSWERS...



QUESTION:

Sometimes, it's tempting to avoid my responsibilities. What should I do?

THE QUICK ANSWER:

Goofing off is contagious. That's why it's important for you to hang out with people who are interested in getting the job done right--and getting it done right now!

GETTING THE WORK DONE

"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me Heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:13-14 NIV

Want to become a more responsible person? You can start by doing your work, by doing it promptly, and by doing it well.

God has created a world in which hard work is rewarded and sloppy work is not. Yet sometimes, you may be tempted to seek ease over excellence, or you are tempted to take shortcuts when God intends that you walk the straight and narrow path.

Today, do the right thing: do your work. Wherever you find yourself--whether at work, home, school, or anyplace in between--give it your best. When you do, you will most certainly win the recognition of your peers. But more importantly, God will bless your efforts and use you in ways that only He can understand. So do your work with focus and dedication. And leave the rest up to God. **AMEN.**

The world does not consider labor a blessing, therefore it flees and hates it, but the pious who fear the Lord labor with a ready and cheerful heart, for they know God's command and they acknowledge His calling.
~~Martin Luther

Ordinary work, which is what most of us do most of the time, is ordained by God every bit as much as is the extraordinary.

~~Elisabeth Elliot

100 Questions Teens Ask with Answers from God's Word
- By Freeman Smith

DEVOTIONAL FOR SENIORS

What Can Kids Teach You About Heaven?

Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:13-14



In her memoirs, First Lady Rosalynn Carter told of some of the odd things she learned about White House history when she was there. One thing she learned was that the children of James A. Garfield would often have pillow fights in the East Room. And Teddy Roosevelt's five kids once took a pony into a second-floor bedroom after riding it up the elevator!

The old saying goes that "kids will be kids." No truer words have been spoken. Children are often loud, rambunctious, overly energetic, and lacking intact and social skills. But while it can be tempting to think that kids today are exceptionally worse than kids in years gone by, the truth is that kids have always been, well, kids!

Keeping that in mind, we see in today's passage how Jesus dealt with kids. These kids were like most others: noisy and probably a bit annoying to those around them. And the disciples didn't want them around Jesus because they thought He was too important to waste His time with kids.

But Jesus said something that was completely unexpected: *"Let the little children come to me...."*

Yes, kids are loud and can drain your energy. But Jesus loves them. Welcome children into your life. Learn from their sense of enthusiasm and curiosity about the attitude Jesus wants you to have toward His Kingdom. Let the little children come!

Prayer Challenge:

Pray that God will give you a heart to spend time with children and learn about His Kingdom through them.

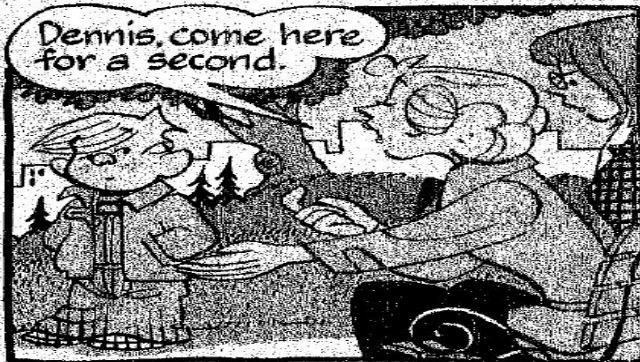
Questions for Thought:

What is your general attitude toward children today? Do you like spending time with them?

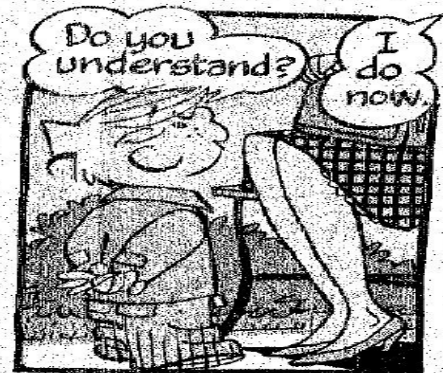
Who are some children in your life today with whom you can make an effort to spend more time and from whom you can learn about God's Kingdom?

~~Senior Living Ministries

DENNIS THE MENACE



BY HANK KETCHAM



(Dennis the Menace cartoon submitted by Sis. Ruth Phillips)



Cowboy vs Congressman

A cowboy named Bud was overseeing his herd in a remote mountainous pasture in Montana when suddenly a brand-new 2015 BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust. The driver, a young man in a Brioni® suit, Gucci® shoes, RayBan® sunglasses and YSL® tie, leaned out the window and asked the cowboy, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?"

Bud looks at the man, who obviously is a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell® notebook computer, connects it to his Apple iPhone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop® and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany.

Within seconds, he receives an email on his Apple iPad® that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL® database through an ODBC connected Excel® spreadsheet with email on his Galaxy S5® and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-color, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet® printer, turns to the cowboy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says Bud (with a smile).

He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the young man stuffs it into the backseat of his car.

Then Bud says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my animal?" The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?"

"You're a Congressman for the U.S. Government", says Bud. "Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?"



Cowboy vs Congressman. . .continued

"No guessing required." answered the cowboy. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of dollars' worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you still don't know noth'n about how working people make a living-or about cows, for that matter. This is a herd of sheep."

"Now give me back my dog."

<http://truthbook.com/stories/funny-good-jokes/cowboy-vs-congressman>

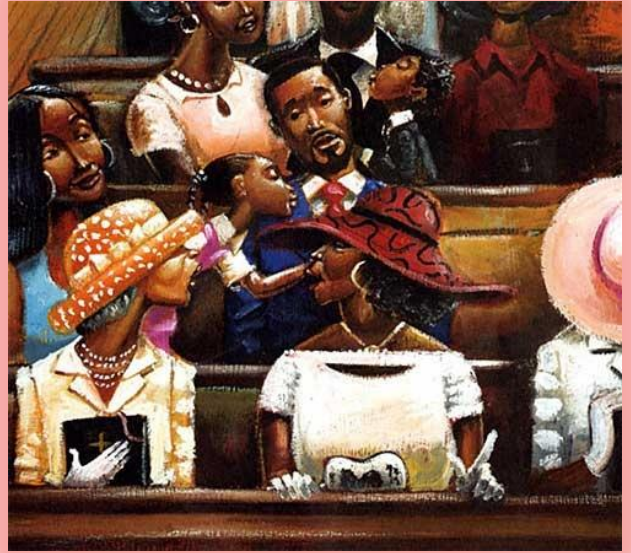
New Church Bloopers...

1. The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
2. Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
3. The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
4. Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
5. A songfest was hell at the Methodist church Wednesday.
6. Remember in prayer the many that are sick of our church and community.
7. The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The Congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
8. Thursday night Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
9. The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David, the sin of Rev. and Mrs. Adams.
10. Tuesday at 4 PM there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
11. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
12. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
13. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
14. Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan who are preparing for the girth of their first child.
15. The Lutheran Men's group will meet at 6 PM. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and dessert will be served for a nominal feel.

http://www.emmitsburg.net/humor/archives/religious/heaven_2.htm#New Church Bloopers...

What is Church Etiquette?

Etiquette is defined as “the customary rules for conduct or behavior in polite society.” Church etiquette is the customary rules for conduct and behavior in a church of God. This information represents what churches typically teach about expected behavior in church. It falls into several broad categories:



Honoring the Sanctuary and Pulpit

- **Rule 1:**

When the Pastor or Minister is speaking from the pulpit there should be no walking or talking during this time. Please refrain if there is not an emergency.

- **Rule 2:**

Children should be taught at young ages that the pulpit is a sacred spot and can never be used as a play area. Adults should not walk in this area unless authorized to do so.

- **Rule 3:**

Enter and Exit As Directed: If you must leave the sanctuary during church service, do not pass in front of the pulpit. Use the side aisles and exits so that you will not disturb others.

- **Rule 4:**

Maintaining Silence before God: During the service, the congregation is expected to actively participate in worship. However, God's house is a place for reverence and worship, not loud and idle conversations (between each other or cell phones).

- **Rule 5:**

Treatment of Church Bibles and Hymnals: Bibles and hymnals that are placed in pews are to be treated with care and respect. They should not be written on or used to dispose of gum. The bindings should be cared for; the spines should be protected. They are the property of the church and should not be taken home by parishioners.

- **Rule 6:**

Treatment of the Communion Table: The Communion table is used for one of two holy ordinances (ceremonies or rites) of the Baptist Church. Ministers and others who are in charge of the Communion service are the only persons permitted to use it. Personal items should never be placed on the Communion table.

- **Rule 7:**

Treatment of the Baptismal Pool: Baptism is the other important ordinance of the Baptist Church. In many churches the baptismal pool is covered and they are typically drained of water until the day of the ceremony. However, some churches have more easily accessible baptismal pools. No one is to ever go into the baptismal pool unless they are permitted to do so by church leadership (typically ministers, deacons or trustees).

Church Etiquette . . . continued

- **Rule 8:**

Treatment of the Pews: Pews are the benches that we sit in on Sundays and for other church services. We should treat them respectfully. The Bible holder compartment is not a trash bin. Please dispose of your trash properly.

- **Rule 9:**

Language that Honors God: Part of your commitment to God is to use language that honors God. Swearing in the sanctuary or any other part of the church is forbidden.

- **Rule 10:**

Enter and Exit as Directed: Typically, you are not supposed to enter or leave the sanctuary during prayers, the reading of the Scripture or the sermon. You are also to remain in church until the closing benediction (final prayer of the service) has been said. Ushers, considered gatekeepers of the church, will remind you of these rules if you arrive late, have left to use the restroom, or have another reason to walk into or out of the sanctuary. Of course, emergencies happen and that is acceptable.

- **Rule 11:**

No Food, Beverages or Chewing Gum in the Sanctuary, except for health reasons or in case of extreme heat: If you must feed your children, please do so before entering the sanctuary, or take them outside of the sanctuary to feed them. Of course, this does not apply to very young babies.

Generally, this is another way of respecting the sanctity of God's house. Use of these items is too casual in church and runs the risk of ruining church property and wasting tithes made to God on repairs that would not otherwise be necessary. While the chewing gum rule is sometimes broken, its use should be kept to a minimum. And gum should always be disposed of properly (not under pews, in Bibles or on other church property). We do understand that chewing gum or having mints as a breath freshener is sometimes necessary, but be discreet.

Honoring the Church Building

- **Rule 1:**

Cleanliness is Next to Godliness: Be certain to keep the church clean as a way to honor God. After church classes or church meals, make certain that all chairs and tables are where they are supposed to be, and throw away all paper in trash bins. Clean up after yourself in the bathroom and cooperate with any other rules of the church sanitation staff. A clean church is a healthy church. A clean church is one of the factors guests use to determine if they will come back for another visit and or even unite with the church.

- **Rule 2:**

Keep the Outside of the Church Building Neat and Clean: The outside of the church reflects the inside of the church. Make certain that trash is picked up, that flowers are tended, and that nothing unsightly mars the look of God's house.

Honoring Christian Displays

- **Rule 1:**

Treat Christian Symbols with Respect: Crosses and other displays around the church building are to be looked at, and respected. We should not use them for anything other than their intended purposes.

- **Rule 2:**

Respect the Ordinances of the Church: Remember that the elements of the Communion service can only be taken by those who have accepted Christ as their personal Savior and have been baptized.

- **Rule 3:**

Respect the Bible: Some of the rules about how the Bible is to be respected have changed over the years. Twenty years ago, people only wrote in their Bibles to record family births and deaths. Now we use our Bibles to study and learn and worship. We should never use them in ways that dishonor God.

Church Etiquette . . . continued

Honoring Each Other:

- Rule 1:

Treat One Another With Kindness: God wants us to be good to one another so, whatever bad mood you had in the car on your way to church, you should greet each other kindly, in God's name, when you meet in church.

- Rule 2:

Row Two Is Not Your Pew:

If you like a particular seat in the sanctuary, then be sure to get there early enough to claim it. It is unreasonable to ask someone to give up a seat that they are in because you normally sit there. (If the seat is very important to you, then you might consider attending often enough that others know that it is your typical seat!)

- Rule 3:

Don't Say Bad Things About God's People: God warns against gossip and backbiting. Our grandmothers recalled this lesson and tried to teach it to us by saying, "*If you can't say something good about someone, don't say anything at all.*" We should try to remember this in all aspects of our lives, but especially in God's house.

Honoring Ourselves

- Rule 1:

Honoring God Honors Us: If we keep God's commandments, and honor the Lord's holy places, then we do honor to ourselves as well.

- Rule 2:

Enjoy The Worship Service: God's house, in the Baptist tradition, is a place to honor God in an evangelical style, where singing, handclapping, vocal praise, and other expressions of being Spirit-filled are expected and accepted.

- Rule 3: **Dress Appropriately:** Many Christian churches have relaxed their rules about dressing for church from the strict adherence to suits and ties for men and boys and dresses and suits for women and girls. The 21st century church recognizes that it is most important for members to be present in worship in a manner that is appropriate and that honors God. To that end, we are expected to wear our very best, whether it is dressy or casual. We should always dress as if we are going to meet someone important (and there is no one more important than God). Not everyone owns a suit or fancy dress. Bring a clean heart and God will do the rest.

<https://www.pgbcyadkinville.org/f/docs/ChurchEtiquette.html>



A STORY TO WARM YOUR HEART

Compassion

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*There is a loftier ambition than merely to stand high in the world. It is to stoop down and lift those around us a little higher.* --Henry Van Dyke



## MORE THAN A HERO

Jan Nations

She was a compliant child. Her cute braids, brown eyes, and sweet smile were perfect touches for her likeable seven-year-old personality. As she waited for the school bus that December morning in 1941, she carried a small, brightly wrapped gift. Glancing at it, she reflected on what was inside. Had she made the right choice?

Her four-mile trip to the small Fredericktown, Missouri, dime store had been both agony and ecstasy. It was such a treat to have money to spend, especially a whole quarter. Even to her father, quarters were scarce. The grueling work in a lead mine yielded too few dollars to support the family and have anything left over. He did painting and wallpapering jobs occasionally, to help people out when they needed him, but the bit of extra income didn't hurt either. Somehow he still found time to do the many fix-up jobs around the small farm, as well. The Depression had brought tougher times than most families had ever seen, and now with war breaking out on December 7, everyone seemed to be reeling from the effects of it all.

But just for that short time in the Ben Franklin ten-cent store, Joan was lost in the wonder. She carefully perused every aisle. . . wanting to select the one item that would mean the most to the little girl who was going to open it. Her small fingers delicately touched a bottle of perfume. She knew it must be exquisite to cost a whole quarter. But she passed it by and next lingered over a necklace that was the most beautiful one she had ever seen. But it was only twenty cents, and the teacher's instructions had been specific—each student's gift should cost a quarter. Finally, she saw it. Her gaze fell upon an incredible ginger-colored glass dish, which held a box of scented bath powder. The lid was adorned with a Bambi-like deer, and she knew the moment she saw it that it was to be her purchase.

How excited she'd been since then, waiting for the day when it would finally be time to take it to school with her for the Christmas gift exchange. And now the day was here! The horrible thought occurred to her that it could get broken on the way to school. Why, oh why, had she chosen something breakable? Just then, the big yellow school bus came roaring down the dirt road, and she climbed aboard with a little help from her older sister, Virginia, who would graduate from high school the next year.

No one thought it strange that the same bus carried students ranging from ages six through eighteen. In fact, Joan was made to feel like one of the crowd—not only by Virginia, but by her friends as well. Virginia had a unique talent for making her younger sisters feel so grown up, and it never occurred to her not to want them around. It was quite a relationship the two of them had—more like best friends than older/younger sisters.

## MORE THAN A HERO . . . . .continued

Virginia and her friends bade Joan farewell as she joined her classmates in a room shared by four grades at Mine La Motte School. Little did she know that this would be a day she would remember the rest of her life.

After the usual exercises of learning, the big moment arrived. Joan could hardly wait to see the look on the face of the girl who would open the gift she had so carefully chosen. One by one, the children's names were called to come up and receive their special gift. Watching the girl's eyes light up and huge smile break out was enough for Joan to know her choice had been well made. She was so glad she hadn't picked the perfume or the necklace!

As the pile of gifts began getting small, Joan wondered when her name might be called. But when the last gift had been distributed and no packages remained, her name had still not been called. She was confused, and later the teacher said something to her privately about a family with many children not being able to bring a gift.

Whatever the reason for her being the only one who didn't get a gift, she knew one thing for sure: She was not going to cry. After all, she told herself, Christmas is not about receiving. It's about the gift of all gifts—the birth of the Baby Jesus. And that gift was for her, too. But it did feel a little strange to be the only person getting on the bus after school who wasn't carrying a Christmas present. She hoped no one would notice.

But she had no sooner sat down by her red-haired sister than Virginia's best friend, Nina Denton, said, "How did your classmate like the gift you brought?" Joan was glad to be able to say that she had loved it, and hoped the conversation would end there. She didn't want her sister's friends to think there was something wrong with her, that she's been the only one who didn't receive a gift. But no such luck!

Nina's handsome male friend, Don Anthony, looked her straight in the eye and said, "Joan, show us the gift you got." Her lower lip quivered ever so slightly, and she prayed no one noticed it as she said, "I didn't get a gift." As she looked into Don Anthony's big brown eyes (and even at seven years old she knew his face was extraordinary) she probably learned the true meaning of the word compassion without even realizing it. Without taking his eyes off her soulful little face he reached into his pocket, pulled out the shiniest quarter she had ever seen, and said, "Here, Joan, you can have anything you want."

She hesitated and looked toward Virginia to see if she should accept this unexpected and most generous gift. Virginia smiled and said, "It's okay. You can take it." Nina, Don, and Virginia all looked at each other with smiles, and knew in their hearts it was going to be a wonderful Christmas for all of them.

None of them knew, of course, the few Christmases Don had left. **He went to war shortly after that and returned three years later in a flag-draped casket.**

**Don Anthony gave two gifts. The one for his country would be the last one he would ever give. But the one to the little girl named Joan is still remembered fifty-four years later.**

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**



**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES  
TO EVERYONE BORN  
IN THE MONTHS OF  
SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER!!!**



**UBC COMMUNICATION CARDS:** Anyone worshipping with us today and “making a decision for Christ” by using one of our UBC Communication Cards found in the pocket of the pews, is encouraged to follow-up your decision TODAY, by contacting REVEREND ALVIN L. WYATT, Minister of Christian Life and Witness at (513) 381-3858. When calling, please leave your name, the spelling of your name, the date and time of your call, and, most importantly, a telephone number where you may be reached. Reverend Wyatt will be in touch with you, as quickly as possible, after receiving your telephone call, as to the next steps regarding your decision(s) for Christ. GOD BLESS YOU.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY:** For the convenience and support of the Union Baptist Church membership and our guests, a Prayer Request Box with Forms is available in the vestibule leading into the Sanctuary. Please feel free to place your Prayer Request(s) in the box at any time. Our Prayer Partners stand ready to pray with you, and for you. Thank you, Intercessory Prayer Ministry Leaders.

**NEED A RIDE TO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR 10:25 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE?** If you are in need of a ride to Church, please call (513) 981-0423 and leave your name and your telephone number. If you are interested in becoming a driver on Sundays, (van/mini bus) please call Deacon Ted Craig at (513) 521-2393. YOU MUST POSSESS A CDL LICENSE TO DRIVE THE MINI BUS. GOD BLESS YOU.

The **Transportation Ministry, Property & Space**, and the **Trustee Board** have been meeting to discuss the possibility of restructuring the Transportation Ministry. Members of Union are asked to please help by completing the survey on page 30. Thank you.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.:** The Tuesday evening Men's Fellowship and Bible study will resume with a new series, **The Jesus Challenge**. Please see Bible study flyer on page 37.      ~~ Pastor Yates

**WEDNESDAY NOON DAY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 AT 12:00 P.M.:** The Wednesday noon day Bible study will resume with a new series, **The Jesus Challenge**. Please see Bible study flyer on page 37.      ~~Pastor Yates

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE WILL ALSO RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.:** The Wednesday evening prayer service and Bible study will also resume with a new series, **The Jesus Challenge**. Please see Bible study flyer on page 37.      ~~ Pastor Yates

**KINGDOM MARRIAGE SEMINAR TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER 2017:** This six-week Fall session class for married couples and singles contemplating marriage will begin on Wednesday, **October 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.** Please see registration form with additional information about the Kingdom Marriage Seminar on page 31 .      ~~ Pastor Yates

## INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 (continued)

### **UNION BAPTIST CHURCH WELCOMES THE 137<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, INC.:**

The 137th Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. will be held on September 4-8, 2017 at the Duke Energy Center. It has been 9 years since this organization has gathered in the State of Ohio. The Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. led by Dr. Jerry Young, President, is the major business meeting of the boards, auxiliaries and member churches of the Convention, and it is held annually in September starting on Labor Day in various cities across the country. This meeting typically draws 20,000 or more delegates. This year's theme: Envisioning the Future Exceptionally. Music, Usher and Praise Dance Ministries citywide have been asked to serve at the National Baptist USA Pre-Convention Musical held in the Cincinnati Convention Center's Grand Ballroom on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. For additional information about the Annual Sessions, please visit the following website: <http://www.nationalbaptist.com>.

**WOMEN'S DAY 2017 CHOIR REHEARSALS:** Rehearsal for the Women's Day Choir are on September 7, 14, and 21, 2017 at 6:30 pm. All women of Union are asked to please participate. ~~ Sis. Ruth Phillips, Director and Bro. Jay Bailey, Minister of Music

**WOMEN'S DAY 2017 ANOUNCEMENTS:** We need all ladies that can and are willing to be part of the Women's Day Choir. Please also have your patrons list, ads, and all funds turned in by **September 10, 2017**. The costs of ads and patrons list are as follows:

Full Page - \$100.00  
Half Page - \$50.00  
Quarter Page - \$25.00  
Business Card 1/8 Page - \$10.00  
Patron List of Name - \$2.00

Please see the Women's Day flyer on page 15 for additional information. ~~ Sis. Toni Marshall

**ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS/SENIOR CITIZENS DAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION:** Rev. Dr. Leonard G. Armstead of Hamilton, Ohio will be the guest minister at the 10:25 a.m. service on **September 10, 2017** for Grandparent / Senior Citizens Day.

**DEACONS MINISTRY:** The Deacons Ministry will meet on Monday, **September 11** and **October 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Page Archives Library. **Please have your monthly Ward Family Reports.** ~~Pastor Yates

**A LIFE BEYOND AMAZING TOUR COMING TO CINCINNATI:** Dr. David Jeremiah is scheduled to be in Cincinnati, Ohio at the US Bank Arena on Tuesday, **September 12, 2017** at 7:00 pm. **Tickets are free** and required for entrance. Please refer to the webpage for more information on this great opportunity. <http://www.davidjeremiah.org/site/events/standup/home.aspx> ~~Bro Jeremy Yates





# **WOMEN'S DAY 2017**

Sis. Toni Marshall, Chairperson

Sis. Denise Harris, Co-Chairperson

## **Women's Day Worship Celebration September 24, 2017 10:25 a.m.**

**Keynote speaker:** Dr. Robin Hindsman-Stacia

## **Women's Day Prayer Brunch**

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Union Baptist Church Hayes Hall at 10:30 a.m.

**Guest speakers:** Sis. Yvonne Fairbanks, Sis. Phyllis Matthews, and Sis. Cheryl Hill

## **Women's Day 2017 Theme**

"Being transformed by the Living water; Lets' journey to the well."

**Scripture:** John 4:9-14

**Colors:** Lavender and Yellow

For our Women's Day events to be a success, we are going to need everyone's help. We are asking that every woman of the Union Baptist family pay an assessment of \$100.00 by September 24, 2017 if not by then by the end of the year. If you are unable to pay \$100.00, please give what God has blessed you to give.

We are also in need of food and money donations for the brunch and reception. Please contact Sis. Toni Marshall for further information.

**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 (continued)**

**THE MUSIC MINISTRY WILL OBSERVE ITS ANNUAL CHOIR MINISTRY DAY ON SUNDAY,**

**OCTOBER 8, 2017:** Please see flyer on page 32. ~~ Bro. Jay Bailey, Minister of Music

**ANNUAL "THINK PINK" SUNDAY ON OCTOBER 8, 2017:** Everyone is asked to wear pink in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Please see flyer on page 23. ~~Sis. Annette I. Bell

**ANNUAL USHERS MINISTRY RECOGNITION DAY WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2017:** Annual Ushers Day will be observed during the 10:25 a.m. worship celebration. ~~ Bro. Charles Harris, Chief Usher

**SARPM WORSHIP CELEBRATION ON OCTOBER 22, 2017:** Please save the date! The Substance Abuse Recovery and Prevention Ministry will have a special worship observance at 10:25 a.m. The theme: "Remaining Humble". Thank you. ~~ Sis. Phyllis Matthews, Ministry Leader and Sis. Yvonne Fairbanks, Co-Ministry Leader.

**FOURTH QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE:** The fourth quarterly church conference will be held on **Friday, October 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** All members are encouraged to attend this important quarterly meeting. ~~ Pastor Yates

**ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HARVEST PARTY ON OCTOBER 31, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.:** All children are encouraged to attend. Please see Rev. Marshall for additional information and to make donations.



Dear Union Baptist Church family,

I just want to thank you for the Graduation Recognition and the gifts! I appreciate you very much. ~~ **Sis. Tiffany Bey**

I thank and praise God for my Church family. Thank you for your prayers. Calls, gifts, cards and visits. If you only knew how my heart sings out, thanking God for your thoughtfulness. *I thank God for every remembrance of you.* (Philippians 1:3)  
~~**Sis. Doris Mack**

To My Union Family:

Thank you for sharing; thank you for caring. Thank you for being there; thank you for being everywhere. Your love helped me to sustain too much grief, misery and pain. The loss of my sister gave my heart a blister. The loss of my dog took me out like a log. My cousin's uncle's funeral I could not attend. God said I got this and my pastor, he did send. Thank you, Union, for all that you do. Keep letting God's love shine in you. ~~**Sis. Kathy Spratley & Family**

Dear Union:

Let me tell you what an incredible privilege it is to serve as your pastor. Each day, I am reminded what a wonderful opportunity it is to know you, to minister to you, and to encourage you. Each week, I am reminded what an incredible responsibility it is for me to bring God's Word to you in a relevant and informative way. Each year you remind me and my family that UBC is a congregation of generous people who love God and the fellowship of the saints. Thank you for the beautiful and spirit-filled 29th Pastor's Appreciation Celebration. All week long it was a blessed worship experience!  
***With such sacrifices, God is well pleased.*** (Hebrews 13:16)

~~In His Service I Remain, **Pastor O. B. Yates & Family**



**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 (continued)**

**MESSAGE FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

Greetings Union:

This year has certainly gone by fast! As we look ahead to the final four months of the year, I want to thank you for your continued support of the Sunday school program. We are looking forward to continuing our combined adult class, each second Sunday of the month, as well as our classes for all ages during the coming months. We will also finish out the year with our annual Christmas program (more information to follow).

If you have not attended Sunday school this year, please come out and join us; our teachers are looking forward to having you in class.

Finally, I want to thank my staff; I appreciate your dedication to serving the Lord each Sunday, as you continue to teach God's word.

**Blessings/Deacon Ernest Norman**

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS :**



**Vessels of Praise:** The Women's Ministry salutes Sis. Tristan Cargile in her continued leadership of the Dance Ministry. The mission of the UBC Women's Ministry is to minister not only to the women of Union, but to also minister to the women outside of our church. Tristan, has fulfilled this mission by helping New Friendship Baptist Church to initiate a dance ministry at their church. Tristan, who is supported by her mother and Co-Ministry Leader, Carol Cargile, has encouraged the women of New Friendship Baptist Church to use their gifts of dance to not only minister to their congregation, but to also personally develop a deeper relationship with God, while growing their personal faith. To God be the glory for the great thing He continues to do with this ministry.

Since the last Newsletter, Vessels of Praise has ministered at New Friendship Baptist Church and the Pastor's Appreciation Day. The ministry continues to prepare for ministry at the National Baptist Convention in September.

If you have a desire to dance for the Lord, please know that you are welcome to join the *Vessels of Praise Ministry*. Currently, Sis. Cargile is seeking women, of all ages, to minister on the occasion of UBC Women's Day 2017. Please see either Sis. Tristan Cargile or Sis. Carol Cargile if you are interested in joining this ministry.

**Matthew 25 Ministry:**

Under the capable leadership of Sis. Doris Walker, the UBC Women's Ministry continues to minister at Matthew 25 ministries. Our next time to serve will be **October 14, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.** The entire congregation is invited to join us at that time to participate in this ministry effort.

**Book Study:**

The spring Book Study which was postponed has been **rescheduled for October 21, 2017, October 28, 2017, November 4, 2017 and November 11, 2017.** We will meet in Hays Hall during the hours of **9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** The book which will be studied is *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha's World*. We do have some copies of the book available for purchase. Please see Sis. Rogena Stargel or Sis. Louise Stevenson if you need a book.

~~ Sis. Rogena Stargel and Sis. Louise Stevenson, Ministry Leaders

**FOOD PANTRY:** The Food Pantry Ministry served **25 families** July and was cancelled in August.

**AMAZONSMILES:** has established a program where a purchase of your Amazon purchases will be donated to a charity of your choice. When you are shopping on Amazon, please go to the AmazonSmiles site and designate The Union Foundation as the designated charity.

## UNION MEMBER'S BUSINESS CORNER



Brother Edward C. Phillips

Brother Edward C. Phillips is the **owner of New Image Properties**, a full-service home restoration business specializing in all phases of home repairs and total restoration of commercial and residential property. His slogan is, **"When Your Tenants Move Out, We Move In."**

Edward was born and raised in Cincinnati. Upon graduation from Northwestern College, Edward relocated to San Diego. During the next 10 years in San Diego, Ed worked for the San Diego Police Department as an auto mechanic and owned his own business, Ed's Car Wash, which was a full-service car and detail establishment. After returning to Cincinnati, he still with a business mindset started New Image Properties which he has now owned and operated for over 20 years.

Edward is an active member of Union Baptist Church. He is active in the Word of Life Choir, the Male Chorus, and the Men's Ministry Group. Edward is currently studying to become a Deacon.

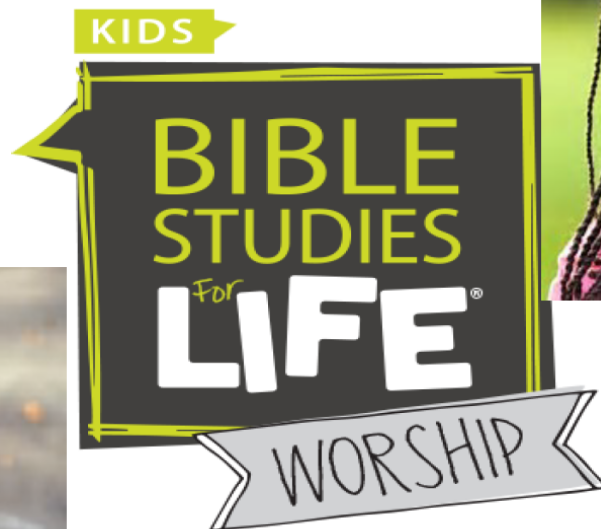
He is married to Lyda Phillips and is the proud father of Edward C. Phillips, II and Michael Johnson. He is the grandfather of Ra'Aira, Elijah and Ra'Myah Phillips.

Ed's favorite scripture is **Psalms 51** in its entirety, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions..."

**For your roofing, carpentry, drywall, concrete, and electrical needs, please give him a call at (513) 250-5729. "When Your Tenants Move Out, We Move In."**

# Children's Worship Service Is Back!!!!

Starting @ 10:30am  
Sunday September 10th



We look forward to seeing children ages 4 to 12 for Children's Ministry Worship  
&

Children ages 1 to 4 will have access to the nursery Worship Services

**WE NEED PARENTAL/ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO COMMITTEE  
TO ONE SUNDAY PER MONTH TO ASSIST WORSHIP LEADERS!!!!!!!!!!**

# The Union Foundation

*"generating resources & services to impact our community"*

Union Baptist Church is owner and caretaker to two historically significant cemeteries in the Cincinnati community.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, there were not many places to bury the Black dead in Cincinnati. Most were buried at the Potters Field along Millcreek, or at a small cemetery in Avondale, or they were buried at home, in fields, or even thrown in the river. Some bodies were buried near the Ohio River and washed up along the shores. Union Baptist Church wanted to establish a dignified place to bury the Black dead.

Union Baptist Cemetery, located in Price Hill, on Cleves Warsaw Pike, was founded in 1864 under the leadership of Union Pastor William Newman. The cemetery was founded on 16 acres of land. Union Baptist Cemetery is the final resting place of several prominent Black Cincinnatians, including long-time Pastor Wilbur Allen Page, UBC pastors William Newman and David Nickens, Rev. Wallace Shelton – 1<sup>st</sup> Pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Rev. Peter Fossett – 1<sup>st</sup> Pastor of First Baptist Church of Cumminsville, Sergeant Powhatan Beatty, a church member who served in the American Civil War and received the Congressional Medal of Honor, George W. Hays – a politician and long-time member of UBC, and Miss Jennie Porter – a prominent educator and 1<sup>st</sup> Black woman to earn a Ph.D. at the University of Cincinnati. Hays-Porter School in the West End is named in honor of George Hays and Jennie Porter. Union Baptist Cemetery is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



United American Cemetery is located on Duck Creek Road in Madisonville. It sits on an acre and a half of land. It was founded in 1844 by the United Colored Black Association. It is said to be the oldest Black cemetery in Ohio. Many prominent blacks are buried there, including Horace Sudduth – real estate mogul and financier, and John Isom Gaines – pioneer black educator.

Both cemeteries are the final home to many, many Black Civil War veterans.

Union Baptist Church is proud of its historical cemeteries, which have been featured in Ebony Magazine, the Cincinnati Enquirer, and other media sources. The Cemetery Sub-committee of Union Baptist Church Trustee Board enlisted the assistance of The Union Foundation to raise funds to restore and maintain both cemeteries. The Foundation Board agreed, and a dream was born. While the final picture was still a little bit fuzzy, the path was clear. We needed to roll up our sleeves, kick-start the brain cells, and put our trust in God to make our dream a reality.



## Union Foundation . . . continued

While the first event was still in the planning stages, the Cemetery Committee and a number of volunteers initiated a cemetery clean-up at Union Baptist Cemetery. It was a very hot and humid day, but a faithful few found divine strength and endured to make a major dent in the blight. We agreed to repeat the process in the fall.



After a summer of planning and praying, God provided the increase. On August 5, 2017, The Union Foundation presented its first of many fundraising projects to benefit the Union Baptist and United American Cemeteries. Angela Powell Walker, an offspring of Union Baptist Church, and

Artistic Director at the School for Creative and Performing Arts, gave a captivating concert at the school.

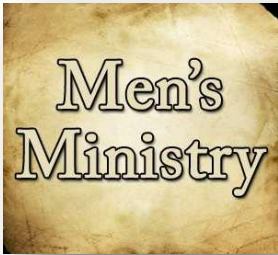
The Union Foundation wishes to thank Angela, SCPA, our major sponsors, Bro. Raymond Jeter, Eastern Personnel Services, The City of Cincinnati, The Phillips Family, and all who donated their time and financial support to help make this event a success. At the time of this writing, we have raised \$4,651.16 for the benefit of our cemeteries. We pray God's blessings upon you!

If you thoroughly enjoyed the concert and want to hear more from Angela, for \$5.00 you can purchase her CD, "City Called Heaven," from The Union Foundation. Proceeds from the sale of these CDs will benefit the Cemetery Restoration Fund. You can find them at the Store at Union Baptist Church after morning worship service.

As God gives us inspiration, we will step out on faith to further develop the dream that encircles our cemeteries, and enhances our communities. If you missed the concert but you still want to help, we are still accepting donations on our website, or you may contact a member of The Union Foundation Board of Trustees.



## Time to Examine Jesus on the Cross



**Deuteronomy 28:9 -12:** The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways. Then all people of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. And the Lord will grant you plenty of goods, in the increase of your livestock, and in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give to you. The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

**Psalm 1:1 - 6:** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seats of scornful. But his delight is in the law of the lord, and in His law, he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth it's fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous. But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

**John 3:16:** For God so loved the world (me and you) that he gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

**1 Peter 2:24:** Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we having died to sins, might live for righteousness by whose stripes you were healed.

**1 John 5:3:** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

**Matthew 6:27:** So the men marveled, saying "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him? Let's all get started for this next verse; get you reading glasses cleaned up and best prayer for wisdom and understanding for what's about to be said (spoken)!

**Hebrews 12:1-3:** Therefore, we also are so great a cloud of witnesses let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. **Hallelujah...Hallelujah...Hallelujah!**

*Men's Ministry Leader. Deacon James E. Darby*

**THE CITY GOSPEL MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY:** The schedule of the longstanding participation of Union Baptist Church Ministers that began with Reverend Shawn D. Pate, is as follows:

September 23, 2017  
October 28, 2017  
November 25, 2017

Reverend Alvin Wyatt  
Reverend Emanuel Marshall  
Reverend Barry Hixon, Jr.

Preaching at 7:30 p.m.  
Preaching at 7:30 p.m.  
Preaching at 7:30 p.m.

**Union is asked to pray for and support**, in every way possible, **our Associate Ministers** as they serve at City Gospel Mission. The City Gospel Mission is located at 1805 Dalton St., 45215. Thank You. ~~Pastor Yates.





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## **ANNUAL "THINK PINK" SUNDAY**

### **2ND SUNDAY IN OCTOBER**



**Everyone is asked to wear Pink on the 2nd Sunday in October!**  
**This is in Recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.**  
**Thank you and God bless you!**



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**Dr. Orlando B. Yates, Pastor**

SEPTEMBER IS HOME & FOREIGN MISSION MONTH



**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

**September 4, 2017:** Church Office closed (Labor Day)



**September 4-7, 2017:** National Baptist Convention USA Inc., Annual Session

**September 9, 2017:** Women's Day Prayer Brunch at 10:30 a.m.

**September 10, 2017:** Annual Grandparents / Senior Citizen Day

**September 11, 2017:** Deacon's Ministry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**September 18, 2017:** Trustee Board Ministry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**September 24, 2017:** Annual Women's Day Worship Celebration at 10:25 a.m.



## THE HISTORY OF GRANDPARENTS DAY

In 1970, a West Virginia housewife, Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade, initiated a campaign to set aside a special day just for Grandparents. Through concerted efforts on the part of civic, business, church, and political leaders, this campaign expanded statewide. Senator Jennings Randolph (D-WV) was especially instrumental in the project. The first Grandparents Day was proclaimed in 1973 in West Virginia by Governor Arch Moore. Also in 1973, Senator Randolph introduced a Grandparents Day resolution in the United States Senate. The resolution languished in committee.

Mrs. McQuade and her team turned to the media to garner support. They also began contacting governors, senators, and congressmen in every state. And they sent letters to churches, businesses, and numerous national organizations interested in senior citizens. In 1978, five years after its West Virginia inception, the United States Congress passed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. The proclamation was signed by President Jimmy Carter. **(September was chosen for the holiday, to signify the "autumn years" of life.)**

Today this event, begun by only a few, is observed by millions throughout the United States.

-Wikipedia



What children need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance: love, kindness, patience, humor, comfort and lessons on life.

-Rudy Giuliani

**CONTINUED INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**

**OCTOBER IS PRAYER EMPHASIS MONTH**



**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

**October 8, 2017:** "Think Pink" Sunday

**October 8, 2017:** Annual Choir Ministry Day at 10:25 a.m.

**October 9, 2017:** Fourth Quarter Church Leadership Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**October 15, 2017:** Annual Ushers Ministry Recognition Day

**October 16, 2017:** Deacons Ministry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**October 16, 2017:** Trustee Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**October 22, 2017:** Special SARPM Worship Celebration at 10:25 a.m.

**October 23, 2017:** Fourth Quarter Official Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**October 27, 2017:** Fourth Quarter Church Conference at 7:00 p.m.

**October 31, 2017:** Annual Children Church Harvest Party at 6:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

**November 19<sup>th</sup>:** Annual Harvest Sunday

**November 6-9<sup>th</sup>:** Annual Church Revival (Revised Dates)

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Annual Christmas Production / Drama Guild Ministry/ Sunday School / Mass Choir along with Observance of Annual Family Communion and Right Hand of Fellowship Extended to New Members



## INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** All members are asked to be mindful that no one should be in the **church building between the hours of 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.** due to security reasons. Any necessary exceptions should be coordinated and approved by the Chairman of Property and Space, Bro. Don Johnson, at least one week in advance. God's blessings to each of you from the Trustee Board Ministry. ~~~Dr. Carolyn Turner, Ministry Leader

**MEMORIAL RECOGNITION TREE:** Anyone who is interested in adding a leaf to the Recognition Tree, please see Sis. Doris Blaine-Smith or Sis. Faye Shirley. Thank You!

**UNION BAPTIST'S EMAIL ADDRESS:** The church has an email address for all ministry announcements. Please send all forms of communications (church announcements, flyers, upcoming events, etc.) to [unioncincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:unioncincinnati@gmail.com). Thank you!

**REMINDER FOR DEADLINE FOR CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The deadline for Church Announcements for the **November-December 2017 Newsletter** is **Monday, October 23, 2017**. Requests for announcements should be e-mailed in care of Sis. Shirley Norman, Public Relations Ministry Leader, at Union's email address: [unioncincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:unioncincinnati@gmail.com). Please note "Sis. Norman – Announcement" on the subject line. **Please note: any announcements received after the deadline date will be included in the January-February 2018 newsletter.**

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF CINCINNATI WEBSITE:** Please visit our website ([www.union-baptist.net](http://www.union-baptist.net)) which is both informative and interactive for those who are seeking the Will of God in their lives. **On our website, you will see upcoming events; evangelistic missions inclusive for men, women and children;** discipleship opportunities for building God's kingdom; exploratory devotional links for personal spiritual growth; and, community connections that have demonstrated, in the past, and continue to demonstrate, the POWER OF GOD throughout the Greater Cincinnati area, and beyond.

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH RADIO BROADCASTS:** You can now also listen to the Union Baptist broadcast on WCVG 1320 every Saturday from 8:00 am to 9:30 am through live stream radio by connecting to the Union Baptist Church website at [www.union-baptist.net](http://www.union-baptist.net)

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK:** The official Union Baptist Facebook is also linked to the Union Baptist Church of Cincinnati website at [www.union-baptist.net](http://www.union-baptist.net).

**CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Opportunities for anyone interested in volunteering in the church office or other areas of the church are still available. Please contact Bro. Dale McAllister, Executive Church Administrator. Thank you.

**UBC MEMBERSHIP DATA FORM:** All members who have not completed their updated UBC Membership Form, are urged to complete and provide your updated information, including, any name change; your current home address; your home, cell and work telephone numbers; a number where you may be reached in case of an emergency; and, an emergency contact person, etc. Membership Data Forms are available in the wall receptacle near the church office. When you have completed your form, please give to Sis. Gwendolyn Hall, Church Office Receptionist. Thank You.



*TruthSeekers*  
*Small Care Group*

The members of the Small Care Group "Truth Seekers" meet every Monday from 6:00 – 7:15 pm in the Avondale Branch Public Library to study God's word and grow through the five purposes of the church, worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism. Please feel free to join us as we learn about God's Word and how to become more Christ like.

"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me." (John 17:20, 21)

For more information, please contact our ministry leader, Rev. Shawn Pate.

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**Dear Members of Union,**

The Transportation Ministry, Property & Space, and the Trustee Board have been meeting to discuss the feasibility restructuring the Transportation Ministry. Please help us by completing the following survey:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Your Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Best phone number to reach you**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Best time to reach you**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Please check all that applies:**

**I would need a ride:**

| <b>To Sunday School</b> | <b>To 10:30 am Service</b> | <b>From Sunday School</b> | <b>From 10:30 am Service</b> | <b>Other</b> |
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**I can use my vehicle for the following:**

| <b>Pick up for Sunday School</b> | <b>Pick up for 10:30 am Service</b> | <b>Take home from Sunday School</b> | <b>Take home from 10:30 am Service</b> | <b>Other</b> |
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**I am available on the following Sundays**

| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>2nd</b> | <b>3rd</b> | <b>4th</b> | <b>5th</b> | <b>Other</b> |
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**Please circle all that applies**

**I can provide service in the following neighborhoods:**

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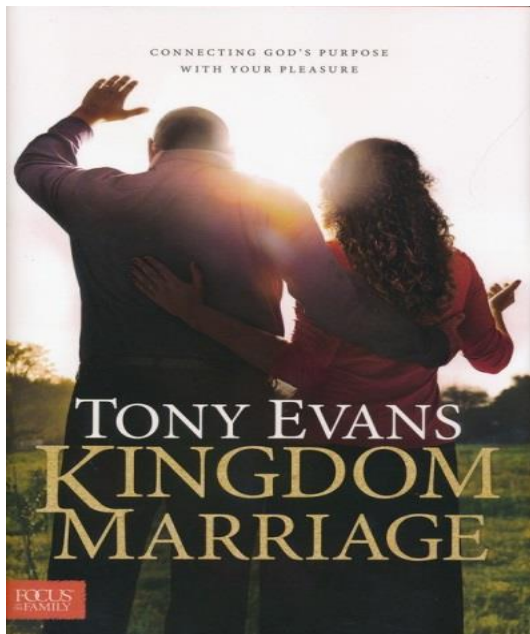
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# KINGDOM MARRIAGE SEMINAR

## CONNECTING GOD'S PURPOSE WITH YOUR PLEASURE

GROW YOUR MARRIAGE AS YOU LEARN TO REFLECT GOD'S IMAGE  
AND ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM.

This thought-provoking class will equip you to discover what biblical marriage is really about and explore the unique mission God has for your marriage. See how it transforms your relationship by helping you answer key questions such as . . . How will understanding God's design for marriage change the way we interact and grow as a couple? How can achieving true unity impact a marriage for life? What is the key to having the vibrant, abundant marriage God intends for us?



We invite you to attend this powerful group video experience that will be led by Pastor Yates in the sanctuary at:

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Please complete, detach and submit the below registration form to the address listed above or place in the Pastor's drop box outside of his office by the **sign-up deadline, October 1, 2017.**

|               |                          |                  |
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| Session One   | Wednesday, October 4th   | 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. |
| Session Two   | Wednesday, October 11th  | 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. |
| Session Three | Wednesday, October 18th  | 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. |
| Session Four  | Wednesday, October 25th  | 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. |
| Session Five  | Wednesday, November 1st  | 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. |
| Session Six   | Wednesday, November 15th | 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. |

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### Registration Form for Kingdom Marriage Seminar - Fall Semester

Names of Couple: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

## ANNUAL CHOIR MINISTRY DAY

Sunday, October 8, 2017

10:25 A. M. Mid-Morning Worship



*O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.*  
Psalm 96:1

U.B.C. CHOIRS WILL PROVIDE SPECIAL MUSIC

**COME WORSHIP WITH US AND BE BLESSED!**



Bro. Jay Bailey, Minister of Music



# Bible Quiz

## Women of the Bible

Match the question with the answer on the right.

\_\_\_\_ What relationship was Ruth to Naomi?

\_\_\_\_ Who was Jacob's mother?

\_\_\_\_ Who did Abram marry?

\_\_\_\_ What was the name of Moses' sister?

\_\_\_\_ Which woman was a seller of purple goods?

\_\_\_\_ With whom did David commit adultery?

\_\_\_\_ What was the name of Ahasuerus' new queen?

\_\_\_\_ What was the name of Yeshua's (Jesus) mother?

\_\_\_\_ What did Ruth do to Boaz while he was sleeping?

\_\_\_\_ Which female judge described herself as 'a mother in Israel'?

\_\_\_\_ Who did Yeshua appear to first after His resurrection?

1. Deborah

2. Mary

3. Miriam

4. Sarai

5. Daughter-in-law

6. Esther

7. Bathsheba

8. Rebekah

9. Lydia

10. Mary Magdalene

11. Uncovered his feet and lay down next to him

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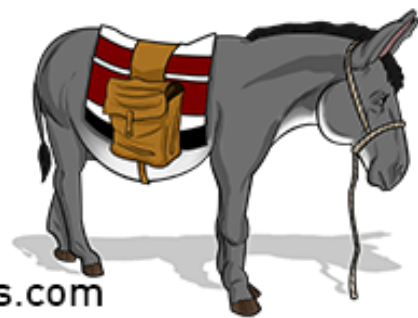


# Bible Quiz

## Acts of the Apostles

Match the question with the answer on the right.

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| _____ What nationality was Timothy's father?                                           | 1. Twelve tribes of Israel (James 1:1) |
| _____ Who replaced Judas Iscariot as a disciple?                                       | 2. Matthias                            |
| _____ Which gods did the people in Lystra think Paul and Barnabas were?                | 3. Men of Israel / House of Israel     |
| _____ In Acts 3, which apostle performed a miracle in the name of Yeshua?              | 4. Zeus and Hermes                     |
| _____ What happened to Paul on the way to Rome?                                        | 5. Eutychus                            |
| _____ On which Appointed Time did the disciples receive the Holy Spirit?               | 6. Pentecost / Shavuot                 |
| _____ In Acts 2, how did Peter address pilgrims at the Temple?                         | 7. Greek                               |
| _____ Who did James address in the Book of James?                                      | 8. Peter                               |
| _____ On the road to Damascus, who spoke to Paul?                                      | 9. Yeshua                              |
| _____ What was the name of the man who fell out of the window while Paul was teaching? | 10. Shipwrecked                        |



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Winners  
are not people who  
never fail  
but people who  
never quit



# Don't Quit in the Pit

Excerpt from the book *Don't Quit in the Pit* by Danette Crawford

On any given day, we find ourselves on a peak, in a pit, or somewhere in between. We'd love to remain on the peaks of life—those times of extreme joy and gladness. Unfortunately, though, a lot of people spend too much of their time in a pit, whether it's a pit of emotional despair, financial hardship, mental anguish, physical pain, or something else. What's even more unfortunate is that many people park in the pit and never get out.

Discouraged and defeated, they decide to remain where they are instead of determining to escape their pit and climb the next peak. You can't afford to park in the pit. Your life—and your ultimate destiny—depend on your determining to trust God and get out.

If you feel like you're in a pit, relax. You're not the first person to find yourself looking up from within what feels like a deep, dark hole. In the Old Testament, we read about a guy named Joseph who found himself in his own pit—literally! For Joseph, that pit looked like a dark dead end, but it was truly a pathway to the palace—a direct route, at that. (See Genesis 37:5–36; 39, 20–23; 41:14–44.)

In the New Testament, we read about the apostle Paul, a respected Jewish leader who became a Christian, won souls for Jesus, and consequently found himself in his own pit. Paul's pit was in the form of a ship tossed in a raging storm. Everybody wanted to jump off the boat, but God told Paul, "Don't abandon ship—you'll come through this!" (See Acts 27.)

Both Joseph and Paul needed a rope of hope to climb out of the pit. Their rope of hope was the same one that's available for you—God's Word. The Bible provides a map to guide us out of any and every pit that we find ourselves in. Psalm 34:19 says, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all" (NKJV). In other words, we all will experience "pits" in our lives—they're inevitable—but we can escape when we grab hold of the rope of hope and determine to climb out.

I travel a lot by car, but I don't like to use a GPS. So, I always study a map before I leave to go somewhere. If I don't study the map beforehand or refer to it during my trip, I'm almost guaranteed to get lost. Arriving at my planned destination is as easy as reading the map, but I have to read it—I can't automatically absorb knowledge of the route. And the same rule is true regarding our map out of the pit. We have to read the Word of truth—the Bible, which is our map! John 8:32 says, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." The truth on its own doesn't set you free; it's the truth that you know that sets you free.

The good news is that every pit has the potential to be temporary because the Word promises that God will deliver us from every affliction. The rope of hope—God's Word—will never disappoint us. "Then you will know that I am the LORD; those who hope in me will not be disappointed" (Isaiah 49:23).

Abraham didn't hold on to the facts in front of him. He held on to a rope of hope that God had thrown him, and, at one hundred years of age, he was still hanging on! Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. (Romans 4:18–21)

Against all hope in the natural realm, Abraham clung to the rope of hope by believing the Word of God. God had given him a promise, and he believed it! He didn't deny the facts; he faced them. The truth always outweighs the facts. And when we place our hope in the truth, as Abraham did, our faith can change the facts! Our hope comes from whatever we are trusting in. If I am trusting in a paycheck, my spouse, or child support to take care of me, the day will probably come when that trusted thing or person will fall through, resulting in a loss of hope. If I am trusting in people to meet my emotional needs, the day will probably come when they let me down, and I lose my source of hope. Don't get me wrong—we need to trust people, but we don't need to trust in people. We need to trust in the Lord alone. When we trust in Him, our hope is in Him,

## Don't Quit in the Pit . . . continued

and we are filled with unconditional joy and peace. What we put our trust in will determine how much time we spend in the pit.

When I became a single mom, financial pressures were great. Not only did I have the responsibilities of caring for an infant 24-7; I was also shouldering the financial responsibilities of our household alone. Each month after my husband moved out, I worked hard at walking in total obedience to the Lord, who had told me to get up out of my mess and do what I'd been called to do. I was willing to obey, but what about all my financial responsibilities?

As I was seeking to walk in obedience to my heavenly Father, I would say, "Okay, God, I know it's Your will for me to pay my bills and to pay them on time." In my mind, though, I doubted, and I'd brainstorm about backup plans. I'd think, If I can't pay my bills this month, I'm going to get a secular job.

Every month when my mortgage was due, I'd threaten God and say, "Okay, God, if this is Your will for me—to keep doing what I'm called to do—then, all right. But if I can't pay my mortgage this month, I'm going to work at Wal-Mart." Yet, every month, the Lord came through.

I had to choose daily to allow this faith walk to be exciting and not overwhelming. Needless to say, I never went to work at Wal-Mart.

When we are in the midst of financial hardship, we have to be careful not to get angry and upset with those around us whom we think should be helping us. This is true for all of us—single moms, single dads, married couples, businesspeople, and those in ministry alike. We should always look to the Lord for our provision and not rely on the "arm of the flesh." (See, for example, 2 Chronicles 32:8.)

One day, while staring at my file cabinet and considering all of the bills bulging out of the folder marked "Due," I began to get angry. I thought, My dad could write one check and pay every bill I have. He wouldn't even miss it! This would be a small amount for him. Anger and resentment began to mount in my heart.

Then, the Lord said, "It's not your dad's responsibility to pay your bills now that you are grown. But I'm your heavenly Father, and I can write one check and pay every bill you have. And I definitely wouldn't miss it, because I own it all."

I realized that God not only could pay my bills but also would—if I'd just trust Him. God has a way of getting right to the point with a word of truth. The truth was, I shouldn't have looked to my dad or anyone else for my provision. My heavenly Father was just waiting for me to look to Him. And today, our heavenly Father is waiting for you, too, to look to Him for your every need.

Whenever I find a pile of bills in my post office box, I simply look up and say, "God, You've got mail!" Then, I take God's bills home and put them in the folder labeled "Due." I don't open that folder again until money is put in my hand. At that time, I say, "Okay, God, which of Your bills do You want me to pay for You?"

The Lord taught me that everything I have comes from Him. Every dollar, every food item, every piece of clothing—everything comes from Him. He also taught me to ask Him what He wanted me to do with every dollar that came into my hand.

Philippians 4:19 says, "My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." If my needs aren't met, then something is wrong. Maybe the something is that I spent God's money on something I wanted or thought I needed instead of paying one of His bills or giving to His church. As we learn to ask God what He wants us to do with every provision He puts in our hands, we can be free from stress and worry. We can say, "God, You've got mail!"

My prayer is that you will make your times in the pit temporary seasons. Maybe you are in a financial pit, an emotional pit, a health pit, a relational pit, or even a spiritual pit today. I want you to be determined never to quit in the pit, but always to grab hold of the rope of hope—God's Word—and make your way to the palace.

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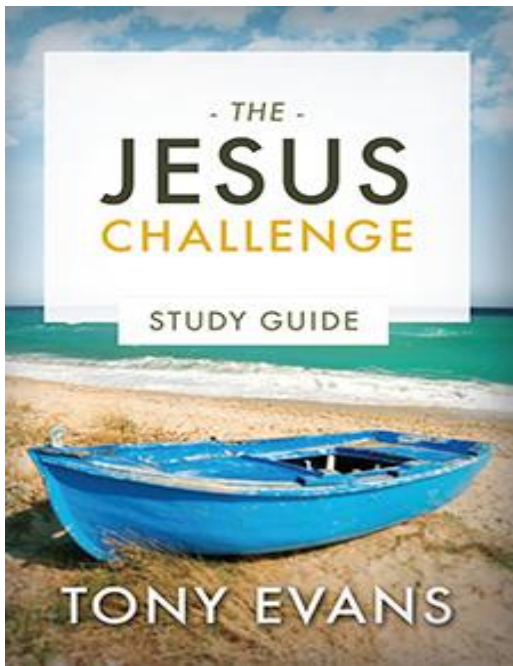
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## **SESSION TOPICS:**

### **A Challenge to Overcome**

1 John 5:1-5

### **A Challenge to Prioritize Your Priorities**

Revelation 2:1-7

### **A Challenge to Faithfulness**

Revelation 2:8-11

### **A Challenge to Greater Convictions**

Revelation 2:12-17

### **A Challenge to Higher Standards**

Revelation 2:18-29

### **A Challenge to Increased Commitment**

Revelation 3:1-6

### **A Challenge to Obedience**

Revelation 3:7-13

### **A Challenge Toward Authenticity**

Revelation 3:14-22

We invite you to attend this powerful new group study that will be led by Pastor Yates in the church sanctuary. For your convenience, we are offering this series to all of our Bible study classes. The beginning dates are listed below.

### **Bible Study Beginning Dates:**

|                             |                               |            |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Men's Bible Study           | Tuesday, September 19, 2017   | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Noon Day Bible Study        | Wednesday, September 20, 2017 | 12:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday Night Bible Study | Wednesday, September 20, 2017 | 7:00 p.m.  |

# A Closing Thought – Quotes on Helps



**Prayer is the first key response in any time of challenge, tragedy or crisis.** *The Bible exhorts us to turn to prayer in Philippians 4:6-7, "Do not be anxious for anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."* **Please pray and do what you can for the victims of Hurricane Harvey.**



"The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope."

— Barack Obama



"Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others."

— Booker T. Washington, Up from Slavery



"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, and to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson



"I don't want to live in the kind of world where we don't look out for each other. Not just the people that are close to us, but anybody who needs a helping hand. I can't change the way anybody else thinks, or what they choose to do, but I can do my bit."

— Charles de Lint



"Leadership is not about the power and status of one but the empowerment and service of all. That is what it should be and that is how it should be measured."

— Rasheed Ogunlaru