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Promises **OF GOD**

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Dear Reader,

Even as Christians we may at times lose focus on what is true, causing us to feel discouraged, lonely, abandoned, or defeated. However, when we dwell on negative feelings it blocks the blessings that God intends for each of us to enjoy.

The Bible is chock full of truths that can uplift us and cause us to walk in victory but it is our responsibility to take the time to absorb His word and wrap our minds around what God has promised us.

God has a wonderful plan for you and for me, and for anyone who wants to partake of all He has to offer, but first we must *know* exactly what it is that God has promised us.

I pray that every believer will be encouraged through reading the articles in this issue about God's Promises, to immerse yourself in the word of God and spend time developing a relationship with Jesus. Become familiar with the tools and resources that God has provided us with so that you may always walk in victory over all of the circumstances of life! Remember that we can overcome every obstacle we encounter when we approach it first with the word of God — *But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"* (Matthew 4:4, NKJV)

In His Service,

Cindy T. Brown



Editor-In-Chief

God's Promises

as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, (2 Peter 1:3)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, (Ephesians 1:3)

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. (2 Corinthians 1:20)

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (2 Corinthians 7:1)

There is a quality of life that Father God has provided for His children that many know nothing about, yet it is not hidden from us but is clearly revealed in His word. If you will allow me, I will show you from the word of God just how to access the promises of God and how to live the very life that Jesus said He came to give us. It all begins with a choice – that is to believe the words that God has spoken to us. Peter, by the Spirit of God, writes to the Church informing us that God HAS given us all things that pertain to



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life and godliness. If you will notice, the scripture says “has given,” meaning that it has already been done. Many Christians make the mistake of praying and asking God for things that He has already given them. This is an indication that they do not know the will of God. Now notice what the scripture says, Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. (1 John 5:14,15)

In order to access the promises of God, you

must know the will of God. The word of God is the will of God. Faith begins where the will of God is known. When you go to God's word and read that word and believe and know the Promises that God has made, your faith will produce whatever you want. It does not matter how your flesh feels about it, your faith will produce your desires when you believe God's word. Your faith is activated by believing and speaking.

Second Corinthians 4:13, And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, 'I believed and therefore I spoke,' we also believe and therefore speak. When you believe and speak the word of God, your faith will work for you and it will continue to work until you stop it. The same mouth that activates your faith will shut it down. Jesus brings out this principle over in Mark 5:35-36, While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?' As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, 'Do not be

afraid; only believe.' If you will read the entire text you will see that Jairus had come to Jesus and released his faith to get his daughter healed. Jesus, of course, was in agreement with him, but before they got to Jairus' house, bad news came. Now notice how quickly Jesus spoke up before Jairus could say anything. He immediately said, "Do not be afraid; only believe." Jesus knew that Jairus could have nullified his faith with the same mouth that he released it with.

If you want to be effective in accessing the promises of God, meditate on God's word until you believe it. "My son, give attention to my words. Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart for they are life to those who find them and health to all their flesh" (Proverbs 4:20-22).

In your commitment to elevate your relationship with Jesus, make a decision to love people at all costs. Walking in love is the key to Christian fulfillment. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. (James 3:16)KJV.





Member Spotlight

BY JAN BRIGHT

“The Word that’s spoken through Harmony Ministries has changed my life in such an amazing way! I’ve always known life was good but the life I’m living now is beyond anything imaginable.” (Tina Reynolds) Tina (Johnson) Reynolds grew up in Burlington Township, New Jersey. She is the eldest daughter of her parents Candi and Stepfather Ken; with an older brother and younger siblings. Upon graduation from high school, Tina attended *The Ohio State University* in Columbus Ohio on a full track and field scholarship. She majored in Criminology and Sociology and graduated in 2001.

Currently, Tina is the Program Director at Center for Family Services in Camden County NJ. She works with female youth (ages 12-19) who are often labeled as bad girls. “I don’t believe any of the girls who come into my program are bad. I believe like so many others, they lack the guidance needed to live out their purpose in life.” The youth served have experienced challenges *not* limited to neglect, rape, abuse, abandonment, and rejection. “One of the worst cases I’ve seen was when I had a girl who witnessed her mom get her head blown off with a shot gun at the age of 10...imagine that? That same girl is now doing amazing and is 24 years old today.” The youth are referred to Tina through The Department of Child Protective and Permanency. “I use the gifts and talents God has given me to plant seeds into their lives and encourage them and tell them they can get through any and everything that is thrown at them.” Tina admits, “The way I live inspires them to do right in their lives. I tell them you see me now, but you don’t know my story. If I can do it, you can too”. Tina reminds the youth that they need to make good choices and practice self-control. Although she is not permitted to talk to the girls about Jesus, she will speak openly and freely when they open the

door to ask her questions about God. When this happens, she jumps on the opportunity to share the Word with them that she’s learned at Harmony. Many have even gone to the local churches in the area and have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. “I talk and pray for the girls always. Once God used me to lay hands on a girl who was diagnosed with schizophrenia. The girl walked up to me and without thinking I put my hand on her back and I said, Hey Lady what’s up?” She shook then said, ‘Ms. Tina, I felt a warm flow through my body when you touched me.’ From that day forward she no longer had audio or visual hallucinations.” She was healed. Tina reports that her program has a success rate of ninety-five percent and she will not stop until it’s at one hundred percent year after year.

As children, Tina and her husband Darnell attended the same church, but they never actually met each other. After graduating college, she saw Darnell at their childhood church with another girl (she didn’t know it was his cousin). “I heard a voice say when I walked past him, ‘that’s your husband.’ I didn’t think much of it and went on about my business as usual. I wasn’t thinking about dating at the time because I was focused on my career. At that time, I didn’t realize it was God speaking to me.” Two years later, she met Darnell at a barbecue and the two began dating. In the latter part of dating she realized he was the one the Spirit was talking about. In December 2007, they married.

It wasn’t always “smooth sailing.” Tina recalls, being frustrated and angry after being married for a year. “I got tired of the baby momma drama and the family drama. I began thinking I’d met and married someone from a planet that had not yet been discovered. I thought I was losing my mind and could not under-

stand for the life of me why I was still in a marriage that was going nowhere fast. I can't tell you how many times divorce crossed my mind or how many tears I've cried for God to fix him because to me he was the problem and if he'd change all would be well." Something as simple as Darnell not putting his dirty clothes in the proper hamper would send Tina into rage. She would often times yell, scream, and throw things when things did not go her way. "Like really Tina, you're like 30 years old still throwing a temper tantrum like a 2 year old... Seriously? I blamed Darnell for everything". In 2012 Darnell was seriously hurt at his place of employment and went into surgery for the injury. He was in and out of the hospital and nursing homes and their family suffered greatly during that time. During one of his stays at the nursing home, God sent Mr. James Milton in to talk to Darnell. Tina was there and both were introduced to Harmony Ministries in conversation. "I remember the sincerity in his voice. There was something about Mr. Milton's genuine stance and the way he spoke about Harmony that warmed my spirit." Darnell and Tina walked into Harmony Ministries in December 2013 and that was the beginning of a wonderful new life.

"For the first time in my life, I was challenged to look at myself. I remember Pastor Alston preaching on the scriptures: Proverbs 4:20-22. He would say it over and over and over and over and over again. I wondered when we would ever get to a new scripture." What Tina didn't know is that the Word was penetrating into her spirit and it was becoming life and healing for her being. She recalls hearing Pastor saying, "Keep coming back, just keep coming, you'll get it" and that is what she did. On days she didn't want to be in the sanctuary, Tina and her family were there, on time, and listening! The Word truly penetrated her spirit. After some time, Tina recalls God telling her to "Let it go." You see, even though Tina had a good life she had a lot of baggage to let go of. She needed to stop throwing the stones of the past on Darnell and allow God to put order in her life. At 3 years old, she was abandoned, at 5 her kindergarten teacher drilled in her head that she was stupid, at 6 the bullying started from the other children in the neighborhood. It was so bad that she tried to commit suicide at the age of 7 by taking a bottle of pills. At eight, a man tried to abduct her through her bedroom window and at 9 he sexually abused her taking a piece of her innocence. Tina attempted suicide a few more times,



Tina Reynolds

suffered through homelessness in college after losing her scholarship for rebellious behaviors, and had a terrible bout with anxiety that lasted over twenty years. Things went on and on and anger, rage, and rebellion, silently emerged within her. Tina would wear a beautiful smile but be totally broken on the inside. "Through the teaching at Harmony all of that has changed! I am no longer a broken person. I am a New Creation and I have evicted the negative thoughts from my mind that I once allowed the devil to consume me with and it feels sooo good! I have a sound mind and will NEVER go back to that place of darkness. Never!"

At Harmony, Tina is involved in the Sunday School Ministry as well as the PURITY Program. Her husband Darnell is the photographer for the church magazine *The Word Made Alive*. They have three boys, Colson 13, Jaden 9, and Chase (CJ) 6. Since coming to Harmony Ministries, Tina has no more anxiety and suffers no medical issues. She loves everyone; her children, her husband, her family and now herself! "I am healthy and I am whole! I stand tall without fear, without shame, and without guilt! I have a sound mind! Harmony has taught me so much. I know how to love, to forgive, to have self-control; I know the importance of reading and praying, but most of all I know how to seek God first in everything!"

Health is One of God's Promises



"For all the promises of God has been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding YES". (2 Corinthians 1:20)

By: Marilyn Phillips

"He will bless your bread and your water, and take sickness away from among you." (Exodus 23:25)

Living a healthy life is God's desire for the Christian. Jesus has given us so many magnificent promises because of His awesome, unconditional love for us. He sincerely demonstrated this love by His death on the cross. Christ declares, "God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). He also states "Greater love has no one than this that someone lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). If our Savior can die for us, I believe He will not withhold health from us. Therefore, we can expect to receive and walk in this divine health.

God greatly desires that we walk in the promises that He has already given. His word indicates "For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls

to himself" (Acts 2:39). He is concerned for the prosperity both of our souls and bodies. Just as He earnestly wants all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of him, He also strongly desires for us to be healthy. He has an assignment that He had planned for us to fulfill before the beginning of time, and therefore, He wants us to be healthy to achieve this assignment. As responsible Christians, we are accountable for maintaining our physical health. We should discipline our bodies so that we can be at our best for God's service. He says in His Word, "Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul" (3 John 1:2).

We are strongly encouraged to constantly meditate on the Word and the goodness of our God. This will increase our faith and confidence in Him. This confidence in God will produce immense peace. Living in God's peace is a tremendous contributing factor to our well-being. Foster every effort

to avoid and eliminate stress. Even when difficult times arise know that He is always there to pour out His love and mercy. His word states, “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16). He also declares, “for I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29: 11-13).

We should receive this promise of health with a resounding “YES!” Let us not waver in our belief because we know we serve a faithful God. We will purposely seek God’s wisdom and direction in our everyday decisions con-

cerning our health and submit our thoughts and desires to Him. He declares in His Word, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7). He clearly promises in His Word “I will heal them and reveal to them an abundance of prosperity and security” (Jeremiah 33:6). Sickness in any form is an enemy of the Christians, and we must treat it with opposition, using God’s Word as our weapon. Let us be diligent, in our fight against the strongholds of Satan, not wavering, but embracing the promise of health. Stand strong and hold on to God’s declaration to heal all your diseases (Psalm 103). Finally, we will hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. (Hebrews 10:23).



SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

**2017**
Graduate!

By Kevin Mosley

Every year at this time families are going through the changes that graduations bring. We are preparing to celebrate the achievements of children and help them begin the next phase of their lives. We at Harmony Ministries have three young ladies who are graduating from high school this year. I had the opportunity to sit down with the young ladies and talk to them about their future and the impact that the Sunday School Program has had on their lives. I asked them, ***“What are you taking with you spiritually when you head off to college?”***

Dejah Adams will be graduating from Manchester High School on June 20th. She plans on attending John Hopkins University and majoring in Biology. *“When I leave I am taking the countless hours spent here at the church with me and all the many lessons about how to stay true to God and not to lose yourself in the world. I will hold all of this very close to my heart.”*

Kayla Hill will be graduating from Howell High School on June 22nd. She plans on attending Rowan University and majoring in Elementary Education. *“Spiritually, I have learned many things at Harmony, but the most important thing that I’ve learned was to speak things into existence and to have faith in God. When things get hard in life it’s easy to get discouraged and feel like giving up, especially with the pressures that come with being a teenager in today’s society.”*

Cierra Sims will be graduating from Freehold High School on June 22nd. She plans on attending Brookdale College and majoring in Nursing. *“I have learned so much. I can say that I learned to have faith in God in all that I do. Having faith in God means that no matter what I never have to worry or doubt because He is with me always.”*

The young ladies shared words of encouragement for those that they leave behind in Sunday School .

“You will always be rewarded for doing the right thing.”

“No matter what, people will respect you when you stay true to God.”

“Trust God because He knows the desires of your heart and what is best for you.”

“Take advantage of your church family; they have wisdom.”

“Do not fall to the pressure of society; stay true to God.”

As we see these young ladies over the next couple of months, let’s take time to congratulate them for their accomplishments and let us all keep them in our prayers as they head off to college in the fall.

Ask The Pastor

Question: Do people in hell have eternal life?
And are they tormented in their body or in their spirit?



Answer: People who reject Jesus Christ do not have eternal life, they have eternal torment.

“And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire,” (Revelation 20:15)

When a person dies, their physical body reverts back to dust from where it came.

“In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground,, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return”
(Genesis 3:19)

Question: Do believers live forever in their Spirit body?

Answer: At The Resurrection all believers will receive a new Spirit body.

“It is sown a natural body, it is raised a Spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a Spiritual body.” (I Corinthians 15:44)



Saved By Grace Alone. Through Faith Alone

By Cindy T Brown

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -
and this is not from yourselves,
it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast"*

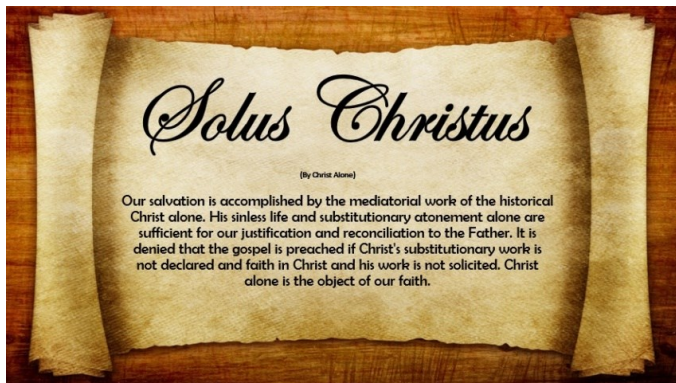
Many of us may be familiar with that catchy Alka-Seltzer jingle we've heard on TV commercials, "plop, plop, fizz, fizz - - oh what a relief it is!" Well, I feel a similar sense of relief, magnified 1000 times, when I reflect on Ephesians 2:8-9. That singular promise of God — ***the gift of grace*** — excites and exhilarates me like none other because it is just so liberating. I am at peace knowing that I am free to be all that God has created me to be — no strings attached. My faith in Christ places me in the judgement-free zone. *Hallelujah Jesus!!!*

I can hear many of you now — "Whoa, who said anything about 'judgement free'?" Well, from the standpoint that although one day we will certainly come before the judgement seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10) to account for our works, that judgement of works is not the judgement of or for our salvation, because our salvation has already been settled by our faith in Jesus. Rather, at the judgement seat of Christ, the quality of our lives will be reviewed with us to determine the crowns that we will be bestowed in heaven (1 Corinthians 9:24-25, 1 Thessalonians 2:19, 2 Timothy 4:8, 1 Peter 5:4, Revelation 2:10). Therefore, from the perspective that our faith in Christ automatically seals us and designates us for heaven, a focus on "doing the

right thing" is unnecessary — in this sense, we abide in a judgement free zone. *13 And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. 14 The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him. (Ephesians 1:13-14)*

Sometimes it may difficult to wrap our minds around the meaning of grace because we misunderstand the implication of James' question, "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?" (James 2:14), and assuming that the answer to that question is "No," we use the scripture to argue that salvation comes by one's works. However, the Word of God plainly tells us that there is absolutely nothing that we can do to gain salvation for ourselves (because it is a gift from God), except believe that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is full atonement for our sins. (Romans 3:28). Having faith in that truth alone is all that is needed to free us from concern about whether we are behaving "well enough" to get into heaven.

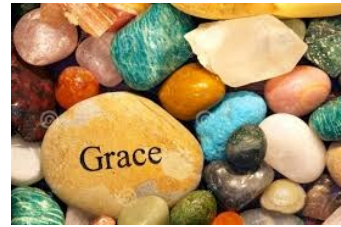
This is not to say that good works don't have a place in Christian living, because they most certainly do. In fact, faith and good works are intertwined. James points out to us that having true faith in the promises of God causes us to act out those things that we believe in, thus resulting in good works and the appearance of being right with God. (James 2:18, 24). Good works of themselves should not be our goal, but rather let our works be the byproducts of what we believe. It is others who perceive us as



being righteous when they see our good works. James' makes his point about proving the genuineness of our faith in his example, "Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless." (James 2:15-17). In other words, we must put up or shut up. If you have faith, you will demonstrate your faith by standing on the promises of God, which then results in action; and if you don't, then you won't — the truth of James' statements are undeniable. Abraham demonstrated how faith and action complement one another in his willingness to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac because he trusted God (James 2:22). In this we see that saving faith goes hand-in-hand with good works; saving faith results in good deeds (i.e. obedience or following Jesus).

So, while we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, Romans 3:21 reminds us that whoever **does** what is true comes to the light, so that **it may be clearly seen** that his **works have been carried out in God**. And therefore, we must allow the Holy Spirit to be seen in our actions and allow the Spirit to reveal Himself the way that He wants to (1 Thessalonians 5:19), because when we don't then the Holy Spirit is grieved. *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (Ephesians 4:30).*

~ Peace, Love, and Joy ~



Nursing Home Ministry

The heart of the Nursing Home Ministry is to share the love of Jesus Christ with the residents and staff at the four Nursing Homes we attend. Our volunteers consist of two devoted groups that provide worship and praise, the ministering of God's word along with the opportunity to share testimonies to the residents and staff.

We visit four nursing homes monthly; Arista Care at Manchester in Manchester N.J., Arista Care Whiting in Whiting N.J., Leisure Park in Lakewood N.J. and Whiting Health Care in Whiting N.J. Each group attend two Nursing Homes on the 2nd and 4th Saturday's monthly eager to share God's love.

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuse to believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:15 – 16)

Anyone who is interested in joining the Nursing Home Ministry please contact Yvonne Shaw.



The Promises of God

By Brenda Benjamin

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says The Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek me and find me, when you search for Me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:11-13 NKJV)

The first time that I heard Jeremiah 29:11-13 was during a message that the late Minister Michael Peniston delivered to the congregation of Harmony Ministries in the late 1990's.

I was a fairly new Christian at the time and was astounded to hear that God had a plan for my life. I always thought that I had to do all the planning and make things happen. Through this scripture I discovered that God had good thoughts about me and loved me unconditionally.

The major question for me was: How could I get a hold of His plan for my life? I found the answer in Proverbs 16:3 (NKJV) which says, *Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established* and Romans 12:2 (NKJV) which says, *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.* God's Word is His perfect will. Nothing can change without His Word, the instruction in righteousness!

There are believers and non-believers all around us who are making plans for vacations, marriage, job opportunities, retiring, college, and relocating, and yet they haven't even considered whether their plans line up with God's plan for their lives. Psalms 32:8 (TLB) says, *I will instruct you (says the Lord and guide you along the best pathway for your life; I will advise you and watch your progress.* The problem occurs when they take a natural view of the affairs of life, and in their eyes their plans seem spot on, but they don't know what lies ahead. In Proverbs 16:25(TLB) it says, *Before every man there is a wide and pleasant road he thinks is right, but it ends in death.* Not fol-

lowing the wisdom of God can lead to not only physical death, but also death of finances, relationships, physical health and healing, and divine opportunities in the life of a believer. Only God knows the full scope of our lives from beginning to end. The Word says in Isaiah 46:10 (AMPC), *Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying My Counsel shall stand and I will do my pleasure and purpose.*

Why aren't believers seeking God about every facet of their lives? He is concerned about everything that concerns us. The Lord has given us His promises that we will live this life abundantly blessed in every area of our lives with nothing missing and nothing broken, when we follow the plan of God. Ephesians 1:3 (TLB) says, *How we praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every blessing in heaven because we belong to Christ* and Psalms 32:9 (TLB) cautions us not to be like a senseless horse or mule that has to have a bit in its mouth to keep in line.

God's best for us is guaranteed when we follow what is written in Matthew 6:33 (AMPC) *But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His Kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.* When you put forth effort, time, commitment, and discipline into building your relationship with God and as you spend time fellowshiping with Him in the Word and in prayer, learning to walk in the spirit and to hear His voice, then you may grasp His plan for your life. And when that is done, God will fulfill His promise to give you an abundant life that is more than you could ask or think (John 10:10, Ephesians 3:20).

Purity Program

"The Purity Program was designed to help Christian Youth understand their sexuality in light of the gospel in maintaining and keeping their vows. The Purity Ceremony is a formal service at which time each participant, after committing to keeping their vows, are given purity rings to boldly show an outward symbol of commitment to God's Word and purity until they are married. This is an ongoing program that meet every first Saturday of the month from 1 PM to 3 PM.

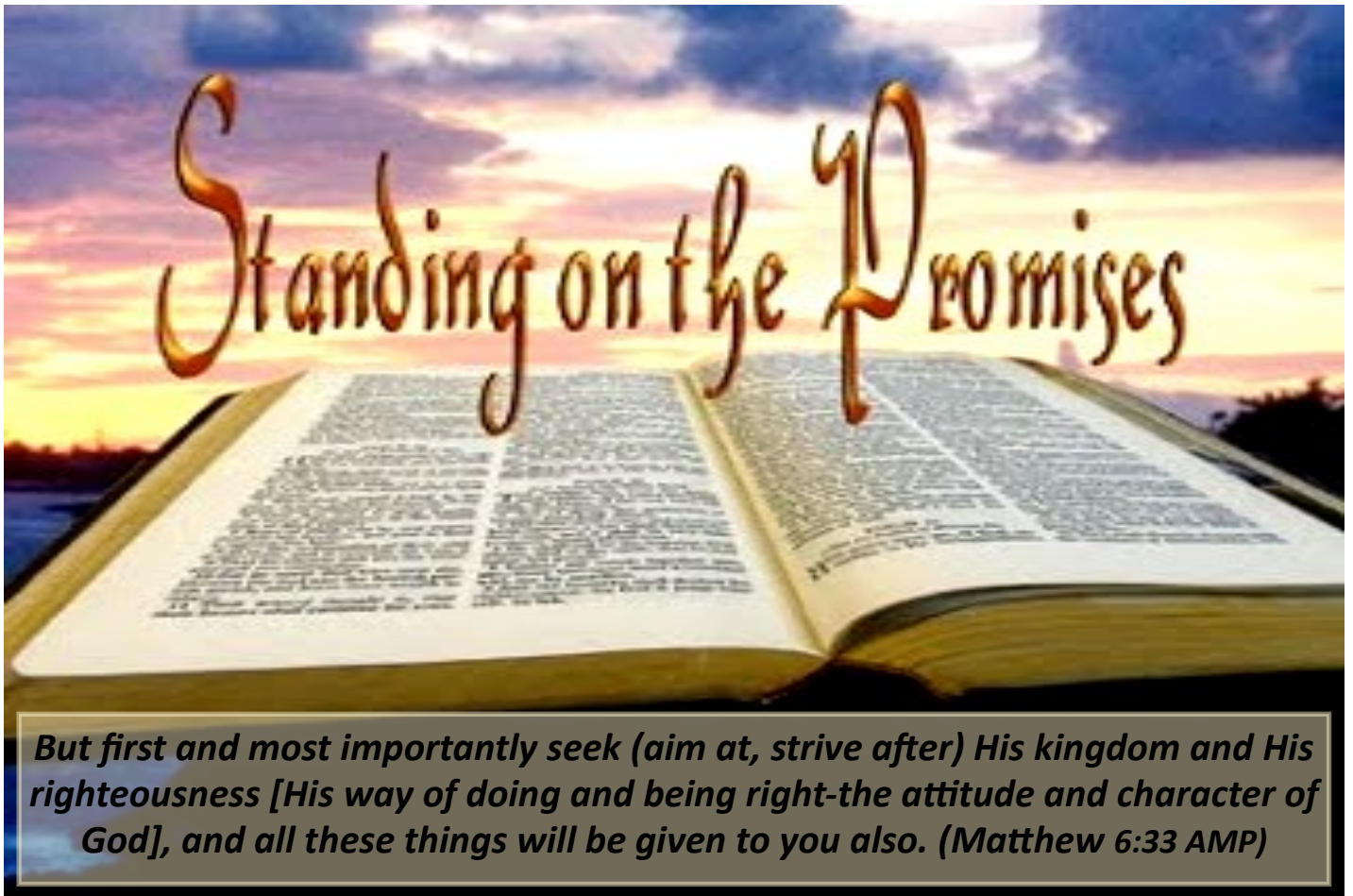
The foundation of the Program is based on the Word of God "Flee sexual immorality". The Purity Program is a resource to teach our youth that God's Word is the foundation of their purity, the Word is first and priority. The youth get an opportunity to fellowship with like minded youth where they begin to establish a firm foundation of what purity means so when temptation comes they will be equipped to stand with integrity in God's Word. We discuss topics based on age groups with the understanding that purity is really a matter of the heart; it is an inward reality that leads to outward behaviors. Sexual purity is essential to our walk with God it is not an option but obedience unto God."

"Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies."

1 Corinthians 6:18 – 20

*"How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word".
Psalm 119:9*





But first and most importantly seek (aim at, strive after) His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right-the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also. (Matthew 6:33 AMP)

By: Yvonne Shaw

What does it mean to stand on the promises of God and how do we actually stand on God's promises? First we have to believe God's word and know that it is inspired by God. The promises of God's word is spiritual food for our lives. His omnipotent power that enforces His word cannot be stopped not even by human power. Nothing on earth or in the universe, whether visible or invisible, can stop or change God's promises to His children from being fulfilled.

The LORD Almighty has sworn, "Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will happen. This is the plan determined for the whole world; this is the hand stretched out over all nations. For the LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back? (Isaiah 14:24, 26-27 NIV)

If by faith we believe what God tells us in His Word and stand with our feet firmly planted on His promises our lives will be drastically changed. God tells us without faith it's impossible to please Him so walking in faith we are pleasing God. In faith we have to seek Him, study and digest His word so we will know the gifts that Christ has given to us. If we don't first seek the kingdom of God, studying and applying His word to our lives we will miss the precious gifts that have been given to us. The word tells us what our responsibilities are as God's children and how to accept the promises that have already been given to us if we receive them.

Below is just a few of the promises that have been given to us but search God's word and change your life.

You Say:

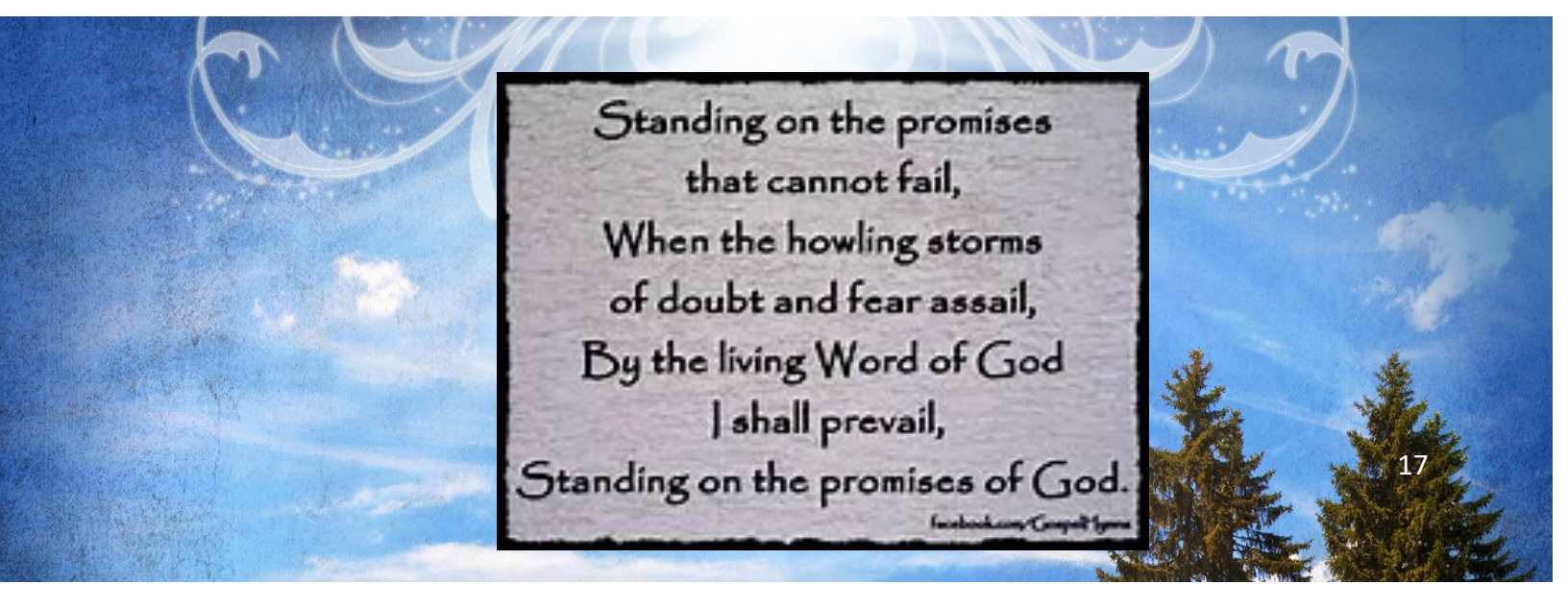
"I feel all alone"
"I can't do it"
"I can't figure it out"
"I can't forgive myself"
"I can't go on"
"I can't manage"
"I'm afraid"
"I'm always worried"
"I'm broke"
"I'm distressed"
"I'm not able"
"I'm not smart enough"
"I'm not successful"
"I'm tired"
"It's impossible"
"I've committed sins"
"Nobody loves me"

God Says:

"I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5-6)
"You can do all things" (Philippians 4:13)
"He will direct your path" (Proverbs 3:5 – 6)
 "I forgive you" (Romans 8:1)
"His grace is sufficient" (2 Corinthians 12:9)
"I will supply all your needs" (Philippians 4:19)
"I have not given you the spirit of fear" (2 Timothy 1:7)
"Cast all your cares on Me" (1 Peter 5:7)
"Give and you will receive" (Luke 6:38)
"I will give you peace" (Isaiah 23:3)
"I am able" (2 Corinthians 9:8)
"I will give you wisdom" (James 1:5-6)
"I have plans for your life" (Jeremiah 29:1)
"I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28 – 30)
"Nothing is impossible" (Luke 18:27)
"I have removed your sin" (Psalm 103:12)
"I love you" (1 John 3:1)

We can take God at His Word because we know that His word will never return to Him void. God wants us to trust Him, rest in His word, rely on what He has promised us by walking in faith knowing that what God promises will come to pass. He has the capable power to bring to pass all that His Word proclaims. It was by His Word that the universe came into existence for He **spoke it** and it came to pass. To understand this kind of power we have to study the word. God has given us the first step to claiming our rewards by first "seeking the kingdom and His righteousness". If we live our lives according to God's word not just reading the word but applying it in our lives making it a vital part of our lives, we will discover the thousands of promises in the bible where God tells us that He will act on our behalf as our Father and Savior if we obey Him. Stand on the promises!

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do



Standing on the promises
that cannot fail,
When the howling storms
of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God
I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

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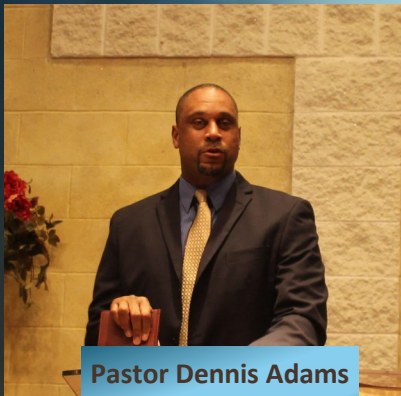
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"But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves." James 1:22(NLT):

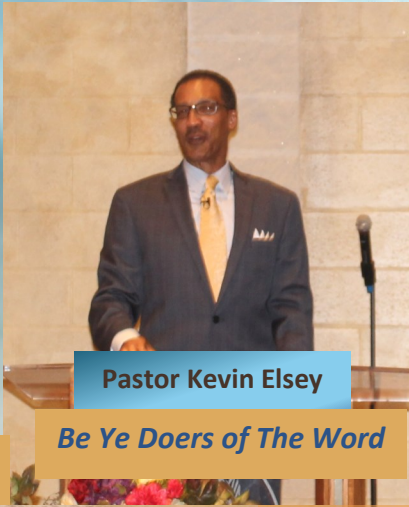
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Prayer



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Pastor Kevin Elsey

Be Ye Doers of The Word



Pastor Lecarston Chestnut

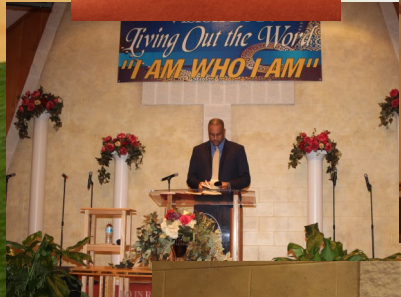
According To Thy Word

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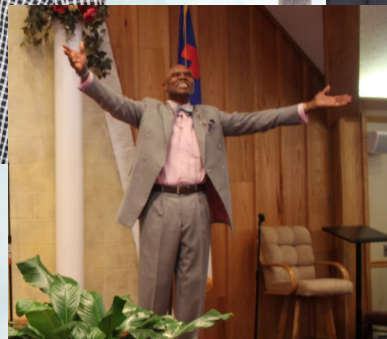
Restoration



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Love



Pastor Owen Alston



Fellowship



Worship



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***** PRAYER OF SALVATION *****

DO YOU KNOW...?

GOD LOVES YOU

JESUS DIED FOR YOUR SINS

YOU CAN RECEIVE JESUS NOW AND KNOW GOD'S LOVE

The basis of the Prayer of Salvation comes from Romans 10:9-10, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved."

However, I would like to direct you to Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by Grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Grace is mentioned over 100 times in the Bible. Grace is God's unmerited favor and because of God's grace, we receive eternal life and a promise of heaven. Grace is necessary for salvation as we cannot do enough good works or make enough right choices to earn our salvation. The Bible teaches that we are justified by the grace of God (Romans 3:24; Titus 3:7). Justified means declared not guilty. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, all charges against us are dropped and we are free from sin. When God forgives our sins, the record is wiped clean. It is as if we had never sinned.

A preacher once explained grace with this acronym:

God's - Riches - At - Christ's - Expense

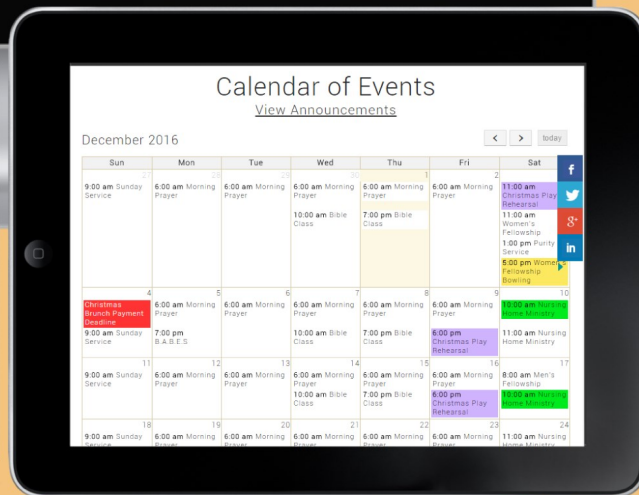
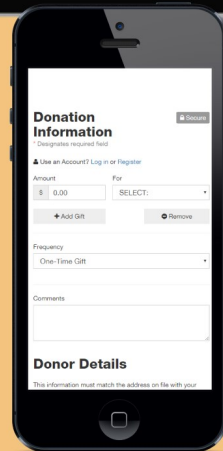
PRAY THIS PRAYER OUT LOUD:

Heavenly Father, In Jesus' name I repent of my sins and open my heart to let Jesus come inside of me. Jesus, You are my Lord and Savior. I believe you died for my sins and you were raised from the dead. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Thank you Father, for saving me in Jesus' name. Amen.

If you've prayed this prayer of salvation with true conviction, you are now a follower of Jesus.

Welcome to the family of God! We encourage you now to find a local church where you can be baptized and grow in the knowledge of God through His Word, the Bible.

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“B.A.B.E.S. in Christ” is a young adults fellowship that stands for Brilliant, Ambitious, Beautiful, Effervescent, Servants in Christ. Meetings are typically held from 7-9pm on every other Monday at Harmony Ministries.

Our group is geared towards the spiritual edification and support of those who are interested in socializing and fellowshiping with like-minded peers, as we mature in our Christian faith. Each meeting, we use a Scripture-based study guide to help focus the discussions, which have topics & themes most relevant to the experiences of people between the ages of 18-30ish.

However, we always welcome any and everyone interested, to join us in spreading love and God’s Word! Get in on this:

Connect with us on Instagram @BabesinChrist and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/babesinchrist2016, we’d love to hear from you!”



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