

Jesus Opens the Way to Joy

Draw strength and happiness from the power of God's promise. by Norman Vincent Peale

It has been assumed by some who do not know, that Christianity is a gloomy religion. Its chief emblem is, of course, the Cross, a symbol of suffering. But, in a higher sense, the Cross is the symbol of glorious victory. Faith in the Cross of Christ gives victory and salvation, and therefore the true Christian is always happy. He is constantly rejoicing. "Always be joyful in the Lord! I'll say it again: Be joyful!" (Philippians 4:4).

One reason for the Christian's happiness is his wonderful relationship with a good God. So loving is the heavenly Father that we are not to be fearful and hesitant about life. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Philippians 4:6). Do this joyfully and lovingly and with true faith, and great things will come to you.

The rest of this 4th chapter in Philippians outlines just how

wonderful your life can be. "The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (verse 7). Then comes a list of the things we are to think about and make vital in our lives. If our thoughts are filled with truth and honesty and purity and loveliness, we will have God's peace (verse 8).

So great and meaningful is the sense of Christ's presence that, when we have this greatest of all possessions, we will also have an awareness of spiritual power. Then we are ready to make that most astonishing affirmation: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (verse 13). Christianity opens the way to joy and victory, and the secret is simply this: Live with Christ. Then, as the Apostle Paul says, "My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus" (verse 19).

Why *not* be joyful?



Lenten Celebration 2017

Lent provides us an opportunity to take a close look at ourselves as we journey towards eternal life. While we face difficulties it is important to admit that this spiritual life is not an easy endeavor. Lent also provides us with an excellent opportunity to strengthen ourselves in our spiritual walk with the Lord. This year's focus is on *The Year of Kingdom Victory.* 1 John 5:4 "For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith." Prayer and Fasting for these 40 days can move God to fulfill His intended will over our lives. Don't take this time lightly. Our prayers are poured out for you during these 40 days that victory be manifested in each of us for the Glory of God.

Blessings,

Pastor K. D. & (LL) Elder E. R. Shivers

Decrease is a spiritual necessity. John the Baptist was the first among Jesus' followers to grasp its counter-cultural power. "Less is more" is a popular simplicity mantra in our day. But John's understanding of "less is more" was spiritually profound. Gabriel had announced John's life-calling to Zechariah before John was even conceived: John was the one who, "in the spirit and power of Elijah...[would] make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1:17). In many ways, John lived a Lenten lifestyle 365 days a year. His diet was narrow, his possessions were minimal, and his focus was eternal. But decrease for John was less about assets and more about attention. His longing was to draw his generation's attention and allegiance to the Messiah. From John's perspective, the true value of people seeing him was that people would then be positioned to see through him and gaze at Jesus. By willingly decreasing, John increased others' view of the Savior. Attention is not innately evil. It becomes evil when used as a self-serving end instead of a God-serving means. Those who steward attention as means and not end stand tall and serve strong, knowing that all gifts come from God and can therefore draw attention to God. Praise slides off such souls like water off a window into a cup that is offered to God alone. Surrounded by swelling crowds, John directed his fans to Jesus. The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.' I myself did not know Him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that He might be revealed to Israel." (John 1:29-31) John decreased so others could see the Lamb. John decreased so others could follow the One who preceded and surpassed him. John decreased so that the Messiah would be revealed in John's lifetime. May our decrease likewise increase our generation's view of Jesus.

10 Questions to Consider During Lent by Michelle Medlock Adams

For Christians, Lent is sort of a spring cleaning for the soul. It's a season when God wants us to examine ourselves and meditate on Him, His Word and His plan for our lives. So, I challenge you to take time during these weeks leading up to Easter and ponder these 10 questions during your moments with the Master.

- 1) Am I openly, honestly and enthusiastically sharing the message of Jesus Christ with unsaved family members and those I encounter in everyday life?
- 2) Do I have a gracious and patient attitude with the people in my life?
- 3) Do I look for the best in others, or do I have a judgmental attitude?
- 4) Am I spending enough time studying His Word and praying?
- 5) Do I have a thankful heart, or am I constantly complaining about situations and people in my life?
- 6) What are the lurking sin problems that still tempt me?
- 7) Do I speak up for the less fortunate, or do I remain silent and inactive?
- 8) Do I stand up for my Christian beliefs, or do I compromise my faith in order to be politically correct?
- 9) What is God dealing with me about right now—exercising to improve my health? Spending more time studying His Word? Going back to school to further my education? Answering the call to go to the mission field?
- 10) When people look at me, do they see a reflection of Jesus?



Pastor's Wives Fellowship Monday, February 20, 2017

Empowering, Encouraging, Inspiring



OUTREACH

Solomon's Temple Outreach Ministry Is In Full Effect!

Please let us know if anyone is in the hospital, inoutpatient surgeries and death in the family or any
other life changing event (medical or death). We
have <u>"Care Teams"</u> for each month that is willing
and ready to contact you. We love our church family
and we believe love is not what it says —
it's what it does.

CARE TEAM FOR THE MONTH

Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas
Sis. Tami Drew
Sis. Crystal Wrenn

Please let the church administrator know of any disciples' address or phone number change!

Thank You!

Lenten Season Messengers

Tuesday, March 7th Elder Wayne Hatton

Tuesday, March 14th Minister Cynthia Edwards

Tuesday, March 21st Elder Edith Shivers

Tuesday, March 28th Minister Bertram Blackwell

Tuesday, April 4th MIT Ernest Ruffin







PRAYER LIST

Sis. Sonjia Moore

Sis. Tami Drew

Bro. James Green Sr.

Sis. Lonnie Batten

Sis. Mary Cornick

Sis. Tamara Jones

Rawls & Wellons Family

Holmes & Taylor Family

Sis. Vernell Brown

Sis. Vernell Wrenn Sis. Connie Payne

Sis. Mary Diggs

Sis. Phyllis Wiggins

Shivers Family

Lee Family

If there are any names that need to be added to the list, let the church administrator know. Thank You.



Hour of Victory Speakers

Lent

Friday, March 3rd Sis. Lucy Watkins

Friday, March 10th Sis. Sylvia Gundy

Friday, March 17th Sis. Phyllis Duck

Friday, March 24th Bro. Donald Watkins

Friday, March 31st Sis. Shirley Haskins

Friday, April 7th Sis. Wendy Green



Mid-Week Motivation

Join us for Mid-Week Motivation on Wednesday mornings (March 1st. March 8th, March 15th, March 22nd, March 29th, April 5th and April 12th) at 6:00am. Please call 1-302-202-1106 and enter conference code 596347 to conference in and join in the morning word and prayer.

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March	Scri	ptures
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Joel 2:12-14 3/5

3/12 Matthew 6:16-18

3/19 Mark 1:12-15

3/26 Psalm 91:1-4

Welcome Schedule

Sis. Wendy Johnson 3/5

3/12 Shania Little

3/19 Bro. Earl Moton

3/26 Sis. Faye Thompson

Door Opener

Bro. Kinston Shivers

Worship Leaders Schedule

MIT Ernest Ruffin 3/5

3/12 Jayla Nichols

3/19 Minister Cynthia Edwards

3/26 Elder Sarah Hatton

Servant Leaders Schedule

Sis. Phyllis Duck 3/5

3/12 Sis. Sylvia Gundy

3/19 Bro. James Green Sr.

3/26 Sis. Turekia White

Communion Bowls HOLY

Sis. Turekia White Sis. Sylvia Gundy



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March 2017 CID Teachers Schedule

March 7th **Adult Teacher:** Minister Cynthia Edwards | Ephesians 2:1-10

"Great Love"

Youth Teacher: Sis. Phyllis Duck & Sis. Lisa Thompson

March 14th Adult Teacher: Elder Wayne Hatton | John 15:1-17

"Matchless Love"

Youth Teacher: Elder Karen Lee & Sis. Jessica Smith

March 21st **Adult Teacher:** Sis. Turekia White | Joel 2:12, 13, 18, 19, 28-32

"Restorina Love"

Youth Teachers: Elder Sarah Hatton & Sis. Desiree Brown

March 28th Adult Teacher: Bro. James Green Sr. | Psalm 23

"Shepherding Love"

Youth Teachers: Elder Margaret S. Thomas & Sis. Faye Thompson

Explanation of the lesson can be found on our website.solomonstemplechurch.net

Choir Rehearsal Schedule for the Month of March

Thursday before the 1st Sunday

Praise Team 6:00pm

7:00pm Mass Choir

Thursday before the 3rd Sunday

Children Choir 6:30pm

Thursday before the 2nd Sunday

7:00pm Sons of Solomon

Thursday before the 4th Sunday

6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm **Joyful Voices**



Happy Anniversary

Lavores & Tanisha White March 7th

Sheridan & Vernell Wrenn March 25th

Samuel & Tami Drew March 29th

An anniversary is a time to celebrate the joys of today, the memories of yesterday and the hopes of tomorrow.

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday

Arieana Parker

Jerrica Taylor

Ebony Clarke

Barbara Jones

Kevin Shepherd Jr.

Wendy Green

March 9th

March 14th

March 18th

March 18th

March 20th

Sonjia Moore March 20th Craig Clarke March 20th

Kayla Williams March 26th
Melissa Turner March 28th

Angela Batten March 31st







congratulations

Youth Academic Achievement Job Well Done!

Imani Gray made straight A's and Jayla Gray made honor roll.



Sunday, March 5, 2017 Happy 98th Birthday Mr. Willie R. Wilson The Grandfather of Minister Cynthia Edwards.



Newsletter Submissions



Do you know someone who is doing great things in the community, school, or church? Nominate them to be the Solomonite of the Month. This person can be a youth or an adult. Don't forget to recognize those celebrating an anniversary, graduation (from high school, college, or any other), or special occasion. We also want to know about those who have made the honor roll. Let's not forget baby announcements, bible humor or recipes. If you have a story or idea that you would like to incorporate into the newsletter, forward the story to steeretary1@gmail.com or leave the idea on the secretary's desk.

New to Solomon's Temple?



First of all **WELCOME**! We are so pleased that you have come to visit our church. Whether you are just inquiring about our church, a new visitor, or simply want to see if Solomon's Temple is the right fit for you and your family, we are grateful to have you among us. We hope you will find your spiritual home here. Here at Solomon's Temple, we offer many exciting ministries to assist in your daily walk.

Solomon's Temple holds New Disciple Orientation sessions that can provide information about our church, what we offer and what to expect from your church family. If you have any questions, please contact **Elder Sarah Hatton**, **Elder Wayne Hatton**. or **Bro. James Green Sr**..

The Season of Lent March Schedule of Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT
3/1/17	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday service at the chapel; Pastor Eldridge Lucas III and the Emmanuel Baptist Church family will be our guest
3/2/17	6:00pm/7:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal/Mass Choir rehearsal
3/3/17	7:00pm	Friday Night Hour of Victory service
3/4/17	2:00pm	Mass choir sing at Easter Baptist Church – Choir Anniversary service
3/5/17	After Service	Outreach Ministry will meet in Parlor A
3/7/17	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Lenten Service
3/8/17	6:30pm	Kingdom Victory Workouts
3/9/17	7:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
3/10/17	7:00pm	Friday Night Hour of Victory service
3/11/17	4:00pm	Couples Ministry Paint Night at the chapel
3/12/17	After Service	Benjamin Tribe will meet in Parlor A
3/12/17	After Service	Levi Tribe will meet in the Choir Area
3/14/17	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Lenten Service
3/15/17	6:30pm	Kingdom Victory Workouts
3/16/17	6:30pm	Children Choir rehearsal
3/17/17	6:00pm	Men's Ministry & Women's Ministry will meet at the chapel
3/17/17	7:00pm	Friday Night Hour of Victory service
3/19/17	After Service	Youth Ministry will meet
3/19/17	3:00pm	Victory Musical & Mime service sponsored by the Men's Ministry
3/21/17	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Lenten Service
3/22/17	6:30pm	Kingdom Victory Workouts
3/23/17	6:00pm/7:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal/Joyful Voices rehearsal
3/24/17	7:00pm	Friday Night Hour of Victory service
3/25/17	4:00pm-6:00pm	The Play "The Glory Train" at the Williams Mission Center of Main Street Baptist Church
3/26/17	After service	Joseph Tribe will meet
3/28/17	6:30pm/7:15pm	CID Session/Lenten Service
3/29/17	6:30pm	Kingdom Victory Workouts
3/30/17	6:00pm/7:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal/Mass Choir rehearsal
3/31/17	7:00pm	Friday Night Hour of Victory service
3/31-4/2/17		Youth Conference at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg, VA

Verse of the Month

But these are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. (John 20:31)



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26. Joseph Tribe will meet Kayla Williams	19. After service Youth Ministry will meet 3:00pm Victory Musical & Mime	12. Benjamin Tribe will meet Levi Tribe will meet Daylight Savings Time Begins	5. Outreach Ministry will meet		Sunday	=
27.	20. Sonjia Moore Wendy Green Craig Clarke First Day of Spring	13.	6.		Monday	þ
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81. 7:00pm Friday Night Hour of Victory Youth Conference in Lynchburg, VA Angela Batten	24. 7:00pm Friday Night Hour of Victory	17. 6:00pm Men & Women meetings 7:00pm Friday Night Hour of Victory	10. 7:00pm Friday Night Hour of Victory	3. 7:00pm Friday Night Hour of Victory	Friday	•
	4:00pm The Play "The Glory Train" Happy Anniversary Sheridan & Vernell Wrenn	18. Barbara Jones Kevin Shepherd Jr.	11. 4:00pm Couples Paint Night at the chapel	4. 2:00pm Mass Choir sing at Easter Baptist Church	Saturday	4

2017 Theme: The Year of Kingdom Victory

"For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith." (1 John 5:4)

Turn to the Bible to Deepen Your Faith

by Norman Vincent Peale

Use these tips to help you get the most from God's Word. Establish a relationship with the most popular book of all time. Here are easy ways to spend time with the Good Book and allow it to pour out its riches upon you.

1. Buy a beautiful Bible.

Learn to love the book itself. An attractive copy will feel good in your hands. Using a Bible that has sentimental value—one given you by your mother, father, pastor or Sunday school teacher—will make you want to spend time with it.

2. Pick it up, open it and read it.

It will never do you any good standing on a shelf.

3. Read through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Read one chapter a day, preferably before bed. This will allow you to go to sleep with healthy, happy positive thoughts soaking into your thought patterns for the next day.

By reading a chapter a day, you will complete these four books in 89 days—okay, a little longer, but most of the great principles of Jesus are found in these books. Master them and you will have His rare secret of great living. Then, when you have read them through twice, read them a third time.

4. On the second reading, underline passages that appeal to vou.

And on the third reading, memorize one passage every day. The more passages you commit to memory, the more completely you will be carrying the Bible around in your mind. Say the words over to yourself in spare minutes. These passages will serve as logs to cling to when you find yourself adrift on the sea of life.

5. Take your Bible in your hand, close your eyes and pray that God will give you just the message you need. We are all afflicted by moods. Sometimes we are fearful and

We are all afflicted by moods. Sometimes we are fearful and worried, at other times we are angry and resentful; sometimes our loved ones are ill and at times we feel very lonely.

But there is an answer in the Bible to every mood. All you need to do is open your Bible. The first statement you see may not be your answer, for God does not work in such a mechanical manner.

Continue reading and you will come to what He wants to say to you. You will recognize it when you see it. Incidentally, this will help you to become familiar with the entire Bible. In time, this familiarity will enable you to know where to look for help in specific situations.

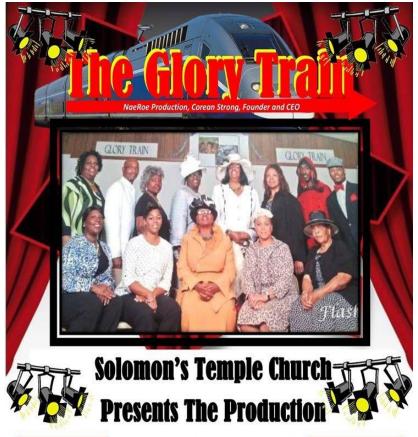
6. Read the entire Book of Psalms without stopping.

When you have an entire evening in which you can read, devote that time to the psalms. When you finish reading them, you will have such an overwhelming sense of the victory of faith over all the troubles of life that you will want to shout for joy.

In cases of grief and disappointment, I have known this practice to revolutionize a person's entire outlook. It gives one the whole panorama of human suffering and spiritual victory in one dose.

7. Expand your biblical knowledge.

Perhaps when you've worked your way through my suggestions, you'll have become so interested in the Bible that you'll want to know the entire book as a spiritual scholar. If so, ask your minister for suggested study books to guide you in your search.



DONATION: \$10.00 "The Glory Train"

AT DOOR:

Proceeds To Solomon's Temple Building Fund

Saturday, March 25, 2017 @ 4:00pm

Williams Mission Center - 517 Main Street - Smithfield, Va. 23430

Special Appearance! Five Blind Boyz of Tidewater & Soloist Sis. Aime Powell

2nd Annual Virginia Interstate Youth Conference



Health Care Ministry Corner

March is National Save Your Vision Month

March is National Save Your Vision Month. While many of us think that having good vision simply means that our eyes are healthy, that is not always the case. Regular comprehensive eye exams can ensure that you not only keep your vision in great shape, but that you keep your eyes, and ultimately your body, healthy as well. Scheduling an eye exam is the first step to take in saving your vision.

During a comprehensive eye exam, your eye doctor does so much more than just figure out your prescription for eyeglasses or contacts. Your doctor also checks your eyes for common eye diseases, examines how your eyes work together, and also evaluates your eyes as an indicator of your overall health. Eye doctors are often the first health care professional to detect chronic systemic diseases such as high blood pressure and diabetes.

Eye exams are a vital part of health maintenance for everyone, no matter your age. Adults should have their eyes tested annually to keep their prescriptions current and to check for early signs of eye disease. Eye exams for children play an important part in ensuring normal vision development as well as academic achievement. Vision is closely linked to the learning process and children with undetected vision issues will often having difficulty with their academics.

March is National Kidney Month

March is National Kidney Month and the NKF (National Kidney Foundation) is urging all Americans to give their kidneys a second thought and a well-deserved checkup.

Kidneys filter 200 liters of blood a day, help regulate blood pressure and direct red blood cell production. But they are also prone to disease; 1 in 3 Americans is at risk for kidney disease due to diabetes, high blood pressure or a family history of kidney failure.

There are more than 26 million Americans who already have kidney disease, and most don't know it because there are often no symptoms until the disease has progressed.

Points to Ponder

Use everything as an opportunity to understand, grow, and expand. – *Unknown*

Always forgive people and move on, even if they never ask for your forgiveness. Don't do it for them – do it for yourself. – *Unknown*

"If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place." – *Nora Roberts*

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." – *Mother Teresa*

The best opportunities won't sit around and wait for you. Be ready for them or they'll move on without you.

Upcoming Events

April 1st	My Time Women's Show	May 5 th -6 th	Women's Conference/Retreat
April 7 th	Friday Night Hour of Victory Service	May 7 th	Women's Day
April 9 th –	Palm Sunday	May 7 th	Mother's Day Celebration
April 9th - 13th	Holy Week Revival	May 14 th	Mother's Day
April 14 th	Good Friday	May 20 th	Media Ministry Fashion Show
April 15 th	Carrying the Cross	May 21st	Ministry Day
April 16 th	Easter Sunday	May 21 st	Elder Shivers preach at Sandy Mt.
April 22 nd	Singles Ministry Bus Trip to Luray Caverns		Baptist Church – Women's Day
April 30 th	100 Kingdom Minded Women Service	May 28 th	Pastor Shivers preach at Galilee
			Baptist Church – Family/Friends Day

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June 2 nd	Couples Ministry Movie Night
June 17 th	Bikers for Christ
June 18 th	Father's Day
June 23rd-24th	Men's Conference
lune 25th	Men's Day



July 4th July 15th July 22nd July 23rd

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Independence Day/4th of July Singles Ministry Outing Men's Ministry Fun Day Outing Family & Friends Day