



2020 Theme

“Redeemed, Gifted and Purposeful”

1 Corinthians 1:7

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THE VOICE FROM THE VILLAGE “WE NEED YOUR GIFT”

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Spiritual Gifts Help the Body of Christ, the Church, to Grow.

That’s why we need to know about spiritual gifts. As Christians who believe that Jesus is our Lord and having a desire to love and follow Him in the best way possible it is the gifts of the Holy Spirit that will enable us to be a healthy, effective, growing group of people showing forth God’s love to the world. We cannot be what we should be, what Jesus prayed that we would be, based upon what the Holy Spirit gifted us and empowered us to be, until we understand spiritual gifts. The

problem we have today is too many Christians are not serving. When you ask them to do something they say, “Well, uh, sorry, but that is not my spiritual gift.” The trouble is they seem to think they have no spiritual gift because they say that about everything. However, I tell you the truth in Christ that there are no such gifts as pew warming and sermon or music listening. All of the spiritual gifts are proactive. You will be doing something. If you tell me that you are sold out to the Lord and not doing anything, I will try not to be rude, but I will have to ask you to explain your definition of consecration. God has said that every Christian has at least one spiritual gift for the benefit of the whole body of Christ. No one has all the gifts, all have at least one gift, and some have two or more. We are dependent on each other. The

Word of God has a list of the faithful who were thoroughly equipped by the Lord to be competent in the task set before them, regardless of what their call was. The Holy Spirit has given every true born again Christian Spiritual gifts for the “common good” of mankind and for the edification of the Body of Christ. Just like a great football team has many positions which are filled by gifted men, the church has many members with different Spiritual gifts to accomplish God’s will in this sin cursed world. When these gifts of the Holy Spirit are exercised under the agape love of Christ, the obedient church will enjoy balance and joy in the Body of Christ. The church will also be fully equipped to reach a hurting, misled world

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BLACK HISTORY
365 days a year**



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T.E.S.T.I.F.Y

By Gisla Bush



THE TEST: Do you reject, rescind or forget your statements regarding God's blessings when faced with a blessing gone sour?

Several years ago, when my daughters started college at the ages of 13, 14, and 15, they were celebrated for their achievements. Family, friends and love ones lavished them with gifts of money, clothes, electronics, and school supplies. We recognized that God had bestowed unbelievable blessings on our family. We made every effort to impress on our children that every good and perfect gift comes from God (James 1:17) and that he uses people to deliver them to us. Luke 6:38.

One early Saturday morning during their first year in college, my daughter arose to find out that her computer was not inside her backpack. Being astonished by the discovery, she informed me. The news stunned me too because she had recently received this new computer as a gift. Immediately, I knew something had gone awry. She said that she had no personal recollection as to where it was but figured she could have left it in her classroom at Florida Atlantic University (FAU). I could accept an explanation about forgetting to pick up a cell phone but forgetting a laptop computer was a bit bizarre. Since I had to leave for a meeting and attend a funeral, I managed to carve out a little time to probe deeper into the matter. After hearing her story, I told my daughter that there has to be more and that she needed to confess because God was not an "Indian giver"—He did not give her that gift and take it back just days later. I sternly admonished her and reiterated that God does not work like that—but the devil. I left her with a few choice words, and I reminded her that I expected some answers by the time I return.

Throughout that day this situation troubled me. The more I pondered, the more I was convinced that something was not right. I spoke to my husband about it, and he considered travelling to FAU to attempt to retrieve the computer. He even admitted that he felt the prompting of God to go. My effort to convince him was in vain. After speaking to my daughter again, she remained resolute that she had not sinned nor needed to repent of anything. I explained how the enemy works for he comes but to steal, kill, and destroy. John 10:10. Again, I counselled her to acknowledge any wrong doing in order to stay the hand of the enemy or she may never see her computer again. Scripture. (hindered prayers), Finally, I pressured her to heed the Word that says confess your faults one to another and He is faithful and just to forgive. 1 John 1:9. Later that night, my husband led us in prayer regarding the situation.

THE TESTIMONY: The next day was Sunday. We are now two days removed since the computer went missing. As I returned from church and headed to Miami for music practice, I was presented, by my daughter, with a folded sheet of paper as I exited the front door. I, hesitantly, read the note when I reached my destination. As expected her confession grieved my heart. The Word of God says judge yourself so you be not judged, so I too refrained from exacting well deserved punishment. When I returned home, I contemplated how to approach her regarding the confession. However, my thoughts were interrupted when I received a call from my husband who reported that someone turned the computer in to campus police. Relief and jubilation filled my heart. God answered our prayer. My husband further shared that the FAU police department stated that in its history no one had ever turned in a computer. Wow! There is nothing too hard for God? As the Christian song writer says, "He is a good, good Father."

FOOD FOR FAITH: Don't ever count God out. It is not His intention to rescind his blessings but to awaken us so that we don't forfeit them to the enemy. As believers, our sincere prayer coupled with honest, humble, confession can and will stay the hand of the enemy. The scriptures support this for it states that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16.





Views From the Catbird Seat

Join Alvin C. Romer for commentary about life and faith in the African-American Diaspora.



A Quest for Perfect Vision and a Renewed Sense of Purpose in 2020

By Deacon Alvin C. Romer



Let me ask just one question to you: Are you ready to take your purpose and your work ethic to the next level? I've always been fascinated by one of God's greatest gifts to us, and that is His gift of purpose. In order to traverse anywhere in time, vision must be illuminated to see clearly navigating ways and means for meaningful purpose. With this in mind, walk with me as I attempt to help you understand the power behind the single vision and purpose for this church, including yourself to reach as many people possible. God said he'd give us purpose...to give us meaning for our lives, for assigned value to bring adventure, fulfillment, joy and satisfaction like nothing else. WOW! Where in the world can you find that type of mandate?

Moreover, there's no end to what He promised. Inasmuch when we deem ourselves duly and diligent as we go about being the Christians we are, there's room for improvement and demonstrative verve in how we adjust our vision pursuing purpose. Going above mediocrity to magnificent is a method that will greatly increase your capacity to sense optimal paths from yet, another analogy — from corruptive to corrected. The key is increasing impact and making work

a direct expression for meaningful destiny. Pastor Jones' intent for this year is to give more insight on how we can be better by not only using the gifts that the Lord has given us, but for us to be purposeful with clear vantage points. If you say you're called, then do what would be your destined value. If you're in a quandary looking for a renewed sense of purpose, then position yourself to learn accordingly.

Many of my friends have expressed an inability to grasp the meaning of purpose and how they should manifest it. It's my opinion that it makes you live with integrity striving for something better not previously attained. Knowing your purpose in life helps you live life with truthful resolve. People who know their purpose in life know who they are, what they are, and why they are. And when you know yourself (to be true) it becomes easier to live a life aligned with core values.

One of the things that is detrimental to churches that grow too big is they seem to languish on a largess of too much opulence without meaningful growth in the right direction. Could it be a lack of purpose without vision? I'd definitely not like to think that this is status quo here at Koinonia! I hope that purpose and gifts (if used adequately) arise from special gifts and sets you apart from other people—but that's only part of the truth. It also grows from our connection to others, which is why a crisis of purpose is often a symptom of isolation, and an inability to understand why you're here and what must be done to validate where you're going. We should NEVER be isolated from

what the Lord wants us to achieve as one body.

With this in mind, once you find your path, you'll almost certainly find others traveling the same destination—to a community. It's not an easy task to suddenly find ways becoming readily visible and viable. It's not enough just to come to church and hug every word our Pastor intones without carving a niche for yourselves making a difference. Try doing something to edify self, family and community, which is a three-fold phenomenon that pays dividends for purposeful venues. The people around you can always be a catalyst with you being a blessing to others, lifting someone up, and leading someone to Christ. It's having a sense of belonging.

In closing, if you're having trouble remembering your purpose, don't know what gifts you have, know that this year 2020 is one of vision. As perfect as it should be, it would only serve your purpose if you are in tune to where you need to be; just take a look at the people around you. What do you see in common with them? What are they trying to accomplish... what impact do you see them having on the world around them? Is that impact a positive one? Can you join them in making that impact? What do they need? Can YOU give it to them? If the answers to those questions don't inspire you, then you might need to find a new community of thought. Better yet, endeavor to join us for Thursday night Bible Studies, including listening to Pastor Jones on Sundays for more in-depth evaluation for clearer vision.

THE PROMISE KEEPER

HEBREWS 11:6

By Sister Fannie Simms

God will reward those who keep on seeking Him. He may not come when you want Him to, but He will be right on time. If you will wait on the Lord, He will strengthen your heart. He will heal you and deliver you. He will lift you up and break your chains. He will give you the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness (see Isaiah 61:3). He will keep all his promises.

But you have a part to play. And that part is faith. When we believe God's promises, we are counted as righteous. Righteousness cannot be earned or merited. It comes only through faith. "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible" (Hebrews 11:3). God wants us to understand that just because we can't see it, doesn't mean He won't do it.

By faith Sarah believed that she could conceive a baby even though she was past childbearing age. She believed that God was capable of giving her a child regardless of what the circumstances looked like. From the natural perspective, it was impossible. The enemy certainly didn't want it to happen. But God kept His promise.



Abraham received many promises from God regarding his descendants. God told Abraham that his seed would be as the sands of the sea and the stars of the heaven (see Genesis 22:17). The first promise represents the natural, physical nation of Israel. These were the people of the Old Covenant. But God didn't stop there. He also promised that Abraham's seed would be as the stars of heaven. These are the people of the New Covenant. That's the Church. We, too, are seed of Abraham. We are the stars of heaven. The only thing between the seed and the stars was the woman. Can you see why Sarah had to receive strength to conceive a seed when she was old? When she believed and conceived, God multiplied her blessings.

Whatever God gives you, He wants it to be multiplied in the womb of your spirit. When you bring it forth, it shall be greater than what you had.

The enemy wants to multiply fear in your life. God wants to set you free from fear and fill you with faith. You must learn to trust God enough to allow Him to come in and plow up your life. He may need to root out closet skeletons and replace them with new attitudes.

Satan has assigned fear to block up your womb and cause you to be less productive than God wants you to be. Don't be afraid. You are God's woman. No matter the desire or the blessing that you seek, God has promised to give you the desires of your heart (see Psalm 37:4) and He always keeps His promises!



Truism - an undoubted or self-evident truth

**"PRAYER IS LIKE BREATHING.
IF YOU STOP, YOU DIE."**

~ PASTOR WESLEY SMITH

HEALTHY IS AS HEALTHY DOES

Health Tips and Advice by Sara M. Snell

How to Keep Your Brain Healthy

The brain changes as we grow older, but there are things that we can do to help our brain to keep healthy. Cognitive impairment is not inevitable.

Eight ways to keep your brain healthy (by Harvard Publishing providers at Harvard University)



1. Get mental stimulation - Any mentally stimulating activity should help to build up your brain. Read, take courses, try "mental gymnastics," such as word puzzles or math problems. Experiment with things that require dexterity as well as mental effort, such as painting, drawing, and other crafts.
2. Get physical exercise - Research shows that using your muscles also helps your mind. Exercise also lowers blood pressure, improves cholesterol levels, helps blood sugar balance and reduces mental stress, all of which can help your brain as well as your hearth.
3. Improve your diet - Good nutrition can help your mind as well as your body. Fruits, nuts, fish, unsaturated oils (olive oil) and plant sources of proteins help to prevent cognitive impairment and dementia.
4. Improve your blood pressure - Keep your blood pressure as low as possible by eating the right foods, exercise regularly, limit your alcohol and reduce stress.
5. Consider low dose aspirin - Some observational studies suggest that low dose aspirin may reduce the risk of dementia. Ask your doctor if you are a candidate.
6. Avoid tobacco - Avoid all forms of tobacco. Nicotine in cigarettes changes your brain. Example: When you try to stop smoking, nicotine leads to withdrawal.
7. Alcohol intake -Alcohol blocks chemical signals between brain cells, leading to, impulsive behavior, slurred speech, poor memory and slowed reflexes. Loss of brain loss increases with age and amount of alcohol consumed.
8. Build social networks - Strong social ties have been associated with a lower risk of dementia.

Bottom Line: Every brain changes and mental function changes also. We have to make sure that we take care of our brain, then we will be taking care of our mind. God will help you to keep your brain/mind healthy.

Philippians 4:6-7

6). Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving / et your request be made unto God.

7). And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



“Being a Christian is not about how beautiful you are, but about how fruitful you are. There are a lot of “rosey” Christians walking around.” ~ Pastor Eric Jones, Jr.

In My Humble Opinion

“Budgeting Wellness”

by Ian Gary Clarke

The success to any venture is in the planning. Whether saving for a house or car, starting a business, or planning a child's birthday party requires proper planning — a Budget.

Luke 14: 28-30 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’

What is a budget? A budget is a financial plan of action that details how your income is distributed for a period.



Why do I need to budget? Having a budget helps you get out of debt, plan for retirement, or for that trip you've always wanted to take. Doing a budget helps you to determine where you allocate every dollar of your income based on needs first and then wants. Needs include housing, electric, water, food, clothing, transportation, gas, and childcare. Based on your 'total take home pay' and the distribution of every dollar for your needs, will show if you have any shortcomings. Should you not have any additional dollars after you have addressed your needs signifies that you are just getting by or a more well-known term 'living paycheck to paycheck'. If that's you, what are you going to do about it? Options: get a better paying job, get a second job (side hustle), adjust your lifestyle needs management (electric consumption, shop at thrift store, eliminate organic food choices, and sell your car and use mass transportation, etc.). These are not forever choices; they are just for a season until your income improves.

A budget provides you the freedom, after your needs are met and additional dollars are available, to address your wants. Purposefully working within your budget gives you the opportunity to see where every dollar is spent and the power to adjust (choose) for a more rewarding financial outcome based on your goals. Your budget allocation is your own—no two are the same. If total debt elimination is your goal, creating a budget can assist you.

Yes, I said it, **No More Debt**. We have been indoctrinated to believe that we cannot live and survive without debt. Even individuals with good paying jobs, living in more affluent neighborhoods, driving nice cars, wearing fancy clothes, and enough money to provide for their family, are also made to believe that carrying debt is perfectly okay. In my humble opinion, when you have achieved freedom from debt, you will be relieved and will have the power to move forward to adjust your budget to one day achieve a more sound and stable financial foundation.

Having a budget also helps you to live within your means. Learning discipline to not go beyond your budget allocations and participate with your non-budgeting friends and spend as if you did not have a plan. Be reminded that the budget is your plan to financial stability.

Proper management of your budget and a steady increase in your income will assist you with your investment goals and ultimately a happy and healthy retirement plan. Most importantly, you will be leaving a legacy to your children's children.

*Proverbs 13:22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children,
but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.*

Happy New Year!
New Year, New You, New Budget!
Let's Get It On!

Note: If you need help creating a budget go to everydollar.com, but, if you still need further assistance email me at igc69@aol.com. Type the words 'Budget Wellness' in the subject line.

AND JUSTICE FOR ALL?

by Deacon Craig Smith

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the Common Defence, promote the General Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America. In Convention Monday, September 17th, 1787.

The states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Mr Hamilton from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia resolved this preamble which precedes the Constitution be presented before the United States in Congress and submitted to a convention of delegates chosen in each state by the people. Upon ratification by each state, and selection of elected officials, the certified, signed and sealed votes would be counted to execute the Constitution of the United States.

Fast forward to the year 2020 and you'll find in America racial discrimination that has reached unfathomable proportions and moral societal declines moving to epic levels. In 3 years, 12 days, 2 hours, 32 minutes and 45 seconds to date, President Trump and his administration has degraded Mexican citizens, calling them criminals, drug dealers and rapists. Presented a preposterous question in his outreach to African American voters by stating, "What the hell do they have to lose?" Signed an executive order travel ban which imposed a 90-day ban on citizens from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States. However, the ban still allowed entrance to travelers from other Muslim-majority countries where he held extensive business interests. Vowed to dismantle the Johnson Amendment, a law which restricted churches and other religious institutions from taking a public political stance while retaining tax-exempt status. Eliminated an ethics course for incoming White House staff. The training would have instructed new staffers on ethical methods of interaction with Congress, private companies, and officials from the previous administration. Has made over 15,413 false or misleading claims since taking office.



During the "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, neo-Nazis and former Ku Klux Klan members carried tiki torches and shouted slogans including "The Jews Will Not Replace Us." A white nationalist named James Alex Fields Jr. drove his car into a crowd of counter-protesters, killing Heather Heyer and injuring 19 others in the process. After the attack and Heyer's death, President Trump refused to explicitly rebuke the white nationalists. The president placed partial blame for the attack on the counter-protesters, condemning, "hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides."

People of color must face challenges from day to day in every aspect of their lives. These challenges more so than often do not represent decisions based on lack of skill, mental aptitude, or ability. The challenges surface primarily because of the color of one's skin. History has proven that if given an equal plane, people of color will compete and excel in any area of chosen livelihood.

The United States is the home to people of almost every race, religion, and nationality. In an excerpt taken from his speech at the 1996 Republican convention, General Colin Powell said, "The descendent of a slave or struggling minor in Appalachia must be as welcome and must find as much appeal in our party as in any other party or in any other American life. It is our diversity that has made us strong. Yet our diversity throughout our American history has been a source of discrimination which we as guardians of the American dream must rip out branch and root".

One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, With Liberty and Justice for All. Or is it, Just Us for All?

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Our Seasoned Senior Citizens Shall Not be Forgotten!

(A Call for the Nursing Home Ministry)

by Deacon Alvin Romer

If the title of this essay sounds like a rallying cry for support it is! There will always be a need to champion the cause for nurturing our elders. The heartbeat of hope reverberates through the bodies of our seasoned Christians confined to nursing homes, and assisted living facilities throughout our Diaspora. If I and my nursing home peers can proclaim Good News in the nursing homes, we shall. There's a lot to be said about presence, though. Before I enlighten you with what I want to share, first let me give you a preamble if not a preference for perseverance.

There are three basic situations that color the canvas for resplendent hues of pure delight when it comes to nursing home ministries - **Presence**, **Comfort**, and **Challenge**. I will mention how important Presence has been for me. I remember recently when the question was posed to me about giving the Word to nursing home patients who may not hear, or can't fathom the temerity of what is to be shared. I didn't have the confidence, nor did I know what it all entailed. I would respond, "What's wrong with just sitting there and watching someone else do it? "They can't understand a word that I may be saying if I got up there before them", I further intoned. That was the question and scenario I dealt with. Well, on the way from the altar after much prayer, God nudged me the way He does when He taps you on the shoulder and I was on my way. Discomfort wasn't definitive of my feelings simply because I knew I had no choice. I consider myself a voice of reason...one who no matter the circumstances can relate simply because of my own personal trials and tribulation. I always feel that my job as an intercessor was to help fix people, to help them process their circumstances coming to terms with their illnesses and sense of loss. The ministry of presence has convicted me. I've heard from God, He has told me to "just be there."

I bring you the focus here on nursing home ministry simply because we need you! The Lord wants nothing more than you getting busy with manifesting gifts given to lend a hand to those who need it most. What does it take, or what needs to be done to get the ball rolling? We have a total of seven participating nursing homes in our pipeline:

Cross Pointe Care Center
Hillcrest Nursing Home
Sheridan Manor
Cross Gardens Care Center
Hampton Court Nursing and Rehab Center
Villa Real ALF
Franco Nursing Home



Of course there are terms and conditions for preparation. Completion of our New Member Orientation Class is a prerequisite as I will suggest too, that you endeavor to attend our leadership training course taught none other than Pastor Jones. The ministry is headed by **Pastor Ray Manuel**, the Director is **Bobby L. Bush**. Our church has always been a beacon to shed light of the type of suffrage that goes quite a bit to stymie that which others may take for granted. We are charged with serving this segment and be comfortable in it. Comfort has a way of allowing confidence to bolster doing a better job against all odds. We are committed periodically taking teams on Sunday afternoons, singing, praying, and preaching. Our program is involved in a way where dedication is key. Anything that is inspired by the Holy Spirit will be challenged by the enemy, but by showing up, the Lord navigates our course, especially our children. As such, we adhere to what the Scripture says in **John 10:1-10** relative to protection within His gate.

If you are inclined, and want to be led in this type of ministry please pick up a brochure in the vestibule, fill it out and return it to yours truly, and we will welcome you with open arms!
 You should know that proclamation coupled with presence is a motivating force.
 In my opinion, that is a key to any nursing home ministry — just show up!

Congratulations to our graduates of the How to Study the Bible Ministry!

2 Timothy 3:16-17 Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God's will, both publicly and privately — behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage]; ¹⁷ so that the ^[a]man of God may be complete *and* proficient, outfitted *and* thoroughly equipped for every good work.



Congratulations to our newest graduates of the New Members' Orientation Class!!

Romans 12:1 The Message (MSG)

Place Your Life Before God

12 ¹⁻² So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.



MARY'S BABY

LUKE 1:34-38

By Sister Fannie Simms

When the angel came to Mary and told her what God was going to do in her life, she questioned how it could be possible (see Luke 1:34). Maybe God has been telling you something He wants to do in your life, but you have wondered how. Maybe you lack the strength to accomplish the task alone. Perhaps, like Mary, you're thinking only in the natural-that you must have a man to do God's will.

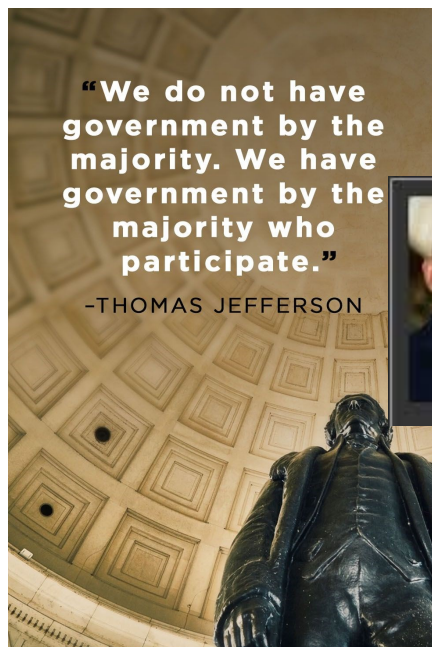
If you have been wondering how God will bring impossible things to pass in your life, remember that He Himself will accomplish the task! No man will get the credit for your deliverance. God told Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you" (verse 35).

I believe the same is true of godly women today. The Holy Spirit will fill you. He will impregnate you. He will give life to your spirit. He will restore your purpose. He will renew you.

God had a special plan for Mary. She brought forth Jesus. He has a special plan for you, too. God's women are to be womb-men. They are to be creative and bring forth new life. That is exactly what He wants to do for those who are broken and discouraged. If great things came from those who never suffered, we might think they had accomplished those things on their own. When a broken person submits to God, He gets the glory for the wonderful things He accomplishes - no matter how far that person has previously fallen.

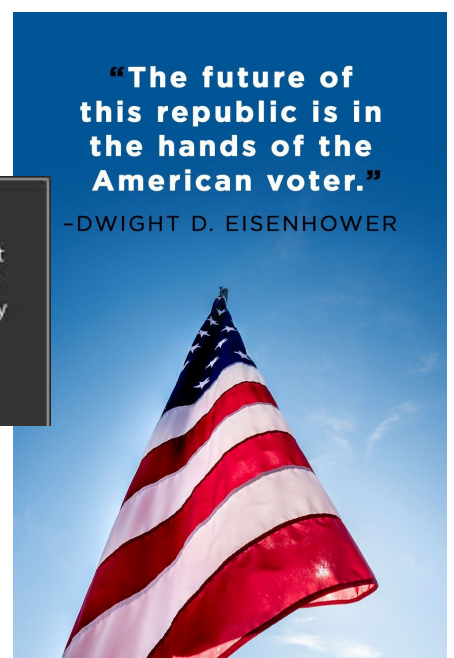
After the Angel spoke to Mary, do you know what she said? She said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word" (verse 38). She didn't say, "Let it be ... according to my marital status." She didn't say, "Let it be ... according to my job." She didn't say, "Let it be ... according to what I deserve." She said, "Let it be ... according to your word." Mary knew enough to believe God and to submit to Him. But she was taking a big risk. To be pregnant and unmarried in those days brought dire consequences. Yet, she willingly gave herself to the Lord.

If you are willing, the Holy Spirit will overshadow you, and the hidden Christ - who's been locked up behind your problems, your fears, and your insecurities - will come forth. You will see the power of Jesus do mighty things in your life.



The struggle for the Voting Rights Act taught us that people who love this country can change it. Don't give away your power - go vote.

Barack Obama



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that has been overcome by the world view, the sinful flesh and the lies of the devil. Koinonia, we must accomplish and live out this truth. We must do the hard work that involves study and application of the whole council of God's Word so we can be thoroughly equipped to accomplish His calling upon our lives, no matter what that work for Him is.

Have you wondered
What was I created to do?
Why am I on planet earth?
What is my life all about?
What is a spiritual gift?
What is my purpose?

These and all your questions can be answered.

Join us on

Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm

here at the Village for the

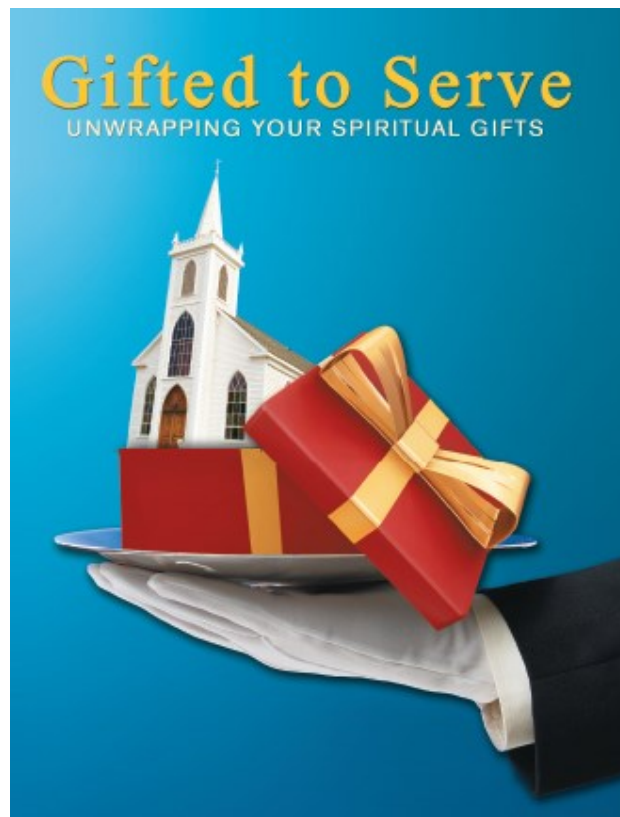
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taught by our very own

Senior Pastor, Dr. Eric H. Jones, Jr.

Discover your gift and how God can use you to
accomplish His purpose!!

See you Thursday!





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GET YOUR LAUGH ON

COMEDY by Deacon Craig Smith



James 4:7 Amplified Bible (AMP)

⁷ So submit to [the authority of] God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him] and he will flee from you.

Football Withdrawal Syndrome

The agonizing mental process of accepting that football season is finally over.

This serious mental disorder afflicts millions of Americans every year, usually in the second week of February.

Effective therapy is not available until the following August, at the earliest.

