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Do Not Be Afraid

You are
JUST!

Christian Code of Conduct

- I. Always be real
(I Corinthians 15:58)
- II. Develop an uncompromised love for the Lord.
(Matthew 22:37)
- III. Diligently hunger after God's Word.
(Psalms 42:1)
- IV. Commit to obey God's Word regardless of the power or popularity of those who disobey.
(I John 2:5-6)
- V. Acquire an understanding of both the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit; one produces still consequences, the other brings rich rewards.
(Galatians 5:16-17)
- VI. Cultivate sensitivity to the voice of the Lord and a desire for what pleases Him.
(II Timothy 2:15)
- VII. Never touch the Gold or the Glory.
(Isaiah 42:8, 48:11)
- VIII. Observe what you dislike in others and make a decision to refrain from doing it.
(Romans 8:5; Ephesians 5:15-17)
- IX. Acknowledge that you are predestined to be conformed to the image of God's Son. .
(Romans 8:29-30; 12:2)
- X. Avoid anything or anyone who is unwilling to support you in your commitment to the other nine.
(II Corinthians 6:17-18)



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A Letter From The Editor

Greeting Kingdom Readers,

God is great and He is greatly to be praised! I trust that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed eating and had a wonderful time with family and friends. Now, it is the Christmas season! We are in the last month of 2024 and in another month, should the Lord tarry and let us live, we will be blessed to enter into the year of 2025. God is an awesome God!

Through many dangers, the toils and the snares, we have already come; thank God for His grace! Be encouraged, people of God and continue to live a holy and righteous life. Continue to stand fast in the liberty, wherewith Christ has set us free and let us not be entangle again with the yoke of bondage. (Galatians 5:1) Let us continue to live according to the Bible. Let us continue to study the Word of God so that we may be able to with stand in this evil day. Let us do as the scripture says in Ephesians 6:11-12, "Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle lot against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Put on the armor of God; we all know what it is. (Galatians 6:14-17) And Saints of God, let us not forget to pray. Ephesians 6:18 says, "Praying always with all prayer and supplications in the Spirit . . .

" The Bible tells us in I Thessalonians 5:17 to "Pray without ceasing." Stay in continuous communication with the Lord, for these are the last days. Be encouraged and trust God and live holy. Ephesians 5:27 says, "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Well, as I always say, I pray that the Kingdom Newsletter is a blessing to you as you read it. Thank you, newsletter staff and to all the article writers for all that you do to continue to make the newsletter what it is. "Merry Christmas and have a Blessed New Year" from Bishop Brisco and me. Enjoy the time with your family and friends. We love you!



Working to Build the Kingdom,

Lady Brisco



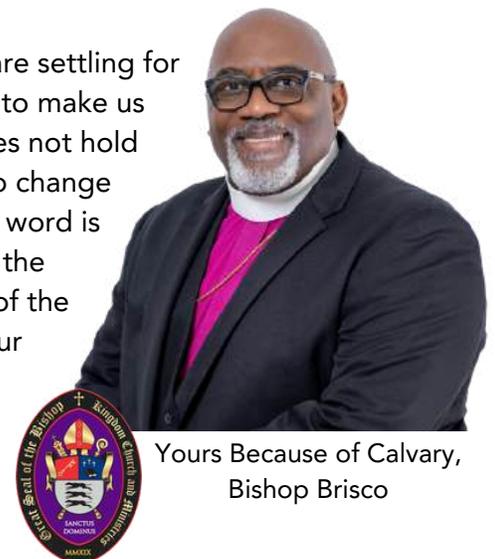
The Word of God Still Has Power!

People of God let us not forget who we are and why He called us out of the world. Let's not take our liberty for an occasion to sin. The Church has become so intertwined with the world until we do not see a difference anymore, which to me is so sad. Galatians 5:1 says, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty where with Christ has made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." The question becomes, what is the yoke of bondage? We know that in Galatians 5:1, Paul was talking about the yoke of the law and how it was impossible to live up to the law. Yes, God has made us free from the yoke of the law. The Word of God tells us that Christ came not to destroy the law but to fulfill the law. Matthew 5:17 says, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill." This means that Jesus came to keep the law and show its true intent. The law of Moses was a guardian or tutor to guide God's people until Christ arrived. The law could end in two ways; by being destroyed or by being fulfilled. Jesus came to fulfill the law, not to destroy it.

We are still bond by a law and that law is the law of the Word of God. We are still under a yolk and that yolk is the Word of God. Romans 6:1 says, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? Verse 2 says, "God forbid, how shall we, that are dead to sin live any longer there in?" Matthew 11:29-30, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." A yoke puts restraints on us as we walk with Christ, a yoke says you can't go where you want to go, you cannot do what you want to do. But the yoke becomes easy when we are yoked to the things of God.

There was a time when the church had a thirst for the things of God, to please Him who has called us out of darkness into the marvelous light. Now we want the light but still live in the darkness and still do the things that are not pleasing to the Lord and call it freedom. But there is nowhere in the Word of God that gives us freedom to live a life of folly and sin. The word declares that we should make up our mind whom we shall serve. You cannot have two masters. It is impossible to be a friend of the world and a friend of God.

We need to change our spiritual taste buds. The fact is most believers today are settling for spiritual fast food. We have become contaminated with watered-down words to make us laugh but have no substance. Preached word that makes us feel good but does not hold us accountable. If what we are hearing is not sound doctrine and causing us to change our way of thinking just maybe it is not the Word of God. The Bible says, "the word is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, is discernor of the thoughts and intense of the heart." Hebrews 4:12. The word of God gets in our business and our personal lives; it is what we, the body of Christ, lives by. Matthew 4:4 says, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from them ought of God." People of God, always let the word of God take pre-eminence, meaning let the word have supreme rank, dignity, importance in our lives.



Yours Because of Calvary,
Bishop Brisco

Glaucoma Awareness Month

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Glaucoma affects the optic nerve in the back of the eye and is one of the leading causes of preventable blindness. January is Glaucoma Awareness Month, a time to encourage everyone at risk to schedule a comprehensive, dilated eye exam to detect and manage glaucoma.

1. Glaucoma has no warning signs, and approximately 50 percent of persons with glaucoma are unaware that they have the disease; therefore, a comprehensive, dilated eye examination is important for early detection and timely treatment.
2. In 2010, approximately 2.7 million persons in the United States aged greater than, or equal to 40 years had glaucoma; by 2050, this number is projected to increase to 5.5 million persons. Groups at high risk include non-Hispanic blacks aged >40 years, Hispanics, Asians, persons aged greater than or equal to 60 years, and those who have diabetes or a family history of glaucoma.
3. Glaucoma also is associated with an increased risk for falls, fall-related injuries, depression, and reduced overall health and quality of life.

Additional information about activities to promote early detection and treatment of glaucoma is available: (<http://www.cdc.gov/visionhealth> and <https://nei.nih.gov/nehcp/programs/glaucoma>).



January CONSE



Monday, January 13 - Friday, January 17

One Hour Corporate Prayer:
Friday, January 17th
7PM - 8PM

**If you are unable to fast from food, find something you can abstain from during the time of consecration.*

SECRATION

"Praying For A Heart For Ministry"



Scriptural Reflections

"Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. **2 Timothy 1:6**

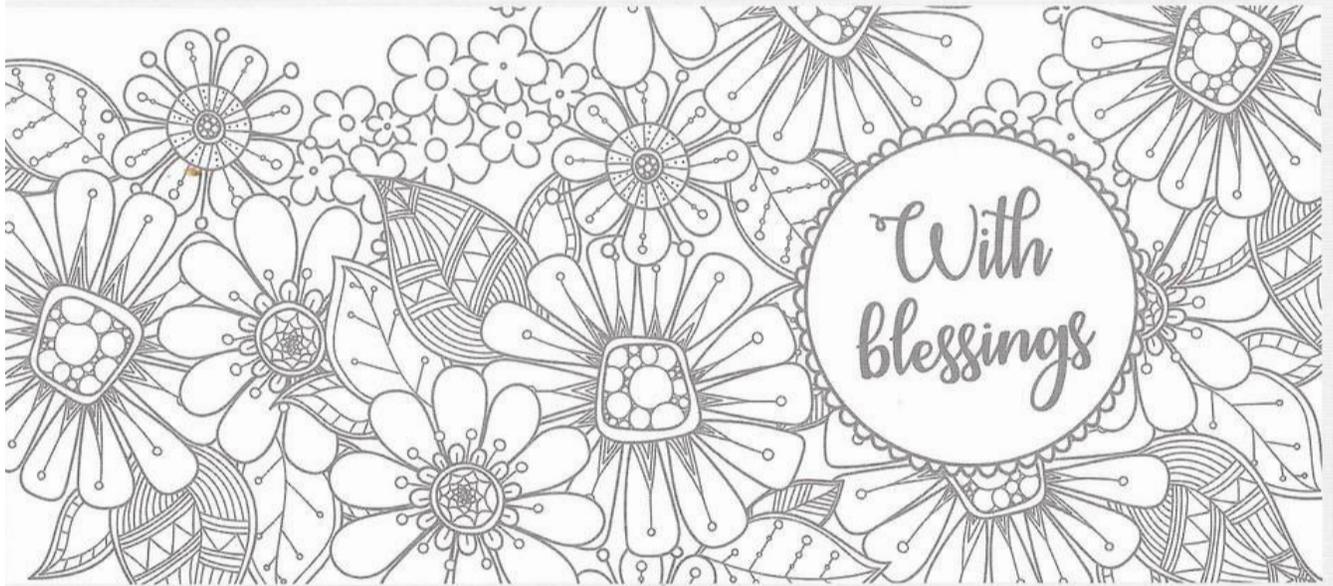
"So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." **Nehemiah 4:6**

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." **1 Corinthians 15:58**

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" **1 Peter 4:10**

"And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfill it." **Colossians 4:17**

In Full Color





“Let go of what was, so that He can build you into the beauty of just what He called you to be.”

I Am Just!

Have you ever asked yourself the question What am I doing here??? I wonder what was the answer you received? I wonder how long did it take for you to receive the answer and were you satisfied with what the answer turned out to be? One day I looked in the mirror and I had to do a double take because I didn't recognize the person that I was looking at. It was me but it wasn't me. Who was this person that I had become? It definitely wasn't what I once was, the woman that I was raised to be, **STRONG!!!!!!** This person that was looking back at me was not who I had fashioned myself to be. This person was not just weak but insecure, a self-doubter and I began to ask myself what am I doing here? I began to hate my surroundings. Becoming conflicted on why I was feeling this way, after all I prayed for this, but began to hate where my feet were planted. I once was a top performing Team Leader at my job. I was the go-to person when someone needed something to be done. I was the person to go to if you needed any advice. I was in my eyes an awesome mother and an awesome wife.

Now here it is: I am just.....who? God, what happened and what am I doing here and how did I get here? Here it was I had given up everything that made me important, the things that made me who I was. And now, I am just...who? Desperately looking for answers and I needed it quickly; however, it didn't come quickly because all I could concentrate on was the fact that I didn't see me anymore. Broken was what I had become. It was at that time that God whispered to me and said, **“Broken is where I need you to be.” Isaiah 64:8** Lord, you are our father; We are the clay, and You, our Potter. I cried; God put me back together. Mold me into my destiny, mold me into my calling. In my cry I began to recognize the things that I was holding on to that once made me feel whole. I was not just weak but bitter.

Ezekiel 36:36,

“Then the nations around you that remain will know that I the LORD have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate. I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.” As you are in the season of molding and rebuilding God is saying to you to let go of what was, so that He can build you into the beauty of just what He called you to be.



Sis. Tameika Linder



UNITY CONFERENCE 2025

 JULY 17TH - 19TH

Hyatt Place Wilmington Riverfront
760 JUSTISON STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Adults (Ages 18+): \$65
Youth (Ages 11-17): \$25
Children (Ages 6-10): \$15
No charge for children 5 and under

Early bird registration for adults:
December 1-15th: \$60

Late registration for adults:
Beginning May 5th: \$75

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Back to School with Pastor Chris

1. Tell us about yourself and what you have accomplished so far in your life.

I have been blessed to make a few notable achievements in my life. One achievement that I am most proud of is earning my Master of Business Administration degree from University of Maryland University College in 2016. In addition to this, I purchased my first home in 2018. This was a major accomplishment as I was under 30 years of age and did it on my own. In 2024 I became a published author of a book entitled Heavenly Aroma. Becoming a published author was not planned but an accomplishment that I hold dear.

2. What or who inspired you to want to go back to school?

I originally started this program in 2017, but I took a break after one semester. That break lasted longer than it should have. I always intended to finish the degree but it's a personal goal I set for myself. Outside of that, peer pressure played a role in my returning to school. A close friend graduated in 2023 with his doctorate degree. I was present for the latter part of his schooling and the entire graduation process. It was an inspiration! Another friend of mine recently returned to school pursuing a nursing degree, with plans on continuing education after that. Having this motivation around me was inspiration, sprinkled with pressure, to go after the degree I've been wanting.

3. What courses are you taking and what are your future plans?

I am currently taking Biblical & Theological Foundations of Education. My next class, which begins October 21st, is Theological Anthropology in Leadership & Education. This is a 3-year program, but my goal is to finish by December 2026. A newly realized interest of mine is teaching. I would like to pursue the possibility of teaching at a collegiate level. Earning this degree will assist in realizing this goal.

4. We are all so proud of you for publishing your first book! Do you have plans to continue writing as well?

Thank you for your well wishes. Writing and publishing my first book was not a goal until it was. It started as a project after criticizing the ending of a movie and before I knew it, I was too involved to abandon it. I have a few ideas for additional stories. I would like to publish more books, but the process was a bit more than I bargained for, so we'll see what the future holds.

5. How will you apply what you are studying to your work in ministry?

The degree I am pursuing is a Doctor of Education in Christian Leadership with a focus on Ministry Leadership. This degree marries the concepts of theology, leadership and education. I plan to use what I am learning in this program to become more efficient in ministry. This degree focuses on the understanding of ministry and what it means to be an effective leader. In grasping a full understanding of what it means to be a leader in ministry, my prayer is that I will be an asset in the advancement of Kingdom Church & Ministries.

6. What advice do you have for others who may be deciding to go back to school?

Three words come to mind when encouraging perspective students to return to school. I'm going to thank Nike for these words, "Just Do It". Education is about more than the degree. Earning a degree is about more than passing a test or getting a piece of paper. It's an accomplishment that cannot be nullified. The process is challenging on multiple levels, and it reveals levels of yourself that would otherwise remain hidden. Don't do it just for the piece of paper or to obtain the job. Do it for the next level of yourself that is waiting to be explored. I've learned that school teaches more than a lesson, it teaches discipline, focus, and time management. School challenges the whole man to become better. So go for it. Knowledge is power!



Pastor Christopher Brisco

*Knowledge
is
Power*

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

UPCOMING EVENTS

15th Shoe Box Drive Deadline
24th Christmas Eve
25th Christmas Day
31st New Year's Eve Service

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

December 9th Mother Oceanious Gibbs
December 10th Malachi Wilson
December 11th Lady Delphine Brisco
December 12th Janette Ventura
December 17th Keisha Kirlaw

JANUARY

UPCOMING EVENTS

1st New Year's Day
13th - 17th Consecration Week
25th Ladies of Excellence

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

January 5th Darlene Taylor
January 8th Tyia Mason
January 8th Mikeshia Lindsey
January 10th Rolanda Mackey
January 17th Trevor Holland
January 27th Francine Byas
January 30th Derrick Thompson

FEBRUARY

UPCOMING EVENTS

14th Valentine's Day
10th - 14th Consecration Week
22nd Ladies of Excellence

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

February 4th Tejenae Ballin
February 5th Jenell Sutton
February 10th Patrice Thompson
February 25th Gloria Benson
February 28th Robert Thompson Sr.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Deacon & Deaconess Derrick & Tonya Thompson
February 12th





Bless Him and He will Bless you

Finance is the management of financial resources God has entrusted us with.

Malachi 3:8 KJV states, "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' ' In tithes and offerings".

Malachi 3:10 KJV states, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Haggai 1:6 KJV says, "Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earned wages to put it into a bag with holes". As a Saint of the Most High God, I would like to encourage your hearts to give God the 10% that's due to Him. I'm saying this because I've been in a place where I wasn't giving God the 10% that is due to Him. My focus at certain points and times of my life was on what I was facing and the intensity of what was going on at the moment. So, whenever my finances were attacked, I held back on God focusing on the Intensity of the battle. When the tithing line was called, I sat right there in my seat and made sure an offering was given. But as Haggai 1:6 says, my finances were like a bag that had holes in it. As fast as I received any finances it was as if I had nothing.

God has blessed and created different blessings of finances in the past for me and my family. As long as things were going well, I gave my tithe and offering, paid our bills and got the necessities needed but never saved anything for me or my family. When things happened to upset my finances, I slacked back on God. Proverbs 21:20 KJV states, " that the wise have precious treasure and oil in their homes, while the foolish spend it all"

In this season and the seasons ahead, please, honor God in your finances, honor God in everything you do and in everything you say. God is up to something and He's about to show his hand to us, our seed and our seed's seed!

*"God is up to
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show His hand to
us, our seed and
our seed's seed."*



Sis. Rolanda R. Mackey

WANT TO RECEIVE TEXT ALERTS
AND BULLETINS ABOUT
UPCOMING SERVICES?



TEXT "Join" TO
410.901.1210
TO RECEIVE
SERVICE
UPDATES!

Holiday Charity!

The holiday season can sometimes be a difficult time of year for people in the community. But we are thankful that God has blessed the members of Kingdom Church and Ministries to be a blessing to others by contributing to two important end of year charity endeavors; the Thanksgiving Food Drive and the Christmas Shoe Box Toy drive!

Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

Every year, KCM contributes non-perishable food items to donate to local families in need via the Dorchester County Department of Social Services. This year, Kingdom Church was able to donate 25 Thanksgiving boxes, exceeding previous contributions! Each box included

- 1 Whole Turkey
- Cornbread
- Mac and cheese
- Mashed Potatoes
- Rice
- Gravy Packets
- Stuffing
- Cake Mix
- Frosting
- Green Beans
- Corn
- Yams
- Sweet Peas
- Greens



None of this could be accomplished without your liberal giving! We are grateful that God has positioned us to be a blessing to a few families each Thanksgiving! Special thank you to Pastor Christopher Brisco and Otika Gibbs for coordinating this effort every year!

Christmas Shoe Box Toy Drive

A second holiday charitable endeavor that Kingdom Church and Ministries engage in is the Christmas Shoe Box Toy Drive. The origin of this event began as members would purchase toys that could fit in a shoe box. It has gone beyond stuffing items in old shoe boxes though, as toys such as bicycles, footballs, basketballs, hats, gloves, headphones, board games and more have been donated!

Toys are distributed amongst children throughout schools in Cambridge, MD. As we approach the 2025 Christmas Season, let's do our very best to continue this awesome tradition of blessing local children with wonderful gifts!





Embracing Singleness

Being single can often feel like a waiting period, but the Bible offers profound encouragement during this season. In **1 Corinthians 7:8-9**, Paul speaks to the value of singleness, emphasizing that it allows for undivided devotion to the Lord. Rather than viewing your single status as a limitation, see it as an opportunity to grow closer to God and explore your purpose.

Remember, Jesus Himself was single, showing us that fulfilling God's will doesn't depend on marital status. In **Matthew 6:33**, we're reminded to seek first the kingdom of God, trusting that everything else will fall into place. This period can be a time for personal growth, deepening your faith, serving others, engaging with your community, building friendships, and focusing on developing your talents and gifts.

Psalm 37:4 encourages us to delight in the Lord, and He will give us the desires of our hearts. As you invest in your relationship with Him, trust that He is preparing you for what lies ahead. Embrace this time of singleness as a unique gift. God has a plan for you, and this season is part of His beautiful design.



Sis. Keisha Kirlew



On Saturday, November 2nd, members of Kingdom Church traveled to Pennsylvania to visit the King of Prussia Mall, the third largest shopping mall in America. According to Wikipedia, the mall has over 450 stores and includes a collection of luxury retailers. It is surrounded by several luxury and affordable hotels.

Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the fellowship.



THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

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Word List

ANGELS
BELIEVE
BIRTH
CELEBRATIONS
CHRISTIANS
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
FAMILY

FEAST
GIFT GIVING
GOSPEL
HISTORY
HOLIDAY
HOPE
JESUS
JOY

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MESSAGE
MESSENGERS
RELIGION
REMEMBERING
SERVICE

SINGING
SON OF GOD
SPECIAL
STAR
THANKFUL
TRADITIONS



Don't Focus on What's Wrong; But do Focus on What's Right!

Roman 8:28, 'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.'

Many times, in our marriages, we are quick to focus on the bad things, the things that test us, the things that get under our skin. We may hold on to grudges and begin to demand changes from our spouses. During trying times such as these, it is best to take a few moments to reflect on first ourselves. Then reflect on what good habits your spouse shows. Reflect on good things that you help one another with. When we focus so much on what may be wrong or may be testing our patience in our marriages. We are actually giving that situation more time than we are giving our Lord. Focus on God and allow Him to move in your marriage. You can't change one another, but you surely can change your own mindset and focus on praying for your marriage. And as time passes by, you will see what God is helping to turn right sided and less and less will you see the wrong things! Ephesians 4:32; "And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."



Deacon & Deaconess
William and Tyia Mason

Blessings Couples.

“Jesus Calling - Enjoying Peace in His Presence” by Sarah Young

Worship me by living close to Me. This was My original design for man, into whom I breathed My very breath of Life. This is My desire for you; that you stay near Me as you walk along your life-path. Each day is an important part of that journey. Although you may feel as if you are going nowhere in this world, your spiritual journey is another matter altogether, taking you along steep, treacherous paths of adventure. That is why walking in the Light of MY Presence is essential to keep you from stumbling. By staying close to Me, you present yourself as a living sacrifice. Even the most routine part of your day can be a spiritual act of worship, holy and pleasing to Me.

Genesis 2:7; Psalms 89:15; Romans 12:1-2



Contributed by
Mother Oceanious Gibbs

Recipe Page

Recipes from Bibleway & Friends Home Cookin'

Chicken Salad - Lana Hurston

- 2 whole chickens
- 1 green pepper, dried
- 1 1/4 Tbsp. mustard
- 1/2 c. green stuffed olives
- 1 1/4 cups Hellman's mayonnaise
- 1 cup mandarin oranges, drained
- 1/4 grated Bermuda onion, diced
- 1 cup chopped celery, diced

Bake chicken at 400° until done.
Remove skin and dice (when cool)
Drain all fruit on paper towels
Combine all ingredients and toss
Chill then serve. (Makes 8 servings)



Rotini Salad

- 1 (8oz.) pkg. spiral rotini
- 1 cup Spicy Italian dressing
- 1 (3 1/2 oz.) can ripe sliced black olives, drained
- 3 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 1 small jar pimentos, drained
- 2 cloves fresh minced garlic
- 1/2 red onion, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 4 oz. flaked salmon (optional)
- 1 tsp. dried Italian seasoning
- 1 large diced tomato (optional)
- 1/2 tsp. dried basil
- 1 red bell pepper, quartered and sliced in thin strips

Cook rotini by directions. When cooked, immediately pour into colander and run cold water over to stop the cooking process. Drain well and pour into large bowl. Add the olives, onion, celery, pimento and red bell pepper. Toss gently with rotini and mix. mix the italian dressing, vinegar, sugar, Italian seasoning, basil, and minced garlic. Blend well and pour over salad. You may add the optional items at this time. Toss gently. Add salad and pepper as desired.



Oreo Cookie Cake - Cheryl Fulton

- 1 lb. Oreo cookies
- 1/2 gal. vanilla ice cream
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 large Cool Whip, softened
- Chocolate syrup

Crush cookies in plastic bag with rolling pin. (If cookies are broken first, they will roll easier.) Add melted butter and mix. Set aside 1 cup of Oreo mixture. Pour rest of Oreo mixture into 13x9 inch pan and pat out evenly. Soften ice cream and spread over Oreos. Spread Cool Whip over ice cream. Drizzle chocolate syrup (to taste) over Cool Whip and sprinkle on nuts. Sprinkle remaining Oreo mixture over this. Freeze until ready to serve.



Prosperity for the Christian Walk

Prosperity for the Christian Walk: Reflecting on 3 John 1:2 (KJV)"

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth (3 John 1:2)

This verse provides a beautiful glimpse into the complete nature of how God wants His people to prosper. I want to remind us that God is concerned not only with our spiritual state but also our physical and emotional well-being. John's prayer is a powerful encouragement that God desires His people to flourish in all aspects of life, from spiritual growth to health and daily endeavors.

This scripture seems to hint at a broader notion of thriving, even though some may only associate prosperity with material wealth or financial success. John prays for prosperity, but he also prays for contentment in one's job, tranquility of mind, and general well-being. According to the Bible, genuine prosperity results from living in accordance with God's will and putting His kingdom and righteousness first (Matthew 6:33). This perspective highlights the connection between material benefits and spiritual development, but underlines that spiritual prosperity is still the foundation.

As Christians, it is crucial for us to understand the body and serves as a reminder that our physical well-being is both a gift and a duty. According to 1 Corinthians 6:19–20, the body is the Holy Spirit's temple, so taking care of our health glorifies God. We show our spiritual progress in the way we take care of our bodies and lives as we develop virtues like self-discipline. It is also crucial that we strive for a balanced existence that provides equal care for our bodies, brains, and souls while having faith that God's blessing will enter all aspects of our lives. This understanding emphasizes that spiritual growth and material blessings are interconnected, but spiritual prosperity remains the foundation.



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The Times of the Seasons

Spring, summer, fall and winter will always be as long as the earth remains. We as people have seasons of life. We are born, we grow up to become teenagers then adults and then finally a senior. Ecclesiastes, the third chapter tells us that there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens. A time to be born and a time to die. The years go by so quickly and we find ourselves preparing for winter again and again. Just as we do this, let us also prepare ourselves for Christ's return. There is no end to grace and mercy at this time, but it will end. We must continue to do His will no matter the season. Jesus will never end. He wants us to lean on Him in every season.

We are now going into the winter season, let us continue to pray and hold on to the Master of the universe, who created the heavens and the earth. No matter the times of the seasons, Genesis 8:22 states, "As long as the earth lasts seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.



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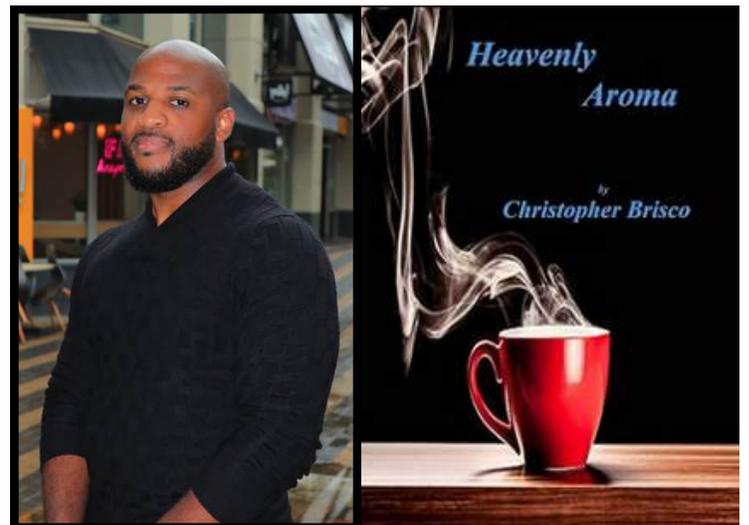
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SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER

December is recognized as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) Awareness Month.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that each year, millions of Americans are impacted by this condition, which causes noticeable mood shifts in response to seasonal changes. SAD most commonly occurs during the late fall and winter months, when daylight hours are shorter, and temperatures drop.

However, The Bible tells us in **Romans 15:4 (KJV)**, For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

When we reflect on King David, we can see that David's experience with sadness, and depression was due to chaos in his family; how his son tried to kill him, his son assaulted his daughter, and he ran from Saul who sought to kill him for many years. David's cries to the Lord let us know how sad he was. In Psalm 3:1-2 "Lord, how have they increased that trouble me! Many are they that rise against me." Then David had Uriah killed to cover up his sin of adultery. All these events weighed heavily on David, so he cried out to the Lord in Psalm 51:1-2 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness.

While David's actions often led to his sadness, he consistently turned to God in prayer. Despite the self-inflicted nature of much of his sorrow, David's relationship with God remained central. His ability to seek forgiveness and cling to God's promises demonstrates how, even in his darkest moments, he found hope and restoration through faith.

Tips for Dealing with Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)

- Acknowledge the sadness
- Be aware of how you are feeling
- Maintain connections with others
- Get home from a profession



February

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

February is American Heart Month, a time when all people—especially women—are encouraged to focus on their cardiovascular health.

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV) Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. It is important to take care of the heart, not only spiritually but also physically. As the heart is central to life, this can be a reminder to protect it, aligning with the focus of American Heart Month on heart health.

Important to Know:

1. Heart disease is the number one cause of death and disability in the United States.
2. Cardiovascular disease not only includes heart disease, but also stroke, heart failure, and atrial fibrillation.
3. We can prevent cardiovascular disease and reduce related death and disability with lifestyle changes, control of risk factors, and timely, effective treatment.

Healthy Habits for Prevention:

Choose healthy meals and snacks to help prevent heart disease and its complications. Be sure to eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables and fewer processed foods.

1. Keep a healthy weight
2. Get cholesterol checks regularly
3. Check blood pressure regularly
4. If you have diabetes, manage it well by being compliant
5. Take your medicines as directed



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TRUST GOD *Always*

Quotes and bible verses that inspire me

They say that when you give blood you save 3 lives. But I know a man who gave his blood and it was powerful enough to save the world. God is saying to you today to remember these 4 things;

I will make a way for you.

I'm fighting your battles.

I will provide for you.

Trust my timing.

"Do not worry about anything. Instead pray to God about everything. Ask him to help you with the things that you need. And thank him for his help." Philippians 4:6

"Wait for the Lord to help you! Be strong and brave. Yes, wait for the Lord to help you." Psalms 27:14

"Yes, I am the Lord, your God. I will hold on to your right hand." I say to you, "Do not be afraid. I will help you." Isaiah 41:13

Not once in the Bible does it say worry about it, stress over it or, figure it out. But over and over it clearly says to trust God. "I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live." Psalms 104:33

I pray that these words inspire you as much as they do for me.



Brother Kevin Linder

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Pastor Christopher, be encouraged and look for the blessings of the Lord to flow!



*We pray that you and your family will have a
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