

CROSS STREET JOURNAL

“A Church Where Everybody Is Somebody And Christ Is Lord Of All”

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HURRY UP AND WAIT!

I pray that everyone had a fun and relaxing summer break....It is with great pleasure that I write you. God has been so good, and I am so thankful for His faithfulness. As I paraphrase the song that says, “I’ve had my good days and I have had my bad days, but my good days outweigh the bad days. So, I won’t complain.” That is my testimony today. I won’t complain. These words help me realize that no matter how bad or bleak things may look, there is always someone worse off than you. A game that my daughter learned from her theater class is called, “Roses and Thorns”. In this game, each person shares their Roses: the good things that happened, the things they like. And their Thorns: the things they didn’t

like. I began to realize that my life is full of Roses. But somehow I always get caught dwelling on the Thorns. Just think how rewarding our lives would be, if we would enjoy all the Roses in our lives..

The message I want to share in this newsletter is about waiting on God. Many times we get in a hurry. We want this, we want that.. We feel as if we can not make it if we do not get what we want. I want to encourage you today to wait on God . Don’t get in a hurry and move before God’s appointed time. Many times when we get ahead of God- disaster awaits. We end up with a broken heart, shattered dreams, unwanted pregnancies, sexual transmitted diseases, loneliness and more pain. Only if we would have just waited.

The song says, “You can’t hurry God you just have to wait. He may not come when you want Him, but He is right on time.” So to avoid more heartache and more heartbreak wait on God.

If you are single, don’t go out and find you someone. Wait on God. If you are married, don’t give up on your marriage. Wait on God. We have to learn how to trust God to do the impossible. Many of us have experienced how God moved mightily in our situation. It just does not pay to go ahead of God’s timing. The question is what do you do while you are waiting...

The Bible gives many examples of what to do and what not to do

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

INTRODUCING.....

ATTHECROSSBLOG.blogspot.com

Part of the Wesleyan Ministry of Cross Street AME Zion Church

This is a Blog forum where Young Adults can discuss topics of interest. In the Blog, we will be discussing issues

that are relevant to young adults such as: Relationships, Saved & Single, Marriage, Finances, Single Parenting, Teen Age Pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, Abortion, Divorce, Depression, Addiction, Education and more.

Often we feel we can't talk about these topics openly- so this will be a forum to do so. But most of all, we will give God's perspective on each topic from

the Bible.

Check us out:

Atthecrossblog.blogspot.com

Or email us:

Atthecrossblog@gmail.com

Hosted by Cross Street Bloggers:
Kimberly Salama, Charnaie Gordon

GROWTH

G – GO TO GOD IN PRAY

R – READ GOD WORDS DAILY

O – OBEY GOD MOMENT BY MOMENT

W – WORSHIP GOD

T – TRUST IN GOD

H – HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

SISTERTALK

AT

CROSS STREET

IS BACK

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From the Desk of Pastor Harvill

Dear Church family,

Greetings In the Name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

It is my daily prayer that you and yours will be in good health and prosper. The Lord continues to smile upon us with grace, mercy, peace, and prosperity. The Lord is with us as we serve him in the spirit of love.

We began the new conference year celebrating 186 years of Christian Service. I believe the saints of God that have gone on before us are smiling on us. We honor our past and shape the future for generations to follow. Thanks to the Young Adult Ministry for a planning and serving as leaders for the Church anniversary. They did an exceptional job – to God we will give the glory.

On August 30th we hosted the 8th Back-to-School Community Day. We were blessed to give backpacks filled with school supplies to over 225 children. We give thanks to a sharing, loving, caring, spirit-filled community of faith, restoring hope to our community and reaching the world through gifted and giving people.

On Sunday August 31, we celebrated State Rally with the first reporting. This rally is to develop a much needed mortgage fund to help take care of the \$3.5 million church construction debt. Thanks to all that supported this effort. The second reporting will be held on October 11th. We encourage all members to support this much needed project.

We believe all things are possible through Christ. We believe that together we can seize this moment of faith. Will you dare to believe with us? Will you open your heart, join together with others and take a step of faith. We ask that you consider prayerfully your commitment to the church of your choice.

Thank you for your continuous faithful service and generous giving from your hearts. Let us continue to work together in the unity of the spirit and in the bond of peace.

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you (Matthew 6.33).”

Love, Peace, and Prosperity,

Pastor Harvill

GROWING UP FAST!

In September, Monarch butterflies migrate to warmer climates. In God's wonderful design, these butterflies have gone through an amazing transformation. This craft will remind you of the ongoing transformation that God has planned for you, too.

What you need:

- Clear, one-gallon zipper baggie (with no writing)
- Colored tissue paper
- Scissors
- Wooden, one-piece clothespin
- Pipe cleaner
- Black permanent marker
- Glue and wiggly eyes (optional)
- Magnet tape

What you do:

1. Turn the baggie inside out and rub it on your head to create static cling. Then turn the baggie right-side-out again.
2. Cut tissue paper into 2" x 2" squares.
3. Fill the baggie with tissue squares.
4. Press excess air out of the bag and zip it. Lay the baggie on its side (this will form the butterfly's wings) so the zipper is at the top.
5. Pinch the baggie with the clothespin so it divides the baggie into two equal parts to create the butterfly's head and body.
6. Thread the pipe cleaner through the hole atop the clothespin to form the antennae.
7. With a permanent marker, write "Romans 12:2" on the bottom half of the clothespin.
8. Draw on eyes (or glue on wiggly eyes).
9. Attach a strip of magnet tape to the back of the clothespin. Then display the butterfly on your refrigerator.



Just for **KIDS**

Be transformed

It's the beginning of a new school year, and you'll be growing and changing every day. Below is an important lesson that God wants you to remember.

Color in the letter boxes that have an asterisk (*).

Then write the letters that are left on the lines below to finish Romans 12:2.

c	h*	o	n	d*	f	t*	q*	o	s*	r	a*	b*	r*	m
x*	p	j*	e*	a	t	m*	t	o*	c*	p*	e	r	k*	n
w	d*	o	s*	r*	j*	r	g*	l	b*	l*	l*	n*	d	y*
t	r	i*	a	t*	n	s	r*	f	o	r	v*	m	e	d
r	d*	e	n	h*	s*	o*	e	r*	w	i	t*	n	m*	g
c*	a*	m	b*	u*	i	p*	z*	n	j*	r*	d	y*	o*	u*
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"Do not _____ any longer to the _____ of this _____, but be _____ by the _____ of your _____. Then you will be able to _____ and _____ what _____ will is — his good, _____ and _____ will." *Romans 12:2, NIV*

Answers: conform; pattern; world; transformed; renewing; mind; test; approve; God's; pleasing; perfect



REMEMBER
OUR MEMBERS
IN THE
MILITARY

WITH PRAYERS, CARDS & LETTERS

Crises/Emergency: Cell phone 860-680-8833.

Cross Street Recovery Ministry the "Hope Line" is in operation 24 hours per day. Please call (860) 680-8833. if you, a friend and/or a family member are in need of counseling and/or are in crisis, **PLEASE** dial the "Hope Line". All information will be confidential.

CROSS STREET MINISTRY OF RECOVERY
We can't but through God, all things are possible. How might we pull on God's strength to help each other recover?

Let the spirit of God work for you in a Mighty, Mighty Way

For more information contact:
Church office 860-344-9527. or Rev. Gregory Winborne:
Days: 860-529-2571 Ext 2962

“But the fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONG-SUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS, TEMPERANCE: against such there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22,23)

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: FAITH

Faith: To believe, trust, or hope. **Faith** is an attitude whereby a man abandons all reliance in his own efforts to obtain salvation. It is complete trust in God, of reliance on Him alone for all that salvation means Fidelity. **Faith** is concerned with facts. Holy **faith** must be profitable. In the Book of James he tells us the devils believe “that there is one God”, but this **faith** does not profit them. True **faith** has a firm foundation and that foundation is God. It is not a passing phase, it is a continuing attitude. **Faith** is continuous with a past act of belief. (Bible Dictionary)

faith manifests itself in being a trustworthy servant.

How do we cultivate the fruit of faith?

- “So then **Faith** cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17)
- When we determine to obey God’s word, we shall be **faithful** in our actions.
- We believe the Gospel and allow it to demonstrate its power through our **faithfulness**
- Prayer and fasting

LOOK FOR PERSON WHO —

- Is a child of God
- Speaks the truth in his heart
- Perseveres even in the midst of trouble
- Whose belief is not shaken even when under persecution
- Is attached to honesty
- Will not sacrifice **faith** even if it interferes with his own pleasures and hinders personal advancement
- Believes and obeys the word of God
- Is steadfast, unmovable in the things of God
- Dependable
- Has spiritual sight

Warning

Be aware of the enemies of faith – infidelity and half-heartedness.

Additional Scripture:

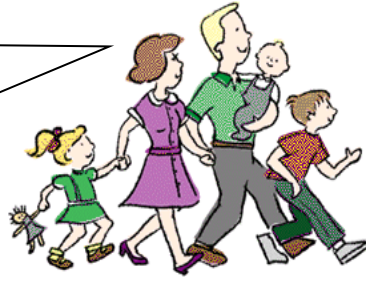
Matthew 17:20, Hebrews 11, Romans 3:27, Roman 4:5, Galatians 2:20, 1 Corinthians 4:2

The fruit of the Spirit abides in us and it is up to us to cultivate it so that we may experience the blessing and the fullness of the Spirit. God is the husbandman...”He prunes, nurtures, waters and protects His own. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit will energize and control every faculty of our nature when our will joins the will of God. Then the “beauty of the Lord will be upon us” (Psalm 90:17) and “we shall bring forth fruit unto God” (Romans 7:4).”

Church School is a Family Affair,
Come and Grow with US,

Sunday Church School begins: 8:30 a. m.

For Transportation Needs Please call
the Church 860-344-9527



Sunday Church School meets from 8:30 a.m. **sharp** to 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. We have classes for all ages – from age 3 to 103. New Members Class and the Spiritual Gifts Class meet at the same time. **Light breakfast for ages 3-18**

Sunday Church School

Quarterly Review

1st Quarter: September, October,
November 2009

Unit I: Leaders in the Covenant
Community

Unit II: An Open Invitation to
Covenant Living

Unit III: The New Covenant
Community

Last quarter we studied details of Moses' call to bring the children of Israel out of Egypt and slavery. The journey was an exercise in faith, patience, obedience (most often disobedience was prevalent); a short trek that turned into a 40 year wilderness experience.

As we begin this quarters' lessons, Moses has died and has been buried by God in the wilderness. For an act of disobedience, he is not granted permission to enter the Promised Land. Moses had been a great leader. God commissioned Joshua son of Nun to take Moses' place and complete the journey into the Promised Land. The emphasis in Unit I is leadership. Good, effective leadership brings glory to God.

Joshua was a courageous, strong leader. Gideon, on the other hand, was fearful, doubtful and questioning, but he was God's chosen deliverer for the Israelites. Ezra was a priest for the people whose great faith and leadership led the Israelites back to sacred worship. Nehemiah was wise. He was a motivator for the people and withstood great criticism, threats and opposition to his commission to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Unit II shifts our lessons to the New Testament and the Gospel of Mark. We learn of God's invitation to covenant living. We will study the true foundation of the good and the effective leadership of Jesus. In the healing of a leper, He exhibits compassion and prayerfulness. Later, when He healed a man with a legion of demons, He demonstrated understanding and moved with authority. In an exchange with a Syrophenician woman who pleaded with Him to heal her daughter who was possessed with a demon, Jesus appeared reluctant, but engaged the woman in a friendly, legal/religious conversation to test her perseverance. He showed compassion,

encouragement and wisdom. Good, effective leadership requires discernment and the ability to allow others to make their own choices. When He asked the rich young man to sell what he had and give to the poor, then come follow Him, the man chose his wealth and walked away from Jesus.

Unit III. We will now turn our attention to the Books of first and second Peter and study the challenges and opportunities for the first generation Christians to conform to the model of Christ and not to the sinful practices and unholy standards of the world. The focus is on holy living. Peter's message to the Christians is found in I Peter 1:22, 23: "Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God." Peter's message is to grow in grace, hold onto faith and fight the internal desires to sin. He encourages them to remain spiritually strong and pleasing to God. He reminds that God is still in charge

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SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL / TEACHERS / CLASSES

Cradle Roll: (0-2): Carolyn Smith.

Beginners: (3-5): Carolyn Smith/Sonya Riddick

Primary: (6-8): Yolanda Bolden / Len Pixotto

Juniors: (9-12): Rosalind Wynter / Kwame Ocansey

Intermediate: (13-18): Rev. Karen Nesmith / Pamela Steele / Stanley Jenkins

Young Adults: (18-35?): Gloria Malloy, /

Bettye Graham / Alvenis Riddick

Contemporary Adults: (Any adult): Kenneth Simmons, Rev. Joyce Johnson / Gloria Malloy

Adults: (Any adult): Dr. Jerome Long / Van Rutherford

New Members: Rev. Robyn Anderson-turner / Rev. Joyce Johnson

Convalescent / Homebound: Mary Lou Cooper

Seniors Bible Study: Rev. Greg Winborne

Spiritual Gifts: Rev. Myrtle Turner

Superintendent: Mary Lou Cooper

Assistant Superintendent: Dr. Jerome long

Secretary/Treasurer: Sis Lynn Edwards

Assistant Secretary: Glenteen James

Assistant Treasurer: Betty Turner

Musicians: Sis. Pamela Steele / Alvenis Riddick

SEPTEMBER	7 Ezekiel 12-14	15 Ezekiel 37-39	23 Hosea 1-4
1 Jeremiah 47-49	8 Ezekiel 15-18	16 Ezekiel 40-42	24 Hosea 5-7
2 Jeremiah 50-52	9 Ezekiel 19-21	17 Ezekiel 43-45	25 Hosea 8-10
3 Lamentations 1-5	10 Ezekiel 22-24	18 Ezekiel 46-48	26 Hosea 11-14
4 Ezekiel 1-3	11 Ezekiel 25-27	19 Daniel 1-3	27 Joel 1-3
5 Ezekiel 4-7	12 Ezekiel 28-30	20 Daniel 4-6	28 Amos 1-3
6 Ezekiel 8-11	13 Ezekiel 31-33	21 Daniel 7-9	29 Amos 4-6
	14 Ezekiel 34-36	22 Daniel 10-12	30 Amos 7-9

OCTOBER	8 Zechariah 1-2	16 Matthew 12-15	24 Mark 11-13
1 Obadiah, Jonah	9 Zechariah 3-6	17 Matthew 16-19	25 Mark 14-16
2 Micah 1-4	10 Zechariah 7-10	18 Matthew 20-22	26 Luke 1-3
3 Micah 5-7	11 Zechariah 11-14	19 Matthew 23-25	27 Luke 4-6
4 Nahum 1-3	12 Malachi 1-4	20 Matthew 26-28	28 Luke 7-9
5 Habakkuk 1-3	13 Matthew 1-4	21 Mark 1-3	29 Luke 10-13
6 Zephaniah 1-3	14 Matthew 5-7	22 Mark 4-6	30 Luke 14-17
7 Haggai 1-2	15 Matthew 8-11	23 Mark 7-10	31 Luke 18-21

NOVEMBER	8 Acts 1-2	16 Acts 22-24	24 1 Corinthians 5-8
1 Luke 22-24	9 Acts 3-5	17 Acts 25-26	25 1 Corinthians 9-12
2 John 1-3	10 Acts 6-9	18 Acts 27-28	26 1 Corinthians 13-16
3 John 4-6	11 Acts 10-12	19 Romans 1-4	27 2 Corinthians 1-3
4 John 7 10	12 Acts 13-14	20 Romans 5-8	28 2 Corinthians 4-6
5 John 11-13	13 Acts 15-16	21 Romans 9-11	29 2 Corinthians 7-9
6 John 14-17	14 Acts-17-18	22 Romans 12-16	30 2 Corinthians 10-13
7 John 18-21	15 Acts 19-21	23 1 Corinthians 1-4	

KINGDOMTIDE

Kingdomtide begins on the last Sunday in August and continues until the beginning of Advent.

The emphasis includes evangelism, world missions, and the work for peace and justice in all relationships. During this period, special emphasis is placed on the Kingship of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The observance is wrapped up in the heightened awareness of one of the basic tenets of the Christian faith – the hope of the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven

Color: Green is symbolic of freshness of nature, hope, life and growth.

Name of God	Meaning	Application
JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH	The Lord is There The Lord My Companion	God's presence is not limited or contained in the Tabernacle or Temple, but is accessible to all who love and obey Him..
JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU	The Lord Our Righteousness	Jesus is the King who would come from David's line, and is the one who imparts His righteousness to us.
YAH, ORJAH	"I AM," The One Who Is The Self-Existent One	God never changes. His promises never fail. When we are faithless, He is faithful. God promises His continuing presence.
YHWH	"I AM," The One Who Is The Self-Existent One	God never changes. His promises never fail. When we are faithless, He is faithful.

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while we are waiting. Abraham and Sarah showed us what not to do when they made a plan on their own to help Abraham become a father before God's time. (Genesis 16). The marriage between Ruth and Boaz shows how

God can make an unlikely situation possible. (Ruth 3 & 4).

So what should we be doing while we are waiting on God promises? A good place to start is in prayer. Asking God to give you more strength, more

faith to trust Him. In no way is this task of waiting easy, but it is necessary. I look forward to sharing more with you on this topic. But for now please, Hurry Up and Wait!

In His Service, Kimberly Salama

BIBLE TRIVIA CHALLENGE

1. What hostile army, pursuing the people of Israel, was completely destroyed in the middle of the Red Sea?
2. Connect the Thoughts:
 - a. An axe handle
 - b. Bears that mauled mouthy kids
 - c. Shunammite boy raised from the dead
3. Match: The plague of blood...
 - a. Egypt's magicians were unable to change water into blood.
 - b. Aaron struck the Nile with his staff.
 - c. Despite the plague, Egyptians could still drink the water.
4. From what mountain was Moses given a look into the Promised Land?
5. True or False. Idolatry is the worship of false gods.

Where to find the answers:

1. Exodus 14:21-28, 15:4
2. 2 Kings 6:1-7; 2 Kings 2:22-24; 2 Kings 4:32-37
3. Exodus 7:19-20
4. Deuteonomy 32:48-49
5. True

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of this world and guides the faithful forever. A time of judgment is

coming and while many think Jesus is too slow in returning, He is really being patient with us because "He does not want anyone to perish, but all to (have time to) come to repentance".

2 Peter 3:9

This quarter's lessons challenges us to be good, effective leaders, to follow Jesus Christ's leadership and to live holy lives unto God.

Sunday Church School is a family affair. We have classes for ages 3-103. Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. A nutritional breakfast is provided each Sunday and a hot breakfast every 5th Sunday. Plan on attending for the months of September, October and November. Come *Grow* with us in the knowledge God's Word.

PLEASE STOP THIS RAIN

As I sit here reminiscing and brewing in pain
I look at my life and it is filled with just rain,
The sunshine is gone no more sunny days,
I am lost in the darkness I can't find my way.

I have stumbled and fallen, even walked into walls,
I once was an addict with no hope at all.
I ran with the best and fought with the strong,
Always knowing that things were just wrong.

I continued to live in that darkness and pain
I was trapped in that world with shackles and chains.
Someone please help me put a stop to this rain.

I look up to Heaven as I say my prayer,
Because mother once told me that someone was there.
She called him her father as I recall.
She said he was all knowing and that he saw all.
So I prayed unto him to please take my pain,
And today I stand before you with all sunshine and not a drop of rain.

Thank you Father,

By your son, Luis R. Vega

SISTERTALK AT CROSS STREET

CAN I HELP YOU

By Dr. Gloria F. Perry

Sisters are you tired of dieting? Do you lose weight and gain it back plus some? Do you have health concerns or a family history of high blood pressure, diabetes, cancer or other weight and stress related diseases? Do you want to avoid these issues? SisterTalk can show You how! Sisters are you going through some things in your life and you just can't seem to get it together? You are not alone. SisterTalk was designed for sisters like you.

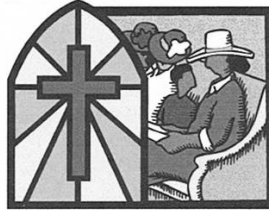
The results of the first round of SisterTalk at Cross Street were equal or better than the results of the original SisterTalk study. We are proud to offer SisterTalk again at Cross Street beginning September 16, 2009. SisterTalk is a 12 week healthy lifestyle program that addresses our [spiritual, as](#) well as our physical and mental health.

Results front the original study showed the following:

1. African-American and Black women participating in SisterTalk Hartford sessions were 2.6 times more likely to lose weight than similar women who were not participating.
2. Women who participated in the second round of SisterTalk Hartford were as likely to lose weight as women in the first round.
3. More than half (55%) of the women attending SisterTalk Hartford sessions lost weight and another 8% did not gain weight for the duration of the program.
4. The effects of the healthy lifestyle program were long-term---66% of women who lost weight maintained this loss or continued to lose weight up to 11 months after completion of program.
5. The SisterTalk Hartford program was continued by 67% of the participating churches, suggesting that it is an acceptable and appropriate healthy lifestyle program for community churches.
6. Participants were very satisfied with the program---90% of women rated the program 8 or higher on a 10 point satisfaction scale
7. SisterTalk Hartford participants enjoyed the group support and sisterhood of the sessions as much as they appreciated the weight loss. As one woman said "It is not what we lost. but what we gained

For more information or to sign up contact Dr. Gloria F. Perry after service or call (860) 632-1788.

SisterTalk Hartford



A Partnership Between
Medical & Faith Communities

Back by Popular Demand

SisterTalk

At Cross Street

Starting September 16, 2009 at 6 p.m.

"¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,...." 1 Corinthians 6:19

*For more information, contact Dr. Gloria Fields Perry
(860)632-1788*

**You must be committed to attending the 12 sessions*
Love donations will be requested to help support the program.*

Space is limited...Sign up TODAY!

*For more information about SisterTalk
Contact the SisterTalk Hartford Resource Center at:*

Phone: (860) 679-6555

Or visit them on the web at:

www.sistertalkhartford.org

Protection for Your Home and Family

Key Scripture: "But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil" (2 Thessalonians 3:3).

Key Thought: The eternal God is your refuge. (See Deuteronomy 33:27).

Prayer: Lord God Almighty, thank you for your faithfulness. I know that I can depend on you to establish my home and my family, and to keep us from all evil.¹ Eternal God, you are our refuge, and your everlasting arms are underneath us at all times.² Let your ministering angels watch over every member of my family.³ Thank you for your ministering angels which encamp around me and my family because we

love you, and thank you for delivering us from all evil.⁴ Be a protecting wall of fire around us, O God, and be glorious in our midst.⁵

You are our Shepherd, O Lord. Your rod and your Staff comfort us. You set a table before us in the presence of our enemies, and we are safe. Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in your house forever.⁶

Your eyes are always watching over us, and your ears are always open to our prayers.⁷ you, O Lord, are our shield, our glory, and the lifter of our heads.⁸

Lord God, you are our rock, and our fortress. You are our Deliverer, our God, our strength, and

in you we place our complete trust. You are our buckler, and the horn of our salvation, and you are our high tower⁹ in which we find our safety.¹⁰

Thank you for %,our protection, Father

References: (1) 2 Thessalonians 3:3, (2) Deuteronomy 33:27; (3) Hebrews 1:13-14; (4) Psalms 34:7, (5) Zechariah 2:5; (6) Psalms 23; (7) 1 Peter 3:12 (8) Psalms 3:3; (9) Psalms 18:2; (10) Proverbs 18:10

*Taken from Bible Prayers for all your needs
by Victory House*



DISSATISFIED WITH YOUR WAY OF LIFE – SO FAR? THERE IS A BETTER WAY.

Things and people will disappoint you. Nothing in this world will really satisfy, that is because there is a void in your life that can only be filled by God, who created you.

How would you like to start all over again, with a clean slate, a clean conscience, without guilt or remorse? You **CAN** you know. God's word in the Bible tells us how...

Christ died for your sins, and all is forgiven. If you will recognize and believe that Jesus Christ the son of God, died in your place on the cross, and was resurrected the third day, and if you will completely trust him, he will change your life for the better, and give you that peace in your heart that you've been longing for.

You've tried everything else, now try doing things God's way, thru faith in Jesus Christ. You won't be disappointed. If you are willing to take the first step, God will do the rest.

Come on, try Jesus, and see what happens! God's promise is your guarantee. "For whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Here's how you do it ...Say this simple prayer, out loud, to yourself and to God.

"Lord Jesus, I believe you died on the cross for my sins, and rose again from the grave. Come into my heart, forgive my sins and save my soul. I receive you now Jesus, as my Savior and Lord of my life. Take over my life, and help me be the kind of person you want me to be. Thank you Jesus for saving my soul. Amen."

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You've tried everything else, now try doing things God's way, thru faith in Jesus Christ. You won't be disappointed. If you are willing to take the first step, God will do the rest.

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"Lord Jesus, I believe you died on the cross for my sins, and rose again from the grave. Come into my heart, forgive my sins and save my soul. I receive you now Jesus, as my Savior and Lord of my life. Take over my life, and help me be the kind of person you want me to be. Thank you Jesus for saving my soul. Amen."

Reasons To Tithe, Every third Sunday, Try Tithing Sunday

HOW AND WHEN TO TITHE

THESE GUIDELINES WILL HELP YOU TO MEET YOUR PLAN FOR TITHING.

Be Systematic: The key is to make tithing a normal part of your budget. Whatever your program of giving, keep records, be prompt and try not to miss dates.

Tithe Weekly: Weekly or monthly tithing helps your church plan its budget. Planning to tithe yearly often results in not having the money ready when promised. If you don't receive income on a regular basis, tithe when you receive it.

Tithing is Not A Substitute, for other Christian obligations such as volunteering your time for church-related activities. Think of tithing as an important part of your total stewardship responsibilities.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

Tithing Ministry: A guideline given by some money managers is as follows: Give 1/10 (tithe of your income to God). Put 1/10 in savings. Put 1/10 in an emergency account until three months of pay is set aside. Live on the remaining 7/10 with freedom to work towards giving as much as possible to God's work.

Reasons to Tithe: Everything we have comes as a gift from God. To show our faith and thanksgiving, we can return a part of God's gifts to us to help the church carry out its work.

What is Tithing? It's making a voluntary, systematic contribution of financial support to your church. Voluntary: giving out of love and gratitude for all God gives you. Systematic: giving a predetermined portion of your income as you receive it. The Old Testament Guideline for giving was a "tithe"-or tenth - of total property. "And of all that you give me I will surely give one tenth to you." Genesis 28:22 Today - the tithing tradition remains an important part of church life for many Christians.

Time, Talents (Gifts), Treasure (Tenth): "Give and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6: 38)

The Rewards of Tithing: Tithing is as meaningful to you as it is to those who benefit from your contribution.

Tithing Brings Awareness: Tithing is a way of sharing concern for others throughout the world. As we become more sensitive to others' needs, we grow closer to God.

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of Heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3: 8 – 10).

The Service of Worship and the work of Cross Street Church are dependent upon the contributions of its members, friends, and visitors. Thanks. God sends His Love and Faithfulness. Psalm 57:3

DANGEROUS FREEDOM

UNANSWERED PRAYERS

READ: Luke 7:1.10

(Jesus said), "I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" Luke 7:9

An explanation we often hear for "unanswered" prayers is that we don't have enough faith. But Jesus said in Luke 17:6 that if we have faith the size of a mustard seed, we can command a mulberry tree to be uprooted and planted in the sea and it will obey us. In other words, the effectiveness of our prayer depends not on how much faith we have but on whether we even have faith.

Luke tells of a Roman centurion found such "great faith", (7:9). His faith was expressed first as an appeal to Jesus to heal his dying servant. Then it was expressed as an acknowledgment that Jesus could heal his servant anytime, anywhere. The centurion did not ask Jesus to do things his way.

Faith has been described as "trusting God's heart and trusting God's power." Some prayers that seem to go unanswered are simply instances in which God has lovingly overruled our wishes. He knows that what we have asked for is not best. Or it may be that our timing is not His timing, or He has some far greater purpose in mind. Let us remember, even Jesus prayed to His heavenly Father, "Nevertheless not My will. but Yours" (Luke 22:42).

Do we have the centurion's great faith--a faith that trusts God to do His work, in His way?

*Unanswered prayers are answered still
As part of God's great master plan;
They help to carry out His will
To demonstrate God's love for man God's –D. De Haan*

God's answers are wiser than our prayers.

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Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 24-25



"God's Divine 2009 plan for greater works".

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you"

Matthew 6:33 NKJV

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