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VICTORY is waiting..."**

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2012 Leadership Team In Place

It was a warm January Wednesday night when the church family gathered in the Worship Center to pray and seek the direction of God for the ministry of Victory Christian Center in 2012. Pastor Marsh opened with a word concerning RECONCILIATION (an important calling and concept that will shape the churches' vision.)

After prayer and some testimonies, the church family got down to the business of selecting some leaders to help out in the ministry. It was a time to reflect and give thanks for some folks who have served well (and will continue to, for sure), as well as seek God for some leaders that will help serving us into the future.

First, we had a trustee to select. So, thank you to a couple of people. One is Dave Carpenter and Sully Sullivan for serving.

Next, we want to thank Arthur Bristow for serving and for the deacons who will be serving in 2012. They are Gary Allred, Tim Eldridge, Rita Fields, Angie Joseph, Paul Rutkowski, Jim Wornom, and Ralph Wyatt. "It is obvious to me that the Lord is already at work among these brothers and sisters to accomplish a significant work in 2012", says Pastor Marsh. He adds, "A few of them have already come to me, and we haven't even had our first meeting together, yet, and told me how they sense the unity of the Spirit

at work in our team and among the church family."

In addition to the trustees and deacons, here is a list of the rest of the leadership team roster:

Treasurer: Rita Fields

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So, it is with a lot of thanks and expectation that we face 2012 with a good group of leaders for Victory Christian Center.



"Living the Life" An Open Editorial for people with Busy Lives!

An Apple A Day?

University of Texas
M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

Studies are constantly proving that what you eat can be as powerful and more potent than a prescribed drug. Recently, it was proven that the presence of fresh apples in your diet could improve your memory and sustain brain health. Apples are becoming increasingly associated with brain health after more recent studies have proven the

effect of antioxidants and flavonoids present in apples on reducing brain cell inflammation and oxidation that naturally occurs due to the presence of free radicals.

The consumption of as much as two apples a day heightens levels of acetylcholine, a specific neurotransmitter that greatly influences brain signals responsible for movement and sensory perception.

Not only that, but regular consumption as such was discovered to diminish accumulations of toxins in the brain, particularly one type of toxin called beta-amyloid, which is thought to be one of the main culprits that cause Alzheimer's disease.

While apples are now being proven to aid, halt, and reverse Alzheimer's disease, enhance cognitive functions, prevent memory loss and

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Pastor's Pen



As I stated in last month's Pastor's Pen, 2012 is here whether we are ready or not. The bulletins and newsletter were in a "coloring book format". (Thanks to many of you who commented about having some fun with the crayons. I love it when people know how to just have some clean fun.) It was for the reason of drawing attention to the matter of refreshing our VISION. This month, I will take some time to teach a scriptural truth that the Lord has made real to me, and point toward some MINISTRY VISION CLARITY that I believe God is giving me to help pass along to each of you.

In **1 Kings 2**, the Scripture says, "As the time of King David's death approached, he gave this charge to his son Solomon." Verse one doesn't end with a period (added by the King James translators, of course). It ends with a colon. In the critical moment of the passing of the baton to Solomon and securing his throne, David shares IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS. They aren't about missing him when he's gone (because for us as believers, we'll see each other again), or talk of wishing he had spent more time with him and the like. The "charge" that David gives to Solomon is MONUMENTAL because it might be equally as fitting to be given by any Christian father to his sons (or children) today! It included David's recognition of his imminent death and a charge to be courageous and the words "be a man." You gotta love that. Then there is a command to follow after God ways, and words, which will bring Solomon promise if he does. But then, there is a statement in verse 5 (NLT), "...And there is something else..." in which David carefully focuses on one of life's great resources (and challenges)...PEOPLE.

There are THREE people that David mentions in this chapter. And, as he does, he speaks a word of instruction about "WHY" these men will be important to Solomon. Let me take some time to FOCUS on the "whys" and make each of these men and their importance a point of illustration as I share some of the intention I will use as we work together to advance God's kingdom here at Victory Christian Center.

First, there is a man named Joab (vss. 5, 6). He was a scourge to David. Basically, David tells Solomon to make sure he takes care of him. I think it's important for us to know the things to ELIMINATE from our lives. It may be hard, but in a good way. Then, there is Barzillai (vs. 7). David asks Solomon to take care of them. Not only will be better off if we learn to ELIMINATE some things from our lives. It will also be important to know what to KEEP!

Next, there is Shimei (vss. 8, 9). Many a Hollywood movie script could have done with as good a plot. Of Shimei, David says I promised not to kill him, but he says, "...I will leave this to you. You are a wise man, and you will know how to arrange a bloody death for him." In this year and forever in our lives, it will be important for us to CAREFULLY EVALUATE the important matters of life. So, to this point it has been 1) what to eliminate, and 2) what to keep, and 3) what to carefully evaluate.

The final instruction that we might draw from this period of Solomon's life actually comes from chapter 3. It might have the heading "What to ADD to our lives". I trust that 2012 will be a year of great impact for the kingdom and our lives individually!

We love you all, Pastor Don and Kathy

11 Corner (Eye On Missions...this month: "")

You know, for February being the shortest month in the year, even though it makes it's periodic leap, there are a lot of SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES to see God do some amazing things here at Victory.

Here are some MISSIONALLY-FOCUSED activities that will serve to strengthen the body:

First, there is the Potomac District Women's Retreat to be

held at the lavish Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg on February 17 and 18. It is only a 21 mile drive, but take it anyway and get a fresh touch from Him as you prepare for a season of SPIRITUAL RENEWAL here at church. See Angie Joseph for details.

Then, the men are ALL INVITED to register NOW for the ONE-DAY ENCOUNTER called

"The Life You've Always Wanted" on February 25. It is only \$20 and that's a miniscule price to pay for a time of discipleship training that WILL live up to it's name!

Now, here are some timely and encouraging words of vision concerning "small groups" here at Victory. Our church is a church that "has" small groups, but is not built on the model of

small groups.

God is at work in our Youth and Children. You will learn more here next month on how that can happen with them and how it will impact Victory Christian Center long into the future. And isn't that what we all want, if Jesus doesn't come...an AWESOME future? Yeah!

ABC's of Salvation

To know God and be ready for heaven, follow these steps:

A. Admit you are a sinner. "There is no one righteous, not even one...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:10,23 (See Romans 5:8,

6:23).

B. Believe in Jesus (put your trust in Him) as your only hope of salvation. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 Become a child of God by

receiving Christ. "To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12. (See Revelation 3:20.)

C. Confess that Jesus is your Lord. "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and

believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9 (See verse 10.)

Also, don't forget to get involved in church!

For further help, contact us at <www.victory.nu> or call the church office at 868-9979.

VkidZ Korner

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

at Victory Christian Center:
- SUNDAYS -

Breakfast Snacks @ 9 AM

Bible Study @ 9:30 AM

VkidZ @ 10:30 AM/6:30 PM

& 7 PM (Wednesday nights)



Women's Ministries News



This month our ladies are blessed to be able to attend the Ladies Winter Conference held at Crosswalk in Williamsburg. Registration is \$65. We already have several ladies on our list to attend, but we would like you to join us as well. Please don't let the cost hinder you from coming. All you have to do is contact Angie Joseph and she will give you all the details about the conference. She will also tell you how you can be

sponsored for this event!

The conference is February 17-18 and Angie can give you the details about when we will leave. Come and let the Lord renew your spirit!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY!

On January 7 we started a new book called "Amazing Freedom".

Ladies Bible Study is one of Victory's small groups that meets together on the first and third Saturdays each month from 9 to 10:30 AM. Please join us when you are able! We have extra books and we're saving a seat for YOU.

Blessings, Kathy

“Living Life” (con't. from page 1)

help in other brain-related matters, there are still a multitude of studies being vigorously conducted to prove that apples are the perfect food for diabetics, patients with heart disease, and cholesterol, obesity, and constipation.

While the old proverb said one apple a day was enough, studies suggest increasing that dosage to two apples is a good idea for optimum health benefits.



Victory Child Development Center News

As I sit and write this month's article, I am astounded with the fact that it is already February. Time sure is going by. I would like to start by welcoming our newest student Elizabeth

Jewell. We are thankful she is here! We have 2 exciting days planned this month. The first is Feb. 14th when we will have our class parties. All classes will participate at 10:00am and parents, friends, and other family members are welcome to join us! The following week we are taking the K-3 and K-4

classes to the DENTIST on Feb. 21st! We are also still collecting those Farm Fresh receipts, Box Tops, and Campbell's labels. These items are a tremendous blessing to us. Each year we are able to purchase new items for our class rooms just by using the points from these

programs.

Thank you so much for all that you do to help support our team! It is GREATLY appreciated!

Amy Holland is the coordinator of Victory Child Development Center. You can reach her in the office at (757) 868-8417



Connect “V” Update

Someone once told me that we all dig ourselves into holes from time to time. But it's our choice whether that hole is going to be a grave or a gold mine. Our mistakes and

failures can be redeemed by God and turned into something precious. The trick is, you have to be willing to sift through the debris of your mistakes. Like a miner, panning for gold, you work together with God until He brings out the precious, lasting value of your experiences. Now, more than ever in history, young people need to

benefit from the experiences of the older generation. I encourage you to allow God to sift through your life, and bring out a gift from the darkness that can touch a young person. Thank you for supporting the youth ministry here at Victory Christian Center.

Pastor Philip

If we



one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

1 Jn. 4:12

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SCHEDULE:

Sunday: 9:00 AM - Connect
One (Free break fast) 9:30
AM - Bible Study (all ages)
10:30 AM - Worship/VKidZ
5:30 PM - Corporate Prayer in
Worship Center
6:30 PM - Deeper Life/VKidZ/
Connect "V"

Wednesday: 7 PM -
Family Night
VKidZ TRaCclub and
Connect "V"

Study Through The Bible
in the Worship Center

February 2012

- 3-5** - Girl's Retreat with Kelsey & Sarah
4 - 8 AM - Men's Breakfast / 9 AM -
Ladies Bible Study
5 - Communion Sunday
10 - 6:30 PM - Golden Age Praisers
14 - Valentine's Day
17 - 18 - Ladies Winter Conf. in
Williamsburg
(No Ladies Study on the 18th)
19 - Missions Sunday
21-24 - Meals on Wheels
20 - 6:30 - Deacons Meet
22 - Ash Wednesday Service
(VKidZ Friends and Connect "V" Youth
meet here at church ... Adults attend at
Messick Baptist Church)
22 - Begin "Seek God For The City" (a
time of fasting and prayer for spiritual
breakthrough)
25 - "The Life You've Always Wanted"
(Men's Life Enrichment Training)
26 - Women's Ministries Day

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the VICTORY
through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:57)

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