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Family Life Ministry at CTK

Minister Charlotte Flowers

The three scriptures below are ones that we are familiar with:

II Chronicles 34: 1-2

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. ² He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and walked in the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

Daniel 1:8

But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

I Samuel 17: 34-37

But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

When we read and hear these scriptures about these young men who stood for God we probably think and say "what wonderful young men committed to God at an early age". Consider Josiah at eight years old a king and totally devoted to keeping God's commandments, even when it wasn't popular with the people. Daniel a teenager torn from his family, taken to another province, no longer free but now a slave to a pagan king, but yet reminds faithful to God and refuses to defile

his body with food of the heathens. David, the giant slayer, a teenager and yet had more faith in God's ability to give him victory over Goliath than Saul and his entire army!

The questions we should ask ourselves is how were Josiah, Daniel and David able to remain steadfast to God and stand for God before communities, kings and giants?

The answer because someone significant in their life; whether a neighbor, parent or guardian understood the importance of training children in God's word, giving them hope for the now and the future.

The same holds true for us and our children today we all need a firm foundation in God to be able to stand regardless of the giant(s) we face, if we as adults cannot stand how do we ever expect our children to stand when they face their giants?

This is why participation in Family Life Ministry (FLM) is critical, so we can stand when facing our giants and as adults we can gain insight into God to share with the children in our church, home and community. FLM is structured to help people grow in their trust and faith in God for the now and the future.

FLM is the Christian Education arm of the church and committed to scheduling courses to encourage spiritual, emotional and financial growth and stability for the CTK family and community. We recently brought back the standard Sunday school lesson and offer classes for children, teenagers and adults on Wednesday evening (am classes for adults only). This curriculum provides an avenue for parents to begin family bible study at home and can help facilitate family conversations after classes on Wednesday night and throughout the week.



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From the Pastor...

THE THREE T'S OF STEWARDSHIP

The word steward can be simply defined as: *one who has been entrusted with the management of something that belongs to another. (Possessions, money, etc.)* A broad look at this term stewardship includes time, health, community, faith, church, bible, relationships...all of which have been entrusted to us by God. The more commonly aspects of stewardship known to believers are time, talent and treasure.

The stewardship of *time* is the first “T” of stewardship. In an age when there are supposedly hundreds of “time-saving” devices invented, there seems to be less time in a day to get done all of what we deem necessary. Time is ever moving and strangely as you get older, time moves faster (especially when you are having fun). In the context of Christian stewardship, the stewardship of time centers upon the time we allocate for Kingdom work and worship of God. Many believers have “time” for themselves, community groups, clubs, and other self interests and leave little or no time at all for Christ, his church and work. Seeing that time is a gift to us from God, it would only seem right that we give back at least a “tithe” of that time to him. It is important that we allocate time in our day, week and life for God and the things related to his worship and work.

The stewardship of *talent* is the second “T” of stewardship. The gifts and talents that all of us possess are also from God. They are given, not only for personal advancement and development, but also for the work of advancing the Kingdom of God. There is a place in the church for every believer to utilize their talents in ministry. Even vocational training can find its place within the work of the church to minister to the body of Christ and to witness to the world through evangelism and missions. The church is the most effective when its members take on the attitude of an “every-member-ministry” and utilize their talents in Christian service.

The last “T” of stewardship is *tithe or treasure*. The principles of tithing transcend any testament period of the Bible. I say this because many Christians feel that the tithe was something related to the Law of Moses that has no place in the New Testament church. However, the principles of tithing preceded the Law. We can find them in the beginning of time in the Garden of Eden. Principle # 1, God owns everything. Principle #2, God sets the standard. Principle # 3, there is either a blessing or curse for obedience or disobedience. Based upon these principles, tithing is a God honoring discipline and not a Old or New Testament teaching to be dismissed. The tithe is *holy unto the Lord*, therefore it is not ours to utilize for personal reasons, nor should we distribute them ourselves in benevolent work. They should be brought to the House of the Lord, for the church is the dispenser of the tithe.

If we are to be effective in our efforts to reach the world for Christ, the vehicle of liberation (the church) needs every member to offer his *time, talent and tithe* to that end. As stewards, we have been entrusted with these three “T’s” and it is our Christian duty and responsibility to utilize them for the work of the church. When this happens, then we fulfill the requirements of stewards, and that is that they be *found faithful*.

In His Service,

Pastor John W. McVicker, Sr.



People Profile: Marlon & Noreen Foulks

“The Marriage Ministry is a time for married couples to get together and fellowship with other CTK and non-CTK married couples. We have nights out for couples, workshops, retreats, etc. It is a ministry where you can come and talk, get support if it is needed and leave feeling very comfortable and uplifted.” These are the words of the Marriage on the Rise Ministry Leaders, Marlon and Noreen Foulks.

Married since they were teenagers, it is not surprising this couple believes matrimony is a life-long commitment. “So often in a marriage, it is not at all understood how important communication is in the relationship. I also believe in keeping it real when I communicate with a couple. No relationship can go without being touched in some way with differences. It’s learning to get past them that’s important.”

Though the biggest misconception is that Marriage Ministry is only for marriages in trouble, the Foulks want to change that perception. “This ministry allows couples to be amongst other Christian married couples that share their joy. If there are problems within the marriage, couples can get input from others and feel safe. Knowing it is kept within the Ministry and sometimes receiving advice from other couples that have had similar trials can help them with solutions.”

The ministry will conduct 2 events in the coming months: a Marriage Ministry Workshop in May and a Bowling Night in June.

Marriage on the Rise meets the 2nd Saturday of the month at 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall. For more information please contact Marlon & Noreen Foulks at 262-628-8994

Youth Ministry

Reverend Daniel A. Blackburn

There is a world of hurting youth who, for one reason or another are distancing themselves from the church. The gap between the church and the generation of today’s students is growing. Many people see it as an “age thing”, but this gap is more cultural than it is generational. Today’s young people wear different clothes, speak a different language, have different values, and face different challenges of any other group, ever. And the “average” sermon and church service is not designed to meet their needs. Things are different here at Christ the King, because of Youth Church.

Establishing a Youth Church has been a long desire of our visionary pastor, but until now God’s timing had not met up man’s timing. For whatever reason, God has placed me here for such a time as this, for such a ministry as this. And because of the hard work of many, and the support of our pastor, New Generation Youth Church rivals and surpasses many Youth Churches that have been in existence for years. New Generation Youth Church is a service designed with youth in mind. It is not an older version of Children’s Church, it is a full worship service intended to allow “school aged” youth (middle school, high school, and college) to worship, learn, and express themselves the way they were designed to and are familiar with.

Until now, there was no transition between Children’s Church and the adult service. Imagine going from being in a small group of people, divided by age, in a very relaxed learning environment, to having to sit still for one and a half to two hours in an auditorium with nine hundred other people. To further complicate things, the speaker makes references to things that happened long before you

were born, or that you will not experience for decades. Youth Church is the medium between the two: structured but not rigid, orderly but not too formal, and dealing with the issues that affect them the most.

Youth Church is also the training ground for the future leaders of our church. At Youth Church, youth do everything. From Praise and Worship to Altar Prayer. Youth play the instruments, direct the choir, usher, and even serve as Deacons and Trustees. When it is time for them to move to the adult service, they will have no problem functioning in a ministry because they’ve been doing it for years. The only thing I do at Youth Church is Preach, the youth do it all, and the time may come where even a youth will do that.

As I close, let me say that New Generation Youth Church does not, and would not exist without a dedicated team of adults. Adult Youth Workers from all fifteen of the Youth Ministries serve on their assigned Sundays. Many people have asked if we need any help in Youth Church and in all of these areas we still need more volunteers, but if you can’t help in any of these ways, then you can help us financially. Our budget for the Youth is more than three times what it has ever been, and we need funds to help support this worthy cause. You probably haven’t noticed the new line of the envelopes, but there is one for Youth Church. We appreciate anything you put on that line.

For more information on Youth Church or other Youth Ministries, contact Reverend Blackburn at 414-371-5000.



VISIONS

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Our Mission:

Christ the King Baptist Church exists to advance the Kingdom of God through spirit filled worship, dynamic preaching, and biblically sound teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to provide services that minister to your physical, mental, and spiritual needs. One Shepherd, One Vision - a church that cares about You!

Schedule of Services

Sweet Hour of Prayer: Sun., 7:30AM

Worship Services: Sun., 8:30AM, 11:00AM, *6:00PM (*4th Sun. only)

Communion: 1st Sun. of each month

Baptism: 2nd & 4th Sun. of each month

Hour of Prayer: Wed., 5:30-6:30PM

Visit us on the web at www.ctkbc.org

Family Life Ministry at CTK

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Course Offering Categories:

- Discipleship
- Evangelism/Witnessing
- Spiritual growth
- Personal Skills Builder
- Life Support

So come the Lord is waiting, He is your hope for the now and the future, come anchor yourself, your family and your community in Jesus Christ, the Solid Rock..

Family Life Ministry meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact FLM at flm@ctkbc.org or by calling 414-586-4290, ext. 1010.

Welcome New Members!!!

Tracy Adams	Elaine Banton	Jalonna Bartlett
Sherri Bowens	Donna Caldwell	Sydney Calmes
Tyson Clark	Cassandra Coleman	Michael Eastlin
Angel Edwards	Tiffany Fitzpatrick	Antonia Ford
Tamandre Gatson	Tracy Harris	Juanette Horton
Tanya Hunter	Monique Jackson	Aneia Jagers
Quentin Joiner	Joyce Jones	Sheila Jordan
Van Mayes	Ernestine McGlaston	Nigel Ogbonna
Marshall Patterson	Christopher Payne	Nayla Payton-West
Laressa Qualls	Kenya Robertson	Chantera Satterwhite
Thomas Satterwhite	Shalonda Sharp	Monique Shaw
Nicole Standback	Kasandra Tarkington	Tameya Tarkenton
Elnora Thompson	Bernice Towers	Samuel Townsend
Audrey Tribble	Courtney Tribble	Katricia Trotter
Eugene Wallace	David Weier	Christopher Williams
Shauna Williams	Gail Wilson Clark	

Calendar of Events

March

2nd	Communion
9th	Baptism
22nd	Good Friday
	All the King's Men Fish Fry
23rd	Easter
	Baptism
	4th Sunday Evening Worship Service
30th	Annual Mission Day
	Baby Dedication Service

April

5th	Leadership Conference
6th	Communion
13th	Baptism
18th - 19th	Men's Conference
20th	Annual Men's Day Celebration
23rd - 25th	Spring Revival
27th	Baptism
	4th Sunday Evening Worship Service

*** Blood Pressure Screen Every Sunday**