



VISIONS FOUNDER'S DAY & F.R.A.N.GELISM MONTH

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Save Seven Souls in 2007

Matthew 28:19-20 (MSG) ¹⁹ "Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

The passage above is to remind you that Jesus Christ will be with you in your efforts to lift up His name. God wants you to pray for those who have never accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray for those who don't understand, or have the knowledge, and or faith in Christ that you have as a Worshipper. Go in the strength and confidence that Christ is with you as you encourage your friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. By doing so we hope that they will be led by the Holy Spirit to accept Him into their lives.



This year, our Pastor has launched the **Save Seven Souls Initiative!** The purpose of this program is for all members to challenge 7 people to develop a relationship with the Lord before the close of 2007. During this month, entitled F.R.A.N.gelism, all members are asked to develop a closer relationship with the Lord by stressing our mission here at CTK; which is to advance the Kingdom of God through spirit filled worship, and to provide services that minister to your physical, mental, and spiritual needs. You may partake in this initiative by becoming involved and encouraging Friends, Relatives, Associates, & Neighbors (F.R.A.N.) to celebrate in the good news about Jesus Christ, and making a sincere effort to invite them to Sunday worship or Bible study.

While your goal is 7 in 2007, your mission should be to challenge and save as many as you can!

A Conversation with CTK Founder, Marilyn McVicker

Mykia Hilliard

Q: What is the duty/role of a pastor's wife?

A: My duty or role is to support my husband spiritually, emotionally and in any area that would help build the relationship, between me and my husband and the relationship between my husband and God. My role is also to provide encouragement and assistance as we carry out the vision God has given him.

Q: How did you meet Pastor McVicker? And how did his decision to become a pastor affect you?

A: I was introduced to him by a friend at an outing we were both attending. I guess it was love at first sight. The decision for him to pastor wasn't a big problem for me because I was open to God's will. However, because there is great responsibility I was, and continue to be, in constant prayer.

Q: What expectations have been set for you as

the pastor's wife? And do you feel that you have met those expectations?

A: No individual has officially set any written expectations for me as the pastor's wife. However, God has certain expectations for me as a Christian in a leadership role, that are found in the Word of God. One of those expectations is to live by faith (Hebrews 11). I am striving to live by faith each day.

Q: What is the ministry you were called to do?

A: Currently, I believe the Lord wants me to play an active role in the lives of the youth and children, as well as to be an encouragement to others. However, there are no limits to what God will do in my life for His Kingdom.

Q: Have you experienced support as a woman in ministry?

A: Yes I have experienced support. A number of



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From the Pastor...

And The Word Became Flesh

John 1:14 (NKJV) "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

The good news message that Christians have proclaimed for centuries is that in Jesus Christ, and for our salvation, God has entered human history in a unique way. John in his gospel says that the Word who was made flesh in human history is the same Word who "was in the beginning with God." (1:2) What a revelation! How marvelous is this self-disclosure! The Word becoming flesh! John gives us a fascinating insight into the salvific work of God through Jesus Christ. The Living Word took on the form of human flesh and dwelt among mankind as an extension of God and the embodiment of Divinity. The life and ministry of Jesus Christ transformed abstract concepts about God the Father, into tangible realities that people could embrace. Through His life and ministry, Jesus revealed to the people of the world the concern and compassion of God. His healing touch revealed the caring hand of God. His warm words communicated the forgiveness of God. The work of restoring the bound, burdened and bruised of society demonstrated the compassion of God. His redemptive work on the cross by becoming God's perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world shows us the depths of God's love. The *Word became flesh and dwelt among [men]*.

The redeeming work of Jesus Christ was once and for all; it was completed and finished upon Calvary. The gift of salvation is available to everyone who believes in Jesus Christ and receives Him into their hearts as both Lord and Savior. *Romans 10:13 (NKJV)* ¹³ For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." The bible says that we, who are Christians, are to be witnesses unto [Jesus] into all of the world. As witnesses of Christ we are extensions of Him in the world. There is a saying that the 'world does not care how much we know, until it knows how much we care.' As messengers of Jesus Christ we are charged to proclaim the good news to all who will hear. The idea of proclamation is not limited to words only but it is also to be understood to mean our deeds. Preaching, sharing the good news is both word and deed. In order for this work of the church to be impacting and far-reaching, *the Word must again become flesh and dwell among men*. You and I, and every other professing Christian are to embody the life of Jesus Christ and live out our faith in community. The Word must continue to become flesh as we attempt to reach the masses for Christ. Our world, our nation, our community, our neighbors, our friends and family must see Christ in us. It is through our witness of word and deed that people can see and come to know our God. The Word must become flesh as every believer becomes the extension of God in the world, demonstrating His love and compassion toward those who are lost, suffering and without hope. People may not be able to conceptualize God who might appear to them to be too distant; however, they can see Him through us as we love and minister unto them. The Word Becoming Flesh! His hands are our hands. The Word Becoming Flesh! His feet are our feet. The Word Becoming Flesh! His eyes are our eyes. The Word Becoming Flesh! His ears are our ears. The Word Becoming Flesh!

The church today does not need more programs, musicals, conferences, revivals or anything else that she does for the household of faith. The only thing the church needs more of is its members allowing the Word to become flesh.

In His Service,



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A Conversation with Marilyn McVicker (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

people in the church have been very supportive spiritually, and have encouraged me when I was in need. We have prayed, discussed the Word and had fun together. I like the fact that God have placed people at Christ the King who are genuinely concerned about me and are always making sure that I'm okay.

Q: How does your family/home life influence your actions within the church or ministry?

A: I strive to make God first, family second and then others. Family should not be neglected, so I make an effort to keep a balance.

Q: So I hear that you used to be a school teacher, what school(s) did you teach at? And why don't you teach anymore?

A: I taught at Lloyd Street School and 65th Street School. I was a teacher until I was asked by my husband if I would take the position of the Youth Ministry Director, as well as lead the way in establishing King's Academy Christian School. I've played an active role at Kings Academy since its inception, a part of the Youth Ministry for over 20 years and I've been the Youth Director for 10 years. I believe I am and should always be a teacher/role model.

Q: Share a specific story that has shaped your life and faith?

A: Various events in my life have helped me see the reality of God's power in my life. The experience that I've had just getting through the battles, have shaped my life along with knowing that He has been with me through them all.

Q: What changes to CTK would you like to implement in the future?

A: I would like to implement a Youth Church for ages 13 -17. This church would have a service ran by and for the youth. It would be modeled or similar to the adult church. It would have its own choir, musicians, ushers and a Youth Minister.

Q: What advice could you give to young women living in society today?

A: Keep God first in your lives. Seek God first before making your decisions. Whether it's choosing a mate, a job or most of all, understanding His will for your life, **CHECK WITH THE LORD FIRST.** The Bible says in Matthew 6:33 that we are to "seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Be strong women, and be yourselves. Don't allow anyone to make you become something God did not intend. **Let the creator, the one who truly loves you, shape you for His purpose-----and you will be blessed.**

A Conversation with CTK Founder, Pastor McVicker

Mykia Hilliard

Q: Tell me about your call to be a pastor?

A: I received my call to ministry and preached my first sermon in October 1975. From the onset I recognized that my call was not only to preach, but to be a pastor of a church. In April of 1985 I took a step of faith to start this church.

Q: How would you describe your style of ministry?

A: I believe that I am a "contemporary traditionalist." This term in and of itself is an oxymoron, but, the point that I am trying to convey is that I try to find a balance in ministry i.e. serving this present age as well as holding on to some traditions. However, the church is always relevant so I don't try to make myself relevant.

Q: What areas of ministry have you found frustrating or challenging?

A: The most difficult area of ministry would be trying to create disciples, or making disciples. Simply because people have to want to become a part of the church, they must desire to be discipled. The church has too many members and not enough disciples. That is the most challenging part!

Q: Describe your leadership style. What have been some weaknesses/strengths?

A: I believe that I don't have a set leadership style. According to Ken Blanchard there are four types of leadership styles: Supportive, Coaching, Directing, and Delegating. I believe that I display all of these styles. I try to develop the people around me, which actually empower me as a leader. Delegation is done by entrusting people with authority and responsibility because I have confidence in them.

Q: How would you describe a successful pastor? How would you describe a successful church?

A: A successful pastor has engaged themselves in and is committed to the Kingdom's work. A successful pastor wants to be intentional about modeling the ministry of Jesus as he outlined in St. Luke 4:18. Often times it's hard to measure a churches success because the impact is not visible. You might have touched the lives of a whole family, but would never know it or see the outcome. Even in an individual you might not ever see the end product. It's not the buildings that a church has that measure its success because I know some people who have challenging facilities, but are very successful in the place that God has planted them. The world and even some Christians measure success by **Buildings, Budgets, and Bodies.** I dare to be different. Those three B's don't define success to me.

Q: Considering today's world, what do you think the church should be saying and doing? Is there anything special that we, as Baptist ought to be saying and doing?

A: The church has one message and that message is Jesus Christ. He is the message for every generation and every age. The church should cry loudly His message and get the Word out. Perhaps, the church is spending too much time talking about other stuff, and not enough time talking about Jesus.



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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

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A Conversation with Pastor McVicker

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Q: Share a specific story that has shaped your life and faith?

A: Actually it was how I acquired this property. It was difficult to find adequate space for my vision. One day I just happened to drive past this property and inquired about it and found out that it belonged to another congregation. I figured that was the end of that matter because it already belonged to someone else. The Holy Spirit told me to call the pastor and ask him if I could have the land. I was reluctant to ask, but He said to call. So I called a pastor friend of mine to get the number and I got a voicemail; I called another pastor and he picked up and gave me the number. Reluctantly, I called the pastor whose congregation owned the property and got a voicemail so I left a message to return my call. Within twenty minutes my phone rang. It was the preacher who owned the land. He was in Texas at the time and after some small talk I got the courage to say to him that I needed the land. He said to me that my call was timely because he had planned to sell the land when he got back from Texas. We had lunch when he returned to Milwaukee and cut the deal right at the table. Through that experience I learned how to trust God even more, because I thought it would be unethical for me to ask this man to give me his land.

Q: What advice or information could you give someone who believes they are called to be a minister?

A: Make sure that you know, that you know that you've heard the voice of God that has called you to teach his word. This is an awesome responsibility!!! I believe that you should have a sense of apprehension going into the preaching ministry just because of the responsibility of human souls associated with it.

Welcome New Members!!!

Edward Anderson
Lawanda Barksdale
Ashley Campbell
Alexis Johnson
Michael Johnson
Robin Johnson
Nina McIntyre
Marvin Thomas
Rae Williams
Kendrick Worthy

Calendar of Events

August

5th Communion
Blood Pressure Screening (every Sunday)
6th-12th Daniel Fast
17th Family Reunion Fish Fry/Campus Tour
18th Family Reunion Picnic
19th Homecoming Sunday
20th-22nd Summer Revival, 7PM
26th 4th Sunday Evening Worship Service

September

2nd Communion
4th-7th National Baptist Convention
8th Hospitality's Annual Country Breakfast
22nd WIM Walk/Run
23rd 4th Sunday Evening Worship Service
30th Baby Blessing