



# VISIONS

## FRANGELISM/MISSION & MALE EMPHASIS MONTH

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Where are you going for Christ?
- Andrew Ministry: Sharing the Mission
- Men: Dare to be Different!
- Deacon Croft remembers when...

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## Dare to be Different with the Men of CTK

Minister Ray Walker

**“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16 (KJV)**

April is the time of year where we, as a congregation, place special emphasis on the men of CTK. It is a time of fellowship, celebration and an opportunity for every man to become involved in the life of the church. This time of togetherness, fosters a deeper awareness of our role and responsibility as Christian men and the importance for us to be visible servants in the church and the community at large.

We have been blessed to be a blessing. Therefore, we must be willing to wholeheartedly serve the Lord and be bold witnesses for the kingdom in order to bring others to Christ. We serve the Lord by

recognizing our spiritual gifts and enthusiastically investing them in the ministry of the church. Regardless of the level of our gifts and abilities, God expects us to invest ourselves boldly for his glory.



When we experience the power and presence of God working in our lives, we understand that whatever He calls you to do He'll equip you to do the work he has set before you. Dare to be different

in this dark and dying world. Stand on the promises of God and let your light shine.

**“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.” Matthew 16:24-25 (KJV)**

## Evangelize with the Andrew Ministry

Reverend Dimitrius Mack

The purpose of the Andrew Ministry is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who are lost. I think the biggest misconceptions about the Ministry is that a lot of people don't realize what we do because we do a lot of things that people inside the church don't see. For example, we do a lot of street witnessing for our revivals, and other events for the

church.

The Andrew Ministry is important to CTK because it gives people the foundation of understanding what Christ is all about. It alleviates the misconception of what it really means to be a Christian.

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## From the Pastor...

### A Going Business

*Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV) <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

At the age of twelve Jesus understood his purpose for living and life upon the earth. He made the announcement to his parents and those who stood nearby that he *must be about his Father's business*. Jesus understood his *unique relationship* to his Heavenly Father and therefore pledged and purposed his life to that relationship. The Father's business was priority to Jesus and as Christians that same business should be priority to us. What is the Father's business? Simply put it is seeking and saving the lost. Christ does not come to us to discover what *we* would like to accomplish for Him; but rather He encounters us in order to reveal *His* activity and invite us to become involved in *His* work. What is that work? Reconciling a lost and disconnected humanity to a loving God!

In order for this to happen, those who *are called by His name* are to become extensions of Him in the world. We are commissioned to engage ourselves in a *going* business. To reach the world for Christ, the church and every Christian must be willing to go. The lost will not come; we must go! Go into every country, go into every nation, go into every community, go into every home and share the Good News of God's redeeming love.

Going is not an end unto itself, but we must next participate in a *showing* business. We go for the purpose of *teaching them to obey everything [He has] commanded you*. The idea of showing is through precept and example. Teaching is done through both *Word and deed*. Teaching is critical, however; example is very essential to the Going Business. Remember, the world does not 'care how much we know; until it knows how much we care.'

Going and showing can be done without any fear, because this is also a *knowing* business. *And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”* Going and showing in the confidence that we are never alone, gives us the faith and courage to wholeheartedly trust Christ's eternal presence. Regardless of the environment, hostile or receptive; the pledge of *His* presence enables us as we commit our lives to the Father's business.

In His Service,

  
Pastor John W. McVicker, Sr.

## People Profile: Deacon Derias Croft



Deacon Derias Croft has been a member of CTK for over 20 years! During his tenure, Deacon Croft has served CTK in a variety of capacities: he is a member of the Deacon, All the King's Men and Men of Praise/ Male Choir ministries.

His love for serving God is the sole reason he is still so involved with these ministries. Deacon Croft has "...been singing in choirs since he was 9 years old and has been Tithing for 22 years, never missing a Sunday."

Because Deacon Croft has grown with CTK, he has very fond memories and witnessed a lot of 'firsts' in the church. He participated in the very first Men's Annual Fish Fry on Good Friday in 1987 and also remembers "...when CTK went from holding service at the YMCA into moving to Leon Terrace..."

A retired MCTS employee, Deacon Croft is an avid fisherman! He and his bride of 49 years, Mildred, love to fish for Blue-gill bass and have been doing so for nearly 40 years! When they are not fishing, the Crofts enjoy traveling and attending the Clinton Rose Senior Center for a competitive game of checkers, fellowshiping with other members and participating in Bible study.

When asked about All the King's Men, Deacon Croft explains the ministry's major goal for this year is in the area of outreach and evangelism. He believes one of the biggest misconception is that you have to do something special in order to be in the ministry. He says, "When a male joins CTK, he is automatically a member of All The King's Men."

Deacon Croft believes All the King's Men ministry is important because it spreads the good news of Jesus Christ. "We provide strong male leadership and visibility in Christ The King, our families, and the community serving as role models, leaders, mentors and support to men of God. The bible says 'iron sharpens iron.'" He gave the example of the men's class, with over 45 attendants that meet weekly.

Upcoming events for All the King's Men Ministry include:

- **April 6 - Annual Fish Fry**
- **April 20-21 - Annual Men's Conference**
- **April 29 - Annual Men's Day Celebration**

For further information, please contact Deacon Croft or Deacon Joseph Moore at (414) 586-4290 Ext. 1000.

**"We provide strong male leadership and visibility in Christ The King..."**

## Evangelize with the Andrew Ministry (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The major goals for the Andrew Ministry are:

- **To recruit more men to for the Prison Ministry.**
- **To increase the number of those who unite with CTK.**
- **To recruit more people to join the Andrew Ministry.**

Most people join this ministry because it allows them to share their faith in a variety of ways. For example, the Andrew Ministry oversees the Prison Ministry, Angel Tree and street witnessing.

For the month of March, the Andrew Ministry had two events:

- **March 17 - Annual Mission Worship, 9:00-1pm**
- **March 18 - Annual Mission Day**

For more information on the Andrew Ministry, contact Reverend Mack: at (414) 586-4290 Ext. 1002.



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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

**Family Life Ministry (Bible Study):** Wed. 10:30-12:00PM  
& 6:30-8:00PM

## Calendar of Events

### April

- 6 ATKM Good Friday Fish Fry
- 14 Leadership Workshop
- 16-18 Spring Revival
- 20-21 Men's Conference
- 22 Fourth Sunday Evening Worship
- 29 Baby Dedication
- 29 Men's Day

### May

- 20 22nd Church Anniversary
- 27 Fourth Sunday Evening Worship

## Welcome New Members!!!

Dwayne Bailey	Alexandria Brown
Oscar Clements	Brittany Fair
Troy Haughton	Barbara Henderson
Pamela Hicks	Chantel Hilliard
Francesca Hoskins	Melissa Jordan
Willie Lockett	Michelle Mason
Kylah McNeil	Adolphus Power
Danny Richardson	Sandra Smith
Symone Smith	Yolanda Taylor
Christian Ward	Estelle Williams
Earnestine Willis Kennedy	