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- ⌚ Where is "THERE"?
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How to Get "THERE"

Reverend Daniel Blackburn

Each and every one of us spends our lives trying to get "there". There is not one specific place, but all of us have our own there. "THERE" is where the will of God would have for us to be. And many problems come in our lives when we confuse God's THERE with our "there". Our own "there" would probably make us all million or billionaire's. Some of our "there's" would make us NBA stars, rappers, the next top model, or even an America's Idol. Don't get me wrong, there is nothing wrong with being any of those things, unless they conflict with the "THERE" that God has for us.

In Proverbs 3:5,6, Solomon gives his son advice on "How to get there". The first thing this father tells his son, is that he should trust in the Lord with all his heart. This is something that all of us, young and old, must learn to do, because the world tries to get us to trust in so many earthly institutions. The institutions

of this world will always let you down, but the one thing that has never and will never let you down is God. Jesus Christ has been the same yesterday, and today, and will be the same, forever. When you're sick you can trust Him to be a doctor. When you're in need, you can trust



Him to be a provider. When you're fearful you can trust Him, to be protection. When friends and family let you down, and you can't find anyone to call on, the only who will always be there for you is the Lord. **Trust in the Lord with all your heart.**

So many times we only trust the Lord part of the way. We only trust Him with some things, and then we try to come up with backup plans just incase God doesn't... If He doesn't help me remember, then I'll use this cheat sheet. If he doesn't protect me, then, I'll carry this knife or join this gang. But when you try to come up with a back up plan you're only showing how much faith you don't have. And the Bible says anything done without faith is sin.

Celebrating 22 Years of Service

Event Planning Committee

"The Vision, The Visionary, The Victory: A Celebration of Praise, Honor, and Fellowship," is the theme chosen to celebrate the goodness of the Lord to the Christ The King Baptist Church family for 22 years. This theme will be carried throughout the year for all of our major celebrations. Therefore, the emphasis for the church anniversary is **The Vision** as it is captured in Habakkuk 2:3: "For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hasten toward the goal and it will not fail. Though

it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay." (NAS)

The entire weekend was dedicated to our rejoicing for the favor God has shown in blessing the vision of this ministry. We truly are grateful and proud of our campus which is comprised of approximately 60,000 square feet of facilities constructed to provide opportunities for worship, prayer, Christian education, a Christian school, church administration, and fellowship.



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From the Pastor...

Without Money and Without Price

Isaiah 55:1 (KJV)

“Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.”

Without money and without price...humm; sounds too good to be true doesn't it. Everything has a price, everything has a cost, but this text says *without money and without price*. What is God offering and to whom is this being made? What is it that can be received *without money and without price*? The answer is God's gift of salvation. The gift of salvation is being offered and it is a universal exclusive invitation to all men. That is a paradoxical statement (universal/exclusivity) but close attention to the text reveals it to be not contradictory but factual. It is universal in its reach [*every one*] but exclusive to only those that [*thirst*]. People of every race, age, gender and social strata are invited to receive God's gift of salvation if they are thirsting for it.

As much as some people enjoy bartering and bargains; salvation is offered by the omnipotent hand of God. It is His gift and it is free. We don't have to work for it...it's free. However, as much as it may be free, please understand that it is in no wise cheap! God gave his best, His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ, who paid the sin debt and purchased our salvation on a cross at Calvary. Our salvation is not cheap because Jesus gave his life and shed his blood so that it could be received by all who desire it...*without money and without price*.

The cheap and temporal things of this world have a price tag; but the best things are free. The air we breathe, the beauty of nature and a star-lit sky are God's free gifts to us. But the greatest gift is Jesus Christ and salvation through faith in him. This gift is available to *as many as receive Him... without money and without price*.

In His Service,

Pastor John W. McVicker, Sr.

People Profile: Jazmyn Madison



Jazmyn Madison is an 8yr old member of Christ the King. During the school year, this 3rd grader attends King’s Academy and during the summer she attends “Mom Academy”. Jazmyn is a busy member of our congregation, as she participates in 4 ministries: Cherub Choir, Youth Mass Choir, Jr. Praise Dance and Family Life Ministry.

While she loves all of the ministries she belongs to, her favorite is Jr Praise Dance! When asked how she became involved in Jr. Praise Dance, Jazmyn was very candid in her response, “My mom signed me up, so I didn’t have a chance to think about it. But I’m glad she did!” Jazmyn believes the ministry is about “...dancing to the Lord...” and while you do not get any bathroom breaks until **after** rehearsal, Jazmyn thinks members her age will like Jr. Praise Dance because in her words, “We have fun! Most of the time we

have to act serious, but we do a lot of things! We do energetic stuff...unless it’s a slow song but sometimes the slow songs get fast!”

In addition to her ministries and school, Jazmyn spends her spare time taking swimming lessons, attending Bible Sunday School and recently started Tae Kwon Do. “I like Tae Kwon Do because you get to kick and stuff!” She also enjoys spending time with her best friend, Timmia, who she has known for a long time, “...we have been friends since K4!”

You can see Jazmyn perform with the other Jr. Praise Dancers during the Church anniversary celebration and in June, during Youth Month.

For further information, contact the Jr. Praise Dance at praisedancers@ctkbc.org or (414) 586-4290 Ext. 1023.

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Celebrating 22 Years of Service (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

So that we could all praise God together for this great work that He has done through us, an open house and reception was held on Saturday, May 19th. Church members had a chance to tour the entire campus. Those who attended this affair were energized and uplifted as they witnessed the magnitude of God’s blessings upon this ministry. We have truly reached “*the appointed time.*” An added attraction was the “Vision” commemorated by an illustrative display depicting the formation of Christ The King at Pastor John and Marilyn’s kitchen table.

How to Get “THERE” (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Solomon also warns his son against leaning to his own understanding. It’s dangerous to lean to your own understandings, especially when you have limited knowledge, and limited experience. Just think about how many times in your life you’ve been wrong. How many times in life did you think that things were one way, only to find out that it was another way? How many times did you think she was the one, or that he was really telling the truth? When Abraham leaned to his own understanding he ended up having to abandon his son Ishmael. When Jacob leaned to his own understanding, he ended up working 7 years for a woman he didn’t want. When David leaned to his own understanding and numbered Israel, he ended up with God being angry with him. It’s our own understanding that messes us up many times.

Solomon then tells his son to acknowledge God in all his ways. The Living Bible says “In everything you do put

God first”. The Amplified Bible says to recognize God in all your ways. Think about how different life would be, if we had only asked God first, or when we got certain things, we kept God first. Too often we put things ahead of God, and since God is a jealous God, what makes you think He’s going to let you get way with putting anything before Him? That’s why we run into walls so many times. God just won’t let things go right for you when you don’t put Him in His rightful place. Yet we’ll skip church for a picnic or a party, we’ll spend our tithes and offerings on a new outfit, we’ll work overtime on jobs and work overtime at the church. Solomon said “son, you’ve got to put God first.”

As I close, if you Trust in Lord, stop leaning to your own understanding, and keep God in His rightful place, then He (GOD) will direct your path. In other words, He’ll show you how to get “THERE”.



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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

Welcome New Members!!!

Shawn Adkisson	Lakala Bennett
Luther Bennett	Troy Bowie, Jr.
Megan Brock	Marcia Clarke-Yari
Mark Conner	Karen Davis
Victoria Evans	Necia Ford
Tashawn Gerald	Cammeille Goss
Martina Holloway	Derric Hudson
Lassiter Frannie	Arnetta McClary-Bowie
Brittany Nichols	Iris Nichols
LaToya Russell	Bennie Sinclair
Bonnie Street	Mariah Weddle

Calendar of Events

June

1st	Annual Bowl-a-thon
3rd	Communion
9th	Leadership Workshop Father & Son Brunch
10th	Graduate Recognition
16th	Youth Conference
23rd	Youth Ministry Picnic
24th	Youth Month Celebration Fourth Sunday Evening Worship Service

July

1st	Communion CTK Board Meeting
3rd	Communion
8th	Pre Founder's Day Celebration
15th	Founder's Day Celebration
22nd	Fourth Sunday Evening Worship Service
29th	Baby Blessing