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The Origin of CTK's Founder's Day

In the life of the church, we celebrate many annual days and two religious holidays. Annual days are special days set aside to celebrate, honor and lift up various people and ministries in the church. At Christ the King, we celebrate our Founder's in July.

In the month of July Christ the King celebrates "Founder's Day." A number of years ago, Christ the King also celebrated our Pastor and First Lady's Anniversary. The term Founder's Day and Pastor and wife's Anniversary are not the same. This change reflects the fact that over twenty three years ago Pastor John W. McVicker, Sr. and First Lady, Marilyn McVicker conceived, planned, strategized, organized and began to start their own church ministry which they named "Christ the King Baptist Church," with the help of approximately 40 individuals who were willing to walk by faith and not by sight. According to the Webster's Dictionary, the term anniversary denotes "the annual recurrence of the date of an earlier event." The term *founder*, comes from the root word found a verb which means to "originate or establish something," according to Webster's Dictionary. The Thesaurus uses such words as "creator, originator, builder, organizer, planner, architect, strategist, author, and father." These words coincide with terminology in the Bible that describes who God and Jesus are as well as what they did for us. We find scriptures that state God is our Father, the creator, originator, planner for all creation. In addition, we read that Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. Jesus did something that had never been done before so that we could receive salvation. God as our Father, creator and sustainer of all life along with His Son, Jesus Christ, is to be praised and glorified every day of our lives.

Love and sacrifice are requirements of those who would be called and seen "Founders." We see these requirements in what God did in sacrificing His only Son for us and in what our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ did in sacrificing His life for us. We can also see it in Pastor John McVicker, Sr. and First Lady Marilyn McVicker, when we look at the history of Christ the King Baptist Church.

Since the founding of Christ the King as a worshipping body, Pastor McVicker has been the channel through which thousands have received salvation. Pastors teach and preach when they feel like it and when they don't feel like it. They pray for thousands of individuals, visiting many in the hospitals, nursing homes and in their own homes when called. Their lives and the lives of their families are filled with many late night telephone calls, long hours and many sacrifices often with little or no appreciation. He has baptized over 800 individuals. In order to assist members of this congregation in fulfilling **Genesis 1:28**- "Be fruitful and multiply," and prevent the burning that the Apostle Paul mentions in **1 Corinthians 7:9**, he has married hundreds, eulogized hundreds...counseled thousands, mentored, licensed and ordain preachers in the ministry - a few who are now founders of their own churches. The average member of a congregation cannot appreciate the sacrifices of the Pastor and his family, they only count the times when they have needed them and often fail to multiply those times the number of people in the church who have also required the time and attention of the pastor.

Romans 13:7 says "Pay to all what is due themrespect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due." The change to "Founder's Day" allows us to remember and celebrate Pastor McVicker and First Lady Marilyn for all of their love, hard work and sacrifice when they are no longer at Christ the King. This will allow the succeeding pastor and wife to be honored and celebrated for their work in the ministry on a special day commemorating the assumption of these roles.

Christ the King, as we approach the celebration of our Founders, let us not be like those in John 4:44 who did not give Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior the honor He was due...they were so busy discussing who his parents were, what they thought He should be doing and who they thought He was that many of them missed out on the Messiah they had long awaited and missed out on their blessings. We are blessed, so let us be a blessing to our Founders, Pastor John and Marilyn McVicker on our upcoming "Founder's Day."

From the Pastor...



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The Stewardship of Vision

When we think of the Christian discipline of stewardship, the traditional “3-T’s” come to mind...*time, talent and treasure*. As much as we are to be faithful in being good stewards of these three things that have been entrusted to us; there is another area of stewardship that is also important to personal growth and ministry development. What I am referring to is the *Stewardship of Vision*. A steward is by definition: one who has been entrusted with the purpose of management of something that belongs to another. The Bible says that *it is required of stewards they be found faithful*. God chooses regular, ordinary, but willing individuals to entrust with “vision” as to the fate and future of His people in times of old, and in this age, His church. In each instance, after the **revelation** (the vision) came the **responsibility** (stewardship), a weighty responsibility to live and think and act in light of what God had revealed. God is still calling ordinary people to follow Him and to experience the abundance of life that only He can give.

God is still the author of dreams, painting into the hearts the visions of what He can and will do. What is the vision God has placed in your heart? What is the dream that occupies your thoughts and drives your desires? However, whatever God has placed in your heart (vision), the expectation is that you become a faithful steward over that Divine deposit. In order for this to happen, there are two keys that if adhered to will enable you to be “faithful” over the vision.

The first key to the stewardship of vision is to know the vision with certainty. This can be summed up in the word **Revelation**. Throughout the Bible, we see examples of God giving a vision to ordinary people whom He had chosen for extraordinary moments. To Noah, a man who had never seen rain, God gave the vision of a great flood that would destroy everything on earth. To Moses, raised as a prince yet siding with the slaves, God gave the vision of a great deliverance under his leadership; though he first ran from the challenge, God would call him back and use him to guide a nation to its place of promise. To Mary, a humble Jewish girl, God gave the vision of a pregnancy, a birth and a life more important than any in human history. Each of these persons and many more were certain about what God had revealed to them. Not that they were clear as to the “how” of what God had said, for they all struggled with this; but each was certain as to the “what” that God had spoken to them. They were certain about the revelation.

The second key to the stewardship of vision is to live and think and act in light of what God had revealed. This key is understood as **Responsibility**. Noah demonstrated stewardship of the vision by preparing for the calamity to come, warning others as God had warned him. For more than a century - 120 grueling years - he labored to build the vessel that would deliver his family from danger. He was ridiculed, mocked and scorned, but he was not deterred. Moses, who fled from Egypt and spent 40 lonely years tending sheep in a barren desert, was given a second chance at the ripe young age of 80. From the undying flames of a burning bush, God spoke to Moses and gave him his marching orders. The Lord revealed what was to come, and Moses demonstrated responsibility to the vision by confronting the world's greatest ruler and demanding his compliance with God's command. Although all the forces of a mighty kingdom were marshaled against him, Moses led his people in a victorious exodus out of their bondage. Mary, favored by God and chosen by Him to bear the long-promised Christ child, demonstrated responsibility to the vision by cherishing it in her heart. Having been told the most astonishing thing, by an angel no less, Mary simply believed. By faith, she embraced the vision and lived the rest of her days to serve the One whom she would carry in her womb and bring into this world.

In each instance, God used ordinary people for extraordinary purposes. Diverse as they were in respect to gender as well as generations, the common denominator among them was seen in the fact that they were faithful to the vision God had given them. I want to encourage you to live responsibly in light of what has been revealed. And remember the words of the prophet Habakkuk, *“For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.” Habakkuk 2:3 (KJV)*

In His Service,



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People Profile: Sandra Beene & Keyana Jeffries



It takes a special skill set to deal with the youth of our generation. Patience and kindness; coupled with structure and firmness are key traits our 2 Jewels Assistant Leaders possess.

Sandra Beene (pictured left) is the Victorious Jewels Assistant Leader, and Keyana Jeffries (pictured right)

is the Precious Jewels Assistant Leader. Both women are working professionals but still find time to lead these ministries, as well as others within CTK.

The Jewels ministry exists as a discipleship ministry, to encourage relationship building for girls and to promote Christian values, behaviors, attitudes, and beliefs in the areas of self, church, home, school, community, and the world.

When asked what the biggest misconceptions were about Jewels, both women had opinions to offer, "The ministry needs people who are committed to making young disciples of Christ and who will make an impact in our world. We need people from all walks of life, with a variety of interests and skills to be involved with our youth today," says Jeffries. While Beene offers another perspective, "I think young ladies think that it is boring or they won't learn anything."

Jeffries states, "Jewels is designed to meet the deepest relational and learning needs of the congregation. This ministry provides the framework for young ladies to be challenged to worship God with joy, passion, and conviction by learning who they are in Christ."

Why would anyone want to join a ministry full of young women in their puberty years? "I'm convinced that God has wired me and called me to dedicate my life to this wonderful ministry," explains Jeffries, "There is a certain passion to young people that continuously challenges and inspires me - a passion that I believe can truly impact the world in a substantial way. It is my hope that, through working in youth ministry, I can in turn encourage, challenge and inspire the youth to use their passions for the good of all and the glory of God."

The Jewels Ministry has a variety of programs focusing on the Church's 5-Star Principles. These principles include outreach/evangelism and discipleship; with participants ranging from ages 6-18. Jewels concentrations on multiple topics like etiquette, health and fitness, education and of

course, spiritual growth.

Some upcoming events for the Jewels Ministry are:

- **Youth Month**
- **Junior Jewels Kick-Off**
- **Youth Cookbook**
- **Volunteering at local nursing homes**
- **Cinco De Mayo Celebration**
- **Sports Day**
- **Taste of Culture**
- **Social Skills & Etiquette Focus**
- **Focus on Family**
- **Fun with Crafts**

"I am so excited about what lies ahead for this ministry," exclaims Jeffries, "We have a great team who are ready to make a difference in the lives of young people. We are praying, working and doing everything we can to create an atmosphere where youth feel loved, encouraged and nurtured daily. If you are interested in learning about the Lord in ways that are creative & fun, to be challenged spiritually with full support, don't waste another day! Join us to become a part of something special!"

Beene chimes in, "In this ministry, we enjoy sharing our ideas, learning new skills, helping others and building stronger relationships. I enjoy working with the young ladies and I feel that I have a closer relationship with them. I also feel that we learn from one another."

- ***Victorious Jewels meets every Tuesday 6:30PM***
 - ***Precious Jewels every 2nd & 4th Tuesday 6:30PM***
- For more information, contact Eva Marie Lewis King, The Jewels Leader at (414) 371-5000***





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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!!!

Karla Brown	Kenneth Brown
Angel Edwards	Amanda Ellis-Oatis
Nathaniel Fowler	Chatera Goss
Daryal Goss	Serena Jackson
Frances Johnson	Yolonda Johnson
Laqueta Jones	Cynthia Leonard
Jaiden Lucas	Cheryane McGee
Alicia Nelson	Aaron Presley
LaTanya Reid	Maylon Richardson
Sherell Ross	Theophilus Ross
Charles Staples	Nivea Taylor
Bettie Thomas	Ronny Thompson
Kyeshia Webb	

Calendar of Events

June

1st	Communion
3rd	Prayer Vigil
8th	Baptism
	Graduate Recognition Sunday
15th	Old School vs. New School Basketball Game
21st	Father/Son Brunch
	Prayers Up for Malawi Balloon Launch
22nd	Baptism
	4th Sunday Evening Service
25th-27th	Youth Revival
28th	Youth Picnic
29th	Youth Day Celebration/Baby Dedication

July

6th	Communion
13th	Pre-Founder's Day/Baptism
19th	Christmas in July
20th	Founder's Day
27th	Baptism
	4th Sunday Evening Worship Service
Blood pressure screening occurs every Sunday	