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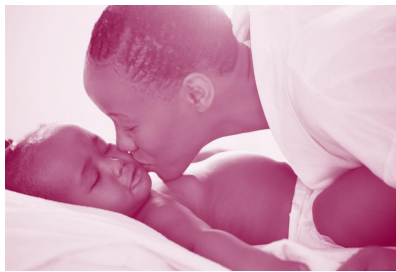
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You're Never too Young for the Mother's Ministry

"You don't have to be a Grandmother or senior citizen to be a member of the Mother's Ministry." Mother Mandy Johnson emphasized this point in her interview with the Visions Staff. As a matter of fact, Mother Johnson would love to recruit new mothers of all ages. "There are no age requirements...we are looking for mothers of all generations in CTK that want to offer fresh ideas, have lots of energy and have some experience being a volunteer within a church."



While Mother Johnson is hopeful to obtain new members she is worried that the congregation does not see the significant contributions of the Mother's Ministry.

"As our committee ages, some of us have physical limitations and therefore find it difficult to participate in some activities. So, it may appear to some, we are not doing a lot but we always do what we can and we always do our best!"

With their signature fundraiser, selling dishtowels throughout the congregation and community, the Mother's Ministry annually contributes \$1000 towards the Marilyn McVicker Scholarship fund and \$500 for King's Academy. In addition to their monetary contributions, this ministry also aids Pastor McVicker with all baby dedications, baptisms, communions and funerals. It is easy to conclude that this ministry keeps very busy with the services it provides and that Mother Johnson can rest easy regarding the ministries contributions!

"This ministry is important because we as older people, guide the young people. We are role models for them. Being a mother of the church is like being a mother of a family. We must

be an example, set morals and help where ever we can, whether it's helping or just giving your opinion."

The Mother's Ministry meets the Saturday before the 1st Sunday of every month. For more information contact Mother Mandy Johnson: at (414) 586-4290 Ext. 1021.

Racing toward a Cure for Lupus

Pamela Bell

Every year, CTK holds a "Walk Run" sponsored by Women in Ministry (WIM). The "Walk Run" is held to raise funds for the Lupus Foundation. The congregation has been personally affected as we have several members who have this disease.

We need to make others aware of this disease, and that their financial contribution and encouragement can make a difference in that person's life, as well as help finance a cure. We must make others aware that this disease has affected those that we know and love. We have several members of our congregation who have this disease. We want to bring attention to Lupus as knowing the symptoms can alert others who may not be familiar with the disease.

Sponsoring the "walk run" encourages members to run or walk the 3.3 mile trek. It also encourages members to practice good health, and that walking or

running can have a positive impact on their health. Members who have participated have continued to have physical activity, which has improved their overall health.

To obtain more information on Lupus, the WIM has two tables in the Narthex that feature brochures on Lupus, as well as other diseases that are common to African Americans. This information will explain the disease and directs readers to more information.

Women in Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:00 pm in the CTK Library. For more information on WIM, please contact Jennie B. Dorsey or Pamela Bell (Walk/Run Chairperson) at wim@ctkbc.org, or call 414-586-4290, ext. 1034



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From the Pastor...

Is It Your Time?

Esther 4:14 (KJV) “and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

Is it your time? It surely was Esther's. Esther is her pagan name for her Jewish name was Hadassah. This book that bears her name tells us her story of being an orphaned Jewish girl who was taken in by her cousin and ultimately married the king of Persia. Her story does not stop there; she became the person who saved her people from a heinous plot of genocide.

The Persian King Ahasuerus, had “dismissed”, for lack of a better word, his former queen Vashti and a beauty contest was held in the kingdom to find a new queen. Mordecai entered his cousin Esther in the contest and as Providence would have it...Esther won! Mordecai later stumbled upon a plot to assassinate the king and told Esther who informed her husband and the plot was foiled. As the story continues, Haman, who was the chief court favorite, hated the Jews and conceived a plan to massacre the entire race by talking the king into issuing a decree.

Mordecai challenged his cousin Esther to reveal her nationality to the king with hopes that she could save her people. He said to her, ***“and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”*** Esther heeded the counsel of her cousin and decided to act. She declared a fast for all of the Jews, including herself and her maids. She knew that she could not come into the presence of the king without permission for the penalty would be death; however she decided to act on Mordecai's counsel without fear. Her famous statement was, *“If I perish, I perish.”* She was confident that Providence had placed her there and that she must trust the counsel she had received in order to save her people. There was resolve and risk in her action, for to do nothing would not guarantee her welfare even though she was queen. And besides, how could she enjoy her life knowing that she did nothing to secure the lives of her people. Courageously she devised her own plan and went before the king who reversed the decree. By the way, Haman was executed, Mordecai was honored and Esther's position as Queen was strengthened. It was her time!

Is it your time? Has Providence placed you where you are [marriage, job, community, church, etc.] and if so, what resolve do you possess to become a “change-agent”? What action are you willing to take in order that others might be saved? Yes, you are fine, doing well, but this is not only about you. Christianity is others-focused. Are you willing to do something that can transform the lives of others? It takes courage and there may be some risk involved, however, the rewards far out-weigh any risk that you might take. Heed the counsel of God's Word and the Voice of the Holy Spirit as they speak to your heart to take action. Is it your time? It just might be, and who knows ***“whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”***

In His Service,

Pastor John W. McVicker, Sr.

People Profile: Contessa Clark



Contessa is a new member of Women in Ministry. Professionally, Contessa is employed at GE Healthcare as a Customer Operations Process Leader. She is also an avid volunteer with a passion for community service that extends beyond her affiliation with CTK. She is a Board

Director for Bottomless Closet and the GE Healthcare Liaison for the YMCA Black Achievers to which she is also on its Steering Committee. In her spare time, Contessa enjoys writing poetry, relaxation activities

Contessa sites her primary reason for joining WIM is because, "I like to see women succeed and want to be a part of making a difference through evangelizing the world for Christ" She believes WIM is important to CTK "...there is a huge population of women and there is no better place to prepare and educate them but right in the house of the Lord!"

Contessa is on the WIM Planning Committee and sings in the Women's Choir. One of her primary responsibilities on the Planning Committee is to set-up for all of the activities for Women's Month. Whether it is putting together materials for the conference Lord, Make Me Whole or dressing a mannequin which will be displayed in the Narthex, Contessa believes, "Women should join WIM because of the energy, teachings, fellowship that you obtain and just the joy of working for the Lord!"

Please join Contessa and participate in Women's Month. There are a variety of opportunities for you:

- Volunteer at the Mother-Daughter Brunch
- Sing on the Women's Choir
- Usher during services
- Help serve food at the Quality Life Center
- Distribute information during the conference

Have You Saved Seven Souls?

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. 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. In doing this, you will encourage the people around you to strengthen or establish a relationship with Jesus Christ.

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."

This passage should remind you to rededicate yourself to Jesus Christ! Remember 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. Ask for strength and confidence that Christ will give you the words and spirit to encourage your friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors to accept Him as their Lord and Savior.

If you have not already done so, recommit yourself to the idea of saving 7 souls. As God's children, show your obedience to His word and follow this doctrine as His servants.



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

Welcome New Members!!!

Mary Abdurahman	Alisha Adams
La'shae Allen	Charles Archie, Jr.
Aaron Bell	Amy Benning
Ida Boyd	Cassandra Conley
Delores Cooper	Shameka Gatewood
Kristle Germait	Celestine Grace
Margaret Hayes	Maurice Hughes
Jennifer Johnson	Branden Joseph
Brianna Kendrick	Kenneth Liggan
Shemika Lloyd	Christian Massey
Shaquanta McCants	Asha McCoy
Deborah McGrady	Breanna McIntee
Marcella Miller	Rodney Morgan
Terrance Patterson	Timmia Roberts
Rokeshia Robinson	Caeresa Scott
Dianne Shoates	Billy Spencer
Dwayne Sullivan, II	Diane Thomas
Veronica Thompson	

Calendar of Events

October

6th	Mother-Daughter Brunch
7th	Communion
12th-13th	<i>Lord, I Want to be Whole</i> Women's Conference
14th	Pre-Woman's Day
20th	Candlelight Prayer Vigil
21st	Women's Day Celebration (attire: uninterrupted off-white)
28th	4th Sunday Evening Worship Service

November

1st-3rd	Music Department Workshop
4th	Communion
14th-16th	Church Teaching Institute
21st	Thanksgiving Service
25th	4th Sunday Evening Worship Service