

"We believe a Great Commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission will grow a Great Church"

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Blood Drive Sunday, March 27

Be sure to donate to Lifeblood Blood Drive which will be Sunday, March, 27th. Please sign up in the lobby. Walk-ins are welcome. Any questions, please contact Helen Chandler 355-5614 or email hchandler47@gmail.com

As always, if you would like to have the newsletter sent to you via email, please send a request to davidjoyner@bellsouth.net.

A Note from our Pastor

Dear Church Family,

The subterranean world beneath northern California is boiling hot - hot enough to produce vast caverns of superheated steam. This area, known as The Geysers, is one of the most



active geothermal spots on earth. Sitting directly atop The Geysers are buildings that house some of the world's most innovative power generators. Workers have drilled "wells" two miles deep into the scalding earthen chambers beneath the generators, and as the steam escapes through the wells it turns huge turbines and produces electricity. The Geysers supply nearly sixty percent of the electrical demands from the

Golden Gate Bridge to the Oregon border.

Welcome to the new world of renewable energy.

In the past decade, there's been a well – publicized emphasis away from fossil fuels toward renewable energy. While lots of controversy surrounds the words "green" and "fossil fuel" and especially the politically-charged phrase "global warming", we all appreciate the renewable sources of energy God built into our earth, such as geothermal heat, sunlight, wind power, and ocean tides. One group of scientists even claimed recently that wind power alone has the potential to one day supply the entire world's energy needs (but such claims may just be a lot of hot air).

I'm not a scientist or a politician, but I'm interested in being an outspoken advocate for one particular kind of energy, and that's spiritual energy. Paul the apostle told the Colossians, "We proclaim Him...struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully

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The Body Of Christ...

"Together you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of that body."

1 Corinthians 12:27

Meet Paul and Claudia Williams, our brother and sister in Christ. Paul was born in Knoxville, Tennessee. He started elementary school at Knoxville-Norwood Elementary School, but at the age of ten, his family moved to Titusville, Florida where he finished his elementary education at Whispering Hills Elementary School. His father was an iron worker at Cape Canaveral which is just across the river from Titusville. Paul's mother died shortly after the move to Flori-

by Vivian England



da. His father remarried. Shortly afterwards, a co-worker of his father's invited the family to a revival where Paul asked

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works in me" (Colossians 1:28-29, NIV).

The Apostle Peter wrote, "His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue" (2 Peter 1:3). Left to ourselves, we face frequent power outages. I've watched single mothers who have juggled the demands at home and work till they're ready to drop. I've seen young couples burning the candle at both ends of the day. I've watched colleagues in ministry blowout under the pressure of their work.

We need renewable energy on the inside; and if you want to pursue what the Bible has to say about this, I've got a suggestion. Open a concordance to the word "power", which occurs nearly 300 times in the Bible. There's something about reading Bible verses about spiritually power that imparts strength to us. Let me give you some examples.

Psalm 62:11 says, "Power belongs to God". According to Psalm 65:6, God is "clothed with power". Jeremiah 10:12 says that God "made the earth

by His power". Psalm 66:7 says that He "rules by His power forever".

Luke tells us that Jesus went about His ministry "in the power of the Spirit" (Luke 4:14; Acts 10:38), and people were amazed at His "authority and power" (Luke 4:36). He had power on earth to forgive sins (Luke 5:24), to heal illness (Luke 6:19), to still storms and alter weather patterns (Mark 4:39). He said that all power had

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been given to Him in Heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18). He is declared to be the Son of God with power by His resurrection from the dead (Romans 1:4). And when He comes again, it will be in "power and great glory" (Matthew 24:30).

We can only live for Him effectively when we tap into the infinite source of

His power. We're to be strong...in the power of His might (Ephesians 6:10).

I cannot live the Christian life in my own strength; and my very best sermons or teachings are only so much babbling if not blessed by the power of the Holy Spirit. I cannot lead anyone to Christ in the strength of my own personality or persuasive gifts. I can't maintain a godly attitude or a sweet spirit apart from the Spirit's enabling. None of us can. We have this treasure in earthen vessels "that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us" (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Are you feeling weak today? On earth, we grow tired in body, mind, and soul. We battle weakness. We grow weary in the work of the Lord. While our outward self is perishing, our inward self can be renewed daily with God's renewable energy. Psalm 68:35 says, "The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to His people."

In studying the word "power" in the Bible, you'll find a number of secrets to tapping into God's renewable energy. The first is by praise. The Psalmist said, "We will sing and praise Your

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Jesus to save him. Paul and Claudia attended and graduated from Titusville High School. Both were active in the youth group at Park Avenue Baptist Church. Paul received his Associate degree from Brevard College. After college, Paul joined the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ working with high school students in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was on staff for three and a half vears and then went to work for Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee as the minister to youth and college. He worked at Bellevue for thirty-four years and served the church holding several positions over the years. During his last seven or eight years there, he served also as the church's financial counselor. He now works for MetLife as a financial advisor.

Claudia was born in Miami, Florida. Her father was also an iron worker. Her mother drove a school bus. She attended elementary school in Carol City, a suburb of Miami. Her family moved to Titusville where she attended and graduated from Parkway Junior High and Titusville High School. Claudia prayed to receive Christ when she was eighteen.

After her high school graduation, she went through a year and a half of nursing school in Orlando, Florida. After withdrawing from school, she then went to work as a cashier at a grocery store till she and Paul married.

Both Paul and Claudia laughed as they shared their story about their courtship. Paul was working in Knoxville and Clau-

dia was in school and working in Florida. Paul remembers the trips he made back and forth once every six weeks for two years. He says that he cried all the way from Florida to Knoxville. Paul and

Claudia were married on May 22, 1971. They have a daughter and son, both married, and nine grandchildren. After their marriage, Claudia joined Paul in Knoxville working for Campus Crusade

for Christ with high school girls. Claudia laughs as she tells how amazed she was to see trees bloom before their leaves appeared which is not a common occurrence for a Florida girl!

Wanting to return to a smaller town to live, they moved to Somerville eleven years ago. Paul knew Brother Ken and of his carefulness in accurately

teaching the Word of God. They visited Warren Community Church many times over the years and felt the love and the caring of our members. They visited for six months and then joined



MUSIC MINISTRY

"WE WILL REMEMBER"

Dear Friends.

During the last week of every year, newscasters often look back at the significant events of the past year—the triumphs and failures of prominent people, natural disasters, economic challenges, and the deaths of celebrities and leaders. The most surprising events usually receive top billing.

If you reviewed the past year of your life, what would appear on the list? Has an unexpected event caused you to question God or to more deeply experience His goodness?

Psalm 77 chronicles the lament of a person in distress who felt as if God no longer cared (vv.7-9). "Has His mercy ceased forever? Has His promise failed forevermore?" (v.8). Yet, even in anguish, the psalmist said, "I will remember the works of the Lord; surely I will remember Your wonders of old" (v.11). The result was a renewal of trust and hope: "You are the God who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples" (v.14).*

I'd like to call once again on one of my favorite songwriters, Tommy Walker, and a tune that he wrote that encourages us to remember the goodness of the Lord. It's a song called :We Will Remember**, and it is based on Lamentations 3:22-23 which reads:

"22 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."(NIV)

Walker's song is a total encouragement to remember God's goodness in your life, particularly in the tough times. And my friends, times are tough!! Don't even get me started! Walker's lyrics, from beginning to end, really put the focus on God and give Him glory (as all praise & worship songs ought!) – glory as Creator, Sustainer, Helper and most awesomely, Savior! Nothing this life throws at us will be able to keep us from His great love (Romans 8:38-39).

Walker's chorus beautifully sums up the verses from Psalm 77 and Lamentations 3 like this:

We will remember we will remember
We will remember the works of Your hands
We will stop and give You praise
For great is Thy faithfulness**

God bless you richly until next time!

Pastor Gery

^{*}Excerpt from -Our Daily Bread , Dave McCasland, author, December 28, 2010

^{**}We Will Remember - Tommy Walker ©2005 Doulos Publishing

Student Ministry

Hey All! The students here at WCC will be doing the following bible study for the month of March.

This is an exciting study that can change their lives!

The students meet at the following times: Sunday Night @ 6:00 Wednesday Night @ 6:00



So many walls bisect our world. The rich and poor never rub shoulders. The hungry and full don't share a table. Our neighbors all look the same and Sunday morning is the most segregated hour of the week. Somehow the division of humanity has multiplied. But the cross of Christ eradicates our differences. It's not ancestry, geography, ethnicity, education, or economics that builds the bridge; it's our Savior, Jesus Christ. Acting like him is the key, not trying to look like each other. For the most part, we live normal lives. We sit in the bleachers, eat at diners, change diapers, and wear our favorite team's ball cap. We aren't famous and no one notices when we walk down the street. We're regular folk . . . just like the Jerusalem disciples. He used them to change the world. Could he use us too? The book of Acts gives us the answer. From the very start, the ordinary followers of Christ were pushed out of their shells so they could break down walls and change the world. God wants to unshell us in the same way. Discover how the earliest Christians made a difference in their world, and find out how we can do the same. Because when kind eyes meet desperate ones, when strong hands help weak ones, that's when God's miracles begin.

That's how we start to outlive our lives



YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Youth Group (7th-12th grade) meets on Wednesday nights for fellowship at 6:00, games, drama, and worship at 6:30pm and lesson at 7pm.

Youth Group Girls (7th-12th) meet on Sunday nights at 6pm.

Youth Group Boys (7th-12th) meet on Sunday nights at 6pm.

EXTRA EXTRA SEE ALL ABOUT IT!

Matthew 24:35 (Jesus said)

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away." Matthew 24:35

Bible Drill

Sunday Nights

Grades 4th -6th

Grades 4th-6th will DRILL at our Church Drill on

Sunday night April 3rd and also the

Associational Drill on Saturday April 9th and

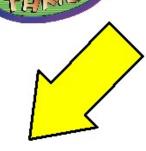
(Associational Bldg Hwy 64)

then at the State Bible Drill

Spaghetti To Go

Sunday April 10th! Mark Your Calendars! Sign up in Lobby!
Please contact Shanna Glover 465-1334 or
Michaelee Price 465-0264





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power" (Psalm 21:13). We often praise God for His love and grace, but don't forget to rejoice in His power and worship Him for His omnipotence. When King David was trapped inside a house that was being surrounded by His enemies, he wrote out his thoughts in a psalm, saying "I will sing of Your power; yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning" (Psalm 59:16).

Second, we renew our strength by reading the Scripture. The Bible is God's Word of power. Psalm 29:4 says, "The voice of the Lord is powerful." Jesus scolded the Sadducees for knowing neither "the Scriptures nor the power of God" (Matthew 22:29).

Third, we renew our strength by waiting on the Lord. The prophet Isaiah said, "Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31). It refreshes us when we let go and let God, trusting Him to work according to His own timetable.

Fourth, be filled with the Spirit. Jesus told His disciples they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them (Acts 1:8). One of the greatest benedictions of the Bible says, "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13). God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power (2 Timothy 1:7).

Fifth, we need a daily walk with Christ. When we're near Him, we're near the power center for the entire cosmos. He is "the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:24).

Sixth, we encounter raw power in our lives as we share the Gospel. The apostle Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God..." (Romans 1:16).

Finally, cling to the cross. "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18).

I'm amazed at the tenacity and vigor

God has poured into the human spirit. Even non -Christians can have an extraordinary vital force of life. Michael Douglas, the famous actor, is a good ex-

ample. The son of a legendary star Kirk Douglas, Michael 65, has enjoyed great professional success. But last year, his son Cameron, 31, was sentenced to five years in prison for heroin possession and conspiring to distribute crystal methamphetamine. Just as Michael was dealing with his son's troubles, he sat down in his doctor's office to learn he had Stage IV throat cancer.

In an interview with USA Today, a visibly weakened Douglas spoke of his innate inner strength and determination. "I'm happy I have the kind of stamina and tenacity to deal with crises", he said. "My son is incarcerated.

I have yet to see how his life has turned around. My cancer isn't resolved yet." But he told the newspaper he hasn't pondered the meaning of life yet or done any serious soulsearching. "The odds are good", he said of his survival, adding, "I haven't found God yet."

Many strong people have a fierce determination to be masters of their own fate and captains of their own souls. But the time inevitably comes when our strength evaporates and

> vanishes. No one can keep going forever without God's grace.

> Remember those generators at The

Geysers I talked about at the beginning of this article? Think of

God's power as vast, endless reserves of geothermal energy. Visualize it as steam of the Holy Spirit. When you and I are positioned directly in Christ and on Christ, we'll never run out of steam. The constantly ascending energy of the Holy Spirit will turn the turbines of our hearts and give us strength sufficient for each day this year.

Claim God's power to do greater things in your life this year than ever before!

Acts 4:12

Ken

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over three years ago. Paul has recently been asked to serve as a Trustee at WCC and is looking forward to helping in this way. Both of them also help with the landscaping in the parking area.

Their daughter Delynn and her husband David, a minister from Arkansas, were called to the mission field ten years ago to minister to the Albanian Gheg people. These are a Muslim people group living in the former Yugoslavia. They seek to build relationships with the Gheg people and earn the right to share the gospel. Paul has visited them six times, Claudia, seven times. Of course, this also gave them the oppor-



tunity to visit their grandchildren.

Paul and Claudia are planning another visit, but this time they are taking five couples from their Wednesday night small group Bible study. The mission team plans to renovate the kindergarten and first grade rooms of a school in a village of the Ghegs. The glass in the windows are broken and the area has weather much like Chicago. The children attending school never take off their coat. The only heat to the school is pot belly stoves and for almost two

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thirds of the winter there is no wood for the stoves. Because most of these people eat only one meal a day, the team plans to distribute food staples and



wood to the elderly and the widows. They hope by doing this that doors will open to share the gospel. The trip is March 19-27.

The Williams and their small group ask that the members of Warren Community Church pray that they will be used to help reach these people loved by our Savior.

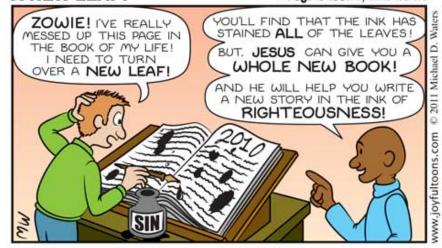
Until next time.

Vivian England



A NEW LEAF?

A Joyful toon by Mike Waters

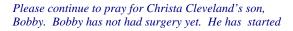


We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

- ROMANS 6:4 NIV

Prayer List

Please pray for Jan Bishop and family for the loss of Jan's Dad, Mr. Fred Combs.





chemo/radiation treatments and has to do them daily for 5 ½ weeks, then they will wait 6 weeks and perhaps do the surgery at that time.

Please continue to pray for Leon Morganelli. Leon has been in and out of the hospital recently.

Please continue to pray for Ikea Mallory.

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!



CHURCH MINISTRIES

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship/Coffee	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Men's Bible Study	

TUESDAYS

Women's Bible Study6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Family Bible Study..................6:00 p.m. ("Connection" Bible Studies located at various homes. Please see Pastor Ken for information regarding the "Connection" Bible Studies)

THURSDAYS

Music Ministries6:30 p.m. (Active Worship Band, Praise Team and Praise Power Choir Rehearsal)

DISCIPLESHIP

<u>C.L.A.S.S.</u>-Christian Life And Services Seminars

<u>C.L.A.S.S. 101</u> Discovering Church Membership

C.L.A.S.S. 201
Discovering My Maturity

C.L.A.S.S. 301 Discovering My Ministry

C.L.A.S.S. 401 Discovering My Mission

If class is scheduled for two nights, you must attend both nights to complete the course. Please see Pastor Ken for information about signing up.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ricky Paine
- 2 Beverly Hilliard
- 3 Christa Cleveland Aaron Cook
- 5 Paula McNabb
- 7 Carolyn Malone
- 8 Melodie Voyles
- 10 Ian Phillips
- 11 Barry Earnest Bill Kelley Hannah Niess
- 13 Paige Joyner
- 16 Cindy Armour Drew Britt Claude Lundy
- 17 David McNabb, Jr.
- 20 Ann Farris Meagan Hamm Kayla Pattat
- 22 Shanna Glover Steve Stephens
- 23 Josh Butler
- 24 Diane Markle Peggy Riles
- 26 Jay Earnest
- 27 Charles Johnston Randall Price
- 29 Erwin KeeBrandie Spicer
- 30 Kayla Roberts
 Gwen Wainscott
- 31 Kristen Cannon

Can Collection

We are collecting cans as a fundraiser to support our Children & Student Ministries.

Please save your cans and deliver to the storage building located behind the church.

Should you have any questions, you may contact Claude Lundy 465-0056.



