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## Your Mouth Can Set the Course of Your Life!

By Pastors Brad and Cathy Westover

### Inside this issue:

We have been studying the power of what we confess. We believe that God wants to change the course of our lives. He wants us to change the pattern of what we have accepted as our destiny. It's time we begin confessing what the word says about us and our situations. Consider this scripture.

**James 3:3 A bit in the mouth of a horse controls the whole horse. 4 A small rudder on a huge ship in the hands of a skilled captain sets a course in the face of the strongest winds. 5 A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything — or destroy it!**

Your words set the course of your life. You can claim and confess the word of God over your life and your situation or you can bring death and poverty to your dreams and ambitions. According to the scripture above, our tongues have power. We must learn to agree with what the word says about us and our situations. If we control what comes out of our mouths, we will be able to control the desires of our body, the health of our body and the passions of our body. When we agree with God regarding our health, our bodies will begin to follow that word which has been spoken. However strong the storm may be if the rudder (our tongue) stays consistent the boat continues in the same (right) direction.

Our tongue can stir up negative spirits, bring sickness or disease and cause financial and personal relationship problems. What we say gives God permission to act on our behalf. He takes our words and begins to direct the course of our lives.

Ask yourself a question, are you where you are today because of what you have been confessing over yourself and your situations.

**James 3:6 A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that. By our speech we can ruin the world, turn harmony to chaos, throw mud on a reputation, send the whole world up in smoke and go up in smoke with it, smoke right from the pit of hell.**

Please remember, the angels are sent to minister to us, to serve us. What are you giving them to work with? The angels excel in strength to do the Word! That is what scripture says. **Ps 103:20 O Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. NIV** The angels do God's Word, but how do they hear His Word?

When we speak His Word, when we confess scripture, spoken out in faith it sounds just like God speaking. They will hearken to God's Word in our mouths spoken out loud in faith. **We must let faith drive out all fear.**

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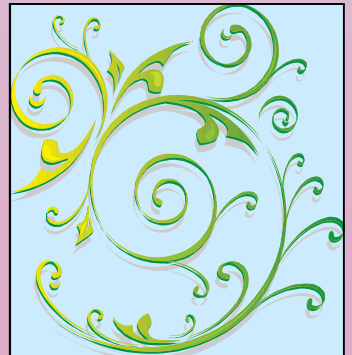
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## The Testimony of Dustin Query

(Part 3 of a Series)

I remember sitting at the kitchen table for what I guess you could call a family meeting. My mom had some exciting news that she was pregnant and that I was going to have a little brother or sister. Nine months later she was born on March 25 and she was the cutest thing I've ever seen. My mom named her Angel and that she was. She was a gift handed right down from Heaven.

I was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade when I showed my first sign that everything just wasn't ok. I made my first of several appearances to the psychiatric ward. Believing that it was only for attention, my mom and papa didn't take it too seriously. They thought I just didn't want to go to school when I told the school counselor that I had thoughts of killing myself. When I think back, I honestly can say I did think about it, but I don't think I would have had the guts to do it. Memories of my abuse and my dad's death had plagued me all these years. So they prescribed some pills and discharged me two weeks later. (My mom put a stop to the pill taking right away.)

It started out as a dare. I had made a rude comment to Pastor Bob during Sunday school class that particular Sunday morning. I said, "I hope you're preaching today. Last week I about fell asleep during Louis's sermon." He said, "you know it isn't easy to get up there in front of the whole congregation and teach people about Jesus. Matter of fact, why don't you give it a try and see how it is when you have people falling asleep during you sermon." He looked at me like he knew I fell asleep last week. Well, being the little show off that I was, I said ok. I pestered him for weeks about preaching and finally he gave me a slot a month or two down the road. So I became, at the age of 11, the first kid to ever do a sermon at the Cambria City Mission. I went on to do two sermons at my church, although you can never guess that I accomplished this because my church life certainly didn't reflect my home or school life.

The heated arguments with my mom were usually intervened by papa and he frequently said "I want to be a grandfather not a disciplinarian." It was after he quit drinking that his body started to fall apart. After years of fighting and three miraculous surgeries later, my grandfather passed on. He probably was the closest thing I ever had to a real father and he was gone. This was a hard thing for me to handle, but instead of crying for hours, I believe that I grew a hardened heart towards everybody and everything.

School was a big challenge for me—especially after my grandpa died. Let me tell you, kids can be cruel—especially when you have the last name Query. Day after day I would come home and complain to my mom that people were hitting me and calling me this or that. So I started to hit back and the year of seventh grade I think I was suspended 7 or 8 times for fighting. It got to the point that even when I didn't do anything I would get called to the office because they were so used to me being down there. So I made up my mind that I was going to move in with my grandma. I made such a fuss that my mom finally agreed. Even though she knew it wasn't healthy for me to be around my drunken grandparents.

What a big mistake and, to make a long story short, after 6 months of living with my grandma and suffering through days and nights of mental and physical abuse, I laid in my bed in tears asking God to take me home. When He didn't answer, I made the complete transition from light to dark. This was a turning point for me. I mean, even through all the hardship and pain I still looked to God to bring me comfort. But it was the first time that I grew resentment towards my Creator. Frequently listening to Marilyn Manson and watching dirty movies, I had completely turned my back on God. Well, the stress of taking care of a 13 year old, drinking, and smoking finally caught up to my grandma. She had a stroke. I remember blaming myself and I believe a lot of the family didn't think much differently. I had played so many games that they just thought I was a bad kid. Of course I couldn't live there anymore and it was decided that I was going back to Pennsylvania.



Dustin Query is currently living in Vancouver, Washington and is involved in community outreach/rehabilitation ministry. He shared his testimony of being delivered of a drug addiction earlier this year at BCK Ministry and Worship Center. His sister, Angel, attends BCK.

To be continued next month.  
If you missed the previous two installments of this article, you can find them online at [www.bckministries.org](http://www.bckministries.org).



## “Click” on God

The words to the sermon start out, “I’ll preach as a dying man to dying men and women and youth. And I’ll preach as though I’ll never preach again. And I will tell you things that you will misunderstand. And I will tell you things that make you so angry with me. And I’ll tell you things that you will deny. And I will tell you things and you will say I have no right to tell you what I’m telling you.” And then Paul David Washer begins to address the attendees at the 2002 Youth Evangelism Conference in Montgomery Alabama in a way that challenges the lukewarm to get on fire for God.

If you’re brave enough to be convicted, challenged and motivated to do some soul-searching, check out the following website:

[www.tangle.com/view\\_video.php?viewkey=19fd9c84c942a08316e0](http://www.tangle.com/view_video.php?viewkey=19fd9c84c942a08316e0) Although the sermon is almost 48 minutes long, you’ll be glad you listened to it. Make sure you have a box of tissues nearby and be prepared to spend some time in prayer when it’s over. Really.

You can get your heart right when you “click” on God.



*“The reason why many fail in battle is because they wait until the hour of battle. The reason why others succeed is because they have gained their victory on their knees long before the battle came...Anticipate your battles; fight them on your knees before temptation comes, and you will always have victory.”*

*~Reuben Archer*



## A Merry Heart

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them.

Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Momma, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"





## Kids' Praise!

By Christian Education Director, Michal Reynolds

Well, it is March already and St. Patrick's day is just around the corner so I thought I would add a little St. Patty's day trivia in with some of our other fun stuff this month.

For instance, do you know...

When was St. Patrick born?

What did St. Patrick supposedly do to help Ireland?

Where and when was St. Patrick's Day first celebrated in America?

Where is the largest parade held in America?

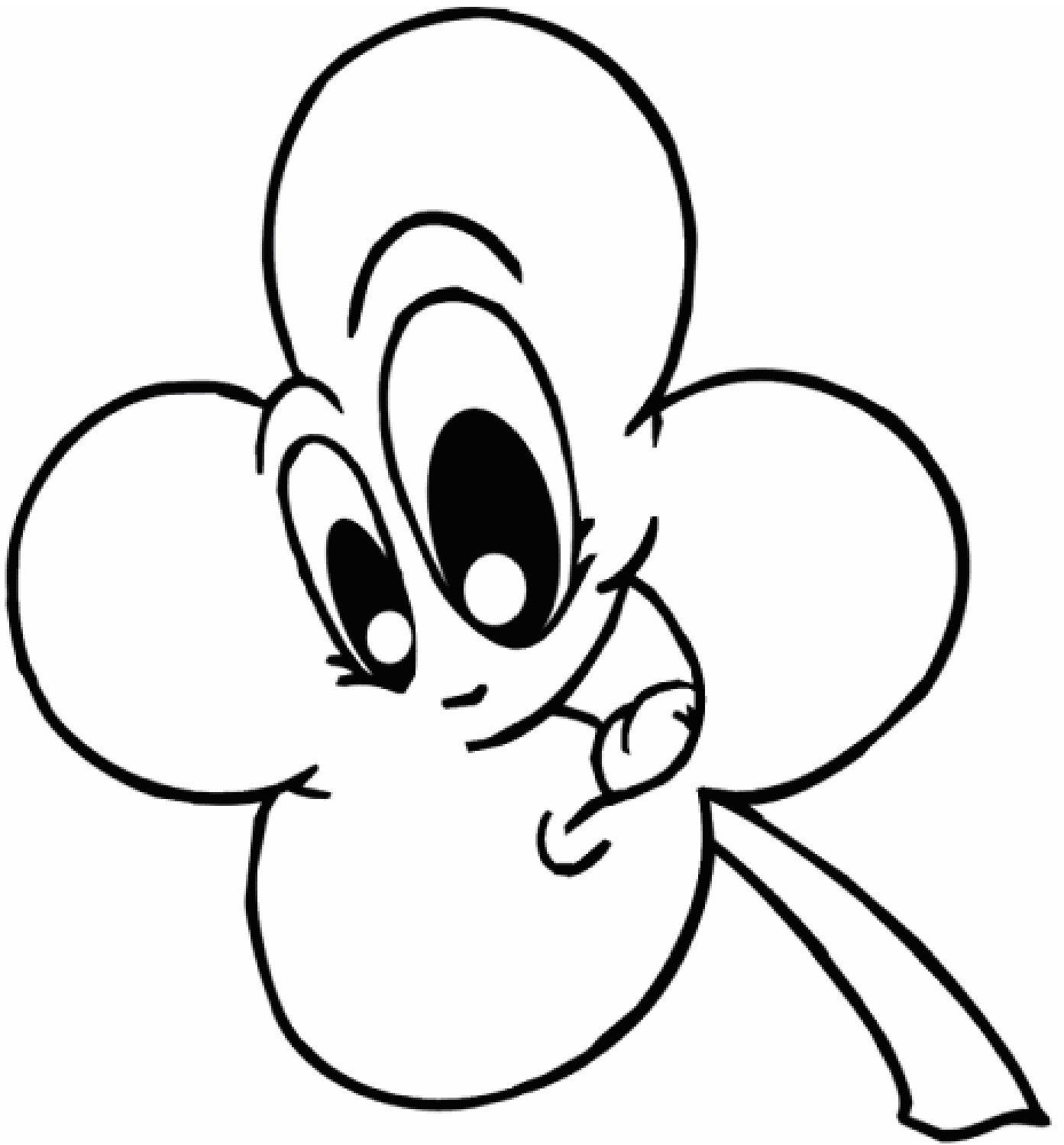
How did St. Patrick use the shamrock in his teachings?

How long does it take to fly from Chicago to Dublin?

If you can give me answers to any three of these questions before March 17<sup>th</sup>, I will give you a prize. Also included in this issue you will find a coloring page. If Ms. Barbie or Ms. Dezi is your teacher, you can color this page and bring it to me and I will give you a prize.

I have spent all kinds of time trying to find activities for you guys and for this month I have found this "Books of the Old Testament" word search. I hope you enjoy it and if you complete it AND can tell me the first ten books of the Bible, I will publish your name in next month's newsletter.





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Books of the Old Testament

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Daniel	Jeremiah	Nehemiah
Deuteronomy	Job	Numbers
Ecclesiastes	Joel	Obadiah
Esther	Jonah	Proverbs
Exodus	Joshua	Psalms
Ezekiel	Judges	Ruth
Ezra	Kings	Samuel
Genesis	Lamentations	Song of Solomon
Habakkuk	Leviticus	Zachariah
Haggai	Malachi	Zephaniah

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## Forgiveness

By Ruth Mankamyer

I once saw a television program about a father whose son was killed by a teenage drunk driver. Through time, this father forgave the driver and became his friend and mentor. I was very impressed by the man's ability to forgive, despite the terrible circumstances. This father, a confessing Christian, related that forgiveness was his only option.

I began thinking about the issue of forgiveness. I had consciously forgiven some people who had negatively impacted my life. One day I casually began to consider my past and present life and the people with whom I had interacted. For whatever reason, (and there's always a reason) with pen and paper in hand, I began to make a list of names. This listing included me, immediate and extended family, in-laws, friends, neighbors, classmates, teachers, co-workers, bosses, pastors, church associates, doctors, caregivers--anybody and everybody--you get the idea! It was easy and I quickly listed about seventy names in about twenty minutes. Then, in an informal, symbolic gesture, I crossed off the names of the people with whom I had no "issues," so to speak. I rapidly crossed off names and was getting through my list without problems, until the name of Mrs. D.

She had been a caregiver at the orphanage where I spent some of my childhood. Most of the caregivers were nice. Not so with Mrs. D. Perhaps you've heard it said that hurting people hurt people. Well, I don't know who hurt Mrs. D, but she did verbally and physically pass on the hurt. The title "caregiver" was inappropriate for her. I had wasted very little of my adult life trying to remember her or the specific details of her abusiveness, but I know her name was on my paper and I had to deal with her.

As I remembered her, an internal dialogue began between my heart and head. My heart desired to forgive Mrs. D, but my head rebelled and wanted an explanation. My heart said, "Cross off her name and just let it go." My head said, "I want to know why!" This dialogue underway, the pen in my hand circled her name, but wouldn't cross it from the paper in a symbolic gesture of forgiveness. From my heart again, "This is ridiculous. It doesn't matter anymore. She's probably even dead." From my head, "It does matter and I didn't do anything to her." Finally, and it did take some time, my heart prevailed and I crossed her name from my paper. Forgiving Mrs. D. gave me a new feeling of freedom. A lesson learned, I tore up my paper and threw it away. I now respond quicker when my heart says, "Just let it go."

Having some problems with forgiveness? Consider these pertinent, anonymous quotes:

1. Life is an exercise in forgiveness.
2. Unforgiveness is a form of self-abuse.
3. Unforgiveness is a poison you drink, hoping your enemy dies.
4. Live as one having been forgiven.

Still having some problems with forgiveness? Consider Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV)

*For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

I agree with the man whose son was killed by the drunk driver. Forgiveness is our only option.

Ruthie Mankamyer (one of the forgiven)



## *Dancing with Him*

By Noreen Beauregard

Here at BCK we are a group of people who want to praise God like Psalm 150 says:

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD. praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.
- <sup>3</sup> Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,
- <sup>4</sup> praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute,
- <sup>5</sup> praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.
- <sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

In my department, as the Flag and Dance Director here at BCK, I can say that we obviously focus on the dancing talked about in that scripture. Praise dancing is a form of worship that requires the giving of your whole body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God! The Bible talks about how David danced before the Lord with all his might. (II Sam. 6:14) We want to worship God with all that we have –with all of our might! We are here to encourage others to worship with all of their might also!

Another important part of our ministry is the colors we use. I've had a lot of people ask me about colors and their meanings so I thought I'd just put it on the newsletter so everyone would be able to look up the meanings of colors any time they needed to.

There are many meanings to one color and scripture to back them up. Below is a list from the website,  
[www.squidoo.com/CreationsAnew\\_Color\\_Meanings](http://www.squidoo.com/CreationsAnew_Color_Meanings)

**Yellow:** Faith and glory of God (*Romans 4:20*), anointing (*Exodus 25:6*)

**Orange:** Fire of God (*Ezekiel 1:4; 27; 8:2*), deliverance (*Daniel 3:19-29*), warrior (*Psalms 97:3*), passionate praise (*Ephesians 3:19*)

**Fuchsia:** Joy (*Isaiah 55:1; Nehemiah 8:10*), right relationship (*Psalms 16:11; 32:11*), communion (*Song of Solomon 5:1*)

**Scarlet:** Fine linen for the tabernacle (*Exodus 26:1; 31; 36; Numbers 4:8*), Cleansing (*Leviticus 14:52*), Royalty (*Daniel 5:7; 16; 29*)

**Red:** Blood of Jesus (*Ephesians 1:7*), love of Christ (*Romans 8:35-36*), blood of the lamb, atonement (*Leviticus 14:52-53*), redemption (*Galatians 3:13*), salvation (*Joshua 2:18-21*)

**Wine:** new birth (*Matthew 9:17*), multiply (*John 2:9; 10*), overflow (*Joel 2:24*), mercy (*Amos 9:13, 14*), filled with plenty (*Proverbs 3:10*), new wine (*Ephesians 5:18*)

**Purple:** Royalty (*Ester 8:15; Revelation 1:6*), kingship (*Mark 15:17; John 19:2*), majesty, mediator, wealth (*Judges 8:26; Revelations 18:16*), authority (*Ezekiel 27:7*)

**Blue/Sapphire:** Law/commandments (*Numbers 15:38-41*), heaven (*Ezekiel 1:26*), revealed God (*Exodus 24:10*), grace (*Romans 6:14; Hebrew 4:16*), the Priesthood (*Exodus 28:31*), water of the Word and authority (*Ephesians 5:26*), prayer, river of God (*Revelation 22:1-2; 17*), over-comer (*1 John 4:4; Revelation 3:21*), Living water (*John 7:38-39*), Holy Spirit, divine revelation (*Hebrews 10:15-16*)

**Turquoise/Jasper/Aqua:** River of God (*Revelation 22:1*), sanctification, healing (*Revelation 22:2*), life-giving flow of the Holy Spirit (*Ephesians 1:13*), the New Jerusalem (*Revelation 3:12; 21:2*)

**Green:** Praise (*1 Chronicles 16:32-34; Psalm 63:3*), life, (*1 John 2:25*), health (*Genesis 1:30*), growth (*Genesis 9:3*), prosperity (*Genesis 30:37-41*), restoration (*Isaiah 61:3; Psalm 23:2,3*), new beginning (*Isaiah 27:6; Romans 6:4*), fruitfulness (*Psalms 52:8; Hosea 14:8*), flourishing (*Jeremiah 17:8; Ezekiel 17:24; Psalm 92:12-15*)

**Gold:** Eternal Deity, the Godhead, foundation, sanctified (*2 Timothy 2:20-21*), alter (*Genesis 44:8; Exodus 37:2; 25:11; 12*), beauty (*Ester 1:6; 7*), precious, holiness (*Genesis 39:30*), glory, purified out of the refining fire (*Malachi 3:3; Zechariah 13:9*), tested (*1 Corinthians 3:11-14*), majesty (*Ester 8:15*), righteousness (*Psalms 119:127*), divine light (*1 John 1:7*) (Continued on page 13)



## *Dancing with Him*

By Noreen Beauregard

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**Silver:** The Word of God, redemption (*Deuteronomy 22:29; Matthew 27:5; 6; Ephesians 4:30*) refined, purity (*Malachi 3:3; Zechariah 13:9*), divinity, righteousness, salvation (*Zechariah 11:12; 13*)

**White:** The Bride of Christ (*Psalm 29:2; Romans 6:22; Ephesians 5:8-16; 1 Timothy 4:12; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 3:4-5; 7:9; 14:19; 8; 11; 14; 22:17*), purity (*2 Chronicles 5:12; Daniel 12:10*), Holy Spirit (*Matthew 3:16; Luke 3:22; John 1:32*), blessedness, holiness (*Ecclesiastes 9:8; Isaiah 35:8; 1 Chronicles 16:29; Psalm 47:8; 96:9; Ephesians 4:24; 1 Thessalonians 3:13; 4:7*), righteousness (*Isaiah 1:18; 61:10*), light (*Ecclesiastes 2:13*), joy (*Ester 8:15-17*), angels (*John 20:12*), saints (*Psalm 30:4*), peace (*Hebrews 12:14*), completion (*Matthew 17:2; Colossians 2:10; 4:12*), conquest (*Daniel 7:90*), triumph, victory (*Matthew 28:3; Revelation 1:14; 20:11*), surrender, harvest (*John 4:35*)

**Brown:** End of a season (*Ecclesiastes 3:2; Jeremiah 8:13; Matthew 21:19; 2 Corinthians 4:11; James 1:11*), Pride/filthy rags (*Isaiah 24:4; 28:1; 64:6*), Weary, faint (*Galatians 6:9*), People (*Isaiah 40:7 - 8*)

**Black/Onyx:** Darkness, evil, sin, (*Zechariah 6:2; Jude 13; Revelation 6:5; 12*), affliction, humiliation, calamity, death, famine, mourning, (*Jeremiah 8:21*) reconciling Mediator, authority (*Exodus 28:9; 20; Ester 1:6; 9:29*) obedience unto death (*Revelation 12:11*)

### Color Combinations

**Tabernacle— Scarlet, Purple and Blue:** These are the colors used in the tabernacle where God dwelled with the Israelites in the desert (*Exodus 28:8; 36:8; 39:1*)

**Bride of Christ - Gold, Silver and White:** We are purified when Jesus redeemed us to become holy as He is holy (*Malachi 3:3; Deuteronomy 22:29; Ephesians 4:24*)

**Fire - Yellow, Orange and Red:** As we stand in faith the glory of God is revealed no enemy can penetrate His protection or overcome His deliverance (*Romans 4:20; Psalm 97:3; Joshua 2:18-21*)

**Faith - Yellow, Green and Blue:** Faith in God's ways given to us by the Holy Spirit brings life to us now and for eternity (*Romans 4:20; Hebrews 10:15-16; 1 John 2:25*)

**Healing Water - Blue and Aqua:** Life, cleansing, healing (*Psalm 1:1-3; Revelation 22:1*)

**Covenant/Promise - Rainbow colors:** Promises of God (*Genesis 9:13*)

**Grace - Purple and pink:** We are adopted into royalty when we are birthed into God's Kingdom. This is only done by His grace He provides everything we need. (*2 Corinthians 8:9*)

**Mercy - Purple and red:** Jesus is our mediator and redeemer, He clothed us in salvation and gives us a robe of righteousness (*Titus 3:4-7; Isaiah 61:10*)

**Praise - Fuchsia, purple and aqua:** We have joy in the wealth of the Holy Spirit (*Jeremiah 33:9; Hebrews 2:10-12; 13:15*)

**Worship - Purple, blue, and wine:** Longing, seeking to be in His presence (*Matthew 2:2; John 9:31*)

**Majesty - Purple and blue:** Dignity, priestly, power, authority, ruler, King or high official (*1 Chronicles 29:24-25; 2 Chronicles 2:14; 3:14; Jeremiah 10:9; Ester 8:15; Ezekiel 27:7*)

**Repentance - Black, Red and White:** All can be redeemed by Jesus through repentance, because all of us fall short of God's glory (*Romans 3:23 - 24*)



# March 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 Single Moms, 5:00 Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage, 6:00 pm</p>	2	<p>3 Cross Training, 7:00</p>	4	<p>5 Real Youth, 6:30-8:00</p>	6	<p>7 Praise Team Practice 6:00 Kids' Volunteer Day 11:00-3:00 (Bring a lunch.)</p>
<p>8 Daylight Savings Time (Spring Forward!) Board of Director's Meeting Single Moms, 5:00 Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage,</p>	<p>9 Ladies' Bible Study, 6:30-8:00</p>	<p>10 Cross Training, 7:00</p>	11	<p>12 Real Youth, 6:30-8:00</p>	13	14
<p>15 Single Moms, 5:00 Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage, 6:00 pm</p>	16	<p>17 Cross Training, 7:00</p>	18	<p>19 Real Youth, 6:30-8:00</p>	<p>20 Camp Harmony Overnight Event for Real Youth—30 Hour Famine</p>	<p>21 Camp Harmony Overnight Event for Real Youth—30 Hour Famine</p>
<p>22 Single Moms, 5:00 Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage, 6:00 pm</p>	<p>23 Ladies' Bible Study, 6:30-8:00</p>	<p>24 Cross Training, 7:00 Last Day to donate money for the Penny Wars!</p>	25	<p>26 Real Youth, 6:30-8:00</p>	<p>27 Interior Spring Cleanup Day for adults and teens, 9:00 am</p>	<p>28 Interior Spring Cleanup Day for adults and teens, 9:00 am</p>
<p>29 Youth Sunday Pie-in-the-Face Day! Single Moms, 5:00 Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage, 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 Miracle Offering Sunday</p>	30	<p>31 Cross Training, 7:00</p>				



**Sundays**

Altar of Incense—9:00 am

**Tuesdays**

Cross Training—7:00 pm



## Worship

By Christopher Smith

Greetings in the name of Jesus! Shalom and peace to you all!

First of all I would like to give thanks to my one and only Love, Christ Jesus! I would also like to thank your Pastor Cathy, for having me bless you with this article and, last but not least, you, beloved Pastor Brad for receiving me with open arms!

I would like to start by opening this Word from God with a quote from what Kevin J. Conner said in his book, "The Tabernacle of David":

*The Lord Jesus said that the Father was seeking for those who would worship Him "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). Man was created to be a worshipper of God. Of himself, man does not know how to worship God, yet longs to worship. It is for this reason that man designs forms of worship or some sort of program for religious services and then asks God to bless his program. Also, because man does not know how God desires to be worshipped, he develops a variety of forms. People generally congregate to the particular form that suits their tastes, their spiritual disposition and which does not offend their mentality.*

I am going to try to keep this short and sweet.

The word worship means to honor, revere, adore, pay homage, render devotion and respect someone, especially to God.

I have learned that everyone that has breath in his lungs worships. This is the one thing that God has placed in us to draw us to Himself. But, like Kevin wrote, we don't know how to worship Him. It is our job to find the Truth. Everybody worships something. Even if you would get to travel to the most remote civilizations on the earth, you will find that they worship something.

I want to take a moment in time to share with you a fresh revelation that God has to given me about a year ago about worship. I pray that your spirit man rises up in you and that Jesus Himself will bear witness to you concerning this revelation and that your spiritual eyes be enlightened!

This revelation that I am talking about has to do with worship. In the beginning God created us to be more than pew warmers. I dare to say that He created us to be even more than a worshipper. I already can hear in the spirit what some are asking, "What do you mean, Christopher? I thought that was why He made us." God has created us for one reason and one reason only. See, a few years ago I asked the Lord, "Why did You create us? You have everything You could ever want? It surely can't be because of You being lonely? You have cherubs, archangels, angels, etc. sitting around talking with You, worshipping You." Then the Lord said to me, "They all have duties to perform. I have created you for one thing. I have created you so that I might have someone to have a relationship with!" I did not know what to say to Him when He told me that. I was in total awe! As I am reflecting that, even now as I am writing this to you, I can't help but to be in awe! It still brings me to near speechlessness. I hope that you experience the same. If not, then maybe what I have to say next will help you to come to awe of the mind and thoughts that God has about you.

As I sit back reflecting on how and what my Love has done in the very short time in my life, I have realized that my worship has changed also. The Bible says that He moves us from glory to glory, faith to faith. I have learned through experience that there are 3 major dimensions of worship to God.

### 1. Worshipping Jesus as Savior

*John 3:15-17 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.*

When we first get saved from the pit of hell and after we realize what He has saved us from, we worship Him as our Savior, giving thanks and praise! The problem with most of us is that we don't have the full understanding of what He has redeemed us to.

*Psalms 106: 8 Nevertheless He saved them for his name's sake, that He might make his mighty power to be known.*

He has redeemed us right back to the same power and authority that Adam was given in the Garden of Eden.

### 2. Worshipping God as Father/Creator

*Gen. 1:1, 27 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth...So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.*

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After we realize that God has created everything, we not only start looking at Him as Creator, but as Father also. Jesus referred to God as Father 176 times. Fathers are not to create children and leave them to fend for themselves. I am so glad that God Himself has taught and trained me of what a true father is to be like. I had a very distorted view of what a father is to be like. God had to come to me Himself a few years ago and tell me that He "is not a father like man." He is, "the Father of fathers!" See, I don't know my real father. He threatened to have my mom severely beaten to the point that I would be killed if any one would ever find out that I was his. My stepfather adopted me before I was born, but he had some anger issues and we got beaten a lot—even my mother. So it is only now that I can say that I am going to be an awesome father to my children by the power of my Heavenly Father!

### 3. Worshipping Jesus as Our Groom

*Rev. 19:7-9 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.*

Jesus is coming back for His bride! Jesus referred to Himself as our Groom.

*Matt. 9:15 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.*

John the Baptist refers to Jesus as the Groom and the church being His bride.

*John 3:29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.*

For those of you who are married, were married, or have had intimate relationships, you will have a better understanding of what I am about to say. Those of you that I have mentioned know that there is no greater intimacy than that of the intimacy between lovers. We need to start realizing that we need to be courting and wooing the Lord! Its time to start worshipping Jesus as our Groom! We need to enter into His bedchamber, lock the door behind us and tell Him, "I am not leaving until you are completely satisfied, my Love!" Now I know that most men will struggle with being referred to as a bride and stepping into this role. We are men and Jesus is a man so that makes us feel a little uncomfortable. Don't look at this type of intimate worship in the flesh. Being sexually intimate with your spouse is only for this world. You have to get so close to Him that you literally feel Him holding you, cuddling you.

*John 13:23-26 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to Him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto Him, Lord, who is it? Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when He had dipped the sop, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.*

When you get this close to Jesus, He will talk to you about anything. Many times I have entered into this type of worship and by the time it was over I felt like I had just been with a lover. Think about all the things you do with your spouse, without the sex. Those are the things that Jesus wants from us. I imagine that about now you want to know how to worship Jesus intimately. Well when you first got married you most likely didn't have a coach in the bedroom with you. It is something that you have to learn on your own. You have to find out what your spouse likes and dislikes. You have to understand that I am speaking in code here. I will give you this much, though. It's ok to sing someone else's song when you first start into your praise and worship. It's good to sing in the Holy Ghost when you are entering into a deeper dimension of worship. But it doesn't become true intimate worship until you get so close to Him that He starts telling you the word to sing to Him. See, it takes God to worship God. You must have your own song!

I feel led to share one more thing with you about intimacy with the Groom. The next time you are praising and worshipping Jesus, He may be holding out His hand to you and asking, "May I have this dance?" Be spontaneous! Trust me, your spouse loves it and so does the Lover of your soul! So the next time Jesus wants to get intimate with you, don't role over and go to sleep! Be blessed!

To my one and only, Jesus!  
His Forever,  
Christopher Smith



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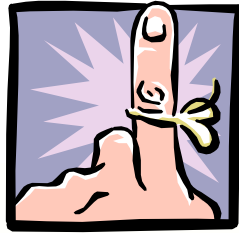
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# Reminders

## Tuesdays

Just a reminder that the church is open on Tuesday nights at 6:00 for prayer.

## Aluminum Cans Project Discontinued

Because the price of aluminum has gone down, Single Moms are no longer collecting cans to recycle. Thanks go everyone who participated in this fund-raiser while it was running. May God bless you!

## Continuing Our First Fruits Fast

For those of you who can participate, our First Fruits Fast is continuing throughout the year. As you feel led, you may wish to fast the first day of each week and the first day of every month.

## Marriage Series

"Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" begins on Sunday, March 1st at 6:00 pm. This is for married couples or those who may have marriage in their future. (It never hurts to be prepared!)

## Bible-Thon

The children of the church who are 11 and younger will be doing a Bible-Thon fundraiser during the month of March. BCK Kids may ask you to make a pledge for correct answers on a Bible quiz that they will be taking. This fundraiser will end on March 24th.

## Penny Wars

March 24th is the last day to donate money to the Penny Wars. All proceeds benefit the Forest Hills Ambulance Service. See who gets a pie in the face on March 29th!

## Church Renovations

Thanks for being patient during our minor church renovations. Things will be back to normal soon!