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Bishop's Heart Finding Peace In Persecution

As we go through our daily lives, each one of us experiences difficult situations. None of us are exonerated from the difficulties of life. We are surprised that these situations find a way into our lives and forget that God has told us that we will experience hardships. Jesus promised in John 16:32 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. Jesus offered His disciples peace and He made the offer of peace at the most inopportune moment. At a moment when Judas met with Jesus' enemies to plot His arrest, Jesus offered peace. Jesus knew that He would be arrested, forsaken, rejected, mocked, humiliated, tortured, and executed before the next day was over. Jesus knew that the disciples would be tested and tried but the He offered them (us) peace. He also made the promise of tribulation. Peace is offered to us, but tribulation is promised. As believers, we may bring problems upon ourselves, or sometimes it's just the vicissitudes of life, but we all have them. Life's problems come because of our human frailty and because of God's divine purpose. In Psalm 51:4 David told God "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight." David sinned willingly, by choice, and was punished. Yet John 9:1-3 states (1) as Jesus passed by, he saw a man who was blind from his birth. (2) And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? (3) Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. Both David and the man born blind had to endure the challenge of suffering and trouble. Still, Jesus promises peace! How do we experience a loving God giving us peace when seemingly nothing has changed in our experience? Our peace comes from our inward focus on Christ! How can we experience this paradigm shift? It takes complete faith in Him who is our Prince of Peace and Hope of Glory. Peace doesn't come so easily. All of us have been given a measure of faith and it must be exercised, developed, and disciplined just as athletes train their bodies to handle various tasks. We have to live out, walk out, and be determined to discipline our faith to find peace in persecution.

Monthly Events

Sunday, April 9th

Palm Sunday

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Resurrection Sunday

Join us for our worship experience at 9:30 am! Support our Ushers and Greeters for their Bake Sale in the concourse.

**CBC Fellowship
Meal**

Sunday, April 16th

Join us in the gymnasium for a delicious fellowship meal. See the CBC app for pricing and details.

Monthly Events



Monday, April 17th

Join us for our Miracle Monday Service at 7:00pm. Pastor Sean Dogan of Long Branch Baptist Church will be our guest.

*Shepherd
Staff
Anniversary*

Sunday, April 23rd

Wear orange and gray as we celebrate our Shepherd Staff Ministry.

Join
Bishop...

Sunday, April 30th

Come support Bishop Jackson as he preaches the Installation service for Pastor Timothy Brown. Please see the CBC App for details.

CARERS



Trustees: Robert Smith, Sandra Thompson,
BJ Lyles, Paulette Young,

Deacons: Tommy Dawkins, Mark Peake,
Eric Rookard, Lee Sartor, Ann Cuff

Deaconess: Nancy Dawkins, Angela Peake,
Sylvia Rookard, Peggy Mallory, Mamie Stripling



Just remember, while you
worship and while you tarry...
NO FOOD OR DRINK in the
AV Room or Sanctuary!



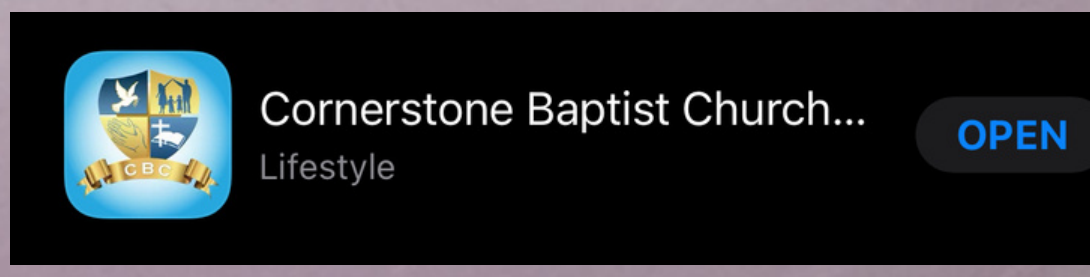
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Members- If you would like
to purchase or pick up your
key fob please see
Minister Aleasha Jackson.



**Join us for Intercessory Prayer at 8:00 am, Sunday
School at 8:30 -9:30 am, and Sunday Morning
Worship at 9:30 am.**



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Encouraging Corner with Co Pastor

Cross Carriers

Luke 9:23

23 And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Max Lucado, a best-selling author wrote in an article entitled “The Cross” (describing the design of the cross) “Its design couldn’t be simpler. One beam horizontal—the other vertical. One reaches out—like God’s love. The other reaches up—as does God’s holiness. One represents the width of his love; the other reflects the height of his holiness. The cross is the intersection. The cross is where God forgave his children without lowering his standards.” This gives us so much hope in that if we are to take up our cross and follow Him as Luke stated in this 23rd verse, it shouldn’t be difficult to deny ourselves as we embrace this illumination. When we embrace the width of God’s love we understand that we cannot “out sin” His love. When we embrace the height of his holiness we have no problem denying ourselves (our sinful behaviors, self-centered, motives, personal agendas, and ego-driven desires). Denying ourselves should be the least we can do on a daily basis so we can truly be cross carriers and promote the hope that we have found as believers in following Christ.

Happy Resurrection Season!

Stay encouraged!

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