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CBC Connect

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Bishop's Heart The Work of a Father

Every memory that I have of my father is of him working and providing for our family. From driving a truck, managing his businesses, working around the house, and maintaining the yards of many senior citizens to studying for sermons and restoring the church -my dad worked. Daddy believed in providing for his family. In doing so he made sure his four sons believed in and embraced 2 Thessalonians 3:10. As my dad would say "A man must work".

It seems that there were those in Thessalonica who were refusing to work, assuming that since Jesus would return at any minute, they didn't need to. Paul dispels the nonsense as laziness and reminds them of their work ethic when he was present. No work - no food. There is absolutely no similarity between someone who is physically unable to work and someone who can work but refuses to do so. Paul instructs the Thessalonians not to support those who were unwilling to work.

Working is fundamental to who we are in Christ. When I was young I thought my dad taking me with him was a punishment. It wasn't until I was older that I understood my daddy was training me. It was in high school when I had an epiphany and realized that daddy had given me valuable life tools. The rides in his truck and the time visiting members in the hospital were more than work hours but bonding moments and mentorship. He shared lessons that I needed to know to survive and to be a strong father and husband. He showed me that working is an act of faith and an expression of our trust and confidence in God.

As time passed daddy would remind me of the value of education. He would say "Charles go to school and get all the education you can so you can take care of yourself and your family. He believed even in education that I needed to do "the work." Then he would say don't just work but enjoy life. He was teaching me that there must be a balance as well.

My dad also that believed family was a gift from God. It was through those working and bonding moments with my dad that I embraced the ministry of family. Although he is not physically with me any longer, I appreciate those times he made me get out of bed, ride with him to work, and to minister. He left me with a phenomenal impression for life.

On this Father's Day, I salute every man who has and continues to work diligently to provide for his family and understands the impact of a balanced life centered in Christ.

Join Bishop...

Friday, June 23rd, 2023

Fellowship Assemblies Inc.
Holy Convocation

7:00 p.m.

*198 Youngs Dr.
Rutherfordton, NC 28139*

Thursday, July 20th, 2023

*Empowered Destiny
International Holy
Convocation*

7:00 p.m.

*845 Old Furnace Road
Boiling Springs 29316*



Monthly EVENTS



Sunday June 4th, 2023

The CBC Nursery is available during Sunday Morning worship experiences. Sign in begins at 9:15 a.m. Ages for the Nursery are infant to 5 years olds.

Graduation
Sunday

Sunday, June 11th, 2023

Graduates please wear your cap and gown as we celebrate you! Please make sure you have submitted your original graduation photo to be displayed on our screens.

HAPPY
Father's
DAY

Sunday June 18th, 2023

Happy Father's Day to all fathers and guardians with a father's heart!

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JUNE
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Sunday June 19th, 2023

Celebrate Juneteenth

Monthly Announcements

Culinary
Ministry

Sunday June 11th, 2023

Culinary Ministry Members and those interested in
this amazing ministry...

please be prepared to meet after our morning
worship experience with Bishop and Deacon Gist.

Reminder

Cluster and Ministry Leaders:

Please submit any announcements for our
CBC Connect Newsletter by the
15th of each month.

MEETING
TIME

Ministry Leaders:

Do you need to reserve a meeting space and time?

Please consult your Cluster Leader
with your requests.

Fundraisers:

Have a fundraising project idea that
would bless CBC??

Please submit your ideas to
Minister Aleasha & Minister Akia via email.

CARRIES

CB



Trustees: Charles Goodwin, Lawrence Henderson, Robay Stroble, Rudy Rice

Deacons: Johnny Harris, Steven Anderson, Rodney Tidwell, Danny Foster, Tommy Dawkins

Deaconess: Lucretia Harris, Myrna Foster, Nancy Dawkins, Annette Betsill



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



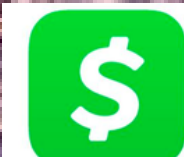
All Ministry Leaders and Members- Paxton is working! If you would like to purchase or pick up your key fob please see Minister Aleasha Jackson to schedule a pickup time .



Stay Connected

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.

Pay your tithes with ease with credit card, debit card, online through PayPal or CBC Cash App.

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Follow us on Facebook and on YouTube (CB Church Spartanburg) for all worship experiences & virtual Bible Study on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm! Download our CBC App, create a profile and save 864-689-2996 in your contacts on your phone for important notifications.



Cornerstone Baptist Church... Lifestyle

OPEN


LIVESTREAM



Encouraging Corner with CoPastor

A Father's Love

“Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”

1 John 4:7-8 NLT

One of the fondest memories of my dad is not a gift that he gave me or some grand gesture of muscle and strength. In fact, it is quite the opposite. As a “girl AND boy dad” my father was majorly responsible for teaching my brother and I to play basketball. He taught us how to play very early in life. While he was intent on showing us fundamentals and developing us as a player, my mom was just as intentional about keeping me balanced, poised, and elegant.

As a young student-athlete, I made the AAU team and as an AAU player, our team went to the National Championship which was held in Connecticut. We made it to the semi-finals but as a young player, I had never met the skill or size of the team we played from Connecticut. My parents and my brother made the trip to see me play and for the first time in my short athletic career, I felt intimidated. Somehow I found my dad in the stands. He saw me too and the look of assurance on his face was all I needed. Well, we were outmatched in size but somehow our quickness, agility, speed, and tenacity frustrated this team in their home state. The referees made matters even worse for our team. Long story short - we ended up losing in the final seconds of that game. The official made a bad call, (as we saw it) which sealed our fate. I was irreparably devastated. I remember trying to hold my anger, disappointment, and frustration inside and then I saw my dad. I ran to him crying and sobbing uncontrollably. I had never experienced defeat in this way. My world was shattered at that moment. My memory however is not just of the pain of that day but rather of the love of my dad. I remember grabbing his large 6-foot 5-inch frame and sobbing burying my head in his chest and screaming. I was exhausted physically from playing and then emotionally from crying.

My dad who was always a picture of quiet strength in difficult moments just hugged me as my mom stood by him consoling me. Finally, my sobbing turned to short sniffling breaths. My dad offered me his handkerchief (he always had one that smelled like Lagerfeld), his jacket, and his sunglasses to hide my puffy red eyes. Then he just held me. No words were spoken - none were necessary but a sense of his love for me overshadowed my emotion and pain in that moment. The circumstance was unfair but he was there and I knew it was going to be okay.

Now I know that everyone doesn't have the same testimony of their dad but we can share in the fact that God our Father absolutely loves us. He wants to share that same overwhelming, overshadowing, comforting love with us. Sometimes it's hard to wrap our minds around it, but it is so true. In those moments when we are disappointed, devastated, and even heartbroken - He is there. Our faith journey as believers starts when we can begin to understand that God loves us. His love is demonstrably apparent in HIS love and presence through Jesus Christ. We cannot out-sin His love. We cannot undo His love. It costs too much and love is WHO God is. He is LOVE.

God is not an angry taskmaster who shows affection only when we succeed, behave perfectly, or when we win! He is a loving Father who will always love us no matter what. He loves us when He chastises us and He loves us when He blesses us. I pray that in your moments of despair, you receive the full impact of our Father's love for you. Allow His love to heal your heart, transform your life, free your mind, and lead you to the abundant life He longs to give all of us. Open your heart and receive the all-encompassing love of your Heavenly Father now and love as He leads. His love is enough, HE is enough!

Stay encouraged!