



September 2023

CBC Connect

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Bishop's Heart Don't Give Up

In Charles Schultz's multivolume Peanuts collection, there is a story where Charlie Brown tells Lucy: "All you have to do is hold the ball. Then I'll come running and kick it."

Recently, I came across the book Kick the Football, Charlie Brown in J5's book collection which highlights the same scene that I read as a child.

The storyline was the same, Charlie Brown comes running in his pursuit of kicking the football but, at the last moment, Lucy pulls back the football, giving several explanations to the prostrate kicker: "I was afraid your shoes might be dirty, Charlie Brown. I don't want anyone with dirty shoes kicking my new football," etc. Charlie Brown responds in agony and disappointment: "Don't you ever do that again! Do you want to kill me?"

Many of us can remember that Lucy would continue to do the same thing over and over again. Charles Schultz said as he wrote this story that Charlie Brown would never kick that football, but, he also thought having him succeed would have been a disservice to the character.

We can find a little Charlie Brown in all of us, and trying to kick that football reveals who we are and sometimes who we are not. Depending on our perspective, we can do two of several things; either we will keep trying and not learn from our past experiences or we refuse to give up on the future. For the Christian, it depends on our perspective.

Charlie Brown can also represent the life of a Christian - He doesn't give up on himself; he doesn't give up on others; he lives in hope, and kicking the football is his focus and goal. How we handle persecution and trials depends on how we see ourselves through the eyes of Christ. Perseverance is vital to growing in our faith, and God wants His people to persevere no matter what happens. So we have to learn how to overcome obstacles, difficulties, trials, and tribulations to experience victory in Christ. We have two choices when faced with hardship - trust in God and keep our vision on Him or quit and abandon hope. God has so much more in store for us. His plan for us is that struggles and hardship lead to blessings and rewards if we persevere! Romans 5:3-5 New King James Version (NKJV) says "And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope." Many of us will look at life and say I will not allow anyone to treat me like Lucy treated Charlie Brown. However, Lucy doesn't represent a person. She represents the continued, unexpected attacks of the enemy. Luke 4:13 says "And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season."

We will never be able to control the seasons, the attacks of the enemy, or how people treat us. We can only control who we are and how we respond to those seasons and attacks. It is, after all, a great question that life poses... Are we a Charlie Brown or a Lucy? Charlie Brown is not vulnerable. Instead, he represents a strong believer who hopes, loves, forgives, and perseveres through every difficulty in life. Don't give up. We should never give up. Let's keep pushing toward our goal and trust God that we too will kick the football.

Join Bishop...

Wednesday,
September 6th, 2023

Bible Study & Empowerment Hour

In-Person
Noon Day & 6:30 p.m.
Cornerstone Baptist Church

Sunday,
September 10th, 2023

The Kingdom Center

6:00 p.m.

1514 S Highway 14
Greer, SC 29365

Sunday,
September 24th, 2023

New Fellowship Baptist Church

4:00 p.m

423 Old Spartanburg Highway
Wellford, SC 29385





Monthly EVENTS

Wednesday, September 6th, 2023

Bible Study and Empowerment Hour

Join us for in-person Bible Study with Bishop at
12 noon and 6:30 p.m.



Sunday, September 10th, 2023

JERSEY SUNDAY

Wear your jersey or team shirt and take
a picture with Bishop!



Monday, September 11th, 2023

Miracle Monday

Come worship with us for our
Miracle Monday Service at 7:00 pm!
Bishop W.I. Jenkins will be our guest!

Sunday, September 17th, 2023

FOOD TRUCK RODEO

CBC family and friends you are invited to our
Food Truck Rodeo Showcase in the CBC parking lot
from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. All vendors please contact
Trustee Rudy Rice or Deacon Leroy Gist.

Monday, September 25th, 2023

Miracle Monday

Come worship with us for our
Miracle Monday Service at 7:00 pm!
Dr. Thomas Massey, Jr. will be our guest!

Wednesday,

September 13th, 20th, & 27th 2023

Bible Study and Empowerment Hour

Join us for in-person Bible Study with
Bishop at 12 noon and
Virtual Bible Study (only) with Bishop at 6:30 p.m.

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Pastoral Anniversary.

Sunday, October 15th, 2023 - Wear your jeans and Jordan apparel as we honor
Bishop & Co-Pastor for their 23rd Pastoral Anniversary! Bishop Neil Gross will be our guest!



Save the Dates

Miracle Monday

Come worship with us for our Miracle Monday Service at 7:00 pm!

"It's going to be a POWERFUL TIME"

Monday, October 9th, 2023

Guest: Dr. Larry Crudup

Mount Moriah Baptist Church (Spartanburg, SC)

Monday, October 23rd, 2023

Guest: Apostle S. Derrall Beason

The Temple (Campobello, SC)

Health Corner



Breast Cancer
AWARENESS MONTH

Sunday, October 1st

Wear pink for Breast
Cancer Awareness
Month



Domestic Violence
Awareness Month

Sunday, October 22nd

Wear purple for
Domestic Violence
Awareness Month

February is
American Heart Month

February 4th, 2024

Wear red for Heart
Awareness Month



Monthly

Announcements



LIVE STREAMING



Follow us on Facebook (Cornerstone Baptist Church), subscribe to us on YouTube (CB Church Spartanburg) or visit our website (cbconthegrow.com) for all worship experiences!

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.

Fundraising EVENT

Have a fundraising project idea that would bless CBC??

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

CORNERSTONES



Trustees: Micheal Brown, Liberty Canzater, Donnie Smith, Ronnie Smith
Deacons: Fred Means, Alfred Meadors, Callie Smith, Garfield Dawkins
Deaconess: Christine Robinson, Phoebe Meadors, Tonda Smith, English Gibbs



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 contact Minister Aleasha Jackson to schedule a pickup time .

Offering
IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

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



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.

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.



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Encouraging Corner with CoPastor

Discipled Wisdom

Proverbs 1:7 says, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” KJV

Many of us have heard the story about the young lady who was cooking a pot roast. She was an amazing chef and she would always season the roast to perfection then cut the roast in half, putting only half of the roast in the pan. One day someone asked her why she cut her roast in half, and she proudly replied “That’s the way my mom did it, so that’s the way I do it.” The question of her culinary process compelled her to ask her mother why she cut her roast in half. Her mother explained to her “I cut the roast in half because I only had one small pan and the roast was too big.”

Intentionally or not we are discipled by someone. Although cooking a pot roast isn’t the best example of being discipled, it shows the impact of influence on our legacy. We don’t have to be parents or pastors or teachers but we all have influence. We influence our families, our schools, our relationships, our social affiliations, and everywhere we go.

If we are being discipled by someone we should be sure that they are knowledgeable and wise. The Bible says in the King James Version of Proverbs 1:7 “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,” which infers that there is an appropriate kind of fear or reverence that results in a blessed life and strong faith. Along with reverence for God - comes wisdom. Without wisdom, we run the high risk of being foolish.

Not many of us would go to someone who had no knowledge or wisdom for advice. We wouldn’t go to a doctor or even a mechanic who had no knowledge or experience to solve our problem. We wouldn’t ask someone who didn’t cook how to prepare a dish. We should live the same way. Either we are being discipled and/or standing in the role to disciple someone else. Whichever role we find ourselves in we should want to be wise and not foolish which pleases our Heavenly Father.

Stay Encouraged!

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