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HE IS NOT HERE,
FOR HE HAS RISEN!

Matthew 28:6



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Bishop's Heart

THE ULTIMATE LEAD

1 Corinthians 15:55

On March 29, 2026, during the 2026 Final Four games, Duke lost by 1 point to UConn in the Elite Eight, 73-72. Despite leading by 19 points in the first half, Duke was overcome by a last-second 3-pointer from UConn's Braylon Mullins. Basically, Duke blew a 19-point lead. The top-seeded Blue Devils ended their season with an unexpected loss and a 35-3 record.

The Bible speaks of several people who also "blew a lead." After God had positioned them to win, they failed to capitalize on opportunities or collapsed under pressure due to poor decisions, fear, or sin. Samson was a judge with supernatural strength who was supposed to deliver Israel from the Philistines. He blew his lead by engaging in immoral behavior, revealing his secret to Delilah, and losing his strength, which led to his capture. Saul, the first king of Israel, started with great promise. He blew his lead by disobeying God's instructions regarding the Amalekites and acting out of fear, resulting in God taking the kingdom from him. David despite being a "man after God's own heart," blew a massive opportunity for righteousness and committed adultery with Bathsheba and arranged the murder of her husband, Uriah, to cover it up. Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt, but he failed to follow God's specific instructions when he made water come from a rock, and he was not allowed to enter the Promised Land.

From the perspective of the religious leaders and the Roman authorities, they had a "lead" that seemed insurmountable with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

The death of Jesus was considered a "win" because He was now dead, buried, and His followers were scattered. However, the Resurrection "blew" that lead by proving that death wasn't the end, and effectively turned a devastating defeat into a total victory. In 1 Corinthians 15:55, the Apostle Paul celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the defeat of death by saying "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" It signified that, for believers, death no longer had the final power or the fear it once did. This showed we have the victory through Christ. As Paul wrote in Romans 4:25, Jesus was "raised for our justification," meaning that the resurrection made it possible for people to be declared righteous before God. So when we feel like we have blown our lead(s) in life, let us find strength in Christ's victory on Calvary's cross. Every situation that looks final is not over when our faith is in our risen Savior. JESUS died and rose so we too can take the lead. So when our faith is on the line we can find courage and strength to press forward in faith, and hope in our resurrected Savior who gives us the victory.

Shalom!

Bishop



April

Events

1

Silver
WARRIOR CAFÉ
10am

Weekly Bible Study
&
EMPOWERMENT 6:30
IN-PERSON Virtually

5

Resurrection **SUNDAY**

6-11

CBC CAMPUS IS CLOSED
Observing Spring Break Week

15

Silver
WARRIOR CAFÉ
10am

Weekly Bible Study
&
EMPOWERMENT 6:30
IN-PERSON Virtually

19

Cornerstone
SOUL FOOD CAFÉ

Visit the CBC App or
website for details!

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Miracle
Monday

Dr. Carlos Brown, Pastor of
Holden Chapel Baptist Church
will be our guest!

7PM

April

Events

22 *Silver*
WARRIOR CAFÉ
10am

Weekly Bible Study
&
EMPOWERMENT 6:30
12 Noon IN-PERSON Virtually

26 **300**
Men & Women In Black

Join us, wear black and bring your \$100 sacrificial seed during our Sunday morning worship experience.

29 *Silver*
WARRIOR CAFÉ
10am

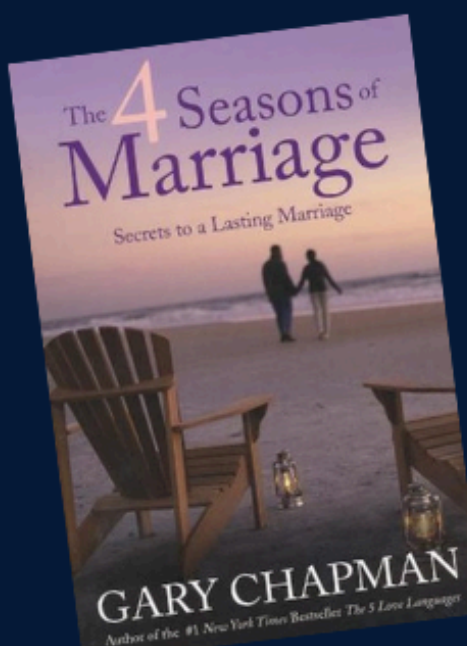
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Saturday May 2nd
Daughters of the King
Thrive Gathering
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Saturday, May 16
THE K.L.E.A.N
Staycation &
Book Review





Encouraging Corner with CoPastor

WE WON



But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world”

1 John 4:4

55 ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’ ‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

As a collegiate women's basketball scholarship recipient nothing made our team prouder than coming home after an away game and being able to say, "We won." Those words somehow rang like bells in our ears and in the ears of our classmates and fans. The words “we won” made the aches and pains of rigorous practices, long bus rides, and late-night Church’s Chicken two-piece meals all worthwhile. Some victories were brutal battles to the buzzer; others were almost laughable, with everyone getting to play, even our water girls. Regardless of how the victory was won, a win was still a win. One game of my senior year was unforgettable. We were up against an undefeated two-time CIAA champion the Virginia State Lady Trojans. It was the last home game of my senior year so our coach decided that he would start all of the seniors on our team. My teammates were hyped but in the back of our hearts and minds, we were praying that we wouldn't get slaughtered. I remember praying for the best game ever partly because I could have taken a scholarship and gone to Virginia State and played and because my former teammate, whom I called my “big sister” in high school was now an assistant coach at Virginia State. I had to play my best. This was it. Graduation was in view and I was determined to give it all I had. Four years of blood sweat and tears working my way to becoming a starter each season was in the back of my mind. Long story short.. It was my personal best game ever and we beat a championship team in our gym by 20 points. I felt superhuman and all I could do was give glory to God. Oh, the joy! The pure elation, the unsurpassed satisfaction of beating the champions. My ‘big sister’ hugged me as we did our typical line-up after the game with tears in both of our eyes, no words were shared. It was one of the best moments in my basketball career. I remember calling my brother and shouting on the phone...we won, we won, WE WON!!!

As an adult, there are still times when I face a challenge and I feel like I'm up against another opponent with a track record of wins. In those moments when the battle seems intense and the warfare is almost overwhelming, I remind myself that I am not alone, that I have someone on my team who has never lost a battle. He is undefeated and a champion. I remind myself that I am on the winning team and even when the enemy has seemingly won several battles -he ultimately lost the biggest one of all. On Calvary our risen Lord and Savior took away the keys to death, hell, and the grave. Not only is the enemy defeated, and keyless, but he now has to stand by and accept defeat after defeat because Jesus is now living in the heart of every believer. He is the greater one who lives in us as believers. As we celebrate and commemorate what Jesus did at Calvary let's continue to praise Him for making us victorious with and through His own shed blood. We are winners. HE WON! WE WON! We always win.

Stay Encouraged,

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Joint Ministry Leaders of the month

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Tommy Dawkins, Ann Cuff

Deaconesses: Olivia Sartor, Sylvia Rookard,
Nancy Dawkins, Doris Tidwell



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worship and while you tarry...
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