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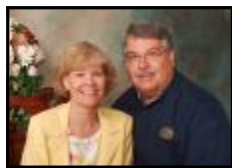
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SEEDY CHRISTIANS!

As I ponder what truth or words of wisdom I should share with you this month, I am prompted by the Holy Spirit to encourage all of us to be “bearing fruit.” You see, March is the beginning of Springtime, and our thoughts and activities move toward planting, and then waiting for the harvest—whether that’s in fruits and vegetables, or beautiful flowers and plants. We still have to do the planting of seeds part.

Last year I tried planting some old grass seed I had in the shed on a bare spot in my lawn—I was too cheap to go out and purchase fresh seed. Do you know that dead grass seed is still there? It never did anything—and I still have a bare spot. That reminds me about the seed we need to be planting in the lives of others for the Kingdom of God. We need to have a fresh relationship with Jesus. We cannot live or grow or plant with a stale old “experience” we may have had with the Lord. We need to have a vital, vibrant, fresh-as-this-moment relationship with our Savior that will give us what we need to plant that life into others.

Jesus is coming soon. All the signs are pointing to His Second Coming. We need to have a **Relevant, Engaging, Authentic Life*** that we can share with people who need Jesus in their lives. **BE REAL!**

**Robert Morris—REAL Series*



Remember—Live worthy!! [Ephesians 4:1-6]
Pastor Dave & Kathy

Kwips from Kathy.... **“Singed Eyebrows”**

I'm getting older (please do not tell my children—they have the most absurd plans for me when I can no longer blow out my own birthday candles). The last birthday I singed all my eyebrows and the cake ended up with enough smoke damage to render it inedible—just kidding!



My sons, though, have the best time planning my “golden years.” Stephen wants to purchase a llama plantation and have me run it while he vacations all over the world. (By the way, what do llamas eat?) Mike wants to dress me up in large floppy hats, place me on a remote-controlled scooter and run me around the mall for fun and recreation.

I am hoping my girls will protect me—we'll see. Growing older is inevitable, it is guaranteed. Growing spiritually is a choice. In our LifeGroup last week, we discussed Martha and Mary. It was a lively discussion with everyone chiming in. I used to think poor Martha always got the bad rap. Someone had to look out for the physical needs of the guests. But as our good friend Emma pointed out, Martha may have been the older sister—but clearly, Mary was her senior. Mary chose to focus on Jesus. We need to take her cue and do the same.

If you're not growing spiritually, is it because you've yet to be born? For any form of growth, physical or spiritual you must first be conceived. If that's the case, ask Jesus to give you a new life—a spiritual birthday. We're not getting any younger, you and I. No use in being spiritual embryos when God's own Son desires to give us a full and abundant life! Let's get growing!!

With love in Him always,
Kathy

If you want to know more about this new life, call the church...or me :)



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Pastor Ben Engle

Check out all of Elements current info at:
inmyelement.org

District Fine Arts

March 6-7

We will meet at the church at 12:00 p.m. on Friday.

We will be staying at the Embassy Suites in
Cockeysville, MD

We will return to the church between 6-8 p.m.
on Saturday.

March/April Sermon Series: Discover Your Shape

God has a plan for everyone's life. We just have to discover how God has shaped each and every one of us in a unique way. Through this 6-week series your students will discover how their ability, passions, and personality has shaped them to carry out the plan God has for their life.

Upcoming Dates:

Youth Convention-April 24th-25th

Cost will be announced by the second week in March

Apple Blossom Stand - May 1st and 2nd

Youth Camp Week 1 - June 15 - June 19th

Youth Camp Week 2 - June 22nd - June 26th

Warriors of Worship

Pastor Len Burdick



EASTER ONLY CHOIR

Easter Sunday, April 12

The Warriors of Worship Choir would like to invite you to sing with us Easter Sunday this year. Just do two things:

- 1) Contact me so we can have music ready for you, and
- 2) attend the two Thursday rehearsals prior to Easter (April 2 and 9).

We are scheduled to sing two anthems: "Hosanna" by Kirk Franklin, and the classic, "He's Alive" by Don Francisco. This is a great opportunity for those who cannot commit to regular rehearsals but would like to participate.

Pastor Frank Iddings



I want to encourage you to attend our Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, March 8, 2009 at 6:00PM. This meeting is open to members and non-members. (Non-members may not vote.) We will be presenting our Annual Financial Report for 2008 as well as conducting other important business.

Throughout the year we will be keeping you updated on how we are doing financially. Below is our income and expense report for January 2009. Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving to God through Victory Church.

January 2009

Income - Tithes and Offerings	\$82,849.25
<i>(Budget \$90,384)</i>	
Income - Other	\$30,427.34
Expenses	\$-121,000.54
Difference	\$-7,723.95

Pastor Rob Purcell



KIDZ KORALE

Attention parents, looking for something for your children to do on a Sunday night. Have them come to Kidz Korale we have an exciting musical called Living Inside Out in an Upside Down World. We are in need of more boys and girls to be part of our choir. Please bring your child on Sunday night.



Our season has come to an end for JBO. Thank you and great job to all of our children and to their parents who helped out. In regards to next season, we will contact you soon. Remember to always encourage your child to keep God's Word in their heart.

We are striving for a new goal of \$12,000.

We have asked each child to strive to give \$5.00 a month. I would call all adults to give \$10.00 towards BGMC. We ended last year with approximately \$7,000.00, not meeting our goal but a great stride towards helping missionaries reach the world for Jesus.





Men's Ministry News...

~ Men's Fellowship Breakfast ~
 We will be meeting here at Victory on
 March 21st @ 8:30 AM in the gym.
 It's time we get together.

For more information about Men's Ministry,
 please contact Terry Sears at: 540.545.2024

Victory Church Library

Please remember our library is open and available every Sunday morning from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. We have a lot of different materials that are available to be checked out. The library will also be open the first Sunday evening of each month from 5 - 6:00 p.m. and the 1st Wednesday evening of each month from 6 - 7 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peggy Sabato, our Library Coordinator @ library@agwinchester.org.

Keenagers

Come out and join our Keenagers for their monthly potluck dinner on March 6th @ 6 p.m. in the gym. Everyone 50 + years young are welcome to attend. There is always good food and fellowship for everyone. They would love to have you join them.

Element Youth Café Winter Menu
Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM in the gym
\$6.00!

1st week: Homemade spaghetti with salad and bread
2nd week: Homemade chicken salad on croissant with potato salad
3rd week: Homemade Broccoli and Cheese soup with grilled cheese
4th week: Chicken Quesadillas w/nachos

Latte By Design.....
 Living Abundantly in '09

We will not be meeting this month.
 We look forward to fellowshipping with you in April.



SISTERS to SISTERS MINISTRY

("Women helping Women")

If you or anyone you know would like to have someone call them, send a card, visit, go out to lunch, come to your house for dinner, etc. once a month or as often as you like then this ministry is for you. You can make a difference in someone's life.

For more information, please call or email Stephanie Brown at 301.467.6191 or heart4sonshine@hotmail.com

CONNECT WITH

Victory LIFE Groups

Our current newsletter with information about all of our Victory LifeGroups is located on our information wall in the front foyer. We don't want you to miss the opportunity to get connected.

FIT 2 SERVE....

Come join us for 1/2 hour workouts and awesome fellowship. Classes are Monday - Thursday @ 9:00 a.m. in the gym. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

("A prayer in every stitch")

Can you knit or crochet? Let this be your ministry. Watch the miracles unfold as God uses your talents for His glory. Let us see this ministry grow by asking your friends, relatives & neighbors to join.

For more information, testimonies & patterns call or email Donna Hendershot at 540.771.4482 or dhhappysea@gmail.com



Just A Friendly
Reminder:
NO FOOD OR
DRINK
ALLOWED IN THE
SANCTUARY.

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Keenagers 6 p.m./Gym	7
8 Annual Business Meeting @ 6 p.m.	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Business Owner's Luncheon @ 12 p.m.	20 Parent's Night Out 6-9 p.m.	21 Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				