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Water, Work, and Reaching the Unchurched!



Eric Susberry
Pastor

“Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters,” (Gen 1:2, NIV).

Have you ever thought that you could use water to win the unsaved and unchurched in your community? Yes, water can be a natural tool for spreading the Gospel of Christ and His Kingdom. Just a few weeks back Pastor Caren and I

attended the home-going service for Pastor Leroy Yates. He was very well loved and regarded by his wife, family, and the Christian community at large. His personal accomplishments and work for the Lord are many and he was listed in Ebony Magazine in the “Who’s Who in Black America”. To say the very least, he was certainly an icon and giant in the faith.

His son, Dr. Leroy Yates, Jr., MD, described his father as one whose whole life was one of serving and largely was “like water poured out of a bottle **entirely**.” His son

then demonstrated this by pouring water from a bottle onto his head.

Every person at the service got the point! He also noted that without H2O being in the earth, all life existence—human, animal, aquatic, and vegetation would quickly cease to exist.

Jesus made several statements about water to drive home a point. He said “if anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink and out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water,” (John 7:37-38). Jesus spoke to the ‘woman at the well’ of salvation offered as ~continued to page 2

A Short Window of Time



Caren Susberry
Assistant Pastor

As a fearful and timid young girl growing up, I discovered that God loved and was mindful of me. I learned that He cared about what I was going through. This revelation brought me great comfort and made me want to serve God. But in my early teen years there was great temptation to get involved with boys and the things of this world. I still

remember the pressure. But God, seeing my heart, brought a young woman, Denise, into my life who mentored me in spiritual things. She seemed to come just in the nick of time.

Looking back there **was a short window of time** before I did something that I would later regret. Father God knew my heart and in His great love, reached out to me by bringing Denise into my life. With time, His Word and the Spirit, a fearful young girl turned into a brave young woman who learned to trust Him with all her heart and to

go on to have great success in life. How did this happen?

Denise took me through a Bible study series and taught me to love and study God’s Word. This was something she was committed to and imparted to me. We have men and women at Victory committed to imparting into the life of your youth. As I focus on the teen girls at the church, I have an overwhelming desire to share with them my life in Christ with the hope that they will also discover the joy and victory I found in Him.

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"On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"
John 7:37-38 (NKJV).



"But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her."
Luke 10:42 (NKJV)



Water, Work, and...cont.

living water springing up to eternal life. So, just as natural water is essential to our physical existence, spiritual water is essential to our spiritual existence. In order for water to be received and digested, it has to be delivered.

Now, what does that have to do with Victory? God revealed to me that by our church taking a case of water and a letter of invite to each house in our community, we can reach many people for Christ. In making it

happen, it's going to take all of our involvement.

The Parable of the Talents teaches us that "success is a product of works". God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden to work and take care of it. As Christians, we have a mission that our Lord expects us to accomplish during our lifetime and that requires work. Far too many Christians today see their salvation as simply a "Bus Ticket to Heaven" and that it doesn't matter what they

do while they "wait for the bus". The Parable of the Talent also teaches that as we await the Lord's return, we are to work our talents, resources, gifts, abilities creative ideas to bring others to Christ.

As your Pastor, I ask that everyone from our church bring a case of water once a month. I believe that by doing this we will have guests at our Church due to the natural water who will come to drink of the spiritual water in Christ.

A Short Window of Time...cont.

This desire is from the heart of God. He spoke to me and said, "**You have a short window of time** to speak into the lives of the teenage girls before they make decisions that will impact the rest of their lives."

Contemplating what I heard the Lord say caused me to begin to pray, which lead to the decision to teach the Bible study, "A Young Woman after God's Own Heart," by Elizabeth George. I pray the girls will develop a heart

devoted to God. It is key to their success in life. Luke 10:42 says, "But only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen that good part..." Getting to know God through the study of his Word is that good part. II Tim 2:15, instructs us to "study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." It is to our advantage to understand, study, and obey God's Word. Sunday Bible

School is designed to help them do that. God has a wonderful plan for each girl but they can't discover it apart from getting into the Word of God.

Therefore, I am asking for the parents' help. Team up with us by praying and seeing that you get your young people to class. And come yourself to Sunday Bible School and Mid-Week Service as an example of showing the importance of God's Word. Remember, we only have a **short window of time!**

Physical Obedience Brings Spiritual Release

Min. Martie Susberry

"Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel." Exodus 17:6.

Moses was told by God to go to a rock, strike it with the rod, and water

would come forth! Moses obeyed and water came forth! Not just a fountain of water but a spring of water that provided water for the people, their animals, cooking, bathing, laundering, and whatever else they needed water for at the time. This is a picture of physical obedience bringing

spiritual release (God) into a situation!

This situation in the Old Testament was also a type and foreshadow of a New Testament event: Jesus' crucifixion. In Philippians 2:7-9, Paul wrote, "But (He) made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant ~Continued to page 3

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and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name."

Jesus' act of physical obedience brought spiritual release to mankind; it brought our salvation. But it also caused Him to be highly exalted and given a name that is above every name. That act of obedience changed the course of mankind providing spiritual release even

today.

In Daniel 10, Daniel fasted for 21 days, eating nothing pleasant (verse 3). The Hebrew word for pleasant in this verse is "hamad". In verse 11, the angel calls him "Daniel, a man greatly beloved". This word beloved in the Hebrew is the same word "hamad" that Daniel used when he said he ate no "pleasant" bread.

Daniel's heart to fast and pray about this situation brought spiritual release. As he gave up that which was pleasant, he became pleasant to the Heavenly Father. For me, this was a powerful eye opener. There are countless

examples in God's word of an individual obeying God physically and receiving from God physical and spiritual blessings. If He did it for them, He will do it for us.

I have lived this truth without thinking about it in these terms. Recently, in our Tuesday night prayer meeting, I felt pain in my body. Instead of thinking that I was having pain, I stepped out in faith and asked who was in pain. Two people responded about pain they were currently having and after prayer were healed. Glory to God! Real proof that physical obedience brings spiritual release!

Dear Mother Eunice, lately I've been dealing with some heavy situations, do you have any advice as to how to let it go?

Heavy situations, even if we are praying and trusting God do have a way of bringing us down. Obviously, praising and worshipping God is a way to take your mind off of your current situation, but I'll give you a solution, you may not have considered: laughter. I'm sure you have heard the saying, laughter does good like a medicine. Ecclesiastes 3:4 says there is a time to weep and a time to laugh. I prefer to laugh. It makes me feel better. And guess what? It's actually good for your body too. Laughter helps alleviate stress, boost the immune system, and improves your blood pressure. Don't believe me? Google it! ☺

We do know Father God believes in laughter. I'd certainly say He has a sense of humor. After all, He made Sarah laugh when he told her she was going to have a baby at 90. In fact Sarah said He was going to make everybody laugh (I'm paraphrasing).

So if you're struggling today in your thinking, go out and find something (or someone) to make you laugh! Have questions? Send it to embassie@hotmail.com

Things to Look Forward To!

Feb 24, 2019



Come celebrate African Heritage At 10am!

March 4, 2019



Come out to the Annual Business After Service!

April 2019



Come celebrate our pastors this month!

**APRIL 21, 2019
Resurrection**



Sunday!

**May 12, 2019
Mother's Day**



Honor Mom with us!

**June 16, 2019
Father's Day**



Honor Dad with us!

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Service*

at: 10:00 am

Sunday School

at: 8:45 am

Midweek Service

Wednesday at 7pm

*The Nursery is open during
Sunday & Midweek Services.

Want to Know More About Our Church?



**Praise God we paid off our
church last year and now we can
do some much needed repairs to
our church building!
Don't forget to finish your
Building Fund Pledge!**

**Coming in 2019:
Bookstore**

Weekly Intercessory Prayer Schedule:

Every Sunday 8am

1st and 3rd Tuesday
10am-12pm

Every Tuesday
6:00-7:00pm

Fast Day Every Tuesday
Fast until Noon

Every other Wed at
6:15pm

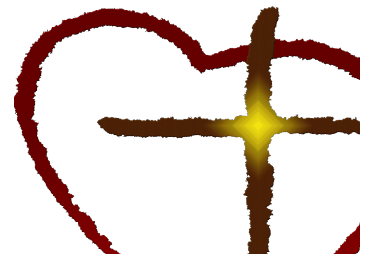
Every 1st Wed. at 10pm-
6am

Every Saturday 7-8:30am

Sunday Bible School has classes for everyone!

- Study of the Book of 1 Samuel
- Chasing Greatness
- Girls With Swords: Spiritual Warfare
- Young Women After God's On Heart
- Classes for children of all ages!

It's not to be missed!



***Victory in Christ Kingdom a place
where you can walk in total success in
all areas of your life!***