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Mission Statement:
Building bridges to establish relationships to advance Christ kingdom.

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The Christians Secret Sauce



Eric
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Pastor

The Christians Secret Sauce for victorious living is the "Anointing." The anointing is the yoke destroying, burden removing, power of God.

The anointing is what Jesus had which caused Him to be successful in everything He did. "And the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing" (Isaiah 10:27).

A yoke is anything that tries to hold you back or away from the power and blessings of God. Jesus said in Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me." When Jesus said the spirit of God was upon Him, He was referring to the anointing.

You and I received the anointing within, the moment we ask Jesus to come into our lives and save us. "But the anointing which Ye have received of Him abideth in you" (1 John 2:27).

This means that right now, you as a believer have inside of you "the anointing."

Now to better explain the anointing and what it does, let me illustrate it this way. During the time of Jesus and even before Jesus earthly ministry; shepherds would rub oil on their sheep to protect them from insects.

From this simple act, anointing became the symbol of protection, empowerment, and blessings. You and I have an anointing that includes those things too.

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Come and Drink



Caren
Susberry
Assistant
Pastor

When I say, come and drink, I'm not inviting you to come and have a glass of wine with me; you have probably figured that out! I'm talking about what Jesus shouted out to the people gathering together on that great day of the feast of Tabernacle.

The day he entered into Jerusalem. It was the day the priest drew water in a gold pitcher from the pool of Siloam, because it was

water drawn from a spring it was considered living water.

They then poured it out onto the altar. The priest on the seventh day of the feast walked around the altar seven times as the people prayed for rain that the Lord would bless them in the next harvest season.

As the people were praying for rain Jesus said "If anyone thirsts, 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).

Jesus was speaking of His divinity; He was saying to them He was the Messiah (source of living water). Verse 39 Jesus talked about the Holy Spirit; He would send to them. "...He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified". (John 7:39).

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Vision:

Share the
gospel of
Jesus Christ,
make disciples
and advance
Christ Kingdom
in our
community.

The Christians Secret...cont.

Here are a few more things the anointing in you will do for you:

- (A) Ability to discern truth.
- (B) To be strengthen with power in your inner man, your spirit.
- (C) To be led by God to live in joy, peace, and hope.
- (D) To bear spiritual fruit and
- (E) To better hear the voice of God.

It is only because of the cross of Christ that you have been forgiven of sin and its consequences, and now are privileged to have the indwelling spirit in you. Now the indwelling of the

anointing is not just limited there.

There is a second subsequent experience of the anointing that God wants you to experience too.

It is called the baptism of the spirit. It's the same spirit, just a different functioning of the anointing.

Jesus told His disciples in Luke 24:4-9, "but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you be endued with power from High." Jesus instruction there is still relevant for us today.

Jesus said to His disciples that this promise of the spirit and the spirit's anointing, "This promise (the anointing) is for you and your children, and to those

who are far off – for all whom the Lord God will call" (Acts 2:39).

The second experience of the Holy Spirit's anointing upon us is for receiving spiritual gifts, power to witness the gospel and for your heavenly prayer language (tongues).

The Holy Spirit's anointing within and upon your life is the secret sauce for victorious living. If you want to know more, just contact Pastor Eric or one of the Pastors/Ministers at Victory.

Come and Drink...cont.

For the last month the messages at Victory have been focused on the Holy Spirit. Pastor Eric taught about communing with God and the corporate anointing.

Pastor George talked about "His divine Companion and dear friend." I talked about the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of the gift of tongues and how this gift changed my life forever.

The gift of tongues accompanies the baptism of the Holy Spirit experience. It is the second experience after being born again of the Spirit. It is a necessary experience because Jesus said, "You shall receive

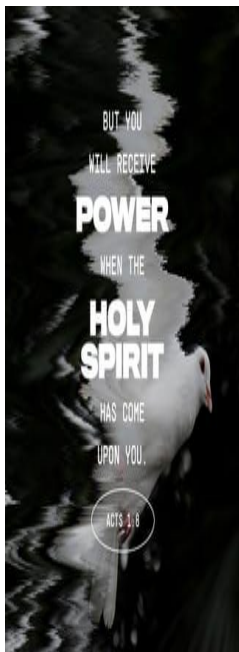
power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be my witnesses." (Acts 1:8).

God wants us to be born of His Spirit and empowered by the Holy Spirit for service unto Him. When the Spirit of God comes upon us He not only empowers us, but he also gives us gifts for ministry.

Peter said, "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him/her do it as with the ability which God

supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." (I Peter. 4:10-11).

Because this gift has been so important in my life and so many others. I want to reiterate what Jesus said in John 7:37-38, if you thirst (desire more of what Jesus has to offer), Come to Him and drink. He will not deny you a drink of His living water!



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Father, Can You Hear Me. . .Can You Hear Me Now?

~ Valencia Johnson ~

Sometimes I feel like God leaves me left on read, with no response. When you send a text message to someone it says “delivered”, meaning they got it. But then it turns to “read” once they have read your text.

So sometimes I am texting J.C; I know He got the message (he sees what’s going on per Proverbs 15:3) and I see that He read it (he hears my prayers per 1 John 5:14), but He does not respond (I’m still out here struggling with xyz & battling the enemy).

But I’m a very patient person. I get it. He works 24/7, 8 days a week. He is busy. So, I continue to text Him. Back to back. I throw in a few emojis 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌. But still nothing. Left on read. Again. And again.

So, I’m waiting. And waiting. Checking my phone every 10 minutes. Making

sure the ringer is on and that I have reception. But nothing. And this is where things get messy for me.

When God leaves me left on read, that’s when Romans 8:28 comes in. Because I ALWAYS try to fix things myself and then God has to turn my mess into something good. 😊😊

So why is that?

During the 21 Day Fast in January, God set me straight. I was pouting about something, bugging Him, the usual. LOL.

I wasn’t understanding why He wasn’t showing up and showing out on my behalf. God then reminded me of two things:

One- before God gave me the Supervisor position, I had applied 6 times. But

during that time, He was getting me ready (equipping me with the tools) for that position. So, yea, in those 2 years, it felt like He wasn’t hearing me, but He was getting me prepared for something that I had asked for.

Two- Isaiah 55:8-9, “honey my ways are not your ways.” **clutches pearls** Lord you didn’t have to do me like that. 😊😊

What God was saying was, “MY thoughts and ways are not how you would think and do things because verse 9, it’s above your pay grade.”

Whew. Talk about being put in your place. LOL.

But seriously, God is always working things out for us, even when He does not respond the way we think He should. 📧

Dear Mother Eunice, the Bible does not reference secular music. What do you think about listening to music that’s not Christian?

If you’ve lived long enough in the Christian world, then you have come across this question a time or two or twenty. First off, if the Lord has told you specifically to give up secular music, then you already have an answer. Don’t try to reason yourself out of obedience. However, if you fall into the category of people who are unsure, this may be helpful.

When I think of music, the word that comes to mind is meditation. It is my belief that music enhances your thoughts when thinking and soaks into your subconscious when you’re not. The Bible has several things to say about meditation. There is Psalms 19:14: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight; Phil 4:8: Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble...meditate on these things. And a whole host of others.

I’m not going to tell you to not listen to secular music, but I am going to ask you, what are you meditating on? The clearest litmus test is to ask yourself the following questions: What songs wake me up in the morning? What songs bubble up in my spirit when I’m in a mood? What songs come to mind when I want to quiet myself?

Based on your answers, you know if you’re listening to too much of the wrong thing.

THE BOOK OF

REVELATIONS

BIBLE STUDY!!

AUGUST 17TH, WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7 – 8:30PM

JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING STUDY OF THE END TIMES

Weekly Bible Studies

**Young Adult
Elevate Bible Study**



**Every Wednesday at
7pm at church!**

**Children’s Ministry
Bible Study**



**Every Sunday at
10am during service**

**Teen’s Ministry
Living Proof Bible Study**



**Every Wednesday at
7pm at church!**

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Service*
at: 10:00 am

Bible School
at: 8:30 am

Midweek Service
Wednesday at 7pm

*The Nursery & Children's
church is open during
Sunday 10a service.

Want to Know More About Our Church?



**Praise God we paid off our
church in 2019 and now we can
do some much needed repairs
to our church building!
Don't forget to finish your
Building Fund Pledge!**

**Coming in 2022:
Bookstore**

Baptism Sundays!

4th Sunday

of the

Month

Weekly Intercessory Prayer Schedule:

1st and 3rd Tuesday
Morning Prayer
10:00am - 11:00am

Every Tuesday
Evening Prayer 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Prayer Conference Call

Every Friday
Men's Prayer
7:30pm - 9:30pm
At Church

Every Saturday
7:00am - 8:30am
At Church While Maintaining
Social Distancing Guidelines

Fast Day Every Tuesday
Fast until Noon

Sunday Bible School has classes for everyone!

Nursery 2 - 5 Yrs

Primary 6 - 8/9 Yrs

Intermediate 9/10 - 12 Yrs

Teenager 13 - High School

Adult 19+

New Members Class

Marriage Class

Come join us!



Attention All Men!

**Please park across the street from the
church so all ladies, children and visitors
can have easier access to church services.
Thank you**

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