



# Victory in Christ Kingdom

## VICTORY VOICE OF THE KINGDOM

### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Edition

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### 30 Years of God's Grace

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



Eric  
Susberry  
Pastor

Through good times and not so good times, our church has by the grace of God persevered and remained faithful to Jesus Christ.

I am joyous over the fact that our church has taken time to celebrate how far we all have come. Many churches, regrettably, for known and unknown reasons

were not able to go the distance that our church has gone.

My former Pastor told me and Pastor Caren, “we will know we are a viable church if we last at least five years.” Well Praise God we are at year 30!

Remembering our small yet committed beginnings of 50 members, having church service in our home was challenging, lonely and different at times.

However, it was a special time of experiencing God's

presence with us and meeting all our needs just like He cared for the children of Israel as they traveled through the wilderness headed for the promise land.

I, along with everyone else who have journeyed with us, has seen supernatural miracles, unsaved get saved, maturity and growth and new people joining.

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### Called To Walk Alongside a Man of Faith



Caren  
Susberry  
Assistant  
Pastor

I was called to walk alongside a man, who I didn't know at the time would be called into the ministry of the pastorate.

Unbeknown to me, the Lord was ordering my steps, to South Shore Baptist Church, so I could walk alongside him.

“The steps of a good man (woman) are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his

way.” (Psalms 37:23). Five years into our relationship Eric and I knew we loved each other and were called to walk out life together.

We were married on June 6, 1981. After we got married, we were on a quest to find a full gospel church where we could grow together, serve, and raise our children teaching them to love and serve God.

We walked into Faith Tabernacle church. We loved and supported our church. Here we

grew, however, because we both came from broken homes, we needed help to know what to do, to make our marriage what it should be.

We wanted our marriage and home to be a place of joy & peace to raise our children and give glory to God!

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## Vision:

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

## ***30 Years of God's Grace...cont.***

We have seen children and youth become productive leadership, people filled with God's spirit, and most of all God's supportive Grace. And as the Psalmist said: "This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes."

Over the 30 years of pastoral ministry, I thank God for all the membership support and my three wonderful daughters, Erica, Brittany, and Noel. Also, next to God, I am so thankful for my wife.

Pastor Caren has been my most faithful supporter. Words cannot fully express

all that she has meant to me in the building of the church. In our church beginning, it was Pastor Caren who did most of the teaching and preaching, which helped greatly in getting our church founded and established upon God's Word.

I would like to say it like this: "When we first got started with the church I couldn't preach or teach my way out of a paper bag." I believe when we stand before God in receiving rewards for work done, I think Pastor

Caren may get more rewards than me.

As I close, I would like to say that I am the most blessed Pastor ever because of all the many wonderful, hardworking, and supportive members of Victory in Christ Kingdom Church.

Let us all continue to run our race for the Lord over the next 30 years and may God's riches and best always be yours!

## ***Called To Walk ...cont.***

I started going to a Women's conference where they offered marriage classes which was a great help in teaching me how to walk with my husband.

From there we became a part of a couple's fellowship and would attend marriage conferences and retreats. All of these things strengthened our relationship and helped me to walk in step with him.

We were happy, but God in His faithfulness to us had a bigger purpose than we knew. All of this was preparation for what He would call us to walk out.

Receiving the marriage information helped us

build a home of peace and joy, and to grow in our relationship with God and each other. Two daughters were born within a period of two and a half years. He asked me to leave my job and I thank God I did!

We stepped out in faith and believed God to open the door for us to get a house in a good neighborhood to raise our girls. We bought our first house. Our third daughter was born. Buying a house in the Beverly Neighborhood was not an easy feat at that time.

We had to walk it out and stand in faith. We

fought against forces trying to contain and defeat us. Little did we know, God was training us to stand for our church building.

There came the time when God moved in the heart of Pastor Eric to start the Church. There were times it looked like it wasn't going to happen, but that is when we are instructed to walk by faith and not by sight.

"For we walk by faith and not by sight." (II Cor. 5:7). Pastor Eric had reservations, but he did it! He obeyed God, even in the wilderness. I am so glad I walked with him through it.

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## **Relationship Building at Victory in Christ Kingdom Church** **~ Min Gwendolyn Dishman ~**

The most significant way that the love of God will be seen shining, in the darkness of this world, is through the interactions and relationships of the Believers in Jesus Christ.

The way we treat our brothers and sisters in Christ and non-Believers in our immediate sphere of influence can be our greatest opportunity to develop a relationship.

We are empowered to love through our relationship with God. God loved us first, before we knew who Jesus was.

We were still sinners Romans 5:2 "Our faith guarantees us permanent access into this marvelous kindness (tender, gentle merciful), that has given us a perfect relationship with God."

As we grow in Christ, personal relationships can strengthen. In those relationships there will be conflict.

Nevertheless, we can still love our irritating family members, coworkers, neighbors, enemies, and friends because we do not love them in our natural ability, but in our supernatural love that comes from the Holy Spirit.

My favorite description is found in I Corinthians 13:4-8. Our Senior Pastor, Eric A. Susberry, when receiving new members, reminds them that their toes may be stepped on, but these social conflicts can be resolved.

There are no perfect churches and there are no perfect people if there were perfect once you or I would get there, it would no longer be perfect.

Paul and Barnabas for example did not agree on John Mark joining them on the missionary trip.

Paul was angry at Mark because he abandoned them while they were in Pamphylia. (Acts 15:37-38).

Barnabas felt that Mark had learned better and deserved another chance to redeem himself. Paul eventually wrote favorably of Mark in a letter to the Corinthians, (I Corinthians 9:5-6).

2 Timothy 4:11. "So whatever anger was felt at the start of the issue was resolved in love." As a member of V.I.C.K. Church I have been blessed to witness some issues resolved in love, during the fifteen years my family and I have been members of this body of Believers. Looking forward to seeing many more.

Dear Mother Eunice, I've learned that I can get fed spiritually by watching church online. I understand going to church when that is the only way to hear the Word. But things have changed, and we have options now. Do we still need to show up in person?

Your answer is found in another question: what is the church? Is it the pastor ministering and you listening? Is church a singular, personal activity? Or is there something more to it? In the book of Acts, we are presented with a clear vision of how a church is to operate. It is a place where people are healed, and needs are met. It is a place where people come together to pray and be encouraged. 1 Corinthians tells us that it is where your spiritual gifts can be recognized, developed, and used. It is a place for teaching, but also for correcting.

Paul describes the church as a body with many parts that are all needed. The implication is that the church does something with those parts; that it is active, not passive. The Lord did not save you for you to lock yourself in your house and never leave it. Church is an opportunity for you to be Jesus to someone in the unique way that God has created you.

Watching service online during Covid was wise. It forced everyone to think of ministry differently. But God created us for others and nothing about that fact has changed.

## **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

**Banquet - Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Orland Chateau at 7pm**

**Anniversary Service - Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Victory in Christ Kingdom at 3pm**  
**Guest Speaker**  
**Dr. Victor Morgan, Pastor**

## **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?

### Weekly Intercessory Prayer Schedule:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Fast Day Every Tuesday

Baptism Every 4th Sunday!

Bookstore Open Every Sunday!

Sunday Bible School has classes for everyone!

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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