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WHAT FAITH IS AND WHAT FAITH IS NOT – Dr. Timothy Hawkins



Dr. Timothy & First Lady Rachel Hawkins

“Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him.”
(Mark 11:23)

The word “faith” is a Christian buzzword that everybody uses, but few can explain what it really means. And to be honest, there are many Christians who secretly feel that they don’t have enough faith. To put your fears at rest, let’s discuss what faith is and what it is not.

What Faith Is Not

Faith is not trying to demand that God do something for you. If you are trying to make God do something for you, that means you believe He has not done it. It also implies that you think you know your

situation better than God knows it. Faith begins where the will of God is known. And the will of God is known through his Word. If you don’t know God’s will in a situation, then you cannot believe that God will help you.

The Word of God tells us that all the promises of God belong to us through Christ. It also tells us that all things that pertain unto life and godliness have been given unto us. This all happened when Jesus was hanging on the cross. He spoke these powerful words: IT IS FINISHED.

What was finished? The plan of redemption for the human race was carried out through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Everything that Adam lost in the Garden of Eden was given back to us through Jesus! You can only believe for the things God has already provided. Faith looks back at the cross and realizes all the promises God has made to us have belonged to us since that time. We can lay claim to them in faith. Faith is not trying to get God to do something for you – because God has already, through Christ, provided all things for you.

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19 (KJV)

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WHAT FAITH IS AND WHAT FAITH IS NOT (Continued)

Many people say things like “God is going to heal me one day,” or “. . . meet my financial need one day,” but God is not going to do it “one day.” God has already met your needs through Christ about two thousand years ago. His promises will never be a reality in your life unless you reach out in faith and accept them as fact. My faith is the fact that all is well in my life.

What Faith Actually Is

Now that we’ve discussed what faith is not, we must clarify what faith actually is. Faith is defined as “belief with strong conviction; firm belief in something for which there may be no tangible proof; complete trust, confidence, reliance, or devotion.” Faith is the opposite of doubt. Hebrews 11:1-6 describes faith in great detail. Verse number one provides a short definition of faith by stating that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. After giving examples of the faith of key characters in the Bible, Hebrews 11 tells us that *without faith, it is impossible to please God* (Hebrews 11:6).

So what do we hope for? We hope that the God we believe in is trustworthy and honors His promises to us. *God is not a man that He should lie* (Numbers 23:19). There has never been a time that God has deceived man and gone back on His word. The second part of Hebrews definition of faith is something that we all struggle with: believing in something that does not exist in the physical, sensory, perceptive world that we live in. But what we believe in does ex-

ist in the realm of the spirit and according to the kingdom principle. Eternal life, which begins with our individual salvation here on Earth, is also something we do not see, but our faith in God makes us certain of these things. Again, we don’t count on scientific, tangible proof but on the absolute reliability of God’s character and integrity.

For those that feel that they don’t have enough faith, don’t fear. We can’t create faith on our own, but God provides believers with the faith needed to believe in Him and His promises. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, *For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast* (NIV).

Martin Luther, an early Christian reformer, said it best: “Ask God to work faith in you, or you will remain forever without faith, no matter what you wish, say or can do.” Yea and Amen.

Reverend Dr. Timothy Hawkins, Pastor

*He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might
he increaseth strength.*

Isaiah 40:20

Divorce Is Not An Option – First Lady Rachel Hawkins



First Lady Rachel Hawkins

In the not-so-distant past, the subject of divorce was unmentionable. Couples stayed together, even if they were unhappy. In our culture today, though, many see divorce as a positive solution to a troubled situation. However, as Harvard sociologist Armand Nicholi III

concluded, “Divorce is not a solution, but an exchange of problems.” And usually, the problems are doubled.

The reason why divorce is so heart-wrenching is because it goes against God’s original plan for marriage. Genesis 2:24 states, *Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.* Marriage between a God-fearing man and a God-fearing woman is beautiful to see. This is the biblical definition of marriage: one man, one woman, both created in His image, permanently joined to one another. God declared such union blessed.

John MacArthur reminds us that God did not create a multitude of people all at once. He created one person of each gender and instructed them to fill the earth with their offspring. With that, He established marriage as an institution. And nothing other than monogamous heterosexual marriage was even possible!

When pastor and I prepare couples for marriage, we let them know that divorce is not an option. We also ask each couple in the first session, “Did God tell you to marry him or her?” The answers vary:

some couples answer right away while some couples are hesitant. In order to really answer that question, you must be 1) true to God, 2) true to yourself, and 3) true to your partner. Without the soul-searching truth to this question, your marriage can end in divorce. If you can answer in truth that God has told you marry this person, that will be the very thread that holds you both together: *because God said it.*

Now, if you married without asking or answering the question, please don’t use this information as an excuse to depart from your spouse. You have to rightly divide the word of truth. As Jesus said, *“What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder”* (Mark 10:9). “Asunder” is another word for “separate.” God can and will heal your marriage by keeping the union together. But you must bring your marriage and your marital struggles before God. Acknowledge God in all your ways and He will direct your paths (see Proverbs 3:6).

“The man who hates and divorces his wife,” says the LORD, the God of Israel, “does violence to the one he should protect,” says the LORD Almighty (Malachi 2:16, NIV). Let’s think about that phrase “does violence.” If marriage means that you and your spouse are “one flesh,” then divorce means a tearing apart, an amputation if you will. In fact, according to the Hebrew definition, the word divorce actually means to cut or to tear a limb from the body.

Just as amputees experience phantom pains, so too do divorced people. The only difference is that the

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phantom pain that comes from divorce affects not only you, but your family and friends. And that pain will last throughout your life.

God hates a lying and prideful spirit. That kind of spirit can be a huge contributor to the demise of a marriage. A lying spirit, undoubtedly influenced by the whispers of the Devil, convinces a person that he or she would be happier being divorced. It's never his or her fault, it's always the spouse who has the problem. "The kids will adjust," they say, trying to justify their decision. All of these justifications are lies. And where there is lying and false pride, there is actually fear and insecurity – the result of not trusting God. *But without faith it is impossible to please [God]* (Hebrews 11:6).

God loves us with a love that we cannot even imagine, and that is another reason why He hates divorce. Marriage is holy and not to be entered into lightly. God created marriage; He did *not* create divorce. Man did that, due to the hardness of our hearts (see Matthew 19:8). God knows that even the most amicable of divorces is not without pain. God's desire for us is that we have life and have it more abundantly (see John 10:10).

Therefore, when you go into a relationship, realize that every date is a potential mate. Be cautious in whom you choose as your spouse, because your marriage should exalt God and glorify Him in a world that needs to see who He is. We are created in the image of God: people who wouldn't otherwise know Him should be able to see God in us and through our commitment to our spouses. Our marital commitment and loving relationship mimics the devotion God gives to us, His people, and the love we give back to God through worshiping him.

To those who are already married, are you glorifying God in the way you treat your spouse, or are you thinking the grass is greener on the other side? I assure you, it's not! Proverbs 5:18 says, *rejoice in the wife of your youth* (NIV). There is such a comfort in focusing on the one you made a vow to, in remaining faithful, in being there for your spouse in good times and bad, in sickness and in health – in other words, in doing life together. Whenever you think you can't make it, go to God, ask Him to help you, and He will see you through! Divorce is not an option: God is the only option!

First Lady Rachel Hawkins

Evangelism Report – Second Quarter 2021

	April	May	June	Total
Candidates for Baptism			1	1
Christian Experience			1	1
Restoration		1		1
Total		1	2	3

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



PRESENTS

Men's Annual Day

"MEN WITH A HOPE AND A FUTURE"

JEREMIAH 29:11

Deacon Ed Marshall, Chairperson

Sunday July 18, 2021
11:30 am Service

Bible Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
1520 8th Ave
Oakland, Ca. 94606
Dr. Timothy Hawkins, Pastor



Women of Faith – Sister Cathy Estell



Sister Cathy Estell (Right) with
Sister Beverly Arnett

Throughout history, God has used faithful women in powerful ways for the good of the church and the world. He chooses women of character and virtue, women who struggle and who make mistakes, women

who take risks and devote their lives to answering God's call. Above all, they are women who deeply love God.

There are many women of faith that I have had the honor to know, to love, and to share this life with, my mom being the first. And I am certain you have encountered some as well.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer, and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him, he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. — Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV

Traits of a Faithful Woman

You might ask, what does a woman of faith look like – what are some of her traits? So glad you asked! First, when I think about women who have had an impact on my life, I realize each one has similar traits. Their characteristics compel me to do better, try harder, love deeper, and above all, realize the power of God's grace and the hope in His promises.

She holds incredible strength. She can withstand a crisis and forge forward on her path with relentless endurance. She can face barriers and burdens in her life with tenacity and grace. This fortitude is often anchored in her faith because we all know when we fall, we land on our knees. She is a warrior. A fighter. And Perseverance is her name.

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. — Philippians 4:13 NIV

She shines magnifying love. This love has the power to empower and enlighten those who surround her. Her compassionate heart illuminates the way for anyone who crosses her path. She does not discriminate, nor separate the "ones who deserve love" and the "ones who do not." She knows all people deserve the unconditional love that God freely offers to us all.

God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. — 1 John 4:11 NIV

She embraces the good. This woman can discover and recognize a blessing when she sees one. She delights in the beauty of the moment and the triumph in any trial. She pauses with gratitude to celebrate with joy in every good thing because she understands that thankfulness has power and searching for small miracles brings hope.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. — Philippians 4:8 NIV

She understands grace. This woman faces offenses and responds by extending mercy. Although she may never understand or condone wrongdoings, she chooses to let go of the bitter grasp of resentment, because forgiveness and redemption were a gift to her from the God of Grace. She, in turn, shares that gift.

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Women of Faith (Continued)

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. – Ephesians 4:32 NIV

She walks in humility. This woman gives unceasingly, serves without expectation of reward, and sacrifices without needing acknowledgment from others. She can readily accept her flaws and weaknesses and is not ashamed to expose her vulnerability. She gives generously with no expectations. Instead of weighing the balance of reciprocation or seeking credit for all her hard work, she celebrates living a life fully extending herself to others, answering the call to “Go and do.” That in itself is enough.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. – Romans 12:3 NIV

She is unswervingly faithful. This woman, at the very core of who she is, holds an anchor of faith so unshakable that nothing can tear it from its roots. The groundwork is paved with a thick sanctified sealant and

absolutely nothing can crack it. This certainly doesn't mean there are no doubts, temptations, struggles, and sin; but rather, this is the essence of a fervent hope in redemption. She has been refined by the fire and done the hard work to revel in His Glory and cling to His Truth. Her faith is evidence that His mercy is new every morning, and she will buoy you up with this promise.

Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. – Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV

To each woman who holds these extraordinary traits, thank you for being the faithful warrior and the woman of God you are. I reach out my arms to hug you, to thank you, and to tell you that you're a living testimony to other women and to the greatness of God.

Prayer and Love,
Sister Cathy Estell



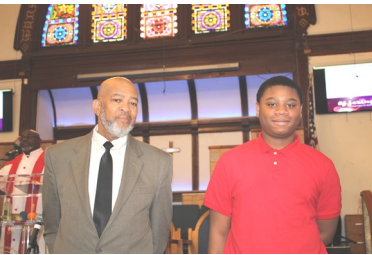
Testimony – Sister Djimma Bordley

Through the past 14 years I have been employed at Federal Express but this year was the most challenging. Trying to complete my training to become a truck driver awoke many challenges during the process. The Devil tried to stop me but God kept putting His hand up. The Devil didn't want to see the finished product but I am proud to say God helped me to go above and beyond all those things. I can proudly say I am now a Class A California Driver License carrier and professional driver.



Pastor's Aid Ministry Annual Day

The Pastor's Aid Ministry Annual Day was held on Sunday, April 25, 2021. The ministry leader is Sister Dorothy M. Parker. Below are few pictures that highlight the event.



Bible Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church



**Sunday School Ministry
Presents**

Vacation Bible School 2021

"Overboard for Jesus"

**Wed. July 21-
Fri. July 23
7PM Nightly**



Register @ Biblefellowshipmbc.com

**Sister Barika Culberson Team Lead
Invites you to join us at:**

Bible Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

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Upcoming Events (July, August, September 2021)

Always confirm dates & times in your monthly bulletin

July Event	Day	Date	Time
First Sunday - Lord's Supper	Sunday	July 4	7:30 am & 11:30 am
Men's Annual Day	Sunday	July 18	11:30 a.m.
Vacation Bible School	Wednesday-Friday	July 21- July 23	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Nightly
August Event	Day	Date	Time
First Sunday - Lord's Supper	Sunday	August 1	7:30 am & 11:30 am
74th Church Anniversary	Sunday	August 8	8:00 am & 11:30 am
Leadership Meeting	Tuesday	August 24	6:00 pm
Church Business Meeting	Tuesday	August 24	7:30 pm
September Event	Day	Date	Time
First Sunday - Lord's Supper	Sunday	September 5	7:30 am & 11:30 am
Pastor's Aid Jam Session	Friday	September 10	7:00 pm
Senior Mission Annual Day	Sunday	September 12	11:30 am
Fall Annual Revival	Wednesday-Friday	September 22- September 24	7:00 pm Nightly
Sunday School Promotion Day	Sunday	September 26	9:30 am
First Lady Rachel Hawkins Birthday	Tuesday	September 28	

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Through the Bible in a Year

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		JULY 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5
		PROVERBS 8	PROVERBS 11	PROVERBS 14	PROVERBS 17	PROVERBS 20
July 6 PROVERBS 23	July 7 PROVERBS 26	July 8 PROVERBS 29	July 9 PROVERBS 32	July 10 ECCLESIASTES 1	July 11 ECCLESIASTES 4	July 12 ECCLESIASTES 7
July 13 SONG of SONGS 1	July 14 SONG OF SONGS 4	July 15 SONG OF SONGS 7	July 16 ISAIAH 2	July 17 ISAIAH 5	July 18 ISAIAH 8	July 19 ISAIAH 11
July 20 ISAIAH 14	July 21 ISAIAH 17	July 22 ISAIAH 20	July 23 ISAIAH 23	July 24 ISAIAH 26	July 25 ISAIAH 29	July 26 ISAIAH 32
July 27 ISAIAH 35	July 28 ISAIAH 38	July 29 ISAIAH 41	July 30 ISAIAH 44	July 31 ISAIAH 47	AUGUST 1 ISAIAH 50	August 2 ISAIAH 53
August 3 ISAIAH 56	August 4 ISAIAH 59	August 5 ISAIAH 62	August 6 ISAIAH 65	August 7 JEREMIAH 2	August 8 JEREMIAH 5	August 9 JEREMIAH 8
August 10 JEREMIAH 11	August 11 JEREMIAH 14	August 12 JEREMIAH 17	August 13 JEREMIAH 20	August 14 JEREMIAH 23	August 15 JEREMIAH 26	August 16 JEREMIAH 29
August 17 JEREMIAH 32	August 18 JEREMIAH 35	August 19 JEREMIAH 38	August 20 JEREMIAH 41	August 21 JEREMIAH 44	August 22 JEREMIAH 47	August 23 JEREMIAH 50
August 24 LAMENTATIONS 1	August 25 LAMENTATIONS 4	August 26 EZEKIEL 2	August 27 EZEKIEL 5	August 28 EZEKIEL 8	August 29 EZEKIEL 11	August 30 EZEKIEL 14
August 31 EZEKIEL 17	SEPTEMBER 1 EZEKIEL 20	September 2 EZEKIEL 23	September 3 EZEKIEL 26	September 4 EZEKIEL 29	September 5 EZEKIEL 32	September 6 EZEKIEL 35
September 7 EZEKIEL 38	September 8 EZEKIEL 41	September 9 EZEKIEL 44	September 10 EZEKIEL 47	September 11 DANIEL 2	September 12 DANIEL 5	September 13 DANIEL 8
September 14 DANIEL 11	September 15 HOSEA 2	September 16 HOSEA 5	September 17 HOSEA 8	September 18 HOSEA 11	September 19 HOSEA 14	September 20 JOEL 3
September 21 AMOS 3	September 22 AMOS 6	September 23 AMOS 9	September 24 JONAH 2	September 25 MICAH 1	September 26 MICAH 4	September 27 MICAH 7
September 28 NAHUM 3	September 29 HABBAKUK 3	September 30 ZEPHANIAH 3				

Mother's Day Breakfast

Bible Fellowship hosted a Mother's Day Breakfast on Saturday, May 8, 2021. The theme for the event was "Mothers With A Hope and A Future" (Jeremiah 29:11). Below are a few photos from the event.



Women's Day – May 23, 2021



Photo Caption: (Left to Right) Women's Day Chorus; Sister Ruby Dunbar with guests, Alice Pullen Recognition Award recipients- Sister Peggy Washington and Family, Sister Joyce Rogers and Family, Sister Jacqueline Willis with Brother, Sperguson, Deaconess Amber Wortham and Family.

Happy Birthday

Bible Fellowship's Leaders Birthdays

July

Sister Cathy Estell

Sister Crystal Blunt & Sister Cheryl Hopkins

Sister LaJoy Levi

Deacon LeVon Wortham

Minister Murad Williams

August

Brother Richard Cobb

Deacon Kenneth Edwards, Sr.

September

Reverend Brian Edwards

Sister Djimma Bordley

First Lady Rachel Hawkins

Community Announcements

Free Food Distribution at Bible Fellowship

Each Sunday from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Deacon LeVon Wortham is in charge of this effort. We are grateful to Sprout's Market Oakland for partnering with us for the outreach



Coming Soon... Bible Fellowship is partnering with Alameda County Food Bank and will be a designated distribution area. Deacon LeVon Wortham is in charge of this project.

NEWSLETTER TEAM

Sister Jacqueline Hunt-Willis

Sister Charla Edwards

Sister Djimma Bordley

Sister Sherrol Gray

Sister Sylvia McDaniel

Sister Rashedah Muhammed

Sister Chelita Reed

Grapefruit & Thyme Lemonade



Ingredients:

- 1 cup of Water
- 1 cup of Sugar
- 8 stems of Thyme
- 4 Grapefruits Juiced
- 1 cup Lemon Juice
- 4 cups Cold Water

Directions:

- ♦ Combine 1 cup of water and the sugar in a sauce pan with 8 stems of thyme to make a simple syrup.
- ♦ Bring the simple syrup to a boil. Once a boil reach let it continue to boil for 1 to 2 minutes. Then remove from the heat.
- ♦ Add 4 cups of cold water to a pitcher.
- ♦ Remove the stems of thyme and pour your simple syrup into the pitcher with the water.
- ♦ Add in 1 cup of lemon juice and the juice of 4 grapefruits.
- ♦ Stir until combined and then refrigerate until cold. Then enjoy!

2 Corinthians 12:9 KJV

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Helping Hands Ministry

Congratulations is extended to the Helping Hands Ministry for a successful Fish Fry on Saturday, June 26, 2021! The ministry prepared **125 Free Fish Dinners** that were distributed to church members and the community. It was a "delicious" demonstration of outreach. The meal included- Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Vegetables, Dinner Roll, and Cake. The Helping Hands Ministry is lead by Sister Peggy Washington. A Job Well Done!

#GreatTeamWork

#GreatOutreach

#GreatMeal

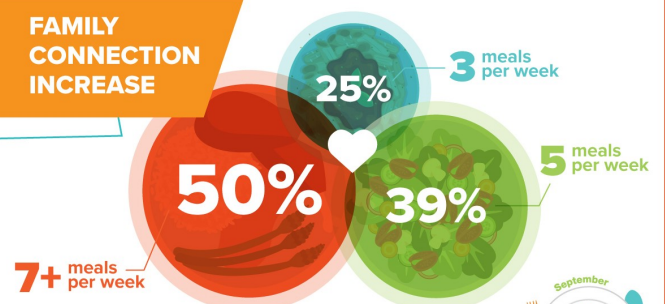
#PleaseFeedUsAgain!



FAMILY MEALS FOSTER EMOTIONAL BALANCE

Frequent family meals increase self-esteem, a sense of wellbeing, positive social behaviors and stronger family relationships.

**FAMILY
CONNECTION
INCREASE**



Journal of Pediatrics and Child Health — Nov. 2013
*Percentages calculated using Never/1-to-2 Times a Week as the baseline.

#RaiseYourMitt • #FamilyMealsMonth • NationalFamilyMealsMonth.org



A New Minister At Bible Fellowship!

On Wednesday, June 16, 2021, Brother Dijon Cowlah preached his first sermon. The Text was taken from Matthew 13:3-9. In attendance were his family, friends, and the Bible Fellowship's Church Family. We are thankful for what God is doing here at Bible Fellowship. Minister Cowlah will be under the guidance of Dr. Hawkins for one year, and then he will be ordained. Praise God!



Minister Dijon Cowlah



Coloring Activity – For All Ages



Conquer Cravings with These Healthy Substitutions

We have all experienced food cravings – and often those cravings have to do with texture – like something creamy or crunchy. Food textures play a big role in whether we like or dislike certain foods. For example, while you may not like mushy canned peas, you may be surprised that you like fresh or barely cooked peas.

Luckily, eating healthy includes foods of all sorts of textures and flavors. Here are some suggestions on satisfying your cravings with nutritious snacks of a variety of textures:

Creamy

Instead of this: While ice cream may come to mind first, there are a variety of other smooth snacks that can be just as satisfying. Try munching on this:

- ◆ Fresh avocado spread on whole grain bread OR ½ avocado eaten plain with a spoon.
- ◆ Warm 1 tablespoon creamy peanut butter in the microwave for 10 seconds and drizzle over ½ cup low-fat, no added sugar frozen yogurt.
- ◆ Puree some berries and swirl into a cup of low-fat yogurt with no sugar added.

Crunchy

Instead of this: Pretzels and chips have a crunchy texture that you may crave, but they can come with a lot of extra sodium that you don't need. Try munching on this:

- ◆ ¾ cup whole grain cereal, no added sugar
- ◆ Crunchy unsalted nuts
- ◆ Whole grain crisp breads
- ◆ Plain popcorn; to add some flavor, experiment with various spices like cinnamon or your favorite spice or herb.

Liquid

Instead of this: Sweet tea or soda may sound refreshing, but it can take a while to work off all those empty calories. A medium-sized fancy mocha coffee drink with whipped cream can be 400 calories- and that's before adding sugar or honey. Try sipping on this:

- ◆ Plain iced tea made with a squeeze of lemon. You can sweeten with berries or a non-caloric sweetener

- ◆ Add fruit slices to a glass and fill with club soda
- ◆ Instead of the fancy mocha drink, choose a small latte made with nonfat milk and topped with cinnamon which is about a quarter of the calories.

Squishy

Instead of this: Jelly-like candies or even kids' "fruit" snacks might sound like squishy fun in your mouth, but other options pack more nutrition. Try munching on this:

- ◆ Fresh grapes are sweet and juicy; freeze them for a few minutes for a fun texture
- ◆ Make tapioca pudding with squishy tapioca pearls; follow the directions on the box, only use half the amount of sugar or a non-caloric sweetener and fat-free or low-fat (1%) milk
- ◆ Cherry tomatoes and room-temperature string cheese are squishy, stringy fun.

Crispy

Instead of this: Some folks may not like apples because they can be soft and mealy or grainy; the same can be true of over-cooked potatoes. Try munching on this:

- ◆ Choose crisp apple varieties like: Braeburn, Honey Crisp, Fuji and Gala; avoid Cortland, Red Delicious or Rome which can be softer
- ◆ Choose red potatoes or white potatoes and don't overcook; avoid Russet potatoes which are high in starch making them perfect for mashed potatoes – but also making them seem 'mealy or grainy'

Source: <https://www.heart.org/>



The Ship's Photo Album



Father's Day Breakfast Snapshots – Saturday, June 19, 2021



Brother Sperton Hunt,
Guest Speaker from New Hope
Baptist Church Oakland, CA



Deacon Levon Wortham with his
son, Amaree



Brother Kelsie Pullen, Sr.

Leadership Survival Skills – Sister Jacqueline Hunt-Willis

Leading a ministry can be a fulfilling experience there many challenges to overcome to be successful. Here are a few suggestions to help:

Put Everything in Proper Perspective

- Regularly attend Bible Study
- Daily read the Bible
- Pray often for the Pastor, Church, other leaders and your assigned ministry
- Work within your spiritual gifts. Concerning spiritual gifts (Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:1-31)

Ready, Set, Action

- Submit to God's authority and perfect Will over your life
- Your spiritual gifts should be in action in the Church. (Reference: Acts 4:33, Hebrews 2:3-4, Acts 2:46-47, Matthew 6:33)

Operation of Spiritual Gifts

- Let all things be done for edifying of God and the Church. Gifts are for edification, not display. (1 Corinthians 14:26)
- Spiritual gifts should be subject to "love" and should be a result of love. (1 Corinthians 13)
- Gifts are to benefit the church, not the individual

- Gifts are not restricted to the sanctuary.
- Gifts show forth the Glory of God, not man
- Know your strengths and weakness
- Get to know your ministry team members

Communication Is Essential

Know who to talk to regarding your ministry, programs and projects:

- Dr. Timothy Hawkins, Pastor
- Deacon Ministry
- Other Ministry Leaders
- Administrative Ministry
- Media Ministry
- Publication Ministry

And, finally always remember that you are serving the Lord and by doing so you will be willing to serve others.

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Philippians 2:3

Books of the New Testament

D R V B H K F G J Q J M X O B L F I H K
 L E E J N P A Y J C O L O S S I A N S K
 L Z X X J W O H B S L J O Y C D O S P S
 O U T E C E A T E S Q G P W F P T N H N
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 James

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 Jude
 Luke
 Mark
 Matthew
 Peter
 Philemon

Philippians
 Revelation
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 Thessalonians
 Timothy
 Titus

Deacon Ministry



Dr. Hawkins and some of the Deacons in their new uniforms. The picture was taken after the Pastor and Deacons served breakfast to the women for the Mother's Day Celebration on Saturday, May 8, 2021. Photo Caption (Left to Right) - Deacon Chester Nicholas; Deacon Earl McDaniel, Chairman; Dr. Hawkins, Pastor; Deacon Joseph Jones, Vice Chairman; and Deacon LeVon Wortham.

In Memoriam

Deaconess Willie Mae White, President Emeritus

August 9, 1924 - June 10, 2021

Services were held on Thursday, June 24, 2020 at

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Dr. Timothy Hawkins, Officiating



Editor's Corner – Sister Jacqueline Hunt-Willis



Sister Jacqueline Hunt-Willis

Well, we are rounding the bases and entering into the third quarter of 2021. And, I can't help but praise God for His lovingkindness, goodness, and mercy toward me! This year is going by very fast and I am

me and the members of Bible Fellowship life application of the scriptures to help strengthen us. #EnoughSaid

How many times can you find the word "Strength" in this issue? Answer: _____

How many articles in this issue demonstrate people that are operating in the Strength of the Word of God. Answer : _____

What's your favorite scripture that gives you strength for your trials? Answer: _____

still trying to read through the Bible this year.

In this issue there are multiple scriptures that referenced the word "Strength". The word "Strength" appears 242 times in the King James version of the Bible. I searched the scriptures for the word "Strength"; and I have placed them throughout this issue. I am always grateful to Dr. Hawkins, who continues to give

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him." Psalm 28: 7

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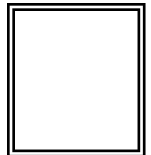
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I am a part of a great family
I am a part of God's family
I am a part of the Bible Fellowship family

Our Mission:

To *embrace* the inerrant Word of God
To *edify* through exercising our Spiritual Gifts
To *equip* through teaching God's Word
To *evangelize* the Lost for the Kingdom of God

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Jeremiah 29:11