



January 2014
DaySpring Christian Center
Monthly Newsletter

The Voice

Mark Your Calendar

01.12.14

Revive Life Event @ 3pm

01.19.14

New Members Class Part 1 @ 1pm

02.02.14

New Members Class Part 2 @ 1pm

Not You: The New Creation

By Ki Hughes



What does it mean to be a new you? Many of us wait for the New Year to become a new creation; something that no one has seen before. The aim is to make our lives better and more enjoyable for those we know and may encounter. Well, why can't we sustain every area of change that we enlist at the top of the year? Why do we fall back into the habits of our old selves? The reality is simple; in the flesh we are bound to its desires. It's who we've been all of our lives. It's not impossible to change but it's what you change that will last.

We try to change our character traits; that which makes us who we are, when in reality we should be changing from a physical standpoint into a spiritual one. Transforming our lives from our physical limitations that we've been bound to and now becoming something that we're not familiar with – meaning to not be YOURSELF!

PASTORAL THOUGHT

It's a New Year.....This year I'm reminded of how all of us desire LOVE from someone in some kind of way. We demand, and require it out of those who are close to us. When we LOVE we talk, praise and brag on the one we LOVE. It just feels good.

God is no different. Our expressions in showing we LOVE our God is not just simple words of..... "I LOVE the Lord" (Everyone says that)
But this year let us LOVE God the way he requires and feels LOVED. Praising him, spotlighting him amongst others. Not being ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. WE MUST TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIM SO THEY TOO WILL LOVE HIM LIKE WE DO....That SHOWS YOU TRULY LOVE THE LORD!!!!!!!

Pastor Charles

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However, this can't be based on our own thoughts, mindsets, or ideas but on what God's word; Jesus' example looks like.

When we're ready to start anew, we measure ourselves up to all of OUR imperfections from before and think we can be someone new. Well here's a secret, you're still you! You've taken how long to become you and now you'll just drop that and be a new person in one day? One week? One month? One year?

However, if you want to make a lasting change in being new, the old you must die! We must become something spiritually new that is unlike anything we've ever been. We have to become like Christ, renewed by a life in Him; a new creation. 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us that if we are of and in Christ we will be a new creation for He will be the new occupant of our lives.

Let's be new creation in 2014? We've all been a part of the enemy's creation from birth, now be a new creation in Christ! What's better than being a new you; not being you at all! Be a new creation in Christ if you really want to look different to people. It may just save someone's soul because now they can see the Christ in you! In Jesus' name, AMEN!

Serving Opportunities

H.U.G. (*hospitality, usher & greeters*) Team

If interested in serving, please see or contact Ministry Director, Ki Hughes at 323.608.9586 or md@dayspringcc.org.

2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."



Members Corner

Hello Fam,

Happy New Year to everyone!!!! 2014 is going to be another great year for DSCC!!!! Pastors Charles said in his sermon that this year, 2014, our "Believer's" focus should be on un-churched and unsaved. Trying to make them see a life with Christ is better than one without Christ. So let's make that our focus for 2014.WHO'S WITH ME?!!!!

This month's **HIGHLIGHTED** member is Faye Maretic. She may be quiet when you first meet her, but once she opens up, you will soon discover how much she loves to laugh!! Here she is with her testimony!



Often times in my own personal relationships I found myself having trouble keeping a perfectly harmonious connection with each person in my life. Either, our interests were conflicted, our personalities clashed, something went wrong somewhere, somehow, or high expectations were simply met with disappointment on both ends. I used to find myself getting caught up in the emotional cyclone of disconcertment and almost failing earthly relationships. My tolerance and patience were low, my expectations and standards too high, my understanding of God not enough. As my faith has grown through the teachings of Pastor Charles' weekly bible classes and church, learning more about Christ and God's unwavering love for us and how, as stated in Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us", shapes how I view and approach my personal relationships. Knowing that God loved us so much despite our imperfect human nature and how in that love existed patience, tolerance, mercy, grace, and forgiveness, showcases to me and reminds me daily of how I can find joy and peace knowing I have a relationship with Him and how I must exhibit these same traits He shows us in my imperfect human relationships. Undoubtedly, I find it difficult to manifest all these traits but I try and encourage myself continually in the Lord. Most importantly, I'm reminded that my greatest relationship is the one I have with God. Trying to perfect my relationship with Him allows me to better my earthly relationships. 2013 was challenging in that I often came across situations that tested whether I prioritized my relationship with God, as it showed through my human relationships, but God has helped me each and every time by teaching me gradually how to showcase love and compassion more than my mere emotional whims. I'm looking forward to even more strengthened relationships and of course, an even stronger relationship with our Lord, for He always comes first!

New Year, New Life in Christ

By Ashley Smith

Ayanna is a woman in her mid thirties. She was healthy and active in her youth, but when she became an adult she began making poor, lifestyle choices. She worked long hours, neglected exercise, ate junk, and smoked 5 packs of cigarettes a day. Due to her unhealthy lifestyle she developed severe heart failure, and her prognosis was grim. She needed a heart transplant to survive, and she vowed to turn her life around if she was given another chance. Indeed, she received the heart transplant and completely gave up old bad habits, strictly following the physician's instructions, in order to keep her new heart healthy.

Like Ayanna we have all made some poor choices in life that have resulted in disparaging consequences. We know that things will get worse if we stay the same, so we vow to change, and, like Ayanna, we plead for another chance. Fortunately, Jesus Christ is that chance.

Our lives before accepting Christ have a grim prognosis... we are literally hell-bound. Although dying of heart failure, we are blessed with another chance in Jesus. Upon accepting Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit takes up residence within us, providing us with a new life. We can't be the same as before and expect to stay spiritually healthy. Like Ayanna we must give up things in the old life that made us ill, and follow the great physician's (Jesus) instructions to ensure that the newly implanted spirit is optimally nurtured.

If you are not a believer, this is the time to get to know who Jesus is and how your life can be renewed through Him. If you are a believer, this is the time to re-assess how well you have been living life with Christ.

In 2014, I challenge us to better care for our spiritual needs. Dig into the bible and learn about Jesus, understand what He has called us to do, how He has called us to live, so that we may be reconciled with God and look forward to eternal bliss in heaven.



UPCOMING EVENTS

"Revive Life Event"
Sunday, January 12, 3pm
DaySpring Christian Center

Revive Life is an evangelistic outreach event where friends, family, neighbors and co-workers can join together and learn how to obtain an abundant life of peace, joy and contentment, through the teaching of the good news of the Gospel. Be sure to join us and invite someone as well.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYSPRING MEMBERS ...

- February is the **MONTH OF PRAYER**. Please be sure to pray for our church, friends and family every day and night for the entire month.
- To ensure that you get a tax deduction for your donations to DaySpring, please **DO NOT** file your 2014 taxes until you receive your 2013 Contribution Statements. Contribution Statements will be mailed by January 31, 2014.

New Year, New Mindset

By Kesha Griffin

It feels like it was January 2013, now it's January 2014. Just like that the year is over. As we embark on 2014, many of us have already finished our 2014 goals. For some, we've simply carried over our 2013 goals to this year; get in shape, pray more, get a better job, save money, etc. Unfortunately, in 2013 we were not able to achieve the long list of to-do's, for various reasons. Could be we just didn't have enough time.

Since time is not our friend and will not wait on us, I would like for us to do something new in 2014 when it comes to goal planning. How about us solely focusing on ONE goal?!

Ok, maybe not just one, but one main goal...**GROWING SPIRITUALLY**. Let's make 2014 the year we seek God with all our heart, mind and soul. Let's be different than the world. Let's not fill our goals list with self-ambition, self-promotion, selfish desires; Let us not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our mind (Romans 12:2). Instead, let's make 2014 all about the Savior.

Let's decide right now, that our priority **WILL** be growing closer to our Savior. Let's decide that we **WILL** seek His Kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). Let's be **INTENTIONAL** about our spiritual growth. Let's no longer seek after worldly **STUFF**, rather let's focus on becoming the men and women that God will have us to be.

I'm challenging all of us to do something different in 2014, and that is to write a spiritual growth goals list. List exactly the steps you will take to grow spiritually. Be specific. Be realistic.

Let's declare that we will not leave our spiritual life up to chance, rather we **WILL** seek God knowing that He will add all other things to us. Let's seek to have the mindset of Christ. But how? Well, in order to have His mindset we must know what He thinks. To know what He thinks, requires us to read His Word. Simply put, we must seek Him **FIRST**.

Cheers to a New Year, and a new spiritual, Christ-like mindset!!

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