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“Follow Your Dreams - Believe, Trust and Obey”

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As 2016 ends and we begin a brand new year, I reflected upon all the blessings that God bestowed upon me. Many times, we are so complacent to stay where we are because it is safe. But if you have a dream, I am telling you to go for it. Life is too short to not be doing the things that make you happy. It's difficult to step out on faith and believe that God will be there to hold you every step of the way. But if you believe, trust and obey Him, all things are possible.

I know this firsthand. I left a very successful career and followed my dream. When I left the newspaper, I didn't know what I wanted to do. I just knew that my current job was not my dream job. One of my sisters-in-law shared with me that when we are young, we think of wealth, but as we get older we think of health and that is so true.

I left my role as Human Resources Director in April, 2015. One day, I was talking with my former boss about what I wanted to do now that I was no longer at the newspaper and I mentioned how I love to travel. Carroll Dawkins, the gym owner, overheard our conversation and he told me that he had been where I was and that someone had helped him. If travel was my dream, he would help me to realize it. He wanted to pay it forward. He gave me the opportunity to lease office space on Hwy 9 in Boiling Springs to open up **TRF Travel**.

I know now that it was divine intervention that Carroll Dawkins overheard the conversation and my dreams were now coming to fruition. If you speak it, God will bless you. As I think back over the past 16 months, I can see God's hand all over my life. I have had many days when I wondered how I would make it, and then a new client would walk in and I could see Jesus saying, **“Just trust Me!”**

When I started the business, my own experience was personal travel. I didn't know if I could make this a successful business. Many of the Dream Vacation franchise owners shared with the new owners not to expect family and friends to support you. But, I have received such overwhelming support from my family, friends and church family. I want to thank each and every one of you for your encouragement. The franchise owners also shared with us that we should not expect to see a return on our franchise investment for 5 years. So I gave myself a modest sales goal. I told God, “This is my sales goal, but I know that You can bless me over and above this.” And as 2016 closed, the sales goal that I gave myself doubled. See how He blesses when you trust Him.

I wanted to share my story of following one's dreams is possible when you allow God to direct your path. I saw how Pastor Durham walked away from a successful career as a Jeweler and is now the Chaplain for the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office.

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Another example is Deacon Michael Spencer who left his career and is now very happy with his own Landscaping business. To be honest with you, I was a client of Mike’s and it took me a long time to get over being mad at him for leaving the business. But I now know that he was only following his dream.

As I was writing this, I was also wondering how my business would be in 2017, then my cell phone rang. It was a referral for a meeting to discuss a group booking of 75 couples for a cruise in 2017. Again, God shows up just like He said He would.

In closing, my first booking was from my church family. Thanks to the Briggs, Embry and Foster families for entrusting me to plan their summer vacation in Jamaica. My last booking for 2016 was for family- Marcus and Angie who celebrated their 15th anniversary at the Chateau Elan. These two bookings are my signs (church & family) that if we believe and trust God, all things are possible. If you have a dream, ask God what you should do, then trust Him to guide you. The year 2017 is full of blessings that God wants to shower on you if you trust, believe, and obey Him.

(Ephesians 3:20-21) Now To Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

January Birthdays

1 Cecil Foster
7 Mary Miller
13 John Pitts
16 Bobby Foster
20 Edith Jones
24 Norma J. Foster
29 Carolyn Johnson

1 Caroline Landrum
8 Taylor Spencer
15 Alanna Curtis
18 Brianna Briggs
21 Angie Johnson
25 Eathelle Huey
29 Min. Earline Jackson

3 Ray Jackson
13 Cameron Boyd
15 Jimmy Holbert
18 Anthony Jackson
21 Richard Frye
28 Mildred Cates
31 Brenda Cheeks

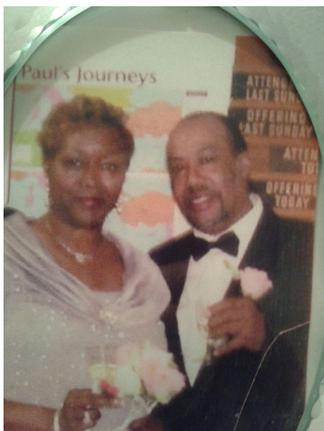
January Anniversaries



James & Mary Miller
January 9
9 years



Calvin & Pam Mills
January 17
25 years



Van & Barbara Jackson
January 17
41 years



Ray & Martha Smith
January 17
48 years

Remember in Prayer List

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ENCOURAGE THEM THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS & VISITS

When it is desired for the names to be removed from our prayer list, please contact



BABY DEDICATION!!!!!!!

King Cardier Jones was dedicated back to the Lord on December 18, 2016. He was born November 5, 2016 and weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz. and 20 in. long. Congratulations to his proud parents!

BIBLE TRIVIA WHO SAID IT?

Can you identify the speaker in each of these Biblical quotations?

1. "Are you the king of the Jews?"
2. "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"
3. "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?"
4. "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"
5. "How can someone be born when they are old? ... Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"
6. "Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me..."
7. "They beat us publicly without a trial, even though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now do they want to get rid of us quietly?"
8. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my house."
9. "Are you going to wash my feet?"
10. "Don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

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Medical News: Walking For Health

The next time you have a medical check-up, don't be surprised if your doctor hands you a prescription to walk. Yes, this simple activity that you've been doing since you were about a year old is now being touted (along with other forms of regular physical activity) as "the closest thing we have to a wonder drug..

Walking can have a bigger impact on disease risk and various health conditions than just about any other remedy that's readily available to you. What's more, it's free and has practically no negative side effects. **Walking for 2.5 hours a week—that's just 21 minutes a day—can cut your risk of heart disease by 30%.** In addition, this do-anywhere, no-equipment-required activity has also been shown to reduce the risk of diabetes and cancer, lower blood pressure and cholesterol, and keep you mentally sharp. In fact, according to some estimates, walking regularly could save Americans over \$100 billion a year in health care costs. Even a quick one-minute jaunt pays off. A University of Utah study in 2014 found that for every minute of brisk walking that women did throughout the day, they lowered their risk of obesity by 5%. No more "*I don't have time*" excuses!

Take a walk with your children after dinner. It can promote better communication, reduce behavior problems, and improve academic performance. Walking can even help your mood. A number of studies have found that it's as effective as drugs for decreasing depression. It can help relieve everyday stresses, too. Tension starts to ease as the road stretches out in front of you. Mood-elevating endorphin levels increase. So don't wait for your next doctor's appointment to get inspired.

Put on your shoes, step out the door, and rediscover the joys of walking.

[Http://www.health.harvard.edu/staying-healthy/walking-for-health](http://www.health.harvard.edu/staying-healthy/walking-for-health)

January 2017

1 HAPPY NEW YEAR

8 Act of Baptism

15 10:00am RBC Annual Jersey Day – Wear your favorite team jersey or colors. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall after service. Sponsored by the Fellowship Ministry.

29 10:00am RBC Family Life Center Mortgage Burning Services – Guest Speaker - TBA – Dinner will be served in the FLC. The colors for this occasion will be Black and White.

New Members/Converts

Da'Ron Montgomery-----*Christian Experience*

Kiyotia Montgomery-----*Christian Experience*

Bible Trivia Answers

1. Pilate 2. Philipian jailer 3. Nathaniel
4. John the Baptist 5. Nicodemus
6. Cornelius 7. Paul 8. Lydia
9. Peter 10. Martha

Worship Services

9:15 am **Sunday School/ Dea. M. Spencer**

10:00 am **Worship/Children's Church**

7:00 pm **Mid-week service/Rev. S. Johnson**

Worship Assignments

January 1 Deacons' Ministry
Holy Communion
Praise Team/Sanctuary Choir
Senior Ushers
Children's Church

January 8 Praise Team/Sanctuary Choir
Junior Ushers
Children's Church

January 15 Praise Team
Senior Ushers

January 22 Praise Team/All Male Choir
Junior Ushers
Children's Church

January 29 Praise Team
Senior Ushers