



News Of Victory



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Missions

**Please be in prayer
for our Missionaries.
Missionaries.**

- *The Caba Family
In the Philippines.
- *The Angeles Family
In the Philippines.
- *The Lahmann Family
to the Navajo Nation.
- *Potter's Wheel
- *N.C. Baptist Children's
Home
- *Cooperative Program
Missions

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A Note from Pastor Damon

Dear Victory family of faith,

I am sitting here at my desk working diligently to pass on a word or two of wisdom. I know some may shake their head and wonder, who in the world would use this to challenge us to Kingdom work, he must have left his head at home. Some might say that it is not wisdom, it is rambling; however, for me it is wisdom, it fits in the bag where I store what little I know. The dictionary says wisdom is knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment as to action. Something popped into my head this morning of a story that I heard as a young boy around first or second grade probably. Please don't ask where it came from because I don't know. I do know this; however, God caused a donkey to see and to speak to Balaam when he saw an obstacle blocking their way, which was an angel of the Lord, so hopefully he can use me. Let's see if I can make any reasonable sense out of my thoughts that run at warp-speed.

As I was saying, it has been a long time since I thought of the story of Rip Van Winkle. It just happened to pop into my mind. Thinking about the story of how this passive little man named Rip Van Winkle dealt with the obstacles in his life. To begin with "Ole Rip" was a man who did not want anything controversial. With a home-life that at best was stinking or worse, completely rotten and a nation moving in the direction of war to be a self-governing nation. Rip tries to wash all his controversies away with strong drink and no desire to be the responsible family man or citizen he should have been. After a riff at home, his choice of drink and his thoughtlessness to escape his responsibilities, he falls asleep under the tree of laziness and despair, only to wake twenty years later to a different world. Settling in was easy for ole Rip van Winkle, he slept through challenging times and did nothing to make up for the loss of time. He only did what he had always done, nothing.

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This story of the sleeping days of Van Winkle to me, is a type of foreshadowing of the Church in these uncertain days. Many things have happened over the last three years that have made a lot of us extremely nervous or even frightened. This evil has had a fearful effect on the church. The people that have been born of God is the Church. While Rip slept his world passed him by in what he thought was a day, but it was 20 years. Every opportunity to make a difference was lost to his fleeing from reality and wasting away asleep, under the myth tree. His lack of concern with family needs, his unwillingness to work in the kingdom, his lack of concern for others, truly showed his heart toward them. His only care was for Rip Van Winkle, and he slept it away.

Since, the monster of the plague called Coved 19 came we have faced it feeling frightened and devastated by its overwhelming grasp on community causing fear, sickness, isolation and even death. It thinned out the malls, restaurants, theaters, sports fields, stadiums of all genres. It had an overwhelming effect on families and friends socializing. So, everyone stopped and slept. Worse, God's church also stopped and slept. While the church slept the willingness to serve and share the gospel through missions slept. While the church slept the desire to assemble to worship Him slept. As the Church slept the desire to support the physical and financial needs slept. Nothing was happening, Like the old thriller "The Day the World Stood Still," so did every ministry. While we are awakening things are getting back to somewhat normal again, thanks to our loving God. However, churches all around our nation are still drowsy from their slumber and are missing the mission the church has been called to do. It is time to awake and arise because the call to be a witness, and the call to go and serve has not or ever will it sleep.

I have chosen for this month two memory verses to remind us that God is the Almighty. "Matthew 17:7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid... Isaiah 51:9a Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old." We all must remember Isaiah 40:31. "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." When we trust God, he will wake the slumbering. We have lots to return to.

In the Love of Christ,

Brother Damon

August Bible Reading

This month we will learn the Scripture together by reading the same section daily for the entire month. This will enable us to know what is in that book or section and will strengthen our ability to stand during times of trials and

temptations. Please join us as we read Chapters 36-40 in the book of Jeremiah. If each week we read and meditate on these chapters, then read the entire selection during the weekend, it will increase our knowledge of the Scriptures and strengthen our walk with Christ.

**SUNDAY EVENING
PRAYER SERVICE**

Going to God Together

at 5:30 p.m.

August Memory Verse

*"Matthew 17:7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid...
Isaiah 51:9a Awake, awake, put on strength,
O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient
days, in the generations of old."*

Happy ANNIVERSARY

Edward & Tammy Swinson 8-8

Loy & Janna Bean 8-13

Ken & Sharon Daub 8-21

Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

Happy Birthday

Lawrence Glisson 8-6

Edward Weston 8-6

Sophia Riehle 8-7

Nicholas Jenkins 8-9

Jennifer Lunsford 8-11

Noah Rempel 8-17

Dewayne Murphy 8-18

Denise Dean 8-20

Mark Lunsford 8-21

Scarlett Woods 8-21

Freddie Riehle, IV 8-29

Elijah Vasquez 8-31



Baby Shower

For Britney & Davey
Hartman

Sunday, August 20,
Immediately following the morning
Worship Service.



Victory Building Fund

as of July 31,
\$ 487,572.81.

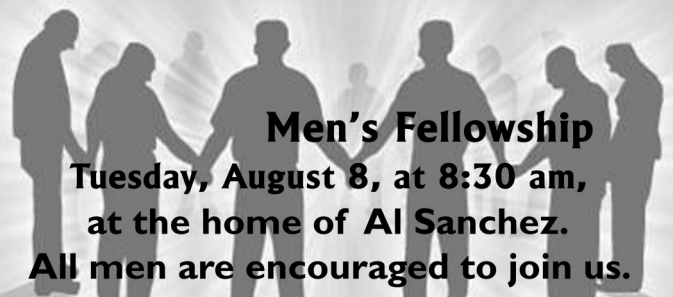
Thank you for all
your help.



August 28,
at 7:00p.m.

All ladies are encouraged to join
us and bring a friend. We will meet
the fourth Monday of each month.

O.G.G.



Men's Fellowship

Tuesday, August 8, at 8:30 am,
at the home of Al Sanchez.

All men are encouraged to join us.
Please bring your breakfast and a friend.

Sunday School Training

*Pathways to Discipleship:
Exploring Ways to Promote Discipleship Across Generations*



August 10, 2023
7:00-8:00 PM

Blue Creek Baptist Church
(Livestreamed on Facebook and NRBA Website)



Presenters:

Josh McCord, Senior Pastor at Blue Creek Baptist Church
Soapy Martin, Associate Pastor at Kenansville Baptist Church

Sunday School Directors, Leaders and Teachers
Please RSVP to nrpabtist@yahoo.com, by August 8,
if you plan on attending this event either in person or online.

Deuteronomy 1:30-32

³⁰ The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;

³¹ And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.

³² Yet in this thing ye did not believe the LORD your God,

Association Tent Revival Services "Know Jesus"

August 14 - 18, 2023
on the Grounds of
Galilee Baptist Church
1522 Burgaw Hwy, Jacksonville
6:30-8:00 PM

Please mark your calendar for this event!

A different church will be providing the guest speaker and music each evening.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday - Rev Josh McCord, Blue Creek Baptist
Tuesday - Rev Robert Williams, Tar Landing Baptist
Wednesday - Rev Colt Allen, FBC Maysville
Thursday - Rev Mike Schwalm, Centerview Baptist
Friday - Rev Brian O'Day, Pillar Church of Jacksonville

PRAYING
for
Revival



if my people who are called by my name will
humble themselves and pray and seek my face
and turn from their wicked ways then will I
hear from heaven and will forgive their sins
and heal their land.
II Chronicles 7:14

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School is a very important tool that we can use to build a strong foundation on Christ. I would like to invite everyone to make Sunday School an important part of your Sunday Worship. There is a class for you and your family. Please invite your friends. Bro. Damon



Sunday School

Missions Offering as of July 31 , \$ 236.89. Thank you for all your



Because Kids Matter to God!!!

Wednesday Nights

at 6:30 p.m.

Beginning

September 6, 2023

2 Timothy 2:14

¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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Worship & Events

Sunday:

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m.

Monday:

Ladies Meeting (4th Monday) 7:00 p.m.

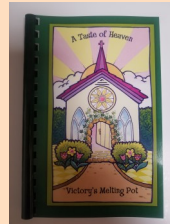
Tuesday:

OGC (2nd Tuesday) 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday:

Awana Clubs 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.



Cookbooks for Sale!

"A Taste of Heaven"

Victory's Melting Pot" \$10.00 each

If you would like to buy a Cookbook for yourself or someone else, or know someone who would like to buy one please let us know. All proceeds go to the Victory Building Fund.



Ideas? Suggestions? News to share? Information must be submitted by the 25th of each month. Please send an email to: sec@vbcnc.com.

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Please join us for Worship

and bring a Friend!

All are welcome!

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We pray you find this newsletter a helpful blessing. It is intended to inform and unify our fellowship.

We hope you will forward it to your friends and family, both near and far. Please share the

News of Victory!