



VICTORY NEWS by Victory Baptist Church
Where Everybody is Somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord of All

January 2012



Pastor's Corner

Happy New Year! I trust that you had a wonderful Christmas season. I hope that you are as excited about 2012 as I am. It's a new year and the "new" means we get to start all over again. Each new year means we all get a "do-over" – another chance to do it right. If 2011 was a tough year for you, cheer up. It's a brand-new year! Things may turn out much better in the months ahead.

We all want to succeed. There are no magical answers to success. However, there is a biblical perspective we need to remember at the beginning of a new year. It's a perspective that's wrapped up in one simple word. If you remember not to use this particular word this year, your chances of succeeding are going to go through the roof. In fact, I think you'll be happier if you make a decision here and now to cut this word right out of your vocabulary. The word is "can't".

In is Philippians 4:13 it says: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." I firmly believe that this year you can do everything God intends for you to do. No matter how hard, no matter how difficult, no matter how impossible things may seem right now. If God wants you to do it, you can!

Can you really do "all things" in 2012? Yes, you can. Here are the four principles: 1) Personal Desire, 2) Divine Direction, 3) Divine Enablement, 4) Personal Choice. Notice that the first one is personal, the next two are divine, and the last one is personal. There's perfect balance here. Two depend on you, two depend on God. Does it depend on you? Yes. Does it depend on God? Yes. Think of the verse this way: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." It begins with I, ends with me, and Jesus Christ is in the middle.

To make it clearer, I am not saying, "I can do all things." Those are the words of a boaster. I am not saying, "I can

do some things." Those are the words of a doubter. But I am saying, "I can do all things through Christ." Those are the words of a believer.

You can do in 2012 everything God wants you to do. You can fulfill His will in your life. You can obey every command, endure every trial and overcome every temptation. You can do everything God wants you to do this year - through Jesus Christ.

God Bless You All,
Pastor Steven D. Swords



A Note From the Associate Pastor

First, I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

I am so proud of our Youth and Teens!! They have been working very, very hard the past few months. They practiced every Wednesday afternoon and Sunday evening for the Christmas program which turned out to be a great success!!

They have also been preparing for the Xtreme Conference trip to Gatlinburg. We are so excited that we were blessed to have the opportunity to participate in this conference. I'm sure we will have lots to tell about when we come back from Gatlinburg, and we look forward to sharing with everyone about our experiences during the trip.

I wish you a very Happy New Year and...

God Bless You,

Associate Pastor Jeremy Patterson

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January Events

Dec. 30th – Jan. 2 – Extreme Conference
Jan. 8th – Church Christmas Clean-up Day



Sunday School and Bible Study

We would like to encourage everyone to attend and participate in Sunday school classes and Wednesday night Bible study every week. We have an excellent Children's Sunday school program. Our awesome teaching staff really cares and desires your children to grow in Christ. We also have four different adult Sunday school classes. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Victory Baptist Church provides nursery during both Sunday school and Worship service on Sunday mornings. On Wednesday evening, beginning at 6:30 p.m., we have Bible study classes for children of all ages as well as an adult Bible study in the sanctuary.

Please take the opportunity to learn more about God's word and "fall in love" with God by attending Sunday school and Wednesday Bible study classes every week. Share God with others but inviting them to Sunday school and Wednesday night Bible study!! Everyone is welcome!!!

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

On December 11th we took up our Lottie Moon Christmas offering. We raised \$800. Thank you everyone for your contributions. Lottie Moon offerings go toward foreign missions.

WMU

We still have a few Victory Baptist Church Cookbooks available. The cost per cookbook is \$10. See Trish or Kim to purchase your cookbook today.



Did You Notice...

... the white wooden church house sitting near the piano? Have you wondered why it's there? This church is Victory Baptist Church's new "money jug" to raise money throughout the year for Vacation Bible School. This money is kept separate from the kids' money jug money and is designated strictly for Vacation Bible School expenses. We encourage everyone to give as they can so that we can ensure that we have a super Vacation Bible School in 2012!!!

New Members

Victory Baptist Church would like to welcome our newest members:

Patricia "Tish" Thomason-Schutts
Charles "Charlie" & Sue Ellen Bolding



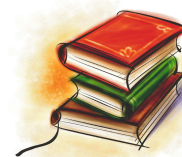
The Word of God

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

~~ 2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

Tidbits

The church library is open every Sunday morning and Wednesday evening and is loaded with books and videos for enjoyment of all ages -- children through adults. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Delilah Ryan. Happy Reading!!



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The Christian Singles Ministry meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday nights of the month in VBC's Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. For information call Nellie Cornett at 256-753-6345 or Stephanie 256-738-0450.



Children's Money Jug

We are so proud that the kids are doing a great job putting their money into the 'big jug' every week, The monies from the 'big jug' are deposited into the children's fund and are used to support the youth ministries including their fun activities, pizza parties, concerts, youth rallies and field trips. **GREAT JOB KIDS!!**



January Birthdays

- 2 - Jackson Vann
- 2 - Trish Thompson
- 5 - Gerald McClendon
- 11 - Rickey Fowler
- 12 - Lenora Swords
- 12 - Trena Kiefer
- 20 - Gay Nell Giddens
- 21 - Cassie Booker
- 21 - Jamie Harris
- 24 - Penny Kennamer
- 26 - Austin Patterson
- 28 - Tony Walls
- 29 - Ben Smallwood
- 29 - Carol Bailey
- 29 - Robert Keel
- 29 - Christopher Bryan



January Anniversaries

28 - Dixie & Sonny Deed

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