



Victory Voices

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"God's Favor Again in 2010"

From The Pastor's Desk



The one who designed, created, organized and sustains this beautiful universe in which we reside; the one who bestows his love and mercy upon us daily; the one who is IN CONTROL, yet gives us free will; the one who forgives us time and time again, picks us up and gives us yet another opportunity; the one who made the "ultimate" sacrifice for *our* wrong doings; the one who is yet beckoning us to 'come'...to obey and to live.

Finally, the third word – "*again.*" *Again* simply means that this is *not* the first time...you've been here before.

So when we see the phrase "God's Favor Again...", we have got to realize that we *are* special; we are children of God and in 2010, *He's still got our backs!* Our God is an AWESOME God...!!!

James P. Perkins,
Pastor

God's Favor Again in 2010... Whenever most people see this phrase, the word that seems to stand out is "*favor.*" For the average person, *favor* means 'good things' or 'positive things.' And according to the dictionary, favor is (1) something done out of goodwill other than from justice or for remuneration; a kind act; (2) friendly or well-distinguished; (3) state of being approved or held in regard; (4) excessive kindness or unfair partiality; preferential treatment; (5) a gift bestowed as a token of goodwill. And who would not enjoy being on the receiving end of kind acts, goodwill, excessive kindness, preferential treatment, etc.?

The second word that stands out in this phrase is "*God's.*" A very important word indeed! We're not talking about anybody's favor, but that favor of the Most High" himself...the one and only God Jehovah!

Victory Tabernacle Church

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Sunday Services

8:00 AM Intercessory Prayer
9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship

Wednesday Service

12:00 Noon Intercessory Prayer
6:30 PM Intercessory Prayer
7:30 PM Intercessory Prayer

Thursday Service

7:00 PM New Converts Class

Friday Service

(Every 4th Friday)
7:30 PM Hour of Power

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Desiring God's Will For Their Lives



Brandon Johnson and Tasha Perkins pledged their eternal love for each other at Antioch Bible Fellowship Church in Raleigh, NC on January 16, 2010. Tasha, a graduate of NC A&T University, is currently a Case Manager at Biogen Idec. Brandon, a graduate of Shaw University, is currently an HR Client Coordinator for Fidelity Investments. Love sprouted when they both had dinner at a mutual friend's house. After talking for a while, Brandon suggested they continue the conversation and the two have been talking ever since! They enjoy laughing, talking, singing and spending time on the beach together.

This loving couple commits to a date night each week! and the goals for their marriage are to keep God first and to be an example to younger couples who are dating or planning to get married. Brandon and Tasha feel that communication, patience, honesty and trust are very important in a marriage. These newlyweds have a number of roles models: Pastor and First Lady Perkins, President and First Lady Obama and both sets of Brandon's Grandparents. These role models all have respect for each other, longevity in their marriages and

they value family unity. The advice the Johnsons would give single Christian men and women is: *"Wait on the Lord. If you take care of His business, He will take care of yours; and "Do things the right way (God's Way). God's way does pay off in the end because God will bless you."*

"Women of Distinction" FASHION EXPO 2010

Lights! Camera! Action! Victory Tabernacle 2010 at 554 East Hargett Street, Raleigh, ready at all times? This was an fabulous outfits for Sunday morning or runway with suits, hats and dresses of Apparel; and jewelry sponsored by each outfit. You could also shop for Fashion Expo coordinators certainly out a chance to win a great door prize. winners: Bertha Smith, Sharlene Expo was a great opportunity to and to meet new friends. If you missed of 2010, you missed a treat!! This event numerous requests have already been made year. Another opportunity for you to be part of a great extravaganza. You don't want to miss this one...!



presented a spectacular Fashion Expo on March 27, NC. What girl doesn't want to look picture opportunity for the ladies to view and choose for any special event. Models ripped the every hue from Showers of Blessings "Helen's Jewelry Box" elegantly accented makeup, women's accessories, etc. VTC could not allow their guests to leave with- Congratulations to the proud door-prizes Levell, Katrina Tyre and Joni Burke. The fellowship, to mingle with current friends VTC's Women of Distinction Fashion Expo was a huge success. 'Word on the pew' is that for the sponsors to present another Expo next



Before the Dawn

On April 2, 2010 Victory Tabernacle's Special Programs Ministry once again presented a wonderful production for the congregation. This production written and directed by James Rogers, entitled "Before the Dawn," was an adaptation of the Resurrection account. As usual, the cast and everyone involved with the production did an outstanding job, and one would do well to make every effort to be in attendance anytime this group presents.

But just in case you missed this production, following is a brief snippet as presented by the Narrator:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. Jesus had left his heavenly home with a mission - To redeem mankind back to God. He had just finished three years of ministry with His disciples, but now it was time for Jesus to complete His mission on earth. That mission would be completed on the cross. His disciples and His followers did not fully understand this, so they found themselves lost and alone without hope; but they would soon learn a simple lesson: that it is always the darkest "before the dawn."



Cell Phone vs. Bible

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to the Kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmm

...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone,

we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected,

because Jesus already paid the bill.

And no dropped calls!

Sick & Shut-In

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

James 5: 13-16

Always remember to lift-up our sick and shut-in in prayer.



A Day for Hearts

On “Sweethearts Day,” February 14, 2010 Yolanda Burton and Patrick Porter were joined in holy matrimony right here at Victory Tabernacle Church. The couple met in October of 2005 and they believe that their getting together was orchestrated by God.

Yolanda had been a single parent for a while, therefore she had made adjustments in her life and was a very independent individual. She was not searching for anyone to share her life with...she just wanted to live a simple life and raise her children. In her search for a job, she was instructed to ask for Patrick. Patrick said that he could not understand why Yolanda had been directed to him when he was not the person doing the hiring. However, Yolanda did see the hiring manager and she was hired. During the time they worked together, Patrick said he noticed a difference in her. For some reason, she stood out and was not like his other female co-workers. Patrick also noticed that Yolanda was a church goer and that was also special.

Over time Yolanda and Patrick’s friendship blossomed into love and in February they became Mr. and Mrs. Porter. They were both single parents and now together they are raising their four children.



Advice to single parents: At times it may get tough, but wait on the Lord, for He will direct your paths. As the ole folks often said, “The Lord won’t put any more on you than you can bare.” Wait on the Lord.

Black History Month

portrayed by members of VTC’s Church School

First Sunday—Freedom Songs

A medley of songs presented by Sister Lillian Sanders and Sister Nicole White.

Second Sunday—America’s First

Isaac McDade - Entertainers
Marcus Smith - Sports
Cameron Crowder - Government

Third Sunday—Inventions

Sister Valarie Johnson

Fourth Sunday—Black History Month Quizzes and Prizes

2010 Women’s History Month

The Governor of North Carolina proclaimed March 2010 as “**Women’s History Month**” in North Carolina.

2010 marks the 30th anniversary of celebrating women’s achievements in the month of March. This year’s theme, “Writing Women Back into History”, seeks to uncover the “hidden” stories of women’s contributions throughout our nation’s past.

Did You Know...

Bette Nesmith Graham - To hide her typing mistakes, Graham developed a substance out of tempera water-based paint, combined it with an artist’s brush to create what later became a multi-million dollar business, Liquid Paper. She was worth \$50 million when she died.

Did You Know...

Dr. Annie Lowrie Alexander graduated from Women’s Medical College in Philadelphia and became North Carolina’s first licensed female doctor.



Palm Sunday



Dr. Frank B. Weaver graced Victory with his presence and an inspiring Word from God on Palm Sunday during Morning Worship Service.

***Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 4, 2010***



Pastor Lillie Jones and Fountains of Living Waters came together with Victory Tabernacle Church on Resurrection Sunday at 6:00 a.m. for a glorious Sunrise Service.

Love and Happiness



Love was in the air on March 12, 2010. Victory Tabernacle Church had a couples night out hosted by Johnny and Helen Crudup. Due to inclement weather on February 5, 2010, “Celebrations of Hearts” was on hold. However, this did not stop the Crudups from going forth with a project that is near and dear to their hearts—doing something special for the married couples of VTC. The Crudups believe in the Biblical principles of marriage and they are committed to the ministry of keeping this unity strong! Johnny and Helen are true examples of what a strong marriage is.

This occasion consisted of a lovely dinner, games, prizes, and a gift for every couple. Picture-taking, laughter and fellowship also complemented the gala. Our very own Pastor Perkins spoke words of wisdom to the couples: “Three A’s for Marriage”— *A-Apologize, whether right or wrong, A-Appreciate your mate, and A-Anticipate the future.* This soiree was designed so that the newlyweds could *learn*, the married but not so newlyweds could *grow*, and the mature marriages could *reflect* and keep existing love fresh and alive. Kudos to the Crudups for a “thumbs-up” event - one that gave the married couples more insight into what God requires in a Christian marriage.



Don't forget Mom on her day...

**Happy Mother's Day
May 9, 2010**





UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
May 2	Women's Day Service	MWS
May 16	Pastor Alvin Thompson and New Trinity MBC at Victory.	4:30 p.m.
May 23	Bishop Howard V. Winston & Trinity United Faith Center at Victory.	5:00 p.m.
May 28	Hour of Power	7:30 p.m.
June 6	Pastor Daniel Sanders and Springfield Baptist Church at Victory.	4:00 p.m.
June 25	Pastor's Appreciation Banquet.	7:00 p.m.

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