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Our Vision

Increasing Lives with the Word of God

Our Mission

Teaching all people to Love God, Love Others and Impact the World

Love God

Because I love God, I purpose to attend weekly encounters where I worship God through praise, prayer, giving and hearing the Word so that my daily life glorifies Him.

Love Others

Because I value the Body of Christ, I purpose to connect with a Life Group where I can meet others and learn to live in victory as I mature in Christ.

Impact the World

Because God loves the world I purpose to engage in evangelism, missions and service projects through Life Groups in order to manifest the Power of Christ.

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An Inside Look at Our Pastor and First Lady

Finally, an inside look into the life of Dr. David C. Forbes, Jr. and Dr. Tracy Forbes, Pastor and First Lady of Columbus Christian Center Church:

Q. How do you balance being spiritual leaders and disciples of Jesus?

A. The real success in anything spiritual is to place it under God's prescribed order of victory. That means everything is submitted under the Cross, my faith and the help of the Holy Spirit. Keeping Christ first creates balance in everything else. As a disciple, my faith, family and finances should succeed because they are built on my faith in Christ. So the choices and decisions I make are not on my "own". As a leader, we emphasize the main point that we are not flawless and have infirmities (Romans 8:26-28) that make us candidates to be used by the Lord. We never address our role as leaders and servants without celebrating the fact that God uses us to spite our weaknesses. In the end, it is all about Him!

Q. How do you deal with the pressure of being an example to followers?

A. There really is no pressure. We come before the Lord to be used in fear and trembling. When we recognize that we CANNOT do anything on your own, it becomes easy to depend on His strength IN US to make the difference. This DOES NOT mean there are not many real opportunities and temptations to fold up and tap out. But in those circumstances; the needs of people, the needs of the church, the pull of the call, we run back to Him for strength, direction, protection, correction and inspiration. He has NEVER failed us! The example we set is one of faith (Hebrews 6:11-12). Ideally, the disciples we lead should follow our faith or use our faith as an example. When Tracy's mom passed in 1999, or when we endured a miscarriage in 1995 or when my mother passed in 2010, I know we were being examined; "do these leaders do what they teach others?" someone surely asked.

I think the answer is a resounding YES! So the example is not complex. Trust God, trust the Blood and rely on the Holy Spirit at all times.

Q. What is the greatest move of God that you have experienced as Pastor, Assistant Pastor and as followers of Christ?

A. There is no question that watching God grow His people is the single most thrilling aspect of ministry. To view the process of discipleship from new believer to church member to partner in ministry to leadership and beyond is VERY rewarding. There are legions of people who have found their "spiritual wings" at CCC. Knowing that God used us to equip, encourage and love these faith champions is of great value to us.

Individually and personally, the greatest thing we've seen is the wonderful blossoming of our beautiful family. God not only graced Tracy to birth five wonderful children, we have been graced to raise them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. All five are born again and filled with the Spirit. Each has a role in the ministry. And the two eldest serve in our offices as staff. WOW! What a thrill and reward from the Lord.

Q. How do you set boundaries between business, church, and personal affairs?

A. The big boundaries to set in anything are time, energy and money. We establish these assets in the following model: God first, family second and church third. This means our time, money and energy are allocated in the following order: God first, family second and church third. Everything else follows the Big 3 in the order we choose. But God sets the first three. Work, school, hobbies, interests all follow the Big 3. When we put God's order first, everything else literally falls in place.

An Inside Look, from Page 1

Q. How do you connect spiritual, physical, and financial health?

A. All health comes from the Lord by way of our choices and disciplines. III John 2 confirms that God desires that we prosper and excel in all facets of life. The key is learning to act and behave in the appropriate way. Spiritually this means maintaining a constant connection with the Lord in prayer, the Word and serving others. Physically it means studying and finding the path of our health through right diet, exercise and living. Financially it requires increasing our financial aptitude while not forgetting the core disciplines of tithes and offerings. So by acknowledging God wants us to prosper, we can inspire ourselves to act and live in that way.

Q. Dr. Forbes, in what ways do you support Dr. Tracy as Assistant Pastor and First Lady?

A. My primary role is to encourage, equip and love Tracy as a Christian disciple, wife, mother and minister. This means serving her needs, speaking into her strengths and celebrating her strengths. All this is IMPOSSIBLE without the help of the Holy Spirit. My wife is so wonderful and unique that only her creator has the detailed files required to truly appreciate how beautiful and gifted she is.

Learn who you are in Christ!

Kingdom College

Classes start Wednesday, April
11th at 7:00 PM
in the Sanctuary.

Register at the Information Booth.

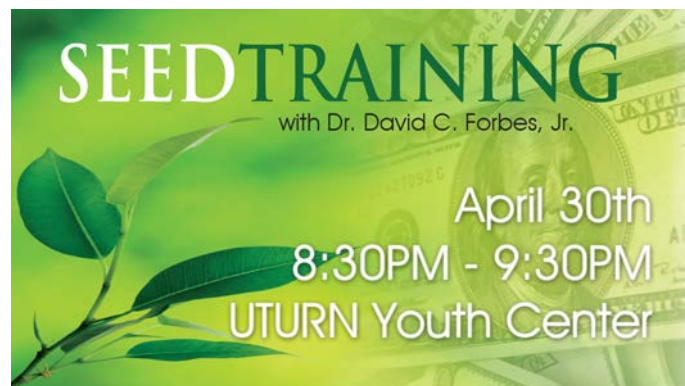
HELPS – Having Enough Loving People Serve

Did you know that the word **helps** is in the Bible? It is listed among other supernatural gifts; therefore, serving in **helps** has supernatural benefits. I Corinthians 12:28 says, “And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, **helps**, governments, diversities of tongues”. Helps Ministry sets the atmosphere for God to do the miraculous. We are a necessary part, according to Ephesians 4:16. So when we are in place, God’s vision for the house is easily accomplished. And to top it all off, when I serve in helps I have a right to the anointing that is on our visionary, Dr. David C. Forbes, Jr.

We believe that 100% of our church family serves in helps. Remember, as you serve in helps the atmosphere is prepared for the miraculous!

It’s easy to get started, just check out the Helps Partner Opportunities on Page 4 and complete a Helps Partner Interest form today.

If you are unsure of where you should serve, contact Partner Services at partnerservices@eilm.org.





Life Groups

One of the many ways to get plugged into our ministry is by being a part of a Life Group. Life Groups are our way of facilitating loving others. Life Groups are groups of 8 to 12 people who gather regularly to “grow” in Christ and “go” in Christ. Each Life Group features a unique TAP (Theme, Affinity or Passion) and follows a defined curriculum/syllabus. Connect with a Life Group to meet others and learn to live in victory, as you mature in Christ.

Here are the Life Groups currently being offered for the spring cycle:

God’s Armor Bearers

The time of awakening for the men of God in the local church is here. This group will look at the lives of powerful men of God from the book “God's Armor Bearers” and how we can use our lives as examples in connection with the vision of CCC and the passion that God has placed in every man.

Saturdays 6:15-7:30 am Training Center

Men Helping Men

This group will use the book “Foundations for Faith” to discuss the basic principles of faith and why faith is the key to receiving from God. Join us on this journey to take our faith to the next level.

Saturdays 11:00 am-12:15 pm Training Center

Your Relationship with God

How would you describe your relationship with God? Is He your Best Friend, your Provider or is He “the Man Upstairs” who works in “mysterious” ways? No matter what your answer, this group will help you embark on a journey that will deepen your relationship with Him. Get ready to relate to God in a way that will transform your way of thinking and living.

Tuesdays 6:30 -7:45 pm 2nd Floor Green Room

What’s Love Got to Do with It

How would you like to take your marriage from “Ordinary” to “EXTRAORDINARY”? This group is for married couples that desire for their marriage to go to another level of love, respect and honor. This can only be accomplished by growing closer to Jesus. Discover how your marriage can be what God has already designed it to be.

Tuesdays 6:45-8:00 pm Training Center

Victory in Remarriage

This group is for couples that have been married more than once, widowed and remarried, or have children and later married. Even if you have a great marriage, through this group you will better understand the power of an open heart. Your marriage will leap to a higher level of love.

Tuesdays 7:00-8:15 pm 2nd Floor Purple Room

Praise & Worship

In this group you will discover how to have a heart of an unstoppable Praise and Worshiper at all times.

Tuesdays 6:30- 7:45 pm Nursery A

Victorious Living

This group focuses on nine essentials that will help you live victoriously in all life situations. In 12 weeks you will walk through the meaning and application of the Fruit of the Spirit. You will develop an eye to see everything through the lenses of the Fruit of the Spirit and invoke the Holy Spirit's help.

Tuesdays 6:30- 7:45 pm 2nd Floor Orange Room

Life without Fear

In this study we will discuss one of the main enemies of our faith. That enemy is FEAR! One author asks – have you ever feared being sued, finishing last, going broke, death, the ticking away of the clock, or not being valued? Every season seems to bring fresh reasons for fear. This study will get to the *root* of what causes fear in our lives as believers, and offer solutions to overcome these fears so that we may live a triumphant life.

Tuesdays 6:45- 8:00 pm UTURN Center

Waiting and Dating

The habits and attitudes that we have during dating, we will most likely carry over into marriage. In this group, we will learn how to answer the questions: “What is dating exactly?”, “What is the purpose of dating?” and “When are we ready to date?”.

Tuesdays 6:30- 7:45 pm 2nd Floor Blue Room

The spring cycle ends the week of April 22nd. The summer cycle will be held in two separate sessions consisting of six weeks each. At this time, the exact date for each session has not been determined. Stay tuned for more information published soon.

Helps Partner Opportunities

Creative Arts

Use your God given talent and abilities in musical and visual art.

Set the atmosphere for the Word of God by ministering in song or through the use of instruments as part of the **choir** or **band**. Partner with the **dance** team to minister to others through contemporary, interpretive or mime dance. Be a part of the **drama** team to minister through plays and skits. Minister through step as part of the **step** team. Serve as an interpreter through **sign language**.

Daytime Support

Use your God given gifts and abilities to assist Administration.

Help during office business hours to provide **general cleaning** (vacuuming, window cleaning and cleaning other areas within and outside of the building), **light maintenance** or **office administrative support** (phone calls, filing, mailings, creating and updating documents).

Hope & Support

Use your God given abilities to help others make life-changing steps toward victorious living.

Help others grow spiritually as a **bookstore** partner by assisting with the sale of books, CDs, DVDs, and other resources.

Reinforce the message of salvation, restoration, infilling of the Holy Ghost and church membership as part of the **call centre** team by following up with people that responded to an altar call.

Partner with the **mercy team** to assist members of the ministry by providing light meals or assisting with light housekeeping for those who have experienced illness or loss of a loved one.

Confirm the message of salvation and, restoration to Christ or assist believers as they receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit through **personal care ministry**.

Next Generation

Use your God given abilities to help our next generation – children and teenagers.

Be a part of **ToddlerTown** to minister the love of Christ to our youngest members - our infants and toddlers. Serve as part of **KidCity** to set the path of Christian development for children. Partner with a deeper walk with Christ. Get involved with **UTURN** to direct our youth grades 8 – 12 as they develop a deeper walk with Christ.

Outreach

Allow God to use you to help build strong relationships with Christ.

Impact the lives of those who are incarcerated through our prison ministry.

People Care

Use your God given abilities to help people experience a loving and friendly atmosphere.

Serve with other dynamic men **ushers** who maintain an orderly environment during our encounters and events. Partner with other dynamic women **greeters** who serve by lovingly welcoming everyone who comes to encounters and events. Be a part of **guest services** to host, serve, prepare meals and set up for guests and special ministry events. Advise couples in the planning of their marriage ceremony as part of **wedding services**.

Technical/Skilled

Use your God given skills to help the church operate efficiently and effectively.

Assist with audio taping, sound system, sound design and the sound presentation as part of the **Digital Media Sound** team or videotaping as part of the **Digital Media Video** team.

Maintain the cleanliness and order of the “house of God” by providing general maintenance and/or light housekeeping as a **maintenance** team partner.

Partner with the **marketing and design team** to market the church, its programs and initiatives through creative and promotional marketing, public relations and social media.

Maintain a safe, distraction-free environment during encounters and events as a part of the **security** team.

Email partnerservices@eilm.org for more information.

Impact Teams

Be Christ in action as we share the love of God through community outreach. Because of the nature of these groups, the group leader will contact those interested to communicate meeting times.

Homeless Teens

The Homeless Youth Impact Team works directly with the OSU/STAR Drop-in Center, a local non-profit. Its primary focus is on providing homeless youth with a safe place to stay during the day, laundry and shower access, Internet access, job resources and basic social services.

Prison Groups

The Prison Ministry serves as mentors to the residents at Ohio Reformatory for Women (ORW), conducting small group sessions that are curriculum chosen. The goal is to renew the minds of the women with the Word of God.

SORTIE Missions

SORTIE (Saints Offensively Released To Intimidate the Enemy) Missions are intentional efforts to minister salvation to our community. This Impact Team fulfills the Great Commission to seek and save the lost, as well as all three tenets of our church mission to love God, love others and impact the world.



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MAY 10 - 11 COLUMBUS CHRISTIAN CENTER
COLUMBUS, OH

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Fridays at 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

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N.O.W.
Night Of Worship

NO SCRIPT. NO AGENDA.
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April 6th 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

The Word in Review

Live on GP

By Carmen D. Dandridge

Perhaps many of you have heard the foot-thumping song, Stomp, by Kirk Franklin. Did you also know long before Franklin asked, “GP, are you with me?” the Holy Spirit had already lovingly revealed through the Holy Scriptures that we, too, should ask the same question? Living on GP means living, not only on just general principles of Godless ideologies, but on God’s principals of **g**race and **p**ease.

From 1 Corinthians 1:3 to Philemon 1:3, Paul’s heart-filled desire for **g**race and **p**ease to reign in believers’ lives is timeless and universal. Romans 5:15 says grace is a free gift, and like most gifts, grace is easy. It’s easy because it rests on God’s love and is about His efforts, not ours. Grace is more than God’s unmerited, undeserved favor. Grace is a person named Jesus, and grace resulted from what He did on the Cross.

His obedience to lay down His life and redeem the world opens the way for **g**race and **p**ease to come into our lives. Whenever life’s storms rage against us, we should always call to mind the blessed twins, **g**race and **p**ease and confidently say, “GP, I know you’re with me.”

“Living on GP means living, not on just general principles of Godless ideologies, but on God’s principals of grace and peace.”





Faith Stadium News & Events

- April 1 Membership Orientation Class (for anyone that desires to become a member), 9:00 a.m., Training Room B
- April 4 KID City Resurrection Production, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
- April 19 Increase CDC Micro Entrepreneur Awards, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary, R&B Café
- April 28 Sortie Outreach, 10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- May 4 Church-wide Partner Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
- July 9 – 13 Campmeeting 2012, Word of Life Christian Center, Darrow, LA

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The above list represents other events not already advertised. Please refer to the calendar on the following page for a complete schedule of events and visit www.eilm.org for the most up to date information & news.

Celebrate Dr. Tracy Forbes' Birthday

at the

ALIVE fellowship

April 20th 7:00 p.m.
R&B Cafe


Anointed Ladies Increasing in Virtue and Excellence

save the date

ALIVE

Mother/Daughter
Breakfast & Tea

May 5, 2012
10am-12pm
R&B Cafe



MANUP

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS
W/DR. DAVID FORBES, JR

4.21.12

8:30AM-10:00AM
IN THE SANCTUARY
MEN AGES 16 & UP

April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 PALM Sunday	2	3	4 Resurrection Production 7PM UTURN 7PM	5	6 Good Friday Experience 11AM NOW Night of Worship 7PM	7
8 Resurrection Sunday 7AM & 10AM	9 Church Office Closed	10	11 UTURN 7PM	12	13	14
15 Water Baptism	16	17	18 UTURN 7PM	19 Dr. Tracy's Birthday	20 ALIVE 7PM	21 MANUP 8:30AM
22	23	24	25 UTURN 7PM	26	27	28 SORTIE Outreach 10:45AM
29	30 Seed Training 8:30PM					

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