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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.

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**Impact the World**

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# Serving Our Youth: Kid City & UTURN

“The kids are getting the word—not playing games,” says Bethany Forbes. Bethany and Raima Forbes, the oldest two children of the first family, are actively imparting into our youth by serving in the children and youth ministries. Both Kid City and UTURN focus on helping children and youth understand the overall vision of the church, and apply it to their daily lives in practical ways.

Kid City serves children between the ages of six months through 13, while UTURN serves youth ages 13 – 18. Recently, both ministries have had some exciting changes and new developments. Generally speaking, our youth ministries are helping to equip our young people with a solid foundation of the word of God.

Both Kid City and UTURN have their own encounters that include praise and worship as well as an altar call. In addition, on 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, the children in Kid City have an opportunity to share their gifts and talents. They are strongly encouraged to invite their friends on this day full of fun and fellowship.

The UTURN Youth Center made its debut in February. Our youth are enjoying a newly renovated facility equipped with the latest technology and a fresh new look. Kid City was re-launched in January of this year with bright, creative murals and they will be starting AWANA, a scripture memory curriculum this month. UTURN focuses on how to apply the word of God to every day challenges of being a youth such as relationships, peer pressure, and career choice.

Our youth ministries are reaching new heights in 2012. In fact, there are many opportunities for parents and partners of CCC to contribute. “Lend a helping hand where ever needed,” Raima stated. “There is definitely a place for every gift that God has given you,” Bethany shared.

For those already serving in other capacities, you can contribute by becoming more knowledgeable about what God is doing with the youth. Make an effort to pay attention to what the youth in Kid City and UTURN are doing, and show your interest by engaging in conversations with youth about how God is using them.

All partners can serve in youth ministries one way or another. Take advantage of the opportunity to impact the next generation today by serving our youth in Kid City and UTURN. Of course, parents can choose to volunteer or, at the very least, encourage their children/youth to participate.

Clearly, all CCC partners must demonstrate to our youth and children what it means to increase our lives with the word of God. For anyone who is interested in learning more about UTURN or Kid City, please see Bethany or Raima.



# A *Special* Kind of Love

By Detra D. Wilson

When a mother looks at her child for the first time, her heart is wide open and full of love. At that moment, she sees her child as a true miracle. It is not hard for her to believe that the little one was made in God's image (Genesis 1:27). The love that she has for God's creation is not hard—it just is.

As time goes on, the child goes through the process of transformation. There may be hurts, pains, and struggles along the way. Despite circumstances, the constant flow of a mother's love helps the child flourish and grow.

During those ups and downs, the child learns that, "love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things"

(I Corinthians 13:4-7).

Essentially, a mother's unchanging love demonstrates to her child what it means to believe.

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In some cases, everyone else in the child's life could predict a future of defeat, but not mom. Love allows her to believe above and beyond what she sees (2 Corinthians 5:7). Through each twist and turn that her child experiences, she loves even more. On days when she is proud and on days of utter disappointments, her love continues to flow.

God places a special kind of love in a mother's heart that is designed to increase. As her children grow older, they bless the woman who God allowed to teach them the meaning of faith and love (Proverbs 31:28).

Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. Whether it's your mother, a stepmother, or a friend's mother, shower a mother with love on Mother's Day.



# Testimonies

Celebrating the Great Things  
God Has Done

## Job Manifestation

A few weeks ago, Pastor said during an encounter to expect a miracle within the next 7 days. I wasn't sure what was going to happen but I decided to expect a miracle. I had an interview that week with GSW. I went to the interview on a Thursday. I had a great interview and felt good about the prospects. They let me know it would be a week or two before I heard back. The next day I got an email and a call stating that they wanted to hire me. So in spite of this position requiring an advanced degree (which I am pursuing), I would be compensated at 30% more than my last job and would start immediately! God is so good!



Tremayne B.



## MONEY MIRACLE

Pastor had given a prophecy in the encounter one week and said to expect something miraculous and supernatural to happen in your life that week. My husband, Donnie, has begun to attend church now and he was in the encounter that day. I was wondering if he was listening. That week a company called him for a job that is now paying him SIX figures a year and he wasn't even looking for a job. This was so on time because we have a son in college and our daughter goes to Gahanna High School, which is costing us a lot of money. We've been barely getting by for a while, so this is an answer to prayer. After my husband got the job, he came to me and said, "this is one of those miraculous and supernatural things that Pastor Forbes was talking about." God let me know that my husband was listening to the sermon. This has refueled my faith!

Donna S.



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may 5 Mother/Daughter  
Breakfast & Tea  
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jun 23 Tea Time  
10am-12pm

jul 21 Tea Time  
10am-12pm

# ALIVE

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## MANUP BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

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## ALIVE Women's Ministry

By Michelle Smith

The ALIVE Women's Ministry focuses on helping ladies become anointed ladies increasing in virtue and excellence. ALIVE's monthly fellowships allow women to receive a spiritual impartation from Dr. Tracy Forbes, connect with others, and reach out to the community.

Dr. Tracy's vision is to develop women and impact the community. The ALIVE core team helps Dr. Tracy achieve this vision by helping to plan tea times, encounters, prayer meetings, small groups, and outreach work. Over the years, the team has evolved beyond the scope of planning meetings and monthly bible studies to ministry.

One of ALIVE's themes is preserving life. In fact, this year ALIVE partnered with the Women's Clinic in the *Life is Precious* campaign to help raise more than \$1,500. Just recently, ALIVE partnered with the Women to Women organization to raise more than \$9,500 to furnish two suites at a cottage for victims of human trafficking.

This year, the ALIVE core team will be helping Dr. Tracy launch the Bethesda Home Training Institute, which consists of spiritual and practical classes around self-image and family issues. We encourage all ladies to be a part of ALIVE and help create, build and strengthen disciples of Jesus Christ.

## MANUP Men's Ministry

By Willy Gibson

It has been an exciting beginning to 2012 for MANUP. What is MANUP you ask? It is the awesome Men's Network of CCC.

MANUP meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Our meetings are open to young men ages 16 and up. Each meeting is filled with prayer, praise and worship. In addition, the Lord always favors us with a tailor made Word from our Man of God, Dr. David C. Forbes, Jr. as he deposits a rich Word that allows us to take our individual manhood to higher heights when applied.

Each meeting concludes with a small group discussion and a fellowship opportunity. It is a true expression of Proverbs 27:17. Men discuss the recently sown word, successes, and challenges as well as provide prayer and encouragement for each other. This is a key element of the ministry as it ensures each man is covered and accounted for by his brothers.

Our February 2012 meeting allowed the men to be a blessing to our youth. The men sowed over \$900 for the purchase of audio/visual equipment for the UTURN Youth Center. We welcome all young men, ages 16 and up to come to our upcoming meetings and invite a friend.

## We Were Created to Serve

That is our divine design

CCC has so many moving parts that consist of ushers, greeters, children's ministry, maintenance, digital media and a host of other ministries both inside and outside of the walls of CCC. This demonstrates I Corinthians 12:12 – 32, which states that we are many members, yet one body. Think about your body, you have so many different moving parts that must function together. What if one of those parts decided not to function? You would do everything you could to restore that part to wholeness, so that the rest of the body would not have to compensate for that missing part. That's what God endeavors to do with your divine design. He desires for you to serve in the right place (doing your part) so that excellence, the anointing and the supernatural increases in His body.

Think about this, CCC has an awesome crew of ushers that greet you, seat you, and ensure that we have an orderly atmosphere for the Holy Ghost to move. If thirty ushers are required on a Sunday for a dynamic flow of the Holy Ghost and we have twenty, how will that affect the encounter? What if we had sixty ushers? Wow, what kind of impact would that make? Selah.

I Corinthians 12:18 says, "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." Believe it or not, you were placed in the body of CCC to serve. Seek God through prayer for the area that meets your divine design. Then acquire, complete, and submit a Helps Ministry Interest Form. If you are unsure of where you should serve, complete a Helps Form and check the box that says, "Unsure of where I should serve." Someone will help match your gifting to areas of service. We were created to serve – that's our divine design!

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# Answering the Call to Stand

## Against Modern Slavery

By Dr. Tracy Forbes

It was a little over 5 years ago that I first heard the words human trafficking. The idea that little girls were sold into prostitution in Angola Africa by their own fathers for a bowl of rice to feed their starving families was the most heart-breaking thing I had ever heard.

In an effort to change the fate of these girls we, the women of CCC, united and donated gently used clothing for a Resale clothing event and acquired monies to help Dr. Patricia Bailey Jones of Masters Touch Ministries International build a safe house for the "Angola Girls"! This house addressed the hunger crisis facing the families of these young girls by providing a safe place for the girls, plenty of food to feed them and their families and a quality education that would later empower them to rise above their poverty lifestyle.

According to the "Polaris Project", an organization combating human trafficking and modern day slavery, human trafficking is "a form of modern day slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others. These victims include children involved in sex trade, adults age 18 and older who are deceived or coerced into commercial sex acts, and those forced into labor services in homes, on farms or commercial businesses against their will. In the U.S. alone, approximately 100,000 children are trafficked in both sex and labor trafficking yearly."

Today, the hearts of the enslaved are crying out desperately, although many never tell others the truth about their predicaments silenced by extreme fear and distrust. We can see these voiceless victims on the streets of Columbus, Ohio or perhaps in a spa. Not because their families are needy, but because they were lured and deceived or forcibly taken from their neighborhoods to be exploited in a far away place.

Two years ago, I became acquainted with Marlene Carson of Rahab's Hideaway; a survivor of over 15 years of forced prostitution.

"The hearts of the enslaved are crying out desperately, although many never tell."

Again, I came face to face with the hard reality that human trafficking is very real. It is not an issue in foreign lands only but is right in our community.

Marlene was trafficked in the North Linden area of our city, taken to an unfamiliar state, and coerced into performing sex acts for money. She prayed often and wondered if God would ever send anyone to her rescue. One day, the Lord opened a door for her escape with the help of friends. After much healing she is devoted to the rescue and rehabilitation of prostitutes.

After meeting Marlene and ministering to the victims at Rahab's Hideaway, a human-trafficking initiative has emerged. Today, over 860 girls between the ages of 6 and 18 years of age were rescued by the FBI and are being placed in safe housing all over the country. Today, we have an opportunity to help girls who are being placed in the Columbus area. The saints at CCC have so generously given \$10,000 to decorate four bedrooms and a bathroom at a local home for girls in crisis that will receive the victims. Once the girls have arrived, our assignment is to coordinate their spiritual growth and discipleship initiatives. God has given us a wonderful and practical plan for these girls that will not only help them spiritually, but also teach them how to manage a household and function in the real world as healthy contributing members of the community. These skills are vital because these girls were abruptly removed from their homes where they quite possibly would have gotten the home

training that is so essential to the development of positive self esteem.

Bishop Forbes and myself believe that we are to also be a voice for these voiceless victims. The first step is to make people aware of this problem and to educate as many people as possible. A major reason these horrible crimes can continue is because people do not know that it is happening and do not know how to recognize the symptoms of slavery.

Many men would reconsider hiring prostitutes if they only knew that they were participating and perpetuating the demand for more girls to be exploited for such immoral, destructive and violating acts. Knowing the red flags and indicators of human trafficking is a key step in identifying more victims. Here is just a partial list of red flags and indicators. A complete list can be found at [www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org).

- Is not free to come and go as he/she wishes
- Is under age 18 and is providing commercial sex acts
- Is in the commercial sex industry and has a pimp/manager
- Is unpaid, paid very little, or is paid only through tips
- Works excessively long and/or unusual long hours
- Owes a large debt and is unable to pay it off
- High security measures exist in the work or living locations
- Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid
- Avoids eye contact
- Lacks healthcare
- Malnourished
- Shows signs of physical abuse, confinement or torture
- Has few or no personal possessions
- Lack of knowledge of whereabouts/ does not know what city he/she is in

If you see any of these red flags, **contact** the National Human Trafficking Resources Center hotline at **1-888-3737-888** to report the situation.

## Answering the Call

Refer to [www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org) and click "Report a Tip" to learn more about reporting potential human trafficking situations.

Every person has a right to live a free life. Human trafficking destroys lives. God feels very strongly about this problem. In Exodus 21:16, the word of God is clear. "And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death."

John 10:10 says "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, kill and destroy. But Jesus came that (we) might have life and have it more abundantly." In 1 John 3:8, it says "He that committeth sin is of the devil for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." Also, Jesus said in Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

It is my sincere prayer that every victim receive salvation and every broken heart be mended and every captive delivered, all deception uncovered and all see clearly the truth so that freedom abounds in spirit, soul and body. While the enemy sought to destroy, the Lord shall restore through our loving commitment and compassion to these precious victims. May they be empowered to open the way to freedom for many others who are enslaved for many generations to come. Won't you help with powerful prayers, a watchful eye, spreading the word to others, putting the Hotline phone number in your cell phone, and reporting tips. I invite you to volunteer to teach these girls and share your testimony of how the Lord helps you through difficult times? *To volunteer, email [alive@eilm.org](mailto:alive@eilm.org) or call (614) 416-9673.*

## The Word in Review

### Faith is...

*By Carmen D. Dandridge*

As God's children, our upmost desire should be to please Him. Hebrews 11:6 tells us, however, it is **impossible** to please God without faith. Since pleasing our Father rests on living a faith-filled life, we can rightly believe faith is one of the most important aspects of our Christian walk.

Simply put, faith is our confidence and trust in the finished work of Christ. It asks, "Do we really believe what God says?" Walking in faith allows us to live with the saving knowledge that Jesus takes away our sin nature, forgives our sinful actions, and His resurrection ensures the enemy of our soul remains defeated.

Like a muscle, faith needs consistent exercise to develop and grow. We exercise our faith by reading and remaining in God's Word, by believing and thus acting as if God's Word is true, and finally, by refusing to concentrate on the messages given to us by our physical senses. This is what the Bible means when it teaches we are to live by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).

When faith reigns in our lives, we will fight right, we will live right, and we will talk right!

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**GET IN THE ZONE**

**Red Zone** kicks off Sunday, May 20th!

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ASE God for the seed.  
SOW your seed.  
SEF the harvest.

II Cor. 9:10 "God gives seed to the sower."

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## Faith Stadium News & Events

- May 4 Church-wide Partner Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
- May 5 ALIVE Mother/Daughter Tea, 10:00 a.m. R&B Café
- May 6 Membership Orientation Class (for anyone that desires to become a member), 9:00 a.m. Training Room B
- May 10-11 MCTY Conference, 7:00 p.m./10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
- May 15 Increase CDC QuickBooks Workshop, 6:30 p.m. Cost \$50. Visit [www.increasecdc.org](http://www.increasecdc.org) to register.
- May 19 MANUP, 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary
- May 20 RED ZONE Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary
- May 28 Memorial Day/Church Office Closed
- July 9 – 13 Campmeeting 2012, Word of Life Christian Center, Darrow, LA

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ALIVE Women's Ministry presents

## Mother/Daughter Tea

Saturday, May 5, 2012  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

R&B Cafe

\$6 per person

See an ALIVE representative in  
the Grand Concourse to purchase tickets



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# May 2012

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 UTURN 7PM	3	4 Church-wide Partner Meeting 7PM	5 ALIVE Mother/ Daughter Tea 10AM
6	7	8	9 UTURN 7PM	10 MCTY Conference 7PM	11 MCTY Conference 10AM & 7PM	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16 UTURN 7PM	17	18	19 MANUP 8:30AM
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