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The Deeper Christian Life

Real Victory

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

[Romans 8:37](#) (ESV)

The deeper Christian life is a victorious, holy, faith-centered, Spirit-empowered, Christ-dependent, surrendered, fruit-bearing, broken, overcoming, sustained life. Abiding in Christ is another way of describing the deeper Christian life: a life of an on-going conversational relationship with Christ. This "life abundant" is maintained by faith through gratitude in the midst of life disappointments, dependence on the Spirit, and acknowledgment of our numerous weaknesses and

failings. The deeper Christian life is daily experiencing the presence of Christ by allowing him to live his life in and through us. Christ lives the Christian life in us because by our own efforts we cannot imitate Christ's love and selflessness.

It is by the grace of God that we can be conquerors. To be a conqueror, one must allow God to live His Life in and through us. Again and again he has to break us; that is to say, He breaks the things in us that protect and maintain "self." We must surrender totally to Him, and let Him do all that is necessary. Thus he gets more and more room in us. He does not want only a part of us, but to fill our

whole heart with His power; to fill us more and more with Himself. That means a closer fellowship with Him. That is glory!

Corrie ten Boom quoted in [His Victorious Indwelling](#), ed., Nick Harrison (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1998), 240.

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New Parish Opened in Nairobi

Growth at Christ the King meant that the congregation was no longer able to fit in the church. In addition, several of the church members were not able to come to church on a regular basis because they were not

able to afford the bus fare to and from the church. This matter was brought before the Christ the King parish council and clergy for prayer and deliberation. After several months of prayer and meditation, the clergy, parish council and

parishioners held a meeting to discuss ways to assist the church members who could not afford to come to church on Sundays.

Different opinions were raised but the consensus

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Special points of interest:

- Perils of Social Media.
- Prayer for COM
- Daily Office

What's Happenin !

Bible Study & Future Events

Sunday Morning Bible Study

– 9:15am in the Student Council Building, room 145,

4th Day Ultreya – 2nd

Tuesday of the month , 6:00 pm at the home of Greg and Diane Looker. They are located in The Woods community at 13036 Palmetto Glade Dr., 221-7550. Please RSVP

Wednesday Night Soup Supper & Prayer – every

Wednesday, 6pm at the Law offices of Lansing Roy, 1710 Shadowood Lane Suite 210, office #391-0030.

Youth Fellowship – Meets every Wednesday night at 6:30pm. Check out: www.mycomjax.com and click on Youth Group in the upper left corner for a complete schedule of events.

Women's Ministry Outing – at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre on November 12th at

11am. Performance of My Fair Lady. See Jill Stafford for more information.

Grand Ultreya – November 19th, 10am in Deland FL, Chapel of Devine Mercy.

Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7pm, held at the Law Offices of Lansing Roy, 1710 Shadowood Lane Suite 210

New Parish Opened in Nairobi Continued

that eventually emerged was the idea of creating parishes within the residential estates of Nairobi so that members need not spend any money on bus fare at all in order to come to church on Sundays. St. Michael the Archangel parish in the Kibera slums region of Nairobi was born following this decision.

Though Kibera slums is not the only residential estate in Nairobi, the CEC leadership

in Kenya is hopeful that before mid next year, it will have opened more parishes in other residential areas in Nairobi so that the gospel of the Lord may be taken to all people regardless.

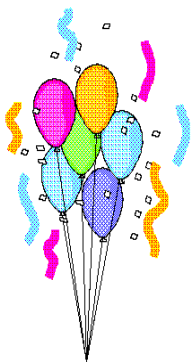
St. Michael the Archangel parish was officially opened by the Archdeacon of Nairobi Rev. Fr. Mbugua assisted by Rev. Fr. Kimuli of city center church, Rev. Fr. Kisilu of Machakos, and Rev.

Fr. Collins (the new parish priest) who in the same occasion prayed for the first new members of the new parish.

Fr. Collins has been working as the assistant parish priest at Christ the King and when the decision of opening a new parish was reached, he accepted the nomination to lead the new church in the capacity of a parish priest.

In order to support the

opening of new parishes around Nairobi, Gordon Okumu translated the English version of the prayer books to Swahili for the sake of the people who can not understand or read English. The Swahili prayer books were also launched and used during the first service at St. Michael the Archangel parish. Article by James: Worship Director at Church of the Holy Redeemer in Rochester Hills, MI.



Birthdays

November

11/2 Ava Baker
11/8 Roger Barr
11/11 Kathleen Thomson
11/22 Jennifer Paysinger
11/23 Dean Black
11/23 Nathan Christel
11/29 Sue Klimoski

December

12/3 Bebe Reese
12/10 Carrie McGrew
12/19 James Barr
12/22 Darla Shiell
12/23 Fr. Robert Thomson
12/27 Fr. Scott Looker
12/28 Deborah Templeman
12/30 Austin Pardee

12/31 Beth Pardee

January

1/2 Earl Shimp
1/5 Greg McGrew
1/8 Alexa Lapinski
1/25 Jane Cunningham
1/28 Merrill Johnson

Confirmations & Ordinations in Burundi

BURUNDI, AFRICA - On September 24th, Bishop Nitonde of Burundi traveled many miles to Mwaro Burundi by bus, bike, and foot to confirm fifty persons as well as to ordain ten deacons and seven priests. The ceremony was a wonderful community event and was attended by the Burundi Chief of Administration. The Christians in Burundi had Bishop Nitonde send his

greetings to Bishop Philip Weeks who began the work of the CEC in Burundi. The people of Burundi are building their own church facilities without outside help.



Prayer for Church of the Messiah

Submitted by Earl Shimp
“May the Lord bless our property, may it never be used for any purpose other than to magnify His name and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to the community and the world, may all those who set foot on our property, or even pass by it, be blessed beyond measure with the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ. May all of us be further

strengthened to serve Him in all we do and empowered by the Holy Spirit to resist evil and share the goodness of the Lord. I pray we all be Christ’s vessels of sight to the blind, wealth to the poor, words to the deaf, healers to the sick, light to the lost, and fathers to the fatherless. I pray that the Lords plan for this property, as He has known it from the beginning, be totally fulfilled by the

decisions, worship, praise, works, deeds, actions, words, prayers and efforts put forth by the believers of the Church of the Messiah from this day forth and for ever more. May His will be done, on this piece of earth, as it is in heaven. God, use this land and these people for your purpose. In Jesus name I pray.” Amen.

**THIS BLOOD’S
FOR YOU**

Please include this in your prayers.

North American HOB Meets in Orlando

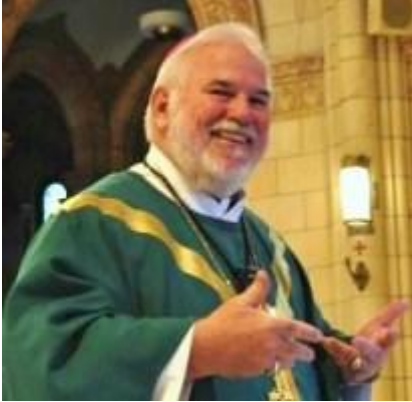
The North American House of Bishops met last week at the Saint Dismas Cathedral, in Orlando, Florida. While Archbishop Bates was unable to attend, the House wanted to meet together for a time of dedicated prayer and fellowship.

Father Jim House delivered the homily each morning at the Eucharistic service, and his message was; we are to look inward, then look up to God and then look out. Time was taken each day to dialogue, to pray individually and to pray

corporately, and to hear the word of God for each other, our Patriarch, and the church.

The House of Bishop concluded with a renewed spirit and affirmed vision for the future.





Perils of Social Media

Article by BISHOP DAVID EPPS

Several days ago, a news outlet reported that a company now exists which offers businesses a unique service: the company will scour the social media on behalf of employers to discover what job applicants and employees are posting, and have posted, on social media sites such as Facebook and My Space. Apparently, this company has the ability to even discover postings that have been deleted.

This should cause great distress to some people. Most people, perhaps, will not care. Their postings are benign and not likely to cause them harm or embarrassment. There are others, however, who probably should never have a social media account. It doesn't take a great deal of looking at profiles to discover people who post dirty jokes, provocative photographs, vulgar language, hateful comments, and irresponsible accusations. For reasons unknown to people with discretion, some people go as far as to air their dirty laundry, trash a boss, smear co-workers or fellow students, rail on a spouse or ex-spouse...well you get the idea.

The social media—or at least the irresponsible use of it—has, in my opinion, contributed to a loss of civility. People can fire off an angry email (yes, I count email as a form of social media) that, if they took time to think about it, would never normally be sent. There was once a time that a vicious letter could be composed at night, placed in the mail box, and still be retrieved in the morning before the mailman came to pick it up. There was a built in “cooling-off period.” No more. Now, people can fly into a rage, vomit their emotions all over a page and hit “send” before their good sense returns. Even worse, comments can be posted on a social media page and raw emotions and vitriol are instantly exposed to hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people. If the poster cools off quickly enough, he or she can delete the posting and hope that no one saw it.

Many newspapers and blogs offer the opportunity for readers to post comments on-line. Unfortunately, the more extreme comments are often posted anonymously—people can say whatever they want to say about whomever, and they do not have to be accountable for their words. All that may change eventually as services become available that can uncover the identities of posters who fire their shots from behind the concealment of a screen name.

Now, here comes a company that promises to resurrect these deleted (or what was thought to be deleted) rantings, postings, and photos from the cyber-graveyard. Like a zombie, these items have the potential to return to visit havoc upon the undisciplined life of the poster.

One way or another, it seems, eventually people reap what they sow. Responsible, mature people can find the social media to be a great asset as they catch up with family and friends, share photos and special moments, conduct business, and use this technology with restraint and respect. Those who post every unfiltered thought and word just may find themselves unemployed— and friendless.

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OUR MISSION & PRIORITIES



The mission of our church is to bring the rich sacramental and liturgical heritage of the early church, the power of Pentecost, and the infallible truth of Scripture together in one expression of Christ's church for this generation, providing a home for all Christians who seek a vital, powerful energetic, and yet stable church in which to grow in love with one another and in our knowledge and love of God.

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November Daily Office

Date	AM Psalm	PM Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
1-Tuesday	61,62	68:1-20, 24-36	Neh. 12:27-31,42-47	Revelation 11:1-19	Matthew 13:44-52
2-Wednesday	72	119:73-96	Neh. 13:4-22	Revelation 12:1-12	Matthew 13:53-58
3-Thursday	71	74	Ezra 7:11-26	Revelation 14:1-13	Matthew 14:1-12
4-Friday	69:1-23,31-38	73	Ezra 7:27-28;8:21-36	Revelation 15:1-8	Matthew 14:13-21
5-Saturday	75,76	23,27	Ezra 9:1-15	Revelation 17:1-14	Matthew 14:22-36
6-Sunday	93,96	34	Ezra 10:1-17	Acts 24:10-21	Luke 14:12-24
7-Monday	80	77	Nehemiah 9:1-15	Revelation 18:1-8	Matthew 15:1-20
8-Tuesday	78:1-39	78:40-72	Nehemiah 9:26-38	Revelation 18:9-20	Matthew 15:21-28
9-Wednesday	119:97-120	81,82	Neh. 7:73-8:3,5-18	Revelation 18:21-24	Matthew 15:29-39
10-Thursday	23,27	85,86	1Maccabees 1:1-28	Revelation 19:1-10	Matthew 16:1-12
11-Friday	88	91,92	1Maccabees 1:41-63	Revelation 19:11-16	Matthew 16:13-20
12-Saturday	87,90	136	1Maccabees 2:1-28	Revelation 20:1-6	Matthew 16:21-28
13-Sunday	66,67	19,46	1Macc. 2:29-43,49-50	Acts 28:14b-23	Luke 16:1-13
14-Monday	89:1-18	89:19-52	1Maccabees 3:1-24	Revelation 20:7-15	Matthew 17:1-13
15-Tuesday	97,99	94	1Maccabees 3:25-41	Revelation 21:1-8	Matthew 17:14-21
16-Wednesday	101,109:1-4,20-30	119:121-144	1Maccabees 3:42-60	Revelation 21:9-21	Matthew 17:22-27
17-Thursday	105:1-22	105:23-45	1Maccabees 4:1-25	Rev 21:22-22:5	Matthew 18:1-9
18-Friday	102	107:1-32	1Maccabees 4:36-59	Revelation 22:6-13	Matthew 18:10-20
19-Saturday	107:33-43,108:1-6	33	Isaiah 65:17-25	Revelation 22:14-21	Matthew 18:21-35
20-Sunday	118	145	Isaiah 19:19-25	Romans 15:5-13	Luke 19:11-27
21-Monday	106:1-18	106:19-48	Joel 3:1-2,9-17	1Peter 1:1-12	Matthew 19:1-12
22-Tuesday	120-123	124-127	Nahum 1:1-13	1Peter 1:13-25	Matthew 19:13-22
23-Wednesday	119:145-176	128-130	Obadiah 1:15-21	1Peter 2:1-10	Matthew 19:23-30
24-Thursday	131-133	134,135	Zephaniah 3:1-13	1Peter 2:11-25	Matthew 20:1-16
25-Friday	140,142	141,143	Isaiah 24:14-23	1Peter 3:13-4:6	Matthew 20:17-28
26-Saturday	137,144	104	Micah 7:11-20	1Peter 4:7-19	Matthew 20:29-34
27-Sunday	146,147	111-113	Amos 1:1-5,13-2:8	1Thess 5:1-11	Luke 21:5-19
28-Monday	1-3	4,7	Amos 2:6-16	2Peter 1:1-11	Matthew 21:1-11
29-Tuesday	5,6	10,11	Amos 3:1-11	2Peter 1:12-21	Matthew 21:12-22
30-Wednesday	119:1-24	12-14	Amos 3:12-4:5	2Peter 3:1-10	Matthew 21:23-32