

Dill Avenue CHURCH OF CHRIST Newsletter

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Schedule of Services:

Morning Worship: 9am
Sunday School: Immediately
following morning worship
Evening Worship: 6pm

Bible Classes:

Monday Night: Ladies, Men, New-
Life, Youth Classes: 7:30pm
Tuesday Night: General Bible Study:
7:30pm
Saturday Discipleship Class: 10am as
announced

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✠ Don't Quit ✠

Bro. Joseph H. Brown, Resident Evangelist
1 Corinthians 15:58 and Revelation 2:10b

For some, these are days of quitting. Quitting is a serious matter when it involves quitting that which the Lord himself has ordained. There are eternal consequences. Quitting the Lord's business is like none other.

Some have quit worship. They are turned off by church worship. There was a time when they were inspired by worship and would sing to the glory of God. But now, if they come, they come as spectators.

Have you quit? There was a time when you were a Sunday school teacher, a soul winner, a liberal contributor, or a bible class student, but now it is different. Now you are barely holding on.

If all the people who promised to serve the Lord on their bed of affliction once he healed them were to show up Sunday, we would need the Richmond Convention Center.

This matter of quitting is not only dangerous, but it involves one's integrity. It is not good when one fails to keep his word with his fellowman. This matter takes on a whole new dimension when one fails to keep his word with the Lord.

To make God a promise to dedicate your time and resources to His cause and not keep that promise, have consequences beyond compare. Not only that, but much of the Lord's Church's structure and ministries are built around your promise to commit your time, talent, and finances to His service. If it is discovered afterwards that you won't keep your word, His work may be hindered. Read **Galatians 6:7** and **Ecclesiastes 5:4-6**. Keep your word with God.

Quitting is a sign that something is seriously wrong. God sends His Holy Spirit to His sons and daughters (**Acts 2:38; 5:32**). The Holy Spirit is to abide in you and bless you to grow. It builds you up and makes you stronger, so that quitting does not make sense.

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Don't Quit... (from page 1)

The question is raised, how did you quit? How could you quit with God's Spirit dwelling in you? This same Holy Spirit, which raised Jesus from the dead, was given to you at baptism, so how did you quit; how are you dead? Serious questions are raised. The Holy Spirit still has its power.

Quitting grieves the Holy Spirit. All sin grieves the Holy Spirit. Christians are to grieve over their sins. Non-Christians rejoice over their sins. They will even laugh about getting high or inebriated.

Again the question, if you have quit, how did you quit? We all have stumbled, slowed down but not quit. Saints are those who fall down, but they get up by this great power.

For the Christian who is not play-acting, quitting is not an option. If you have quit, come on home. Your Heavenly Father, your brothers and sister in Christ await you with open arms of love.

COME HOME MY BROTHER,
COME HOME MY SISTER.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 6 Bible School Term II begins
- Jan 18-20 Youth Xplosion '08 will be held in Atlanta, GA.
- Jan 25 Parents', Teachers', Students' Meeting and Fellowship at 7pm

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Baptized:

Inez Thornton	Nov 29
LaTonya James	Dec 30

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Month!

Aldeen Robinson 1/1	Don Thomas 1/15
Pavi Lightner 1/1	Robert Sims, Sr. 1/17
Adell Crawford 1/3	Levar Davis 1/22
Alonzo Bates 1/6	Andre Ested 1/28
John Cooper 1/8	Juanita Ested 1/29
Clyde Brown, Sr 1/11	Tracey Smith 1/31
Allen Mary 1/13	

SICK AND SHUT-IN

Effie Bates
3125 Veranda Avenue
Richmond, VA 23223

Windell Marsh, Sr.
3219 North Avenue
Richmond, VA 23222
804/329-6073

Kenneth Terry
4004 Wilmont Drive
Richmond, VA 23222
804/228-9700

Hayward Canady
Westport Health Care Center
7300 Forest Avenue
Richmond, VA 23226
Room 303
804-287-8721

Rebecca Martin
Our Lady of Hope Health Center
13700 N. Gayton Road, Apt. 134
Richmond, VA 23233
804/360-1960

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1611 4th Avenue, Apt. 206
Richmond, VA 23222
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Rita's Heavenly Assisted Living
700 W. Washington Street
Richmond, VA 23075
804/737-0688

Esther McCoy
3422 Delaware Avenue
Richmond, VA 23222
804/228-1781

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2400 Burton Street, #420
Richmond, VA 23223
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Special Prayer Request

Illness:
Clyde Patrick
4228 Montclair Road
Richmond VA 23223

Adell Crawford
Westport Heath Care Center
7300 Forest Avenue
Richmond, VA 23226

Jantzen Price
526 Arnold Avenue
Richmond, VA 23222
804-228-1323

Frances Davis
Manor Care Health Services
2125 Hillard Road
Richmond, VA 23228
804/266-9666

Jacob Reed
3208 Arthurwood Place
Richmond, VA 23223
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SINGLES' NEWS

The Singles' Ministry ended the year with a holiday fellowship. It was graciously hosted by Sister Finis Creer. It was full of holiday cheer and the festive yuletide spirit. The food was delicious. The games were fun and the fellowship was great.

A good time was had by all in attendance. It gave the singles' another opportunity to reconnect and deepen relationships by getting to know each other in a different way.

They look forward with excitement and anticipation to see what the Lord has in store for them in 2008!

HEALTH NEWS & NOTES

Hypertension

High blood pressure (also called hypertension) means that blood is exerting too much force on artery walls. When blood pressure consistently stays high, it damages the arteries, heart, eyes, kidneys, and other organs. Working with your health care provider and making changes to your lifestyle will help to control hypertension. **Blood pressure** is high if you consistently have a systolic pressure of 140 or higher and a diastolic pressure of 90 or higher (ex. 144/92). You could be pre-hypertensive if you consistently have a blood pressure of 120-130 over 89-90.



Treatment

Make changes in your lifestyle to help lower your blood pressure by doing the following: change your diet, lose weight, exercise regularly, give up tobacco, and manage stress. Lifestyle alone may manage your blood pressure but, if not you may need medication. For more information, see the health ministry or talk with your primary doctor.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From the Dill Avenue Newsletter Committee

Every Day is Special

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness”
(Lamentations 3:22-24 English Standard Version).