

Dill Avenue Church of Christ Newsletter

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Lily of the Valley

Song of Solomon 2:1-3

By Bro. Joseph H. Brown, Resident Evangelist

Introduction: King Solomon (representative of Jesus Christ; Shulamite woman (represents the bride of Christ); the valley represents the Lord's church. It is the love story of a husband for His bride and the bride's love for her husband lover.

The lily in the valley. In the lowliest of places - yet well watered. The Lord sets His lily in such surroundings:

amid the ungodly
surrounded by every evil
daily facing trials and tribulations
danger at every turn

2 Tim 3 (READ)

in the midst of this valley of despair, the Lord sets His lily

The beauty and radiance of the Lord's church lights up the valley. Were it not for the Lord's lily in the valley (world), the valley would not know what beauty is.

all that is in the valley are thorns and thistles (sin)
hopelessness and helplessness, groping in darkness and groveling in iniquity
He sets His lily in the midst of this mess and reaches out to the mess
a. **Matt 11:28-30** (READ)

In the fullness of time the Son of God comes to earth to seek His bride.

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." **Luke 19:10**

He will leave his home in heaven and come to earth to seek His bride among sinful flesh
Heaven will never be the same

He leaves Heaven

to seek His bride among sinful humanity
He loves sinful humanity but cannot marry her in her state of sin
His love, His passion is so strong that He resolves to give His life for her redemption

SHE IS IN THE BONDAGE OF SIN - THE RANSOM, HIS BLOOD. 1 John 4:10-11 (READ)

Jesus' love for his bride, the church, was so strong that He would rather die than live without her **Eph 5:25-27** (READ)

HIS LILY, HIS CHURCH, the Church of Christ is being foretold thousands of years before it is established in **Acts 2**.

The world is kept from being all thorns and thistles because of the lily, the Church of Christ. What would this world be like if there were no Christians?

Because of His love, His passion, thorns and thistles have been transformed into His lily. There is nothing in the valley so lovely as His lily. There is nothing in the universe so lovely as the Church of Christ.

We see THE LORD'S LILY IN THE MIDST OF A CROOKED AND PERVERSE WORLD. There are many pretenders, trying to be lilies. But if the truth be told; and it is not necessary for one to be a botanist, there is a difference between a lily and a thorn. The Lord's church is **like no other**. Marvelous miracle - because of His love and care, the lily, the people of God, thrive in the midst of the thorns and thistles. **Rom 8:35-39** (READ)

YOU ARE THE LILY OF THE VALLEY because Jesus Christ is your husband lover. He loves you with a passion.

It is the Lord's lily, His Bride, His church that gives hope, light, radiance, and the beautiful fragrance of salvation in this vast valley of despair.

Schedule of Services

Morning Worship:
9am

Sunday School:
Immediately
Following

Evening Worship
6pm

Bible Classes

Monday Night:
Ladies, Men, New-life,
Youth classes
7:30pm

Tuesday Night:
General Bible Study
for all ages
7:30pm

Discipleship Class
Saturday
10am



Dates to Remember

Vacation Bible School

July 24-28 2006



We are gearing up for our Upcoming Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "The Amazing Race, It's A Jungle Out There. Bible study, Fun, Games, Gifts, Crafts, Singing, and Refreshments awaits all who attend. We are planning for this VBS to be like no other. So come out invite your family, friends and neighbors and help make this Vacation Bible School one to remember.

Youth Rally - Spreading the Truth Through Our Youth

August 4-6 2006

This year marks our 26th Annual Youth Rally. And we are well underway with the preparations. Dorey Park will be the site for our kick off which will consist of an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. The events will continue all day on Saturday at Douglas Wilder Middle School. The events will consist of speeches, workshops, a bible bowl competition, a basketball tournament, and let's not forget food!

Emporia Banquet and Gospel Meeting

The Church's 20th Anniversary and Brother Bailey's 10th Anniversary Celebration will begin Saturday, July 15th, at 6 P.M. with a banquet at Greenville County High School. Sunday, the 16th is the beginning of the gospel meeting and the meeting will go throughout Wednesday, the 19th at 7:30 P.M. The 3 P.M. services on Sunday will be on Main Street at the Pavillion (behind the Post Office).

News from the Dill Avenue Youth Group

We're off to a great start. In January we kicked off the year with our first successful youth Sunday with Brother Nate Stewart of Jacksonville, Florida as the guest speaker. Our young people and adults were inspired and revived, ready to take on a new year of soul winning and soul keeping in the war against Satan. Thanks to leadership, youth Sunday has now become an event we will plan for each month there is a 5th Sunday. For this we are excited and thankful.

This year God has also blessed our youth to attend the Youth Rallies in Annapolis, Maryland; the Northeastern Youth Conference in Newark, New Jersey; and the Sport-a-thon in Durham, North Carolina. We're anxiously looking forward to participating in the upcoming rallies in Hopewell, Virginia in June, the Southeastern in Albany, Georgia scheduled for July, as well as the rally in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania scheduled for October. We wish to thank our church family for prayers and support with fundraisers and a very special thanks to the parents of our youth.

The Coordinators

Announcements

2006 Baptisms

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| January 8 | Brandon DePriest Treyvon Vines |
| February 7 | Effie Bates |
| February 19 | Stephanie Thomas |
| February 21st | Jantzen Price William McMillan |
| February 28th | Teresa Cotman |
| March 19th | Justin Joseph |
| March 26 | Claude Duncan |

Sick & Shut In

Ola Timmons
1611 4th Ave
Apt 206
Richmond, VA 23222

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

William Knight
Memorial Regional Medical Center
Room 2271
8260 Atlee Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23112

804-764-6300
Frances Cook
Brook Haven Rest Home
610 Fourquare Lane
Richmond, VA 23222
804-329-6347

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

Greeting Ministry

More than forty-five brothers and sisters are signed up for and are working with our Greeting Ministry. After receiving training in the duties, responsibilities and expectations of a greeter, the members were formed into five teams with each team having a team leader. The teams serve on a rotating basis. The team leaders are brothers Alonzo Burton, Alonzo Overby, Arthur Morris III, James Hogue, and Francis Palmore. Greeters arrive at 8:30am and remain on duty until 9:10am. They have helped to make a positive difference in our Sunday worship by helping each of us and visitors feel welcomed, wanted and needed. We appreciate their warm smiles, reassuring handshakes and encouraging words. They have let the Spirit of the Lord be expressed through them. We truly thank God for each greeter He has given us. We ask each member and all friends of this congregation to pray for the continuing success of this ministry. For any member wishing to serve with this ministry please contact the ministry coordinator.

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