



## FROM THE PASTOR...

Wow! If January is any indication of what is to come for Victory Church, 2009 will be a banner year! There are so many exciting possibilities for the Body as God continues to guide us into the future.

The Bible says, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). John Wesley said, "There may be, for a time, grace without growth; as there may be natural life without growth. But such sickly life, of soul or body, will end in death, and every day draw nigher to it."

We are called to grow... to mature... to become more like Christ in every way. What does that maturity look like? This will be our emphasis Sunday mornings and evenings in 2009! Take a close look at every detail in this month's Voice of Victory as there is so much opportunity for spiritual growth.

It is a privilege and pleasure to be your pastor. I thank God for your love and support for almost ten years now! May God continue to grow us together as we seek Him and serve Him happily and heartily.

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### MARKS OF MATURITY

*A Series of Messages focusing on Spiritual Maturity as the Church*



#### MAGNIFY THE LORD

*The Wonder of Worship*  
January 4 at 10:45 a.m.

#### THE MARK OF MENTORING

*The Power of Partnership*  
January 11 at 10:45 a.m.

#### THE MARK OF MINISTRY

*The Stature of Service*  
January 18 at 10:45 a.m.

#### THE MARK OF MISSIONS

*The Opportunity of Outreach*  
January 25 at 10:45 a.m.

### HUNGRY FOR GOD

*Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.*  
*(Family Life Building)*

Luke 6:21 says, "Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied." Beginning, Saturday, January 10 at 2 p.m., Brandy Fisher leads a focus group where God is number one and life-changing support is offered through group interaction. Journaling, prayer, information and inspiration will be part of this transformational experience. Contact Brandy for details (291-1505).

### MUSIC NOTES

*Wednesday's this January*

The Victory Worship Choir begins preparation for an Easter musical at 7 p.m. on Wednesday's. Everyone interested in being part of this Easter musical production is invited to attend! Please contact Mrs. Janette Bock for details (845-0304).

### SUNDAY EVENINGS ARE SPECIAL

In conjunction with our "Marks of Maturity" emphasis, special events are scheduled for Sunday evenings as well.

#### CREATIVE WORSHIP

*January 4 at 6 p.m.*

This worship experience will be a blessing for all as Mrs. Janette Bock coordinates a unique worship experience for this Sunday evening. Kelsey Bock & friends from Crosstied Ministries will perform worship ballet. Poetry will be shared. Your testimonies will be icing on the cake as we worship the Lord together!



#### THE WAY OF GRACE

*January 11 from 5-7 p.m.*

Wesley College Professor of Theology, Dr. Chris Lohrstorfer joins us for two hours as we emphasize spiritual growth through the "Way of Grace". What is the process of going from seeds planted to bearing fruit? How can we help others in this journey? This unique and insightful presentation will show us the way. Chris will also be with us on the following Wednesday evening for a follow-up discussion. Don't miss it!



#### CHURCH CONFERENCE

*January 18 at 6 p.m.*

#### OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

*January 25 in the afternoon*

Various outreach opportunities will be highlighted and everyone will be given opportunity to participate on this day.



## KIDS OWN WORSHIP

Begins Wednesday, January 8 at 7 p.m.

This hands on Bible curriculum will be a great tool for discipling the next

generation in the church. Becky Lawson teaches 4 & 5 yr. olds. Greg & Courtney Eiler teach the 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade gang. Melissa Puckett leads 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Parents, don't let your child miss this opportunity!



## MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 16 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Donna Rice announces a fun time for children of all ages to take place in the Family Life Building on January 16. Family feature videos, "No More Baths" (7 & up) and Veggie Tales (6 & under), will be shown. Popcorn & drinks are provided as everyone is invited!

## SENIOR LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 27 at Noon

Mrs. Gail McKay leads the Florence Elementary School "Celebration Singers" as they share in this month's monthly gathering. Our own Rebekah Johnson, Makayla Puckett, and Abby Tilly will be among the fifth graders singing that day. The meal is potluck and everyone is invited!

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

thru Sunday, December 28, 2008

Budget YTD	\$264,916.00
General Income YTD	277,902.57
<b>Building Fund Report:</b>	
Mortgage Balance	253,357.34
Building Fund	79,408.64
<b>Average Attendance:</b>	
Sunday School	123
Sunday Worship	172
Sunday Evening	87
Wednesday Evening	96

## THE ROOKIE REPORT

Victor & Stephanie Rutledge lead a new ministry for college & career age crowd. Community, Personal Growth & Team Ministry is the goal. All young adults (18-29) are invited to check it out! Contact Victor or Stephanie for details (720-4593; 720-4485 or vicrutledge@yahoo.com).

**Sunday, January 4, 2009 –**

- Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m. (Family Life Bldg)
- You bring your Bible – we'll bring the coffee & donuts!
- 1st Study – "Get Uncomfortable!"

**Friday, January 16, 2009**

- Fellowship Night @ Rutledge's House
- Monday, January 19, 2009 (MLK, Jr. Holiday)
- Community Work Day

## STUDENT LIFE

### LIVE LOVE CONFERENCE

January 30-31

Students (6-12 grade) are invited to join Pastor Michael Matthews for a weekend of transforming teaching in Hattiesburg, MS. Rediscover what it means to **LIVE LOVE**. The cost is \$40 per student. Contact Pastor Michael for more details.

### OPEN THE FLOOD GATES!

Wednesdays @ 7:00 for Sr. High Students.

Students learn to master skills needed for future success, leading them to discover biblical truths in areas such as discipline, decision-making, managing money and relationships, handling both success and failure, and dating.

## SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Pastor's Prayer Partners	9:00 A.M.
Sunday School Hour	9:30 A.M.
Choir Practice	10:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

### EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study	6:00 P.M.
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### EVERY 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY

Senior Luncheon	12:00 P.M.
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### WEDNESDAY

Family Supper (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 P.M.
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 P.M.
Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	7:00 P.M.
Student Life Meeting (Youth Room)	7:00 P.M.
Children's Choir Rehearsals (Annex)	7:00 P.M.

### EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY

"Hungry for God"	2 P.M.
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