

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

VICTORY IN JESUS (Rom. 8:37 – 39)
Memory Verse (Rom. 8: 37 – 39)

Throughout his letter to the Christians in Rome, Paul gives spiritual insight on how to overcome Satan's weapons of mass destruction against the human soul. In the middle of his letter he wanted Christians to know they have a conquering King, who rules and reigns over a powerful and everlasting kingdom. This eternal truth inspired Paul to boldly write; "I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." Rom. 1:16

He wanted Christians to know and believe that the secret to living a conquering lifestyle is achieved through faith in God and love for God. In Christ we have victory over Satan's strongholds (sin, death, guilt) because Christ empowers us to overcome our weaknesses and conquer our fears with the help of the Holy Spirit. Paul helps us to see that being in Christ we possess more than an ordinary faith and ordinary love but instead we possess "conquering faith" and "conquering love."

We possess a **conquering faith** like our father Abraham; "Yet with respect to the promise of God, Abraham **did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith** giving glory to God." Rom. 4:20 We possess a conquering love; "nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God**, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom.8:39

Christ has conquered all enemies and put them under His feet through His death, burial, and resurrection. "For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly." (Rom. 5:6) Therefore, Satan has been defeated and our victory comes through Christ. In Christ we have been **given the power** to change (2nd Cor. 5:17). In Christ we have been **given the strength** to achieve (Phil. 4:13). In Christ we have been **given a salvation** to believe in (Acts 4: 12). In Christ we have been **given the victory** to overcome (1st John 5:4). In Christ we have **given a life** to eternity. (John 17:2) **In Christ we have a conquering King.** (Rom8: 37-38)

In Christ
Bro. Mark A. Craigwell
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NEWS & NOTES

PRAY FOR: Clifford Smith, Otis Ellerbee Jr., Lorenzo Woodley, Christine Simmons, Orquidia Tejada, Owen Cort, Clatie Turner, James McLaurin, Naomi Toledano, Andre Seabrook, Theodore Newton, Jefferson Charles, Nathaniel Davis, Gregory Mercury, Theresa Williams, Naghe O'Brien, Joan Rodriguez, Marie Gilbert, Margaret DeBerry, Edith Grier, Bennie Hicks, James Wade's mother, Veta Grandison, Tracie Hall, James Hall, Siddiq Turner, Doris Cort, Diana Turner, Kalonda Greene, Louis and Velita Person, Veta Grandison, Javier Jackson, Sidrah Jackson, Cintia Martin, Angel Greene, Lisa Hall, Noah Craigwell, James Wade, Therman Brown, Rosa Taylor, Nicholas Meuse, Elizabeth Nagarajah, Nichollette Towns, Danielle Meuse, Joan Rodriguez, Shirla Cupid, Frederick Cross, Curtis Jordan, Samantha Reid, Touré Cort, Dana Kendall, Carolina

Muñoz, Sarah Williams, Rodger Dunbar, Jr., Shamara Morris, Jaime Moody, Amy Nelson's father.

TRAVELING: Kwesi Moody to Chicago, Sharon Pettway, Cynthia Francis and Roz Bloom to Martha's Vineyard, Garrett Alexander & Touré Cort to Gander Brook Christian Camp in Raymond, ME.

FELLOWSHIP CRUISE: Pack a lunch and join us at 2:30 p.m. today for a fellowship cruise in Boston Harbor. The cost is \$20 per person. The boat sets sail at 3:00 p.m., so please plan to arrive in plenty of time to park and board on time. **Please note that this event will take the place of our annual church picnic.**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011- "Seek First the Kingdom": Monday, August 1st - Friday, August 5th, 7-9 p.m. nightly. There will be classes for all ages, Pre-K – adult, as well as childcare for infants and toddlers. Nursery volunteers are still needed, as well as snack donations. See Sis. Nagarajah to serve in either of these areas

VBS T-SHIRTS: See Sis. Gallington today to get your VBS 2011 T-shirt. Cost is \$6 for adult sizes S-XL; \$8 for size XXL. Sis. Alexander was able to arrange for children's sizes through a different vendor. Children's sizes will be available for \$7.50 each. See Sis. Alexander or Sis. Gallington to get children's sizes.

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BLUE HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST VBS – August 8-12, 7-9 p.m. nightly.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING NEEDED: Sis. Shirla Cupid is collecting children's clothing to send to St. Vincent. Please contact her if you have clothing to donate. She will arrange for pick up.

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS
The **Youth Cookout** will be held at Houghton's Pond on August 20th. Families are invited. Youth are encouraged to bring a friend. Sign up on the youth bulletin board.

Six Flags Trip to Springfield – August 27th. Cost is \$65 per person for bus, park admission and cookout if we get 100 participants. If we do not get 100 participants, the cost will be \$50 per person for bus and park admission only. Children 2 and under are free. Sign up sheet is posted on the youth bulletin board.

Our **Youth Rally** is scheduled for September 10th here at the building. The theme is **M.A.S.H. – Mobile Active Spiritual Hospital**. The main scripture is 2 Timothy 2:3-7. We are looking for volunteers from both the young adults, adult, and mature in heart for a number of committees to help us organize this event a signup sheet is posted on the youth bulletin board for each subcommittee. See Bros. Tony Johnson or Richard Myers with any questions.

Mid-week Bible Class Schedule

Mid-week Bible Class will be hosted in the following homes on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for the remainder of the month:
Cort – 66 Crawford St., Roxbury
Craigwell – 44 Lyndhurst St., Dorchester
Samuel – 88 Alpheus Rd., Roslindale
Simmons – 97 Munroe St., Roxbury

Church Calendar

“...for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ...”
– Ephesians 4:12

August 2011

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◆ 31	◆ 1	2	3	4	5	◆ 6
● 7	◆ 8	9	10	11	12	◆● 13
14	15	16	17	18	19	◆ 20
● 21	22	23	24	25	26	◆ 27
28	29	30	31			

Worship Services

- ◆ - Special Events
- - Ministry Meetings

Events:

- ◆ 7/31 – Fellowship Cruise (2:30pm)
- ◆ 7/30, 8/6, 8/13 – Youth Ministry Carwash (12-3pm); Saturdays at the building
- ◆ 8/1-8/5 – Vacation Bible School (7-9pm)
- ◆ 8/8-8/12 – Blue Hill Church of Christ VBS (7-9pm)
- ◆ 8/20 – Youth Cookout @ Houghton’s Pond
- ◆ 8/27 – Youth Trip to Six Flags

Meetings:

- 8/7 – Youth Ministry Meeting/Fellowship (1:30-6pm)
- 8/13 – Education Ministry Meeting (9:30am)
- 8/13 – Finance Ministry Meeting (10:45am)
- 8/21 – Youth Ministry Meeting (1:30-2:30pm)
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Weekly Events:

- Community Bible Study (Mondays @ 7pm)
- Prayer Meeting (Tuesdays @ 7pm)
- *Mid-Week Bible Study* (Wednesdays @ 6:45pm)
- Adult Choral Group (Thursdays @ 7:30pm)
- Basketball Night (Fridays @ 7pm)
- Men’s Prayer (Saturdays @ 7:30am)
- Women’s Prayer (Saturdays @ 9:30am)
- Youth Choral Group (Saturdays @ 2pm)