

"The Power of Kingdom Living"

by Dr. Foster C. Dryden, Jr.

For the Kingdom of God depends not on talk but on power.
1 Corinthians 4.20

At some point, along the path of discipleship my own weaknesses and failures made me more aware of our need for the power of the Holy Spirit if we are to live life in Christ. I got frustrated with myself coming to believe, "I don't have what it takes! I can't get it right" when it comes to living in the Kingdom of God. At first glance, that appears to be an issue of self-confidence, but the Biblical story makes it quite clear that no one "has what it takes," no one gets it right" when it comes to living in the Kingdom. Life in Christ is not about one's natural gifts or acquired skills! For the Apostle Paul wrote: *Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God....* 2 Corinthians 3.5

Oswald Chambers learned this lesson and wrote:

"We tend to say that because a person has natural ability, he will make a good Christian. It is not a matter of our equipment, but a matter of our poverty; not of what we bring with us, but of what God puts into us; not a matter of natural virtues, of strength of character, of knowledge, or of experience— all of that is of no avail in this concern" (*My Utmost for His Highest*, August 4).

They were in good company, for Jesus said, *Apart from me you can do nothing* (John 15.5)!

I did a word study of the word "power" in the New Testament Epistles and now have almost 5 pages of quotes containing POWER found in 34 different texts! The New Testament Church was utterly aware of its need for the power of the Holy Spirit referenced throughout the letters in different ways: "the power of Christ," "the power of the cross," "the power of the Resurrection," "divine power," and "the power of God." In the last year we have looked at the power of the Holy Spirit from the perspective of the power to choose good, the power that sustains us through sometimes barren days, the power of God revealed in creation, and the power that renews our minds and restores our souls.

Life in Christ only works when empowered by the Holy Spirit! This was a great loss to Adam and Eve in the Fall, and a great restoration to God's people on the Day of Pentecost when the Church was baptized in the power of the Holy Spirit. So, if life in Christ at times feels overwhelming, or you have a sense that it is beyond your doing, it is not beyond Christ's doing. It is the power of the Holy Spirit that sustains us and brings us through!

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2.19-20

In Christ's Love,
Bud

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Follow us

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ccc-digitalmedia@rcn.com.



PRAYER REQUEST

The gift of prayer enables us to join with one another in consecrating our world, our lives, and our ministries to God.

Please lift in prayer: Morgan, Bob, Madonna, Kareem, Sharon, shut-ins, gun violence, those suffering from disasters and drought, victims of hate crimes, the homeless, elderly, youth, the hungry, our nation, Presbytery of Philadelphia, General Assembly.



MEN'S GROUP

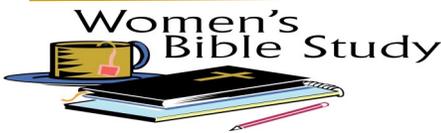
JOIN US ON Zoom!

September 3 and 17

October 1 and 15

9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

Newcomers are welcome. If you would like to attend, email or call Bud.



Women's Bible Study

JOIN US ON Zoom!

September 17 and October 15

9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

The Women's Study Group is reading the book; "The Universal Christ" by Richard Rohr.

Join us if you can. If this is your first time, email the church @ ccc@rcn.com to get the Meeting ID.



Church Mouse

9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

September 9 and 10

October 14 and 15



Everyone is invited to join us for

Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

September 4 and October 2

8:00 a.m.

Make sure to invite family and friends!



Worship Assistant Training

Tech Training

September 18, 2022

after Worship Service



Mandela Suku Saylee

Born August 3, 2022, 4:07 pm

7 pounds, 6 ounces

Proud parents, Vero and Emmanuel

Siblings — Stephanie, Sir Elliot & Etta





Women's Retreat

**"Transition: Honoring the Former, Embracing the New"
(Applying Kingdom Principles)
October 27–28, 2022**

Friday Night

- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:15 Opening Session

Saturday

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 Session 1
- 9:30 Break-Out Groups & Group Discussions
- 10:15 Session 2
- 10:45 Break-Out Groups & Group Discussions
- 11:30 Break/Lunch
- 1:00 Session 3
- 1:30 Break-Out Groups & Group Discussions
- 2:00 Session 4
- 2:30 Break-Out Groups and Group Discussions
- 3:30 Retreat Closing



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Mudoka Pork – A Community Building Project

Why engage in this project:

I feel called to mentor young men. When I see so many of them unemployed in Zambia and having no help to better themselves, it unsettles me. Pig farming was an opportunity for me to engage a few young men in paid work. With my wife's support, I was positive that we could bring long term financial stability to a farming community that's based in Chongwe. The goal was to provide year-round work and stable income for families.

Pig farming has proven to be very effective in this community. We are now at a point of expanding to meat processing, packaging and delivery services.

We seek support to purchase meat processing equipment.

Abel Mwantembe

Join us for a free Liturgical Dance Concert on October 22, 2022

Where: Christ's Community Church

337 Riverview Avenue

Drexel Hill, PA

Time: 3:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

All donations for Mudoka Pork, a community building project in Zambia

All are Welcome!





Mudoka Pork – A Community Building Project

Mudoka Pork, a community building project in Zambia wishes to thank Christ's Community Church (CCC) for the gift of \$2500 to drill a well on the farm.

The benefits of having this well go way beyond our expectations. People on the farm now have water every day, the animals are getting plenty to drink and bathe. Nearby neighbors are coming to fetch water from the well which means they are not having to go too far looking for water. This well is not only benefiting Mudoka farm families but the larger community as well.

Thank you CCC in Christ's name. Amen!



Well drilling



Water from well stored in this tank



Neighbor fetching water for cooking



After a bath



To know Christ and make Him known!

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Sunday worship

9:30 a.m.

**Worship Service
In-Person and on Zoom**

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Kim Rankin
- 15 Melissa Price
- 23 Wayne Crawford
Darlington Yeah
- 24 Peter Falk
- 26 Linda Martin



OCTOBER

- 2 Aaron Geh
- 10 Wesley Cummings
- 15 Tracy Johnson
- 16 Katie Engell
- 18 Jannie Sirkin
- 22 Sheila Cummings
- 27 Sayce Falk

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**September/October
Weekly/Monthly Meetings**

- Sunday 9:30 a.m., Informal Worship
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m., NA in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m., NA in Fellowship Hall
- Thursday 7:00 p.m., NA in Fellowship Hall
- Friday 7:00 p.m., Cub Scouts

September

- September 3, Sunday 9:00 a.m., Men's Meeting on Zoom
- September 4, Sunday 8:00 a.m., Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
- September 5, Monday Labor Day Holiday—Office Closed
- September 6, Tuesday Bud Returns From Vacation
- September 9 and 10 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m., Church Mouse
- September 11, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
Covenant Class
4:00 p.m., Session Meet
- September 17, Saturday 9:00 a.m., Women's Bible Study on Zoom
- September 18, Sunday 9:00 a.m., Men's Meeting on Zoom
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
September Birthday Celebration
Worship Assistant and Tech Trainings
Covenant Class
- September 25, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
Covenant Class

October

- October 1, Saturday 9:00 a.m., Men's Meeting on Zoom
10:00 a.m., Cub Scouts—Youth Protection
- October 2, Sunday 8:00 a.m., Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
Covenant Class
- October 9, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
Covenant Class
4:00 p.m., Session Meet
- October 14 and 15 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m., Church Mouse
- October 15, Saturday 9:00 a.m., Women's Bible Study on Zoom
9:00 a.m., Men's Meeting on Zoom
November/December Viewpoints Deadline
- October 16, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
October Birthday Celebration
Covenant Class
- October 22, Saturday 3:00 p.m., Liturgical Dance Concert
- October 23, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
Covenant Class
- October 28—29 Women's Retreat
- October 29, Saturday Life Center Meal
- October 30, Sunday 9:30 a.m., Worship Service
Covenant Class

