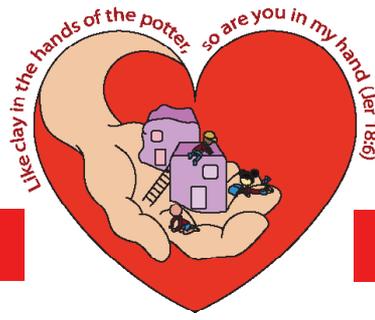


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Bridging the Gap



Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that the herald may run with it. (Habakkuk 2:2)

Remembering the Reason for the Season



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Hello Community Family,

Kingdom Builders Christian Center is a non-denominational church here in our community, and as our sign states, "FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY." Non-denomination simply means, we have people from various church backgrounds, but the message is simple, strictly Bible (The Whole Counsel of God and Absolute Truth) is the focus without having to disregard the Word of God to accommodate traditions of men that may make the Word of God of non-effect (Matthew 15:6).

Here at Kingdom Builders Church, AKA

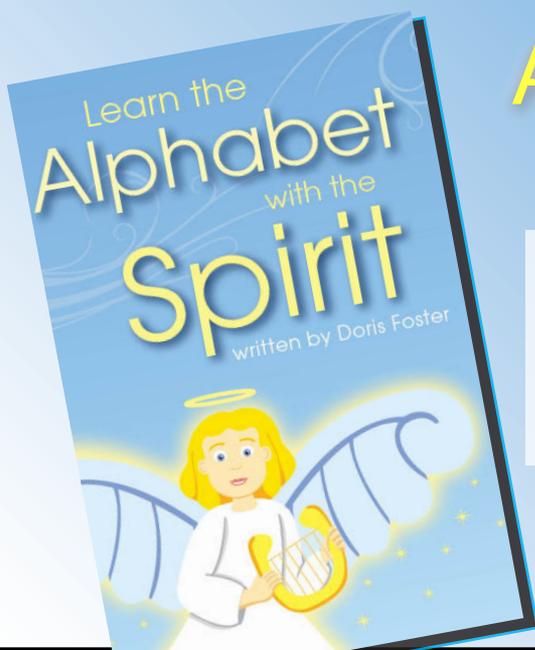
(KBCC), you will find a place of Love, Unity and Pure Worship. We seek to minister to the whole person, Spirit, Soul and Body (1 Thessalonians 5:23). Visitors to our church have often shared their experience of entering an atmosphere of love and acceptance when coming to our church. I am sure this is why visitors usually become members of our fellowship of faith and love. As God's servant in our community, we invite you to take time and have an encouraging and positive life changing experience by visiting us on Sunday mornings at 10:00a.m. for regular Worship and/or Wednesday

evenings at 7:00-8:15p.m. for small group Bible Study to include Nursery Ministry and Children and Youth focused gatherings in both of our worship times. The children and youth get an added bonus of not only spiritual enrichment, but recreational activities with snacks.

Thanks for being a part of our family, our community and our hearts.

Christ Servant,

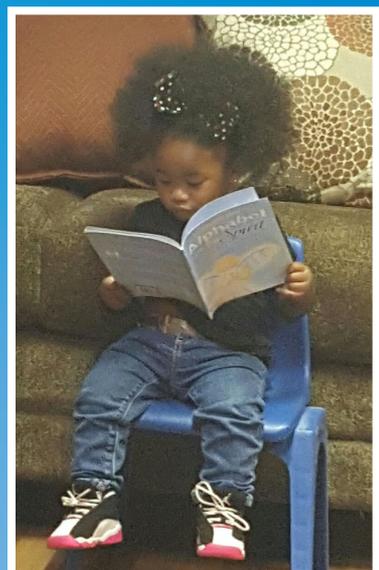
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Introduction to Salvation

The Truth, the Whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth!

You cannot just have a part of God's word or truth; we must have the entire truth. Truth-be-told, only believing in God isn't enough! Knowing God is more than knowing about him. You have to develop a relationship with him. In order to do that you have to have a willing heart and mind to want to be in fellowship with him. Just like you develop relationships with the people around you; you have to develop one with him, the unseen God.

God's words tell us that, "as you believe in your heart AND confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, then you will be saved". (Romans 10:9) To be "SAVED" spiritually means that a conversion or a God produced change took place in you due to Jesus Christ being received into your "HEART" When you receive Jesus Christ into your heart, His character and the power of God will bring change into your life. Sometimes it is experienced and seen quickly (right away) and other times it is not

as evident (apparent), but if you would just take the first step to receive him, the change will manifest. Now, the first step to salvation is to admit that you are a sinner. Romans 3:23 tells us that all have sinned and fell short of the glory of God. All sin, no matter how big or small, makes us sinners, which cuts us off from our Holy God: "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord". (Romans 6:23) However, God presented himself as a sacrifice of atonement through faith in his blood. (Roman 3:25) This now means that because of the Savior you have the opportunity to be in right standing with him. So then you must repent. This act is showing regrets for sinning and asking for forgiveness (we must all do this). When you repent, it is a step to growth and maturity in Christ and in this life for yourself. Repentance should shut doors that allow evil spirits and wrong people into our lives and open doors for God to move and right

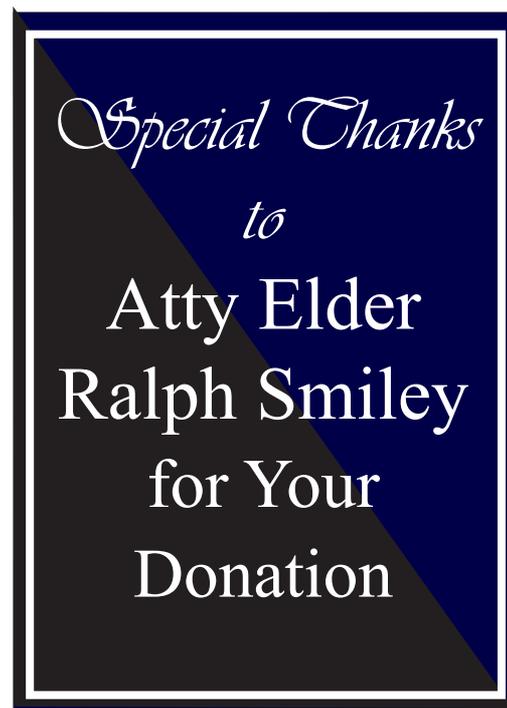
relationships to flow into those areas of our lives. This can only be done through the Holy Spirit as we submit or yield, to allow this change to take place in us. At this point by an act of faith on your part (believing that God is and trusting Him), you ask Jesus Christ into your heart as Savior and Lord. Pray this prayer: I am a sinner and I thank you for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior, guide my life and help me to do your will. Strengthen me with your power through your spirit, in Jesus, Amen Receive God's forgiveness. For, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13) Now Believe! Trust that God has heard you, forgiven you and has your name written in the lamb's book of life. You must believe in your heart that Jesus bore your sins, died for you and rose again... (Romans 10:9). For God so loved the world that he gave his one and

only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16) God demonstrates his own love for you in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8) After receiving Jesus Christ into your heart, a "desire" to remain in that relationship with Him will come alive or exist in you. Therefore, you will "know" He lives in you! Don't take it for granted or be deceived, God has forgiven you for your sins. Yes it is true; it is also a process, for faith without works is dead. Believe in our Lord Jesus Christ and receive him as your savior today. Now admit this to at least one person. Remember we confess with our mouth and believe in our hearts. "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." (John 1:12)

Defining Salvation

Salvation - deliverance from the power and penalty of sins; **redemption**
 Save means to be delivered
 Surrender - to yield, to give oneself up
 Conversion - when a change takes place in your heart through the spirit of God
 Faith - believe that which is not seen; now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see
 Repentance - turning away from your sinful nature

and acknowledging your sin in the presence of God through prayer
 Holy Spirit - the third person of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) through whom God acts, reveals His will, empowers individuals and discloses His personal presence
 Believe - to have confidence in the truth, the existence, or the reliability of something
 Sin - transgression of divine law



Each Day Brings a New Beginning

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
 2 Corinthians 5:17

Share Each Other's Burdens

Sharing life's struggles is fundamental to the way followers of Christ are called to live. As Paul challenged us, "Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ" (Gal 6:2) by working together through life's challenges we can help to strengthen and support one another when times are hard. You don't have to look like me or smell like me for me to do what is right. By expressing the care and affections of Christ toward one another, (your testimony of what God did for you and is doing) the difficulties of life should draw us to Christ and to each other-not isolate us in our suffering. (We must offer the way through these times and that way is Christ Jesus, through prayers and praise.)

By sharing in the struggles of another, we are modeling the love of Christ, and doing what we are called to do. We read in Isaiah, "Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows" (Isa 53:4). No matter how great the struggle we face, we never face it alone. (He died and rose again for us) Thank you, Father that I don't have to walk my life's journey alone. You are near.

We must capitalize on the opportunity to share Jesus Christ. We must witness to those and let them know and understand that it is in Jesus' name and their faith that their healing come. As Peters speaks in Acts 3 "Now, brothers, I know you acted out of ignorance, as did your leaders. But, this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that Christ would suffer. Repent and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out. Times of refreshing may come from the Lord. And, He may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you. Did you know God has appointed Christ to bless our lives, if we let Him?

We must repent! When we repent! God promises not to only wipe away our

sins, but to also bring us refreshment. God always keeps His promises. Repentance may, at first, seem painful because it is hard to give up certain sins. But God will give you a better way in all things. As was promised in (Hosea 6:3), "Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.

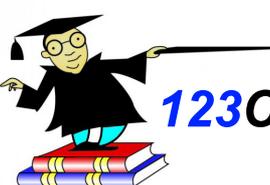
Do you feel a need to be refreshed? Find a place to worship, study your Bible, pray, seek help for more understanding, go to Bible study and seek to learn more with all your heart; then Jesus will reveal Himself to you because you would have started to build a relationship with Him.

We can go a lot further together than we can alone!!!

He is 'the stone which you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.'

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

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Stroke Warning Signs and Symptoms



I would like to take this time to discuss some information that I feel is very important. We know that knowledge is power. The more knowledgeable we are about things that may affect our health, the more we can take measures to prevent them. In this article, I want to talk about strokes and stroke prevention. A stroke occurs when something like cholesterol builds up or a hemorrhage occurs in one of your blood vessels called an artery. This blocks oxygen and nutrients from getting to your brain causing that part of the brain to die. If the blockage occurs in the right side of the brain, it causes the left side of the body to be weak, numb, or cause loss of use. If it occurs in the left side

of the brain, it causes the same issues on the right side of the body. About 795,000

Americans suffer from a new or recurrent stroke yearly. If someone has had a stroke before, this increases their risk of having another one. Strokes kill 137,000 people each year. Persons who are at greater risk for strokes are those with family history of strokes, African Americans are said to have a higher incidence of strokes, more men have strokes than women, uncontrolled diabetes, high blood

pressure, alcohol and drug use, smoking cigarettes, sickle cell disease and high cholesterol all increases your risk of having a stroke. We cannot change our gender, or race however we can make life style changes like decreasing the amount of fatty and fried foods we eat, lose weight if you are obese, get regular exercise, do all that you can to control your blood pressure or diabetes if this is a challenge for you. If you or someone in your

presence shows signs of a stroke implement the acronym immediately!

F.A.S.T. is an easy way to remember the sudden signs of stroke. When you can spot the signs, you'll know that you need to call 9-1-1 for help right away.

F. A. S.T. is:

F- Face Drooping – Does one side of the face droop or is numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?

A – Arm Weakness – Is one

arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
S – Speech Difficulty – Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "The sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly?

T – Time to call 9-1-1 – If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1- and get the person to the

hospital immediately. Check the time so you will know when the first symptoms appeared.

I hope this information will be of use to you.

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