



Anita Abner and mother Kitty Weathers and Breonna Council...Steve Bartee and family...Lillie Blackmon and family & the Whitfields...Donald & Lois Boone...Cynthia Burks & family...Terrie Dear...Andrew & Tracy Dixon for new place to live...Brenda Flemming...Danyaee Fuller for school and grades...Dorothy Gaiters for family...Shirley Graves and family...James Green for thanksgiving...Wilma Greene for son-in-law Eric Robinson...Tondalaya Greene for Greene and Martin family...Georgia Gregory...Gracie Hackett...James & Billie Hampton...Alice Harding for spiritual and physical strength and for a former member Shirley Greene & family...Tejaya

Harris, Tangela Harris and their mother Teresa Harris...Bruce Jackson...Freddie Jackson for health and family...Toi Jackson...Cynthia Kinsey and family for health and a prosperous new year...Stanley & Belinda Lewis for son's Corey health to improve and entire family's health...Michael & Wendi Martin, parents health and for the Hicks family who is bereaved...Olivia McClendon for health and family...Gracie Murray and family...Sherriel Murry for health and for Luvenia Moore & Edward Greer...Helen Oliver for sister Oretha...Tamara Palmer for son who needs male guidance...Sandra Parham for Whitney...Fernnell Perryman for children, grand kids and great grand kids...Josephine Rice & family...Barbara Satterfield and family...Nathaniel & Rose Singleton...Ann Stewart for health and for mother's health...Erma Stinnette and Bernice Francis...Doris Toldson and family...Joshie Torrero...James & Darlene Williams...Vanetta Williams for her health...Tamara Woolery.

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2010 RECORD	JAN 17
BIBLE SCHOOL	114
10:20 A.M. WORSHIP	276
5:00 P.M. WORSHIP	90



2010 RESPONSES	JAN 17	YTD
BAPTISMS	1	1
PLACED MEMBERSHIP	-	-
PRAYER/RESTORED	4	19
RECLAIMED	-	-
TOTAL	5	20



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What's Your Purpose?



Why are you here? Why are you on the earth? What is your purpose for being alive? What were you created to do? Some will respond, "I truly don't know." Another might say, "Maybe I'm here just to occupy space." "I guess if nothing else I am here to fill a chair at the table ... maybe." "I'm just a number." Here's some good news: there is a bigger purpose. There is a reason for you being here. You are here to do more than just occupy space, fill a seat, or be a number.

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10 NIV).

The first nine verses remind us of who we were and where we were. The emphasis is on "were," not what we are. The change came when "God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ." He continues by reminding us that we have been saved by the grace of God. Why would He do that and for what purpose? The answer is found in the last sentence: *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

There's your reason for being. You were created to do good works. God has a plan for you. He has a purpose for you. He has been planning for you. He knew you were coming. Now that you are here, He has a purpose for you. Not just any good works, but good works that He has designed for you to do. You were not placed on this planet just to occupy space. You were placed here to do God's good works.

Maybe you are here to be a godly mother for your children who need to know the tenderness of God's love. Maybe you are here to be the dad who teaches his son how to be a godly man, and show his daughter the kind of man God wants her to marry.

Maybe you were created to lead a church. Maybe you were created to teach children about how Jesus loves them. Maybe you were created to be the one godly man in the life of an athlete who needs to see how a man of God conducts himself in a world that lacks integrity and true character. Maybe you were created to take care of the medical needs of orphaned children in a village on the other side of the world. Maybe you were created to teach English or Math or History to students in the school in your neighborhood. Maybe you were created to stay right where you are and be who you are with your friends and your neighbors. What is your purpose? You were created to be the best you that you can possibly be.

Tom Norvell HEARTLIGHT® Magazine

SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY	THIRD SATURDAY	WEBSITE	FAX/E-MAIL
WORSHIP 10:20 A.M. 5:00 P.M.	BIBLE SCHOOL 9 A.M.	BIBLE CLASS 10 A.M. 7 P.M.	PRAYER /BREAKFAST/ BUSINESS MEETING 7, 8 & 9 A.M.	normcoc.org	(323) 750-5180 normcoc@speakeasy.net

Defining the Ages

We are presently living in the Christian Age. The following short study should help your understanding regarding the different dispensations or ages of time:

Patriarchal Age

The word "patriarch" means "father." In this age God began to deal with man as the head of his family. Instead of revealing a written code of law and a system of worship, He spoke to the fathers through visions, dreams, and angels (Genesis 15:1; Genesis 22:11, 15; Genesis 31:11, 24; Genesis 46:2; Numbers 12:6; Numbers 24:4, 16). Because of the limitation and nature of God's revelation during this long age, lasting thousands of years, it has been called the "Starlight Age."

Mosaic Age

Here the name springs from the great lawgiver, Moses. During this period God expanded His method of dealing with man by choosing a nation (Israel— Deuteronomy 7:6-8). Man was now ready for additional revelation from God; hence this age is often called the "Moonlight Age." Through Moses, God set down a definite written code for social, political, and religious life, with the ten Commandments as its center (Exodus 20).

Christian Age

The name here refers to Christ, the "author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). The chief characteristic here is that God now turns from a family and a nation to the whole world (John 3:16-17; Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 1:5; Romans 16:25-26). Now the grand purpose of God is fulfilled through His son (Hebrews 1:1-2); the redemption of all mankind on earth (those who are willing to be saved by the Gospel or "perfect law of liberty" (James 1:25). Thus, this age is often called the "Sunlight Age" - the present age in which we now live. More than nineteen hundred years have transpired thus far.

EXALT...EDIFY...EVANGELIZE

Lift up the Lord, Build up the Body, Break up the bonds of Sin!

It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow.

—Robert H. Goddard

The annual Cooperation meeting will be held next Sunday, January 31, after evening worship.

The Normandie Christian School

Board of Directors

*Invites you to its
Annual Carroll Awards Program & Luncheon
Theme: Celebrating Our NCS
Part II-Remembering & Recognizing NCS Graduates*

Saturday, February 6, 2010

11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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"When life caves in, you do not need reasons -- you need comfort. You do not need some answers -- you need someone. And Jesus does not come to us with an explanation -- He comes to us with His presence."

—Bob Benson

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

10:20 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP/INVOCATION
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CHRISTOPHER PRESSLEY

PRAYER
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Usher—WOODROW BAILEY
Usher—EDGAR FLEMMING
Usher—JESSE GRAVES
Usher—CLIFFORD MATLOCK
Usher—KEN TALLEY
Usher—IRA THOMPSON

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SICK & SHOT-IN

"And, the prayer of faith shall save the sick..." James 5:15

Fernnell Perryman became ill last Sunday evening, she is at home and doing well. Cecily Allen...Morris Bailey, Sr....Bennie Bellfield...Patricia Calloway...Bobbie Chapman...Delores Davis...Victoria Dias...Jennie Drake...Geneva Ensley...Carver Henderson...Geneva Jenkins...Clem & Gladys Long...Arnene Mangram...Jeri Monterio...Hattye Faye Murray...E. W. Singletary...Lucille Smith...Marion Thomas...Noella Wade...Leonard Williams.

RESPONSES/SPECIAL PRAYER JANUARY 17

Katrina Gayles needs special prayer for her surgery, her friend in Haiti, and her mom...Shenette Greene repented and confessed faults...Valerie Quick desires prayer for her aunt Catherine health...Peggy Spriggs repented and confessed faults— BAPTISM...Ruben Garcia was baptized January 16, 2010, he will be attending California Avenue Church of Christ, Bakersfield, CA.



To Normandie and Diamondaires, may the Lord bless and keep all of you. Thank you for the beautiful door prize I received at the luncheon.

—Nancy Henderson

Special thanks to the congregation for your prayers during my surgery.

—Frances Hall