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2010 RECORDS	JAN 24
BIBLE SCHOOL	164
10:20 A.M. WORSHIP	273
5:00 P.M. WORSHIP	83

2010 RESPONSES	JAN 24	YTD
BAPTISMS	2	3
PLACED MEMBERSHIP	-	-
PRAYER/RESTORED	6	25
RECLAIMED	-	-
TOTALS	8	28



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# **ACTING OUT YOUR FAITH**

#### Romans 12:9-21

If your work is motivated by love, performed in Jesus' name, and exalting to God, you will find yourself enthusiastic and energized by it. God sends opportunities every day to positively impact lives around you. How pleased He is to see your faith shine as you help people. Your "service" may simply be a pleasant smile, an encouraging word, or a listening ear. In different situations, God may ask you to sacrifice your time or give generously of your resources. The love God gives you for others will prompt you to make time for them and not count the cost. As you pour yourself into loving them, you'll discover a sense of fulfillment and joy.

Your service should always be done "in Jesus' name." This means whatever you do should be in harmony with God's revealed will and does not contradict Scripture. Serving in Jesus' name also means that you are acting in submission to his authority—that is, doing things in His way and time. To live out your faith is to depend upon the Holy Spirit's power. Only by yielding to His control can your work yield real spiritual fruit.

People will know your faith is real when your actions exalt God and not yourself. As ambassadors of Christ, we must serve with excellence so that God receives the glory He deserves. Whatever success you experience belongs to God, whose Spirit is working through you—you have no reason to boast.

Watch for God's signals and be ready to act with eagerness to live out your faith. The world is watching!

"He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."—Philippians 1:6

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SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY	THIRD SATURDAY	WEBSITE	TELEPHONE/E-MAIL
WORSHIP   BIBLE   SCHOOL   9 A.M.	<u>BIBLE CLASS</u> 10 A.M. 7 P.M.	PRAYER /BREAKFAST/ BUSINESS MEETING 7, 8 & 9 A.M.	normcoc.org	(323) 750-3212 normcoc@speakeasy.net

#### BIBLICAL FASTING

### READ | Matthew 6:4-18

God's Word contains commands about many things, from frequency of prayer and expressions of worship to relationships with other people (1 Thess. 5:17; Deut. 6:5; John 13:34). Surprisingly, though, there is no place in the Scriptures where the believer is specifically instructed to

Yet the words "when you fast" (Matt. 6:16, emphasis added) show Jesus' expectation that His followers would practice this discipline. And there are many biblical examples of godly people who abstained from certain activities in order to draw close to God.

Before we go further, it is important to dispel a popular misunderstanding. Fasting doesn't serve to change God's mind, speed up His answer, or manipulate His will. Instead, it prepares us to hear from Him by temporarily laying aside something that vies for our attention or devotion—such as food, sleep, or a time of intimacy with a spouse.

Denying ourselves in this way makes us better able to focus on Christ and hear Him clearly. His Spirit often starts by bringing to mind sin that needs to be confessed. In so doing, He sanctifies our thoughts, then He can use this precious time to intensify our desire for Him, reveal His Will, and grant understanding and peace. In essence, fasting binds us to Him in such oneness that we won't ever be the same again.

Do you want to see God move in awesome ways? By removing anything that hinders your focus, you can fix attention solely on the Creator and cry out to Him regarding your needs. As you gain understanding about your Father and yourself, you will grow closer to Him.

-In Touch Magazine Daily Devotional

### THE HOLY ALPHABET

Although things are not perfect

Because of trial or pain

Continue in thanksgiving

**D**o not begin to blame

Even when times are hard

Fierce winds are bound to blow

God is forever able

Hold on to what you know

Imagine life without his love

Joy would cease to be

Keep thanking Him for all the things

Love imparts to thee

Move out of "Camp Complaining"

**N**o weapon that is known

On earth can yield the power

Praise can do alone

Quit looking at the future

Redeem the time at hand

**S**tart everyday with worship

To "thank" is a command

Until we see Him coming

**V**ictorious in the sky

**W**e'll run the race with gratitude

Xalting God most high

Yes, there'll be some good times and some bad, but...

Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!



Bro. Carver Henderson passed Tuesday morning, January 26, 2010. Services are pending. Bro. Henderson was a chartered member of

Normandie Church of Christ. Please pray for the Henderson family.

## THREE THINGS

Three things in life that once gone, never come back TIME, WORDS & OPPORTUNITY

Three things in life that may never be lost PEACE. HOPE & HONESTY

Three things in life that are most valuable LOVE. FAITH & PRAYER

Three things in life that are never certain DREAMS, SUCCESS & FORTUNE

Three things in life that make a man HARD WORK, SINCERITY & COMMITTMENT

Three things in life that can destroy a man LUST, PRIDE & ANGER

Three things in life that are truly constant FATHER, SON & HOLY SPIRIT

You are encouraged to attend a Special **Normandie Christian School** Chapel program in memory of Brother Carroll Pitts, Ir. Monday February 1, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

#### SENIOR SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

10:20 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO WORSHIP/INVOCATION LAWRENCE CLEMONS SR.

> **SONG DIRECTOR GENE DAVIS**

**RESPONSIVE READING BOOKER HINTON** 

> **PRAYER JERRY COOKS**

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### **BAPTISMS**

Christian Render and his twin sister Alea Render were both baptized on Sunday January 24, 2010.

Their address are 1311 W. 89th Street #3, Los Angeles, CA 90044. They are the nephew and niece of Terrie Dear and Shirley Graves.

# A Special Thank You

To my Normandie family for your words of kindness, cards, monetary gifts, and most of all your prayers during the loss of my nephew.

Bernice Hadnot

# SICK & SHUT-IN "And, the prayer of taith shall save the sick..." James 5:15

Cecily Allen...Bennie Bellfield...Bobbie Chapman... Victoria Dias...Deloris Davis...Iennie Drake...Geneva Ensley...Geneva Jenkins...Clem & Gladys Long...Jeri Monterio...Hattye Faye Murray...E.W. Singletary...Lucille Smith...Marion Thomas...Arnene Mangram...Leonard Williams.

## RESPONSES/SPECIAL PRAYER IAN 24

Andrea Pittman desires special prayer...Mia Kizziee needs special prayer to set a better example for her sister and also pray for her father who is away at work...Margaret Simpson needs special prayer for her brother who is waiting for a kidney transplant and for her niece who will soon have gall bladder surgery...Vanetta Williams for her health and son Bruce to get employment...Breonna Council repented, confessed faults, and needs special prayer for her walk in Christ to be more stable...The Gayles family needs special prayer for healing.