

# TheWill

*November 2016*

Monthly Newsletter of  
God's Will Christian Church

## Mark Your Calendar

**11.13**

Friends and Family  
Day

**11.20**

Community Food  
Giveaway

**11.24**

Thanksgiving Day  
Prayer  
8:00 AM

**All Month**

Wednesday Dance  
Rehearsal  
7PM– 8:15PM

## Member Spotlight

The word of God tells us that He places members in the body as He sees fit. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful group of believers that support the mission of the church. One such member is Vanessa Hawkins. Sis. Vanessa has been a tremendous blessing to the ministry since she joined. She is always willing to take on new tasks and has improved upon existing programs in the church. She is faithful in her service and is a wonderful example to the young women at GWCC. She demonstrates the love of Christ and has a heart for service. We can't say enough about our beloved sister. Get to know her a little better by reading our interview with her.



## **Member Spotlight– Vanessa Hawkins**

### **Who introduced you to Christ?**

My father, Clarence Voundy, introduced me to Christ as a young child.

**When did you join GWCC?** I joined the church in 2012.

**In what ministries do you participate?** I currently lead the Membership ministry. I also sing with the Praise Team, and serve as an Adult Sunday School teacher.

**What do you do for a living?** I am a mom, first and foremost. I am a Spanish Teacher/Department Chair at James H. Blake High School in Maryland.

**What are your hobbies?** I love working out and spending time outdoors. Recently, aside from cooking regular meals, my interest has peaked in trying new recipes to cook for my family

**What have you found most rewarding about being a member of GWCC?** The relationships I've been able to form with church leadership and members. I enjoy being a part of a group, organization, and institution where you can directly connect with/have input with the growth or direction. It let's me know that I'm a valued member and that my voice is heard and is taken into consideration.

**What advice would you give a new Christian?** I would say don't look at the growth of other Christians to compare with yourself. Focus on seeking God personally and ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS. They only way you grow is if you seek understanding!



## **GWCC Welcomes Our New Member!**

We are growing! We are excited to welcome a new member to our family. We welcome our new member:

### **Myron Chan**

Please be sure to introduce yourself when you see him in service.

### **Weekly Activities**

#### **Morning Prayer Conference Call**

Daily 7:00AM

#### **Weekly Bible Study Conference Call**

Wednesday 7:00-8:00p

#### **Men's Bible Study Conference Call**

Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm

### **Conference Number:**

**712-775-7031 Access Code: 443-268-839**

#### **Women's Bible Study Conference Call**

Monday 7:30-8:30pm

857-232-0158 Access Code 262390



## **Are you a Martha or a Mary??**

**- An excerpt from How to Worship Jesus Christ by Joseph S. Carroll.**

Many of us are familiar with the story of Martha and Mary (when Mary is sitting at the feet of our Lord). If you are not, please read Luke 10:38-42. In the story, Martha is busy working in the house while her sister is sitting at Jesus' feet listening to him. Martha complained to Jesus that her sister is not helping her.

To Martha, worried and fussing with many pressing chores, our Lord said, "Only a few things are necessary, really only one." (Luke 10:41)

Worship is that one essential activity that must take precedence over every other duty of life. Most people, unfortunately are exactly like Martha--preoccupied, distracted, too busy serving to sit at the Savior's feet. Living in a high-tech age, we tend to be driven by time clocks, deadlines, schedules, appointments, obligations, assignments, and urgent things beyond our control. Few people feel they can afford to put worship at the top of their "to do" list.

The truth is, we can't afford not to. Worship is ultimately our first priority. Nothing on anyone's agenda is more important. In fact, the hectic pace of modern life only elevates the importance of active, deliberate, purposeful, daily worship of the Lord Jesus Christ.





**And we know that all things work together for good, to those that love God and are called to His purpose.**

**– Romans 8:28**

## **Pastoral Thought**

### **Working for My Good**

My favorite scripture is Romans 8:28 which says, “And we know that all things work together for good, to those that love God and are called to His purpose.”

The key to understanding this verse and allowing it to work its good in your life is found in the first three words: “And we know.” When you speak these words, you are acknowledging that Christ is the director of your life and everything He allows you to go through, whether good or bad, will work to your good if we love Him.

When the Lord first equipped me with this verse, the “and we know” portion was viciously attacked by the enemy. Thoughts came to my mind that asked, “How can this work to my good? It's too difficult, too painful. I didn't invite this into my space. What in the world is going on? Lord, I'm not perfect but I'm growing and drawing closer to you. How can this be happening to me?”

This illustration helped me. I hope it helps you.

Have you ever examined a Japanese rug or any rug with intricate detail designs in it? I am amazed at the beautiful, floral designs which are so divinely arranged. Please take a moment and appreciate one if you haven't.

After you have examined the lovely art work on the rug, flip it over and you will see some ugly and deranged patterns that looks like something the cat dragged in.

While the Lord is preparing the beautiful rug of our life, we only see it on flip side which is confusing and fails to make sense. This is where the “and we know” part of the verse will help you wait patiently for the finished product. He will give you beauty for ashes.