

the Will

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Mark Your Calendar

Service Time: 10AM

**Happy Birthday to those
born in April**

**First Lady Adgerson's
Birthday-May 13th**

**See Sis. Jeania to make
final payments for the
Sight and Sound trip!**

**Save the Date: Couples'
Ball- October 5th**

**Interested in becoming a
member? Please see
Sis. Vanessa Hawkins!**

A Triumphant Mom

by Janet Perez Eckles

I sat on the edge of the bed, wrinkled tissue in hand. "Why me?" I had asked that question with every tick tock of the clock during sleepless nights.

At 31, a hereditary retinal disease robbed my eyesight completely. It pulled a dark curtain of devastation and sorrow into my life and erased any hope I had of being a productive mom to my three, five, and seven-year-old sons. One day, as self-pity was visiting again, a close friend called. "Just checking on you," she said. "How are you doing?" I wasn't doing. My life looked dark in every way and the tasks of a blind mom were too much for me. "Okay, I guess," I lied.

Then she said something profound. Something that opened the eyes of my heart and changed everything. "If you think about it," she said, "your kids are really God's children. He is their Father and He's in charge of all big and

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small things."

I wiped my tears, inhaled a deep sigh, and let that truth sink into my heart. It brought the encouragement I needed to sweep away those "poor-me" notions, and sparked a renewed passion to care for my sons.

Now with a brighter outlook and a sweet love for my role as their mom, I compiled my own list of what makes a "good" mom:

- A Mom who knows mistakes will be corrected in the hands of a loving God.
- A Mom who goes to sleep at night with dishes still in the sink, but a bedtime story in her kid's heart.
- A Mom who knows perfection will happen on the other side of heaven.
- A Mom who sees her kid's weaknesses and still smiles at his strengths.
- A Mom who places guilt in the garbage disposal of life.
- A Mom who leaves fingerprints on the glass door to place an imprint of love in her kid's heart.

- A Mom who looks in the mirror and smiles because she is molding one of the leaders of tomorrow
- A Mom who picks shoes off the floor, thankful her kids can walk.
- A Mom who listens to endless chatter, thankful her kids can talk.
- A Mom who's signed a partnership with God.
- A Mom who stirs this sweetener in the coffee cup of her heart: "I can do all things through the Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

And while she drops exhausted in bed at the end of the day, truth shines through: It's not the items checked off on the to-do list, accomplishments managed, the applause never heard or the help always needed; but it's the certainty that echoes in her heart, that her true greatness is in the Father's eyes, her sorrows are in His heart and her triumphs are in His plans.

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Member's Corner



What ministries do you participate in?

I lead the Music Ministry at GWCC.

What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are music, production, song writing and beat making.

What have you found most rewarding about being a member of GWCC?

Being a part of setting the atmosphere for worship and fellow-shiping with likeminded people are the most rewarding aspects of being a member.

What advice would you give a new Christian?

Find a church that will take the time to teach you what you need to know, and in all things, give thanks.

This month, we shine the spotlight on Brother Champ Anderson.

Who introduced you to Christ?

My parents introduced me to Christ.

What do you do for a living?

I am psychiatric counselor at The Psychiatric Institute of Washington (PIW). I am the music director at GWCC and I own a catering business, Anderson Catering and Food Services.

Recipe Corner: Lemon Garlic Butter Seared White Wine Scallops

INGREDIENTS

Serves 1

- 4 ounces Sea Scallops; Chilled
- 1 tablespoon Butter
- 1 tablespoon Extra virgin olive oil
- 1.5 teaspoons Minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon Shallots; minced
- 1 teaspoon Salt and Pepper
- 1/3 cup white wine

DIRECTIONS

Pull out all ingredients

In a tiny bowl or glass, combine the oil and garlic

1. In a medium pot, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the shallots and sauté until tender and golden, about 4-5 minutes. Stir in the garlic (leaving the oil behind in the bowl) and sauté until fragrant, about 1 minute more.
2. Stir in the wine and bring it to a simmer. Season with salt and pepper. Simmer until the liquid has reduced by just over half.
3. Meanwhile, season the scallops with salt and pepper. Heat the olive oil over medium heat in a large sauté pan and add the scallops – be careful not to crowd them.
4. Sear the scallops until golden on both sides, but still tender to the touch – about 5-9 minutes depending on the size of the scallops.
5. Pour the wine sauce into the pan over the scallops, and shake the pan lightly to combine.

Our Daily Bread

If there ever was a faithful person, it was Brother Justice. He was committed to his marriage, dedicated to his job as a postal worker, and each Sunday stood at his post as a leader in our local church. I visited my childhood church recently, and perched on the upright piano was the same bell that Brother Justice rang to notify us that the time for Bible study was about to end. The bell has endured the test of time. And although Brother Justice has been with the Lord for years, his legacy of faithfulness also endures.

Hebrews 3 brings a faithful servant and a faithful Son to the readers' attention. Though the faithfulness of Moses as God's "servant" is undeniable, Jesus is the one believers are taught to focus on. "Therefore, holy brothers and sisters . . .

fix your thoughts on Jesus" (v. 1). Such was the encouragement to all who face temptation (2:18). Their legacy could come only from following Jesus, the faithful One.

What do you do when the winds of temptation are swirling all around you? When you are weary and worn, and want to quit? The text invites us to, as one paraphrase renders it, "Take a good hard look at Jesus" (3:1 The Message). Look at Him again—and again and again. As we reexamine Jesus, we find the trustworthy Son of God who gives us courage to live in His family.

Father, through Your Spirit, empower us to courageously love, honor, and follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

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