

FIRST THINGS

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WALK IN YOUR PURPOSE

Pastor Rev. Powell



If someone were to ask you, what is your purpose for living, what would your answer be? Often, when I ask this question, some don't have an answer. Then there are those who believe their purpose is defined by their job descriptions. But I must tell you, it is bigger than our job descriptions or the goals we have achieved over our life and time. I've come to the realization that our work places are the environment where our purpose for living should play out. I'm always reminded of what Ephesians 2:10 say. It reads, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." My friends, whether it's the workplace or not God has created us to represent Him in all aspects of life. No matter what our

occupation may be, no matter what we're doing, we are called to be His handiwork that seeks to lead people to Christ. He has called each of us to honor Him and to serve His purpose. Furthermore, we are called to raise the conscious level of all people about who He is. We are the portraits that were created to portray who our great God is. I'm always reminded of a story somebody told me. There was a woman who prayed to God daily asking Him to make her workplace a place of tranquility and peace. She wanted to feel the presence of God in her workplace. After praying to God about her situation, she noticed nothing changed. Eventually, she got upset with God and asks Him why He didn't answer her prayers. The Lord told her that He understood that she wants a work environment that was filled with tranquility and peace; a place where His presence was felt. Then the Lord told

The Artist



Now that the season is changing
The firmaments are now rearranging
Where we now see beautiful colors like a Picasso painting
Truly it looks so amazing

For what we see is the mark of Ones vision
Brush strokes of textures within his creation
Picture of existence from His own interpretation
One that all should show their appreciation

For He is the artist that set the tone for all artist
Without Him none of us would exist
We would still be in a state of nothingness
Because of Him we are truly blessed

Written by
Reverend C Nadir Powell

her, that's the reason why I sent you there. My friends, our purpose here on earth is to exalt the name of God and spread the gospel everywhere we go. We are called to carry out the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:19-20 reminds us to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

My friends continue to give God the glory and tell someone about His saving grace. When you do this, you are walking in your purpose.

Written by Reverend C Nadir Powell



Go, Baptize, Teach By Emily Davis

"Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey

everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" Matthew 28:16-20

Here at the end of the book of Matthew, Jesus commands the eleven disciples to go, make disciples, and baptize those who believe. Jesus' sending out is not possible without the authority of Jesus, his teaching and training of the disciples, and his promised presence. First, it is Jesus who has the authority and the power to commission the disciples to go out and invite all the people of all the earth to be Disciples of Christ and to be baptized. This is a huge task, and it cannot be completed unless all authority does belong to Jesus and is given to him by God.

Second, Jesus' commissioning comes only after training and worship together. These disciples had been followers of Jesus, watching him and asking questions of him. They had been learning and practicing, and on the mountain that day, they saw Jesus and worshiped him, even though some had doubts. Only after they had followed Jesus, been discipled by him, and worshiped him does Jesus send them out to invite others to do the same.

Lastly, with this command, there is a promise that Jesus will be with the disciples always, to the end of the age. It is a promise of

Jesus' constant and ongoing presence with them. In order for the disciples to go into the world with everything that Jesus taught, Jesus must have the willingness to be present with them always. Jesus sends them out, but he does not leave them alone in that work. He will comfort them and guide them throughout their lives and ministry.



NEWSLETTER

Newsletter information is due the 15th of each month. Please make sure to have information to the church secretary by the due date. This is to make sure the newsletter is received by all members and friends prior to the Month of the newsletter. Thank you fbctsecy@yahoo.com



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Dec. 6

3:00 decorate

5:30 sharing of food (please bring food to share with all)

7:30 program



NOTARY NEEDED?

Joanne Collins has been commissioned in the state of New Jersey as a notary public. If a church member needs a letter notarized she can do this for you at no cost. Please call her at 609 815-9696, or seek her out after Church services

SENIOR MINISTRY

The next service at Hamilton Grove will be held on the 15th of November at 2pm, Rev. Powell will be leading the service.

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Poetry in Motion

Sessions will resume in November. For more information, contact Rev. Powell at 732-277-3751 or Nekiell Butler at 609-712-3326.

ESL

ESL classes are on Saturdays, 10am. All youth and adults are welcome.



Music Festival

On November 1, 2015 at 4pm the Capital Association will be hosting their Annual Music Festival at Shiloh Baptist Church in Trenton. If anyone would like to participate, please see Rev. Powell.



A Word of Gratitude and Goodbye By Emily Davis

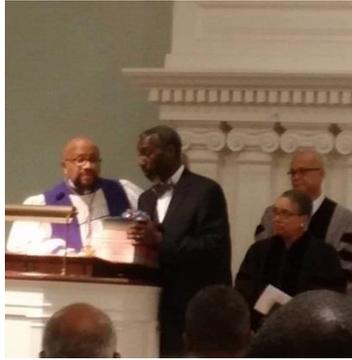


As many of you know, God already has and is calling Tyler and me to Waco, Texas for Tyler to continue his studies at Baylor University. Tyler is already living and studying there, and I have already had the opportunity to travel there, meet with Baptist ministers, and even preach at a local church. The first day of November will be both my ordination day and my last day at First Baptist. I will then join Tyler in Waco. I have not received a call to a church in Texas, but I am seeking one and trust that God will provide. Even as Tyler and I leave, we hope to remain connected to the First Baptist community.

I approach my last day at First Baptist with mixed emotions of excitement and sadness. Excitement for my ordination, being able to join Tyler, and to see what new thing God is doing in our lives and ministry. And sadness for leaving this loving community that has supported and nurtured us. You are a loving and gracious community. I am so thankful for each of you and the ways in which you have ministered to me and given me the opportunity to minister to you. Thank you for sharing your lives with me. Thank you for entrusting me with your thoughts and stories. You have taught me much about community and sharing life together.

You are a hospitable people who have allowed me to learn and practice ministry in your midst. It is within this community that I have been trained for ministry. I preached my first sermon here, I was licensed to preach here, and I look forward to my upcoming ordination service here. Thank you for allowing me the space to grow. Thank you for the opportunity to preach, teach, and provide leadership.

God has used you to do a good thing in my life and ministry, and I pray God's blessing upon you. God is doing great things among this community, and I know God will remain faithful and present in this place.



Pastor C Nadir Powell was officially installed on October 18, 2015. Bishop Donald Hilliard Jr is pictured giving him some advice as Pastor Bernadette Glover from St Paul's Baptist Church in Montclair and Rev Dr. Elmo Familiaran of ABC churches look on. Truly it was a blessed service.

Words of Appreciation

I want to take this time to thank FBCT for making my installation, a day that I'll always remember. Truly you've went far and beyond to make it a most memorable moment. Words really can't express how blessed I am to have believers like you who serves the way you do. I am truly blessed and I thank God for you. I look forward to continuing what God has already initiated here at FBCT. Thank you for believing in me, trusting me, and loving me.

Yours in Christ,
Rev C Nadir Powell

Bible Wordsearch

THE GOOD SAMARITAN Luke 10:30-37

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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Psalm 31

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Karen Praise & Prayer 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Fellowship Christian Ed. Meeting	2 5:00 STSK	3 5:00 STSK	4 5:00 STSK	5 6:30 Choir	6	7 10:00 ESL 12:30 Bible Study
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29 9:00 Karen Praise & Prayer 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Fellowship Deacon's meeting	30 5:00 STSK					NOVEMBER 2015

Bible Quiz

1. What Old Testament character was accused by Satan of serving God for worldly reasons?
2. What wicked woman accused Joseph falsely?
3. Who accused Naboth of blasphemy against God and the king?
4. What prophet did Ahab accuse of "troubling Israel?"
5. Who was accused of "casting out devils through the prince of devils?"

(answers: 1. Job (Job 1:9,10) 2. Potiphar's wife (Genesis 39:7) 3. Jezebel (1 Kings 21:10) 4. Elijah (1 Kings 18:17) 5. Jesus (Matthew 9:34))

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