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Vision Statement

“Commitment to
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October’s Theme: “*Stop Right There and Show Your Pastor You Care.*”

Church Services

Sunday School (classes for all ages)	9:30 am – 10:20 am
(Sunday School Closing Exercise)	10:20 am – 10:30 am
Snack Shack / Meet & Greet	10:30 am – 10:40 am
Sunday Service	10:45 am – 12:30 pm
Fellowship - Coffee Hour	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Youth Night (Every other Sunday)	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:4-5

Welcome Guests, please take a moment during service to fill out a visitor card with your name and contact information. *Children can attend nursery ages 0-5, or Children’s Church 6-10 years.*

YOUTH SUNDAY, September 30, 2018

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Sunday's Messenger: Sr. Pastor Dennis Jones

Message Text: *1 Corinthians 15:3-8*

Title: "**RESURRECTION POWER**"

Introduction: "Resurrection"

According to the *Miriam Webster Dictionary*, the term "resurrection" explains:

- It is the event told about in the Bible in which Jesus Christ returned to life after His death.
- **The Resurrection:** the event told about in the Bible in which dead people will be brought back to life before the day of final judgment.
- **Resurrection** is the act of causing something that had ended or been forgotten or lost to exist again, to be used.

Synonyms

Rebirth, [regeneration](#), [rejuvenation](#), [renewal](#), [resurg-ence](#), [resuscitation](#), [revitalization](#), [revive](#)

On the web, the US defense department examines possibility of the *resurrection* of the YF-23 design, with modernized electronics and a Japanese engine.



First, let's understand the Resurrection of Christ

Text: 1 Corinthians: 15:3-8

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me.

Paul first establishes that Jesus' resurrection is historical, and reliable.

Therefore he presents the argument that it was only the first step in the resurrection of all deceased Christians.

- He was seen by Cephas (Peter) and John—the first 2 who followed Him and knew that the tomb was empty.
- He was seen by the twelve. (Acts 1:21-23,26)
- He was seen of all the apostles—more than "the Twelve" including James and Paul. (*One of the qualifications for being an apostle was being seeing the risen Lord.*)

Second, let's understand the Resurrection of the Dead

1 Corinthians: 15:12-22

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, Whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Paul argues that there is a seamless connection between the resurrection of Christ and the future resurrection of believers on the final day.

- The proof that Christ's death was an effective substitutionary sacrifice for sins, lies in Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Romans 2:25, "...*who was delivered for our trespasses and raised for our justification.*"
- Christ's resurrection is grounded in the truth of eye witness testimony.
- He was the *firstfruits* of many who would also be raised from the dead.

Thirdly, we will examine the Resurrection of the Body (1Corinthians 15: 35-36, 42-49)

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

The nature of the resurrection body

Apparently, the Corinthians did not understand how natural bodies, subject as they were to sickness, death and eventual decay, could live eternally.

In this section, Paul explains that God will change the bodies of believers to make them immortal.

Question: *How are the dead raised?*

- God will change the bodies of the deceased to make them appropriate for their new, imperishable existence.
- Verse 42-43, emphasize the discontinuity between present corruptible bodies and future mortal bodies.
- ***Imperishable*** v.42—No longer subject to physical decay or aging.
- ***It is sown in dishonor and raised in glory***—this language has to do with outward physical appearance: the Christian's resurrection body will be physically attractive beyond anything imaginable.
- ***Natural***—Paul's contrast between natural and spiritual is a contrast between that which is temporally alive and that which has an eternal existence with God.
- Paul explains that God created Adam from the dust and animated him with breath.

- Christ, however, is the last Adam, and His resurrection gave Him a spiritual and therefore imperishable body. **Philippians 3:20**, “*But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.*”

Mystery & Victory

1 Corinthians 15: 50-58

⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” ⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

- **Corruptible bodies** (*flesh & blood*) cannot inherit the kingdom. Hence the need for resurrection.
- **Mystery**—Christians who are alive at the time of the resurrection/rapture will be transformed so that their bodies become spiritual and immortal like the bodies of those who are resurrected from the dead.
- **“Death is swallowed up in victory.”**
- **‘The power of sin is the law.’**
- **Therefore**—this implies a practical application for the doctrine of the resurrection.
- **Always abound in the work of the Lord** (*e.g. Evangelism*). This work that Christians do for the kingdom of God will bring results that last forever.

CONCLUSION:

Fruitfulness in the Lord:

John 15: 1-2, 4-5 “*I AM the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit...⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ I Am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.*”

Philippians 2:2-13....*work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

(See Union Park YouTube for the entire sermon <https://youtu.be/NVITyAPqfMU>)

If you would like to share your testimony; update (add) to the praise or prayer lists, let us know your birthday or anniversary, please contact Min. Terri Underwood, 407-454-3315 or email terriunderwood@AllAboutMyFathersBusiness.com.

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CHURCH NEWS

- October's Theme: ***"STOP RIGHT THERE AND SHOW YOUR PASTOR YOU CARE"***
- Thanks to all who attended the Food Pantry Volunteers Committee meeting on Saturday. If you would like to be a volunteer, please see Sis Christiana, Sis. Terri, or Sis. Debbie.
- Wednesday night's Bible Study continues on 1 Thessalonians. Everyone is invited!
- Interested in participating in this year's Christmas Choral? Please attend the kickoff meeting this evening at 6:00 pm.

Prayer, Praise and Worship Service Youth Sunday

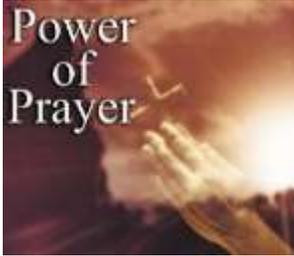


Our youngest helper, folding the bulletins. Our youth videographers on duty. Our youth ushers are proudly servicing.

God used young Samuel to serve in the temple. 1 Samuel

Prayer and Praise

James 5:13-15 Are you hurting? Pray. Do you feel great? Sing. Are you sick? Call the church leaders together to pray and anoint you with oil in the name of the Master. Believing-prayer will heal you, and Jesus will put you on your feet. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven—healed inside and out. (Message Bible)



Pastor Dennis, First Lady Christiana and family

(Ephesians 4:11-13)

Rev. Hires Rehab *(medical)*

Bro. Andee Jones *(medical)*

Charles Alexandre *(spiritual)*

Ryan Davenport & Family – Baby Olivia *(medical)*

Leslie Velasquez's Family *(Bereavement)*

The people of N&S Carolina affected by Hurricane Florence

Toni-Marie Rankine, Sis. Colette's sister-in-law
(God's help)

Bro. Benero Jimenez *(medical)*

We Want to Celebrate Your Special Day!

September Birthday/Anniversary

6 – Rose Powell

9 – Daynelle Jones

9 – Emilia & Jorge A. Rivera
(9/9/98)

15 – Jonathan Gaither (Charles)



October Birthday/Anniversary

5 – Colette Rankine

9 – Leon Gaither

12 – Ezequiel Abraham

14 – Derissa Jones

15 – Renaldo Lugo

23 – Paola Ruiz

25 – Joshua Rodriguez

30 – Kevin Gakono



The Church

In the Bible the word *church* is a translation of the Greek word *ekklesia*, meaning “a calling out.” It never refers to a building or meeting place, but always to people, the ones “called out” of the world’s society by God calling them into His service. The *Church* of the Bible is not a cold, stone building, but a group of warm and loving people specially chosen by God.

The Month Ahead

- Children's first Quiz Meet—Saturday, October 6, (*Gainesville*)
- Men's Breakfast—Saturday, October 20, 7:30 am
- Women's Breakfast—Saturday, October 27, 8:15 am
- Pastor & Wife Appreciation—Month of October

Our Fellowship Hour is so Important – It's not just the food – it's the FELLOWSHIP – getting to know our Sisters and Brothers. (If you want to share your favorite dish or snacks, please see Sis. Debbie.)

Come Share the Joy and Love at Union Park Church!

October is Pastor Dennis & Sis. Christiana Appreciation Month!



Throughout the month of October, churches around the world will show their appreciation for their clergy and spouse in a variety of ways. If you are interested in giving a testimony of your appreciation to Pastor and Sis. Christiana, participate in the traditional Sunday lunch ("no Sunday cooking for Sis. Christiana"), presenting a gift, etc., please contact Sis. Terri 407-454-3315.)

Our Mission Statement

- ❖ **Seeking** the lost through evangelistic outreach
- ❖ **Providing** for the spiritual needs of our congregation through prayer, Bible study, fellowship and united worship
- ❖ **Commitment** to the work of the local church
- ❖ **Encouragement** to each other in the work of Christ
- ❖ **Benevolence** towards those in need