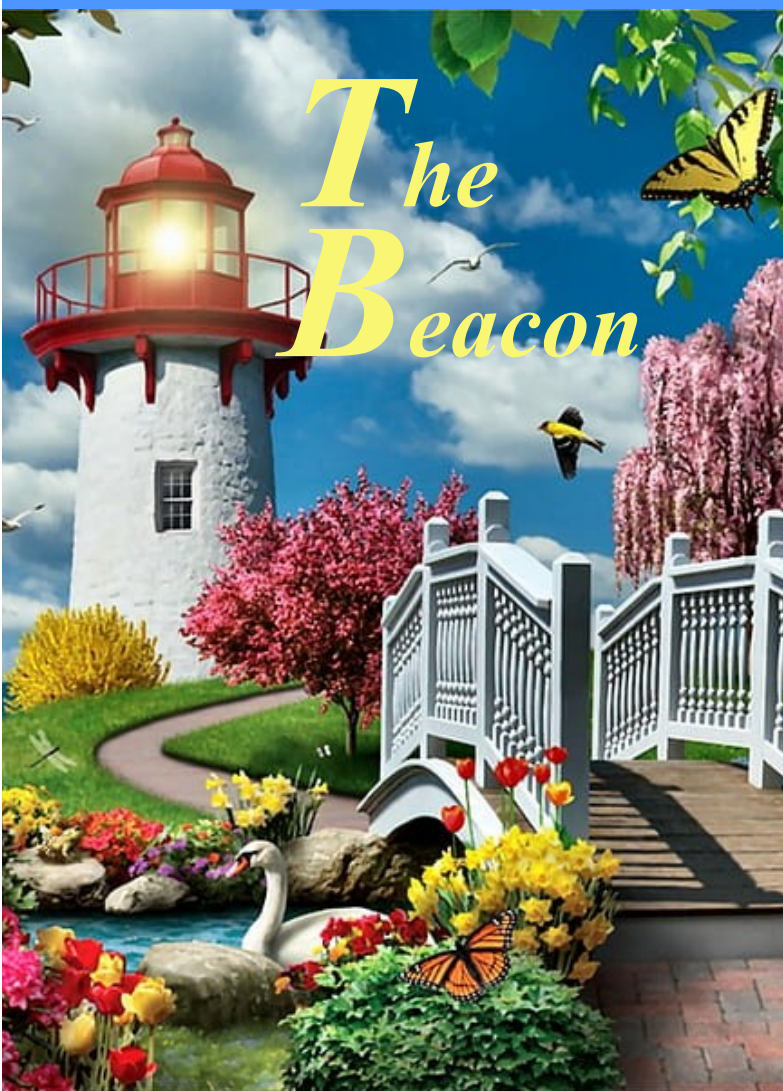


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New Covenant Church / Thomasville, Ga
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The Beacon

Let's Get Connected!

Sunday Mornings

Covenant Café 8:30am (Coffee & grits)

Sunday School—8:45a.m.-9:45a.m.
Skeeter In Room 8

Pre-Service Prayer—9:45a.m.

Main Event Worship Service 10:00a.m.

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Total Forgiveness -Life Group- Pastor Dave

Youth Group with Pastor Alli

Nursery and Children's Ministry provided

Open Gym Night

This Friday Night
May 6
From 7:00p.m.
to 10:00p.m.



For Kanecia Thomas
May 9th at 7:00p.m.
In the Oasis



Saturday, May 14

8:00a.m. till 1:00p.m.

Do you have household items to donate or sell?
Come join us by either donating or setting up your
own booth.

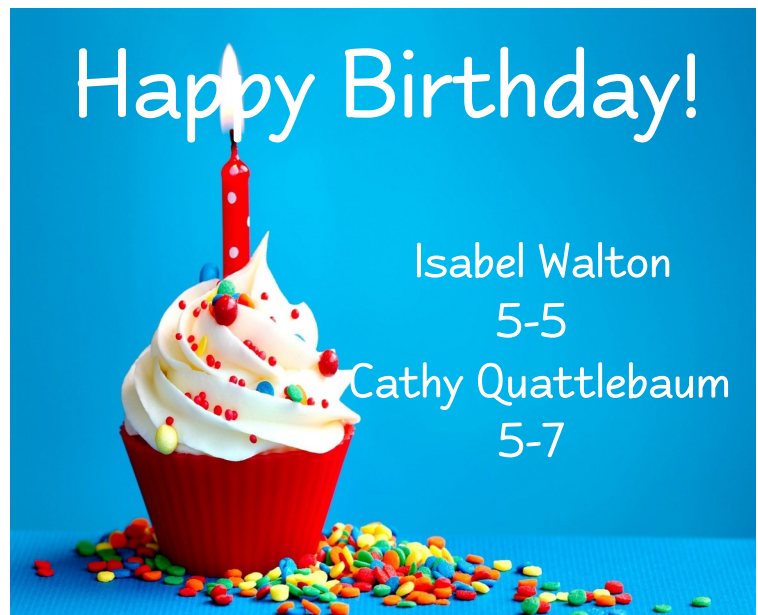
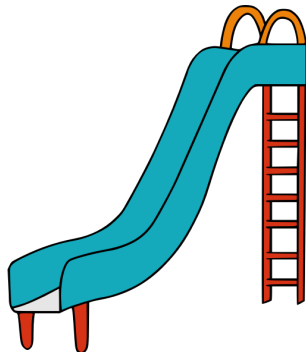
Sign up in the Grand Lobby or see Alli this week.

Playground Workday

May 14

9:00-12Noon

Hey guys! While your
spouse is at the yard sale
come out and help with
our... playground.



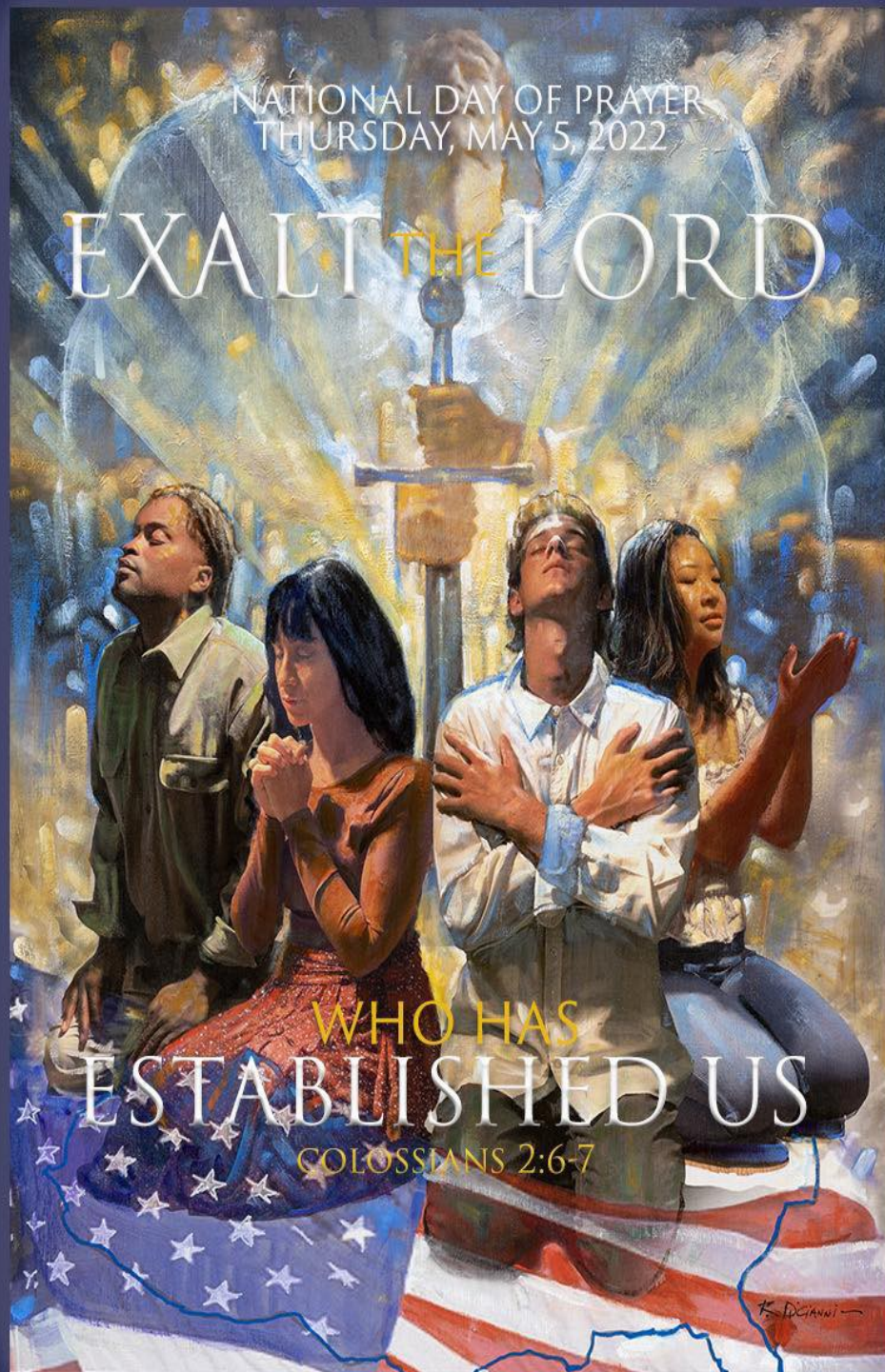
CALLING ALL YOUTH!
TONIGHT

6:30pm in the Youth Room

Calling all ladies



Bring your favorite pictures and let's create a
scrapbook. Monday, May 16th at 7:00p.m.



71st National & 31st Local National Day of Prayer Service

Hosted by: Clifford Temple CME Church, Pastor Curtis Russell

Location: 2007 Smith Avenue, Thomasville, GA 31792

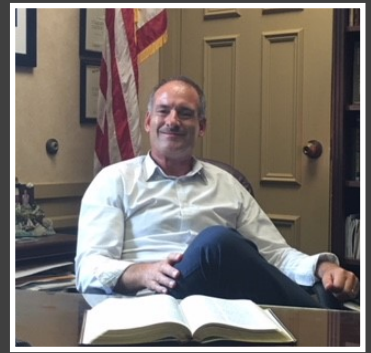
Date and Time: Thursday, May 5th, Noon – 1:00 p.m.

The service will also be broadcast on WPAX 1240 AM and 103.7 FM radio.



From the Desk of Pastor Dave:

*God blesses what we
already have!*



Monday, I had the opportunity to share this word of encouragement to the seniors at the Scott Senior Center in Thomasville. Jesus says in **John 6:31-35** ³¹ *"Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"* ³² *Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." 35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.*

It is probable that these Jews were expecting Jesus to rain down manna on them the way God did before in the wilderness. After all, anyone who could feed five thousand men with one small lunch should be able to produce manna. They were still thinking of physical food. I discovered that the word 'manna' means literally 'what is it?'

God is so good! He provided food for the Israelites while they wandered in the wilderness. When manna first appeared, they didn't know what it is. Check out Exodus 16:15 ... ¹⁵ *So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat. Manna was a nutritious food which appeared on the ground every morning shortly after the children of Israel left Egypt and began their 40-year wandering in the wilderness.*

Moses called it 'bread which the Lord hath given you to eat.' The Lord, in speaking to Moses, called it 'bread from heaven.' It was small and round, like coriander seed, and was white in color or yellowish, like bdellium. The people, after gathering it, ground it in mills or beat it in a mortar, baked it in pans and made cakes of it. It tasted like wafers made with honey or fresh oil. It was gathered every morning and had to be used up that day or it would stink and have worms. An exception was on the sixth day. It could be gathered for the Sabbath and wouldn't spoil. We see this in Exodus 16:22-26.

Although they were looking for pieces of bread to materialize, which would have been a great miracle, it

would have been insignificant compared to the miracle of God being manifested in the flesh. They were talking to the greatest miracle that God had ever performed, but they were blind to it. Many times, we get so intent on seeking God in one area that we forget the greatest miracle of all, which is the love and redemption given to us from God through His Son Jesus.

In **John 6:1-13** we see the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand with fish and loaves of bread that a boy donated. Usually, the Lord simply blesses what we set our hand to do. The resources were totally inadequate to meet the need in this instance, but when the Lord blessed it, there was more than enough.

Jesus didn't just teach His disciples, but He trained them also. He was constantly involving them in these miracles. Just days later, He asked them what they could do to feed the multitude of four thousand men. It was like He was saying 'You missed this question when I asked you how we could feed the five thousand men. Now, here are less people and more food. What would you suggest this time?' Many people have missed their miracle because they never took that first step of faith and used what they had.

This young boy was certainly credited with part of this miracle for offering what he had. So, here's the lesson in a nutshell. When in need, we should seek God's direction for something to set our hand to, and then trust Him to bless it and multiply the results of our work. I believe that this is a key to abundant living. Exercising our faith. By doing so, God blesses what we already have!

Fresh Start Recovery

Leadership Training Class

Thursday, May 19th

at 7:00p.m.