



**Office hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm**

## From the Bishop's Desk.....

### **ACCESSING A HIGHER LEVEL OF AUTHORITY**

**MARK 13:34 (KJV) "For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter (doorkeeper) to watch.**

As believers we have been given authority, but what good is it to have something without having a working knowledge of how to use what we possess. Having a solid understanding of spiritual authority is a vital key to build our faith in God and in His word.

When have been given authority to command, and to cast out demons, but instead we pray that God brings the demon out instead, we are basically asking God to do something that He has given us the authority to do ourselves. Jesus said He gave us power to cast out, lay hands on the sick and they shall be healed. Nowhere in the Bible does it tell us to ask God to cast them out for us.

Notice in **Luke 9:1**, it tells us that He not only gave His disciples authority over all demons, but also to cure all manner of diseases. Authority is exercised when there is a right, through alignment and order to exercise it. They were not praying and asking God to heal people, they had the authority to heal, and they were exercising it with a spoken word, just like Jesus did! Please don't misunderstand me I am not saying prayer can't heal people because it can (James 5:14-15). I'm just saying there is a higher level of authority that we as believers can tap into by speaking the Word of God with confidence.

In **Matthew 8:8-9, 13**, "The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: **but speak the word only**, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it... And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour."

Authority is exercised through our spoken word. The power of life and death are in the words we speak. That is why it is vitally important to speak the Word of God with absolute confidence and knowledge over any and every situation in your life. And the word you speak with absolute confidence

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and knowledge will be the word that will absolutely show up on your behalf.

As believers we must also understand that spiritual authority is accessed by faith.

Jesus, after having one of the greatest spiritual encounters in His ministry makes reference to faith and how it allows us to access our authority. In **Mark 9:17-29**, His disciples had an encounter with a very strong demon. They went to cast him out, but he would not yield to their authority.

Jesus comes along and the young boy's father brought the situation to His attention, and said I brought my son to your disciples, but they didn't get any results.

Jesus made it clear that they lack faith by calling them faithless. He also made it clear that some demons are so strong that a higher than usual level of faith is required to cast them out. As believers we can gain that higher level of faith and authority through prayer and fasting. Men should always pray and faint not, make prayer and fasting apart of your life style and not just something we do for a season.

### **ONE REFLECTION MARRIAGE MINISTRY**

**Please join our "Distinguished" Bishop C. Carl Smith and "Beautiful" First Lady Adrienne Smith along with New Birth Church Pittsburg One Reflection Marriage Ministry as they present:**

#### **"A Black and White Ball"**

A Night of Exquisite Elegance and Romance ~ Forever, For Always, For **Love! Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 6:00pm – 11:30pm.** Blackhawk Museum in Danville. **LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS FEB. 5<sup>TH</sup>.** \$150.00 per couple. Available online and in the bookstore. All couples are encouraged to wear Black and White.\*All payments are **NON-REFUNDABLE. Please arrive no later than 6:30 pm. Dinner to be served at 7:00pm.**

**Hotel – San Ramon Marriott (Escape Honeymoon Package). Online only - <https://www.marriott.com>, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, (925) 867-9200.**

Join us for **Keeping the Flame Alive Marriage Classes on Sunday mornings at 8:00am on February 5th and 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Marriage verse of the month: *1 Corinthians 7:3 – The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.*

A special blessing to all couples celebrating Wedding ANNIVERSARIES in the month of February. May the Love of God continue to overflow in your Marriage.

## Special Announcements

### **NEW SERVICE TIMES ~ New Birth Pittsburg**

Beginning **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**, service times on Sunday will be at **8:00am and 10:00am only.**

### **NEW SERVICE TIME ~ New Birth Oakland**

Beginning **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**, service time on Sunday will be at **12:00pm.** Services are held at The Lakeside Auditorium, 300 Lakeside Drive, across from Lake Merritt. Empowerment Sessions are also held on **Tuesdays @ 7:00pm.**

### **New Birth Oakland ~ Two Year Anniversary**

On **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00pm** join us as we celebrate two years of ministry in our New Birth Oakland Church, with special guest **Bishop Bob Hawkson.**

### **WATCHMEN**

Attention all Watchmen and Men of New Birth!! On **February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** we will be hosting a men's only "Courageous Round Table Discussion" in room 204A as a follow up to the movie. Stay tuned for more dates and Watchmen events to come. To be a part of the Watchmen Men's Ministry at New Birth, please send an email to [watchmen@newbirthcal.org](mailto:watchmen@newbirthcal.org), with your interest and we will get you plugged in ASAP! Or you may contact Elder Claude Lang at [clang@newbirthcal.org](mailto:clang@newbirthcal.org).

Join the Watchmen for a pre kick-off tailgate party and stay to root on your favorite team to victory!!! **Super Bowl 2012 Tailgate Party, is Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm!!!** It's a family affair....men, women, and children. Food, drinks, video games, half time games, and lots of fun!!! To be held in the NBC Multipurpose room. The menu includes: BBQ chicken, ribs, hamburgers, turkey burgers, mild links, and hot links. Side dishes, potato salad and baked beans, with desserts, peach cobbler, banana pudding, and sweet pies. Sign up now by purchasing your tickets at the Called to Conquer bookstore or online at [www.newbirthcal.org](http://www.newbirthcal.org).

### **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SERIES**

#### **"MANAGING OUR FINANCES GOD'S WAY"**

This teaching series will be held beginning **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm** and will continue for 7 weeks. Topics include, "The Big Picture", "Plan Your Spending", "Giving As An Act Of Worship", "Saving And Investing", "God's Solution To Debt", and "Enjoy What God Has Given You". This course is complimentary and material can be purchased in the Called to Conquer Bookstore. You can enroll for the course by contacting Ray Preston at [fstewardship@newbirthcal.org](mailto:fstewardship@newbirthcal.org) or visit the Financial Stewardship table in the lobby.

### **EVANGELISM/CLOTHING**

#### **OUTREACH MINISTRY**

We are in need of **GENTLY USED** clothing, shoes, and accessory items. **Coats, Sweaters, Boots, Gloves and Blankets....etc.** Please bring them to room 204A, after corporate prayer from 8:30-10:00am, on the **LAST** Saturday of each month. **PLEASE DO NOT** drop off before or after the time stated. If you have any questions, please contact Roxanne Campbell, at 925-238-1082. Or email [rcampbell@newbirthcal.org](mailto:rcampbell@newbirthcal.org). Thank you in advance!

## Special Announcements

### **WOMEN OF PURPOSE**

On **Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** the Women of Purpose are kicking off 2012 by coming together to explore how we can find and maintain balance in our lives. The curriculum "*Living a Life of Balance*" is available now in the Called to Conquer bookstore. To sign up for a circle or for information, please email [wop@newbirthcal.org](mailto:wop@newbirthcal.org).

The Women of Purpose will be having their first meeting of the year on **Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am** in the Main Sanctuary. Lady Adrienne Smith will be sharing a fresh word for the year.

### **HEALTH MINISTRY SERVICES**

Our first team meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** in room 204B.

**Become a Faith Community Nurse:** RN's can contact us for class schedule. **WE NEED:** RN's, LVN's, CMA's, Doctors, etc. to perform health testing and health screenings on the last Saturday of each month for Community Outreach Saturday. "*Together we can make a difference.*"

**Healthy Tip:** *Did you know that you can eat as much as you want of Shirataki Noodles just like pasta but with no calories or carbs?* <https://www.shiratakinoodles.net/what-are-shirataki-noodles.html>

Also look up: [www.miraclenoodle.com](http://www.miraclenoodle.com).

### **SHARING YOUR FAITH**

The Sharing Your Faith Ministry will be hosting a powerful series entitled "**Sharing Your Faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**". The purpose of this dynamic course is to empower, develop, and deploy all believers with a practical daily lifestyle method of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ for the advancement of the Kingdom. This four week course begins **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Join us every Sunday at 7:30am at the Pittsburg Campus.** You don't want to miss this exciting new opportunity to learn new soul winning techniques. Course offerings include ~ Assurance of Salvation, Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Defending Your Faith (Truth vs. Error), and Sharing Your Testimony. Register online by sending an email to [syfministry@newbirthcal.org](mailto:syfministry@newbirthcal.org), or at the information table in the lobby.

### **GET CONNECTED MINISTRY**

Attention All Members!!! On **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> following the 8:00am and 10:00am services,** the Get Connected Ministry will be hosting a Ministry Fair in the Multipurpose Room. Do you have a desire to serve in a ministry? This is a perfect opportunity for you to see all the ministries that are offered here at New Birth. Our prayer is to see every member of New Birth exercise their God given talents and spiritual gifts to help advance the Kingdom of God. For more information, please email us at [getconnected@newbirthcal.org](mailto:getconnected@newbirthcal.org).

# Special Announcements

## **NEW MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR SERIES**

We will be hosting a “One Day” power packed New Citizens Training session on **Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00am – 1:30pm**. Continental breakfast will be served. To register, contact Min. Andre Adams at [aadams@newbirthcal.org](mailto:aadams@newbirthcal.org) or Sis. Pat Adams at [padams@newbirthcal.org](mailto:padams@newbirthcal.org) or sign up at the kiosk! Let's Get Connected!

## **HARMONY BEYOND BOUNDARIES** **PRISON MINISTRY**

The Lord has entrusted HBB Ministry to serve all ex-offenders and family members of those incarcerated to bring unity into the community. Therefore, HBB Ministry is seeking to select a new breed of believers who have the grace, character and nature of Jesus Christ who know they have been born for such a time as this. Those who will serve to help bring about a breakthrough of strength, empowerment and energy on behalf of humanity. Sign up at the kiosk using the Get Connected card or contact [hbbministry@newbirthcal.org](mailto:hbbministry@newbirthcal.org).

## **NEW BIRTH FIT CLUB**

The New Birth Fit Club invites the members of New Birth and guests to participate in boot-camp style workout sessions on the following dates:

Monday - February 6<sup>th</sup>  
Monday - February 13<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday - February 18<sup>th</sup> (at 9:00am)  
Monday - February 27<sup>th</sup>

All workout session begin at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted.

It's about Faith, Fitness, and Fun! Here's to a healthier you in 2012!

For more information email [fitclub@newbirthcal.org](mailto:fitclub@newbirthcal.org).

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

Coming in March the DYNAMICS OF PRAYER classes. Watch for the announcement and date. Come learn in an intimate classroom setting. Teaching with interaction. Praying, while putting into action the lesson taught.

### **Opportunities to engage in prayer at New Birth:**

**24/7 Prayer Ministry** – (Everyone involved)

**Elite Team Intercessors** – intercedes during Sunday services

**Tuesday Morning Prayer** – 10:00am praying for others

**PIT Team** – 3:00am Sunday covering Bishop as he prepares

**Corporate Prayer** – 7:30am Saturday morning

**NB Latino Intercessors** – Intercedes for Latino community

For questions or more information, please contact:

Elder Heather Dawson @ [hdawson@newbirthcal.org](mailto:hdawson@newbirthcal.org)

Bro. Willie Humphrey @ [whumphrey@newbirthcal.org](mailto:whumphrey@newbirthcal.org)

Sis. JC Humphrey @ [jhumphrey@newbirthcal.org](mailto:jhumphrey@newbirthcal.org)

# Special Announcements

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### **NEW BIRTH CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY:**

We are looking for a strong servant leader to assist in administrative responsibilities for our New Birth Church University. If you are interested, please contact Elder Ray Ressler, at [directornbcu@newbirthcal.org](mailto:directornbcu@newbirthcal.org).

### **HEALTH SERVICES MINISTRY:**

NBC Health Services is looking for additional team members! If you are in the health field and want to be a part of this great team, we are looking for committed workers. Please contact Sister Debbra Carrigan-Choice at [healthservices@newbirthcal.org](mailto:healthservices@newbirthcal.org). It is the desire of Bishop Smith to keep NBC connected to a healthy lifestyle. 2011 will be a great year of educating our members on getting healthy. Get ready...we're up to something great!

### **FOLLOW-UP MINISTRY:**

With the increase we are experiencing, it is important that we connect with each new member and get each of them connected and invested in the vision. We also need to connect with each new visitor. We want to encourage them to visit with us a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time, until they decide to join us in Kingdom business. In order to reach each person, we need your help! Please contact Min. Damon Owens at [dowens@newbirthcal.org](mailto:dowens@newbirthcal.org) if you are interested in joining us.

### **IGNITE YOUTH MINISTRY:**

We are seeking men/women of all ages who have a passion for teenagers to help lead in our Ignite Youth Program. For more information, please contact Min. Cy Forh at [cforh@newbirthcal.org](mailto:cforh@newbirthcal.org), or sign up at the Ignite table next to the kiosk.

### **FACILITIES:**

We are looking for volunteers to help with facilities cleaning and set up during the week. If you are available one or two days a week and would like to have a part in keeping our facilities clean, please stop by during the week and volunteer!

## **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

Please join us, as New Birth Church presents family movie night, featuring the movie “**Courageous**” on **Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**. Admission is FREE.

## **AFTERNOON EMPOWERMENT**

Please join Elder Gail Knowles every **FRIDAY at 12:00 noon**, for “**Hidden Treasures**”, a study in The Book of Proverbs. Study will be held in room 203.

## **TOTAL PRAISE REHEARSAL CHOIR**

Our next rehearsal will be held on **Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm** We look forward to seeing you there!!



## **Prevent a Heart Attack Be Heart Smart!**

Health Services Ministry is providing free blood pressure screenings for our members and community

Did you know that heart disease, also known as “cardiovascular disease” is the #1 killer of Americans, regardless of gender and ethnicity?

It’s time to take control and get your life back!

### **BE Pro-Active and NOT Re-Active!**

Take steps to prevent heart disease in our church and community.

Visit the Health Services table in the New Birth Pittsburg foyer on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Bring a friend or your entire family

We will provide:

- Blood Pressure screening
- Information about Heart Disease
  - How to reduce the risk
  - How to reduce stress
  - Heart Healthy Diet

Health Services Ministry will provide you with the resources needed to reduce your risk for heart disease, and find the help you need if heart disease is a part of your life or the life of a loved one.

A heart-healthy lifestyle is not only your best defense against heart disease and stroke,  
it's also your responsibility

Have your **BLOOD PRESSURE** checked and fill out the pledge card to participate in the raffle

Answer the questions and tear off the right side of the pledge card

Drop it into the **RED BOX**

for a chance to win a gift from the  
Health Services Ministry

**Remember  
Prevent a Heart Attack  
Be Heart Smart!**

***“Together we can make a difference”***