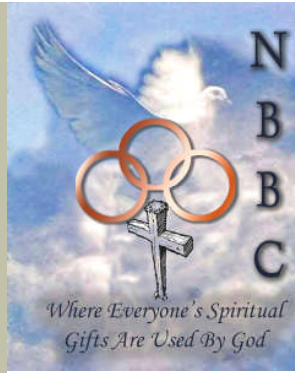


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BASIC TRAINING



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"The Perfect Trainer"

When the disciples were following Jesus they were in basic training. The first lesson taught to the disciples was to follow Him. As they followed Jesus they were able to observe his handling of different situations (Matt 4:18-23). He was the perfect example of honoring God by obedience and reverence to the Word. In order to be an effective leader as was what Jesus was priming the disciples for, you must first be a good follower (John 5:19-21, 30). Leaders must have a clear vision and mission and the ability to spark an interest in others. Once you are in the position of a leader you must let your followers know why they are following and what to expect from you. He promised them that they would be fishers of men (Matt 4:19). No doubt, the disciples were not quite clear on what this meant but they would learn as they followed. Jesus knew that teaching the disciples was a vital part of helping the gospel to spread throughout the world.

Basic training is not at all easy, there are times when you would like to give up, in fact some never make it through it. The disciples encountered some challenges in the course of their preparation. One incident that they encountered was when they were trying to cast out a demon and realized they did not have the power to do so (Mark 9:17-29). The valuable lesson that they learnt was that prayer and fasting is necessary to obtain the power needed to deal with certain circumstances. During the course of training, Jesus reprimanded them at times for the lack of faith or not being attentive to the things of God (Matt 26:39-41). Faith would be a very crucial element in helping the disciples to do the work of the Lord. They would have to rely on faith as they journeyed from place to place. Jesus had told them not to worry about carrying money and possessions with them (Matt 10:9-10). They had to believe that needs would be met without knowing all of the details.

Most as they go through basic training need encouragement at times to let them know that they can make it through it. Jesus knowing the importance of encouragement assured the disciples that they would do greater works than he. He gave them hope of the promise of returning to receive them and the hopes of eternal life (John 14:2-4). He also gave them confidence to know that he would never leave them and that He would be with them always. Foremost he set an excellent example to prove to them that the life that he was training them for was possible.

The person who instructs basic training must be able to reach the students. According to information about the disciples some were fishermen and it is known of one being a tax collector. If we look at the parables we can see how Jesus taught in a language that his students could identify with to reveal truths about God's kingdom. The parable of the net, *"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matt 13:47-50 NIV).*

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What's Happening at New Beginnings

Calendar of Events

September 3, 10, 17, 24 Bible Study 7:30pm

September 14 Youth Sunday

September 20 Annual Church Meeting 4:00pm

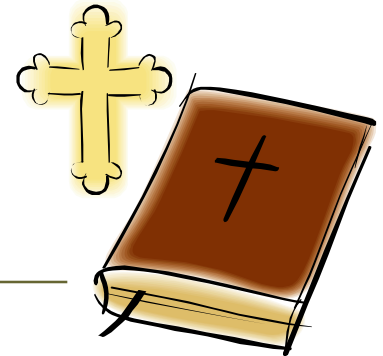
September 30 Pastor Curtis Durham preaches at Save The Day Adult Community Center in Henderson

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Food For Thought

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:10-11



Pastor's Heart

"Basic Training"

Hello again everyone!

When I think of the word basic I think of something easy. I have found out during the course of my life that I have often neglected to see the value in the basics. Although basic is to keep it as simple as possible it can be difficult, especially when you add to it training. Training involves learning new things; which if mastered can elevate our lives.

When our soldiers are enlisted into the Armed Forces they go through basic training. Soldiers do not find it easy getting up early, eating differently, making their beds, running early in the morning, being told how to look and to respect leadership during the six week period.

As Christian Soldiers, basic training can change our lives forever it teaches us a pattern of doing things the right way instead of jumping out there unequipped. Paul shares valuable words in II Timothy 2:15, Paul says to Timothy to study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. It gets hard to devote time to basic study, we're too busy or when we began to study, we develop what I like to call, a form of "Bible Apnea" a common sleeping disorder among the Saints. Reading God's Word is our basic training. The Word shows us how we should live everyday, the Bible encompasses all facets of our lives and provides wisdom and encouragement, if we get the basics it will make our life a whole lot simpler. I was at a meeting last month where Pastor David Dykes of Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler Texas, shared seven things he wished that he had known thirty years ago in ministry. They were basic simple principles that would have made his ministry more effective years ago. Where he is today and because of those experiences he is able to help a young Pastor like myself to embrace basic principles, they work and could save me from pulling out my hair! (well if I had some). Hopefully, you will understand and do things the right way. You can't go wrong with Basic Training.

Peace Out!!

Pastor Curtis Durham

Prayer Closet

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for your guidance. Thank you for your mercies that are new everyday. Thank you for your love and kindness that you have shown towards us. There are times when it seems as though we have forgotten all of the basics but thanks for the longsuffering that you show towards us. Lord help us to be humble and submissive to your will. Help us to move our selfish desires out of the way so that we can serve you. Lord please help us to be a light to others and a ray of hope for those that are in distress. Lord help us to increase our faith daily, because we know that without faith it is impossible to please you. Thank you for your many blessings that you have bestowed on us and the many more that you have stored for us. We give you all honor and praise and acknowledgment that there is no name greater than Jesus. It is in the name of Jesus that we pray. Amen

Violet

Inspiration

Basic Training is to prepare you for what's ahead. My son's kindergarten class appeared to be extremely challenging. The teacher's key words were "I want them to be ready for what's ahead." We must all agree that fundamentals properly applied will always be beneficial. Read Luke 6:47-48

Minister Shawn Percy

“The Perfect Trainer (cont from page 1)”

The parable of the Tax Collector, *"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."* (Luke 18:10-14 NIV)

Like the disciples we must be trained to walk in the ordinances of God to fulfill the service that he has called us to. In some instances like the disciples we attempt to do things before acquiring the training necessary to tackle a task. Basic training for effective living, includes prayer, reading the Bible, attending regular church services, listening to good teaching, and asking for help in areas in which you are weak. Always remember that the race is not given to the swift but to the one that endures until the end. In my high school years I joined the track team but had not been trained properly, even so, I was allowed to compete in the mile run. Well, the fact that I did not have basic training was evident after I completed the third lap and hopped over the railing to take a seat in the grass, I could not complete the race, I was too tired and my body had not been conditioned for such a task. Although I did not complete that natural race, both you and I can make it through basic training. Jesus is the perfect trainer.

Violet

“Training Spiritually”

Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. I Co 9:26-27

The Apostle Paul is expressing a reason for spiritual training. He informs us through his letter to the Corinthians that if you do not train you can become disqualified. You might ask me, “What is so important about spiritual training?” “What will I be disqualified from?” Fair questions so I am going to give you a fair answer. If you desire to reign with Christ for eternity, you need to find out what the qualifications are and how you are going to meet them. God has left us a handbook with all the rules and regulations to help us become qualified. The book has great insight for spiritual training, it remains to be the number 1 most sold book, and it is timeless. You probably have guessed by now that I am talking about the Holy Bible. The Bible is the best and most effective tool to use for spiritual training. If you want to make improvements in your earthly life and transform your spiritual life, the Bible is the right tool for you. Pick it up, read it, study it, believe it, and use it. Become spiritually trained.

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New Beginnings Baptist Church would like to extend an invitation for you to attend our worship services.

Sunday School 10:00am
Sunday Worship 11:00am
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30pm

TV& Radio Schedules

Henderson Ch 10

Monday 6:00am
Friday 6:00am
Saturday 7:00pm
Sunday 7:00pm

Tyler Ch 18

Monday 7:00am
Saturday 9:30pm

1330AM KGLD

Tuesday 12:15-12:29pm

**Violet Pier
Editor**

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (II Corinthians 5:17)

“Super Saint” Don’t throw in the towel



“Super Saint”
scripture base
Ephesians
6:13-15

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“Basic Training Word Search”

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FIND THESE WORDS:
TRAINING, GOSPEL,
PREPARATION, GUIDE,
TRUSTING, FAITH
FOLLOW, BELIEF, GOD,
TEACH, WITNESS,
LEAD, CRUCIAL,
INSTRUCTION

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