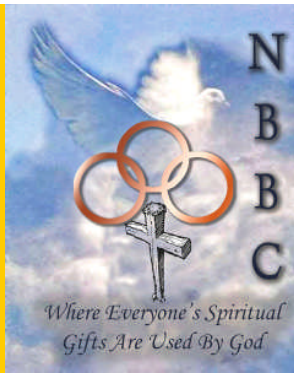


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# Time For A Change

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### Special points of interest:

- Scriptures: Matt 14:28-29, Ps 30:5, Ec 3:1, Lu 21:15, Deu 1: 6,8, Ps 1:1-3, John 4:7-42

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## C-h-a-n-g-e

Here at New Beginnings we have so many changes taking place. Some things that we had hoped for are coming to pass. We have been in need of a larger facility and the Lord has blessed us to secure a new lease. We had hoped to broadcast on TV and radio and the Lord has blessed us to do that as well. Our goal is to have a world wide ministry, and we believe that the Lord is paving the way for us. But with all of this it is our sincere hope that we will always keep our eyes on him and his will for this ministry. For we know that changes can not take place without him. The Lord is the source of our supply. To God be the glory!

Oftentimes we get stuck in a rut or set in our own ways. We become stagnant and resistant when it comes to change. I know that change can be painful at times because it requires that you step out of your comfort zone or familiar place. How many know that without change there can not be any progress? One must be willing to take a risk and step out. I am reminded of one man that took a risk and stepped out one night. The man that I am referring to is Peter, he took a risk and stepped out on the water and this experience I am certain changed his life (Mat 14:28-29). Don't look at the fact that he started to sink, look at the fact that he stepped out! Jesus said that he would build the church on the foundation of Peter (Mat 16:18). That let's me know that some changes took place in Peter.

Sometimes we look at others and feel that they need to change. We can point out every area in someone else's life that could use some fine tuning. However, if we begin to look at ourselves we may just find areas in our lives that need a little tweaking. Referring back to Peter, it takes faith to change. You must believe that your efforts will bring about a favorable outcome. But you must know that if the expected outcome is not achieved the first time not to give up. The old cliché says "if at first you don't succeed try and try again." That is exactly what the Lord wants us to do; we should not throw in the towel at the first sign of defeat. There have been so many times in my life when situations seemed bleak at first but turned out to be positive. Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning (Ps 30:5).

We mentioned that it takes faith to change. Faith is an action word. Therefore, it will take some movement to bring about a change. Let's look at some moves that one may take to help bring forth a change:

1. **Consult-** God to direct your path and the advice of respected others.
2. **Heed-** the revelation that God gives you through his Word and others.
3. **Accept-** the responsibility and do whatever it takes to make it work.
4. **Never** – think that anything is impossible, for we know that all things are possible to them that believe
5. **Give-** room to make errors and know that many successes came out of many errors.
6. **Earnestly-** believe that the Lord will be with you every step of the way.

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### What's Happening at New Beginnings



#### Calendar of Events

- May 4 First service at 213 Van Buren
- May 4 Pastor Curtis Durham preaches at West Union Baptist Church, Palestine, TX
- May 7, 14, 21, 27, Bible Study 7:30pm
- May 18 Family and Friends, Pastor Steve Lawson of Trinity West guest speaker
- May 25 Gerald Edwards, Director of Missions, SBTC guest speaker
- NBBC offers a CD Ministry you may select from the following titles with a \$10 donation: "Exploring Your Mission", "The Gift of God", and "The Miracle Worker"
- Tammy Durham provides GED tutorials you may contact her at (903)526-0910 for

### Pastor's Heart

Hello again everyone!  
 God has been doing great things in my life and at New Beginnings. This month's letter really is about change, for me it has been a long time coming, God has given me orders that is now coming to pass. God told me when I first went to Henderson TX; I would be opening a Barber shop. Keeping that in mind I didn't know when, how or where but it was supposed to happen. Sometime just waiting on things that are supposed to take place stresses us out. However, we must wait patiently on it for in due time God will come through. If you have never been patient it's about time to start, you may have lost lots of opportunities to achieve your goals in life. God's plan is the best, because God knows what's best for us. Why you say that Pastor? Its simple, God made us. It's time to change that old way of thinking let God lead you through this Christian journey, it's not an easy walk but who said it would be? We must have faith and trust in God that he will deliver on time. Peace Out!!

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## Prayer Closet

Heavenly Father, we humbly come before You. Thanking You for being the wonderful God You are. Thanking You for the saving grace through Your Precious Son, Jesus Christ. It is in the name of Christ that we come before You as an empty pitcher, underneath an overflowing fountain. Christ told us that we could ask whatsoever our hearts desire, as long as we ask it in His Holy Name. We come asking for knowledge, wisdom and understanding. We come asking for guidance that will lead us in the way we should go. Let not our will be done, but let us be vessels that carry out Your Will and Your Way. Dear Lord, we come understanding that *"to every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven"* (Ecclesiastes3:1). Help us Lord to recognize our season, and help us to use the tools, which You have given us to deal with the change. Help us to go out into the hi-ways and the bi-ways delivering the *"Good News"*. Help us to be that *"mouth and wisdom"* (Luke 21:15). We thank You for the victory, we thank You for Your mercy and we thank You for Your grace, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen and Amen.

Deacon Prentise Jones

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## Food for Thought

The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount: Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them. Deuteronomy 1:6, 8

Submitted by Kesi Percy

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## Inspiration

Everyone knows that nothing stays the same. Therefore, at times we must change our perspective. Our perspectives should be that of optimism. Our mentality must be of faith and not fear. We must have a "can do" attitude regardless of our situations. How many of you know that sometimes you must change your approach, what worked "then", may not work "now"? Most of us want a change of output without a change of input. In other words we want to reap without sowing. Finally, in some cases it calls for a change in your associations. (Psalm 1:1-3).

Minister Shawn Percy

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## C-h-a-n-g-e (cont'd from page 1)

Peter wasn't the only one changed. The "woman at the well" life changed after meeting Jesus. She had had 5 husbands and was currently in a relationship with another man. It was time for a change! Reverend Loftin preached a sermon about gifts and that everyone has one and this woman had a gift of loving that was misplaced until she found Jesus. That encounter changed the way that she loved (John 4:7-42). Like this woman so many of us have gifts that can be better served used for the Lord. Take the time to pray and ask the Lord to reveal the areas of your life that needs changing, and follow the moves above to help you in those changes.

Dear Heavenly Father, I ask that you reveal the changes that we need to make in our lives. I ask that you help us to follow the moves to make those changes and that we not get weary and give up before the work is complete. Place zeal down within us that will keep us motivated and let this zeal be like wild fire and ignite others to do a work for you. In the precious name of Jesus, Amen.

Violet

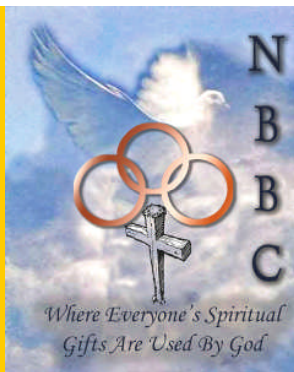


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## It's Time For A Change By Johnnie Durham III

Re-look, rewind, and re-track  
Zoom in hard then turn your back  
There's nothing there that you lack  
Constantly living under attack  
Continually you lost and could never win  
Feeling stuck in pain that would never end  
Sinking deep in despair as if you had no friend  
While looking washed up in a world full of sin  
"Hey lookout!" It's time for a change  
Open your eyes and begin to re-arrange  
The door is opening up welcoming you  
Don't be afraid go ahead and pass through  
Why stand there idle ask if you don't have a clue  
You know in your heart what you need to do  
Jesus is waiting with treasures in store  
Step in closer! Walk in more and more!  
But please be careful and watch for the down pour  
Those blessings keep dropping by the thousands and galore  
Look at the land and be so amazed  
Yes, it's all real not an illusion or a haze  
See how it flows with milk and honey  
"Oh, how it glows!" bright, warm, and sunny  
Remove all your doubt and walk over to him  
Don't think about Joe, Sue, Larry, and Kim  
Just walk on over and forget I even mentioned them  
It's time for a change something better for you  
Jesus is ready to help, lead and guide you through  
So take his advice and don't dare think twice  
Everything in your life will be pleasant and nice  
Last but not least.  
IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE  
so open your heart and let Jesus re-arrange

