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impressions

By: Associate Pastor Willie Mae Jackson



When I think of our church's 2017 theme, Supernatural Favor, based on Numbers 6:26, "...the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace," I am reminded of the many supernatural testimonies and my heart shouts praises unto God!

In this 2017 edition of the Woman's Touch, I hope you will enjoy the articles and pictures as we continue in our pursuit of God, others and ourselves because we all are complete in Him and through Him.

In March, I was privileged to preach the last night of our revival. Below, is an excerpt from that message: "PURSUE", based on I Samuel 30:1-8.

During one of many episodes of King David's life, he was destined to pursue his enemies, which means to go forward in order to overtake, capture, kill or defeat, to find or to employ measures to obtain for accomplishments. In this episode of David's life, while living in Ziklag, all of his family, friends and material possessions were taken and destroyed. While following God's instructions to

restore what was taken by the enemy, David displayed three acts of courage. As we know in our Christian walk, we all have had people and things taken from us by the enemy; and, in the same vein, some people and things were given to the enemy. But, with God's Word we shall recover it ALL.

Act of Courage #1: To inquire of the Lord means to seek Him first. If we are going to experience the supernatural favor of God in our pursuit, we must learn to fix our eyes and focus our attention on the truth of God's Word. Do not regard what you see in the physical! Whatever we look at we will gravitate toward. When we look at the physical, we will inevitably gravitate toward the physical. When we focus our attention on our circumstances, it produces fear, worry and anxiety.

Make a quality decision to only focus on the supernatural and the supernatural will gravitate toward you.

Act of Courage #2: Ask God, "Should I pursue and overtake?" This means you are now getting specific instructions from God. When He gives you permission to pursue, remember, your perception may not always be your reality. A supernatural manifestation is not what it looks like, but it is what God has said in His Word. We have the favor of God on our lives. Luke 2:52 tells us, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and with people." The favor factor has been transferred from God to you. The favor of God has the supernatural ability to increase our visibility when and where it counts. Just as David's situation and circumstances looked bad, felt bad, smelled bad and even sounded bad, God was still giving him permission to pursue.

Act of Courage #3: Praise God in advance for the victory! Without fail, you shall recover it all. With a promise from God combined with a praise of victory and without fail, you shall recover it all. God will give you a plan and the weapons to recover it all. According to II Corinthians 10:4, "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world." They have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Pursue your hopes, dreams, and ambitions by first pursuing God. "PURSUE!"

Willie Mae Jackson
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SUPERNATURAL WOMAN OF COURAGE

Averia "Net" Johnson
By Elder Andrea McCoy



This year, the women of Bible Way Church of Atlas Road, under the dynamic leadership of Associate Pastor Willie Mae Jackson, declared that we are “Supernatural Women: In Complete Pursuit of Him (Jesus)”.



She is an encourager, no matter what she may experience, as a woman of great faith, she believes only in the Word of God!



Courage is the strength to do something in the face of adversity. My dear friend, my sister, Averia “Net” Johnson, exemplifies courage as she pursues God with everything in her. Averia LaNet Patterson Johnson, affectionately known as “Net” is an energetic young woman who has been living with a critical debilitating disease, Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Despite being diagnosed with MS in 1997, she has not allowed this disease, that attacks the central nervous system, to crush her spirit.

Net, a young wife and mother, was successfully progressing in her career as an accountant/fiscal analyst for nearly 13 years at the South Carolina State Budget and Control Board. Due to the MS progression, resulting in increased impairment of her mobility and spasticity in her legs and hand(s), rendering it unsafe for her to drive in the traditional method, she decided that her career must end at the age of 43 and subsequently, she retired in March 2013.

In 1984, many years before being diagnosed with MS, Net joined the Bible Way Church of Atlas Road, joining her mother there in worship. At Bible Way Church, Net faithfully participated in the choir, served as a junior missionary, Youth Ministry advisor, Media Ministry camera operator, and leader of Care Group 16. She is also a Deacon’s Wife, married to Deacon Robert Johnson.

Net demonstrates courage through faith daily as she encounters numerous challenges. Despite these challenges, being in a wheelchair, and the hardship of mobility issues, she attends church regularly and she remains as active as possible.

Net and Deacon Robert Johnson have a son, Robert Thomas Johnson (14). She is the daughter of Elder Sarah P. Franklin. Deacon Johnson is her primary caregiver and he is to be commended for the daily love, care and support he bestows upon his wife.

Net has a set of encouraging words that she shares with those who wonder how she makes it in her circumstances:

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.”

“Sometimes, you have to encourage yourself.”

“Be grateful because there is someone worse off than you.”

“Everybody goes through something sometimes.”

I would like to thank Averia “Net” Johnson for encouraging us in ways we can never imagine. When we see her, we see her courage, strength and faith in God which in turn encourages us to persevere through life’s challenges. May God continue to bless her. She is my sister and my friend. Truly, she is a Supernatural Woman of Courage in Complete Pursuit of Him (Jesus)!

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During this year’s Women’s Day service, it was an honor to recognize one of our very own supernatural women.

I was blessed to meet this phenomenal woman when my family joined Bible Way more than 25 years ago. Her infectious smile can brighten any room.

I have seen, firsthand, how magnificently she has dealt with the struggles of life. We have cried together, prayed together and we have seen God do some miraculous things. She is an encourager, no matter what she may experience, as a woman of great faith, she believes only in the Word of God! That is why she continues to persevere.



SUPERNATURAL FINANCES

By Elder Calotta Porterfield

Being a supernatural woman in complete pursuit of Him must include the area of finances. We will not be complete if we fail to trust God with our all of our financial decisions. In this article, we will present three easy steps to position you to be in complete pursuit of Jesus in the area of your finances.

The first step involves our mindset about our finances. We must remember that it is God who gives us the ability to gain wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18) and that means all wealth. Our abilities to gain wealth includes our skills and talents needed to acquire, manage, and maintain our finances; simply put, our well-being.

The second step involves becoming educated about finances. To get out of debt you must know what debt is. Debt is defined by www.businessdictionary.com, as a duty or obligation to pay money, deliver goods, or render service under an expressed or implied agreement. One who owes, is a debtor; one to whom it is owed,

is a debtee, creditor, or lender. Some common debts would be credit cards, auto

check book and knowing what would be considered a good credit score.

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loans, overdraft charges, and cell phone bills. Education in the area of finances can be as basic as knowing how to balance a

The third step toward completeness in the area of finances is to start small. List all your debt and examine where you are spending your money. Are you eating out at restaurants, more than buying groceries? After identifying your spending habits, write down your goals to eliminate debt, develop a plan and stick to it.

Tip to Reducing Debt

If you recently paid off a monthly bill, for example, \$100.00, that you had been paying for a year, take that amount and add it to the payment of another bill to accelerate paying that debt off. Think about it - you have not had that \$100.00 for 12 months and this can help to pay off another the debt much quicker.

Get and examine your credit history. The three major credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion can be contacted directly by consumers to review, and monitor their personal credit history. It is important to know your credit history to identify errors and even fraudulent claims against your personal history. The law allows each consumer the opportunity to request and receive one free credit report per year.

Lastly, ask your local bank about free workshops and tools to increase your personal financial literacy. Banks have a responsibility to ensure financial literacy for the communities they serve.

Contact Information for the 3 credit bureaus

Equifax - www.equifax.com.
P.O. Box 740241. Atlanta, GA 30374-0241.
1-800-685-1111

Experian - www.experian.com.
P.O. Box 2104. Allen, TX 75013-0949.
1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742)

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P.O. Box 1000. Chester, PA 19022.
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SOUTHERN FRIED GREEN TOMATOES

COOK TIME: 4 MINS

TOTAL TIME: 4 MINS

SERVES: 2 SERVINGS

AUTHOR: DIVAS CAN COOK

[HTTP://DIVASCANCOOK.COM/SOUTHERN-FRIED-GREEN-TOMATOES-RECIPE/](http://divascancook.com/southern-fried-green-tomatoes-recipe/)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 medium-sized green tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon sugar
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon dried basil
- 1 cup all-purpose flour (I sometimes add a bit of dried basil, salt & garlic powder to this)
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 1 cup seasoned bread crumbs (I love using panko or crushed croutons)
- ¼ cup yellow cornmeal

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Slice tomatoes into 1/4 - 1/2 inch slices.
2. Place tomatoes on several layers of paper towels.
3. Mix together salt, sugar, black pepper & basil in a small bowl.
4. Sprinkle tomatoes generously with spice mixture (may not need all of it) and let sit for about 10-15 minutes to allow the extra tomato juices to drain out.
5. Meanwhile, prepare your dipping station! In one bowl, add the flour.
6. In another bowl mix together the buttermilk and egg.
7. In the last bowl, mix together the bread crumbs and yellow cornmeal.

8. Start by dipping the tomato slices into the flour on both sides and shaking off the excess flour. (be sure to get the sides as well)
9. Lay the slices into the egg mixture until both sides are coated with the mixture and flour no longer shows.
10. Place the tomato slices into the breadcrumb mixture and press to coat both sides evenly.
11. Let tomatoes sit for about 5 minutes to allow the coating to set.
12. Heat oil in a skillet until hot. (Do a test with a bread crumb first to make sure the oil is at the right temperature. The bread crumb should begin to fry evenly immediately when placed in the oil.)
13. Place tomatoes into the skillet, without crowding the pan.
14. Fry each side for about 4-5 minutes until golden brown.
15. Place on a cooling rack with paper towels below to absorb the excess oil that drips off.
16. Serve hot.

NOTES

When dipping the tomatoes, use one hand for wet ingredient and one hand for dry ingredients. This will keep things from getting clumpy. I wipe my hands off a lot while doing this.

I don't add much salt to this because I use seasoned bread crumbs that are full of spices, however, if you're using plain bread crumbs you'll definitely want to add some seasoning salt and pepper.



SUPERNATURAL WOMEN'S MONTH

By Keisha Moreland Montgomery



What better way to begin Women's Month than in prayer for our community! The women of Bible Way Church began our month (March) by walking through our Congaree Pointe community and praying for our neighbors and the safety of our community.

Every Thursday during the month of March, we were blessed to have Intercessory Prayer speakers share with us God's Word as we strived to be "In Complete Pursuit of Him!" Mother Jannie R. Jackson was our first speaker. She reminded us of "An Extraordinary Woman Named Ruth." She urged us to lay aside every weight that besets us. She encouraged us to be supernatural women while leaving our past in the past in order to be extraordinary women. She was followed by Elder Constance Drakeford, whose message was "Christ is Supreme". Minister Cassandra Risher's message was "Are You a Rare Woman?". Evangelist Terri Jackson spoke on "Too Legit to Quit", and Pastor Sharon Valentine's message was "Supernatural Exploits". These dynamic speakers encouraged us in our pursuit of Him to work on ourselves instead of focusing on the world to be better women.

Our Fifth Saturday Fellowship was held March 18, 2017. Aspiring Minister Teresa Grayer shared God's Word during our

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fellowship. In a light and fun fellowship for the ladies, Lovina Spells, showed us how to use scarves, jackets, and skirts to create unique turbans and head pieces. Also, during the fellowship, Laverne Glover gave us tips on how to create warm living environments in our homes.

The Women's 3-Night Revival was a much needed time to experience a spiritual awakening with three powerful speakers: Evangelist Cherella C. Lee of Spartanburg, SC, spoke on "The Results of a Supernatural Seed". Evangelist Chantelle Hutchins spoke on "Return to Sender", and our

very own Associate Pastor Willie Mae Jackson spoke on "Pursue", clarifying that sometimes we have to "Pursue". Recognizing that God is more than enough allows us to expect God to do something in our lives. This could not have been a better message for us to hear.

Women's Day was held Sunday, March 26, 2017. The Women decided to take a different approach to our attire and our colors this year as we wore matching t-shirts, jean bottoms, pearls and pumps! Our 8am and 11am speaker was Pastor Deborah White of Rhema Christian Center. Her two

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messages were “Empty Doesn’t Mean Over” taken from Ruth 1: 18-22 (KJV) and “Unshakeable Faith” taken from John 16:29-33.

Our mid-week Bible Study, held March 28, 2017 included guest speaker, Evangelist Jennifer Bishop, who engaged our hearts and minds with “It’s Going to Get Ugly Before It Gets Beautiful.”



During our month, we not only experienced a wonderful fellowship with each other and those in our surrounding communities, we also experienced a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We were encouraged to spend more time in prayer which led us to read God’s Word and to obey it while we continue to be the best “Supernatural Woman: In Complete Pursuit of Him (Jesus)”!



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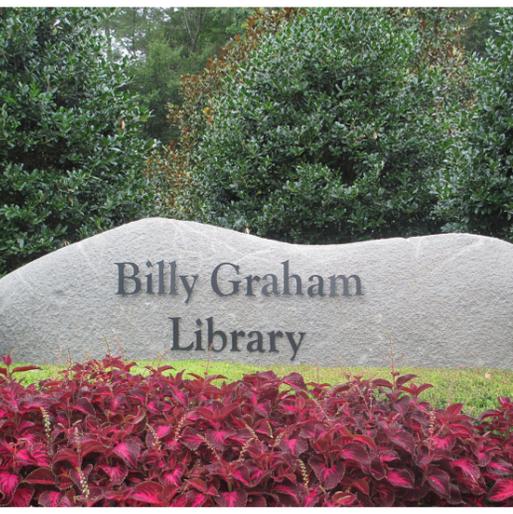
Our journey home included a stop for lunch before we arrived safely back at Bible Way Church. The number one question we received when we got back was, "WHEN IS THE NEXT ONE?"

2017 SUPERNATURAL Women's Retreat

By Keisha Moreland Montgomery

The Women of Bible Way Church put fellowship in to practice by traveling to Charlotte, NC with 177 women for a women's retreat. We enjoyed fellowship, fun and food! We traveled in two charter buses and sold out both the Ballantyne Resort and the Aloft hotels. Associate Pastor Willie Mae Jackson welcomed all of us including registrants from as far away as Pennsylvania. Our first night was full of laughter as comedian, Church Mother Zelma, made us laugh long and hard. After the comedian, we had dinner at the Golden Corral.

We began Saturday morning with breakfast and seminars. At the seminars, Sis. Ashley Eaddy informed us of mental health issues in our Christian community. Brittany Jackamonis shared self-defense tips and Elder Shirley Biggs expounded on the virtues of supernatural women. Saturday afternoon, we visited the Billy Graham Library and Museum and were filled with inspiration as we learned about the walk with God that he and his wife, Ruth, shared. We completed the evening with shopping and dinner. On Sunday, we visited Elevation Church, pastored by Eric Furtick.





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