



Weekly Service Schedule

Sunday

CHRISTIAN EDUČATION | 9:00AM

BREAKFAST| 9:00AM

WORSHIP SERVICE | 10AM

Tuesday

TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE | 7:00PM

Wednesday

MORNING PRAYER | 11:00AM



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VLC Insights Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Celebrating The Resurrection: A Time Of Renewal And Hope

Dear Victorious Life Church Family,

As we approach the joyous occasion of Easter, we are reminded of the profound significance of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This pivotal event not only marks the culmination of our Lenten journey but also symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, hope over despair, and life over death.

The Resurrection stands as the cornerstone of our faith, affirming the power of God's love and the promise of redemption for all who believe. It is a time of reflection, gratitude, and renewed commitment to living out the teachings of Christ in our daily lives.

This Easter, let us come together as a community to celebrate the transformative power of the Resurrection. Through worship, prayer, and fellowship, let us rejoice in the gift of salvation and the boundless grace that flows from the empty tomb.

As we gather with loved ones, let us also extend a hand of compassion and kindness to those in need, embodying the spirit of selflessness and service exemplified by Jesus Christ.

May this Easter be a time of spiritual renewal and growth for each and every one of us. May we be inspired by the hope and promise of the Resurrection to live boldly, love deeply, and serve passionately in the name of our risen Savior.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and joyous Easter filled with peace, love, and the presence of the Risen Christ.

In His Service,
Christopher D. Collier
Senior Pastor of the Victorious Life Church



EASTER PRAYER

Father, I pray we fulfill the purpose and plan you have for our lives that we come to know who you are and who we are in you. Thank you for your son Jesus Christ and what He did for us at Calvary. Draw us Holy Spirit back to our first love.

Help us to be obedient to your word. We want to be doers of your word and not hearers only.

Heal our hearts the brokenness inside, hurt and disappointments. Help us to run to you when we are let down and things don't go our way and not away from you. You love us unconditionally and your love never changes. Teach us how to love ourselves and each other as you love us. Help us not to fear for perfect love cast out all fear.

Your word says the harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few. Rise up laborers that will stand beside us and are willing help us to go through the things we face with more than just prayer but if we are able to help supply the need. Help us to be good stewards over what you have entrusted to us.

To the person out there that feels they are all alone you're NOT you have a heavenly father that is waiting for you with open arms, no matter who you are where you came from, what you've been through or what you've done. He is waiting for you! Surrender and run to him my friend!

Forgive us for our sins, transgressions, and iniquities, sins of omission and sins of commission. Thank you for your Grace and Mercy. Let your will be done and your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus name I pray...Amen





Written By ,Dr Katherine Jones



Matthew 28:1-10 Amplified Bible

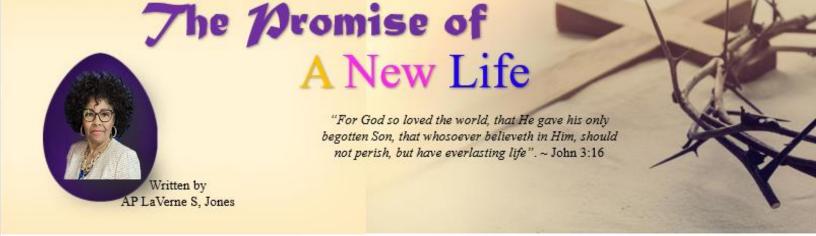
- 1 Now after the Sabbath, near dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other [a] Mary went to look at the tomb.
- 2 And a great earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone [from the opening of the tomb], and sat on it.
- 3 The angel's appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were as white as snow.
- 4 The guards shook, paralyzed with fear [at the sight] of him and became like dead men [pale and immobile].
- 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified.
- 6 He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said [He would]. Come! See the place where He was lying.
- 7 Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee [as He promised]. There you will see Him; behold, I have told you."
- 8 So the women left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell [the good news to] the disciples. 9 And as they went, suddenly, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" And they went to Him and took hold of His feet [in homage] and worshiped Him [as the Messiah]. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me [just as I promised]."



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aster is the time of year in which children are dressed in pretty pastels such as pinks, blues and purples. Little girls wear beautiful lace dresses and socks with patten leather shoes, and the young men their slacks and bow ties. Colorful eggs and candy are hidden through the landscape for the eager seekers to search for and find. All of this is wonderful in the spirit of the season. But I would like to speak to something a bit more substantive. The reason for it all.

In John 6:47 Jesus said, "Verily, verily I say unto you, he that **believeth on me** hath everlasting life." This is an awesome promise to those that believe in Jesus Christ. With this belief in Him comes the promise of an abundant life. John 10:10 declares, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly" (ESV). Unlike the thief, Jesus did not come with selfish reasons in mind. He came to give, not to receive. He offers us the promise of His presence, eternal life, the Holy Spirit, forgiveness, transcendent peace, truth that sets us free, answered prayers, love and joy, fruitfulness in good works, spiritual rewards and a heavenly home. I Peter 1:3-5 offers this account, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, soil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time" (NIV).

None but a caring Father can be so gracious unto His chosen people. Christ death on the cross and His resurrection opened the door to new possibilities and a renewed faith and hope in that promise of a new life. This promise far exceeds any promise that has been made unto man. It is beyond measure, more, than superfluous, a quantity so abundant as to be considerably more than what one would expect or anticipate. In short, Jesus promises us a life far better than we could ever imagine, a concept reminiscent of I Corinthians 2:9: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him" (ESV). The apostle Paul tells us that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, and He does it by power, a power that is at work within us if we belong to Him (Eph. 3:20).

Let us remember how faithful God has been to us in giving us His Son in death and then in life. We must covet this precious relationship which has opened the door for us to experience such a wonderful new life in Christ Jesus. Paul admonishes us to, "Set our minds, and keep focused *habitually* on the things above [the heavenly things], not on things that are on the earth [which have only temporal value]" (AMP). For you died [to this world], and your [new real] life is hidden with Christ in God. I pray that this Easter season will bless you with the promise of a new life and hope for your future, leaving the old life behind!



Senior News



The fast-approaching presidential election will be, among other things, a referendum on our nation's sacred obligation to ensure the health and safety of older Americans.

At the top of the list of issues that will be shaped by the November vote are two that AARP believes are of critical importance:
(1) protecting Social Security and (2) making sure that family care-givers who sacrifice so much get much-deserved assistance.

Between now and November, AARP's efforts to educate voters in all states and territories will focus attention on these issues and build support among candidates we believe will do the best job of protecting Social -Security and helping caregivers.

Let me tell you why that is important.

First of all, Social Security is money you earned through a lifetime of hard work. For older Americans, it ensures they can afford everyday expenses such as groceries, gas and housing. For many, it is their main source of income. In our June 2023 report, 96 percent of Americans age 18 and older identified Social Security as an important government program, including 71 percent who say it is one of the most important programs. Moreover, nearly 3 in 4 Americans say Social Security is even more important now than it was before the economic shocks of COVID-19 and high inflation.

That irreplaceable anchor in the lives of many older Americans faces a growing challenge. If Congress doesn't take action to protect and save the program in the next 10 years, your Social Security payments could be cut by 20 percent — an average of \$4,000 a year. The congressional underfunding of the Social Security Administration has also resulted in record-long wait times for people applying for lifesaving disability benefits.

AARP and its members call on the presidential candidates to join us in demanding that Congress fully fund Social Security's operating budget to ensure the agency has the resources to improve customer service. Americans have waited long enough for government action to protect this vital program.

AARP is also leading efforts to persuade Congress and state legislators to pass laws that help our nation's 48 million family caregivers. The sacrifices they make to assist their loved ones is incalculable. But you can put a price on the hours of work they devote to caregiving — about \$600 billion of unpaid labor. Those efforts add quality to lives and allow millions of older adults to stay in their homes longer.

Many family caregivers need our help. We call on elected officials to provide that help, whether through awarding tax credits, cutting red tape or improving coordination across government and private health care systems.

To every candidate on the ballot in November, AARP has this message: Our people, our economy and our values need your help. Support for Social Security and caregivers is a winning message for you, and the American people deserve and demand no less. JO Ann Jenkins, CEO AARP—Published March 12, 2024







CHICAGO - AP

The Rev. Jesse Jackson announced that he will step down as president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, the Chicago-based civil rights group he founded more than 50 years ago.

Jackson, 81, announced his resignation during a quiet farewell speech at the organization's annual convention, where the group paid tribute to him with songs, kind words from other Black activists and politicians, and a video montage of Jackson's 1984 and 1988 presidential campaigns.

Jackson, who has dealt with several health problems in recent years and uses a wheelchair, capped the proceedings with muted remarks. Flanked by his daughter, Santita Jackson, and his son, U.S. Rep. Jonathan Jackson, the once-fiery orator spoke so softly it was difficult to hear him.

"I am somebody," he said. "Green or yellow, brown, Black or white, we're all perfect in God's eyes. Everybody is somebody. Stop the violence. Save the children. Keep hope alive."

Jesse Jackson has been battling Parkinson's disease for the last eight years. He suffered a host of health setbacks in 2021, beginning with gallbladder surgery, a COVID-19 infection that landed him in a physical therapy-focused facility and a fall at Howard University that caused a head injury.

Jackson has been a powerful advocate for civil rights and a strong voice in American politics for decades.

A protégé of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., he broke with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1971 to form Operation PUSH, initially named People United to Save Humanity, on Chicago's South Side. The organization was later renamed the Rainbow PUSH Coalition. The group's mission ranges from promoting minority hiring in the corporate world to voter registration drives in communities of color.

Jackson said in his remarks that he plans to continue working on social justice issues, including advocating for three survivors of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre who saw a judge dismiss their lawsuit seeking reparations.

"We're resigning, we're not retiring," Jackson said.





Ingredients

18 ounces Devil's food cake mix

1 1/3 cups water

1/2 cup vegetable oil

3 large eggs

8 ounces caramel topping

14 ounces sweetened condensed milk

1 cup Butterfinger candy bar, crushed

12 ounces frozen whipped topping, thawed

8 ounces cream cheese

Instructions

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Spray a 9x13-inch baking pan with cooking spray.

Combine the Devil's food cake mix, water, vegetable oil, and eggs in a large bowl. Blend it on low for a minute, scrape the sides, then mix it on medium for 2 more minutes.

Pour the cake batter into the pan, spreading it evenly with a rubber spatula.

Bake per the package directions, typically around 35-38 minutes, or until the cake springs back when lightly pressed with a finger.

While the cake is still warm, use a straw or chopstick to poke holes all over it. The holes should be about an inch apart.

Mix the caramel topping and sweetened condensed milk in a medium bowl. Pour this mixture over the warm cake, aiming for the holes. The cake will absorb this liquid, making it moist and flavorful.

Sprinkle half of the crushed candy bars over the cake.

In another large bowl, mix the cream cheese and whipped topping. Blend it with an electric mixer until it's smooth and combined.

Once the cake has cooled, spread the cream cheese mixture evenly over the top of the cake. Sprinkle the remaining crushed candy bar over the cream cheese layer.

Refrigerate the cake uncovered for at least 2 hours or until it's time to serve it. This will allow the flavors to meld together and the topping to set.

Cut it into squares and serve it chilled. Enjoy your delicious holy cake!



<u>Volunteering</u> can help people reduce stress, combat depression, keep you mentally stimulated, and provide a sense of purpose.

The VLC Newsletter Ministry

Would like to encourage volunteers who have a heart to share their talents through writing, photography/graphics, advertising and research to join the ministry.

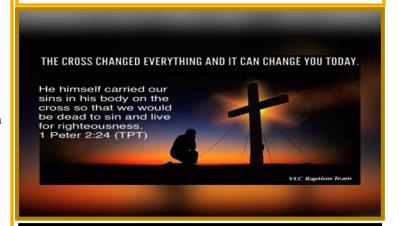
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Election Day: April 2, 2024

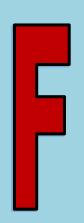
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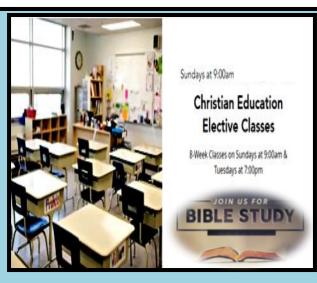
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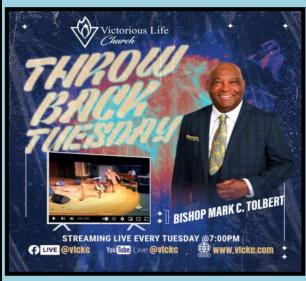
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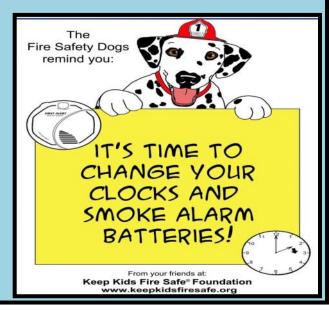












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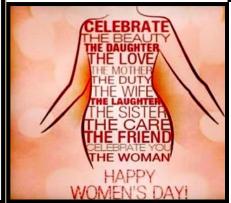




We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

— Hibsens 6:12 NV

It may seem that God's promise is too big for you to receive. The hen cannot see any change in the egg from day to day, yet she patiently and steadfastly sits on the egg. Then one day, suddenly, the egg cracks, and she receives the fulfillment of the promise. Joyful Toons





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