



October 21, 2018

IN THE Spotlight

Hard Working Church Members:

- A big thank you to **Rob Wilson and Jerry Nelson** for repairing the ladies bathroom stall door and additional plumbing work in the building.
- A big thank you to Brother **Dwayne McNeill** for his work on getting the foyer T.V. system working and displaying photographs of the youth programs.
- Thank you to the master landscaper, **Brother Stu King**, for his hard work throughout the summer and into the fall by cleaning the large lot adjacent to the church.
- Thanks to **Brother John Canfield** for faithfully cutting the church lawn every 2/3 weeks throughout the spring, summer and fall. I am sure he is relieved to see winter come around.

- **Thanksgiving Food Basket:** Dale City Christ of Christ Food Basket event is scheduled for November 17, 2018. We are soliciting **cash donations** for the purchasing of turkeys for the food baskets. If you wish to donate, please see Sister Diane Johnson or any Elder.

- **Sister Janet Opuku** is looking for people to donate prizes like, gift cards, earphones, stuffed animals, emoji draw string bags from amazon, puzzles, balls (soccer and football) cool Fall Festival giveaways. Thank you!

- **The Disaster Assistance program** of the Lake Jackson, TX Church of Christ is receiving donations to help the Churches of Christ in North and South Carolina as a result of the flooding from Hurricane Florence. If you wish to donate online, go to; www.disasterassistancecoc.com or mail check to; Disaster Assistance CoC, C/O Lake Jackson Church of Christ, 402 Center Way St., Lake Jackson, TX 77566.

- **Stu King:** Free Seasoned Fire Wood in the woods behind the church auditorium. Just cut, split, and carry to your fireplace to add warmth and a cozy atmosphere to your home this Fall and Winter.

- **Puppet Practice:** Starting Sunday, October 21, 2018, there will be ERLTC puppet practice after chorus. This will be the schedule until we attend ERLTC in April 2019. Sister Kachia Wright.

- **Westside Church of Christ:**

Polishing the Pulpit (PTP): SPARK
Classes for the strengthening of the Church
November 3-7, 2018

1705 Starview Drive, Salem, VA. 24153
 You must register to attend; www.westsidecofc-salem.com

- **Mount Vernon Church of Christ Annual Ladies Day;**
“Strengthen Your Sister” Luke 22:31-32
October 27, 2018
8607 Jeff Todd Way, Alexandria, VA. 22309

POC: Sis. JoAnn Spradley or Sis. Deborah Reeves



From the Shepherd's Desk



I Corinthian 12:12-16 “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves[d] or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.”

The Weak Link!

He sits on the bench for most of the game. His eyes looked pleadingly at the coach every time he came near. Just a chance to play coach, his eyes said, just one time at least.

He was the weak link on a team that was pretty full on talent. He wasn't needed or useful other than filling out the roster and keeping the sidelines populated. The team knew that when, on the rare occasions he did play, everyone covered for him and the coach sighed if no points were scored against the team on his shift.

There was one thing about him that the others knew, even the coach. He didn't want to be the weak link. With all his heart he wanted to be a hero, a leader, a threat to the opposing team. But a lack of skills and experience relegated him to his humble position and kept him from the glory he so desired.

In the church, just as in sports, there are those who are the weak links. Their lack of spiritual maturity, knowledge and commitment leave them on the sidelines of life in the church. Unlike sports however, the weak links who want to be leaders and make an impact are encouraged to do so.

Let's remember that in the church everybody gets to play, especially the weak links, because the purpose of the team is not to glorify the strong but to encourage the weak to stay faithful to Christ. In this way, everybody contributes equally to the final victory, both weak and strong.