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Welcome . . . 2018

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What will this new year bring? Personally, I do not have a clue. **But**, I would like to see . . . more dependence of God's Sons & Daughters upon Him! Did you know that you cannot be a true son or daughter of God unless you are believing, trusting, relying upon, and adhering to Him?

Who is God's Son? The Bible tells us in Hebrews 1:2 that he appointed His Son heir (and lawful owner) of all things. Hebrews 1:3 goes on to say, "**He is the sole expression of the glory of God (the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine), and He is the perfect imprint and very image of (God's) nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power.**" Amplified Bible. True, this refers to Jesus, but we are also Sons of God as stated in I John 3:2 "**Beloved, we are (even here and) now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be (hereafter), but we know that when He comes and is manifested, we shall (as God's children) resemble and be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He (really) is.**" Amplified Bible.

In Ephesians 2:6 we read, "**And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).**" Amplified Bible. Jesus said in Matthew 5:13-14 "**You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste (its strength, its quality), how can its saltiness be restored? It is not good for anything any longer but to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.**" Amplified Bible. God,

through Jesus, gave us this position with Him! Angels were created by God, but they do not have the same importance to God as His Sons and Daughters.

YES! You are a Son or Daughter of God. Your new birth through Jesus, the Son of God, has **made** you a Son or Daughter of God. It is now my responsibility (and yours) to "**Strip yourselves of your former nature put off and discard your old unrenewed self) which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion; And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind (having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude), And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, (Godlike) in true righteousness and holiness.**" – Ephesians 4:22-23 Amplified Bible.

Since **God** has called us Sons & Daughters, we will show forth God's characteristics. "**But the fruit of the (Holy) Spirit (the work which His presence within accomplishes) is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence)...**" – Galatians 5:22-23 Amplified Bible.

We have only begun to scratch the surface of what God wants us to be! We not only will have His character, but as God's Sons and Daughters we will do God's work on this earth! We **will walk** in Supernatural power!

I Corinthians 12:7-11 reads: "**But to each one is given the manifestation of the (Holy) Spirit (the evidence, the spiritual illumination of the Spirit) for good and profit. To one is given in and through the (Holy) Spirit (the power to speak) a message of wisdom, and to another (the power to express) a word of knowledge and understanding according to the same (Holy) Spirit; To another (wonder-working) faith by the**

same (Holy) Spirit, to another the extraordinary powers of healing by the one Spirit; To another the working of miracles, to another prophetic insight (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose); to another the ability to discern and distinguish between (the utterances of true) spirits (and false ones), to another various kinds of (unknown) tongues, to another the ability to interpret (such) tongues. All these (gifts, achievements, abilities) are inspired and brought to pass by one and the same (Holy) Spirit, Who apportions to each person individually (exactly) as He chooses.” Amplified Bible.

Get ready, get ready, get ready! As we begin to take our rightful place as **supernatural Sons and Daughters of God**, God’s Power, God’s Will, and God’s Glory will be seen in **and** on the earth. God gave us a command, through Paul’s pen, in 2 Corinthians 17-18 **“So, come out from among (unbelievers), and separate (sever) yourselves from them, says the Lord, and touch not (any) unclean thing; then I will receive you kindly and treat you with favor. And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”** Amplified Bible.

Let us begin this year walking as the supernatural being God designed us to be! Notice, God’s characteristics and God’s supernatural power will **flow through** us by the Holy Spirit with God receiving all the glory and praise! It is **not** something we **do**, but **it is** what we allow.



Wednesday Bible Study

- Our youth will have Bible Contests as they study about the Holy Spirit.
- Adults will be studying from the book, Supernatural, by Michael S. Heiser beginning in January.



We have nice women’s clothing to give away. Spread the word to those you know. Please see Rev. Betty Jones on Wednesday evenings or after service on Sundays.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

9:15 to 10 a.m. Godfather Fellowship Hall Hospitality
 9:30 to 10:10 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer
 10:15 a.m. – Morning Worship

Wednesday

11 a.m. – Breaking Point
 6:30 p.m. – Bible Foundation
 6:30 p.m. – Youth Services

Thursday

6 to 7:30 p.m. – Recovery Outreach Ministry led by Rev. David Tucker. Need help to overcome an addiction? Come to these sessions. Our desire is to help you achieve and experience an abundant life in God.



Feed your Soul every week.



Fundraiser ...

Our first Fundraiser of 2018 will be a **Spaghetti Take-out Dinner** on **Saturday, Jan. 13** from 1 to 5 p.m. We will be serving a Spaghetti Dinner with bread, salad, and a dessert for \$5. To off-set the initial cost, we are accepting donations of uncooked spaghetti, ground chuck, Prego spaghetti sauce, parmesan cheese, bread, cakes, cupcakes, or cookies.

Please spread the ‘Word’ to your neighbors, friends, and relatives. We will also need volunteers to work and clean-up. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and bring all food donations (except desserts) to the church by **Wednesday, Jan. 10**. Thank you for your support.



Executive Council Sun., Jan. 14, after church



BROTHERS IN CHRIST

The Brothers in Christ will be meeting on **Saturday, Jan. 20, at 9:30 a.m.** at the church. Come and be a part of planning for the New Year.



Annual Business Meeting & Church Potluck



Our annual church business meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, Jan. 21**. We are asking all members of Rivers of Living Water Cathedral to be present, so you know how your church is progressing and the vision for 2018.

We will be having a **Church Potluck** that Sunday immediately after our Morning Service. Please sign up for what you will be bringing. After the potluck, we will hold our annual meeting.

If it is deemed necessary to cancel service that Sunday because of the weather, the annual business meeting and potluck will be held the following Sunday.



MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

for **Sunday, Jan. 28**

Rev. Julia Schwert – Opening
Rev. Natalie Perkins – Ministering
Rev. Shirley Thanasiu – Closing

✓ **Reminder:** Check your ministerial card. When does it expire? See Rev. Julia Schwert for the amount of your renewal fee.



WINTER WEATHER

If weather becomes nasty, as it sometimes does in the winter, please use precaution in coming to church. If it is deemed necessary to cancel a regularly scheduled church service, all attempts will be made to contact you with the phone number we have on file for you. **If you have changed your phone number in the past year, please write your name and number down and put it in the offering basket so we can correct our list.**

We will also contact **Channels 11, 13, and 24** so they can broadcast any cancellation. We ask that you remember our operating expenses continue to rise even if we find it necessary to cancel a service because of the weather.

Thank you, family, for your continued support in prayer and finances for this “our” ministry. Remember we have a mandate from the Lord to do His work.

NOTICE:

Thank you for helping Sister Charmaine Smith coordinate the **Sunday Morning Announcements** by being sure to contact her by **Friday**. She is thankful for text messages with information. Our **2018 Goal** is to have all announcements shown on the screen.

Please give all announcements for the **February Channel** to Rev. Julia Schwert or Rev. Natalie Perkins by **January 24** so we can get the February Channel published by the first Sunday.

Thank you for providing all necessary information in a timely manner.

Happy New Year!

May it be a **‘Special’** one for You.