



I Have **THE VOICE**

I have the "VOICE" to Empower my future Embrace my dreams, and calm my fears.

I have the "VOICE" to comfort my challenges Conquer them, Share them and learn from them.

I have the "VOICE" to be what my dream says I can be.

I have a "VOICE " and I am not afraid to address my future with my pass experiences.

I have the "VOICE" to Lead, Impart and Empower others to be a "VOICE".

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Proverbs 18:21

October 2025

The Voice NEWSLETTER

Join us for our 2025
Men's and Women's Conference

One Kingdom, One Crown

Kings and Queens in Divine Alignment

In a world often divided by differences, God is calling His people to rise in unity—not just as individuals, but as royal sons and daughters of the King. Our upcoming Unity Conference, themed "One Kingdom, One Crown: Kings and Queens in Divine Alignment," is more than just a gathering. It's a divine appointment to align our hearts, minds, and spirits under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The Word reminds us in 1 Peter 2:9, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." This conference is a call for God's people to embrace their Kingdom identity - united, crowned with purpose, and walking in divine authority.

When kings and queens come together in alignment with Heaven's agenda, chains are broken, territories are claimed, and the glory of God is revealed. This is a time to lay down personal crowns and lift up the One True Crown - the crown of Christ our King.

Join us for a powerful time of worship, teaching, and fellowship as we stand together as One Kingdom under One Crown. Let's align with God and with one another, so that His Kingdom may be established on earth as it is in Heaven.

Men's Weekend

Friday, 10/17 @ 7:00p:

The weekend kicks off with a powerful night of worship, inspiration, instruction, and impartation. We're excited to welcome Supt. J. Christopher Barmore and the Christian Tabernacle Church of Philadelphia as our special guests.

Saturday, 10/18 @ 3:00p:

Bring the whole family for a fun-filled day of fellowship featuring our own Family Feud game! Delicious food will be available for purchase from Angry Deekin BBQ.

Sunday, 10/19 @ 10:00a:

Our Morning Worship will feature a dynamic, tag-team message from Eld. Craig Martin and Eld. Andre Cartwright.

During the Afternoon Service, be inspired by uplifting messages from our deacons and young men as we close out an unforgettable weekend.



Women's Weekend

Friday, 10/24 @ 7:00 PM

We're kicking off the weekend with a "Pajama Karaoke Party"! Slip into your favorite pajamas or moo moos and get ready for an evening of fun, food, fellowship, games, and singing. It's the perfect way to start a joyful and spirit-filled weekend together.

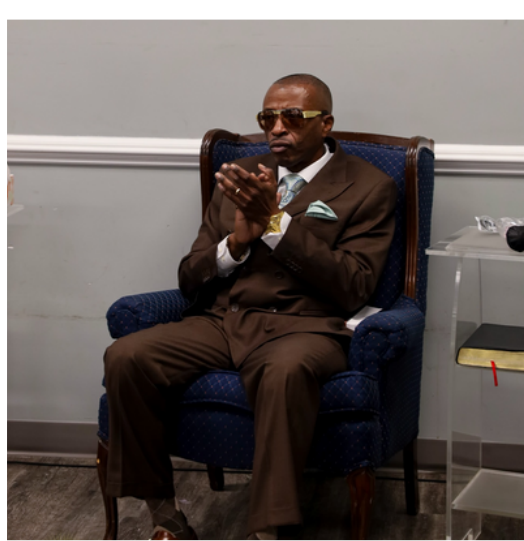
Saturday, 10/25 @ 3:00 PM

Join us for "Crabs and Conversations" at Voice of Praise. Bring your favorite seafood dish and gather around the table for a meaningful, Christ-centered conversation on faith, relationships, and real-life topics. You can also submit your discussion questions anonymously to help shape the dialogue.

Sunday, 10/26 @ 10:00 AM

Our weekend will culminate with a powerful Sunday morning service. The women of Voice of Praise will unite in denim and pearls, lifting up the name of the Lord in one spirit. We're honored to welcome Prophetess Jocelyn London as our guest preacher for this special celebration of faith, unity, and worship.

Happy Birthday **ELDER CRAIG MARTIN**



Today, we joyfully celebrate Elder Craig Martin, a devoted servant, powerful teacher, and faithful leader in our ministry.

Elder Martin is more than a minister; he is a steady source of encouragement, wisdom, and strength to everyone he encounters. His dedication to God's work and his unwavering heart for people continue to inspire and uplift our entire church family.

On this special day, we honor not only his birthday but also the impact he has made through his service, prayers, and genuine love for God's people.

May this new year of life be filled with abundant blessings, joy beyond measure, and continued favor from the Lord.

Happy Birthday, Elder Martin! We thank God for you and celebrate the gift of your life today and always.

Finding Safety and Support: Steps to Take If You're Experiencing Abuse



What is Domestic Violence and Abuse?

Domestic (or family) violence and abuse is a pattern of behavior used by an individual to gain and maintain power and control over an intimate partner or family member(s). This behavior can take many forms and typically falls into one or more of the following categories:

- **Physical Abuse:** Acts of physical violence against the victim or even family pets.
- **Sexual Abuse:** Any sexual activity forced upon the victim without their willing consent.
- **Emotional Abuse:** Includes insults, threats, manipulation, gaslighting, isolation, and other tactics meant to degrade or control.
- **Economic Abuse:** Restricting access to financial resources, creating financial dependency, or stealing money or assets.

Signs and Symptoms of Abuse

Some signs of abuse are visible, such as bruises, cuts, or broken bones. Others may be more subtle, including:

- Emotional distress or agitation
- Withdrawal from family and friends
- Loss of interest in daily activities
- Financial hardship
- Suicidal thoughts or behaviors
- Isolation from loved ones
- Denial of basic needs, like food, sleep, or medical care
- Forced sexual activity
- Being locked in or out of the home

Warning Signs of a Potential Abuser

While abusive individuals may hide their behavior, some red flags include:

- Extreme jealousy or possessiveness
- Controlling behavior
- Rapid involvement in relationships
- Unrealistic expectations
- Isolation tactics
- Blaming others for personal issues
- Hypersensitivity to perceived slights

What to Do If You're Being Abused

First and foremost, know that you are not to blame and you deserve safety and respect. If you're in immediate danger, call 911.

If you're unsure about your next steps, consider contacting the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233). They offer confidential support and guidance,

Safety Planning Tips:

- Hide a spare set of car keys.
- Pack a bag with essentials (clothes, documents, money, medications) and store it in a safe place, such as a friend's house.
- Create a plan for contacting police in an emergency - consider using a code word and trusted individuals.

Supporting Someone Experiencing Abuse

Helping someone in a domestic violence situation requires sensitivity and readiness. Before offering help, ensure the person is open to receiving it. If you commit to helping, be prepared to follow through.

Ways to Support:

- Call 911 if the person is in immediate danger.
- Listen without judgement.
- Connect them with a domestic violence advocate for support and resources.
- Help them develop and execute a safety plan when they're ready.

For more information contact Lady Michelle Austin (610-445-4416)
www.healandrebuild.org





from the Voice of Praise WWM 6:00a Prayer Line

BELIEVE... HOPE... EXPECT!!!

Evangelist Keturah Thomas

King David said, "I would have given up unless I believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." David expresses his assurance that he will witness God's goodness and blessings during his lifetime. Even amid difficulties and dangers, he "believed to see" God do what He had always done... come through!

What does it mean to believe... hope... and expect? It is an optimistic anticipation of something to come.

H.O.P.E. - "Having Optimism, Perseverance, and Expectancy"... to witness God's promises. The abbreviation simulates King David's expression. It goes beyond wishing things will work out. It is a deep knowing that God's goodness will be seen even in the darkest times. HOPE perseveres through hardships, trusting they will work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose.

Believing is the precursor for hope to exist. Trusting anything we don't believe in is impossible. Jesus said miracles were few in his hometown because of the people's unbelief. So ask yourself, "Am I a believer of who God says He is... and promises attached to His existence?" The answer to this question is crucial because what we believe fuels our hope and expectancy.

Our expectations, which are firmly rooted in our commitment to align our lives with the Word of God and His plans, serve as the driving force behind our actions. With this alignment comes a confident faith that enables us to face any obstacle that may come our way.

So, what does it look like to align our lives with God's Word? God's alignment starts with reading, reflecting, and applying Bible teachings to our daily activities. Meditating on His Word and cultivating a spirit of gratefulness through our actions. Being mindful of negative thought patterns and rejecting those not associated with the message of the cross. Finally, waiting eagerly to experience all that He promised.

Remember, our beliefs fuel our hope, igniting our expectations to see the manifestation of God's promises; they will not return to Him void.



**“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”
— 1 Corinthians 16:13 (ESV)**

In a world that constantly shifts its definition of manhood, God’s Word remains steady and sure. Paul’s charge to the men of Corinth is as relevant today as it was centuries ago. To “act like men” isn’t about pride, bravado, or dominance—it’s about courage, consistency, and character.

Men of God are called to be watchful—alert to the schemes of the enemy and attentive to the needs of their families and communities. We are called to stand firm in the faith, unshaken when trials come. We are called to be strong, not in our own might, but in the strength of the Lord (Ephesians 6:10).

True strength is found in humility before God, in perseverance through challenges, and in love that leads through service. Whether you’re leading a household, mentoring a young man, or simply trying to live faithfully day by day—remember, your steadfastness matters. The world needs men who reflect the heart of Christ: firm in conviction, gentle in spirit, and faithful in action.

May we live to meet the need.

Elder Andre J. Cartwright



Share Your Voice

Do you have an inspiring story, community update, or encouraging word to share? We invite you to contribute to The Voice Newsletter! This is your opportunity to uplift, inform, and inspire others by sharing your experiences, reflections, or creative writing with our readers. Whether it’s a testimony, a community spotlight, or words of wisdom, your submission can make a meaningful impact.

Let your voice be heard—together we can continue to build a newsletter that celebrates, encourages, and unites not only our church, but our community!

- Send your articles, stories, or reflections to ebonicartwright@gmail.com. Please be sure to limit your submissions to 350 words.

October Events

- October 17 through October 19 - Men's Conference
- October 24 through October 26 - Women's Conference

Back 2 Basics Bible Study

- Every Tuesday @ 7:00p - VOP Zoom Conference Line

Weekly Prayer Meetings

- Monday through Friday - 6:00am
- Every 1st Saturday - 6:00am
- Every Sunday Morning - 8:00am



VOP Zoom Info

Account #: 833 6315 1275

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VOP Prayer Line

Phone #: (267) 807-9605

Password: 492025



Download the App

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