

VP NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday

9am - 4pm

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Sunday Service

at 10am

202-926-1080

Access Code

981434

Children's Church

is held following

Praise and Worship.

Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22

Merry
Christmas



Your
Story

IT'S GENERATIONAL!

NO BRAG, JUST FACTS!

This month highlighting: **Jackie Morris**

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LEADERSHIP RETREAT

For VP Ministry Leaders

Saturday, December 14th

Registration is required

Deadline: Friday, December 6th

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HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY

December is...

National Hygiene Awareness Month

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GET THE VP CHURCH APP

Get notifications regarding cancellations
due to inclement weather and more.

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December Anniversaries

Deon & Geraldine McClinton
25 years ~ December 11th

Andre & Wrenetha Poindexter
31 years ~ December 15th

Pastor Raymond and First Lady Noreen Chin
56 years ~ December 21st

Calvin & Angela Lane
15 years ~ December 26th

Pray for our sick and shut-in

Sis. Willie Randle

Pray for our bereaved

Sis. Faye Hardiman in the loss of her cousin
~Sis. Lucretia Douthet

Bro. James (Rugena) Turner and family,
in the loss of his nephew,
~Bro. Michael Collins

Sis. Mary (Charles) Sawyer
in the loss of her sister
~Sis. Teresa Ward-Kittrell

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

Psalms 147:3



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[Facebook](#), [YouTube](#),
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MONDAYS - 5PM
Moments in Marriage
Real Life Stuff

COMING SOON

TUESDAYS - 6PM
Poetic Perspectives
Catlin & Lady Maura

THURSDAYS - 6AM
Prayer Call
202-926-1080
Access Code 981434

THURSDAYS - 6PM
Power of Prayer
Min. Cassandra Ward &
The Prayer Team

SATURDAYS - 12PM
See What I'm Sayin'
The Bible & ASL
Talayah Stovall &
Carmen Banks

3RD SATURDAY-12:30PM
Monthly
Men of Destiny

4TH SATURDAY-10AM
Monthly
Women Of Purpose
& Prayer Ministry

SUNDAYS - 12PM
This Week in...
Black History

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The Promise by Jackie Morris

In October 2022, from out of nowhere, I was asked by my employer of only six months to step down from my position. Crazy!?!....right?!? (That full story will be featured in my book. Stay tuned.) I immediately had to drape myself in a Proverbs 3:5-6 shawl without any understanding or acceptance, yet trusting that this wardrobe accessory was going to match the garment of integrity I was wearing. Sometimes I draped the shawl around my shoulders and wore it as a garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness that was upon me (Isaiah 61:3). Sometimes I had to drape the shawl over my head to keep my mind clear and to think on those things that were pure, lovely, of good report and to find some virtue while still giving Him praise. At times, I even used that same shawl to catch the tears that flowed from my eyes even though I knew that God was gathering each tear and placing them in a bottle (Psalm 56:8).

I pulled on the legacy of my parents' encouraging words, "Keep the faith," my father always said no matter what the situation was; "He did not bring you this far to leave you," were the words of my mother. I then leaned on Habakkuk 2:2, again hearing my mother say, "Write a letter to the Lord about your desires of your heart and have the mind of Christ in making your requests." In writing my vision letter to the Lord, I made it plain as to the type of job I wanted, in whom I wanted to be a blessing to, and how I wanted to walk in the garment of 2 Peter 3:18 growing in grace and knowledge. God answered every request from my vision letter in exceeding abundance (Ephesians 3:20).

Allow me to spill the tea - my own version of my TEE. His sovereign-TEE kept my sani-TEE and provided much safe-TEE which made me thirs-TEE as a deer panting for plen-TEE of His love, grace, and mercy. God kept a promise that He made to me way back in March 1996. One evening while driving into class at Saint Xavier University while working on my first Master's Degree, He said, "One day you will be working here." I dismissed it (yes, I did), because I was enjoying my career as a teacher in my second year. From 1996 - 2024, so much had happened in my life personally and professionally. I had acquired 2 master's degrees and am now completing a doctorate; yet, I was unemployed for 18 months.

In March 2024, I applied for a position at Saint Xavier University without even remembering what He had promised exactly 28 years ago. At the final round of interviewing, it was stated that they had been looking for someone with teaching experience, senior administrative experience, and expertise in the required area of concentration. The promise was fulfilled! Of course, I asked God why He waited so long to bring it to pass. He said, "When I made you that promise, at the time you did not have any of what they were looking for. I had to prepare you." Through all of my hurts, pains, disappointments, and sorrow, I remained committed to the Lord, trusted in Him, and He brought everything to pass (Psalm 37:5). He kept me through all of it (Psalm 121:5 -8).

"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you" (Genesis 28:15). Lastly, in my seventh week of working here, my office location was moved to another area on campus. The view from my office window is the exact location of the circular drive where God spoke to me and made me a promise. He brought me back to this land as the Director of the new Career Development Center. As an added blessing, I will also be an Adjunct Professor of professional writing next semester. Look at God! Here is a picture of my daily promise.



**If you have a WIN to share, email: Vparkcog@gmail.com
for instructions on what we need in order for you to be included.**

You're Invited

VPCOG STRATEGIC PLANNING MINISTRY

REGISTRATION @9:30 AM

14 DEC

SATURDAY

10:00 - 2:00

AM

PM

Leadership Retreat

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to register](#)

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If you feed it, it will grow!

VISION

MISSION

VALUES

"PLANS FAIL FOR LACK OF COUNSEL, BUT WITH MANY
ADVISERS THEY SUCCEED." ~PROVERBS 15:22

DECEMBER IS...

NATIONAL HYGIENE AWARENESS MONTH

Handwashing is an important part of good health and one of the simplest, most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs and infections. Germs can spread from person to person or from surfaces to people when you:

- Ø Touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Ø Prepare or eat food and drinks with unwashed hands
- Ø Touch surfaces or objects that have germs on them
- Ø Blow your nose, cough, or sneeze into hands and then touch other people's hands or common objects.

THIS IS WHY HAND HYGIENE IS SO IMPORTANT...

As we prepare to spend holiday fun with our loved ones, please remember the importance of hand hygiene and how it can help you and your family stay healthy. Follow these five steps every time when washing your hands throughout the day:

1. Wet your hands with clean water, turn off the tap, and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between fingers, and under your nails.
3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
4. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or an air dryer.



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