

Upon This Rock!

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THE CHURCH AT ROCK HILL

On the Receiving End By: Sis Kayla Robinson

I was 10 years old when tragedy struck our family. On the first week in November, my Mother became a single Mother of 4 children, ages 2-16, after my Father shot her in front of 3 of their 4 children. The aftermath of this led us to move in with my Grandparents while my Mother recovered from operations. Eventually, we lost our home and our stay at my Grandparents became permanent. My Aunt also came to live with my grandparents after going through domestic situations of her own during the same time. As a child, you don't quite understand everything, but you know that your short life has been turned upside down.



Christmas was approaching and my Mother told us that we wouldn't be receiving much due to our situation. We had so much going on that I didn't even care about Christmas time. I'll never forget waking up on Christmas morning and going into the den, which had been filled with toys and clothing for my siblings and I. We were so excited because we didn't expect anything. I had never been so thankful for gifts. I truly remember that I loved everything that was given to me during this trying time. I asked my Mother and Grandmother where all of the gifts came from and they said they didn't know. I had stopped believing in Santa a long time ago and I knew there was no way my Mother and Grandparents could have purchased all of the gifts we received.

I still remember that unbelievable time in my life until this day. I'll never forget how somebody cared enough about us to provide for my family during our time of need. I recently asked my Mother this year who provided all those toys and gifts and she said, "The Church of a Family Friend". God was definitely watching over me and my family.....

There are many families in the area or back home who may be in need or may have had a difficult year with finances, tragedy or just simply going through. You never know how their life could be impacted by your charity. Let's pray to God for direction and guidance regarding who he would have us to assist this Holiday Season as the strong has a responsibility to support the weak. As the Spirit leads, we will provide for those who can't provide for themselves. "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

Love you all! Sis. Kayla

Sis Kimberly Gibson...A Pearl of Great Price

I grew up in the Baptist church having to attend every Sunday and came to know Christ at an early age. Eventually, I began to feel as if I was simply going to church out of routine or because my grandparents expected me to go.

When I came to Winthrop, I only went to church whenever I went back home. Although I wasn't going to church, I tried to live a good life the best that I knew how. However, I knew just trying to be a morally good person just wasn't enough. I knew I wasn't being a true Christian and I felt like God expected more from me.

While I was at school, I felt bad on Sundays because I wasn't doing anything as unto the Lord. I remember praying to God to help me find a church to attend while I was away at school and to help me draw close to him. I knew you could have a personal relationship with God, but I didn't know how to attain it.

I think it's amazing how God brought me this way. Bro. Travis invited me to church at the last minute and it was very sudden. I was skeptical about attending church with him, because he was a stranger to me at the time. Nevertheless, I am glad Bro. Travis was obedient to God in inviting me out because my entire life has changed by that invita-

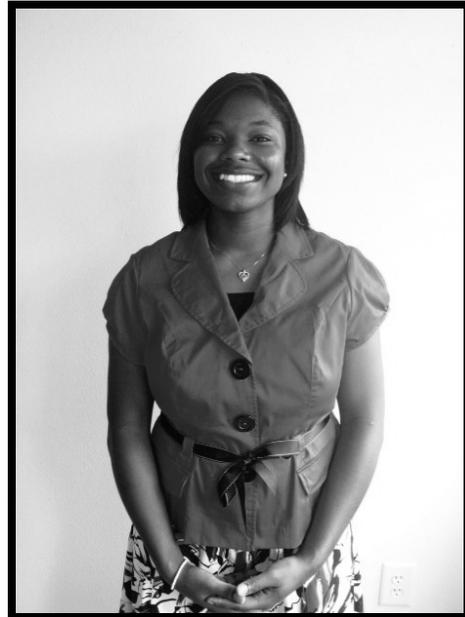
tion.

When I first attended The Church at Rock Hill, I immediately felt the love in the atmosphere and the sincerity from the saints. Everything about the church was different from my traditional Baptist experience (the songs, dancing, liberty, prayer, silence, etc.) The truth I was hearing made me yearn for more. I continued to come out and the Lord began to deal with my mind very quickly and he put a vision on my heart. I was assured that this was indeed a people of God and that this was where God wanted me to be.

When the Lord told me to get baptized I remember feeling really good in my spirit for an entire week. I was previously baptized when I was 10 years old, but it was done so under pressure and with little conviction. This time I felt as if I had made a statement to my flesh that I was no longer answering to Kim, but to God.

The best experience in my life was when I received the Holy Ghost. I didn't know all you had to do was ask God with a sincere

heart for the Holy Spirit. Once I did so, I began to notice my desires and actions were different. The Bible became plain to me and I understood things that were previously vague in my life.



I now have a personal relationship with my Creator and it is the most beautiful gift I could ever attain....free of charge. In the future I look forward to growing up

in the Lord and seeing how he works in the lives of my brothers and sisters. I believe the Lord will raise us up to be righteous men and women so that the world knows what it is to be a true Christian. I am so thankful that I stumbled across the Body of Christ at the time in my life because I was not looking for this treasure. I hope God uses us to show others the pearl of great price because it is truly a beautiful thing. I love you all and keep pressing towards the mark of the high calling.

Listening-
An intellectual act defined as hearing with thoughtful intention.

Hearing-a physical act defined as the process, function, or power of perceiving sound.

Top Five Irritating Listening Habits
1-Interrupting People

2-Getting ahead of and/or finishing another person's thoughts

3-Forgetting what was previously discussed

4-Not looking at the other person talking

5-Topping a person's story with: That reminds me of or Let me tell you about...

Seven Tips for Effective Listening

1) **Stop Talking and Concentrate on what others are saying.** When listening to someone, do you often find yourself thinking about something else, a deadline of your own, or a family matter? In the middle of a conversation, do you sometimes realize that you can't recall what the other person said? Most North Americans speak at about 125 words per minute; the human brain can process information 3X faster. Research suggest that we only listen at about 25% efficiency. These poor listening habits translate into costly mistakes.

2) **Send the nonverbal message that you are listening by controlling your surroundings.** When someone is talking to you, do you maintain eye contact? Do you show the speaker you are listening by nodding? Do you eliminate any distractions? Does your body language transmit the message that you are listening? Are you leaning forward and not using your hands to fidget? Nonverbal messages can be 3X faster than verbal messages.

3) **Avoid Early Evaluations By Establishing A Receptive Mindset.** When listening, do you often make immediate judgments about what the speaker is saying? Do you sift and filter information

through your own bias? From improved listening, discipline to listen objectively. Because people listen at a faster rate than most speakers talk, there is a tendency to evaluate too quickly. Capitalize on lag time by reviewing the key points in your mind.

4) **Avoid Getting Defensive...Hold Your Fire.**

Force yourself to listen to the speaker's entire message or proposition. Don't take personal what is not meant to be personal and directed at you. Careful listening does not always mean you will agree, but it does mean that you will try to listen without becoming defensive or jumping to false conclusions.

5) **Practice Paraphrasing...**By putting into your own words what you thought you heard and saying it back to the sender. For example, in a performance appraisal, an employee might become upset about an area where you corrected performance and blurt out that you misjudged the situation and graded him or her poorly on that indicator. You might counter by saying: "I understand by what you said that you think my rating is too harsh and that you think it was unfair for me to rate you poorly." What you have effectively done is taken some of the turbulence out of the air by using paraphrasing to deflect emotions. It doesn't mean that you recognize where the person is coming from. Which leads to:

6) **Listen (and observe) for Feelings.** When you listen,

do you concentrate just on the words, or do you listen for tone, inflection, and the non-verbal messages. A person who raises his or her voice is usually expressing frustration or anger (that is not hard to miss). However it is important to listen between the lines for what is not spoken. Listen for feelings as well as facts.

7) **Ask Questions...Preferably Open Ended Questions.**

Asking relevant questions at the time show that you are engaged and that you have understood what the content of the message is all about. Ask questions to clarify points or to obtain additional information. These questions require the speaker to convey more information. Form your questions in a way that makes it clear that you have not already drawn conclusions. This will assure your speaker that you are only interested in gaining more and better information. And as a listener, the more information you have, the better you can respond to the sender's communication.

Finally, above ALL things be led by the Spirit of God.



Song Spotlight

This is the only place in this world for me. God put me here, and this is where I want to stay. I don't fit in well, with the world, for I was chosen of the Lord. I fit in here, this is the only place for me!

Credit Report

If my life was a credit report and I was trying to obtain salvation, based on my credit report I wouldn't get it. My history shows that I've been delinquent in praise, past due in prayers, my worship has been in collections and I've missed a few payments (offerings).

Not to mention that my debt (sin) to income (blessings) ratio is too high.

But I thank God that I was able to file bankruptcy (repentance) and it cleared me of all my debt (sin). Now I have a co-signer (JESUS) whose score is flawless...not one blemish (sin) on his report.

So now I **qualify for EVERYTHING!** Most importantly all of my closing costs were covered when Jesus laid down his life for me. I hear that my future home has upgrades too. Hardwood floors? Please...I'll be walking on Gold! All I have to do is keep making righteous payments from here on and if I miss one ask Jesus for Help.

Thank you Lord for your unmerited mercy and grace.



**QUALIFIED BY THE BLOOD OF OUR LORD
AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!**

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<p>Church Business Meeting Saturday, December 1 9am TCARH</p>	<p>Mount Carmel, IL Youth Meeting Thu 12/27-Sat 12/29</p>	<p>Watchnight Service Monday, December 31 9:30pm TCARH</p>	<p>Local Fellowship Meeting Faith Assembly Friday, January 11 7:30pm</p>
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**THERE ARE IN THE END THREE THINGS THAT LAST: FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.”
~1 COR. 13:13**

~THE SPRATLEY’S



OUR JOURNEY TO FIND TRUE LOVE ENDS, OUR JOURNEY TO CHERISH TRUE LOVE BEGINS.

~THE GORDON’S

TCARH Upcoming Events

October 27th 6pm Charlotte Fellowship Meeting **CANCELLED/POSTPONED**

Wednesday, October 31 NO SERVICE

Thursday, November 1 7:30pm Service at TCARH

November 2012 Saturday Clean Up Team #3 Leader: Bro Ellis

November 2012

Holiday Giving-Please submit names to Sis Kayla of struggling families who may be in need of assistance during the Thanksgiving Holiday as the Lord leads.

November Greer Bible Study Dates (7:30pm)

Tue 11/6, Tue 11/13, Tue 11/20

Tuesday, November 6-Friday, November 9th

Brownsville, Texas Ministers Meeting

December 2012

Saturday Clean Up Team #1 Leader: Bro Mario

December 2012

Holiday Giving-Please submit names to Sis Kayla of struggling families who may be in need of assistance during the Holiday Season as the Lord leads.

Saturday, December 1st 9am

Church Business Meeting

Tuesday, December 4th 7:30pm

Statesville Service
2446 Salisbury Rd
Statesville, NC 28677

December Greer Bible Study Dates (7:30pm)

Tue 12/11 & Tue 12/18

Saturday, December 22

Newsletter Articles due to Sis Sharada

Thursday, December 27-Saturday, December 29th

Mount Carmel, Illinois Youth Meeting

Monday, December 31 9pm

Watchnight Service

Friday, January 11, 2013 7pm

TCARH Local Fellowship Meeting
Back Up Date: Friday, Jan 25, 2013 at 7pm

Wednesday, July 17-Friday, July 19, 2013

Major Church Trip to Montreal, Canada

Services held at
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196 Grayson Road
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Service Times
Sunday 12:30pm
Wednesday 7:30pm
*Open for prayer one hour
before each service.*

2012-2013 Meeting Schedule

Haverhill, MA	Regional	10/17-10/19
Orange, TX	Regional	10/19-10/21
Russellville, KY	Dedication	10/19-10/21
Warren, MI	Regional	11/1-11/3
Brownsville, TX	Ministers	11/6-11/9
Portland, OR	Regional	11/21-11/24
Louisville, KY (CC)	Ministers	12/04-12/06
Mt Carmel, IL	Youth	12/27-12/29
Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Minister's	1/15-1/18
Entebbe, Uganda	International, Youth	1/18-1/20
Dominican Republic	International	2/5-2/8
Houston, TX	General	2/14-2/17
Jacksonville, FL	Minister's	3/19-3/22
Louisville, KY (CC)	Regional	4/5-4/7