



Pastor Carl and
Linda Bishop

Welcome!

We would like to invite you to join us in worship here at Words of Life. It is our desire to minister to the vast needs of families in today's fast paced world. We believe the success of the church depends on the success of the family. We have a dedicated team to minister to the needs of adults and children, as well as teens. Bring your family and join us as we experience Jesus Christ in an exciting atmosphere of worship and praise.

Restoration of the Standard

As the Lord began to deal with me on this issue, He began to show me certain areas of the Christian walk and lifestyle that we as Christians for the most part have let slip. As it was with Achan in Joshua chapter 7, it affects the move of God in the body of Christ. Walk with us this next year as we begin the "Restoration of the Standard" in this last day church.

Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. Acts 3:21(KJV)

Pastor Carl

Outreach Ministries

Here at Words of Life we have numerous ministries established to meet the needs of our church family and the community.

Street Ministry - being a light to those who are experiencing unfortunate circumstances and need some guidance and a caring hand. Please remember to place your pledged offering in the designated box located in the front of the sanctuary. Donations are used to purchase urgent needs, such as, food and necessity items for homeless men, women, and children. Please see Sisters Gail, Tami or Diane for more information.

The Least of These Ministries - devoted to offering assistance to those who need help with physical needs such as fuel oil or making sure the electric bill gets paid. Please mark donation envelopes "Least of These Ministries". Please see Brother Ronnie Anderson or Carl Bishop for more information.

Drug Rehab Outreach - travels several Sundays a month to minister and give hope to those in rehabilitation. Please see Brother Greg Pippin for more information.

Nursing Home Ministry - focuses on touching the hearts of the elderly and bringing joy to their lives. Please see Sister Linda Meece for more information.

Blue Ridge Retirement "Restoration" Center - ministers every Friday evening to those struggling with sickness and loneliness. Please see Brother Joe and Sister Victoria Adams for more information.

Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars!

Watch Night Service

New Year's Eve Watch Night Service
Preaching and special music to bring in the New Year!
December 31st - 8:00 pm

New Year's Day Service

Sunday, January 1st - 1:00 pm Service
One Service Only

Ladies Meeting

All Ladies Welcomed to Attend!
Tuesday, January 3rd - 7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Annual Planning Meeting

Saturday January 28th - 4:00 pm
Leadership is asked to attend.

Corporate Church Fast

Month of January

Winter Revival - February 17th - 26th

Please be in prayer and fasting for a mighty move of God

Services

Sunday

Sunday School	9:45 am
<i>(Classes for all ages)</i>	
Preaching	11:00 am
Children's Church	11:00 am
Preaching	6:00 pm
Special Service Dec. 31	8:00 pm
January 1-one service	1:00 pm

Wednesday

Preaching	7:00 pm
Youth (7 th grade & up)	7:00 pm
Children's Church	7:00 pm
<i>(Pre-k to 6th grade)</i>	

Nursery is available for ages 2 and under.

Newsletter Deadline

If you would like to submit items for the newsletter please send to newsletter@wolt.org by the 3rd week of each month.

"...I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Move from here to yonder place, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Matthew 17:20 - 21

Ministers

Carl Bishop, *Pastor*

Greg Pippin, *Outreach Pastor*

Jon & Serena Graham, *Youth Pastors*

Josh & Katrina Graham, *Youth Pastors*

Gerald Wilkie, *Evangelist*

January Elders

Rick and Jeanette Metcalf

Rick's cell: 243-7493

Jeanette's cell: 243-7455

Elders are available to offer prayer and spiritual guidance, as well as assist with any need that arises.

Special Projects

This month's special project will continue with the "Heat Project". Donations to this fund will help individuals in need this winter with heating bills. If you would like to donate to this project, please place offering in envelope and mark "Heat Ministry".

Library is Open!

The library is located in the children's building.

Hours: Sundays from 5:00 - 5:45 and

20 minutes after each service

Copies of services available on CD \$3 or DVD \$5

For more information contact

Rick and Darlene Robinson

Inspiration

Gone astray and wandered away

Raised my hands and questioned God

Doubts rose and ground suddenly gave way

The jaws of this world unhinged

A cavernous maw threatening to consume

Dark lurking on the edge with its sharp, gnashing teeth

Where had the Light gone?

Why was it not pushing back the Darkness?

The fire appeared to no longer be burning

The Way lost amongst paralyzing fear

Prayers falling onto apparently deaf ears

This raging storm had once been a tranquil sea

This shipwrecked heart was supposed to be healed

Where is the man at the bow of the ship?

Where is the Hope in the midst of Despair?

As angry cries stretch upward

His steady hand reaches down

His soothing voice calms the waves

Bringing a moment of Truth

He only gave the appearance of slumber

To see if He would be followed

He only drew His hand away

In order to teach Faith

Like a good Father

He gives His children experience

So that they might learn

And when it seems He's furthest away

That is truly when He is closest

"But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me." Mathew 14:30

Nicole Rose Gray

Testimony

It all began at age 10; my parents had separated and were waiting for their divorce to be final. My father was in and out of the mental institution a lot for suicide attempts as well as bi-polar with schizophrenia. I was devastated at the thought that my sweet daddy was so lost and torn in this world. My father passed away from lung cancer 3 months later after diagnosis was confirmed, he was my world and now, it was gone. I had a hard time dealing with that loss but somehow got through. At age 12 my mother caught a "virus" that was eating her from the inside out, she was suppose to die. She was in a coma for 3 months and miraculously recovered on her birthday. She later was home but was not able to care for me so I was in and out of foster homes and eventually put into a group home for abandoned or troubled kids. My life was corrupted with smoking, drugs, and fighting for my survival, I was terrified. A little over a year later I was able to go home to my mother. I was at this point completely out of control abusing myself as well as my mother. My mother was diagnosed with SEVERAL health conditions and bi-polar depression, schizophrenia, and severe suicidal occasions. I was at a loss for a family to love me and was at the end. I was shortly entangled into a narcotic pill habit from my mother and then it was kept up and worsened by the life to come. I got into a relationship and thought I had finally found love, wow was I wrong. It all started out great and then the following 9 years were a terror. I was addicted and did anything and everything, things I am ashamed of just for a high, which I later discovered was my escape from reality. I worked but my money was always stolen from under my head while sleeping. I would sleep with my son in the bed in fear "he" would take him or kill me. Terror is an awful feeling but, I had no one else and he made sure I was aware of it. The county got involved due to criminal offenses by him and came and took our son, I thought that was the end. I left and moved several times only to find myself back in the same condition. My mother passed 5 years ago and I regret the way I abandoned her in a nursing home. I was embarrassed for her to see what I had become and how I was being treated. I wanted my mother to come live with us but he would never have that. I continued on my path of destruction taking stronger pills and a LOT more, I left him again for good. I worked for pills to go back and work for more pills and when the dealers were out I thought I would die from the withdrawals, the pain was so intense and sleep was never obtainable. I would get so high and would fall asleep smoking there were over 100 burns on my mattress and under my bed, I should have burned up, "but God", I tried to barricade myself in the room and kill myself, "but God" had me look at a picture of my son and I couldn't do it. An abusive relationship was still haunting me each day, he had entered my every thought and I was scared to breathe unless he said to. I was at Mike's house hanging out one day withdrawing and he convinced me to get help, so I did. I was on the way to the ER and fell asleep 5 or 6 times and was vomiting all over, it was sad and scary, I finally saw how badly off I was. I was admitted to ICU because they said 2 more hours and I would have come in a body bag, talk about a wakeup call. Mike was there after an hour or two and hasn't ever left my side since. We moved in together and things were shaky. I got pregnant with my daughter and shortly ran away in fear of love. We were reunited awhile after his decision to follow Christ, even though that was not the way I intended on going. I saw the difference in him and finally surrendered completely and have NEVER been more full of joy. We were married shortly after and a year ago got my son back for good. The Lord is so good, he has filled in the time gap as if we were never apart, and filled my kids with a strong desire to serve and love the Lord. I now minister to lost souls at the drug rehab as well as those the Lord has cross my path. Life used to be lonely and desolate but now, with my family and most of all Jesus, all is amazingly wonderful. I still have troubles with certain things, I have forgiven much but all is not forgotten, I am always reminding myself of where I came from to appreciate more where I am now. The valleys got LOW but the flat land and mountains were victorious enough to keep going. I always thought "Christians' had a boring life, WOW, was I wrong. Jesus, who knew that following the Lord each step, could be this pleasing to the soul and fulfilling. The Lord has kept His hand on my life and I praise Him for that, I have been delivered from drugs, cigarettes, depression, but most of all from the grasp of the devil. He is now UNDER my feet as I walk with Jesus FOREVER MORE.

Sarah Robinson