

McCLAIN MINISTRIES

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December 2006

THE KING HAS COME



Melva's Corner

**THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION
(YOU ARE NEVER ALONE)**

Bible Text: Matthew 22:36-40

Central Truth: If we are truly the "Family of God," there are no outsiders when it comes to those whom we will help.

"May the LORD reward you well for the kindness you have shown . . ." (1 Samuel 24:19)

The world is full of people who would like to belong to a stable family. Even in a small community like the one where I live, I am constantly reminded of this need.

Family is something that many take for granted. It just seems the natural thing. They have had a good relationship with their own parents and enjoy the same with their own children and grandchildren. That does not mean that there are never any problems, but they always know they can count on family if things are difficult. Even those who sometimes appear to always be fighting can be counted upon to fight for each other when tough times come.

Life Events

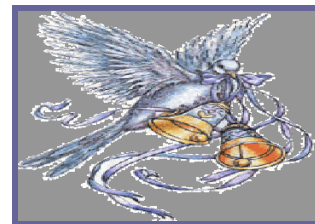


This is the Day HE created you...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Melva McClain
Cynthia Spears
Carlton Williams
Deloris McNair

Happy Anniversary



Blessed in Holy Matrimony

Howard & Evelyn Magee



If you are one of those fortunate ones, have you ever considered what it might be like to not know anyone you could turn to in time of trouble?

There are people all around you who face that very fear. I often hear the elderly express the fear of "dying alone." I know, for some at least, that must be terrifying. However, "living alone" strikes me as far more difficult.

Imagine being one who cannot make one false step. Most of us are concerned when we are ill or miss a day of work. However, many live day-to-day and a few days of illness produces a radical change — they have no money to pay their regular bills, much less their doctor bills.

Some think that they should be able to make it up later, but they will not be any more able to do so tomorrow — or next week or next month — than today. Through no fault of their own, these people often get so far behind that they lose their apartment, their auto, and basically their ability to function in a world where these things are required to continue to survive.

Shouldn't they turn to family? There is none. How about friends? What few connections they may have are likely to be no more able to rescue them than they would have been able to rescue their companions in the reverse situation.

Is there a solution?

The only one is for good people who love the Lord God with all their hearts and love their neighbors as themselves to show that love in relationships. The "loner" and the lonely may not choose to develop a relationship on their own. However, we should make it clear that our willingness to help others in times of trouble is not based on who they are, but on who we are — and the one to Whom we belong.

If we are truly the "Family of God," there are no outsiders when it comes to those whom we will help. Our family knows this, our friends know this, and even our neighbors know this. It just needs to be so clearly demonstrated that those who may only know about us will see it and know it is true! We can point to the command to love God and neighbor on our signs, preach it from our pulpits, and print it in our writings, but none of that has any value unless we live it in our lives.

A little act of kindness goes a long way towards making this world a better place. Each kind thing we do connects us to the hearts, souls, and lives of those around us. Each kind word we say and kind thought we think brings us closer to love, closer to each other, and most importantly, closer to God. Kindness always ripples out as well and travels from person to person until it returns home to the heart that first shared it.

May you always fill your life with kindness. May all your days be full of loving thoughts, joyous feelings, and kind acts. May you always make the world a kinder place just by being in it. And, "May the LORD reward you well for the kindness you have shown ..." (1 Samuel 24:19)

Scriptural References:

The Pharisee said, "Teacher, which command in the law is the most important?" Jesus answered, "'You must love the Lord your God. You must love him with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and most important command. And the second command is like the first: 'You must love other people the same as you love yourself.' All of the law and the writings of the prophets take their meaning from these two commands." (Matthew 22:36-40)

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HIGHER MOUNTAINS...HIGHER PRAISES

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE INFLUENTIAL!

Denise Jones

I received a call from a classmate saying she heard I was a great caterer and decorator from other classmates from the 25th class reunion I catered and decorated this year.

She was helping her sister find someone to cater and decorate her 50th birthday party, December 31, 2006. This party is for 150 guests.

Her sister called last night, I made her an offer and she accepted. **IT'S ALL ABOUT THE INFLUENTIAL! YES, I MEAN GOD'S INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE!**

OVERWHELMED WITH HIS GOODNESS

Allyson Roberts

The overtime class-action lawsuit settled in California September 2005. The payout to the employees has been estimated to be as much as \$120 million. Back in 2000 God gave me revelation knowledge that I would receive a financial blessing and, it has come to pass. I was one of the 3000 employees eligible to receive payments from \$1,000 - \$100,000. His unmerited favor and grace continues to shine on me.

A THANKSGIVING STUFFED WITH BLESSINGS

Bessie Thomas

Two weeks ago Bessie Thomas wasn't feeling well. She was experiencing lower back pain that was rendering her almost immobile. She had an appointment with a specialist the following week. Yesterday, (November 23) she was putting her Thanksgiving pies in the oven and looking forward to frying her turkey on Thanksgiving day. God is so good . . . giving Him all the praise and glory.

REVELATION KNOWLEDGE

McClain Ministries Praise Report

I am so pleased to be able to report Revelation Knowledge from God regarding the mega blessings He has in store for us in the immediate future. As I rejoice in this good news, I am also painfully reminded of the tremendous needs of our world today. We seem to have grown accustomed to special attention during the holiday period from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day. I always wonder if people think hunger goes away during the remaining 10 months of the year. I suspect the annual holiday interest in poor people has as much to do with the often extravagant indulgence of those of us who are affluent as it does with the pain of the poor. Since I know I'll be searching for the Alka-Seltzer after dinner of Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, I wonder how the homeless and hungry of the world will fare.

God has placed in our hands the tools to set the captives free. But first, our own breakthrough is at hand. Please read the article contained in this newsletter, "Power Preparation" to determine the direction God is leading us. Do you need a "Breakthrough? Its here! Its now!

Remember, we must not measure our success as Christians by ministry activity, or busyness, or our commitment to religious things. Becoming more like Jesus doesn't happen in retreat. It happens outside the walls of church. The context is not Sunday, but Monday-Saturday in the middle of our drifting searching culture. It's possible to talk about growth without even realizing we are adrift, out of context, on a life raft of church activity.

As you enjoy the holidays with those you love, allow the needs of the world to teach you something about how to respond to your own children, spouse, parents and friends at this special time of the year. And

then, seek the miracles God is making ready for us by renewing your own effort and your own commitment to build the unity required to sustain the world that simply needs the love of the Body of Christ. God is into miracles. But, He always uses people to produce the miraculous results needed and we definitely need a global miracle today. Maybe it is time for all of us to step up and sign on as members of His miracle team. Thank God for His Revelation Knowledge!

So why not join our December time of prayer and fasting and watch your "Breakthrough" take place before your very eyes.

Our Jubilee has come! And it is happening now!

GOD BLESSES IN A TELEPHONE CALL

Lena Williams

Friday night I was preparing my list to go to the grocery store . . . I decided to pick up a Turkey and have it fried for Thanksgiving Day. About 10 minutes before I was getting ready to leave . . . the phone rang and my daughter Kim's best friend Angela asked me if I needed a turkey. Her employer had surprised them with Turkeys this year and her mother Helen had already bought one. Angela thought about us and decided to call. I told Angela that I was just getting ready to go and pick up a turkey . . . she was so happy she called and she brought it right over. I know God has blessed her for her kindness and thoughtfulness . . . and I am so grateful.

Denise's husband Ricky and Oris fried the turkey and it was the best fried turkey we have ever had.

The Holy Spirit always works through others to supply our needs. I am so thankful and in all things, I give thanks to the Father of Glory.

IN HIS PRESENCE

6:00 P. M. HOUR OF PRAYER



Use this wonderful supernatural tool the Lord has blessed us with the **6 o'clock hour of power**. This is the time to intercede for the needs of others, the concerns of the ministry, and to pray for the leadership within our community, our nation, and our world.

Bring all of your cares and burdens to the altar and encourage others to do the same. Lives are being changed. Breakthroughs are happening.

HOME BIBLE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE



Mark your calendars for the **December 2006** dates. Please join us and take the next step in your walk with God.

December 2nd and 16th

The Message...

"God's Power Principles"

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JESUS AMONG THE REFUGEES


I was looking at a special on Africa the other night and etched upon my heart are scenes that I will never forget. The endless line of refugees waiting for a crumb of bread . . . the empty eyes of a father cradling his dying child . . . the shallow graves dotting the landscape .

Famine stalks the land like a hungry lion in search of his prey. The rhythmic cadence of death doesn't miss a beat.

What a human tragedy. What an indictment against those of us who fare "sumptuously every day" and worry about "bigger barns." Our insipid brand of Christianity condemns us. Shallow faith testifies to our emptiness. Our **READY ANSWERS TO RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS** mentality is not feeding the hungry . . . clothing the naked . . . or reaching the lost. True, our corral may be secure and our brand noticeable, but what real changes are we affecting in our world? What real difference are we making? If the church ceased to exist today would the hungry, naked, and lost mourn its passing tomorrow?

While we are consumed by the various issues and traditions that plague our fellowship, Jesus is standing at a feeding station waiting for a crumb of bread. One day He is going to come back and ask each of us one fatal question: **WHERE WERE YOU WHILE I STOOD IN LINE IN AFRICA - SHIVERED IN THE COLD IN NEW YORK - WANDERED THROUGH THE STREETS OF CALCUTTA - LIVED IN A CARDBOARD BOX IN MEXICO?**

And we are going to answer: "We were sitting on our cushioned pews, in our air conditioned huts, studying from our King James Bibles, attacking every other denomination, keeping our women silent, our sons sober and our daughters at home."

And Jesus is going to say: "Depart from me. For I was sick . . . in prison . . . naked . . . lonely . . . and you never ministered to me." 

1st QUARTER TELECONFERENCE

Saturday, January 27th
8:00 A M. CST

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Toll Free Dial-In Number
1-888-422-7124
Participant Code: 730940

Quarterly teleconferences are one of many of the ministries communication tools. These conferences allow us to share the uncompromised Word of God, as well as fellowship with our members in a spirit of unity that has literally changed the lives of those who participate.

National Bulletin Board Synergy Session

Saturday, January 13, 2007
5:00 – 7:00 PM
1050 Ridgeside Drive
Brandon, MS

The synergy sessions are extremely important. They provide the platform to continue our networking; brainstorm marketing strategies and conduct Entrepreneur training. All project assignments are made and monitored during these sessions to guarantee the ultimate success of the Service. In essence, this is where the real work takes place. Our National Bulletin Parties are the fruit of these highly charged synergy sessions.

Merry Christmas

FROM McCLAIN MINISTRIES



THE LAST WILL BE FIRST!

"...By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God -- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." (Ephesians 2:8-10, NRSV)

Jesus put it this way: "Those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." (Matthew 23:12) And like this: "Those who want to save their life will lose it, but those who lose their life for me will find it." (Matthew 16:25) And also like this: "Many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first." (Matthew 19:30) It's maybe the one thing Jesus teaches most consistently: a foundational value of the kingdom of God is the ability to get over yourself.

And just in case you haven't been paying attention in church, Jesus didn't just teach that. He lived it. Next week we'll celebrate the fact that Jesus didn't pursue honor and glory and power that He didn't worship at the idol of self-importance. He was born to a peasant couple in a stable with a feed trough for a bassinet. The smell of animals and droppings would have hung pungent in the air. Not many people would have recognized that something important was going on in that most lowly of places. But then, that was sort of the point.

Shepherds were the first to hear the news of His birth. His parents had to run for His life be-

cause they were nobodies and Herod wouldn't have to answer for killing their son. When He taught, His audiences consisted of beggars and sinners, of the sick and the dying, of the crippled, lame, blind – outcasts, not the elite. Important? No one would have imagined so.

From one of the earliest, most basic Christian confessions we have these words:

[Jesus], being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage, rather he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human being, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death-- even death on a cross! (Philippians 2:6-8)

But don't stop reading there...

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)

Jesus lived it. His life reflected the conviction that in the kingdom of God the rules of greatness are reversed. You find life in giving up your life. Glory in shame. Exaltation in humility. In getting over Himself, Jesus found the honor and glory and approval that so many of us desperately want.

It's a good lesson to learn, whether you're 6 or 36 or 86. We spend far too much time trying to convince others how important we are, how valuable our time is, how inalienable our rights are. The way of the kingdom of God is to take the energy we naturally reserve for taking care of our own interests and turn it outward to be expended in the interests of others. That comes neither easily nor naturally, but it is the way of the Kingdom. The way of the Spirit. The way of our Lord.

So let's get over ourselves. As the presents are opened and the feasts devoured and the decorations enjoyed, may we learn that it doesn't matter whether others think we're important are not. Human beings have a long history of missing what is truly important. God knows, and for His people that is enough. May we get over ourselves so that the love of God can shine through our quiet humility – just as it did in the stable that served as the delivery room for our Savior. May we get over ourselves so that the glory of God can be seen in us, just as it was in Him.

" . . . Many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first." (Matthew 19:30)



*Have a joyful holiday. May your heart be blessed this holiday season
God Bless*

POWER PREPARATION

By Melva McClain



In the month of December we will prepare to receive God's Revelation Knowledge. The New Year promises to be one of radical power in the "Body of Christ". Intercessory Prayer and a limited fast will be our path to that power.

The fast will last thirty-one (31) days and be observed from 6 AM to 12 Noon your time . . . partaking of liquids only during this time frame. (Please adhere to any dietary restrictions)

COMBINING PRAYER WITH FASTING

Prayer is even more powerful when combined with fasting. Fasting, in the simplest definition, is going without food.

Come before God and humble yourself through fasting and prayer. God has promised to hear when we come before Him in this attitude:

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven. . . (II Chronicles 7:14)

Do not pursue power itself. Through prayer and fasting prepare yourself as a channel through which God's power can flow.

TYPES OF FASTS:

According to the Bible there are several types of fasts. The total fast is when you do not eat or drink at all. An example of this is found in Acts 9:9. The partial fast is when the diet is restricted. An example of this is in Daniel 10:3. There are also specific God directed fasts.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FASTING:

Fasting is a personal matter between an individual and God. It is to be done in private and not boasted about:

Moreover when ye fast, be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance; for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou

appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. (Matthew 6:16-18)

Leaders may call a public fast and request the whole church fellowship to fast:

If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. (John 15:7)

This means IF you are abiding in Christ you can ask and it shall be done. IF you are walking in obedience to God's Word, then you can ask in the name of Jesus.

Praying in the name of Jesus is also subject to God's will. Jesus prayed:

Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine be done. (Luke 22:42)

In the weakness of human flesh, Jesus did not want to suffer. He wanted the cup of suffering removed, He did not want to be separated from His Father, but He submitted His will to God's will.

In some matters clearly defined in Scripture, we know the will of God and exactly how to pray. In other matters we can express our will, as did Jesus, then submit our will to His will--all in the name of Jesus.

Requests made in the name of Jesus are subject to the sovereign will of God. We ask according to human reasoning and cannot always discern God's higher purposes:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

You will not always know the will of God and exactly how to pray. When you are not sure of the will of God, it is a good time to pray in the language of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf according to the will of God:

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: FOR WE KNOW NOT WHAT WE SHOULD PRAY FOR AS WE OUGHT; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. (Romans 8:26-27)

Some will disagree with this Biblical teaching. They will say you can ask ANYTHING in the name of Jesus and it will be done. When you arrogantly pray without submitting your requests to God's will, He may answer your requests, but it may not be in your best interests. He did this for the nation of Israel:

And He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul. (Psalms 106:15)

You must also realize that when you ask for something on behalf of another person that their will enters into the situation. Nobody, through prayer in the name of Jesus, can push something on someone else which that person does not want. God does not take away the free will of man. Another person's will and unbelief can affect your prayer for them.

In John 17 Jesus prays a great prayer concerning the men God gave Him as disciples. All these men received the same training. They saw the same miracles. They received the same Word of God. But yet one of them was lost. Judas still had a will of his own, and despite all he had heard and seen, rejected God's Word in unbelief.

Jesus spoke of the power of agreeing with others in prayer in His name:

Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done of them of my Father which is in Heaven.

For where two or three are gathered **IN MY NAME**, there am I in the midst of them. (Matthew 18:19-20)

As part of prayer, thanks should be given in the name of Jesus:

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father **IN THE NAME** of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:20)

You should also give thanks to the name of Jesus:

By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks **TO HIS NAME**. (Hebrews 13:15)

INTERCESSION:

Intercession is prayer for others. An intercessor is one who takes the place of another or pleads another's case.

The Bible records that at one time God looked on the earth and saw there was no intercessor:

And He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore His arm brought salvation unto Him, and His righteousness, it sustained Him. (Isaiah 59:16)

When God saw there was no intercessor He supplied the need. He sent Jesus:

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. (I Timothy 2:5)

. . . It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. (Romans 8:34)

Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:25)

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous. (I John 2:1)

An advocate in a court of justice is a legal assistant or counselor who pleads another's cause. Intercession in spiritual warfare is prayer to God on behalf of another person. Sometimes this intercession is made with understanding. You intercede in your own native language:

I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men.

For kings, and for all that are in authority. . . (I Timothy 2:1-2)

At other times, intercession is made by the Holy Spirit. It may be with groanings resulting from a heavy spiritual burden. It may be in an unknown tongue. It may be intercession for another or the Holy Spirit making intercession for you. When this happens, the Holy Spirit speaks through you praying directly to God and according to the will of God.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (Romans 8:26)

PRAY THE PROMISES

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. (James 4:3)

God answers prayer according to His promises. When you do not ask on the basis of these promises, your prayer is not answered. It is similar to how a father relates to his children. No parent commits to give his youngsters anything they want or ask for. He makes it clear that he will do certain things and not do other things. Within these limits the father answers his child's requests.

It is the same with God. His promises form the proper basis for prayer. Learn what God has promised and pray according to the promises of God. One good way to do this is to go through the Bible and mark all the promises. Use your Bible when you pray and base your prayers upon these promises.

CORPORATE POWER

Spiritual power must be experienced individually by believers but it is not to function independently of the Body of Christ. It is God's plan that the Church experience spiritual power corporately. The Church is to be the center for the demonstration of His power.

One day Jesus went into the temple in Jerusalem and found the leaders selling oxen, sheep, and doves. They had actually made a prosperous business out of people's need for sacrificial animals. They were using the church as the center for this merchandising.

Jesus made a small whip of cords and drove these people out of the temple. He poured out the money and overthrew the tables. He said. . .

. . . It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves. (Luke 19:46)

In many instances today the Church has become a social center, a place for recreation and fellowship. It has become a center of food distribution and entertainment.

Some of these activities may have their place, but it is not God's true purpose for the Church. The Church can even become a center of prayer and Bible study and still miss God's purpose if human needs remain unmet right outside its door.

The temple Jesus cleansed had become a center of trading and merchandise. But Jesus explained the true purpose of the Church in a parable in Luke 14:16-24. In this parable, the master of the house told his servants:

. . . Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt and the blind.

. . . Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. (Luke 14:21,23)

The Church is to be filled with multitudes having deep human need. Believers are to go into all levels of society and compel them to come in. The Church is to be populated with believers who have spiritual power. This creates the corporate environment where God can manifest Himself. The lame will be healed, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the power of the Gospel will change lives.

Remember the lame man who sat at the temple gate in Jerusalem (Acts 3)? Religious services were going on inside the temple. There were beautiful ceremonies, expressive prayers, lovely singing--yet unnoticed and with his needs unmet, just outside the door sat the poor crippled man.

Finally two men, believers in God who had experienced the endowment of spiritual power, passed his way. Peter said to him, "Look on me. Such as I have, give I thee." Immediately, his feet and ankles received strength and he was healed by the power of God. A needy world is looking on us. Suffering humanity is turning their eyes to the Church of Jesus Christ. We must have something to give.

THE LAW OF USE AND INCREASE

There is a Biblical principle called the "Law Of Use And Increase" which affects spiritual power.

Your spiritual power will be increased by proper application of this principle. Read the parable told by Jesus in Luke 19:12-26. Note that the servants who used and increased the money given them received more money. The one who had done nothing with the money he received lost it. The "Law of Use And Increase" is just that: Use what you are given,

and it will increase. You either must use it or lose it.

God gives you spiritual power for the purpose of serving, not reigning (Matthew 20:25-28). If you use spiritual power properly, that flow of God's power will increase within you.

You will see even greater manifestations of His power in your life and ministry. If you do not use it, you will lose it:

For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given: and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. (Luke 19:26)

Start now to prepare for power in 2007. Through prayer and fasting the Kingdom of God can be yours.

Please consult your physician before beginning any type of fast or change in diet. Many medications work in conjunction with meals and a regulation of blood sugar levels and other necessary chemical balances with your body. Allow the lord to lead you with soundness of mind and good common sense.



VISIT US ONLINE



WEEKLY INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

The weekly inspirational message is updated every **Monday** morning in an effort to start your week with a medicinal dose of "What Thuis Saith the Lord."

The feature allows us to share relevant spiritual information on a 'real-time' basis.

<http://mcclainministries.org/inspirational>



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NATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD SERVICE Entrepreneurs Fact Sheet

STEPS TO FOLLOW WHEN STARTING A BUSINESS ("For Profit Business")

1. Select a name for your business
2. Establish a Board of Directors (at least 5 people but not more than 9)
3. Incorporate with the Secretary of State (cost: \$50). You may choose to incorporate as a corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership or LLC
4. Contact the Internal Revenue Service to have an employer identification number (EIN) assigned to your business:
https://sa.www4.irs.gov/sa_vign/newFormSS4.do
5. Decide what your needs are financially and put together a business plan. Free sample business plans can be found:
<http://entrepreneur.com/services/sampleplans/index.html>
6. Present your plan to potential investors, banks, or other lending institutions
7. Get assistance with marketing your product or service
8. Set up a bookkeeping system to keep records of all business transactions

STEPS TO FOLLOW WHEN STARTING A 501©3 TAX EXEMPT BUSINESS ("Non-Profit Business")

1. Select a name for your business
2. Develop a Mission Statement
3. Establish a Board of Directors
4. Do a proposed plan for the service to be provided
5. Get an employer identification number for a non-profit business
6. Download and complete a form 1023 for the Internal Revenue Service (assistance may be required with completion of this application. The application fee is \$750, and an additional charge may be incurred for assistance)
[Form 1023](#) and its [instructions](#) are available for download at www.irs.gov. The revised printed Package 1023 (Form 1023 and Instructions for Form 1023) is available by calling toll-free 1-800-829-3676.
7. The process takes 6-8 weeks before a letter granting non-profit status is awarded (additional information may be required prior to status being awarded. If the application is denied, the EO specialist assigned should be contacted immediately about what actions can be taken.
8. Incorporate with the Secretary of State as a "perpetual" non-profit organization (fee is \$50)

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REMEMBER OUR TROOPS



We ask your protection to surround the troops that their return of duty may abound and let us show our gratitude this date as we remember our troops and their families as we surround ourselves with family and friends. We thank you Father for your readiness to hear us and for the many blessings we enjoy.

Accept our praise and gratitude; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Let us remember our troops as we gather this holiday season in fellowship with our families, friends and love ones.



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