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the key



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# “We have a duty that we owe to the emerging generation”

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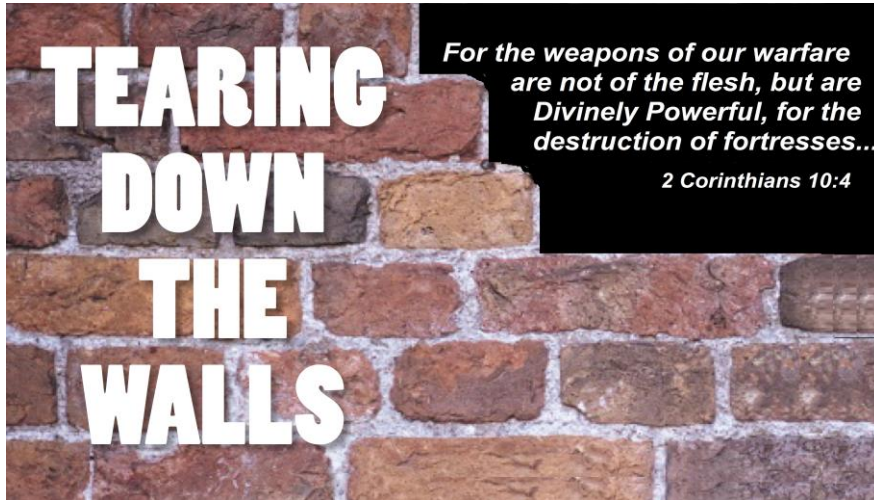
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### Prayer for Our Youth

I pray that God would give our students more of a hunger for righteousness than a sexual appetite, and that they would see through the enemy’s lies.

I ask God to strengthen them and give them the drive to flee sexual immorality and help them reserve the gift of sex for marriage.

I pray that this generation would submit to Christ and to those in authority over them. May he give them grace to love, respect and honor their parents, teachers, spiritual leaders and governing officials.

I pray God would give our teenagers the knowledge of the truth of God and spiritual eyes to see so that the enemy would not be able to deceive them.

I pray that God nurtures the soil of the hearts of young people and grants them a greater sensitivity to their spirit so that they may grow in the knowledge and grace of Jesus Christ. I also pray for more passionate workers for the harvest of youth ministry.

A GOOD YOUTH OUGHT TO HAVE A FEAR OF GOD, TO BE SUBJECT TO HIS PARENTS, TO GIVE HONOR TO HIS ELDERS, TO PRESERVE HIS PURITY; HE OUGHT NOT TO DESPISE HUMILITY, BUT SHOULD LOVE FORBEARANCE AND MODESTY. ALL THESE ARE AN ORNAMENT TO YOUTHFUL YEARS.

Saint Ambrose  
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### Vision:

To transform and enhance the lives of men through daily conference prayer sessions and study of the word; while touching the heart of God.

### Mission:

1. To help men build an intimate relationship with God, not neglecting one another, but coming together in prayer and fellowship.

2. To be a ministry that is a haven of rest for weary souls by offering the free gift of salvation which was provided to us through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

3. To bring the whole man (spirit, soul and body) into an alliance with the father God so that he may live in dominion and be the conqueror that God has ordained him to be before the foundation of the world.

## BOC Career Day

*By: Minister Robert Parker*

The Brothers on Call ministry is actually making history by breaking through the wall that has long separated the church and public schools. In 2012 and 2014 over 20 volunteers participated in the Brothers On Call Career Day.

The Brothers on Call Career Day was an opportunity for the Brothers on Call Ministry to impart wisdom, faith, love, encouragement and a wealth of knowledge to eager 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students at William H. Sayre Senior High School and Overbrook High School in Philadelphia, PA.

The career day brought in men and women from various industries and sectors; collectively they had over 100 years of work experience!

*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."*

*Proverbs 16:3*



Each volunteer had a chance to talk with students about his/her career, educational and spiritual experiences.

This time of sharing gave students the opportunity to glean a wealth of knowledge, reflect on the choices they are making and consider the opportunities that life has to offer.

Students were able to hear first-hand stories about the value of an education, self-worth and the importance of faith.

Many volunteers were graduates of Philadelphia High Schools and were able to relate with the students on so many levels.

Students were definitely engaged with the presenters. The student reception was overwhelming; students expressed their gratitude, with thank you's, handshakes and request for us to come back again.

Faculty and Staff were appreciative of our visit and applauded our commitment and professionalism. The Brothers On Call Career Day is a testament of the work that can be done through the prayers of the faithful. The Career Day is an example of how the Brothers On Call Prayer Line can be used to change our communities, cities, and the world!



*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord....."*



## Brothers on Call Profile

### Myrick McDougald

Myrick Antonne McDougald is a 46 year old Christian brother who was born in Lillington, North Carolina. He is the 4th child out of 8 children in whom there are four boys and four girls and his oldest sister passed away in 2006.

He was raised in the church and gave his life and heart to Jesus at the age of 10. Myrick's family lineage is comprised of a long line of Bishops and ministers who served God and helped him concentrate on his Christian walk.

He attends the Lillington Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church which is pastored by Elder Coleman Elliott. Myrick serves as a Trustee there and is most known for his willingness to serve God and live right.

As a young kid, Myrick fell in love with the culinary arts and had a gift for educating others. He received his college degree from Shaw University in 1992 and is presently in the Master's degree program at Liberty University.

Myrick is a member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and has been working in the education field for over 20 years. He also has served as a mental health case manager for 20 years and is currently an instructor at a community college where he teaches adults with developmental disabilities.



Myrick McDougald is a well-rounded individual who loves God and his Word. He was invited to become involved in the Brothers On Call Pray Conference Line (BOC) by his friend West Haddon.

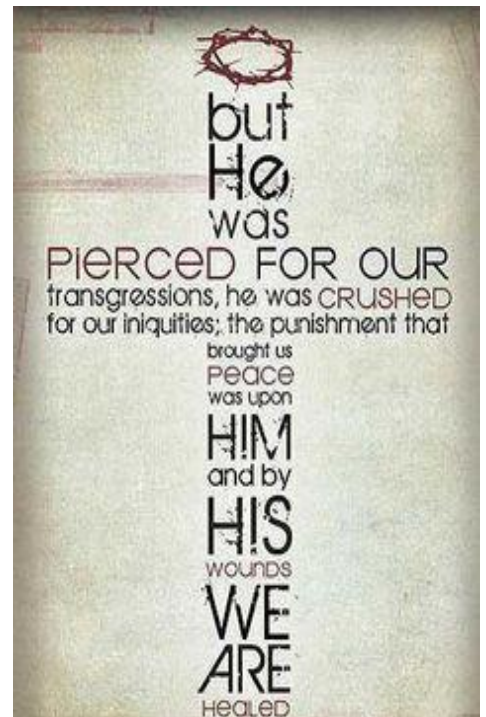
He has been a faithful member for over a year now and has always given input on whatever topic is being taught or prayed over that day.

Myrick has found several mentors from the BOC who have strengthened him in his walk with Christ.

Recently he faced a life threatening situation when his kidneys failed and he had to go on dialysis. With prayer and the confession of the Word of God; Myrick just received a miracle when told that he will be receiving a new kidney and that all his medical bills will be taken care of.

He has also begun reaching out to other brothers via Facebook, encouraging them to get involved with Christ and to keep a consistent prayer life.

Brother Myrick is single but he is the father figure of several nieces and nephews whom he loves dearly. Finally, he credits his late grandmother and mom who instilled in him about the love of God and church.



## Prayers for Men

From AllAboutGod.com

### Prayer for Fathers

Creator God, thank you for creating me to share in the conception of life, and share in the responsibility of raising my children. I ask that you would help me as I train up my children to know you and love you. As I look to you as my Father, may I give your love to my children. God, give me the compassion and tenderness my children need. Give me courage and strength to live according to your guidance and wisdom. Help me correct them when needed and encourage them always. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, I pray for my brothers and sisters who are serving their country. Protect all who are serving our country in uniform as they complete their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. Let the power of your love enable our soldiers to return home in safety to those who love them. May they praise you for your loving care. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Prayer for Leaders

Father God, You are infinite and all-knowing. Please give me wisdom to be the leader you have called me to be -- in my home and in business. There are many choices and sometimes I fall short. Give me guidance as I strive to be the leader you want me to be in my home, at my place of employment, and in the community in which I live. Help me to lead with integrity and be an example of you to others. I ask this through my Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

### Prayer for Husbands

God, thank you for my wife. She is a gift from you. Help me to be quick to forgive, ready to encourage, and always available to her. Give me guidance as I seek to meet her needs and be her leader. Help me be faithful to her in my mind, thoughts, and heart. Keep us focused on you as we go through trials and times of conflict. Help us to work out conflict in a way that honors you. I commit my marriage to you. In Jesus' name, amen.

May the God of peace Himself make husbands entirely pure and devoted to God; and may his spirit, soul, and body be kept strong and blameless until that day when our Lord Jesus Christ comes back again (1 Thes. 5:23)

## Prayer For My Marriage

I pray Lord, who gives patience, faithfulness, and encouragement, help us to live in complete harmony with each other, each of us with the attitude of Christ toward the other (Rom. 15:5). As a result, may we live happily in your love through all the days of life (Ecc. 9:9).

May I be faithful and true to my wife, rejoicing in her, and her alone. May her tender embrace alone satisfy me. May her love alone fill me with delight. (Prov. 5:15, 18, 19). May I realize that a good wife is worth more than precious gems. Let her know she can put her trust in me and that I am dedicated to her all my days. In Jesus Name, Amen.



## It Can Happen For You

My journey with Kidney Failure

Bro. Anthony Mitchell

God is not a respecter of persons (Roman 2:11). What he does for one; he will do for another according to his word.

My journey with kidney disease began in 2006 when I was diagnosed with kidney failure. Soon in October of that year I found myself on the dialysis machine. The first symptom I had was blood in the urine. I was given some pills and the blood cleared up.

After more visits to the doctor she said I had protein in my urine. After numerous urine tests the protein was still present. The doctor ordered an ultra-sound of my kidneys. They found cysts on one kidney. Another test was taken and the doctor found that creatinine level was very high. Creatinine levels that are high means kidney functions are failing.

The first challenge was a loss of appetite. I went from 3 meals down to 1 meal a day. When I ate I would throw-up. Then weight loss began to occur; I kept losing weight until my body caught up with just one meal. Then I was always tired and moving very slow.

The treatments, for me was not good in the beginning. To prepare for the treatments, I needed an access to start dialysis. The doctor did a vein map, to see what instrument to use for dialysis. They selected the graft. They put that in my arm for treatment. It took about three weeks to heal.

Then I started dialysis. I didn't know at the time but the graft was for two big needles. That's how the blood was taken from my body; cleaned and put back in.

In the beginning I had very bad experiences such as passing out while on the machine and the need to be revived. Throwing-up while on the machine was just to name a few. The only good experience from dialysis was that I was kept alive for my family.

It was a challenge to stay positive with all of the symptoms that I was going through. The first year I stayed positive because my life didn't really change. When I started the treatments on the kidney machine, I pretty much felt like myself. My eating habits came back and I still was able to work and go to the gym.

Yes, I went to the gym while on dialysis. In the middle years I started to get depressed because my life started to change.

My eating habits started to decline, my energy started to deplete and I had to stop work. My only means of income now was Social Security.

I was on the kidney transplant list for six years with the University of Penn Hospital. My social worker from my treatment center told me the hospital was calling to check on me. I had to do better and follow the hospital rules, so they would not take me off the kidney list.

Throughout this process I found out that the most important thing about believing for your healing is to know that it is God's will to heal you. Isaiah 53:5 says "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him: and with his stripes we are healed".

That's present tense; which means now. I Peter 2:24 is the past tense version which says "we were healed". So, Jesus declared our healing as definite while he was on the cross; he took all sickness and disease upon himself so that you don't have to live with it. It's according to your faith whether you are going to believe his word or the doctor's diagnosis and evaluation. I began to find myself drawing closer to God. My hunger for the Word increased and my prayer life got stronger.

With the love and support of my family and friends I was taken off the kidney transplant list when I received a new kidney on February 2, 2012. I still have some challenges ahead but my appetite has improved, my strength is improving and I am working a part-time job. My next step is to walk into my life-long dream of running my own plumbing company.

Things are moving well in that direction and this year I will be in business for myself. So you see, God has a plan for our lives and his plan is not death or destruction. He wants you and I to have the desires of our hearts; as long as it is according to his will. If you are sick and the doctors don't see you going forward; then ask yourself this question: "Whose report shall you believe"? I chose to believe the report of the Lord and I have seen Devine healing.