



# City Point *Restoration*

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## A Wonderful Life by Cris Bovinette

Brothers and sisters in Christ I pray this newsletter finds you in arms of the almighty, creator of the universe and creator of you and me. May God open your hearts to receive what is in my heart to share!

At the end of May Pastor asked me to write June's monthly letter. Doubts and attacks filled my mind and I basically told him "I couldn't," he said, "you can!" I also told God "I can't do this, I'm not a writer, my grammar is crazy, and my punctuation is crazier and never mind my spelling! I finally surrender to God and I asked Him plenty of times what would He like me to share about, because I have nothing. The attacks continued in mind until June 5th @ 7:18 p.m. God gave me a title. Yes, a title, and only a title. "A Wonderful Life' I'm a bit nervous and excited to have Him help me put this together for His people.

The Gospel has made my life a *Wonderful* one. I know that some of you might be thinking or even asking yourself; what makes her life so *Wonderful*? She's a single mom, her husband committed suicide, her kids aren't the best, there's sickness in her family and there's no way her finances are the greatest and whatever else might come to your mind! But this suffering is what has actually made my life so wonderful. Let me explain.

You see in the Gospel, Job's words have been a way of life for me. In chapter 2 verse 10 Job tells his wife, "Shall we not accept good from God, and not trouble?" Job also said in verse 21 "the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away." Sometimes a *Wonderful* life might not look like what we were expecting it to be. Circumstances arise that we did not cause or want. "Why do bad things happen to good people?" I have heard this saying all my life and I really never had an understanding for it, until I accepted Jesus as my Savior and Lord. I started reading *The Word* and it started coming to life. I finally had an understanding of who was really good. Mark 10:18

Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good-except God alone. Everything I have is only because I serve a good God and His kindness overwhelms me at times because I know I am not good. I understand that I am not deserving of anything I have but because He loves us He allows us to have good things.

Luke 22:31-32 states "Simon, Simon, (I place my name there a lot) Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, (Cris) that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." This verse fills me with faith because Jesus has prayed for me. We can have faith as small as a mustard seed. Small faith...Great God! This verse has kept me in the fight. Like everyone, I had moments that I just wanted to throw in the towel. But I was never sure what that meant or even looked like. So, I'm still in for the good fight.

James 1:2-4 "consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." When we are able to come to an understanding of this scripture, then we can have contentment in our life regardless of what we may be going through. Our lives don't look like someone else's, it's our own. Remember Stephen was stoned, Peter was crucified upside down, the Hebrew boys were thrown in the fiery furnace and Jesus died for you and me. Despite of their life and death they all had a *Wonderful* life because God was the center of who they were. God was their focus, they lived to serve Him and His Kingdom.

Suffering has brought me peace, joy, and contentment because He is in the center of my life. I know life can be hard but don't give in nor give up. Don't be distracted by what surrounds you but be encouraged by knowing God see's and understands. Continue to look up to where you know your strength comes from. God is with you, He will never leave you nor forsake you. Find the joy deep in your heart, it's there! Bathe in the peace that surpasses all understanding and be content in knowing you are be taken care of. Jesus, seriously is the only way to the Father and through Him we can do all things.

Precious Father, speak to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Help them to listen with the ears of their hearts. Help them to see as you see and help them understand your will for their lives. I pray Father that you instill a contentment in their hearts and I pray they know that you are always in control regardless of how things might look. Help us all to have you in the center of our lives and that we would always preach the Gospel to your people. Help us to be concerned for the lost souls. Help us to be about our Fathers business and make disciples. Help us Father to know we have "A Wonderful Life." In Jesus mighty name.

# Church Calendar

- Sunday Morning Service 9am & 1am
- Every Monday 11am-1pm Open Prayer @ Church
- Family Bible Study Wednesday Nights 7pm
- Reflect & Revive Devotion Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri & Sat 10am @FB
- Sat, July 4, 2020 Laundry of Love Ministry
- Sat, July 18, 2020 9am Morning Manna Ministry
- Every Thursday 9:30-10:30am Open Hearts Ministry

**1 John 4:19**

“We love because he first loved us.”

## Food Pantry

Please remember to buy the items you signed up for. Now more than ever we need to make sure the pantry is stocked for those in need. 804-207-9584.

**Jesus Offering 2020:**  
**\$14,932.00**

## Important Contacts

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CPR T-Shirts! Don't forget to buy your CPR shirts. Sizes are small to 5xl and are \$10/ea. If you are interested in purchasing one while we are experiencing the COVID Pandemic, please contact Vicki Collier so we can find a way to get it to you.

## CPR Family Corner

Meet Sarah Jeffreys! On any given Sunday morning you'll find Sarah front and center ready to give plenty of smiles, hugs and sing her heart out. Make sure when you see her this week to say hi!

