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## Obedient Faith: Trust That Walks it Out

*But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds."*

**James 2:18 (NIV)**

Faith is more than belief; it's action born from trust. In the church today, we often speak of faith as something we have, but biblical faith is something we do. True faith responds to God's Word with obedience—even when we don't understand the full picture.

Abraham is often called the father of faith. Yet what set Abraham apart wasn't just belief—it was obedience.

*"By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going."*

**Hebrews 11:8**

Obedient faith doesn't wait for all the answers. It moves at God's word trusting God will direct, provide and protect.

Jesus never invited people to follow Him with half-hearted belief. He called them to a life of surrendered obedience. Obedience isn't legalism—it's love in action. The early disciples dropped their nets, left their tax booths, and followed Him immediately. Why? Because faith made them move. Their hope

## Ministry Happenings:

**New Beginnings Christian Church,** Ladson, SC, has been blessed this year as God has been growing the church in many ways. They are getting more visitors, baptized eight people this year, expanded the parking lot and are getting a new roof and siding. The church is now looking to renovate the Sanctuary as well. The church has been working hard to reach the lost, make disciples, help missionaries and beautify Gods church.



**Redemption Community Church,** Clayton, NC, hosted a game night on Friday, August 8th. Everyone brought their favorite game and a snack. A time of good fellowship was had by all.

## CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

It's that time of year again to support and uplift our missionaries — active and retired — whose lives and ministry pour out in Jesus' name. Inspired by the heart of 2 Corinthians 8:9, this fundraiser allows your church to give them and our ministry partners a special Christmas gift through financial donations collected in October. This year's card features a short story of how Kenyan pastors used CIO funds last year to purchase Bibles for their churches.

For fundraising ideas, click [here](#) to be redirected to the ACGC site.

### [2 Corinthians 8:9](#)

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

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# Save the Date!

## 2026 TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

### AUGUST 17-21, 2026

RIDGECREST CONFERENCE CENTER  
BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

JOIN US FOR DENOMINATIONAL BUSINESS MEETINGS, PRACTICAL  
BREAKOUT SESSIONS, MEANINGFUL WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP.



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was in God and what He would do if they just walk out their faith and followed Him fully.

Years ago, a young missionary named Rachel felt called to a remote island in the South Pacific. The people were unreached, and the location was known for frequent hurricanes. Many warned her not to go, but she couldn't shake the conviction in her spirit. She obeyed God's direction and went with anticipation of God showing up and moving.

In her second year on the island, a powerful storm hit. Her mission house was destroyed, but she and the local children she was sheltering survived unharmed. As they emerged from the wreckage, the villagers—once resistant to the gospel—saw something they couldn't deny: her faith was real. Her obedience opened the door for revival.

Today, there's a thriving church on that island. Rachel once said, "If I had waited until I felt safe or comfortable, I would've never gone. Obedience is what brought the fruit." Obedient faith isn't always dramatic. It might look like forgiving someone who hurt you. Saying "yes" to a ministry opportunity. Trusting God with your finances. Starting a prayer group. Reconciling with a family member.

Faith without obedience is hollow. But obedient faith—faith that walks, trusts, and follows—changes lives, churches, ministries and communities.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."*

**Proverbs 3:5–6**

May we be a church, region, denomination and people not only full of belief—but full of obedience.

Rev. David Bourhill

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## Ministry Happenings...(continued)



**Potters Hill Advent Christian Church**, Pink Hill, NC, will be holding Homecoming on Sunday, September 21, 2025 followed by Revival Services September 22-24 at 7:00 PM. Guest speaker will be Rev. John Foister, Pastor of Holly Grove AC Church, Benson, NC. Plan to attend these special services.

**Northside Community Church**, Knightdale, NC, Our Compassion Box serves basic needs to all neighbors, every hour of every day. Our Restock Team manages daily inventory with the integrity expected for their own families. This outdoor, accessible pantry provides our community with free non-perishable foods and toiletries as a consistent reminder that *you are loved*.



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## Coming Events...

September	Executive Council Meetings (TBD)
October	Christmas In October
October	Pastor Appreciation Month
October 26	BICS Sunday

### **Philippians 1:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.