

# Visions of Victory

Proverbs 29:18

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CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"But Please, Lord, don't let it be ME!"

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"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."

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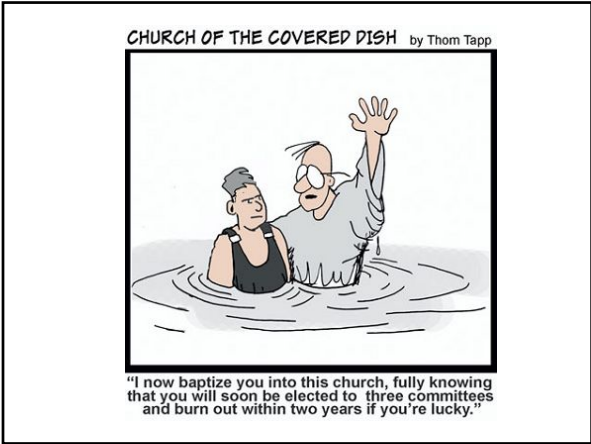
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**Proverbs 29:18a**

- Where there is no vision, the people perish: ...

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**MHBC Vision Statement**

- It is our vision to be individuals ...

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## 1. Individuals Through Diversity

### 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

- 4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.  
5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.  
6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.  
7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.  
8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;  
9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;  
10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:  
11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

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## 2. Individuals Functioning

### 1 Corinthians 12:14-19

- 14 For the body is not one member, but many.  
15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?  
16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?  
17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?  
18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.  
19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?

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## MHBC Vision Statement

- It is our vision to be individuals **bonded together** ...

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## 1. Bonded Through the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:3, 12-13

3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

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## MHBC Vision Statement

- It is our vision to be individuals bonded together as a unified church family...

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## 1. Equal Beings / Diverse Roles

1 Corinthians 12:20-27

20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.

25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

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## 1. Word of God is Pure

### Proverbs 30:5-6

- 5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.
- 6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

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## 2. Word of God is Everlasting

### Isaiah 40:8

- 8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

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## 2. Word of God is Living

Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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## 3. Word of God is Growing

Luke 8:11

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

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## Family of God

Robert C. Shannon

Karl Stegall tells of two brothers who entered the first grade. One said he was born January 1, 1984. The other said he was born April 4, 1984. "That is impossible," said the teacher. "No," replied the first brother, "one of us is adopted."

"Which one?" asked the teacher.

"I don't know," he replied. One day I asked my Dad and he kissed us both and said, I forgot."

Christians can never forget that every one of us was adopted into the family of God. So Paul wrote to the Romans that we are "God's very own children, adopted into the bosom of his family." (Romans 8:15, Living Bible)

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## 1. I am a Child of God

Galatians 3:26- 29

26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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### Revelation 19:11-16

- 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.
- 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.
- 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.
- 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
- 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
- 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

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### Acts 4:12

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

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### Philippians 2:9-11

- 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
- 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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