

# MEDITATION



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*The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" And John testified, "I saw the*

*Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." (John 1: 29, 32-34)*

Grace to you and peace in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of

God who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.

John the Baptist notices Jesus' presence in his life in the text from the gospel of John. He notices Jesus and he points to him as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. This is a very important text in John because it is the first time Jesus appears in the flesh. The Word that was described and spoken of at the beginning of the gospel is now here among us, and John the Baptist points to him as he comes. John not only recognizes Jesus as the one who comes after him, but as the Son of God, the Messiah, the one whom God has given to take away our sin. This is an important revelation from John the Baptist and it provides a model for us as we look for Jesus' presence and his work in our lives.

When is the last time you were able to recognize Jesus at work in

your life? Perhaps you saw him as you were serving a neighbor in need. Maybe you saw Jesus at work as you worshiped him with Scripture passages, prayers and songs. It might have been that you experienced Jesus' presence as you struggled through a difficult life event. Whatever the circumstance, know that Jesus is with you. His presence may seem a little more clearly defined at times than others, but he is with you, guiding and directing you in your journey.

I pray this day and every day that you may see Jesus at work in your life and in the world. I pray that you see Jesus as you see a spirit of love and kindness in others. I pray that you see Jesus as you spend time with him in devotion and prayer. And I pray that you see Jesus' presence as you answer his calling for you to do his work in the world. Amen.

LIFE OF WORSHIP MINISTRIES OUTREACH, 403 S. Cherokee St., free, hot meal Wednesday, Jan. 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Located behind Farmers Furniture.

LADIES OF SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, 120 Linwood Rd., are inviting adult men and women of the community to a free breakfast and inspirational presentation, "A Wonder-filled Life" on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m.-noon in the Life Enrichment Center behind the church.

Ms. Sheila Crouch is guest speaker and will talk about finding and living in wonder for this new year and those yet to come by enhancing relationships with Christ. This special event is sponsored by the Women of the Church.

A 2014 VALENTINE BRUNCH, "Taking care of the Word Woman" will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mount Zion Church of

God Fellowship Hall, 1000 Sycamore Place, Gastonia.

Women of Real Destiny International, Dr. Joecilyn Roseboro Wallace, founder, is sponsoring the event. A donation of \$10 will be accepted for lunch, fun and fellowship. Elder Teresa Murray, president of the Gastonia Chapter, is accepting reservations at 704-830-8779 or email womenofrealdestiny@yahoo.com

THE ANNUAL YMCA FUNDRAISER "Moon over the Mountain" will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, at Duke Energy Training Facility.

Items to be featured in the giveaways include a seven day Caribbean or Mexico cruise for two from Holland American, golf for three at Quails Hollow, Carolina Panther tickets, and much more.

For more information contact the Kings Mountain office of the Cleveland Chamber or Kosborne@clevecoymca.org

## Fellowship & Faith

### Church Service Directory

#### KINGS MOUNTAIN

Long Creek Presbyterian Church  
701 Long Creek Road  
704-629-4406

Love Valley Baptist Church  
2032 Bethlehem Road  
704-730-0075

Macedonia Baptist Church  
1101 S. Battleground Avenue  
704-739-6811

Midview Baptist Church  
703 Margrace Road  
704-739-6711

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
220 N. Watterson Street  
704-739-8354

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506 Sparrow Springs Road  
704-739-0160

Mt. Olive Baptist Church  
Compact School Road  
704-739-4516

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220 N. Watterson Street  
704-739-8354

New Beginnings Church of Jesus Christ  
541 Crocker Road  
704-730-9507

New Bynum Chapel Zion Church  
N. Cansler Street  
704-739-2606

New Camp Creek Baptist Church  
863 New Camp Creek Ch. Road  
704-487-7128

New Life Family Worship Center  
428 Oak Grove Road  
704-739-9371

New Way Missionary Baptist Church  
105 Waco Road  
704-724-0414

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1022 Oak Grove Road  
704-739-4833

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1517 York Road  
704-739-7831

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704-734-0852

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301 Oak Grove Road  
704-739-5826

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1010 Groves Street  
704-739-0398

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7011 Cleveland Avenue

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1001 Cleveland Avenue  
704-734-1070

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600 Crescent Circle  
704-739-5580

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2055 Shelby Rd.

Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church  
201 N. Piedmont Avenue  
704-739-7466

Second Baptist Church  
120 Linwood Road  
704-739-4216

Shady Grove Baptist Church  
339 Shady Grove Road  
704-739-8920

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
N. Cansler Street  
704-739-1256

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208 Mail Road  
704-692-3007

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612 N. Cansler Street  
704-739-4716

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602 Slater Street

True Gospel Holiness Church  
1608 Shelby Road  
704-739-6764

Unity AME Zion Church  
948 Unity Church Road  
704-228-0328

Vestibule AME Zion Church  
2175 Vestibule Church Road  
704-739-7961

Westover Baptist Church  
114 Westover Drive



### Featured Church of the Week: Cornerstone Church of God

#### GASTONIA

Bethesda United Methodist Church  
3714 S. New Hope Rd

Grace Community Advent Christian Church  
206 West 3rd Avenue  
704-739-9230

#### GROVER

Bethany Baptist Church  
423 Cleveland Avenue  
704-937-3010

Carolina Praise and Worship Center  
201 N. Main Street  
704-937-7541

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