



Faith Connections

United in Faith Helping
People In Need

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Our Mission: Bringing together an ecumenical coalition of Quad City area churches to help feed the hungry, offer emergency assistance to those in crisis, and provide a transitional housing program for women and children who are victims of domestic violence or human trafficking.

God is Still in Charge



The late theologian A. W. Tozer stated: "While it looks like things are out of control, behind the scenes is a God who has not surrendered His authority."

It is easy to feel that things are out of control. The pandemic dilemma has divided our country, community, and our churches. We are divided politically; the very foundation has been challenged by the insurrection on January 6, 2021. We are divided racially. With the death of George Floyd, our country was brought face to face with the specter of hatred of other nationalities, cultures, and religious beliefs. And the list goes on.

With all the voices clamoring for our attention, it is easy to forget one small voice. God is near, He is with us and for us, and He is in charge. He never leaves us, never takes vacations, or comes and goes. There is nothing, according to the Apostle Paul, that can separate us from the love of God. This is the quiet confidence in which Jesus lived. This is the same quiet confidence that He offers all who follow Him.

I want to share this passionate description of our confidence in God.

"In prayer, you ask for things and give thanks for things. Why? Because you recognize that God is the author and source of all the good that you have had already, and all the good that you hoped for in the future. This is the fundamental philosophy of Christian prayer. The prayer of a Christian is not an attempt to force God's hand, but a humble acknowledgment of helplessness and dependence. When we are on our knees, we know it is not we who control the world; it is not in our power, therefore, to supply our needs by our own independent efforts; every good thing that we desire for ourselves and for others must be sought from God, and will come, if it comes at all, as a gift from his hands...In effect, therefore, what we do every time we pray is to confess our own impotence and God's sovereignty. The very fact that a Christian prays is thus proof positive that he believes in the Lordship of his God." from Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God by J.L. Packer

So, whatever may come, let us keep our focus on Him.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV)

Blessings!

Mel

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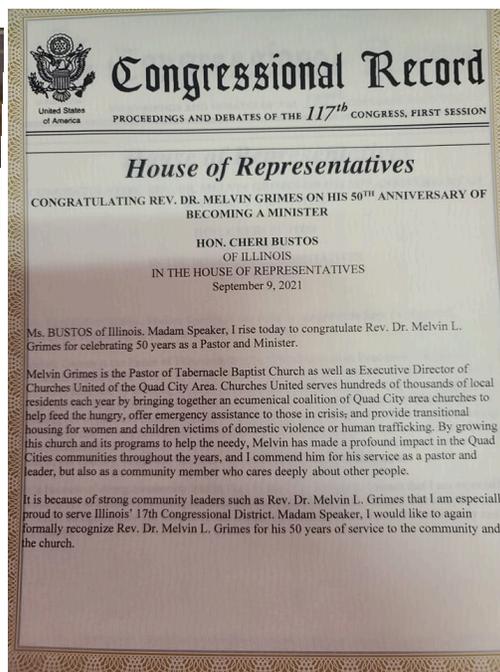
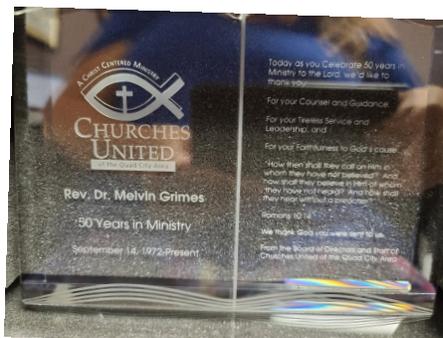
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Thank you, Asbury United Methodist Church, Edgington Evangelical Church, and Tabernacle Baptist Church. These churches sent members to help at our work day at Winnie's Transitional Housing on Saturday, September 18th.

On Sunday, September 5th, our Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Melvin L. Grimes was recognized for 50 years in ministry. Those honoring him included Tabernacle Baptist Church and the Board of Directors and staff of Churches United of the Quad City Area. Dr. Grimes also received special recognition from Congresswoman Cheri Bustos.



This Tuesday!

Our last fundraiser at Applebee's was a success so we're doing it, again. On **Tuesday, October 5th** from 11am to 10pm, Applebee's (3838 Elmore Ave, Davenport) will donate 50% of sales of certain menu items (see image) to Churches United. This includes all dine-in and carry-out orders. We will also have representatives sharing information about our ministries at Applebee's. Stop by and support us.

TOGETHER
WE CARE TUESDAY

SERVING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS TOGETHER

Three-Cheese Chicken Penne

Asiago, Parmesan and white Cheddar cheeses are mixed with penne pasta in a rich Parmesan cream sauce then topped with grilled chicken breast and bruschetta tomatoes.

Fiesta Lime Chicken

Grilled chicken glazed with zesty lime sauce is drizzled with tangy Mexi-ranch and smothered with a rich blend of Cheddar cheeses. Served on a bed of crispy tortilla strips with Spanish rice and house-made pico-de-gallo.

Classic Bacon Cheeseburger

All-beef patty topped with your choice of two cheese slices and two strips of Applewood-smoked bacon. Served with lettuce, tomato, onion and pickles on a Brioche bun.

Chicken Tenders Platter

Crispy breaded chicken tenders served with honey Dijon mustard, signature coleslaw and fries.

Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

Crispy romaine tossed in garlic Caesar dressing topped with grilled chicken, croutons and shaved Parmesan.

Drink Responsibly



HELP WANTED

Meal Site Coordinator

Part-time

Responsibilities: Oversee one of our meal sites that provides meals to those in need on Monday and Wednesday evenings with the potential for additional hours.

Requirements:

- ServSafe certified.
- Fully vaccinated against COVID.
- Follow CDC protocols.
- Must be at least 18 years old.

Training will be provided.

For more information or to submit a resume, contact Betsy Vanausdeln at 563-332-5002 or by email at bvanausdeln@cuqca.org.



Winnie's Transitional Housing Committee Members

Do you have experience managing properties? Are you passionate about helping women and their children escape human trafficking and domestic abuse? We're looking for people who will provide insight and oversight for Winnie's Transitional Housing. If you are interested, please contact our office at 563-332-5002 or by email at mgrimes@cuqca.org.



Work Days

To help with coordinating the work at Winnie's Transitional Housing, we are having work days at the facility. Typically, they will take place on Saturdays. These are designated times when groups and individuals can come and assist with projects while meeting other Churches United supporters.

We have a variety of projects for different skill levels and interests that include: cleaning, painting, and projects requiring carpentry skills to upgrade our units.

If work days won't work for you but you are willing to help, please let us know.

For more information, contact our Associate Director, Betsy Vanausdeln at bvanausdeln@cuqca.org or by calling 563-332-5002.



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Save the Date!



Dr. N. Jonas Ohrberg is returning to the Quad Cities to speak at our **Delegate Assembly** on Thursday, March 24th, 2022 at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Moline. Details coming soon.

Holiday Candle Fundraiser

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