

# Words of Victory

MINISTRIES

*Using every godly means available to cast God's Word like seed as far and as fast as possible. (Matthew 13)*



## TRAINING CLASS

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

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EQUIPPING PEOPLE FOR  
CHRIST-CENTERED CARE

**HELP  
HOPE  
HEALING**

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## WHO WE ARE BY DAN CELIA

"I believe that before we consider our financial stewardship, we must first come to the realization that God calls us, as believers, to be stewards first of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul reminds us, as stewards of the gospel, that it is required by God that we would be found as faithful stewards. I believe that all of our financial stewardship – the stewardship of what God owns and that we have a responsibility to manage – is based on the fact that in everything we do, we should be endeavoring to be good stewards of the gospel of Jesus Christ. One of the ways in which I believe that God has entrusted us to do this is through the giving of our financial resources. After all, we cannot all be teachers and preachers, evangelists, missionaries, or pastors. But we can all give to those ministries which are proclaiming the gospel, either directly or indirectly, and using their resources to grow the Kingdom. Our goal in this ministry is to help people make good financial decisions. After all, God does own all of it – not just what we give to Him, but He owns the rest as well. We are expected to be responsible in our investments. Our ministry exists so that we can help you to make good decisions with what God has blessed you. The idea is that if we can help you to be comfortable in your investment strategies and decisions, then you will be more



comfortable in your giving.

One of the ways that we will be instruments of God here on earth is through our giving. My fear is that in 30 or 40 years (if this world is still here, as we know it) that

Christendom will be in big trouble financially. We are raising up generations that have no real concept of giving, and at the same time we live in a Country where we are watching the moral fiber and character decay before our eyes. We need to ensure that those good sound ministries which desire to expand God's Kingdom here on earth, and who are proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, will have the financial resources to continue to do so."

Dan Celia's daily radio program, *Financial Issues*, is now on over 640 stations three hours daily, and carried on NRB TV, BizTV, Dove TV, and CBN Life Style Network. Dan will return to Richmond for a town hall meeting on Saturday, February 2, 2019, as a part of the Words of Victory Weekend at Grove. Watch for additional information on [groveave.com](http://groveave.com) and [wordsofvictory.com](http://wordsofvictory.com).



## Do You Need Help with a Problem That Feels Too Big to Handle Alone?

The Christian Counseling & Training Center (CCTC) is a non-profit ministry designed to serve people who have problems they cannot handle alone. The range of problems it deals with include broken and dysfunctional marriages, parent-child relationships, depression, alcohol and drug abuse, and any number of other problems that result in personal and interpersonal turmoil and distress.

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## THE GIFT OF PRAYER

BY PASTOR MARK JENKINS

**M**y mother was a big Christmas gal. So many of our closely-held traditions were built around her. She loved the holidays. She no doubt inherited much of that enthusiasm from her mother. My grandmother also greatly loved the holidays. Now, as we



progress through the season, I think of them and I miss them. I try to pass along their enthusiasm for the holidays and the love of family gatherings.

As a child, one of my dearest memories of my grandmother was her prayers. I could not have been more than 4 or 5 years old, but I remember her kneeling by the bedside. She would pray for a long, long time. I would ask her, "Grandma, why do you pray so long?" She would answer, "I have a lot of people to pray about."

As I look back over my life, I often think of the prayers of my grandmother, Ida Pearl. You see, I know that she prayed for all her children and grandchildren. I knew she was praying for me. I have also wondered how many times God rescued me because of the prayers of my grandmother. How many times was it my grandmothers' prayers that kept me close to Jesus? And at times, when I felt the Lord's favor, was it my prayers or was it the faithfulness of Ida Pearl in prayer that made the difference?

Terrie and I have a close friend that has been deeply engaged in ministry in Israel. When I asked her how she came to faith and came to serve in Israel, she answered, "The prayers of my grandmother." Are you praying for your children and grandchildren?

I know many of you do pray for them, and your prayers are probably like mine. I want them to know the Lord as I have. I want them to know the Lord whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. I want them to be strong in this knowledge and to live out their lives in fear and admonition of the Lord. This generation will be tested like no other, and so prayer is an imperative.

This Christmas, give your children and grandchildren the gift of prayer. Let them know you pray for them. If you do not have grandchildren of your own, adopt some. We need to be praying for the youngest among us and sharing our faith with them. We need them to know the real reason for the season. You may be the only one who tells them.

**Thank you for your support of God's special ministry of television here at Grove. Also, please remember to pray for us in the coming year, encourage others to watch us on television or online, and help us financially as you are able. On behalf of all who serve Words of Victory Ministries, may you have a joyful Christmas and a happy new year!**

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**There are many hurting people around us.**

There is a real demand for trained Christian caregivers who can help hurting individuals walk through their difficulty. This is where Stephen Ministry comes in. Stephen Ministry trains Christian individuals to become a caregiver for hurting people.

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## NOT GROWING OLD

BY JOHN E. ROBERTS

Contributed by Dr. Vander Warner, Jr.

*"Though our outward man perish,  
yet the inward man is renewed day  
by day."*

**II Cor. 4:16**

*They say that I am growing old.  
I've heard them tell it times untold,  
In language plain and bold  
But I am not growing old.  
This frail old shell in which I dwell  
Is growing old, I know full well  
But I am not the shell.*

*What if my hair is turning grey?  
Grey hairs are honorable, they say.  
What if my eyesight's growing dim?  
I still can see to follow Him  
Who sacrificed His life for me  
Upon the Cross of Calvary.  
What should I care if time's old plow  
Has left this furrow on my brow?  
Another house, not made with hands,  
Awaits me in the Glory Land.  
What though I falter in my walk  
What though my tongue refuse to talk?*

*I still can tread the Narrow Way,  
I still can watch, and praise and pray.  
My hearing may not be as keen  
As in the past it may have been,  
Still I can hear my Saviour say  
In whispers soft, "This is the way."  
The outward man, do what I can  
To lengthen out this life's short span,  
Shall perish, and return to dust,  
As everything in nature must.*

*The inward man, the Scriptures say,  
Is growing stronger every day.  
Then how can I be growing old  
When safe within my Saviour's fold?  
E're long my soul shall fly away,  
And leave this tenement of clay,  
This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise  
To seize the "everlasting prize"  
I'll meet you on the Streets at Gold,  
And prove that I'm not growing old.*

## STEPHEN MINISTRY AT GROVE AVENUE BAPTIST

BY DAVID SEKERDY



Words of Victory Ministries was pleased to host a Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop at Grove Avenue Baptist Church on September 15, 2018. The workshop was filled with information about Stephen Ministry – how it got started, how vital this ministry is to churches and their pastors, and how anyone interested in being a part of this ministry can get involved. We had a great turnout, with more than 100 people in attendance, representing six area churches. Thanks to all who helped make this event such a success!



We are excited and optimistic about the future growth and expansion of our Stephen Ministry program here at Grove. Individuals participating in this vital one-on-one Christian ministry learn to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

We are offering a training session beginning January 26, 2019 -- a 50-hour program that will take place over the course of several weeks. If you would like to get involved or have any questions, please contact Bob at Bob.Solomon@groveave.net.

## LETTERS FROM VIEWERS



*Dear Grove,  
Thank you for each Sunday morning  
that you continue to teach us the  
Word of God. Your Sunday morning  
service is the bright and best part of  
the week that my sister and I look  
forward to.*

*~ A Viewer in Richmond, VA*

*Dear Words of Victory,  
We are so thankful for "The Victory  
Hour". We feel so blessed to hear  
the true Word of God taught each  
week. May God's blessing continue  
to flow on Grove Avenue Baptist  
Church and on each and every min-  
istry they are involved in. We contin-  
ue to keep you in our prayers daily.  
God bless you all and may God bless  
America!*

*~ A Viewer in Varina, VA*

*Dear WOV Ministry Team,  
Thank you very much for all that you  
do to spread the gospel of our Lord.  
I enjoyed and appreciated today's  
look at the 22nd Psalm. I don't  
recall ever focusing on that Psalm in  
any of my personal reading or hear-  
ing it discussed as thoroughly as it  
was discussed in today's message. I  
found the selection to be extremely  
interesting. The Words of Victory  
ministry is a definite blessing to all  
of us who watch the services each  
week. God bless all of you who are  
responsible for this program and  
who do His work so lovingly and  
effectively.*

*~ A Viewer in Harrisonburg, VA*

*Dear Rev. Jenkins, Staff, & Volunteers,  
I feel the need to help your minis-  
try. I've been a Southern Baptist  
Conservative all my life, since my  
early teens. God bless you people in  
your ministry!*

*~ A Viewer in Disputanta, VA*



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**The Victory Hour**  
SUNDAY, 11AM  
on **NBC12** or  
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*"And she brought forth her firstborn son,  
and wrapped him in swaddling clothes,  
and laid him in a manger; because there  
was no room for them in the inn."*

- Luke 2:7 (KJV)

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## You Make a Difference

This ministry is made possible by the generous gifts of our faithful viewers. We simply could not afford the airtime without your help. You can see that we are behind in our projected budget needs. Please pray that our budgetary needs will be met so that we may continue with our local broadcasts.

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Year-to-Date 2018	\$225,341.10	\$319,000.00



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