

## WHY MENTORSHIP?

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Jesus commanded us **“go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20)** At this moment we want to focus on the second part of that commandment: teaching them to obey everything He has commanded. The Scriptures don’t tell us specifically how to accomplish that. However, there are certain things that we do as a church in an attempt to carry out this command such as: Sunday sermons, Devotional services, Bible classes, etc. all which serve to build up and encourage the saints.

Having said that, there are so many wonderful things to share from the word of God that the public assembly might not be enough to make sure we are teaching all disciples in the congregation everything He has commanded and more specifically how to apply it to their personal life and their own unique and special situations. That is why it is important for individual teachers to fill that void. Paul wanted to make sure of this when he instructed Timothy to entrust the things he taught him to **“reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.” (2Timothy 2:2)**. Mentorship is a great way to accomplish that goal.

God, in His infinite wisdom, prepared good works in advance for us to do (**Ephesians 2:10**). How did God make sure that we were properly trained for those good works? In **Ephesians 4:11-13** it says **“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”** From what we see in this verse, one of the responsibilities of the church leaders is to make sure that each member is equipped for those works of service that God prepared in advance for them to do whether it is a ministry within the church, evangelism, teaching, outreach, etc. Notice that it doesn’t specify how those leaders are to train and equip the members. The leaders of each congregation, through much prayer, decide how to best accomplish that God given goal.

We, the servant leaders of the Long Island Church of Christ, had already decided for many years now that mentorship was going to be one of the main tools to be used in order to equip God’s people for works of service. For this reason we ask that anyone who wants to take part of a ministry in our congregation go through the training and equipping that is being provided here by our mentorship program.

Mentorship serves other purposes as well. In **Acts 6:3**, the apostles asked the church to choose men who were known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom even to wait on tables. Mentorship helps us to hold one another accountable to make sure that is the case for those who serve. **Proverbs 27:17** says **“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”** Mentorship helps us to identify the areas that we all need to be sharpened on.

It is imperative for those who wish to serve to not only accept but to eagerly desire this accountability. **Amos 3:3** says **“Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?”** This form of accountability is something we must agree to if we want to walk, or in this case work, together in the Long Island Church of Christ. It is our conviction that mentorship is a tried and true method to help us to **“present everyone fully mature in Christ.” (Colossians 1:28)**. If we want to get to our destination we must all walk in oneness of mind and though and in the same direction, pleasing our Lord Jesus and testifying to His grace by our unity and love for one another.

Laboring on behalf of the saints and those who don’t know Jesus,  
Your Servant Leaders

“As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” Joshua 24:15

## FAMILY MATTERS

### PERSPECTIVE

Ladi Davies

There is great comfort to be gained from having ‘perspective’. A great Coach realizes just that. His team could be challenged on all sides, could complain at times about having extra practice and some might even decide to abandon the cause – and yet the Coach keeps working, not renegeing on the discipline and encouragement the team needs. Why? Well he evidently has his eye on the finished article, on the molding of a team that could one day be crowned as champions. He has a vision for them and understands that along that road there MUST be challenges, road blocks, and that sadly some might choose not to fight on...yet those who do will be blessed.

Dear family, to have ‘perspective’ in the midst of our present trials and challenges is to see that we now belong to our Heavenly Father who loves us, and through our Lord Jesus Christ saved us from a sure death, and has assured us of life everlasting (**Rom 6:23**). A Father who has promised never to leave us or forsake us (**Heb 13:5**); and who only permits these challenges and trials to come because He knows we truly need them, to help mold us ‘as a whole’ more into the image of His son, our beloved Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (**Rom 8:29**), the finished article. Our LORD has a vision for how He wants the Long Island Church, if it’s His will, to look 10, 15 years from now. He has a vision that He is working toward which, while presently might prove painful, ultimately will be for our good as a church (**Rom 8:28**) and for His greater glory through us while on earth! Such perspective quickly helps me accept present trials as part of a grander wondrous plan and helps me think less of the present pains and more of the resultant gain that becomes increasingly ours as our Father accomplishes His work. Let’s simply be thankful brothers and sisters that we are a part of that work!

“But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand”. Isaiah 64:8 ESV

“And the Lord added to their number” Acts 2:47

## BAPTISMS

Tamika Robinson	May, 2013	Luke Jones	April, 2013
Rana Ryan-Begin	May, 2013	Lisette Rosado	April, 2013
Ester Asare	May, 2013	Maria Lopez	March, 2013
Jamese Newsom	April, 2013	Jamal Wattley	March, 2013
Premnauth Bechan	April, 2013	Tanya Wattley	March, 2013

“They gave themselves first to the Lord” 2 Corinthians 8:5

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Time Period	Weekly Attendance (Average)	Weekly Contribution (Average)
April 2013	294	\$9,989
May 2013	291	\$9,218
June 2013	287	\$9,128
<b>Weekly Averages for Q2</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>\$9,420</b>

Weekly Budget: \$9,000

## **WHO ARE MY MOTHER AND BROTHERS?**

**By Rebecca G. Young**

Jesus was a man who lived with a purpose to carry out the will of His Father in Heaven. He loved the Father and desired to please Him in everything. And God the Father was well pleased with Him. In **Matthew 17:5** God said, **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”** Christ came to this earth to save us and to set us an example on how to live a life that is pleasing to God. God, our Father wants us to listen to Him. **“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.”** (1 Peter 2:21 ESV) We should do well to pay attention to His walk while He was on earth and obey our Father by listening to His Son.

Jesus was all about His Father's Kingdom. He understood what was most important as He lived His life on earth. The Kingdom was of first importance, even above His own immediate family! **Matthew 12:46-50 NIV** says, **“While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, ‘Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.’ He replied to him, ‘Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?’ Pointing to his disciples, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”** In **Luke 8:19-21 NIV**, the account reads that Jesus said, **“My mother and brothers are those that hear the word of God and put it into practice.”** Wow! No favoritism. No special treatment, not even for His mother! In the Kingdom of God there is no room for sentimentality. Was Jesus rude to His mother? No! Of course not! Jesus never sinned while on the earth. He was teaching us a lesson on what is most important. His family consists of those who do the will of the father. In the Kingdom of God there is no room for those who are heart-led; where friendship and admiration of man come before the words of God!

Sisters, believe me, I know how hard it is to not allow feelings and sentiments to get in the way. I was once a very heart led person. My feelings ruled me, but God has taught me how to answer to His call and not to my heart. Allow the words of God to direct you, just as Jesus did. Recognize the times we are in right now. Resolve to know Christ only and Him crucified. Let us all carry our crosses and follow Him. **Matthew 10:32-39 NIV** says, **“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven. Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn ‘a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— a man's enemies will be the members of his own household. Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.”** We must hold to the word of truth and seek first the Kingdom of God. Jesus did not esteem anyone above His Father or His Father's Kingdom. In **Luke 11:27-28**, Jesus didn't even give his own mother recognition, but instead acknowledged the disciple who keeps the Lord's commands. It reads, **“As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!’ But he said, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!’”** Jesus was all about His Father's Kingdom. Did He not love His mother? Did He not love His brothers? I am certain He did! But He loved God and God's commands more. If someone caused Him to choose between His family or loved ones and God, I am sure Jesus would choose God and His Kingdom. Jesus said, **“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.”** (**Luke 14:26 NIV**) This is a difficult teaching, but it is truth. In **Mark 10:24**, Jesus says that it is difficult to enter the Kingdom of God because of how challenging His teachings are. His disciples were amazed at His words and His teachings. Many even chose not to follow Him.

I want to be a woman who follows God and His commands. I want to seek His kingdom first and I want my Father in heaven to be pleased with my choices here on earth. How about you? As we look to the example of Christ let us all recognize who our family is...those who put God's words into practice and keep God's commands faithfully. I love you dearly. God bless!

**“Good works, which God prepared beforehand” Eph. 2:10**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- † Off Bible Class Dates: July 17<sup>th</sup> (LI Only), August 14<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup>
- † Devotional Service Dates: July 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>; August 23<sup>rd</sup>; September 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>
- † Women’s Fellowship: July 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 12pm at Zoraida’s House
- † LICOC BBQ: July 20<sup>th</sup> 11am-3pm @ Belmont Lake State Park. Rain date is July 27<sup>th</sup>.
- † VBS 2013: August 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> at the NYIT Chapel. “Learnem and Dailey’s 3 Ring Circus of Faith”. [www.licoc.org/vbs](http://www.licoc.org/vbs)
- † Men’s Order of Service Meetings: July 21<sup>st</sup>, August 18<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 PM
- † Children’s Ministry Meeting: September 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:45 PM
- † Sunday Bible Classes: Will resume on September 8<sup>th</sup> with Fantastic Families, a new curriculum for the whole family.
- † Keep up with all church events by joining LIChurch Space! Go to [www.licoc.org](http://www.licoc.org) and click the LIChurch Space link!
- † If you would like to order a CD of a past sermon or seminar, please see Rob Dixon.
- † All announcements should be submitted to David Luhrs.
- † Any directory change can be submitted using the form here: [www.licoc.org/directory](http://www.licoc.org/directory) .
- † **Parking reminder** - Public Safety has issued a statement requesting that all church members and visitors **refrain** from parking on any **grass areas** beyond the parking lots surrounding the chapel. Thank you for your cooperation!

**“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel” Mark 16:15**

**MISSION WORK**

- † Apologetics Press ..... International
- † We Care Ministries ..... West Monroe, Louisiana
- † Ron Clayton ..... India
- † Queens & Long Island Harvest Campaigns ..... Central Islip, NY

**“Watch your life and doctrine closely” 1 Timothy 4:16**

**BIBLE CLASSES**

**Long Island Ministry**

**Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm**

Robert Carr (631) 348-7322  
New York Institute of Technology Chapel  
Carleton Avenue  
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**City Ministry**

**Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm**

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**College Ministry**

**Thursdays 7:20pm-8:20pm**

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**Spanish Ministry**

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New York Institute of Technology Chapel  
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**Sunday Bible Classes**

**Grades 2-12 and Adults**

**Sundays 12:30pm-1:15pm**

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