



A "Season of Change"

Transformation: Becoming a New Creature

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. -2 Corinthians 5:17

It isn't make-believe or ramblings of adults. The ability to transform is, literally, the gospel-truth. It's scripture. When you give your life to Christ, it now belongs to Him. No longer are you the same person who can make the same decisions as before. Why not? Because our body is a temple (1 Corinthians 6:19), and therefore, we cannot allow harmful substances to enter our body. This includes alcohol and drugs (natural substances), but also greed and envy (spiritual substances).

Maybe you went to this year's camp or convocation. You have the opportunity to expound on your experience, whether you

had a spiritual break through, became saved, became sanctified, or even if you just felt different after hearing something about Christ.

September through October, Uth4Christ has set a template of a transformation during this "Season of Change." Search yourself this quarter to "discover" who you really are and to decide if you have truly made a transformation, or perhaps that you need to. Then, "learn" more about Christ and "learn" how to do your part. Lastly, you can "become" that better sister, brother, son, daughter, cousin, friend, student, disciple.

Transforming is not something we can force ourself to do with our will and desire. Zechariah 4:6 says it best: "'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit', saith the Lord of Hosts." So, even though Uth4Christ is

here to help and guide you, be sure you view it a spiritual phenomenon that comes from a personal relationship with Christ. He won't let you fail because you belong to Him and if you fail, He does (and God cannot fail).

- Jaclyn Grant, U4C Director

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A Letter From: Dominic L. Wright

I am writing a testimonial about my life from Convocation up to now, in an effort to encourage all, especially my U4C crew, to persevere for God. As of right now, I bring you holy greetings from Study Hall Baptist, where the Pastor is Mrs. Diane Strawbridge, also known as the lady that decides whether or not I

am a member of the Centennial Scholars Church, Inc. But, on a more serious note...life, as of 9:44pm, is better than it has been this past month. I have officially been in school for 30 days, and compared to secondary school, college is not something you want to prepare for while enduring its challenges. College life, in its entirety, embodies the freedom of adulthood conjoined with responsibility like no other. In other words, mom or dad, or even grandma is no longer with you, making sure that you stay on task, that you eat regularly, that you budget, that you balance your time, or, most of all, that you maintain a healthy relationship with God. Just to connect this background to myself and life since Convocation... As we all remember, Apostle Grant anointed all of U4C that were in attendance. For four nights, God dynamically moved upon the people of the Nation of NFCOG; miracles and restoration took place right before our eyes. During that week, God commissioned U4C, from Jax all the way to Jaci Bug, to stand and to not run away from the call because through our unity and spiritual strength, we will compel others to Christ. Everyday, I find myself flashing back to what I told God on Wednesday night, as I lay in the floor crying out to Him. And, as I look at my life since then, I realize that the only shelter we have from the enemy is the Holy Spirit himself. We cannot expect our salvation to work itself, nor can we use our Pastor's covering and sit back, watching life go by and others grow around us. No, it is time for action! It is time for us to keep our words to God just as He keeps His words to us. We are a Nation, going six years strong, and as far as U4C, three years strong. We have already defeated the enemy because God is yet keeping and building us for greater work. All we have to do is live His word, encompass His will, and step into the spiritual labor force so that He can groom and mold us to be living testimonies to those that are to come. So, to wrap this up, I will just share a little of my testimony. During Convocation, my brother, Gerard, and I shared a brief conversation about transitioning to college life. He informed me of his personal experiences and how God moved him from one place to another. As he began to share with me, my mind began to wander off and I imagined how my college experience would be, simply because I know "Dominic". I worried about being away from home, away from church, in a new place with tens of thousands of new people, and having so much freedom. Since coming to James Madison University, I have met people from over a hundred countries and experienced "true" diversity. I have participated in a lot of activities on-campus, and I have established a good name for myself thus far. But, aside from the late nights, social drama, and bad time management, I have placed myself....NO....God placed me in the path of the right people. Those who hold each other up in prayer, while constantly reminding each other of his or her vow to God. I was given a Bible and I have been attending small group bible study on Mondays, DURAG on Thursdays, and First Baptist Church - Harrisonburg on Sundays, in a conscious effort to keep myself aligned on the right way, and to nurture that which God birthed in me both long ago and even now. In conclusion, I just want to say that I miss my mother, my family, my church, NFCOG and U4C, everyone that I am away from. But, I want to inform you that despite the odds, I am making it. And, to my U4C family, stay in God! Build yourselves up so when you get to where I am now, you won't have to deal as hard as the majority. Til' we meet again, I love you, my fellow inhabitants.

Dominic is a Junior Counselor for Uth4Christ and was awarded the Counselor Award at camp this year!

"A man's gift makes room for him, And brings him before great men." -Proverbs 18:16



New Poll

What is your favorite part of a church service?

Praise and Worship

I feel the most alive and closest to God when I get to worship with song and music. I'm either a musician or in the choir or just like to sing along from my seat.

Sermon

I love to learn more about God and His Word. Although some of it my get confusing at times, I like to listen and let it seep into me to use at a later time.

Testimony Portion

I really enjoy listening to people's stories about what God did for them and how they got through a tough spot. Someday I'll be one to testify too.

Offering

I like the fact that I can participate in church without having a "talent". God has given much to me, so I like to give back to him!

Which one do you like best?

For our new poll, decide which part of service you most enjoy. It's all in fun, so have fun with it. Once you decide, go online to vote. Poll results will be posted online and on the next newsletter!

Thank you!

Thank you to those who attended this year's Summer Camp. It was a great success because of God's grace, your participation, and some really fantastic counselors! If you agree, we'd love to hear from you (and maybe we'll submit your quotes online). Thanks again!



Uth4Christ Summer Camp 2009

Counselors:

Sarah Brown
Gail Comer
Gerard Miller
Daniel Ransdell
Robin Townsend
Dominic Wright
Lisa Wright

Campers:

Kabria Cross
Malik Cross
Stephen Cross
Alisha Daily
Alisha Daily
Audwin Harris
Tierra Horton
Sharonda Lassiter
Kamecia Maggette

Tatiana Miller
Deon Nance
Jasmine Nance
Jeremiah Nance
Joshua Nance
Derrick Powell
Tre Scott
Chris Wright

Seen from the eyes of...

A Director

My point of view was unique in that with most events that took place, I knew what was coming. I had received inspiration to perform this very thing months and months in advance. I knew the names of each camper and had prayed for their souls before some had even met each other. I brainstormed about what games we'd play and even dreamt about all the spiritual aspects.

And just about everything went as planned. But just like everyone else, I didn't know just how God would move through camp. We were blessed to be in such a wonderful location, I met some amazing youth, and got to witness the true work of the Lord in each participant's lives. Who knew it would end up raining toward the end of carnival? God did; and He also made it exactly as it should be. God confirmed to me just how special Uth4Christ is and that it is in His perfect will.

-Jaclyn Grant

A Senior Counselor

In life we often have experiences that become cherished memories we tuck away in the back of our minds to one day recall with a friend or loved one. Uth4Christ Summer Camp 2009 is one of those experiences.

We arrived the afternoon of July 31, 2009 to a large welcome sign hanging on the outside of the building we would occupy for that next few days. As we entered, there was an even bigger welcome, not just verbally, but spiritually. You could feel the spirits of the welcome committee that they were truly happy to have us there.

[Camp] was filled with a mass of activities such as, games, sports, art, drama, writing, music and more- At one point I felt like a camper instead of a senior counselor. The most important aspect of the camp was the

overall spiritual atmosphere that remained throughout the duration of the camp.

Uth4Christ Summer camp is a must for the spiritual growth of our youth today. It will help to form a strong solid spiritual foundation for our children to grow in the love and grace of our God.

- Elder Sarah Brown

A Junior Counselor

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A Camper

My few days at summer camp was outstanding. While you are there you meet a lot of people you have not met before from other states in the U.S.A. When you arrive at the camp you are busy from sun up to sun down. As you enjoy your stay at camp you not only get to have fun but you get to have loads of it. There is always something planned for you. No matter what, you are never bored.

Not only do you have fun but the whole point of the Uth4Christ Summer Camp is for you and other youth around the world to join together and learn more about our glorious savior Jesus Christ. So don't go to the Camp expecting to just play games and act a fool but go to the camp to learn. I must say for myself that I had a wonderful time at Camp. Meeting new people and learning more and more about God.

Reminders:

Add to our collection!

Did you take pictures at camp or the Holy Convocation? If you'd like to share, we'd love a copy (and will even note you as the photographer!). Send online or to the address below!

Camp Video!



Want to see what went on during camp? Or maybe you want lasting memories of the time you spent with your U4C friends. If so, you can

receive a camp video (if you attended) or purchase one for a nominal cost on NFCOG's and Uth4Christ's website!

Register for Camp 2010



Regardless if you attended camp or not this year, you still have an opportunity to attend next year's camp 2010!

If you are between the ages 7-17, you may register online or get a form from your youth leader. We'd love to have you!

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What's Going On?	February	March	April
	<p>15 Camp forms sent out to be filled out and returned by parents</p> <p>20 1st Camp payment due</p> <p>28 All submissions are due for the T-shirt design contest!</p>	<p>1 The new quarter begins along with our new contest!</p> <p>20 2nd Camp payment due</p> <p>31</p>	<p>27</p> <p>20 Last Camp payment due</p> <p>30</p>

Devotional: Keep Your Eyes on the Son

"More than that, I count all things to be loss in the view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ."
Philippians 3:8

If you wear glasses or contact lenses, you know how blurry and fuzzy the world can be when you're not wearing them. A simple task like getting ready in the morning is difficult, maybe impossible, if you've misplaced them somewhere. And it would be ridiculous to even think about going through the day without them.

What many don't realize, however is that trying to operate without spiritual focus is detrimental as well. Your daily circumstances are anything but simple, and it's easy to get lost in a fog of confusion, misaligned priorities, and feelings of being overwhelmed. Before you know it, you're moving in a direction you do not want to, but you don't know how to slow down and allow God to give you His direction.

When you realize that your spiritual life is out of focus, you need to slow down and spend serious time in prayer and study of His Word. All other goals and activities fall into place when you see Jesus as He is, as your Lord and Savior and dearest friend. He wants to clear the fog away and sharpen

your spiritual vision with His eternal perspectives. —Mike Beck

Reflection

Pray right now that through it all, you will continue to stay focused on Christ. Make a list of all the things in your life right now that are most important to. Now measure them up to Christ. Where do they fall now? See to it everyday that your priorities are in order and Christ is at the top. And always leave your spiritual glasses on!

Have a special prayer request? Email us at uth4christ@nfcog.org. We have an intercessory team praying for you! And you choose whether to keep it private or share with the group.

Special Prayer Request:

I speak on behalf of U4C kids..just asking that God will protect us during the school year, and even for the ones who have reached a higher education level...We ask that the lord would just keep His hand of mercy and grace upon us, because now the enemy is going to throw harder things at us. But we just pray that god will strengthen our hearts and help us in this new walk with him.

From: Devante Pitt



Featured Artist: Jacelyn Grant

Jacelyn is a Uth4Christ Member (one of our youngest) in our Nursery group. She attends New Beginning in Jacksonville, FL. While learning in Sunday School, she drew this picture of Daniel in the Lions' Den. Great job, Jacelyn!