

Monthly Newsletter

August 2025

Greetings Citadel Family!

Can you believe it's already August? It feels like just yesterday we were ringing in the New Year and making plans for the months ahead. And now here we are—halfway through the year, soaking up the last bits of summer and slowly easing back into routines.

As a fellow member of this amazing church, I just want to say: **keep going**. Whether you're thriving or just hanging on, know that you're not alone. **God is** walking with each of us, and this community is proof that we're stronger together.

August is such a sweet mix of reflection and momentum. There's still sunshine to enjoy, still growth to be had, and still so much to look forward to. I'm excited to see how God continues to move in our lives and in our church this month—and I hope you are too.

Let's show up, stay connected, and finish summer strong!

With love and blessings,

Kimberli Washington

A fellow believer and proud member of Faith Citadel

Join Us for Our August Series:

On the Verge of SOMETHING BIG

There's a stirring in the air—can you feel it?

At Faith Citadel, we believe we're standing on the edge of something powerful. We might not know exactly what it is yet, but we feel the momentum, the shift, the quiet build of something God-sized. It's in our worship, our conversations, our prayers, and the way our community continues to show up with love, boldness, and expectation.

This is what faith looks like—not always having the full picture, but trusting the One who does. As a church family, we're leaning into this moment together. We're praying, serving, growing, and believing that God is preparing us—not just for more, but for meaningful more.

So let's **stay connected**, **stay hopeful**, and **stay ready**. Because when God moves, Faith Citadel will be right at the front—leading in love, led by faith, and lit by the fire of what's to come.

THE VERGE IS JUST THE BEGINNING!



CoFI with Coffee

Let's gather together to share insights on what the Lord is teaching us each week through Google Meet. Join in with your cup of coffee (or preferred beverage) and chat.

If you are not able to join by Google Meet, you can submit your 3 - 4 sentence insight to prayer@citadeloffaith.org on what the Lord is teaching you or what you are learning from the week or month through scripture or daily devotions.

If you would like to meet up and have a fathering, see Celeste to sign up for monthly meet-ups locations and times.

Google Meets will be held from June, July, and August every Wednesday, **6:30 - 7:30**pm, starting June **11**th and finishing August 27th.

Annoucement from the Finance Committee

Let's Make the Switch—Together!

Faith Citadel is transitioning from Shelby to Planning Center for our membership and giving platform. This change allows us to be better stewards of our finances while continuing to serve our church family with excellence. **Migration will begin in September**, and <u>our goal is to have everyone fully switched over by the start of the new year</u>. We'll be sharing more details and step-by-step instructions along the way—so stay tuned!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact giving@citadeloffaith.org.

Deep Waters

Rooted in Christ. Committed to Women. Connected in Purpose.

Deep Waters is a Christ-centered initiative dedicated to uplifting women and creating a safe, supportive space where we can grow together in faith, fellowship, and purpose.

What's New in Deep Waters?

A Growing Team!

We're excited to announce that Deep Waters is expanding! Founder Shonfonya Harrell is now joined by two dynamic co-chairs who bring fresh passion and unique gifts to our mission:

Shonfonya Harrell (Chair)

Founder of Deep Waters, Minister, and Treasurer at Faith Citadel

Michelle Cunningham-Strong (Co-Chair)

Author of The Many Faces of Trauma: Let's Talk About Grief, Love, Pain, and Everything in Between

Makayla Hewins (Co-Chair)

A devoted third-year member of Faith Citadel and gifted singer

New Podcast:

Out of the Deep

Launching soon: Out of the Deep, a Bible study podcast created for women, by women.

Join us weekly as we explore the stories of women in the Bible, reflect on our own experiences, and uncover the powerful threads that connect us all.

More Ways to Connect

Deep Waters is more than just an outreach — it's also an in-reach. We're building bridges among women both inside and outside of Faith Citadel. Get ready for fun, God-centered fellowship opportunities designed to nourish your spirit and strengthen our sisterhood.

Stay tuned for our upcoming Event Calendar!

Happy Birthday, August Babies!

To all our wonderful August-born family, we celebrate you this month! May your special day be filled with joy, laughter, and the tremendous blessings of God. You're a gift to us all, and we pray that this new year of life brings you purpose, growth, love, and answered prayers.

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