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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES

In this issue, our church family congratulate our graduates, celebrate our women and encourages the singles in our church. We encourage our church family to submit any interesting materials that will be helpful in the spiritual growth of the church and help the church ministry achieve its vision.

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Congratulations to Our Graduates!!!

Kimbrielle Solomon – Hempstead Head Start
Sierra Burnett - Archer Street School
Emmanuel Odor - St. Mark The Evangelist School
Brianna Poorman-I.S. 59 Springfield Gardens School
Kamar Wallace - Atkinson School
Daniel Edwards - Institute of Home Education (Middle School)
Dwayne Edwards Jr – Institute of Home Education (High School)
Erica Burroughs - Southside High School
Alexis Mitchell - Freeport Middle School
Chantal Mollette - Lindenhurst High School
Stephanie J. Ridley–Malverne High School
Lance Thomas – Harbor Science and Arts Charter School
Danyel Smith - Roosevelt High School
Jahred Wray – Freeport High School
Antoinette Grey - Chamberlain College
Brianna Michael - SUNY Binghamton
Sterling J. Ridley – Hampton University



OUR VISION STATEMENT

WE, THE SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH WILL BE A CHURCH THAT MODELS THE LIFE, THE TEACHINGS, AND THE MINISTRY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY.
WE ARE A CHURCH THAT IS WILLING TO BE CONVINCED OF WHO HE IS, AN EXPRESSION OF HIS LIFE; COMMITTED TO WHAT HE TAUGHT, AN EXPRESSION OF HIS TEACHINGS; AND CONSISTENT WITH WHAT HE DID, AN EXPRESSION OF HIS MINISTRY.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

Greetings to the Saints of God at Shiloh.

What an Awesome God He is, allowing us to see another quarter of the Shiloh Journal. I want to commend those persons who made contributions this quarter. What a blessing to have you on board! During this quarter, we will focus on our Single members in April, our Women in May and our Youth and Young Adults in June. We are looking forward to the Lord's blessings on us all. Our church has been blessed in a mighty way with a great mixture of people within these categories. Let us encourage one another with our prayers and support. We need each other to survive. I would also like to introduce you to our doctrinal thought for this quarter. I want us to think about our great and glorious God during these months. Consider these things: Our God is a Person, Genesis 1. He speaks. He thinks. He moves. He plans. He commands. Our God is in Partnership, Genesis 1:26. Although He is only, always One God, He reveals Himself in Three distinct Personalities: He is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All Three Eternal, Equal, and active in the redemptive plan. Our God is Powerful, Genesis 1. He literally spoke the entire universe into existence. Our God is Personal, Genesis 2:7-25. He was intimately involved with the creation and care of man. He took Adam's well being very personally. Our God is Particular, Genesis 1-2. He made everything for a particular purpose and put everything in it's particular place. These are just a few things about our awesome God. Think about Him while we move through this season knowing that He is watching over us. Be blessed and encouraged, my brothers and sisters! I love you!

“Remember, there is nothing too hard for God!!!”

**In His Service,
Pastor Herman Washington**



CELEBRATING

Our
Risen
SAVIOR

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

PALM SUNDAY – 10:30 AM WORSHIP

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017

HOLY WEEK SERVICE – 7:00 PM

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, HEMPSTEAD, NY

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017

RUSH HOUR TO THE CROSS – 9 AM

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH, HEMPSTEAD, NY

SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST – 12 NOON

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, QUEENS, NY

SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST – 6 PM

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, BROOKLYN, NY

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

RESURRECTION SUNDAY – 10:00 AM WORSHIP

MORNING MEDITATION TO MY LORD

**-Sis. Lena Sparks-
In His Presence**

GOD YOU DEFEND ME,
YOU LEAD ME. HOW
GREAT IS THAT! HOW
GREAT ARE YOU! TOO
WONDERFUL FOR WORDS.
THIS MORNING IN YOUR
PRESENCE, I REJOICE. THIS
MORNING I DIRECT MY
PRAYERS TO YOU,
KNOWING THAT YOU
WILL HEAR MY WORDS
AND INTERPRET MY
GROANS. I AM DIRECTING
MY VOICE TO YOU, LORD
AND PATIENTLY AWAIT
YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.

LORD, I KNOW YOU
HEAR MY VOICE WHEN I
PRAY TO YOU. YOU ARE
MY STRENGTH AND MY
SHIELD. WHEN MY HEART
TRUSTS YOU, I AM
OVERJOYED. YOU GIVE
ME COURAGE TO MEET
THE CHALLENGES OF THE
DAY. YOU GIVE ME
STRENGTH TO DO THE
TASKS YOU HAVE SET
BEFORE ME. YOU BUILD
ME UP. RAISE ME TO THE
HEIGHTS AND LEAD ME
TO PLACES I WOULD
NEVER HAVE DREAMED
POSSIBLE. YOU ARE THE
FRIEND WHO WILL NEVER
LEAVE ME. YOU ARE THE
GUIDE WHO WALKS
BEFORE ME IN MY LIFE,

I CAN DO ANYTHING.
GOD, YOU HAVE DONE SO
MANY THINGS FOR ME;
SAVED ME FROM DANGER;
AND TOILS AND SNARES.

**I CRY OUT TO
YOU AGAIN.**

THIS MORNING FILL ME
WITH YOUR SPIRIT,
TOUCH ME WITH YOUR
PRESENCE AND AS I GO
THROUGH THIS, MAY I BE
SO FILLED WITH YOUR
PRAISES THAT I CANNOT
HELP BUT TELL OTHERS
WHAT YOU HAVE DONE
FOR ME. LORD YOU ARE
MY SHEPHERD, MY LORD,
MY PASTURES. RESTORE
MY SOUL. YOU LEAD
DOWN THE PATHS OF
YOUR CHOOSING TODAY.
WITH YOU BY MY SIDE, I
FEAR NO EVIL. YOU ARE
MY COMFORT AND GUIDE.
I AM HAPPY IN YOUR
PRESENCE. YOUR
GOODNESS AND YOUR
MERCY ARE WITH ME THIS
MINUTE, THIS HOUR, AND
THIS DAY.



**THANK YOU,
LORD,**

FOR LEADING ME, HERE,
AND FOR MAKING ME
WHOLE; FOR BEING THE
SHEPHERD OF MY LIFE.
YOU'VE MADE ME THE
WAY I AM FOR A REASON
AND FOR A PURPOSE. YOU
ARE THE AUTHOR AND
FINISHER OF MY FAITH.
FOR NOW, AND ALWAYS
YOU ARE MY HELPER. I
AM NOT AFRAID WHEN
MY HAND IS IN YOURS.
THANK YOU FOR LEADING
ME OUT OF THE
DARKNESS, AND INTO THE
LIGHT OF YOUR WORD.
IN JESUS NAME.....AMEN

Scripture References:

Deuteronomy 31:6,

**Psalm 23,
Psalm 27:14,
Psalm 43,
Psalm 91,
Psalm 104:1,
Psalm 119:105,
Psalm 139:10.**

**Isaiah 40:31,
Isaiah 46:11,**

Jeremiah 29:11,

**Hebrews 12:2,
Hebrews 13:5-6,**

Romans 8:28.

Mother Dorothy Ellis



Here's to You in Celebration of Your

Ninety-Ninth Birthday

The Shiloh Baptist Church Family is grateful to God for the life and testimony of Mother Dorothy Ellis, a long-standing member of the Body of Christ and Our Church Family. The Sassy Seniors Ministry, under the leadership of Deaconess Helen Skates, and the watchful eye of Pastor Washington, Officers, and Members take great delight in celebrating Mother Ellis. We will continue to be prayerful for you, and to be a covenant community where we honor one another with the love of Christ.

"Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope. This is my comfort in my distress, that your promises give me life."

Psalm 119:49-50

May God Continue to Bless Us All with the love He has bestowed Upon
Mother Ellis!

April is Singles Month

God's Side to Your Single Story

By Sis Aretha Vaughn

I am sure you have heard the old adage, "There are two sides to every story." There is the story we have told ourselves because of life experiences or what others have told us about who we are and then there is what God says. We are often only concerned with our own wants and needs but for a moment I want you to consider God's side to your single story. At some point in every one's life they are single either because they are too young, divorced, a widow, they haven't accepted a proposal or been asked, by choice, or they have dedicated themselves to the work of the Lord. The single life is as much a gift and calling of God as is the married life according to Paul in *1 Corinthians 7:7-8* *For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that. 8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I.* We all have gifts from God and singleness is one of them. It's a wonderful opportunity for ministry because you can openly and freely devote your time and efforts to the work of the Lord and give God all of your attention.

As a single I can't tell you how many times I have been asked, why are you still single? I grew up surrounded by marriage. My grandmother was married to my grandfather, my mother married to my father, my uncles married to my aunts, all married. My brothers are married to their wives, my sister was married to her husband (although now divorced) and here I am 48 and single. I never considered singleness. I thought that it would just happen because that's how it's supposed to. I had it all planned out. I would one day meet the love of my life, fall in love, we would get married and live happily ever after, right. I mean that's how it's supposed to happen. It

happened like that for my grandparents, my parents, my brothers and sister but that has not been my story. At some point, I began to talk to God about it and ask the question, why am I still single. I have been so busy living life I never considered that I might still be single and may never marry. Now of course I don't know what my future holds. God said in *Jeremiah 29:11* *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* God has good plans for my life. I could meet Mr. Wonderful today and have 50 years of marriage but that's kind of my point. I don't know! I have no idea what God has planned for my life. God is sovereign and can do with my life as he wills. As Christians, God wants to know "Will you unconditionally give Me your whole life in every stage of your life?" *Ecclesiastes 3:1* says *To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:* There is a specific purpose for certain seasons of life and during this season I have decided to draw close to God and serve him.

As a single person, you have the opportunity to carve out time each day to ready, study, worship and pray. You also have the flexibility to follow God in whatever direction he leads you without checking with someone's schedule to accommodate God's purpose and presence in your life and serve Him. *1 Peter 4:10-11* *As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.* Peter says we receive our gifts for two purposes- to serve others and to bring glory to God. God deserves all of the praise and glory and strength to do so. *Luke 9:23* *23 And he said to all, "If*

anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

So how can we, during this single time, serve God? We have the opportunity to be a friend, serve a senior, share our talents, and serve God by serving others. Get involved with kingdom work. There are countless ways like serving in active ministries and if there is something that you would like to do and we are not doing yet maybe it's because you haven't made the suggestion yet. *Proverbs 18:16* *A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.* Your gifts will make room for you. If every single Christian dedicated themselves to the work of the Lord there would be almost no need left in the church.

Christians need to remember that marriage does not make a person whole, only accepting Jesus as your savior brings wholeness. No matter what the season, God calls us to rejoice in him and be thankful for the circumstances we find ourselves in because we can trust that *Romans 8:28* *He is working all things out for our good. Psalms 118:24* *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.* All of us will be single for at least part of our life and it is a great honor to serve God in this way. If we can devote ourselves completely to God while we are single we will be much better prepared for whatever plans God has for us down the road.

God's side to our single story is that of faith, love and service. *Psalm 37: 5* *Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.* Whatever "it" is God knows best and no matter what *Psalm 34:1-3* *I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.*

May is Women's Month

Woman of God

By Sis. Danielle Darty

About The Writer: Sis. Danielle Darty has been a member of Shiloh under the leadership of Pastor Washington since 1996. She states that, *"I came to Shiloh in search of a place where my daughters would grow spiritually, But GOD knew that the growing would be for me. I love the LORD and live to walk according to His WORD."* It is with great humility that Sis. Danielle has been able to labor in several ministries at Shiloh, including the Saturday Community Tutorial, Sunday School, Praise Dance, DAW Scholarship, and Women's Ministry. Sis. Darty declares that her *"greatest desire is continued growth and that others would see past my flesh, and see Christ in and through my life."* I think that we can all agree that a tree is known by the fruit that it bears, and Sis. Darty is a living testimony of the goodness of our Lord. We are blessed by her ministry, and encouraged by her faith. To God be The Glory! *"The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them."* Psalm 34:7

But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we are the work of thy hand.

Isaiah 64:8

There are many roles of a Woman; wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and friend. We are precious jewels. Fearfully and wonderfully made, are we, by the hands of the Master. It has been said that giving leaves an imprint that endures forever. Let us give love and friendship to build sisterhood in Christ. Our prayer... Heavenly Father, as your daughters we are to always guard and keep the harmony and peace produced by your Spirit. We want to thank you for loving friendships that create oneness, because it produces a haven of peace. We want to thank you for friendships that allow open communication because it eliminates strife. We thank you for friendships whereby tenderness is expressed because it promotes love, kindness and compassion. We want to thank you for friendships that are locked into unity because it leaves no room for greed and selfishness. Lord Jesus we want to thank you for setting the standard that defines true friendship. Thank you for my friend! *Question; who do You call friend?*

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On Saturday, May 27th, 2017, 12 noon the Women's Ministry will be hosting a Family Affair Fellowship "A Journey into the Potter's House". The entire Church

Family is invited and bring a friend. *For real people, with real hurts!*

Presenter: Dr. Michael Ferris has given himself to JESUS to further GOD's Kingdom. He is a potter, counselor teacher and minister.

Join us as we journey in unity.

FORGIVENESS

By **Sis. Michelle Mims**

Do you remember the last time you forgave someone? Some people find it hard to forgive. Living in an “eye for an eye” society, most people don’t even consider forgiveness anymore. Most people find it hard to just look past things. These days, people enjoy seeing others suffer. For some reason, it makes them feel better.

The lack of forgiveness in our world has allowed people to think it’s okay to get revenge. I’m here to tell you that’s it’s not. Let me first explain what forgiveness is. The standard definition of forgiveness is, the action or process of forgiving or being forgiven.

The biblical definition is giving up my right to hurt you, for hurting me. Now that you know what forgiveness is, let me explain to you why it’s important. In life, we are going to deal with negative people. Sometimes it can be friends, family members, classmates, co-workers, managers, or even your brothers & sisters in Christ.

The intentions behind some people can be really evil. In most cases, if a negative person see’s you doing better than them, they try to find ways to bring you down.

Some might try to talk about you or some may even try to hurt you physically. Once when they attempt to bring you down, some might expect or want a reaction out of you. This is what some people call a “testing period”. Not only are they testing you, but God is also testing you.

Sometimes the negative people are placed in your life just to test your Faith. This is why it’s so important to forgive people even when you really don’t want to. We also have to remember that if God forgives us for all of the bad things we’ve done, then we can forgive as well. *“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses”,* [St. Matthew 6:14-15](#).

In some cases, people can’t bring themselves to forgive someone right away, which is fine, but you would want to eventually get to the point of forgiveness. When you hold on to grudges, it brings you down too. If you’re constantly thinking about what a person did to you years ago, you’re not going to be able to focus on the blessings that’s in your life right now.

You need to let go of things that’s no longer important. *“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”*, [St. Mark 11:25](#). To successfully get through these hard times, you need to pray for the person that has done you wrong. You don’t know what that person could be going through. Pray that they find happiness. Ask God to forgive them and to bless them with wisdom and knowledge.

Don’t forget to pray for yourself too. Ask God to place the right words in your mouth. Also, ask God to keep you away from negativity. Once when you get to this point, this allows you to grow in your spiritual life and it might even allow the negative people to ask you for forgiveness.

Once when God see’s you forgiving those that tried to bring you down, He will bless you. *“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you”,* [Ephesians 4:32](#).



Our Children: Our Blessing

By Deaconess Irene Gardon



God has a purpose for the life of our children, just like He does for us. They are not just ours, they belong to Him, and we ought to pray God's purposes for our children every chance we get.

June is the time set aside on our Church Calendar to pray for and focus on our children. Pastor Washington is always mindful to recognize the accomplishments of our children, and to build them up, almost as often as we meet for worship. It is a known fact here that as much as we praise and honor our God, we are grateful to Him for our children: our blessing.

Mine are yours, and yours are mine. It does indeed take a village. So it is in the month of June, as we attend graduations, and look forward to the bright futures of our children, that we also commend them for their service as unto the Lord, and their Christian Walk before us.

Jesus, our example, Himself a Son, reflected the heart of God, His Father, when he prayed for the disciples, in John 17:9, where He said, **“I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are ours.”** (NIV)

Therefore, as fathers, and mothers, and sisters and brothers, corporately and individually, we can pray that our children will focus on the

purposes of God. Every chance we get, we ought to pray that our children will **Live for Christ joyfully** ...we should *“(Say) these things while still in the world so that they will have the same joy.....”* John 17:13b.

Every chance we get, we ought to pray that our children will **Grow Strong Spiritually**...we should *“Not ask to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one.”* John 17:15.

Every chance we get, we ought to pray that our children will **Serve Christ Effectively**... (Saying)...Lord *“Make them ready for your service through your truth; your teaching is truth.”* John 17:17

Every chance we get, we ought to pray that our children will **Experience Fellowship personally**, praying as Jesus did, *“that they will be of one heart and mind just as you and I are...and the world will believe that you sent me.”* John 17:21

Every chance we get, we ought to pray that our children will **Come to Christ, and Bring Others to Christ** regularly, just as Jesus prayed, *“I pray not only for them, but also those who believe because of their message.”* John 17:20.

In the month of June, and the days ahead, we hold fast to the declaration of the Psalmist, who has said, ***“Behold, our children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.”*** Psalm 127:3-5 ESV.



It is our profession that we will honor the purposes of God in the lives of our children, and we will begin and end with prayer.

Janie M. Griffin Scholarships

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"Then & Now"



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GUEST SPEAKER



Reverend Dr. Sedgwick Easley

Pastor of Union Baptist Church
Hempstead, NY 11550

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by Bro. Stan Ridley

What if we fail the test of authenticity?

Suppose we are not what we say we are and we know it but we assume that no one else knows? Is our praise being affected by the façade some of us put on every Sunday? Some of us know that we failed the 'genuinely real' test but our conscience won't allow us to stop coming to church. Guilt keeps many of us coming back to church and it's what brought the prodigal son back to his father, "*The son realized that he had been very foolish*", **St. Luke 15:17 ERV**. We are guilty of hoping that someday the lie will be broken. Unfortunately, many of us are afraid to let others hear us praise God with our mouths or visibly by putting our hands in the air or physically by jumping up and down or with all our might by running around the church. We are afraid to let other people see us visibly, physically, verbally and mightily praise God. Hypocrites also jump up and down and shout as loud as they can in church but the Lord commands us to not be deterred by them and focus on examining ourselves. It's God's job to deal with the hypocrites and the Pastor's responsibility to expose them, **1 Timothy 5:20**. God even emphasizes the point of us examining our own selves by stating that we shouldn't even be concerned about examining him when we take the 'truth' test, "*Examine yourselves [not me]*", **2 Corinthians 13:5 AMP**. The on-going experiences in our lives are testimonies about the truth in our lives. We know for ourselves whether we are obeying or disobeying God's commands. Our negative and positive experiences tell us so. We may be able to lie and fool others but we can't lie to ourselves and it's impossible to fool God, **Numbers 5:19-21**. No matter how much we lie, no matter how hard we try to cover ourselves up in front of others and no matter who we fool, it's impossible to get away from the truth that's found in our Lord. He finds us every time and examines us all the time, **Jeremiah 29:13**. Therefore, it is imperative that we interpret God's Word in the right way, **2 Timothy 2:15**. God also says that we need to examine ourselves in the right way, **1 Corinthians 11:31**. To lie to ourselves just makes our dilemma more complicated and allows confusion and chaos to dominate our lives and families, **1 Corinthians 14:33**. Eliminating confusion and preventing chaos starts with acknowledging the truth. Judging ourselves in the right way includes avoiding hypocrisy but it also includes being honest about why we are concerned about what other people will think about us if we jump up and down and throw our hands in the air praising the Lord. Many of us remain reserved in church when it comes to praising God because we are too concerned about what other people think. The Lord says we don't need to worry about what other people think. People are going to have thoughts about us regardless of what we say and do. Let's just make sure that the things we say are right, **Romans 14:16**. We need to also be ready to answer everyone who asks questions about what we believe in but we

must be careful to do it in a gentle way with respect so that we can live with a clear conscience. Unkind words bring on guilt, **Proverbs 15:1**. People will see the fruits of our obedience to God's commands and the good that we do as followers of Jesus Christ. Those who say bad things about us will be ashamed of the bad things they say, **1 Peter 3:16**. The best way to ensure that we are living the right way is to evaluate our selves to see if we are holding on properly to our faith in Jesus and check to see if we are producing proper fruits in our lives, **2 Corinthians 13:5**. If there is no fruit in our lives then it's possible that the Lord may just cut us off, **St. Luke 13:9**. King Saul got cutoff, **1 Samuel 28:6**. Getting cutoff from God means not having our prayers answered and having our prayers hindered because of disobedience is a bad place to be in, **1 Peter 3:7**. Like King Saul, God stops answering the prayers of disobedient people. Like King Saul, people that go to palm readers, call psychic hot lines and read horoscopes are folks that have been clearly cutoff. If we examine ourselves and judge our own selves in the right way, then we don't have to fear being cut off from our Lord who is the source and Savior of our lives. A tree that is cutoff from its source withers and dies. Being dead doesn't always necessarily mean that the body is in the coffin. There are a lot of dead spirits that are people that look like they are alive but are "dead men walking". Pharaoh was a dead man walking, **Genesis 20:3**. Spiritual death leads to physical death if people don't turn their lives over to Jesus Christ who offers both abundant life while on earth and eternal life with Him in Paradise. In some Bible translations, the word 'worthless' is used approximately 14 times to describe the lives of useless people. To ensure that we live a vibrant life while on earth free from withering and ultimately dying we must not be ashamed to praise God with the fruit of our lips, **Hebrews 13:15**. Our spiritual lives are strengthened by our praising God, **Psalms 31:24**. If we are ashamed of Jesus then he will be ashamed of us, **St. Luke 9:26**. King David wasn't worried about what other people thought about him dancing with all his might before the Lord, **2 Samuel 6:14**. Some people refused to express themselves before the Lord in church this way because of their conservative lifestyle. Some people see themselves as to shy and conservative that must preserve the existing conditions of their lifestyles so they choose not to behave out of the ordinary. They want to make sure that they keep their ordinary way alive or in existence. The fear is that if we run around the church in excitement before the Lord and our fellow congregants see that then we think people will expect us to behave differently afterwards which could create the potential of a feeling of hypocrisy. There is a struggle going on within ourselves between good and evil in many of these cases. The Holy Spirit is telling us to let go and celebrate the Lord like David with all our might by dancing, jumping, shouting and running around the church but Satan is saying, "It don't take all of that to

praise God". The truth is, "Yes it does and much more!". Not only can we rejoice in the Lord but God allows us to rejoice within ourselves, **Galatians 6:4**. This is good news for those that have low self-esteem and great news for those that are on their way to college. We can compare ourselves to ourselves utilizing Jesus as the standard. The Lord is the measuring stick for our lives. To compare our lives to anyone other than Jesus means we are comparing ourselves to someone who is well below the standard. Each of us should test our own work and be happy with doing a good job. The truth is that we don't need anyone else to tell us when we've done a good job because, if we are honest, then we know when we've done a good job or not. Just look at your own work to see if you have done anything to be proud of. When we've found those things that line up with the high standards of our Lord then hold on to them, **1 Thessalonians 5:21**. The same Biblical principles that apply to the ones that bring us the truth every Sunday morning from the pulpit is the same Biblical truth that we all can apply to our own lives, **2 Timothy 2:15**. The result of this type of living is peace, confidence, courage, hope, and a future life full of abundance. There's no need to be ashamed of a successful life that is grounded in God's Word, **St. John 10:10**. God even told King David that if he had obeyed God's commands that the Lord was ready to give him more and more and more, **2 Samuel 12:8**. Of course, we don't live for Jesus in order to acquire things, **1 Peter 5:2**. Yet still, there are advantages and profits that belong to servants of God, **1 Peter 5:2**. J. Oswald Sanders says in his book titled, 'Spiritual Leadership' that desiring to excel is not a sin and the Lord never taught against the urge to high achievement because desiring to excel is motivation enough to help determine the character of one's ambition.¹ It's the selfishness of people that perverts high achievements and makes the motivation by some unworthy. For true obedient Christian believers, living a holy God fearing life does come with fringe benefits and the blessings sure didn't hurt Abraham², Joseph³, Daniel⁴ or Job⁵. If you can't shout in the classroom, then go back to your own room and shout. If you can't shout in public, then find a church that has no problem praising God and do like King David did and give God all your might because God's blessings are something to shout about.

We've got a lot to shout about in 2017!!!

¹ Spiritual Leadership, J. Oswald Sanders, Moody Publishers, 1967, 'An Honorable Ambition', Ch1, pg. 13.

² **Genesis 20:14-16**

³ **Genesis 41:39-40**

⁴ **Daniel 5:29**

⁵ **Job 42:12-17 KJV**

Faith - How I Know it Works!

By Deaconess Irene Gardon

If you've been a part of the Christian community for any length of time, you know that, "Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 KJV. Another version, says, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1 NIV. If you've been a part of the Christian community for any length of time, you know that Faith has always been the mark of God's servants, from the beginning of the world, and we know that where the principle is planted by the regenerating Spirit of God, it will cause truth to be received, based on the justification, sufferings and merits of Christ's sacrifice. What He has done, is the assurance that we can have, and it is in Him, Whom our confidence lies.

So, since we **know this**, why then do we sometimes doubt? Why is it that sometimes, we know; and sometimes we don't?! It's rhetorical; and it's more of a question for me, than you. Faith! How do I know it works? What is it that causes us to be firm in our "thinking," and wavering in our stand? Today I had to come to terms with this again, because I go some news that I did not necessarily like, and I found myself wondering... Faith.... How Do I Know It Works? With all the evidence and proof that I have seen in my Christian Walk, and in my life in general, even without Christ, I feel that I should be at a place where the confidence that I have in Him, is without question. That thing breeds the question, 'Am I trusting in Him, or Am I trusting in myself?' It's rhetorical; more of a question for me, than you. Because we don't live

in a world unto ourselves, and we are part of a larger community, whether it be the Family of God, our own kinfolk, our lives will often overlap, and run into someone else's, so that the trying our faith is not limited to our own personal experiences, but theirs too. It could be that we are okay trusting God with our stuff ...maybe; but when it comes to the lives of others, or those that we are concerned about, does the faith works there too? Have you ever wondered.....?

My Big Momma (grandmother on my momma's side) was a devout Christian woman based on what we knew about Christianity growing up in Alabama in the early 60s & 70s. She was a true missionary. She entrusted her entire life to Christ. Lord knows, she went to church all the time. Dressed the part. Sewed her own clothes. Paid her tithes. Took care of not only her children, but her children's children, even dragging us (grands) to church, against our very strong will; and God knows she was a praying woman who loved her husband (who to my knowledge never darkened the door of a church). How I know faith works, is because today I am a devout Christian, and I believe it's because of the faith of Big Momma, to entrust us to the Lord. Aside from the fact that Jesus **knew me, chose me, justified me, before I was born**, I believe that Big Momma held on to the conviction of things hoped for, and for that reason I am saved today. Hallelujah! Big Momma did not live to see the evidence of her faith. She did not live to see the conversion of the many of us, her children and grand-children, whose lives have been transformed.

When I got the news that my son had been down-sized on his job, after 14 years of steady employment, I began to wonder if my faith would work, like my grandmother's. Would it? When I got the news of a report

concerning my daughter's health, I began to wonder if my faith would work, like my grandmother's. Would it have the same life-transforming effect? Would I live to see it?

The same things that are the object of our hope are the object of our faith. It is a firm persuasion and expectation, that God will perform all he has promised to us in Christ Jesus. In faith, we can enjoy those things in the "now." Faith is the guaranteed, proof to my mind, that I can believe what I cannot see, and may not live to see, because God has put His Word on the line. He is not a man that He can lie. I can't see it, but by Faith I believe that the situation concerning my son's future is already set. It's already done. He sees this as an opportunity to pursue entrepreneurship, to start his own business; to be an owner and no longer an employee. I see missing paychecks, and unpaid bills.

I can't see it, but by Faith I believe that the situation concerning my daughter's health is already done. She's confident that things will be alright; and she knows enough to entrust all things to God and not to worry. I, the great woman of the faith like my grandmother, worry on one-hand, but pray on the other. I want things to be well for my children, and while I trust God with my stuff, I wonder if the same faith will take care of theirs. Truthfully, on some level, I feel like God owes me this one. That's not faith....is it?

The Bible gives the most- true and exact account of the origin of all things, and we are called to believe it, and not to wrestle with a battle that's already won. Why do we struggle with "now faith," when all that we see of the works of creation were brought into being by the command of God? It's rhetorical; and more for me than for you?

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"And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there.",
Joshua 18:1 KJV

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Adult Sunday School - 9:30 AM Sunday mornings

Youth Sunday School (ages 13-18) – Sunday mornings after altar call

Young Adults Meeting (ages 19-35) – April 28th, May 12th & 26th, June 9th & 23rd. Class starts at 7:30 PM

Kids Space (ages 5-12) – Sunday mornings after offering

Bible Study & Weekly Prayer Time – Every Wednesday, 7 PM

Men's Fellowship - Every Monday, 7 PM

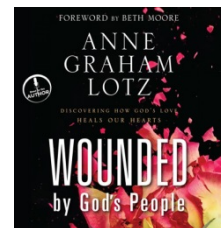
Exercise classes - Saturdays, 9 AM

Deaconess Ministry invites all women to join them every 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in their study of "**Wounded by God's People**" by Anne Graham Lotz.

Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 12:30 PM – DAW Scholarship Luncheon
Scholarship applications are available via the Church Website.

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Be on the lookout for Bro. David James Health Seminars each month. Visit David's website at dwjames.myorganogold.com for products and health information.



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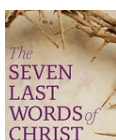
Sunday, April 9, 2017

PALM SUNDAY – 10:30 AM WORSHIP



Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Holy Week Service – 7:00 PM, Antioch Baptist Church, Hempstead, NY



Friday, April 14, 2017

Rush Hour To The Cross – 9:00 AM, Union Baptist Church, Hempstead, NY

Seven Last Words of Christ – 12 Noon, Calvary Baptist Church, Queens, NY

Seven Last Words of Christ – 6 PM, Christ Fellowship Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY



Sunday, April 16, 2017

RESURRECTION SUNDAY – 10:00 AM WORSHIP

Please listen to Pastor Washington and **“Strength for Life’s Journey”** every **Tuesday morning at 10:30 AM** on www.churchtalkradio.com

Defensive Driving Course - May 6th, 2017

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April 2017

April monthly focus is "Singles"

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Exercise class 9AM Kidzspace (5-12 year olds) 1 PM
2 Kidzspace (5-12 year olds) will meet after offering starting next Sunday	3 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 7 PM	4 Women study "Wounded by God's People", 7 PM	5 Bible Study & Weekly Prayer Time	6	7	8 Organo Gold Presentation 10:45 AM
9 Palm Sunday 10:30 AM Worship	10 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 7 PM	11	12 Bible Study & Weekly Prayer Time	13	14 See Notes Below	15 Exercise class 9AM
16 Resurrection Sunday 10:30AM Worship	17 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 7 PM	18	19 Bible Study & Weekly Prayer Time	20	21	22 Exercise class 9AM
23 Kidzspace (ages 5-12) meets Sunday Mornings following offering	24 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 7 PM	25	26 Bible Study & Weekly Prayer Time	27	28 Young Adult (19-35 year olds) 8 PM meeting	29 Exercise class 9AM
30 Kidzspace (ages 5-12) meets Sunday Mornings following offering		NOTES: Friday, April 14, 2017: 'Rush Hour To The Cross' - 9 AM, Union Baptist Church, 24 Clinton C. Boone Place, Hempstead, NY. Dr. Sedgwick V. Easley, Pastor. 'Seven Last Words of Christ' - 12 Noon, Cavary Baptist Church, 111-10 Guy R. Brewer Blvd, Jamaica (Queens), NY. Rev. Victor T. Hall, Pastor. 'Seven Last Words of Christ' - 6 PM, Christ Fellowship Baptist Church, 11 Sumpter Str, Brooklyn, NY. Rev. Dr. David Kelley, II Pastor.				

May 2017

May monthly focus is "Women"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 7 PM	2 Women study "Wounded by God's People", 7 PM	3 Bible Study & Weekly Prayer Time	4	5	6 DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS Exercise class 9AM
7 Kidzspace (ages 5-12) meets Sunday Mornings following offering	8 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 7 PM	9	10 Bible Study & Weekly Prayer Time	11	12 Young Adult (19-35 year olds) 7:30 PM meeting	13 Exercise class 9AM
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28 Kidzspace (ages 5-12) meets Sunday Mornings following offering	29 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 7 PM	30	31			

NOTES: Kidzspace (ages 5-12) is every Sunday morning after offering.

June 2017

June monthly focus is "Youth & Young Adults"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Exercise class 9AM
4 Kidzspace (ages 5-12) meets Sunday Mornings following offering	5 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 7 PM	6	7 Bible Study & Weekly Prayer Time	8	9 Young Adult (19-35 year olds) 7:30 PM meeting	10 DAW Scholarship Luncheon 12:30 PM
11 Kidzspace (ages 5-12) meets Sunday Mornings following offering	12 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 7 PM	13	14 Bible Study & Weekly Prayer Time	15	16	17 Exercise class 9AM
18 Kidzspace (ages 5-12) meets Sunday Mornings following offering	19 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 7 PM	20	21 Bible Study & Weekly Prayer Time	22	23 Young Adult (19-35 year olds) 7:30 PM meeting	24 Exercise class 9AM
25 Final Payment for trip to Disneyworld (See Notes)	26 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 7 PM	27	28 Bible Study & Weekly Prayer Time	29	30	

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