

# Greater Works Ministry Newsletter

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## Reflections from Pastor Avery



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son. That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."  
John 3:16

This inspired verse of scripture serves as the benchmark of Christ's sacrificial and unconditional

love for mankind. In his entry and his departure, we find the Master clearly demonstrating his devotion and loyalty to those who are less fortunate. It is in this same spirit that many are taking time out from selfishness and personal pursuit, to help the underprivileged and needy during this time of the year that we call Christmas.

Yes, it is the most wonderful time of the year. Not due to trees, lights, or the festivities of the season. But most importantly to the devotion many show to others who would not ordinarily receive it at other

times of the year. Let us reflect and show careful consideration to the real essence and purpose of this season. Christ has left us a powerful witness in revealing his love to us by giving us health, strength, family, friends, and the greatest gift of all, his remarkable and gracious plan of eternal hope through salvation.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season, and remember that Jesus is the real reason for this season!

Agape',  
Pastor M. Avery

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### Inspirational Verse

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11

## Words from First Lady Cheryl Avery

### *The Spirit of Christmas vs. the Spirit of Christ*

When we think of Christmas our thoughts tend to shift towards all of the preparations, the lists of things we need to purchase, the hustle and bustle of shopping and decorating that we have to do. We also tend to show more love, kindness, generosity & peace during this time of year; things most people long for every-

day of the year.

What if God only decided to show us his love, grace and mercy once a year??

Those of us who truly have God's spirit dwelling inside of us should be showing love, kindness, generosity and peace on a daily basis.

It's nice to have the Spirit of Christmas, but it's more important to have the Spirit of

Christ!

Be blessed and always remember that Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

Lady Avery



## Young Brother Box Goes Under

On Sunday November 12th, 2006, 9 year old Raiford Box V, was baptized in Jesus name at Greater Works Ministry. According to his mother Sister Wendy Box, the wife of Deacon Box, Ray (-Ray) as he is called, has been asking about and talking about baptism at least since the age of 5 or 6 yrs old.



Oddly, he always had a fear of water. His parents would give Ray scripture that God has not given us the spirit of fear but of love and a sound mind. "Ray is the type of child that asks a lot questions; very smart for his age," his mother proudly stated. The question came up again recently when Sister Box and Ray were on a trip to the State Council in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania with

Ray's Uncle Sam.

Ray listened to his uncle share with his mother different things that the Lord had given to him to speak of while preaching. Ray was listening quite attentively to these adults in conversation. He then asked his Uncle Sam about the reason for baptism and the Holy Ghost. Ray queried his Uncle exhaustively, until he felt his questions were adequately answered and he had no reservations.

Once that happened he announced he wanted to get baptized on Sunday. Even though he still had hesitation about getting in the water, he was steadfast and wanted to do it no matter what. So even though he had to wait until the following Sunday he remained constant in his desire.

His mother said, "He was so excited about getting baptized, he would tell people he came in contact with through out that whole week. For instance we were at Noah's

(Ray's younger brother) soccer game and he was telling one of the parents."

When Ray was asked how he feels about being baptized he said, "it still feels good". When he was asked why he wanted to be baptized he said, "So I can go to be with Jesus". Ray is in the 3rd grade and attends Fairwinds Christian School with his brother Noah Elisha Box who is 6 years old in kindergarten. The boys have a precious little sister, Ta'a Kayloni who will be 2 years old on January 17th, 2007.

Thanks be to God!



## The Millers Do It Again

Susan and James Miller were married on November 6, 1999. However, the members and guests who attended service at Greater Works Ministry on November 5, 2006 were blessed to witness the renewal of vows by Brother James and Sister 'Susi', (as she is called with affection) Miller with Pastor C. Mark Avery officiating.

The Millers promised once again to love honor and respect each other, forsaking all others while continuing their devotion to one another in sickness, in health, in good times and not so good times. The brief ceremony ended with a holy kiss.

After the kiss, Brother James added "It takes three to have a marriage work; you, your partner and the Holy Ghost. And now I have the Holy Ghost." Sister Susi then presented Sister Mc Kim with a beautiful bouquet of flowers stating "You are who I strive to be." Sister McKim is married to Elder

McKim for greater than 40 years. Sister Susi thanked her for her guidance and support since coming to Greater Works Ministry.



When asked what motivated them to renew their vows, Brother James stated, that "the first five years of our marriage we were like friends. In the last two years we noticed we were moving closer to-

gether. We both experienced the Holy Ghost and got on the same page. This [the ceremony] sealed our bond. Now we think alike."

Brother James is a local entrepreneur who owns and manages Orion Pizza and Deli in Mendenhall Pennsylvania, where you can get the best cheese steak sandwich this side of the Mason-Dixon line as well as other delights. He also caters for private functions. Sister Susi has a degree in Psychology/Sociology and is employed by Calico Corners in Kennett Square Pennsylvania in Customer Service.

The Millers have two lovely children who can be seen on their shoulders every Sunday in church a daughter Taylor 6 years old, who has her mother's radiant smile and their three year old son Jordan AKA "Jordy". The Millers reside in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.

## Elder Lawrence Visits Greater Works Ministry

On November 19, 2006, Pastor Mark and Lady Cheryl Avery took a much needed respite that happened to coincide with Pastor Avery's 44<sup>th</sup> birthday, as well as the 20 year wedding anniversary to the "Only Lady".

We wish Pastor Avery many, many more birthdays and together with Lady Avery many more anniversaries as well.

Though the members believe no one can quite fill the shoes of Pastor Avery in his absence (and that is not to imply that he may have exceptionally large feet, but that only he has a vision that has been given by God to lead this flock and keep them in proper alignment), they were graced with the presence of Elder Richard Lawrence, who also demonstrated the ability to deliver the scripturally sound message to the members and its visitors.

Elder Lawrence, Associate Pastor of Greater Morningstar Pentecostal Church in Washington, DC. and his wife Sherry have been to Greater Works Ministry before to share the Word of the Lord with the members and was a welcomed preacher on this awesome November morning as he appeared in white vestments on the alter starting off in song.

His topic of the day: An encounter on the Mountain Top.

He started out by giving us the scripture Exodus 34:1-8 and 27-34. He reminded us that our relationship with



Elder Richard Lawrence

God is one on one. This is very important. Something the Saints sometimes forget about. We get too focused on what the other Saints are doing. He pointed out for example, that many of us have what we call our prayer partners. We call our partner on the phone, or run into them in the mall, or even in church, and need to remember that when we have a prayer partner to ac-

tually pray. In other words, he pointed out, we often times speak with our prayer partners under the guise of prayer but allow ourselves to be distracted with idle chatter that will do nothing to help us or any one else in the kingdom.

Elder Lawrence also reminded us that if we are involved with someone who hasn't made up their mind to walk with the Lord, leave them alone. They are taking away time from your walk; "every mind changed against its will is still of the same opinion". Pray and come alone if you have to. "We need the mountain top experiences to handle the encounters we have in the valley." We need to give God praise and the "The best praise we can give him is valley praise. Praise him when you are in the valley and in the midst of trouble – He will raise you up to the mountain top." Elder Lawrence ended by again reminding us to seek our own personal experience in the lord. He closed out the service that morning with thanks and prayer.

*Thanks be to God!*

## The Lord's Baseball Game

Submitted by Elder Richard McKim



Freddy and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team.

The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the 9th inning with two outs. They continued to watch as a batter stepped up to the plate named 'Love.'

Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because "Love never fails."



The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works with Love.

The next batter up was named Godly Wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch.

Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass: Ball one. Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked because he never swings at what Satan throws.

The bases were now loaded. The Lord then turned to Freddy and told him He was



now going to bring in His star player. Up to the plate stepped Grace. Freddy said, "He sure doesn't look like much!"

Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace.

Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen! But Satan was not worried; his center fielder let very few get by.



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## Season's Best Ministry



Season's Best Ministry goes to the Philadelphia Zoo

Our first year as "Season's Best Ministry" went very well. We are grateful for everyone's participation. We got started in the spring with a "Get Acquainted Luncheon". Our next meeting, we had a visit from Lady Cheryl Avery giving us tips on how to stay beautiful and Sister Nickie Bowman gave us exercise lessons on keeping form and fit.

We next had a trip to Philadelphia to ride the Ducks taking, along two guests. It was a great trip and all of us "seasoned" folks had a wonderful time.

To view more information on the Philadelphia Zoo Trip go to [GWMinistries.net/events](http://GWMinistries.net/events)

Our following adventure was the Philadelphia Zoo. Many of us had not ventured out to the zoo in quite awhile. We were pleasantly surprised by the changes we saw. Of course some of us could not pass up an opportunity for added adventure and took a chance by riding the "Zoo Balloon" and what a ride it was!

Our last meeting for this season of the ministry was a luncheon held at the Senior Citizen Center in Kennett Square. We had quite an admirable turn out. The fellowship was great and everyone had a good time. We played games, and oh yes, one of them was Bingo. There was good and heart felt fellowship amongst one another and for an added bonus we all left with a gift of remembrance of our time together.

That ends our "season" for now. We are looking forward to another time of gathering together.

We are grateful and thankful for our leader Sister Margaret Hicks. We cer-

tainly appreciate all the time and effort in planning these events for us. She truly is the driving motivation behind the Season's Best Ministry. Along with her in this endeavor are Elder McKim, Sister Elsie Reeves, and Sister Yvonne Wolfe.

Many thanks to Deacon Stevens and Elder McKim for being our chauffeur on our outings.

Our thanks to everyone for helping to make this first time Ministry such a blessing to all and thanks be to God for it's success.

Until next year's, "Season's Best" we wish you good health with many blessings from our Father above.

May you have an exalted Christmas and a joyous New Year!



Looking down from the Balloon ride at the

## The Lord's Baseball Game, continued

He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing on the ground; the roaring crowds went wild as the ball continued over the fence . . . for a home run!



The Lord's team won!

The Lord then asked Freddy if he knew why Love, Faith and Godly Wisdom could get on base but couldn't win the game. Freddy answered that he didn't know why.

The Lord explained, "If your love, faith and wisdom had won the game, you would think you had done it by yourself. Love, Faith and Wisdom will get

you on base but only My Grace can get you Home:

"For by Grace are you saved, it is a gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephestians 2:8-9

Psalm 84:11, "For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly."

## Generic Drugs, Are they as good as Brand Names?

From the Nursing Ministry...

Almost half of all prescriptions today in the US are filled with generic drugs.



Generic drugs are

copies of brand name drugs that have exactly the same dosage, intended use, effects, and side effects, route of administration, risks, safety and strength as the original drug. In other words, pharmacological effects are exactly the same as the brand name counterparts.

Many people become concerned because generic drugs are often substantially cheaper than the brand name versions. They wonder if the quality and the effectiveness have been compromised to make the less expensive products. The FDA (U.S. Federal Food and Drug Administration) requires that generic drugs be as safe and effective as brand name drugs.

Actually, generic drugs are only cheaper because the manufacturers

have not had the expenses of developing and marketing a new drug. When a company brings a new drug onto the market, the firm has already spent substantial money on research, development, marketing and promotion of the drug (which can often take 5-10 years.) A patent is granted that gives the company that developed the drug an exclusive right to sell the drug as long as the patent is in effect.

As the patent nears expiration, manufacturers can apply to the FDA for permission to make and sell generic versions of the drug. Without the start up costs for development of the drug, other companies can afford to make and sell it more cheaply. When multiple companies begin producing and selling a drug, the competition among them can also drive the price down even further.

So, there is **NO** truth in the myths that generic drugs are manufactured in poorer quality facilities or are inferior in quality to brand name drugs. The FDA applies the same standards for all drug manufacturing facilities, and many companies make both brand name and generic drugs. In fact the FDA estimates

that 50% of generic drug production is by brand name companies.

Another myth is that generic drugs take longer to work. Again, the FDA requires that these medications work as fast and effectively as the original product.

Sometimes generic products have different colors, flavors or combinations of inactive ingredients. Trademark laws in the U.S. do not allow generic drugs to look exactly like the brand name product but the active ingredients must be the same ensuring the same medicinal effects.

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U.S. FDA



## Prayer Requests

*Forgiving Lord, help me to press on with my life. Reviewing reruns of my past serves no purpose. I will not use my past life as an excuse for not achieving today, for with you I am born again and with you in my life I will accept responsibility for the actions of my life.*

For those in need of strength and support:

For those in need of permanent housing and protection:  
*B.K.R.*

For those in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing:  
*The Peterson Family*  
*Sister Rice*  
*Sister Jones*

For those in crisis:

*Mo*

For those looking for answers:

For those in search of wisdom and strength:

For all new ministries and discernment in ministry:

For those giving service through occupation:  
*Robert Allen Mahoney - US Air Force*  
*Antonia Russell - US Army*

For those seeking permanent employment:

For Nation and World concerns:

*Peace in the Middle East*

Give Thanks For:

For the birth of:

For the marriage of:

For the Baptism of:  
*Brother Raiford Box V*

Please let us know when we may add or remove some one from the prayer list. You need not put a name, you can put initials, or E.G. Friend of Don Jones



For Your Health—From the Nursing Ministry

The Right Moves

Good Body Mechanics (how you hold and move your body) can help reduce pain. Good body mechanics means keeping your ears, shoulders, and hips in line at all times. By making good body mechanics a habit now, you can also protect against back pain in the future.



Getting out of a car

1. Grasping the steering wheel or the door for support, pivot your whole body on the seat (don't twist your back) as you bring out one leg at a time.
2. Scoot to the edge of the seat.
3. Holding the door for support, raise yourself off the seat and out of the car. Reverse steps to enter the car.

Over the counter medication may help reduce pain. Try using ibuprofen, naproxen, acetaminophen, or aspirin.

Heat on the sore area for 10-15 minutes each hour can loosen muscles. If ice doesn't relieve your pain after 2 days, try heat. Taking a warm bath or shower may also help.

Easing into motion

Even if back pain keeps you in bed for a day or so, you can still do gentle movements. A pelvic tilt is one exercise that loosens tight muscles and helps relieve pain.

While in bed:

1. Lie on your back with your knees bent.
2. Tighten your stomach and buttocks, and gently press your low back into the bed.
3. Hold for 5 seconds and relax.
4. Repeat.

Do this exercise as often as you can. It may help you get back on your feet sooner.

Getting out of bed

1. Roll on your side and push your body up with your arms.
  2. Keeping your knees bent, lower both your legs to the floor while raising your head.
  3. From the sitting position, use your leg muscles as you stand.
- Reverse the steps when getting into bed.



Back Pain--The First Few Days

Your first concern is relieving your back pain. You may find that ice, over the counter medication, and heat help. But if you're hurting, you may not want to hear that you should also get moving. Strange as it seems, after a little rest, moving around will actually help you get rid of pain.

Finding Relief

Ice lessens pain. Place an ice pack for 15 - 20 minutes each hour.

Business As Usual

Many of our Church Members are talented entrepreneurs who run their own businesses. All of these business are run with the Christian values that we celebrate at the Church. We invite you to discover the goods and services that are produced through hard work, devotion and know-how. Look here first to see if what you seek is offered by Greater Works Ministries Members. You will be glad you did.

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## Inspirational Writings

### The Light Within

Is it so that happiness is never truly found?  
 Often we want more, not less, of all that will abound.  
 What's the use of trying so? There's blessing and there's curse.  
 Even if we're crying so, still many have it worse.

But, as one, we're headed toward our Heaven and our Lord,  
 And behind each question asked, there lies another door.  
 Though it be a mystery now as in ancient lore,  
 Evident, but rarely seen, lie answers all the more.

Does a flower touch the sun while reaching for the light?  
 Yet it grows, and as it goes, it strives with all its might.  
 Does a sailor reach the stars that guide him by the night?  
 Still he goes, directed so, to land on distant sites.

Are we led by guiding lights, as subtle as they are?  
 Where are we to find them all and how are we to start?  
 When we reach the lands we seek through journeys near and far,  
 We shall then discover that we've not left where we are.

Follow the light within, and hear the silent sound.  
 Follow the light within, and all things will be found.  
 K. David Katzmire

You have a God, who hears you,  
 The power of Love behind you,  
 The Holy Spirit within you,  
 And all of Heaven ahead of you

Max Lucado  
 From the book,  
 Traveling Light

When we learn to  
 forgive the past, we  
 sow the seeds for a  
 glorious future.

If you have a poem or verse you would like to have published in the news letter please submit to Sister Tinnin at [newsletter@GWMinistries.net](mailto:newsletter@GWMinistries.net)

## Church Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sanctuary Prayer 8:30 am			Corporate Fast Day			Men's Fellowship (last Sat. ea. Mo.)
Christian Education (Ages 4 and up) 9:30—10:30 am	Living Waters Noon—3:00 pm	Living Waters Noon—3:00 pm	Living Waters Noon—3:00 pm	Living Waters Noon—3:00 pm	Living Waters Noon—3:00 pm	
Morning Celebration 10:45 am		Discipleship Training (Ages 4 and up) 7:00—8:00 pm	Woman of Wisdom (1st Wed. ea. Mon.) 7:00 pm			
Evening Service (when announced) 4:30 pm		Christian Education Teacher's Training (4th Tues. ea. Mo.) 7:00 pm	Bible Class at Praying Ground (3rd Wed. ea. Mo.) 7:30 pm			

*Our Mission is to provide an atmosphere where God is glorified, members are edified, and our community is ministered to, spiritually and educationally, and enriched through the experience of abundant life.*

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## Calendar of Events

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### Sunday Through Saturday

Did you miss Sunday's Service? You can now listen to Pastor Avery on [www.Live365.com](http://www.Live365.com) from 7:00 to 8:00 am every day!

### Saturday, December 2:

Christmas Fellowship Choir will sing at the Annual Christmas Fellowship at London Grove Friends Meeting Hall at 6 pm.

### Sunday, December 3:



The Hospitality Ministry invites all members, friends, and family to join us during our **Christmas Fellowship** at the Hilton Garden Inn, Kennett Square. We planned a wonderful evening and would like to share the celebration of Christ's birth with you. Fellowship Hour begins at 4:00pm, Dinner at 5:00pm. A delicious holiday dinner buffet will be served. View web arti-

cle [GWMinistries.net/events](http://GWMinistries.net/events)

### Wednesday, December 6:

The Women of Wisdom of Greater Works Ministry invite the ladies to join our Christmas Celebration at 7:00pm at Greater Works Ministry. A light dinner will be served. For more information call 610-444-5581.

### Sunday, December 9:

Christmas Fellowship Choir will sing at Boscov's in the Concord Mall, Wilmington, DE at 1:00 pm.

### Sunday, December 10:

Bishop Marvin Reeves and Christ Community Worship Center will celebrate evening services at 4:00pm at Greater Works Ministries!

### Monday, December 11:

Kennett Community Choir practice for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. 7:00pm at the Kennett Presbyterian Church on Broad Street. Please call Joan Holliday

at 610-344-5550 with questions.

### Sunday, December 24:

Christmas Eve Celebration: services will be held at 10:00am.

### Sunday, December 31:

Annual New Year's Eve Celebration will be held with Services at 10:00am.

### Sunday, January 14:

Kennett Community Choir practice at the Red Clay Room at 7:00 pm for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast.

### Monday, January 15:

Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast at the Red Clay Room from 8:00am to 10:00am. The Kennett Community Choir will perform under the direction of Kennett Square Mayor Leon Spencer.

*If you an event you would like on the calendar, please submit to Sister Tinnin at [newsletter@GWMinistries.net](mailto:newsletter@GWMinistries.net)*

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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### December Birthdays...

Dec .10:  
Helene Reeves

Dec. 11:  
Kimi Reeves

Dec. 13:  
Joanne Bowman

Dec 29:  
Lady Cheryl Avery

### December Anniversaries...

Dec: 25:  
Jesus Christ's Birth

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