Greater Works Ministries Newsletter

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## **Reflections from Pastor Mark Avery**

### <u>"He is not here</u>

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matt. 28:5-6

The news media recently broke a story concerning a notable Hollywood director who had made a claim concerning a finding of the remains of Jesus Christ. For many this story became the hot topic of discussion around water coolers, barbershops, and other notable social venues. These discussions ranged from intellectual investigation surrounding this finding to boisterous banter that would ultimately lead to pointless arguments that could not really be substantiated by facts, but rather by sensationalism.

There were some who took great delight in this story. Not for any spiritual emphasis I must say, but rather for the sole purpose of attempting to discredit the holy writ we commonly refer to as the Bible. These discussions centered primarily on the possibility that those who pledge their allegiance to the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, are complete idiots and utter fools for allocating their faith in one who died for their deliverance.

As one who aims to avoid such pointless and meaningless discussions, I find that they are not only wasteful, but tend to get the blood flowing in regions that stimulate anger and wrath. I say such based on Paul's advice to his protégé Timothy where he tells him to "Avoid foolish and unlearned questions which do gender strife." The discussion is meaningless to me in lieu of the fact that the Savior of the world, mankind's answer to his ills, and the Redeemer of our souls cannot be found in a cave or in a grave. The

aforementioned scripture gives us complete evidence that He, nor his remains, can be unearthed by men. Whatever this famed director may have uncovered, I assure you he has not uncovered the body of Jesus Christ. Another factor that must be taken into consideration is that we, those who love, obey and serve Christ, are as the word of God puts it, the Body of Christ. When Christ died and rose again triumphantly, millions of believers did so along with him. To the dismay of this director, I must report that the Savior who was hung, bled, died, rose triumphantly, ascended on high, and sent back the Comforter, is alive and doing well in the hearts and souls of a millions around the globe. I hate to burst your bubble, "He is not here!"

"He lives, he lives Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me and talks with me, Along life's narrow ways. He live, he lives Salvation to impart, You ask me how, I know he lives He lives, within my heart."

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### Words from First Lady Cheryl Avery

**Sister Avery will return in our next edition** The following article was contributed by Sis Leslie Tinnin - Editor

Ah, Easter. For some of us the first thing that comes to mind is spring time - a warm sun and cool breeze. We go back to our child hood memories of yellow marsh mellow bunnies, jelly beans, coloring boiled eggs and sitting out our baskets for that infamous bunny to arrive. And oh, those new outfits with those black patent leather shoes that Mom told you shine with Vaseline. Remember? Those were the days. Or were they? Now that you're all grown up do you truly give any ponderance as to what Easter other wise known as Resurrection Day is all about?

For me this is such a precious time of year: the most significant time of year. Think about it. Christians everywhere are celebrating the dying and the resurrection of our King, Jesus Christ. God the Father sent His only son to save us. God in the flesh. He road into a small town knowing what the out come would be, yet he did not hesitate. When all was said and done he was convicted for speaking the truth and for trying to convey that truth to man as His Father bade him to do. He was ridiculed, severely

beaten, tortured really when one learns about the instrument that was used. He was crucified with criminals. Even in such a state He radiated Grace and love. Dying He asks the Father to forgive us for not knowing what foolish thing we were allowing. It's overwhelming when you think about the sacrificial love that allowed Jesus to give his life in order that we have eternal life with the Father God almighty. About this I cry, I cry tears of joy and gratefulness in my own unworthiness. Yes this is my favorite time of the year. I celebrate knowing my redeemer lives in me. Let this season be a reminder that we can rejoice that He lives in each and every one of us. Alleluia!

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Thank you to all who supported our Shepherd's Care Ministry by patronizing our Fish Dinner in an effort to raise money for our Pastors 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

I know this activity is anticipated each year and in the three years that I have directed it, we have been blessed with success. I wish to thank <u>ALL</u> who participated in any capacity to make this a triumph. A special thanks to our cooks for without your labor of love this endeavor wouldn't exist. May God continue to bless and keep you.

Director of Shepherd's Care Ministry Marlene E. Tinnin

### Apologies and Changes

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From our February issue, Young Sister Kaileigh Tinnin's song, that she wrote and performed was incorrectly titled. The correct name is "Holy is God". See page 8 for Sister Kaileigh's baptism.

Belated Happy Birthday Deacon Ervin Warren March 22

Step Back and Make Room for Ministry Leaders:

Take a step back, and determine what tasks you are fulfilling that could be accomplished by someone else. This would help you manage your time more effectively.

Stepping back will make room for others to participate in areas of ministry, and gain experience. This will give you time to concentrate on the effectiveness of the ministry that you are leading. Sometimes you have to weed out things which divert your focus from your purpose, and concentrate on things which would direct you toward the vision God has given you for your ministry. Prioritizing projects, and taking on only those which will yield the most rewards will be the most valuable in the long run.

Delegating the management of projects and some of the details which can be carried out by others is also a major priority. Plan to spend more time planning, and targeting the important points, communicating to the team, and delegating so that the team is carrying out the details without your hands on attention. These simple steps should bring about positive changes, and assist you in becoming more productive and effective.

Alicia Hicks Chief Ministry Director

For Your Health - Did You Know???

**Beans for the Brain** 

Now, another reason to eat your spinach--- and black beans and broccoli and whole grains.

These foods are rich in folic acid, which

my boost your brain power.

Folic acid, one of the B vitamins is found in green leafy vegetables, citrus fruit, beans, and fortified breads and cereals.

Now you know! Knowledge is power!

Submitted by Sister Margaret Hicks **Nursing Ministry** 



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## For Your Health - Bananas for Your Health

Submitted by Pastor Mark Avery.



This is interesting. After reading this, you'll never look at a banana in the same way again.

Bananas contain three natural sugars - sucrose, fructose and glucose combined with fiber. A banana gives an instant, sustained and substantial boost of energy.

**Research has proven that just two bananas** provide enough energy for a strenuous 90-minute workout. No wonder the banana is the number one fruit with the world's leading athletes.

But energy isn't the only way a banana can help us keep fit.

It can also help overcome or prevent a substantial number of illnesses and conditions, making it a must to add to our daily diet.

Depression: According to a recent survey undertaken by MIND amongst people suffering from depression, many felt much better after eating a banana. This is because bananas contain tryptophan, a type of protein that the body converts into serotonin, known to make you relax, improve your mood and generally make you feel happier.

PMS: Forget the pills - eat a banana. The vitamin B6 it contains regulates blood glucose levels, which can affect your mood.

Anemia: High in iron, bananas can stimulate the production of hemoglobin in the blood and so helps in cases of anemia.



Blood Pressure: This unique tropical fruit is extremely high in potassium yet low in salt, making it perfect to beat blood pressure. So much so, the US Food and Drug Administration has just allowed the banana industry to make official claims for the fruit's ability to reduce the risk of blood pressure and stroke.

> Brain Power: 200 students at a Twickenham (Middlesex) school were helped through their exams this year by eating bananas at breakfast, break, and lunch in a bid to boost their brain power. Research has shown that the potassium-packed fruit can assist learning by making pupils more alert.

*Constipation:* High in fiber, including bananas in the diet can help restore normal bowel action, helping to overcome the problem without resorting to laxatives.

Hangovers: One of the quickest ways of curing a hangover is to make a banana milkshake, sweetened with honey. The banana calms the stomach and, with the help of the honey, builds up depleted blood sugar levels, while the milk soothes and re-hydrates your system.

*Heartburn:* Bananas have a natural antacid effect in the body, so if you suffer from heartburn, try eating a banana for soothing relief.

Morning Sickness: Snacking on bananas between meals helps to keep blood sugar levels up and avoid morning sickness.

*Mosquito bites:* Before reaching for the insect bite cream, try rubbing the affected area with the inside of a banana skin. Many people find it amazingly successful at reducing swelling and irritation.

*Nerves:* Bananas are high in B vitamins that help calm the nervous system.

**Overweight** and at work? Studies at the Institute of Psychology in Austria found pressure at work leads to gorging on comfort food like chocolate and crisps. Looking at 5,000 hospital patients, researchers found the most obese were more likely to be in high-pressure jobs.



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**Ulcers:** The banana is used as the dietary food against intestinal disorders because of its soft texture and smoothness. It is the only raw fruit that can be eaten without distress in over-chronicler cases. It also neutralizes over-acidity and reduces irritation by coating the lining of the stomach.

**Temperature control:** Many other cultures see bananas as a "cooling" fruit that can lower both the physical and emotional temperature of expectant mothers. In Thailand, for example, pregnant women eat bananas to ensure their baby is born with a cool temperature.

*Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD):* Bananas can help SAD sufferers because they contain the natural mood *enhancer tryptophan.* 

Smoking & Tobacco Use: Bananas can also help people trying to give up

smoking. The B6, B12 they contain, as well as the potassium and magnesium found in them, help the body recover from the effects of nicotine withdrawal.

*Stress:* Potassium is a vital mineral, which helps normalize the heartbeat, sends oxygen to the brain and regulates your body's water balance When we are stressed, our metabolic rate rises, thereby reducing our potassium levels. These can be rebalanced with the help of a high-potassium banana snack.

*Strokes:* According to research in The New England Journal of Medicine, eating bananas as part of a regular diet can cut the risk of death by strokes by as much as 40%!

*Warts:* Those keen on natural alternatives swear that if you want to kill off a wart, take a piece of banana skin and place it on the wart, with the yellow side out. Carefully hold the skin in place with a plaster or surgical tape!

So, a banana really is a natural remedy for many ills. When you compare it to an apple, it has four times the protein, twice the carbohydrate, three times the phosphorus, five times the vitamin A and iron, and twice the other vitamins and minerals. It is also rich in potassium and is one of the best value foods around. So maybe its time to change that well-known phrase so that we say, "A banana a day keeps the doctor away!"



### Sad News From the Kitchen

Please join me in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community. The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71.



Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch. The grave site was piled high with flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded. Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked

schemes. Despite being a little flaky at times he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

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Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, two children, John Dough and Jane Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart. The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.



**REST IN PEACE** 

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## **Fighting Fraud and Identity Theft**

Submitted by Sister Leslie Tinnin

### **Fighting Fraud**

A skilled thief can quickly assume your identity to conduct numerous crimes such as:

- Opening accounts and writing bad checks.
- Obtaining loans or new credit accounts and not paying bills.
- Getting cash advances.
- Establishing utility service and running up bills.
- Changing your credit card mailing address and charging on your existing accounts.
- Renting an apartment, then avoiding the rent payments.

## 20 Smart Ways to Prevent An Identity Crisis

Do ...

- 1. Shred all personnel and financial information before you throw it away.
- 2. Keep personal and financial records in a secure place.
- 3. Call the post office if you are not receiving your mail.
- 4. Be aware of others nearby when entering your Personal Identification Number (PIN) at the ATM.
- 5. Limit the number of credit cards and other personal information in your wallet or purse.
- 6. Report lost or stolen credit cards immediately.
- 7. Cancel all inactive credit accounts.
- 8. If you have applied for accredit card and have not received it in a timely manner, immediately notify the financial institution involved.
- 9. Closely monitor expiration dates on existing credit cards. Contact the credit union if a replacement card is not received prior to a cards expiration date.
- 10. Sign all new credit cards upon receipt.
- 11. Review your credit reports annually.
- 12. Use unique passwords on your credit card accounts and phone cards. (Avoid using the standard mothers maiden name, birth date etc.).
- 13. Check monthly statements for unauthorized charges.
- 14. 14 If your social security number is being used for identification purposes (e.g. health insurance ,doctors office ) request another method of identification.
- 15. Don't volunteer any personal information when you use a credit card.
- 16. Don't give your social security number, credit card number, or any other number over the phone unless you have initiated the call and know the business is reputable.
- 17. Don't leave receipts ATM's, merchants or gas pumps.
- 18. Don't leave envelopes with payments by credit card or checks in your mailbox fro postal pick up.
- 19. Don't store your social security number and or your passwords in your wallet or purse.
- 20. Don't disclose account numbers, credit card account numbers, and other personal financial data on any Web site or online service location, unless you receive a secured authentication key from your provider.

By taking some simple precautions you can safe guard your information and minimize the risk of identity theft. For additional details see these Web Sites.

Call for Action <u>www.callforaction.org</u> Federal Trade Commission <u>www.consumer.gov/idtheft</u> Social Security Administration <u>www.ssa.gov</u> Credit Bureau Contacts Equifax 800-525-6285---Fraud Hotline Experian 888-397-3742---Fraud Hotline





## For Your Health - Prostate Cancer

### Submitted by Sister Margaret Hicks



### What is Prostate Cancer?

Prostate cancer most commonly occurs in men over 50 years old. Signs of prostate cancer include difficulty with urination, pain, mild impotence and blood in the urine. During the early stages of prostate cancer, however, there are usually no warning signs or symptoms. Fortunately, a physician can easily diagnose prostate cancer during its early stages with a routine prostate check up. This check up consists of a rectal exam and a prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test. The prostate is a gland the size of a walnut that is found within the male reproductive system. The role of the prostate gland is to make and store seminal fluid. Prostate cancer is a form of cancer involving a growth that originates in the prostate region. It can begin as tumor cells in the prostate area and spread to the other parts of the body, including the bones and lymph nodes. If allowed to spread to this level, prostate cancer is fatal.

Prostate cancer begins when prostate glands cells change into cancer cells. The small

amount of cancer cells found in the prostate begin to multiply and eventually spread. These cells spread to prostate tissue, where a tumor is formed.

There are many factors contributing to prostate cancer. Age is one factor, as is genetics. If one family member has or had prostate cancer, it is likely another male relative will also develop it.

A mans diet is another potential risk factor for prostate cancer. Lack of <u>vitamin E</u>, in particular, appears to increase the risk of prostate cancer. Vitamin E is usually found in green vegetables, <u>tomatoes</u>, and some seafood. Low blood levels of <u>Vitamin D</u> may also lead to high prostate cancer risk.

On the other hand, regular intake of <u>aspirin</u>, ibuprofen, and other anti –inflammatory medications can decrease the risk of prostates cancer. Drugs aimed at lowering <u>cholesterol</u> levels have also shown promise in their ability to lower prostrate cancer risk.



## PennDOT Expands 'Smooth Operator' Statewide

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HARRISBURG - Penn-DOT is cracking down on the No. 1 cause of highway fatalities by announcing today that its Smooth Operator program is

expanding statewide.

"Aggressive driving has become the leading factor in fatal accidents on our roadways," said PennDOT Secretary Allen D. Biehler, P.E. "Smooth Operator" gives us an opportunity to focus on those behaviors and improve highway safety."

PennDOT is investing \$2 million into "Smooth Operator" enforcement efforts, which will include 15 Pennsylvania State Police troops and 175 local police departments. Police will conduct five weeks of aggressive driving enforcement that will run from March 25-31, July 1-7, August 5-11 and September 2-15. Police will be targeting aggressive driving behaviors including speeding, tailgating, running red lights or stop signs and unsafe lane changes.

PennDOT's funding will pay for police training and overtime, and equipment such as wireless infrared speed detectors. In addition, state and local police departments cooperate during enforcement efforts on local roads. State police can run radar or use aircraft to assist local police departments with stopping aggressive drivers.

According to PennDOT, aggressive

driving played a role in 1,016 of 1,616 fatalities in Pennsylvania in 2005, the most recent year for which data is available.

"When you see aggressive drivers on the highway, give them wide berth," said State Police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller. "Don't respond by engaging in aggressive driving behavior yourself. That only serves to put you, your passengers and everyone else on the road, in greater danger."

Last summer, PennDOT conducted a successful 12-county pilot of "Smooth Operator", which resulted in more than 18,000 citations and arrests.

More information about Smooth Operator is available online at <u>www.smoothoperatorprogram.com</u>.

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### THE SPIRIT IS Alive and BUSY IN GREATER WORKS MINISTRIES

### By Sister Leslie Tinnin

For the past several months the baptism pool has been quite busy at Greater Works. Pastor Avery as our shepherd as spoken to us and let us know there are great things coming to us here and we have certainly seen the beginnings of it. This month the spirit has touched several members and guests at Greater Works and they went under in the name of Jesus! Our own Tacie Himelriaht went under on March 4, as did Linda Blue right after Pastor Avery delivered one of his most awesome messages. Then again on March 18, after Pastor Avery delivered the word, and after alter call, it was as if it had been placed on Pastors heart to again ask if anyone was ready to receive. Lo and behold Brother David Katzmire and 9 year old Sister Kaileigh Tinnin both in the name of Jesus decided to start new life.

Sister Himelright and Brother Katzmire, a husband and wife team, you should know are fundamental members of Greater Works Ministries Multi-Media Ministry. They quietly go about the business of the Lord and you almost wouldn't notice, if it weren't for the fact that Brother David is a 10 foot giant, or so it seems and his wife holds her own next to him. We are very fortunate that they have chosen to use their God given talents to help spread the word here at Greater Works.



Sister Kaileigh Tinnin

Sister Kaileigh, you might remember in January of this year, performed a solo of a song in which she created both the music and lyrics entitled "God Is Holy". In speaking with Kaileigh she states she has thought about it "for a long time... at least three weeks". Her parents and her Aunt Marlene, also a member, know she has been 'thinking' about it a lot longer and felt at any moment she

would be ready. That morning Kaileigh began to cry during praise and worship. She leaned over as her mother put her arm around her and she said, "These are happy tears Mommy." She was guite emotional throughout service that day and her mother watched her closely. She initiated going to altar call and her mother observed she was more serious than usual, praying fervently. Her father led the family in spirited prayer as they held hands while they waited for her preparation. Kaileigh said she decided to step forward this particular Sunday because "I could feel the spirit inside of me. I was just tingly inside and when I cried, it was a lot more happy tears. It was different than other times". The day after she said "I just thought about it all day how exciting it was, and that water was cold but that's o.k." Kaileigh's parents are Dana and Leslie Tinnin (Sister Leslie went under only a few months ago in September 2006, at the 56th GWM Anniversary service). Kaileigh is the youngest of 6 older siblings (32 - 21) in a blended family. She is in the 3rd grade and attends Avon Grove Intermediate School in West Grove, Pennsylvania.



### Don't Believe the Hype Matthew 23:4-13

### By Sister Leslie Tinnin

On March 4th, 2007, Pastor C. Mark

Avery stepped onto the pulpit at Greater Works Ministries with a serious message. It is a message as he stated that most Saints don't really want to think about. In last months issue, we reported when Pastor Sondra Taylor visited us she reminded us that we are living in different times and those of us who are here are called for times such as these. Thus, we all have an assignment. Pastor Avery spoke of the tragedy surrounding the death of Anna Nicole Smith. The news media aave non-stop coverage of a show girl, with an 8th grade

Pastor C. Mark Avery

education, who lived an unsainted life as is obvious by the various men claiming parentage of her infant daughter. This life of drugs and alcohol and partying and cavorting, a life so foreign to most of us, was so important it needed to be on every channel, every day. It seemed more important than the lives of those men and women in Iraq who are dying in a war most Americans don't understand or want, as was so aptly pointed out by Chandler Avery, pastors 14 year old son. Of course, how can one forget Brittany Spear and her shenanigan, her public cry for help by shaving her head bald? But was it a cry for help from

post partum depression, something usually kept very private or a ploy to jump start her career again, once

> "recovered". And the God Father of Soul, James Brown. Is he buried yet? What a mess. Or as Pastor said, "the world is in the toilet but it is the church's responsibility to let the world know". These wars and battles that we see were told to us in the word of the Lord to prepare us for what is to come.

Pastor Avery spoke with sincere frankness. "The last days are coming. How would you carry yourself if you knew you were going leave this earth tomorrow?" And what

about this? Recently in the state of New Jersey it became law that persons of the same sex could have civil unions giving them the rights of heterosexual married couples! Marriage was created by God (Gen 2: 24) His word tells us just how wrong this law of man is (1Cor 6:9-10). The Lord is trying to tell us to get ourselves together. Look at how we care for ourselves in general. Our bodies are our temples. We need to remember to care of them like the living sacrifices they are. We must give God our very best of our bodies; learn to discipline our selvesour minds as well as our mouths. You sit and eat a large bowl of ice cream

knowing you are a diabetic and then wonder why God let your blood glucose increase or serve your self a diet full of fried foods and looked shocked when the doctor tells you, your cholesterol is high. Give God your best model, not the recalled version. Get the focus off the flesh and put the focus on Jesus. We have to be a beacon of light. You can't put your trust in your job, Capitol Hill, and certainly not the economy---Put your trust in Jesus as we are told in Matthew!

As these words are written to the Saints of God, it is important for us to know the God you are singing about. Remember not to get caught up in titles here on earth. There are no titles in the Kingdom. God looks at, not what we do, but the motivation behind what we do. He looks at our hearts. You are not to be seen. "Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing". Out of all the religious denominations in our society, why is Christianity the religion that constantly comes under fire? Distractions. All these things we hear about are distractions. Another recent distraction a documentary on Discovery Channel presented on information by a producer/ writer James Cameron, which implies they have found the remains of Jesus. Arm yourselves. Come on in to our Happy Hour and get drunk on the Spirit of the Lord. You think you've been to a party. Oh you ain't seen nothing 'til you party with the Saints high on Jesus in the House of the Lord. Pastor Avery told us "Stay tuned." There's more to come. But in the mean time, "Don't believe the hype". Believe in Jesus and only Jesus.

Go head Pastor Avery-You go Boy!

### Pastor Avery Wins the DAY

On March 31 Pastor Avery started the DAY classes. The Destiny Awaits You (DAY) classes are for new members of Greater Works Ministries. They will run from March 31 to June 10. Please see the Upcoming Events Calendar for the dates

and topics. All Church Members who have been with Greater Works Ministries for 5 years or less are invited to join. Classes will start at 9:30 am and will run for approximately 1 hour. There will be course outlines available for each class and there

will be no exams.

These intensive classes will instructing new members on how to become on integral part of Greater Works Ministries. If you are interested in attending please see Pastor Avery.



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### You Are Becoming What You Are Right Now

By Sister Marlene E. Tinnin Director of Shepherds Care Ministry

On Sunday March 4th Greater Works

Ministries was blessed with the presence of Bishop William Todd Sr. and his congregation from Christ Haven Church of Darby, PA for our second Pre-Anniversary service to show appreciation for Pastor Avery's 14<sup>th</sup> year as Pastor. The atmosphere was set in songs of praise and worship by two dynamic choirs from Christ Haven Church. The first choir to render a selection was the Brotherhood Choir singing "I'm Going Away" and then the Fellowship Choir sang "Washed My Sins Away". Their voices exploded in song so that it

saturated the house to welcome God's presence and moved all in attendance.

Afterwards Bishop Todd came forth to share the Word of God with us taken from the Book of Acts 20:28-29. His topic was "You Are Becoming What You Are Right Now". He spoke of how we have two types of leaders in the church; our primary and our secondary leader, and how we need to look at our purpose, objective and goals. "Nobody can stop you from getting as close to God as you want to be." 'God never leaves or

you to stay with him but leave you to your own devices. So the proud, arrogant, rebellious, and disobedient go

away empty and feeling like God has left them. But it was the choice we made that can and will predict your future. We should choose to walk with by faith to please God only; showing we trust his Word and what he says will come to pass in His time.

Those who are called by God are on assignment and have a mission to complete it. First we need never loose sight of our

mission. Priorities need to be set. We shouldn't take on any old thing but be focused and serve the Lord with gladness and with all our heart. We should serve Him no matter our roles in our earthly life; preacher, teacher, or student, because we all are servants of the Lord. We all have a right to praise him. Secondly, we need to set these priorities for ourselves so that if you serve Him with humility in your mind and spirit He will have a blessing for you.

There are principles of partnership that

God has set in place for us to follow. He appoints leaders to partner with Him in his vision given for the church. We need to line-up with His vision and our leaders in order to see souls saved and miracles performed. We need Holy Ghost power to operate in ministry so that man's pride doesn't take over. We need partnership which multiplies to give multiplied results. Our integrity is at the heart of being trust worthy. But during this process of building trust, it doesn't happen over night; but day by day built around each one participating and carrying his weight. Some will be there for a reason and some for a season. Don't throw anybody away but school and empower them because somebody had to do the same for us. God can and will use anybody he wants even those thought to be undesirable in man's eyes. He didn't give up on us so who are we to discard others? If we all stay focused on the Big Picture and grow and mature in God, our partnership will succeed. Our Pastor is our feeder, leader. Sometimes God has given him insight to things we don't know or can't see. He is our Shepherd and we are the flock that God has given him. We should be sitting under his teaching, preaching's and looking to him to set a Godly example to follow.

To view more images from Bishop Todd's visit go to GWMinistries.net/events/pastevents

### **Original DO-NOT-CALL Registrations to Expire**

Submitted By Sister Yvonne Wolfe Source: Philadelphia Inquirer, March 1, 2007

Five years ago, Pennsylvanians were able to eliminate the nuisance of annoying telemarketing calls from their lives after the General Assembly established our Do-Not-Call list. Telemarketers were required to remove your name if you registered on this list with the Attorney Generals office.





However, for anyone who signed up in 2002 when it first started, it is about to expire, July 2007, as it is only good for 5 years. The Attorney Generals office is encouraging anyone who signed up immediately after the state law was enacted to re-register well in advance of the deadline, as a large volume is expected as July grows closer. You can get more information at www.nocallsplease.com or call toll free to 1-888-777-3406.



## **Heavenly Father**

### Submitted by Carlton Chilton

Heavenly Father,

We come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance.

We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good" But that is exactly what we have done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it Building self esteem.

We have abused power and called it politics.

We have coveted our neighbor's Possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and Pornography and called it Freedom of speech and expression.

We have ridiculed the time Honored values of our Forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!"

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest.

In 6 short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea.

Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio Program, "The Rest of the Story," and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired.

With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our Nation's and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called "one nation under God."

If possible, please pass this prayer on to your friends. If you don't stand for something, you will FALL for anything."

# To Bloom or Not To Bloom... That is the Question...

Save the Date Saturday 4th, 2007

9 am to 3 pm Brandywine Community Towne Center Rte 202 & Naamans Road - near Target Wilmington, DE

Sponsored by: Greater Works Ministries Pastor C. Mark Avery

Greater Works Ministries Newsletter

### **Inspirational Writings**



Cookies, Brownies, & Hot Dog, Soda & Chip combo \$1.50

\*If you have any items that you would like to donate to the sale Contact Sister Flaine Warren at 610-925-4974

	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	John and Dolly O'Brien Frank Laveer Tinnin Lizzie Baker	Antonia Russell - US Army - Germany V. J. Forrest - Iraq		
life as an excuse for not achieving today,	For these in used of strength and suc	For those seeking permanent employ-		
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: Leona Lickman	ment: Michael Alemu		
•	RMT	Give Thanks For:		
For those looking for answers: LTD	For those in need of permanent housing	For the marriage of:		
For those in search of wisdom and strength: James T. For those in crisis: Mo SMD and Family	and protection: B.K.R.— <b>Prayer Answered</b>	For the birth of:		
	For all new ministries and discernment in	For the Baptism of: Linda Blue		
	ministry: Multi-Media Ministry	Kaileigh Tinnin David Katzmire		
	For Nation and World concerns:	Tacie Himelright		
For those in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing: <u>RVT</u>	Peace in the Middle Ease	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		
	For those giving service through occupa- tion:			
Michelle Sweeney and Family Janaya Hammond	Robert Allen Mahoney - US Air Force - Iraq	initials, or E.G. Friend of Don Jones.		

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## Weekly Church Schedule

as of January 1, 2007

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Sun	Mon	Тие	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sanctuary Prayer 8:30 am			Corporate Fast Day 8:00 am to 2:00 pm			
Leadership Prayer						
(2nd Sun. ea. Mo.) 8:45 am						
Christian Education (Ages 4 and up) 9:00 am						
Christian Education Teacher's Training (3rd Sun. ea. Mo.) 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	DAY Classes (starting Mar 31) See Upcoming Events for dates 9:30 am
Morning		Discipleship Training	Woman of Wisdom			
Celebration		(Ages 4 and up)	(1st Wed. ea. Mo.)			
10:45 am		(1st 3 Tues. ea. Mo.) 7:00—8:00 pm	7:00 pm			
Spanish Ministry		Leadership Training	Spanish Ministry			
Services 2:30 - 5:00 pm		(4th Tues. ea. Mo.) 7:00 pm	Services 7:30 - 9:00 pm			
Evening Service	Spanish Ministry	Totally Radical & Live	Bible Class at			lota-Sigma-lota
2nd & 4th Sun.	Services	(5th Tues. ea. Month	Praying Ground			Men's Fellowship
5:00 pm	7:30 - 9:00 pm	when announced)	(3rd Wed. ea. Mo.)			(4th Sat. ea. Mo.)
(unless noted for special events)	,, , pin	7:00pm-8:30pm	7:30 pm			7:00 pm

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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.



### Sunday Through Saturday

Did you miss Sunday's Service? You can now listen to Pastor Avery on www.Live365.com from 7:00 to 8:00 am every day! Did you miss today and want to hear a service? We have archives on the web at http:// www.gwministries.net/services.grchives.htm#

### Saturday, March 31:

DAY Classes, 9:30 am. New Journey.

### Wednesday, April 4:

Women of Wisdom, 7:00pm. Speaker: Sister Beverly Peterson, Topic: Spring Cleaning, It's time to clean your house.

### Friday, April 6:

powerful time of worship, the ministry of the Word, and the serving of the Lord's Supper!

### Tuesday, April 10:

Seasoned Best Staff Meeting, 6:30 pm

#### Thursday, April 12:

Shepherd's Care Ministry Meeting, 7:00 pm

#### Friday, April 13:

Dist. Elder Brenda Cuthbertson from the Pentecostal Faith Assembly, Elkins Park, PA comes to GWM at 8:00 pm. Please join the Greater Works Family as we honor our Pastor, Elder Carlton Mark Avery.

#### Friday, April 20:

Bishop Shawn Bartley from the True United Church, Philadelphia, PA comes to

#### GWM at 8:00 pm. Please join the Greater Works Family as we honor our Pastor, Elder Carlton Mark DAY Classes, 9:30 am, Greater Works Minis-Avery.

#### Saturday April 21:

DAY Classes, 9:30 am, Christian Basics, Doctrinal Elements.

#### Sunday, April 22:

Suff. Bishop Joseph Scott from the St. James Apostolic Temple, Camden NJ comes to GWM at 5:00 pm. Please join the Greater Works Family as we honor our Pastor, Elder Carlton Mark Avery.

### Saturday, May 5:

WOW - fundraiser from 8 am to 12 noon. It will Good Friday Services: Come and experience a be an indoor yard sale with refreshments for sale as well. See Sister Elaine Warren for details.

#### Saturday, May 12:

DAY Classes, 9:30 am, Christian Basics II, Kingdom Principals.

### Saturday, May 19:

Seasoned Best - An afternoon with "Madea". Lunch will be served. See Sister Margaret Hicks for details.

### Saturday, May 19:

DAY Class, 9:30 am, Major Biblical Themes

#### Friday to Sunday, May 25-27:

"Mighty Wind" Pentecostal Celebration.. See our website or bulletins for more information.

#### Saturday, June 9:

tries History and Overview.

#### Sunday, June 10:

DAY Classes, 9:30 am, Recognition Celebration.

#### Saturday, July 21:

Seasoned Best - Trip to the New Jersey State Aquarium. Departing GWM at 9:00 am, we will ride the Ferry across the Delaware River to the Aquarium, lunch at your own expense, returning to GWM at 4:30 pm. See Sister Margaret Hicks for more information.

#### Saturday, September 15:

Lunch on the Spirit of Philadelphia. See Sister Margaret Hicks for more information.

### Saturday, October 20:

Sight & Sound. 3:45 pm, Dinner immediately following at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, 7:15 pm. See Sister Cheryl Avery for more information.

#### Saturday, November 17:

Health Fair at GWM, more information to follow.

Please see the website for more information and maps for our Fellowship Outreach. If you an event you would like on the calendar, please submit to Sister Tinnin at newsletter@GWMinistries.net

Birthdays April Birthday's... Apr 4: Apr 15: Apr 17: Apr 19: Apr 27: Marlene Tinnin Frank Hammond Joshua Warren **Tacie Himelright Blanche Rice** 

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