Greater Works Ministries Newsletter

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Reflections from Pastor Mark Avery



"Let the Celebration Begin"

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Psalm 100:4

There is a sense of great excitement and enthusiasm in the air. For some it is due in large part to the arrival of the spring season, and for others it is the imminent seasonal shift to the ensuing summer season. Even those in the Fashion Industry are capitalizing during this time by focusing their efforts to clothe us in bright and cheerful colors. The mindset of many is geared toward fun and recreation. The upcoming months provide opportunities for one and all to enjoy the great outdoors. Whether it is a trip to the shore, or an outdoor barbecue, the driving force of this strategic seasonal shift is geared toward enjoyment and celebration.

As believers, we should foster this same attitude with respect to what I consider, a very special time of the year. What holiday are you referring to you may ask? No, I am not referring to a holiday so to speak, but more importantly an experience that will bring in new life, invigorate your spiritual senses and give sound justification for why we celebrate our King the way that we do. Yes, I am referring to Pentecost Sunday, May 27th.

Our ministry has placed great emphasis on this special day by focusing our efforts on creating

awareness as well as an appreciation for this notable day. Just like the saints of old we will celebrate our King in praise, worship and reflect on the greatest gift known to mankind – Salvation. I encourage you to join us on Friday, May 25th through Sunday, May 27th as we prepare to allow the presence of God to move in our midst in a powerful manner. Our theme for this year's celebration is "Mighty Wind", taken from Acts 2:2. We are believing God for a fresh move of his spirit, and welcome all to join us as we commemorate and celebrate the birthday of the New Testament church in an auspicious manner.

This is one party you don't want to miss!

Blessings, Pastor C. Mark Avery

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Scripture of the Month

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting."

Acts 2:1-2

Pastor C. Mark Avery Celebrating 14 Years of Excellence in Pastoring

Words from First Lady Cheryl Avery

Keep On Truckin'

What do you do when obstacles try to block your forward progress?

Who says three strikes means you are out?

When things aren't going your way, who says you should

throw in the towel?

Be determined to move forward no matter what comes your way.

Life can be full of setbacks and disappointments.

Just stay focused and allow God to work. In the meantime, keep on truckin'.



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Calling All

Contestants

Calling All Contestants

The Newsletter needs

a name!

All members are welcomed and

encouraged to participate!

Prizes will be rewarded for

the name chosen and

the second runner up.

More info to follow...



Cyber Study

For those of you who are web savvy and unable to attend our weekly Dis-



cipleship Training session, I have an important announcement for you. You no longer have to miss out on the opportunity to receive instruction. All you need is an active e-mail address and you will receive each updated weekly lesson. If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity, please send an e-mail to <u>REVGWM@aol.com</u> and note in the subject area "Cyber Study."

Girlfriend's Getaway

Submitted by Sister Cheryl Avery

March 16 – 18, 2007 Eagle Rock Resort, Hazelton, PA

On Friday, March 16th a group of 10 ambitious women set out for a Spa Getaway to the Eagle Rock Resort in the beautiful snow covered Blue Mountains in Hazelton, PA. This trip was planned by Sister Alicia Hicks. Those who joined Alicia for the trip were: Cassandra Hamilton, Wendi Box, Shirley Davis, Pat Tynes, Tonya Tynes Price, Lisa Butler, Sharon Williams, a friend of Sharon's and Cheryl Avery.

Our trip started out just like a scene from one of Chevy Chase's National Lampoon Vacations. We all had been looking forward to this weekend for quite some time. The plan was to make the 3 hour drive to the cabin, have a nice quiet dinner at one of the local restaurants and relax for the rest of the evening.....boy were we WRONG!

Before we departed Greater Works Ministries each vehicle had prayer and asked God for his divine protection as we traveled over the highway. With our vehicles loaded with food, clothes and air mattresses, we began our journey at 3:00 pm. The weather wasn't favorable. We were in the middle of an ice/snow storm and it wasn't supposed to clear up until the next day. Some what prophetic, Deacon Box stated that it would take us **8** hours to get there. We were determined to get there, no matter what.

The roads were treacherous. Before we reached Avondale, we saw a car spin out in



front of us. Thank God, none of us were driving very fast. We were all able to stop in time to avoid a collision. We arrived in Octorara and ran into a detour. We were re-routed and finally got back on track.

At speeds no higher than 25-30 miles per hour, two hours later we stopped again. We were only in Gap at Route 30. This time Alicia's windshield wipers on her brand new car had stopped working. There was NO way we could continue our trek to the mountains in that weather without working windshield wipers. We drove to the nearest Chevrolet dealer to see if they could help us. They pulled her truck into their garage to look at it. They determined that the windshield wiper motor had died and they didn't have one in their parts department. What they did have, was a motor in another vehicle on their showroom floor. They replaced the motor at no charge and we started on our way once again. Approximate time: 5:45 pm and we had a long way to go.

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Why Should Leaders Strive for Excellence?

Submitted by Sister Alicia Hicks **Director of Ministries**

If 99.9% is Good Enough, Then.....



12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents daily.

114,500 mismatched pairs of shoes will be shipped/year.

18,322 pieces of mail will be mishandled/hour.

2,000,000 documents will be lost by the IRS this year.

2.5 million books will be shipped with the wrong covers.

Two planes landing at Chicago's O'Hare airport will be unsafe every day.

315 entries in Webster's dictionary will be misspelled.

20,000 incorrect drug prescriptions will be written this year.

880,000 credit cards in circulation will turn out to have incorrect cardholder information on their magnetic strips.

> 103,260 income tax returns will be processed incorrectly during the year.

5.5 million cases of soft drinks produced will be flat.

291 pacemaker operations will be performed incorrectly.

3,056 copies of tomorrow's Wall Street Journal will be missing one of the three sections.



No Membership Required

Submitted by Sister Alicia Hicks Director of Hospitality Ministry

There is no membership required to be part of the Hospitality Ministry! Everyone is empowered to show love and hospitality to everyone who comes through our doors. Feel free to smile and be kind. Giving our quests a warm welcome will cause them to want to return.

Follow these simple steps in giving guests a friendly welcome.



Greet & Introduce Yourself

1. Smile. Smile. Smile.

2. Greet them with a good handshake. (A handshake is a good start. Visitors may not be ready for the Bear Hug.) ☺

3. Introduce yourself and repeat their name.

4. Take the time to introduce them to other members standing nearby when possible.

Remember, first impressions do count. Guests want to feel welcome, but do not want to be put in the spotlight. They want to observe our Church, and be provided with an easy opening if they choose to come again. They don't want to be pressured. Every person who comes to church has a common need for



acceptance. To a guest warmth, genuine friendliness, and

caring are among the most important qualities of a church. Guests seem to know immediately if they are in a place of welcome and acceptance.

No matter how great the music or how inspiring the message, what happens upon arrival and departure make a lasting impression. When people return

home the impressions and opinions they have formed about the Church have been significantly shaped by the kind of hospitality that was provided.

You can make the difference by showing genuine warm hospitality!!









Sacrifices of a Committed Minister

By Sister Marlene E. Tinnin

We had the pleasure of having Pastor

William Dickinson, of Fellowship Hope Church in Middletown Delaware be our MC for the evening of Friday, April 13th. He is one of our own from quite a few years ago when we were still Christ Temple Church. Pastor Dickinson commented on how it was like "old home week" to him and for him to get to see everybody especially those who were a big influence to him. He was glad to come back to help



Pastor William Dickinson and Elder Richard McKim

us celebrate our fine Pastor's anniversary.

Pastor Dickinson introduced our guest speaker of the evening, District Elder Brenda Cuthbertson and some of the members of Pentecostal Faith Assembly of Philadelphia PA. Her choir came to us in song with "Oh Clap Your Hands" stirring the atmosphere with praises. Before that we were blessed in song by Sister Leslie Tinnin called "The Broken Road" which ministered to our hearts because, I believe, we have all been down that road in some way, shape or form at some point in our lives. We are truly blessed to have Sister Tinnin become a member of our Church and bless us with her writing skills and especially her singing talents.

Elder Cuthbertson delivered her message, based on 1 Corinthians 9:22 which says "To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak; I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." This speaks of how Paul went to Corinth to preach the Gospel to all kinds of people using principles that were important and remain valid today. Ministers must be disciplined and committed to deal with the church and the variety

> of issues that accompany people today. Like Paul, ministers must be in it for the long haul. A good minister goes to war for you. You know you have good leadership in a minister when members don't come to Bible study and Church services as they should and the Pastor keeps right on preaching the Gospel anyway. He will preach it even when he knows there is no desire for it to be heard, but in his heart he

knows it will help members. A Good Shepherd will preach In and Out of season, no matter how much disobedience or lack of commitment is coming from his sheep. True

ministry feeds pain, is a father figure, encourages and does whatever it takes to make God's family complete while continuing to win souls for the Kingdom. People will have what they want, do what they want, even when it makes no sense.

When you give from your heart it doesn't always matter what or how much you give, but that you know and understand that

God will give you your reward. Elder Cuthbertson commented on how "it can really tear you down mentally and physically but do you do it anyway for Christ to save mankind." Ministers have to sacrifice their time and their families but they do it

because they are dedicated to the work of the Lord and because they know Jesus did this for us. He's been all things to all people from the beginning of time.

Some people thrive on the Word preached and teachings, giving them life instructions even at times when they don't want to hear the truth. And we know at some time or another you need to call on your Pastor for help whether you are right or wrong. He prays for you, lays hands on you, encourages and intercedes on your behalf. Otherwise, we could be lost in this sinful world in which we live. Sometimes it takes more than us going to God in prayer ourselves. We need higher Spiritual help to reach God at a level where we aren't able to or can't go on our own, especially if you have no Relationship! God works on me, you and him and we all work together for a common goal to save souls for His Kingdom. We just have to learn to stand firm



Elder Fred Cuthbertson and District Elder Brenda Cutherbertson on God's Word and we can plant those seeds, somebody else waters, and let God give the increase.

Pastor Avery commented that "It's lonely at the top," but as long as he knows he has good intercessor's praying for him, he can make it. It's worth all the effort ,blood, sweat and tears he goes through knowing his goal, as it should be for all of us, to hear "Well done thy good

and faithful servant." He thanked Elder Cuthbertson for coming and delivering such an encouraging and uplifting message which, was so timely in these last evil days.

Thanks Be to God.



Did You Know?

At three minutes and four seconds after 2 AM on the 6th of May this year, the time and date was: 02:03:04 05/06/07 Just thought you would want to know that.

When The Mantle Falls, Pick It Up

Submitted by Sister Marlene E. Tinnin

Friday April 13th at Greater Works Ministries

we were ministered to by our dynamic speaker Bishop Shawn Bartley of True United Church of Philadelphia, Pa. and his congregation. Pastor Martin Palmer of Highway Tabernacle Ministries in Kennett Square PA, blessed the congregation with song. Bishop Bartley's choir then ministered in song, singing "Lord I Lift Your Name On High." Following that the dance ministry danced to "God Kept Me." What an awesome dance ministry and a powerful

Pastor Martin Palmer

delivery of that song they displayed, anointing over flowing.

Bishop Bartley began first by giving a Word to Pastor Avery that God works in seasons and that seven is God's perfect number. Pastor has 14 years of service, which is two seasons of completion. Bishop Bartley told Pastor Avery that God will do his work through the Holy Spirit in his next season. He said "Get ready, get ready, get ready and stir it up."

He proceeded to talk about the process of Impartation. He told us the anointing we have now isn't all we will possess. We need folk in our lives to see what we don't see. The Kingdom is a voice activated system that releases things when you speak them out of your mouth. We need to guard our mouths and what we speak. Impartation means to pass on something from one to another from us. This gift needs to be received by somebody or it's not a gift. We have gifts locked up in us. The anointing comes

other reactions that they might not have expected. We have many teachers, but we need to be fed at church. What

when we are minding our business. Church folk

you feed will follow you. We need someone to pour into our lives the anointing that they have to pass on and that person needs to know the process of release.

Bishop Bartley continued to speak on Blind Faith: where He leads you'll follow. The Bishop talked about the place of "Bethel," which means the House of God where all things start.

In this place God will break your will so He can use you. He'll place you among people and then remove you from them. This allows you to recognize the purpose of the anointing in your life, but you must stay connected to the Holy Spirit. Then he talked of being in "Jericho" which releases a fragrance

so you can go and discover yourself. Then you have "Jordan" which is the River of Death that place where we all must go. Here you will be separated from the present and taken to the place God is trying to take you. Some things will have to die in your flesh and in your will before you can go on to the next level. It can cost you everything to get into God's Will. People who knew you in your BC, now won't recognize you in your AC life.

what is necessary to get to the next level.

People can't get caught up in titles and follow from afar, not knowing God's Will for themselves. When God moves corporately, we need to make our requests know, while the waters are troubled and not when we leave and go home. Timing is everything. We need to know when to jump into the stirred waters and when to get out of them. Sometimes people aren't clear on their needs. We need to have a talk with Jesus and tell him all about them even though he knows before we make our request to him. Trouble is always around.

What's in an anointed person can be transferred to you because it's a directional pull. The church won't be able to hold you back from going to another level. You'll see the change without having to be told. Like the song says "Zion is calling me to another place of praise." Bishop Barley said, "It's hard to know how to pastor people who want to double or nothing



Bishop Shawn Bartley and Pastor Mark Avery

mantle.

Jordan is just one side that allows you to do

their ministry." But it's got to be transferred from him down. Saints need to have gotten Revelation and have relationship with God to be able to see what God has for them and where the pastor is taking them. Then saints are obligated to go on further from where the pastor left off. Greater Works shall you do in our Father's name." When you see the anointing you must step into it and pick up the

And The Two Became One... Two Cultures Unite!

Submitted by Sister Leslie L. Tinnin

On April 6, 2007, Tabernaculo de Restauracion Rio de Albanza joined together with Greater Works Ministries for Good Friday worship.

Tabernaculo Restauracion is a Hispanic congregation that primarily speaks Spanish. They have been sharing the Greater Works Ministry sanctuary with us since January of this year. As Pastor Avery has reminded GWM congregates; the space is not ours but belongs to The Master. To say the least, the service was phenomenal!

After Pastor C. Mark Avery greeted the members of both

congregations, that was "all she wrote." The Tabernaculo Restauracion Praise and Worship team consisted of Carmen Laureano, Madilyn Estades and Milly Merced. Milly also served as the interpreter/translator through out the ser-

> vice. They started with, "Ven, Eshora de Adorarle" ("Come, Now is the Time to Worship"), and moved on to "Canta al Senor" (Shout to the Lord). While the Praise team blessed us by singing in their native Spanish, the member of GWM who were familiar with the songs sang along in English. Greater Works Praise and Worship team also sang praises with "More Than Enough" and "I Love You

Lord." The music could not have had a more spirited delivery, nor could it have been more fitting for such a gathering of the saints. The Dance team of Tabernaculo Restauracion, "Dayenu", (God is More Than Enough) is a group of dedicated young people who dress in colorful attire. They performed their interpretation of "We Worship You."

Apostle Gilberto Fuentes came to the altar to and began to deliver the message he had been given for this special worship service. He stated he was honored to be able to be among us in a bi-lingual service. He told the story of how it came to be that he and his congregation have come to share the space in Greater Works. It began with a prayer at his kitchen table asking

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The Ministry of Pastoring

Submitted by Sister Leslie Tinnin

Finally the greatly anticipated day came



for Pastor Avery's 14th Anniversary Service at Greater Works Ministries Sunday April 22nd. We were truly glad to have the renowned Suffragan Bishop Joseph Scott and his congregation from St. James Apostolic Church of Camden, NJ. Bishop Scott has known Pastor Avery since he was a child traveling with him. Little did Bishop Scott realize his anointing was being imparted on Mark Avery for later years. Bishop Scott

had Deacon McGillian begin the service with a solo "I Won't Complain" which also happens to be a favorite of our own Assistant Pastor Elder Richard McKim. Then his organist Reverend Steve Jesse played and led in song and oldie "Jesus Is Mine" which stirred everybody up in the sanctuary singing and praising God. Bishop was doing his Holy dance in the pulpit and had to come down to the floor. He is a spirit fired man of God and extremely quick on his feet. People that know him said, "He has always been like that and doesn't seem to have slowed down with age either." We had another selection from Sister Rita called "The Lord Is Excellent" and lastly we were

blessed in song by Sister Vanessa with "None Like You." All the musicians got a chance to star individually as well. An awesome, awesome display of vocal and music talents was enjoyed by all that night. The temperature was up, and was elevated even more by this "Holy Ghost" party, where God's Spirit was alive and well and nobody seemed to mind.

After the atmosphere calmed, Bishop Scott began his sermon from II Corinthians 4, addressing the assignment of pastoring. Pastoring entails changing people's minds and bringing them out of darkness into the light of the knowledge of the glory for God through Jesus Christ. He preached that a church is just a church and here on earth it needs help. The pews don't care about you when you fall, but the pulpit puts you back together. Life is brought back to the people, but it kills the minister. The second ultimate sacrifice of pastoring is one must have the heart of God, because it's a heart thing. God puts people in minister's hearts for many different reasons. Ministers didn't ask for the Ministry of Death, but it is put upon them and they see things different than we do. We have Judas in the church that collect information and relay it to the pastor. But we must remember we all have some kind of baggage. While we are dying of fleshly stuff there is also resurrection taking place. You have to die (old man) while you are living (new man) daily. Pastors also have to die of self. The parts we kill are life for

Pastors and the Lord resurrects them with one resurrection. The church is God's crown for him so don't let any man take your crown. Bishop stated "Sometimes you might want to leap out of the service into the presence of Jesus as a Pastor." He ended with saying "If the house makes him naked he has another house on high for there is power in resurrection."

What an awesome way to end the services to honor our Pastor, Carlton Mark Avery by helping him celebrate 14 years of ministry at Greater Works Ministries. He is truly a man after God's own heart. He's committed and obedient to God's work doing His will here on earth and striving for excellence. He is a scholar of 'The Word' and a great teacher and

preacher. May God continue to shower His blessings upon Pastor Avery.

"Hang in there for the best is yet to come be-



Suff. Bishop Joseph Scott and Deacon Clarence Stevens

cause you are blessed and highly favored of God. Keep on keeping on so one day you can hear those words "Well Done Thy Good and Faithful Servant." "Defeat Is Not An Option." We love you.

And The Two Became One... Two Cultures Unite!, continued

the Creator to help him find a home for him to

lift up the Word. A knock on a door and six months later it was done. He asked us to remember to give special thanks and praise to people who help in ministry. Apostle Fuentes began by giving us John 19:30. He then progressed to Genesis 22:4-8, and 13, promising to tie the passages together. He spoke of the creation of Adam and Eve and how they caused the need for redemption and forgiveness by their disobedience of eating the forbidden fruit. In Genesis, Abraham, as instructed by God, takes his son to be given as a burnt offering. He prophesies that God will provide the Lamb. God intercedes and stops Abraham



Milly Merced and Apostle Gilberto Fuentes

from killing his own son. A ram appears in the

brush. In John 1:29-30, it is when Jesus came, which was prophetically mentioned by Abraham, that an innocent was sent forth to die in order to bring about salvation-"Behold, this is the Lamb of God". The passion with which Apostle Fuentes spoke could be felt through out the sanctuary. There was no doubt by anyone present that, as he spoke, he was as an instrument for the Lord.

"It is wonderful to read the Word, but even more glorious to receive revelation from it," Apostle Fuentes shared. "Jesus paid our debt." He used the analogy of our water bills.

"Water is free. Water is free. We pay for the cost to have it treated and funneled to our homes. This creates a debt we have to pay. Water is free, but have you paid your bill?" Upon finishing the delivery of his message, Apostle Fuentes prayed over Pastor and Lady Avery. A prophetic and moving prayer foretelling of the great works, growth, and development that are on the horizon for Pastor Avery, Lady Avery and Greater Works Ministries. There will be greater works at Greater Works. The service ended shortly after the two congregations received Holy Communion singing "Alleluia!" Both groups felt a powerful spirit as we worshiped together for the first time. A special "Thank You" to Sister Milly Merced whose translating skills in both Spanish and English helped to make this such a memorable event. Both congregations are planning to join together again in the near future. Thanks be to God. He is alive!

Mother's Day - Do Celebrate!

Submitted By Leslie Tinnin

The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to spring celebrations of ancient Greece. In the 1600's, England celebrated "Mothering Sunday," honoring the mothers of England. As Christianity spread throughout Europe the celebration changed to include honoring the "Mother Church" the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. In the United States in 1872, Julia Ward Howe, who wrote "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," first suggested an annual Mother's Day celebration dedicated to peace. Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia, PA, was inspired by her mother's wishes for a day to be set aside for Mothers. After her mother's death in 1905, Anna began to work, diligently lobbying for the day. She succeeded when, in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

This year in the U.S. and many other countries around the world, Mother's Day is being celebrated on May 13th. Mother; Mother is a very special word. To different people it conjures up dif-

ferent meanings, images and, emotions. In looking it up there were 15 various definitions. As a young teenager, I had several women in my life who I called "Mom," besides my own mother whom I idolized and adored. These were mothers of close friends and they were my mom when I was away from home. Calling them "Mom" allowed me to feel accepted, cared for, and even special. Not every friend got that privilege and it was a privilege. I was one of their children when I was in their homes and they treated me no differently than their own. If they gave me instructions, I was sometimes more fearful than their own children of the repercussions from not carrying them out. Oh no, these women didn't play. I admired and respected each one of these women. Each "Mom" so different from the other, each having something different to teach me and I loved them all.

As for my own mother, this will be only the third year I will not look for her Mother's day card, wondering what to get the woman who "has everything."

But what I will do is reminisce. I will think about her smile and the gentle-

ness of her hands. I cringe and laugh as I recollect her times I required "discipline." Flora didn't play. Getting your own switch from the hedges outside was just one of her techniques. (Come on now, your Mom did it too if you're honest and of my generation.) will think about all the things she taught me and my 9 siblings. While having some regret over lost moments, I will remember the times, as a young adult, I thought she had just lost her mind. Finally I understood she was my mother; a woman, as fallible as any other, but who loved me as she knew how and gave me what she believed I needed. I beam remembering the conversations we shared as best friends. I often thank her silently for the values, the morals, the life lessons she taught us; her sacrifices, strength, blood, sweat and tears, and what it allowed her to instill in us. I thank her for teaching me how to survive the good and bad times to become a woman. My mother, whom I desired to emulate when I grew up, was someone to whom I didn't believe I could hold a candle. My mother, my hero, whom I love. May she and all mothers be remembered, honored and blessed on their special day.

Christian Education Class - First and Second Grades

Submitted by Sister Anna Anderson

This month the class will be learning about the Good Shepherd, focusing on how He helps everyone. The children

are asked to consider blessing or helping someone in another country. The class has a bank and the children are to place money in it. The class decided to save money, any extra change they have and send it to Haiti-We are the Light of the World.

Jesus compared his love for us with the manner in which a shepherd cares for his flock of sheep. In John 10:14, "I am the good shepherd; and I know my sheep, and am known by my own." The children will be looking at ways in which the Shepherd showed His love and will describe it in class. They will also have to identify ways that the Good Shepherd has shown His love to him or her individually. The Sunday school teacher will assist them in seeing ways that Jesus takes care of them. With each class the children will be asked to thank Jesus for the Sunday school class and the opportunity it gives them to learn more about Him and to give thanks to Jesus for the new day He has given them.



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M is for... Marvelous Mother...

To All the Mother's,

In honor of Mother's Day we asked your children to complete the following statement and I believe you will all be blessed by their responses.

My Mother is Marvelous because...

because...

"She is in the Lord. She is a great person who is trustworthy, loyal, bashful, beautiful, and intelligent. She is great because she is someone you can talk to about the Lord. She can be tough sometimes, but she loves me and my brothers and sister. I hope you keep loving my mother's intelligence about the Lord." - Dorian Pennington

because...

"She loves me unconditionally, no matter what I do or what I say." - Chandler Avery

because...

"My mother is marvelous because she is the true definition of what a mother is and should be." - Andria Banks

because...

"She is loving, kind, understanding, and prayerful. She is willing to understand you as long as you talk it out. She has a perspective on life from experience and is willing to share it with us." - Alex Peterson

because... "She cooks me food, she loves me, and she plays with me." - Aaron Jones

because...

"She provides things for me before herself. She showed me right from wrong. She buys me sneakers. She gives me things even when I don't deserve them." - C. Mark Avery II

because...

"She is there for me and always looks out for me. Sometimes she can be weird, but she is always there for me. So love your mom for who she is." - Joshua Warren

because...

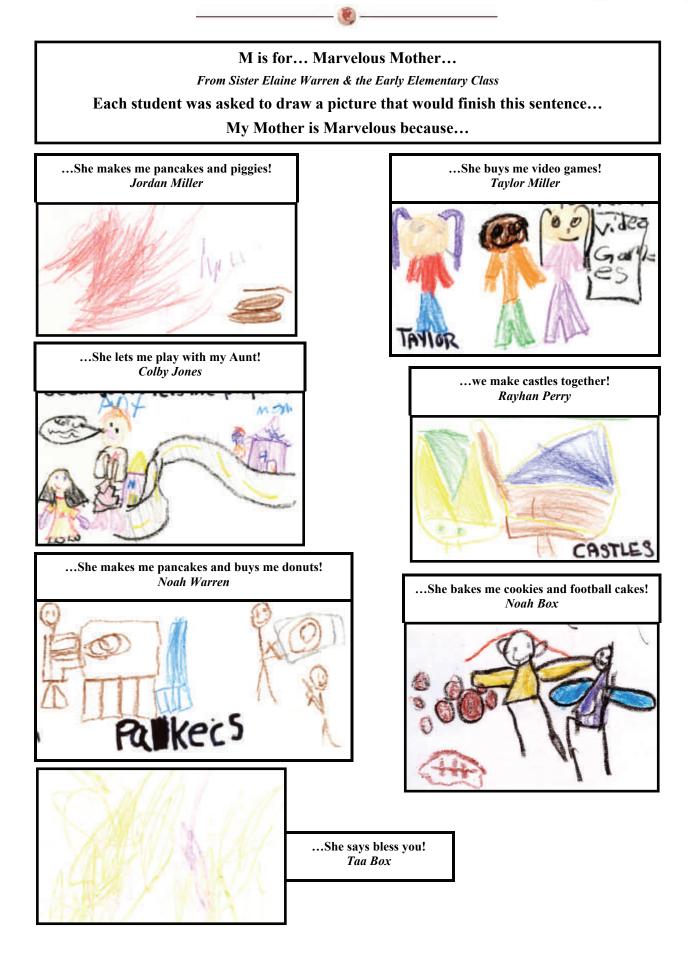
"She helps me, she loves me, and takes good care of me. My mother is the best mother in the world." *-Ray Ray Box V*

because...

"My mom is marvelous because she understands me, loves me, believes in me, prays for me, cares about me, and is always there for me." -Sherisse Peterson

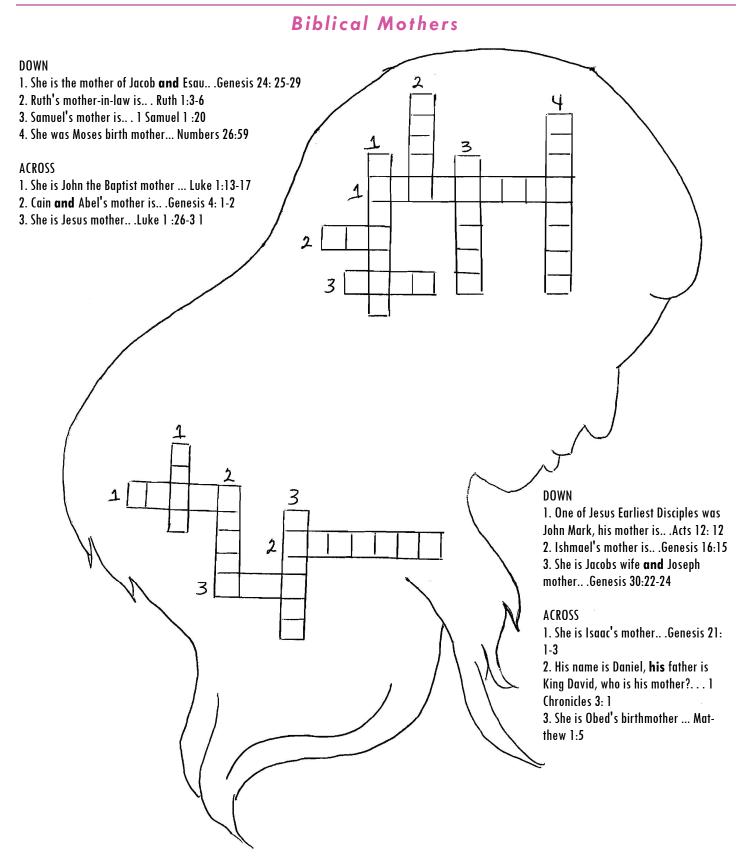
because...

"Sometimes she tickles me to make me happy. She laughs so hard it makes me laugh. When I say something funny she laughs. When she looks at me funny, I laugh." - Kaileigh Tinnin



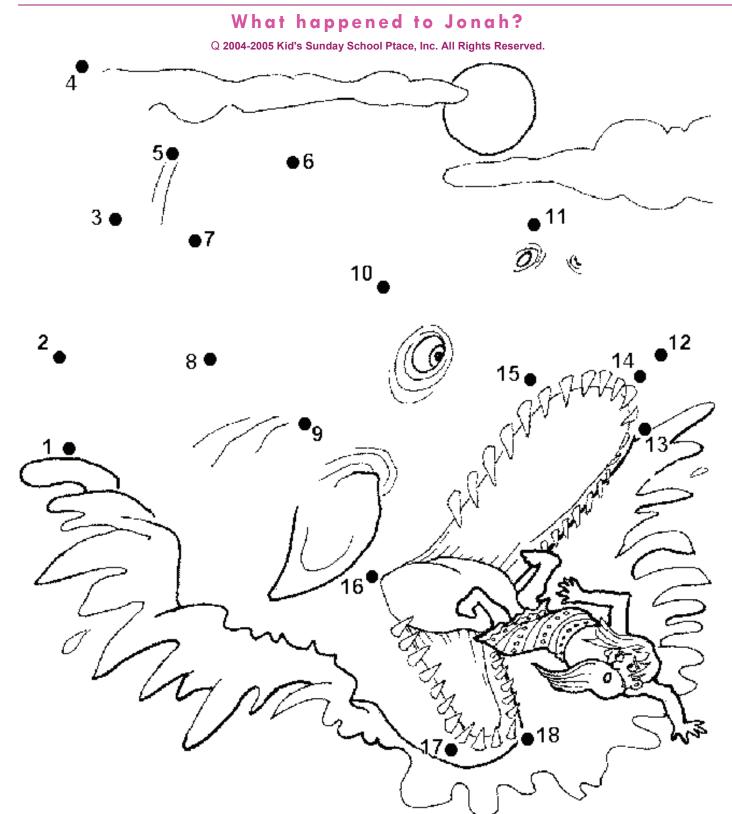
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Youth Happenings





Youth Happenings



Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Proverbs 31:28

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Solid Approaches to Men's Ministry



Choose activities and environments that strike a chord with guys. Job 4:3

Men's needs are the same everywhere. They

want an honest place where there is no spiritual, relational, or vocational pretense. Men want a place of acceptance where they can talk about anything and everything. Once a leader decides ministering to men is his priority, he should consider the following tools to effectively reach out to men.

1. Recreation time. Walks, tennis, vacations, electronic games, fishing, movies, and table tennis free men for brotherly relationships. When we are free of tasks, we are better able to grow comfortable together, laugh with one another, and discover each person's uniqueness.

2. The working world. Leaders usually see men only in church, where we are

in control. We would, however, learn more about men by seeing them at their job sites. Only when we see them in their environments do we discover their areas of expertise as well as discouragement. The men are impressed that we care to invest the time during the week, and we become much closer.

3. Being specific. Men want to know how a thing works, not a litany of sales promotions. Whether it is a new car, a job, or a relationship, men want practical helps. Consequently, I share the how-to's of relying on Christ, resisting the Devil, counseling, discipling, and other ministries. Each man immediately applies the teachings to his life. Supportive accountability is provided for his expressed goals, which he alone establishes. Men respond well in an environment where all the brothers are applying the Word specifically rather than hiding behind abstract propositional truths.

I am convinced that men want a gospel with teeth, but not one that bites. They want to be stretched, yet they need an environment of grace, liberation, and Christ's authentic power. By challenging them to be honest and equipping them for ministry, they are becoming responsible leaders and witnesses in their homes and jobs. The results are thrilling: they are becoming deacons, teachers, disciplers, evangelists, elders, small-group leaders, worship leaders, and ministry coordinators.

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PennDOT Notifying Drivers of Federal Change That Could Affect Driving

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HARRISBURG - The Department of



Transportation is notifying drivers who have outstanding violations in other states about a federallymandated change that could affect

their Pennsylvania driving privileges.

The federal Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act requires all drivers to reconcile any outstanding driver sanctions in other states before obtaining a driver's license or learner's permit.

"This federal mandate is designed to make sure drivers are held accountable for their unsafe driving practices by preventing them from hiding sanctions by moving from state to state," PennDOT Secretary Allen D. Biehler, P.E., said.

In compliance with this provision, Penn-DOT is now required to check the National Driver Register's Problem Driver Pointer System for individuals whose driving privileges have been sanctioned in other states. Pennsylvania cannot issue, renew or replace a driver's license until the sanctions have been resolved.

Approximately 170,000 of Pennsylvania's 8.5 million licensed drivers are expected to be affected by this additional provision of the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act. To give Pennsylvania drivers with out-of-state driver sanctions advance notice, PennDOT is conducting courtesy checks both six months and three months prior to the expiration of the individual's driver's license. If a sanction exists, PennDOT will notify the individual by mail with the name and contact information of the state in which the sanction is present.

"We urge all Pennsylvania drivers with outstanding driver sanctions in other states to immediately reconcile those sanctions so that their driving privilege is not affected," Biehler said.

For more information regarding Penn-DOT's implementation of this provision, visit PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services Web site at www.dmv.state.pa.us and click on "What's Hot at the DOT."

Girlfriend's Getaway, continued

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With a new windshield wiper motor in her truck, Alicia and her "On-Star Navigational System" started us back on the road to our destination. An hour later we were stopped yet again. On-Star was telling her that she was "going in the wrong direction." It was beginning to get dark and all of us were tired and growing weary. We had been riding for 4 hours and we were lost.

Sharon and her friend couldn't leave at 3:00 pm with the rest of us. They were coming from Delaware. We made contact with them telling them that were having some delays in getting there and that once they arrived at the cabin they should just relax until we got there.

With many phone calls to our host, Mr. Randy Teal, and Deacon Stevens they finally got us on the right road, Route 61, towards the cabin. Being familiar with Route 61, Sister Avery took the lead. The ice storm was now a major snow storm. The snow was falling so hard, at times we couldn't even see the road. We came upon a group of policemen standing in the middle of the road. I stopped to ask if it was ok for us to travel through. He said, "Yes, but be very careful." The further north we drove the deeper the snow got. At one point we stopped so that we could de-ice the windshield wipers.

Cassandra's cell phone rang. It was Sharon and her friend that were ahead of us. They were lost. They had been in contact with Mr. Teal, but just couldn't figure out how to get to the cabin, so they gave up and headed back home to Delaware. Our group of 10 was now a group of 8.

When we finally arrived to the cabin it was approximately 10:00 pm (it only took us 7 hours Deacon Box ^(ij)). We were cold, wet, tired, hungry and relieved all at the same time. Mr. Teal, our host had waited patiently for our arrival. He welcomed us all and told us to make ourselves at home. The cabin was beautiful. It had 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a loft area, kitchen, dining room, living room and a full basement.

After we got our vehicles unloaded and ate and made our phones calls home to our loved ones (who were sitting on pins and needles waiting to hear from us, not believing we actually drove through the storm), we sat around the table and laughed about our 7+ hour ride. Some of us laughed ourselves to tears.

After it was all said and done, we had a warning from Mr. Teal and 16+ inches of snow. The warning from Mr. Teal....if we should encounter any mountain lions or bears, we shouldn't go up to them. ^(C) We weren't concerned about the wild animals; we were going to the SPA!



It was Saturday morning and SPA DAY had finally arrived. Because of the weather, there were numerous cancellations at the spa. There were a few in our group who weren't able to schedule an appointment when we originally plan the trip, because the spa was booked.

We ate breakfast and got ready to go, when we heard Alicia call us all together in the living room. She gave us all a small gift as a thank you for attending. We thought she was finished when she announced that it was "Arts & Crafts" time. She sat us down around the dining room table and we made Fresh Water Pearl Necklaces and or a bracelet.

Some of us mumbled and grumbled because we thought we couldn't do it. With Alicia's patience and help we accomplished the task set before us. Our creations were beautiful. After we were finished.....off to the Spa we went!!! Swedish massages, facials, and a hot stone facial were the treatments of the day. We loved every minute of it. We enjoyed a nice relaxing dinner at Damon's and returned back to the cabin to relax and watch movies.

Sunday morning arrived. We were all sad to

be leaving. We enjoyed the weekend, despite how it began. It was now time to pack up and return to "life" as we know it. We posed for pictures and had a moment of prayer, thanking God for his traveling mercies and for the time of fellowship he allowed all of us to share. We got in our vehicles and started our 2-1/2 hour ride home.

All of us are anxious to make the trip again....but only when the weather is warm!!!

A Note from the Women of Wisdom...

As our ministry continues to grow, we are

always seeking new members to become a part of our group. Our monthly bible study meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. We are also seeking women



to join our WOW Conference Committee to assist us with our upcoming Annual Women's Conference "To Bloom or Not to Bloom...That is the Question", on August 4, 2007. If you are interested, please see Sister Elaine Warren.

Thanks to all who supported our "Gently Used Book Sale". A special thanks to Revella Brown, Frank Hammond & Margaret Patton for the generous donations they made to our Indoor Yard Sale. Many thanks to Susi Miller, Tacie Himelright, Marlene Tinnin, Joshua Warren, Noah Warren, Taylor Miller, and Jordan Miller for their exceptional help on the day of the sale!!! Also, thanks to Deacon Ervin Warren and Brother John Davis for their help with transporting all the stuff to and from the Church!

Blessings, The Women of Wisdom Sister Elaine Warren, Ministry Leader



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Mission Success Starts With Safety



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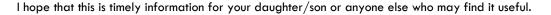


<u>Please pass along.....this is an excellent job opportunity.</u>

The Federal Aviation Association is taking applications for air traffic controller school. We all have kids and know kids in the right age group (under 31) and with some effort they could reach a salary of over \$100,000 with benefits in about 3 years. You need only a high school diploma to apply and credit is given for college on the exam.

They need to go to FAA.gov (http://www.faa.gov/jobs/job_opportunities/airtraffic_controllers/) for details and to fill out the application immediately - even if they don't know if they'd want to attend immediately - it's the federal government and it may take them months to call. The key is to apply NOW. There will be a lot of retirements coming up rather quickly and they need to line up training to accommodate these openings. It's my understanding that the FAA rarely has an open application such as this and that the jobs are coveted. My friends daughter is 28 years old and is well into 3 figures and has plenty of time for travel/recreation and has started another career on the side.

This is a great opportunity and it should be noted that choosing a site like Anchorage or Indianapolis to train is a likely acceptance into the training program - after-which you can transfer anywhere in the country that has a tower.





Telephone Scams - Don't Become a Victim



Telephone scams always sound a little unbelievable-until they happen to you. Con artists are very persuasive and most people naturally let their

guard down in the privacy of

their own home, expecting a friend or relative to be on the phone, not a criminal. You may not think that there is anything anyone could say to convince you to give away personal information or credit card numbers, but it happened every day. Telephone scammers all have the same motive: to get your money or enough personal information to steal your identity.

Avoid Becoming a Victim:

Never give personal information including credit card numbers, your social security number, or birth date over the phone unless you initiated the call.

If you are not interested in or feel uneasy about the call, hang up!

If you do not want to make a purchase, ask for a catalog or other information to be sent to you by mail.

Never allow yourself to be pushed into a hurried decision. If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Check out unsolicited offers with the Better Business Bureau, your local consumer protection agency, or the Attorney General's office before sending money.

Types of Telephone Scams and Telemarketing Fraud:

Jury Duty: The caller claims to work for the local court and says that you've failed to report for jury and a warrant is being issued for your arrest. When you claim you never received a notice to report to jury duty, the caller asks for your social security number and birth date and possibly even a credit card number to verify your identity to stop the warrant.

Charitable Giving: Requests for donations to help fund research to save children with cancer or feed war refugees may pull at your heart strings but should not make us open up our wallets. Highly emotional pleas are designed to evoke feelings guilt that would make us send money or give credit card numbers to an unknown source. Instead, ask the caller to send you information by mail and investigate the charity before making a donation.

Free Gifts, Prizes or Vacations: If the offer is truly free, then the caller shouldn't need your credit card number. Do not give it to cover shipping, or holding or registration of gifts, prizes or vacations.

Unsolicited Offers: Offers for investments, unbeatable deals, and special savings just for you all sound enticing. But unsolicited offers are often combined with high pressure sales tactics and one time only opportunities that will result in you getting nothing for you money.

To file a complaint about fraudulent or deceptive business practices with the Federal Trade Commission, call 1-788-FTC-HELP.

Additional Resources:

Better Business Bureau: www.bbb.com Federal Trade Commission: www.ftc.gov/ ftc/consumer.htm

FBI: www.fbi.gov/

majcases.fraud.fraudschemes.htm National Fraud Information Center: www.fraud.org



Inspirational Writings

"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth;..." Isaiah 43:19

Are you ready?

By Bob Gass

God says He wants to "do a new thing" for you, so disregard the circumstances and believe the God who cannot lie! The rubbish can be cleared and the bruises can be healed. Just make sure that when the smoke clears you're still standing. You're too important to God to be destroyed by a trial that was just meant to give you character and direction. Think: you survived - by the grace of God you made it! God not only brought you through the valley, He caused you to grow in it and come out of it stronger. If you want to know what God can do, look at what He's already done for you and you'll start feeling better about your future.

And that's not all; listen: "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth." After feeling like you've waited forever, God will move suddenly. If you're not ready you'll miss the next open door, the next great idea or the next relationship He has for you. You've got to be sensitive to His voice, alert to His movements and live in expectation. After praying and waiting in the upper room for 10 long days we read, "Suddenly there came a sound from heaven" (Acts 2:2), and the church was born; a church that would change the world. When God miraculously brought Paul and Silas out of prison we read, "Suddenly there was a great earthquake...and immediately all the doors were opened" (Acts 16:26). God may be getting ready to open some doors for you - make sure you're ready when He does.

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



Another Saint

During the morning service of April 22nd 2007, Brother Dorian Pennington was baptized in the name of Jesus. It was also the day of Pastor Avery's 14th Anniversary Service which was held that evening. In speaking with his mother, Sister Michelle Sweeney, she said that on more than one occasion the Sunday school teachers have mentioned to her how they have been impressed with Dorian's knowledge and spirituality. Sister Michelle spoke to Dorian about his love of the Lord. He told to his mother

that he wanted to be baptized but had been fearful. His mother then discussed with him what it means to be baptized and to live a Christian life. She reminded him that God does not give us the spirit of fear, making his decision much easier. Dorian is 11 years old and is one of five siblings. He and his family reside in Coatesville, PA where he attends North Brandywine School. Thanks be to God!

Seasoned Best Ministry

Submitted by Sis Yvonne Wolfe

The Senior Saints came together to worship in a church service on Saturday afternoon, March 24, 2007. It was a time of warm and loving fellowship and sharing. Each senior had praise for how good God is to them and how good God has been. Mother McMillan is a shining example of God's goodness. She spoke of how through the years God has never failed her. All of the seniors gave multiple testimonies on how the Creator has richly blessed them in their lives.

Sister Elsie Reeves performed a dance of praise. Elder Richard McKim, along with Sister Shirley Davis, led the group in spiritual song. Elder McKim again blessed us with remarks of encouragement derived from Deuteronomy 31:6. As always, it was good food for thought. That brought us to the final high light of our gathering, our luncheon, which took place in Fellowship Hall in the lower level of the Church.

Our next meeting of Greater Works Ministries Seasoned Best Saints will be Saturday, May 19th, 2007 and we encourage all persons who have graced 55 years or more to participate.

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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: Leona Lickman RMT
- For those looking for answers: LTD
- For those in search of wisdom and strength: James T.

For those in crisis: Mo SMD and Family

For Nation and World concerns: Peace in the Middle Ease

For those in need of permanent housing and protection:

For those in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing: RVT Michelle Sweeney and Family Janaya Hammond John and Dolly O'Brien Frank Laveer Tinnin Lizzie Baker Bethann Archer Leon Husband

For all new ministries and discernment in ministry: Multi-Media Ministry

For those giving service through occupation: Robert Allen Mahoney - Air Force - Iraq Antonia Russell - Army - Germany V. J. Forrest - Iraq

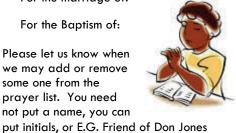
For those seeking permanent employment: Michael Alemu - Prayer Answered

Give Thanks For: For the birth of:

For the marriage of:

For the Baptism of:

Please let us know when we may add or remove some one from the prayer list. You need not put a name, you can



Weekly Church Schedule

as of January 1, 2007

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 Celebration 10:45 am		Discipleship Training (Ages 4 and up) (1st 3 Tues. ea. Mo.) 7:00—8:00 pm	Woman of Wisdom (1st Wed. ea. Mo.) 7:00 pm			
Spanish Ministry Services 2:30 - 5:00 pm		Leadership Training (4th Tues. ea. Mo.) 7:00 pm	Spanish Ministry Services 7:30 - 9:00 pm			
Evening Service 2nd & 4th Sun. 5:00 pm (unless noted for special events)	Spanish Ministry Services 7:30 - 9:00 pm	Totally Radical & Live (5th Tues. ea. Month when announced) 7:00pm-8:30pm	Bible Class at Praying Ground (3rd Wed. ea. Mo.) 7:30 pm			lota-Sigma-lota Men's Fellowship (4th Sat. ea. Mo.) 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events Calendar

Sunday Through Saturday

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

Tuesday, May 8:

7:00 pm, Discipleship Training, Call His Name Jesus

Saturday, May 12: 8:00 am to Noon. Shepherd's Care Bake Sale at the Kennett Square, Acme.

Saturday, May 12: DAY Classes, 9:30 am, Christian Basics II,

Kingdom Principals. Sunday May 13:

Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 15: 7:00 pm, Discipleship Training, Yahweh, Yashua or Jesus?

Friday May 18th:

8:00 pm, Fellowship Outreach Service at Christ Haven Church (Darby, PA) with Bishop William Todd.

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

Saturday, May 19:

An afternoon with "Madea." Sponsored by the Seasoned Best Ministry. Lunch will be served. See Sister Margaret Hicks for de- DAY Classes, 9:30 am, Recognition Celetails.

Monday, May 21:

6:35 pm, Kennett Square Community Night at 7:00 pm, Discipleship Training, The Baptisthe Blue Rocks. See Sister Catherine Jones for mal Formula according to Matthew 28:19 information.

Friday to Sunday, May 25-27: "The Mighty Wind" Pentecostal Celebration.

Friday, May 25: 8:00 pm, Pastor Jerry Eldridge and the Temple of Praise Worldwide, Inc., Bear, DE

Saturday, May 26:

3:00 pm, Pastor Rodney Williams of the Strong Tower Pentecostal, Richmond, VA

Saturday, May 26th into Sunday, May 27: 12:00 Midnight, Midnight Cry

Sunday, May 27:

9:00 am, Reverend Terri McClain of the St. James UAME, Darlington, MD, The Mighty Wind Celebration

Sunday, May 27: 11:00am, Elder Ernie Stevens of the Highway Word of Faith, Newark, DE.

Sunday, May 27: 4:00 pm, Pastor Luke Witherspoon, Jr. of the Living Word, Absecon, NJ.

Tuesday, June 5: 7:00 pm, Discipleship Training, Baptism in the Name of Jesus

Saturday, June 9: DAY Classes, 9:30 am, Greater Works Ministries History and Overview.

Sunday, June 10:

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Tuesday, June 12:

Tuesday, June 5:

7:00 pm, Discipleship Training, The Baptismal Formula and the Greek Text

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, August 4:

To Bloom or Not To Bloom... That is the Question..., Women of Wisdom Annual Conference, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Anniversaries		In Memory Of			
May 11: Deacon Ervin Warren & Sister Elaine Warren		May 1: Clarence E. Stevens, Sr.			
	May Birthday's				
	May 1: Ella Lee	May 4: Wendy Box	May 11: Chandler Avery	May 25: Noah Warren	

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Rark and Chank Avery and Lady Cheryl Avery along with their's Day. Mark and Chank Avery and Lady Cheryl Avery along with their sons,

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