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Reflections from Pastor Mark Avery



"Living Sacrifice"

(Romans 12:1)

We live in an ever evolving, ever changing world. As one who lives in a society that is consumer oriented, I find that it is necessary to acquire products that meet certain standards of quality. This is evident quite often in the automobile industry. Year after year, we hear of recalls or watch newscasts urging us to be aware of certain models that unfortunately left the assembly line with cer-

tain mechanical defects. It is amazing to me that the manufacturers do not lower their prices, but continually raise them. Even when their product does not meet industry or governmental standards.

The Master has certain standards in place for all who subscribe to be true disciples. No one, I say no one leaves the assembly line with defects of any sort. The Word tells us that, "We are fearfully and wonderfully made." Therefore, it is up to us represent the kingdom of light in a manner that speaks proudly of all that God has invested in us. You see my friend, God does not make any junk! Each of us who are born again can attest to the fact that we have been "Sealed unto the day of redemption". This seal cannot be broken by life's challenges, difficulties or disappointments. Just like the old

Tonka trucks, the more you try to break us, the stronger we become.

Apostle Paul reminds us in this text of our responsibility, accountability, and duty as children of God. The wonderful thing concerning this scenario is that we were taken in our mess for the sole purpose of being transformed in his image. The ultimate objective is for Him to get the glory out of our lives.

Square your shoulders, put some pep in your step and realize that you have been created for success. The world needs heroes of faith, more than it needs another celebrity superstar. Be that "Living Sacrifice" that will draw men and women to the saving grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,
Pastor C. Mark Avery

PENTECOST CELEBRATION 2007
BLOW WIND BLOW

To Usher Us In

Submitted by Sister Leslie Tinnin

On May 20, 2007 Elder Monica Parchia from Linden, New Jersey started her sermon by saying she felt a holy hush flowing through Greater Works Ministries. She said she came to help us begin preparation for the celebration of Pentecost, a "Mighty Wind," drawing on Isaiah 53:1-8 and Romans 8. Isaiah was prophesying

about better times to come and better days ahead.

Jesus came to us as a lowly man. Scripture tells us he had no beauty. Why would this be? It was to keep us from focusing on His outward appearance allowing us to go to the next level that God has planned for us. He came with no majestic appearance. Jesus, who knew no sin, came and took

on our transgressions, the redemption of our sins. So you see, "Defeat is Not an Option."

We learn God through learning His word and through worshiping Him. You must have an intimacy with Him. We also learn God through His wounds. There are things you learn from pain. His wounds became our wounds and they remind us that something

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Scripture of the Month

"They have been a wonderful encouragement to me, as they have been to you. You must show your appreciation to all who serve so well."

1 Corinthians 16:18

Because She is So Special

On Sunday, May 13, the Shepherd's Care Ministry presented Ministry Leader Sister Marlene Tinnin with a token of our appreciation for all of the hard work she did in coordinating this year's 14th Anniversary Services for the First Family of Greater Works Ministries. Sister Marlene is a dedicated leader and we are truly blessed to have her. Every year we are able to increase our appreciation and blessings to the Shepherd of GWM and his family due to her spiritual motivation and guidance when preparing for the wonderful event. Now, we are all looking forward to the 15th Anniversary Service in 2008.

Thank you once again, Sister Marlene. You are greatly appreciated and loved.

God Bless

Susi Miller
GWM Shepherd's
Care Ministry



Bake Sale a Success!

The Shepherd's Care Ministry would like to thank the saints of GWM for contributing and coming out to support our Bake Sale which was held on Saturday, May 12th 2007. God blessed us with a beautiful day and the Bake Sale was a very successful event.

Thank you and we look forward to your support next year..!

GWM Shepherd's Care Ministry

Apologies & Changes

The article entitled "The Ministry of Pastoring" was written by Sister Marlene Tinnin and not Sister Leslie Tinnin as printed. We sincerely apologize for this mistake.



Baptismal Ministry

The Baptismal Ministry is in need of replenishment of their supplies. We need robes, t-shirts, socks, undergarments for both men and women in white. We also need white, white towels. If you are able to donate any of these items, please see Sister Anna Anderson for the items and the sizes that are still needed.



Cyber Study

For those of you who are web savvy and unable to attend our weekly Discipleship 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 REVGWM@aol.com and note in the subject area "Cyber Study."



A Guest from the Continent!

Submitted by Brother Maury Dutton



During our May 27 Pentecost Celebrations, the members of Greater Works Ministries had an unannounced visit from Solomon Birir of Kenya, East Africa.

Solomon attended both the 11:00 am service and returned for the 4:00 pm worship service. He is a professional athlete and is the record holder as the half mile distance runner at 1 minute and 45 seconds!

He won the Collegiate Championship of 2000 and Penn Relays in Philadelphia 2007. He also ran in the Jamaica Invitational Track and Field. Some of you may be aware his brother won Gold Medal in 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Solomon is married to a lovely lady named Lillian and they have 3 children. He is sponsored by Nike.



The Newsletter needs a name!

All members are welcomed and encouraged to participate (News Staff members are excluded)

A prize will be awarded for the name chosen and for the second runner up

Ballots are available today

Winners will be selected in August and the new name should appear on the September issue.

More Details to follow....

Sanctification

What does "sanctification" mean to you? Pastor Avery asked this question during our bible study class. At that time and moment, nobody in the class could answer that question. Even though many Saints today will tell you that they are saved and sanctified; they are unable to give you an explanation of what that truly means. After Pastor Avery asked the question, I went home and did some studying on it. God gave me the answer to the question. I would like to share that with you.

Sanctification: the separation of the believer from evil things and ways.

Scripture references: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; Romans 6:19-23.

Sanctification is that relationship with God into which men enter by faith in Christ (Acts 26:16-18). Also

to which their sole title is the death of Christ (Colossians 1:19-22, Hebrews 13:8-9 & 12). Sanctification is God's will for the believer, and His purpose in calling us by the gospel that must be learned from God, as He teaches it by His Word (John 17:15-19). It must be pursued by the believer earnestly and undeviatingly (Hebrews 12:12-15). The holy character cannot be transferred or imputed, it is an individual possession built up little by little as the result of obedience to the word of God. Also by following the example of Christ (Matthew 11:29, Philemon 2:5-8) and in the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9-13, Ephesians 3:16-17).

Sanctification is also the state predetermined by God for believers into which, in grace, He calls us and in and we then begin our Christian

Course and so pursue it. Hence we are called "Saints".

This sainthood is not an attainment, it is a state into which God, in grace, calls men, yet believers, to be set apart or to sanctify themselves through cleansing themselves from all defilement. Forsaking sin, living a "holy" manner of life, and experiencing fellowship with God in His holiness (1 Peter 1:13-17).

I hope that what you have just read gives you an increased understanding of the significance of living a life of sanctification and holiness.

God Bless,
Submitted by
Brother John
Davis
Ushers Ministry



To Usher Us In, Continued

inside of us is not right. There is a pain that shoots through the church when a member has suffered. There are some of us who, when we get wounded, place ourselves on our own cross for a pity party simply because we like the attention. However, these are things that God has prescribed for you. He says He is coming back. He is telling you that He gave you something; He has equipped you for this period in your life. When our flesh is tempted we get into trouble, so God knew He had to appeal to the spirit man. God knew you were going to "act up" over 2,000 years ago and took wounds for us. He does all the fighting and we walk away with the victory! Imagine: God and Satan in the ring fighting over



your soul and you get the Heavy Weight Title. Defeat is Not an Option.

Elder Parchia went on to say that as we entered in to Pentecost, we needed to examine the things that have happened; 120 people sitting in the Upper Room praying, expecting, and demonstrating faith. He told them He must leave so that the Comforter may come. They were instructed to go and wait, "Stay put so you can receive." Stay in the spirit world. People like being in the presence of God. As we go from Resurrection

Day to Pentecost there is a communion in which we must walk. Challenge yourself asking why you are in the position of sitting in Gods house. There is a prophetic movement of God moving through the

kingdom. We are all here for a reason. We are not to be defeated, but to receive His Holy Spirit in order that we present it back to our Savior.

As Pentecost comes we need to prepare ourselves for the wind in our house, so that the wind of God gets to the people of God. There is a knowledge you must have in your spirit so even when you don't see Him, even when you don't feel Him, you know He is there. God is shifting, Elder Parchia shared, to prepare us for the weight of Glory. God sees us and still uses us. He looks beyond our faults and saw our needs. Elder Parchia used this analogy; a jeweler uses a magnifier to view precious gems allowing them to see what the naked eye can not see. God magnifies our lives and He sees what areas in our lives we have been a Judas. He looks into our future, magnifies Himself in us and puts His power in us.

Were you ready for "The Mighty Wind"?

Blow Wind Blow

Submitted by Sister Leslie Tinnin

Greater Works Ministries began their celebration of Pentecost on Friday May 25th, 2007 at an 8:00 pm service. After the reading of Psalm 100, Sister Yvonne Wolfe led the congregation in prayer and Sister Joanne McKim welcomed everyone. The Greater Works Ministry Praise and Worship team took over the microphones to help fill our spirits. Elder Rufus Peterson asked everyone to stand to their feet as he introduced our guest for the evening, Pastor Jerry Eldridge of Temple of Praise Worldwide, Bear, Delaware. After the roar of the applause settled down and a little 'praising' ended, Pastor Eldridge started with "I am a down to earth preacher and sometimes you feel like a nut and sometimes you don't. God is looking for faithful souls. Why have a full house if the house is going to hell?"

Pastor Eldridge introduced the Praise and Worship team. Lady Eldridge reminded us as they set up "We are here because we are happy about something and we're here to make some noise." They graced us with "Lord We Glorify You" and "We Lift

You Up." The youth pastor led the choir singing, "Incredible God" along with a moving rendition of "Faithful" – "I am reaping the harvest God promised me, take back what the devil stole from me and I rejoice today for I shall recover it all!"

"The word tonight is, Blow Wind Blow" from Acts 2:1-4. Pastor Eldridge began his message. The cares of the world can bind you and the cares of the world can destroy you, but all you need to remember is that God came here so that you may have life. There is something about the wind of God. Sometimes you don't know when the wind is coming or from where it is coming. For everything you're going through, God has made a way for you to escape it-"Blow Wind Blow." There's something about the wind. It comes and takes houses apart; like the devil that comes to take us apart, but we need to be like a bow and bend (John 15:16). You didn't find Jesus because He was never lost.

He found you. You'll know if the wind blowing is God because everything starts to fall in to place and no one can take your joy. The only reason the wind doesn't blow for you is because you have a stony heart.

Be still and know God is on your side. You'll hear Him. If you are in the valley of dry bones, He'll pull you out. "Blow Wind Blow."



"Praise," Pastor moved on to say, "We try to do it any kind of way, but after praise comes worship. We have to worship Him. Pentecost is a thing in you called the Holy Ghost." Colossians tells us, "Do all things in the name of Jesus". Don't play with your praise. If you want to make the devil mad-Praise Him! Worship Him. Pastor Eldridge told us he felt good in God, though his mouth was in pain from dental work earlier in the day. Before Pastor Eldridge began to deliver his message, he shared with us that about

I'll Pour Out My Spirit On All Flesh (Joel 2:28)

Submitted by Sister Marlene Tinnin

We were truly blessed to have known recording artist John Murray and Worship lead our Praise and Worship for us. Lead by Minister John Murray, they played a nice variety of songs from their CD's a few of which were "Everything to me" and "I O U Praise." Through the ministry of songs, God prepared us and stirred the waters for us to hear the message He wanted us to receive from His manservant.

Then we were blessed, yet again, to have a first time speaker to Greater Works Ministries from Richmond, VA. Pastor Rodney Williams of Strong Tower Pentecostal Church delivered the Word for this Pentecost Celebration. A bus load of saints from Strong Tower accompanied Pastor Williams to help minister to us through song and fellowship. He spoke on Joel 2:28-31. Joel blesses us by giving a glimpse into a day of the Lord where many truths were released in church, revealing what God had planned. Peter used the Book of Joel to impart a fulfillment, a prophesy, and to let us know that a day of restoration was coming. Everybody wanted to know who God was, but they wanted Moses to tell them because they were scared.

People need to repent before they can go back to restoration with God. It's truly a privilege to be in the Kingdom and not a right that you have. We need to learn to "hang out" with the undesirables, not just



Minister John Murray

the saints, so we can touch those that don't know God. You never know how God is going to bless you and it can come from somebody you least expect and in a way never thought possible. Joel was one who spoke up for the undesirables just as God hung with them.

Pastor Williams spoke of how black folk praise God so hard, more than most races of people, because of where we as a people have come from in history. We should not to do things that will send us back to whence we came. Our ancestors kept their sanity through praising God or they could have lost their minds in their daily struggles to survive. God's plan is for us to all to be blessed by predestination. It is written that the Jews wouldn't praise the Lord so, the Gentiles took over because they would praise the Lord in song and dance as a sacrifice until Him. God's Word created the season of Pentecost. Pentecost brought the authority and power to lay hands on the sick and heal them. We are living in a Pentecostal space to occupy time until the Lord comes back to do the work God wants His will done through us as believers. But sometimes we are lacking the faith to take the opportunities available to see God's healing powers at

work. As believers we have the authority to speak words of healing when we pray and fast. We can speak to demons to flee with power and authority. Whenever we are about Kingdom building God will come down and show him self strong.

Pastor Williams and his wife are living proof of God's healing powers with two different diseases. When God is in the house and moving, Pastor Williams said sometimes all it takes is the faith to believe and the time to say, "Hallelujah, it is done." He proceeded to do a healing portion of the service. Pastor Williams said he was in new territory, but he called out serious diseases as heart problems and diabetes and cast them out in the Name of Jesus. He even called a name along with an ailment from our congregation. Amazing; nothing



Pastor Rodney Williams

but God! When God is present He can heal if you believe in His powers and He'll take your pain. The Word says that these signs shall follow them that believe. Any believer should be able to lay hands and heal you with their authority and power by faith in the Name of Jesus. The power of God moved through out the service in a mighty way, like a rushing mighty wind. Everyone was truly blessed. It was not by accident that this was the second night of Pentecost that the speakers forgot their notes and had to speak from what Words were hidden in their hearts. God was in control and had them say what He wanted us to hear.

It was Midnight at Greater Works Ministries

Submitted by Sister Leslie Tinnin

At midnight on Pentecost morning a group of Saints, with Pastor C. Mark Avery, met in the sanctuary for prayer to usher in this wonderful day of celebration. There were those who knelt at the altar and others found solace by going to a pew. All were on their



knees. And though the saints were separated by physical space, the saints were all there together and together in spirit. This period of hope, of prayer was sometimes so quiet you wondered if saints had quietly departed the church. Other times the Alleluia's were so bold you could only know that a spirit had touched a saint or

someone received an answer, sent a powerful request, or maybe released a heavy burden. Pastor Avery stood in the front of all who had ventured out so late at night, or so early in the morning depending on how you choose to look at it and dismissed us, telling us we had positioned ourselves to receive something awesome and that a Mighty Wind would blow through Greater Works. One thing was clear; the Holy Spirit took an early visit to Greater Works Ministries and the best was yet to come.

Our Divine Inheritance

Submitted by Sister Leslie Tinnin

Pentecost: May 27th 2007. 9AM. Sister Anna Anderson stepped forward to lead the opening prayer. With Brother Lawrence Dutton taking the lead, the Mighty Men of Greater Works Ministries sang "Going Back to Yonder." Pastor C. Mark Avery introduced Pastor Terri McClain of St. James UAME Church of Darlington, Maryland and it was on!



Pastor McClain spoke. "Acts 2:1-The new testament church began when God sent down the Holy Spirit." Somehow God needs to take us back to when we first believed. We opened our bibles and read Ephesians 1:1-14. Paul, in this scripture, Pastor McClain instructed, is challenging and encouraging the saints of Ephesus. We are adopted into the kingdom,

the family of God and we are entitled to everything of the Father. We are entitled to an inheritance. We need to remember we are all heirs to the throne. Romans 10:9, reminds us, "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe with your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." We must be baptized in the Holy Spirit. God chose us before we chose Him. It is your destiny that that God saved you. We have been saved by His Grace and mercy; the gift of God. We must trust and never doubt that he will always bring us out. We are a part of a special priesthood. We have been ordained. The church should be walking like we are rich, not of money, but of goodness and faith and joy.

Let your light shine in the darkness. Know the power and the authority you are walking in -

in Jesus. Once you accepted Him, you are sealed. The Holy Spirit is a down payment. His presence is working in our lives. The same presence that raised Jesus from the dead is available to you. You are saved because you have something to offer. God didn't save you to do nothing. Offer up yourself. There is someone you can reach and teach and spread the Good News. It doesn't matter if you are rich, poor, or the color of you skin - you are a Christian with the power of Jesus! Believe you have the power to cast out demons and someone might be delivered. Lay hands on some one and they can be healed.

Remember, you might not be the best at anything, but you have Jesus. You are an heir entitled to all that His kingdom offers. A whole lot of praising was going on when Pastor Avery re-entered the pulpit and spoke telling us with Jesus we will have eternal life! Walk around with you head held high because you are blessed and highly favored! Alleluia!

It's an Inside Job

Submitted by Sister Leslie Tinnin

Whoa! Deacon Clarence Stevens led Praise and Worship. Pastor Avery came forward and stated the Lord told him to change the planned order of service, so without further ado, he introduced Elder Ernie Stevens Jr. from Highway Word of Faith Church in Newark, Delaware, to deliver his message to the saints as the Mighty Winds continued to stir from earlier services.

Judges 16:16-20. Elder Stevens conveyed that he works in another job as a bank investigator and one of the fastest growing crimes is identity theft and it is usually found to be an inside job. In other words, often times it is done by someone who is familiar with who you are - your brother or sister or a cousin or a friend. It is a crime of choice because there is little punishment. Satan uses the same technique. He is a robber and you have stuff he wants. When you are first saved he recognizes he can use intimidation. After you "grow" up you learn to tell Satan to back off, you won't allow him to intimidate you. When you mature in Christ you can look the devil in the face and say, "I am not a child, I am a man so Satan get back!" So now Satan changes his tactics. This thief now stands beside you as a friend or a relative and plots and plans ways to steal your joy and you don't recognize him because he is your "friend" and he is standing right beside you. He is there to take your joy, your happiness, your peace little

by little. The same was true with Samson. People asked him where his strength came from. People ask you where the source of your strength lies. (The "Winds are stirring.") Delilah asked Samson where the source of his strength came from and worked an inside job. Are we Philistines or Israelites?

We can sit down and watch T.V. for hours, but can't pray for five minutes. We arrive early at the movie theater but are an hour late for church. You have to know who you are in Jesus. Samson lost his identity. We don't realize that folks are laughing at us. Don Imus was called on the carpet and fired. But what about the inside jobs? The likes of Snoop Doggy Dog are turning our men into gangsters and our women in to anything but ladies. Speak and BET - inside jobs. The inside jobs hurt more. You know your enemies and what they will do. Your friends know you and you thought you could trust them. Samson was told to do only three things: don't cut his hair, take only weak drink, and not to touch dead things. What Samson should have said was his strength was in the God, the

Creator. What could Delilah have done had he said that? Don't let the enemy work an inside job on you. Elder Stevens walked all over the church as he preached this message, pouring out his heart. He went from saint to saint to saint to saint speaking these words. The Mighty Wind was in the house. There was a lot of praise and Holy Ghost dancing going on. Even 5 year old Noah Warren discovered he could not stop his feet once the Spirit took hold of him

and once released he fell to his knees in prayer. A Mighty Wind ripped through Greater Works Ministries. Every saint was touched no doubt and we still weren't done. Under the direction of Lady Cheryl Avery, the choir was then called forward by Pastor Avery to minister in song with "A Mighty Wind." Elder E. Richard McKim and Sister Leslie Tinnin offered vocal solos and Elder Rufus Peterson titillated the keyboards. Mark Avery, Jr. supplied the rhythm on the drums and the saints all stood. Like the rushing of a mighty wind let it fill our hearts again. Like a river that has over flowed, let it fill our hearts once more.

And did it ever over flow...



And When the Day of Pentecost had Fully Come

Submitted by Sis Leslie Tinnin

You could feel the excitement in Greater Works Ministries as the 4:00 pm service began with GWM Praise and Worship ministering in song while Sister Wendy Box offered praise in dance. Afterwards, Pastor Mark Avery greeted Apostle Fuentes and members of his congregation, Tabernacle Restoration de Alabanza, the Hispanic ministry that makes their home at GWM. Their dance ministry, Dayenu, performed in lively colored costumes. Julie Mercado presented a touching solo expression of praise dance. Pastor Avery then announced a surprise to all present and called forward two special young members of Greater Works Ministries, Andria Banks and Sherisse Peterson. What hidden talent! They performed, in front of the joined congregations, their rendition, "We Exalt You." Pastor Avery commented we will need to remember to continue to use their talents.



Dayenu's Julie Mercado

Pastor Luke Witherspoon of Living Word International, in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey came forward, truly not needing the introduction by Pastor Avery. Pastor Witherspoon was the final guest pastor for our Pentecost Celebration. Almost from the moment of his first spoken words the Holy Ghost busted loose. The experience was interrupted only for a moment as the Praise and Worship team of Living Word sang "Here I am to Worship," repeatedly pouring out "I'll never know how much it cost, to see my sin upon the cross... ." And then -- it was on.

Pastor Witherspoon introduced Mark 7 and told the congregation that God is looking not for outward appearances, but for inward character, "He's looking at your heart." He referred to Mark 11:15-17 and to Isaiah 56, advising us to read it in its entirety later. He went on to discuss that a kingdom church is made up of people of multiple cultures, just as he witnessed in Greater Works Ministries on this afternoon. He spoke of the gift of a multi-cultural kingdom church that he and his wife have been blessed with in their ministry. "Team work makes a dream work and dream work makes a team

work."

Pastor Witherspoon poured out the words placed upon his heart. This is God's house. You need to respect God's House. You can't come here any time you get ready. You need to make the effort to be here as often as the doors are open, not just when it is a special time. Jesus wants you to respect His house just the same way you want someone to respect your house. You don't have to compromise the Word of God. Let's talk about the music that is being fed to our young people. Gospel Hip Hop. There is no such thing. Hip Hop is about shaking your hips and your buttocks. Gospel jazz - no such thing. We should also be aware that a meaning of the word jazz is



Pastor Luke Witherspoon

sexual relationship. Everything from the world does not belong in the church. Jesus said "My house will be called a house of prayer." We are losing our children to the streets. Entertainer Craig Lewis crafts demon possessed infested music. JayZ has a song entitled "Lucifer." Yet we wonder why our children are being lost.

In the bible there was a time when dressed a certain way, especially when it was time to present a sacrifice. The house was a sacred place. How do we come in to the house? Adults need to remember to set examples with their own behaviors. Homosexuality and bi-sexuality is running rampant in some churches. This places the spirit of Satan over the church and Satan loves praise and worship. Pastor Witherspoon gave an account of his meeting an Episcopal priest who is openly homosexual. This priest invited Pastor Witherspoon to his church for his installation and Pastor Witherspoon had a difficult even deciding to get up and go to the church, but did so. When he was asked to get up and speak the only words he could find were those of prayer, asking the Lord to cast out demons in the name of Jesus. He knew God did not want him in this house of sin.

What about our house? We have things in our lives that are not pleasing to God. We need to check ourselves in our on house. Where is the power of God in our church? We need reverence in God's house. Through out the

words that reverberated in our house,

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Madea Comes to Greater Works Ministries

Submitted by Sister Yvonne Wolfe
Ministry Leader

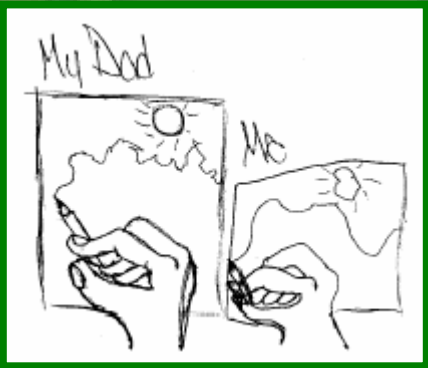
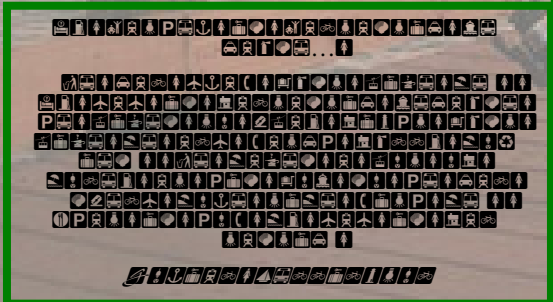
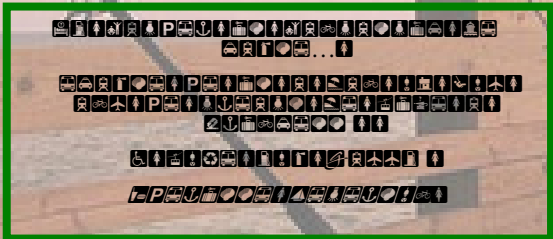
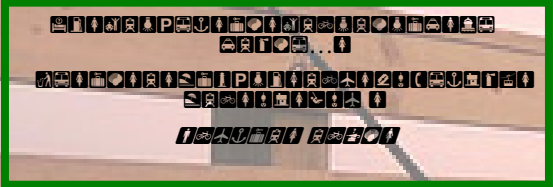
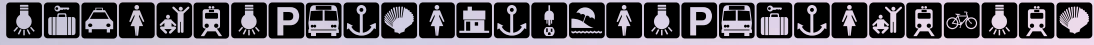
Unless you are living in the dark ages, everyone by now has heard the name Tyler Perry and with that name comes the character he created, "Madea." Tyler Perry, who will soon have his own sitcom aired, has written several plays that include Madea. He considers himself to be a spiritual individual and when he writes his plays he always incorporates a life message in the midst of all the laughter and

drama.

Well, on May 19, 2007 the Seasoned Best Ministry hosted, "An Afternoon with Madea" selecting, "Madea's Family Reunion" for viewing. Madea is played by Mr. Perry and no one could possibly watch this six foot something, flip mouth, gun toting grandmother in action without at least cracking a smile. As was evident from the hearty laughter, you could tell everyone present certainly enjoyed the movie and the time spent together.

The next planned Seasoned Best Ministry outing is scheduled for July 21, 2007 to the New Jersey Aquarium. All are welcome to travel with them. Anyone interested in going can check the Sunday Bulletin or see Sis Yvonne Wolfe ASAP to sign up and submit their funds.





My Father is Fantastic Because...



He can catch a football with one hand.
He goes fishing with me.
Noah Warren



He takes me to ride my bike and play's my football video game with me.
Taylor Miller

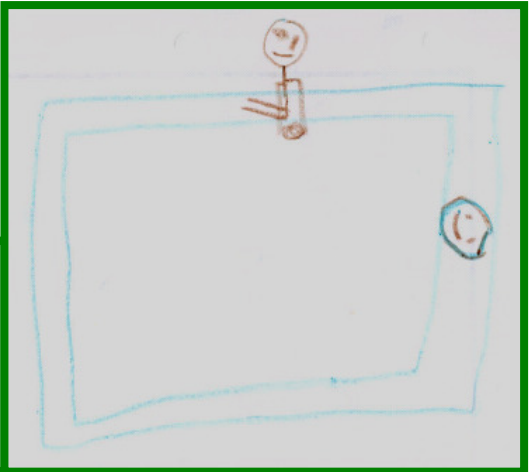


My Dad Rocks. I love him so much.
Aaron Jones



He gives stuff to me. If I am bad he will correct me and I will learn from it. He want's me to be the best girl that I can be.
Kaileigh Tinnin

He tucks me in at night.
He prays with me, Mommy, Noah, and Taá.
My Dad is the best Dad in the world.
Raiford Box V



My Father is Fantastic Because...



Taá's brothers said that she likes to play with Dad and She likes when Daddy tickles her until she can't stand it.

Taá Box



He plays Playstation with me.

Jordan Miller



We eat together and He likes to sit and watch TV with me.

Rayhan Perry



My Dad is great because next week he will buy me a wallet at Wal★Mart

Colby Jones



We play Playstation and he makes me laugh because he tickles me.

Noah Box

Dads, Make Some Memories – Father's Day 2007

Submitted by Sister Leslie Tinnin

In May I did a little research on Mother's Day, so it is only natural that I would do the same for Fathers. After all, technically, you can not have one without the other. Father's Day was born from an idea that came to Sonora Smart Dodd one Sunday morning in 1909, while she was in church listening to a Mother's Day sermon. (See what I mean about not having one without the other?) Sonora was 16 years old when her mother passed away while giving birth to her sixth child. Her father was left to raise her, the only girl, and her brothers. Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was and because her father was born in June, she chose that month for its celebration. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. In 1926, a National Father's Day Committee was formed and in 1956 it was recognized by a Joint Resolution of Congress. It was President Richard Nixon who established a permanent national observance in 1972 only 35 years ago. The flower for Father's Day is a rose: red for a living father and white if he has passed on.



Fathers are a different breed than mothers. But boy or girl, we need our fathers in our homes now more than ever. Particularly in African American homes, our children need positive male role models. Men that are willing and able to handle the responsibilities associated with fatherhood as well as being a husband. Mom is often the biggest teacher, but dad can have some powerful lessons to share as well. I have fond recollections of my dad. His father passed when he was but 5 years old. He was raised by a strong black woman, and I would venture to guess that joining the military played a big part in his development. My oldest son once told me, "The military will teach you everything you need to know about being a man if you didn't get it at home or something's wrong with you."

My father, in my eyes, had to be the most physically powerful man in the world and also the tallest, (or so it seemed given he was only 5'8" tall.) That was how he carried himself; tall, and that was how he taught us to carry ourselves; with pride. He was big on education. If he was still alive he would be about 93 years old. A survivor of the Deep South, he graduated from high school through sheer perseverance; and later in life even with a wife and ten children at home, he decided to pursue his education taking night classes at LaSalle University. He began teaching my twin brother and me, basic math and reading before we entered school. He was a man of few words, unless you were unfortunate enough to get one of his infamous unwanted lectures. These seemed to go on for an eternity. If you mustered up the nerve to ask to go to a party with friends, for the next hour you were lectured about the pitfalls of being with the wrong crowd. I have often told people that the worse beating I ever had in my life (Yes, I said beating. That's what it was called) was from my father, and he never touched me! I say it was the worse, simply because this giant went through the motions of threatening to hit me. I screamed and danced like my feet were on fire. But there was also the fun stuff. He would salsa around the coffee table and then dance with me standing on his feet. Sometimes he would join us in our weekly Friday night Beatles party. I remember the rush I would get when I looked up from the sidewalk at school to see his car there when it had rained and we had no umbrellas for the walk home. When my mother was ill, and the girls needed their hair done, that man could do a press and curl of champions! And cook? He could dance circles around my Mom with some of his meals. He did grocery shopping and laundry. All this from a man who would proudly explain the roles of men versus

those of women; a male chauvinist to the 10th degree, but he was a father first. You didn't get a lot of hugs and kisses, but you did know you were loved. I remember the trip to down town Philadelphia to John Wanamaker's, all dressed up, just me and my dad, to get my 17 year old birthday present. I'll never forget it. My relationship with my dad grew to be very special. As a young tyke, I once kicked my mother for kissing him one afternoon. He gave the best "men advice" of anyone I know, and I knew I could trust his answers.



My dad certainly set some wonderful examples. Children learn what they live. He never missed a day of work. He taught my 6 brothers how to take their place in the world as men, showing them what they may have to do to care for their families. He worked two jobs when he had to. I have never seen my brothers idle. They all do house work and change diapers, some better at it than others. Never have I known their families to suffer hardships. They all finished school and all went on to further their education in one way or another. My father showed his sons what a father is and his daughters what a husband should be. It was because of my dad that we never missed a Sunday at church. I often wonder if I honored him as much as he deserved. Dads and want to be dads, remember it is a commitment 365 days a year for the rest of your lives. It is sacrifice. It is joy. If you don't have children of your own, maybe you can be a big brother or a mentor to someone whose father is absent. Even if you have children you can still mentor someone else's. The rewards can be awesome! Children, respect and obey your fathers. Honor them. Dads, create some memories from love and you will always have each other.



Youth Happenings

PENTECOST PUZZLE GRID

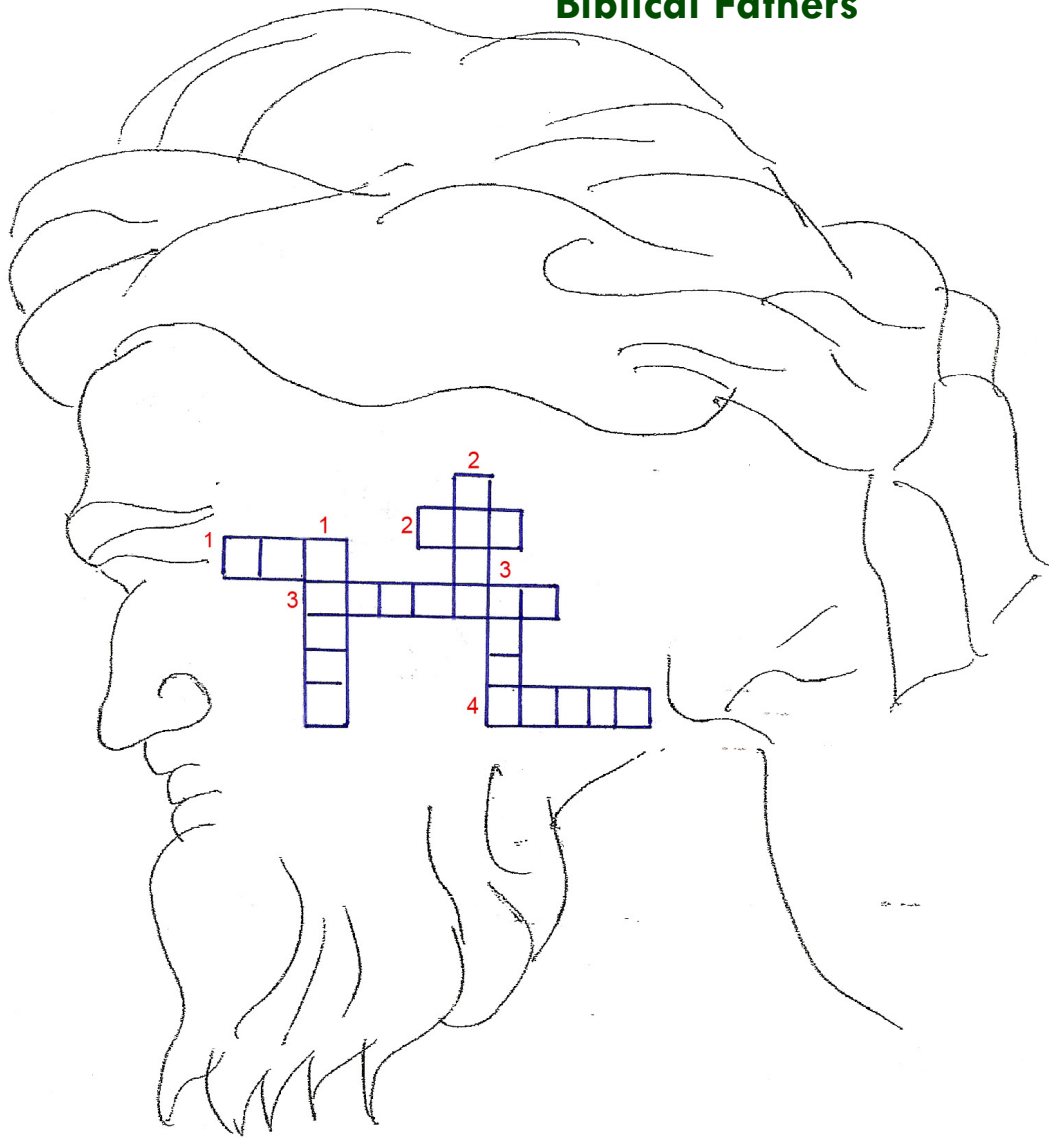
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Youth Happenings

Biblical Fathers



DOWN

1. He was her husband and Solomon's father...2 Samuel 12:24
2. God instructed this person to build the Ark...Genesis 6:13-22
3. God used one of his ribs to create Eve...Genesis 2:21-22

ACROSS

1. In The beginning this Father created the Heaven and the Earth Genesis 1:1
2. God allowed Satan to test this man ...Job 1:8
3. God changed his name from Abram to...Genesis 17:5
4. Pharaoh's daughter found this baby in the river and raised him as her own son...Exodus 2:5-10

Noah Box Graduates!



Way to Go!

Our own Noah Box is a graduate! Noah graduated from Fairwinds Christian School in New Castle, Delaware. The graduates performed a bible skit of Luke 19:1-10 for their parents and guests. This is the story about a chief tax collector, Zacchaeus who wanted to see Jesus. Because the crowd was so large and he was short in stature he could not see Him and decided to climb up into a tree. When Jesus arrived he called to Zacchaeus to come down, telling him He wanted to stay in his home. Zacchaeus was very pleased with this and told Jesus he would give half of all his wealth to the needy and anyone he had defrauded he would

pay back four times over. Jesus told him "Today salvation has come to this house..." Of course our Noah played Zacchaeus and his mother, Wendy Box, says "He sang his part and did very well." Noah also won awards for several achievements, one of which was for Bible knowledge.

Noah will begin first grade at Townsend Elementary School, in Townsend Delaware in August. Way to go Noah! Congratulations!

Submitted by Sister Leslie Tinnin



Blow Wind Blow, continued

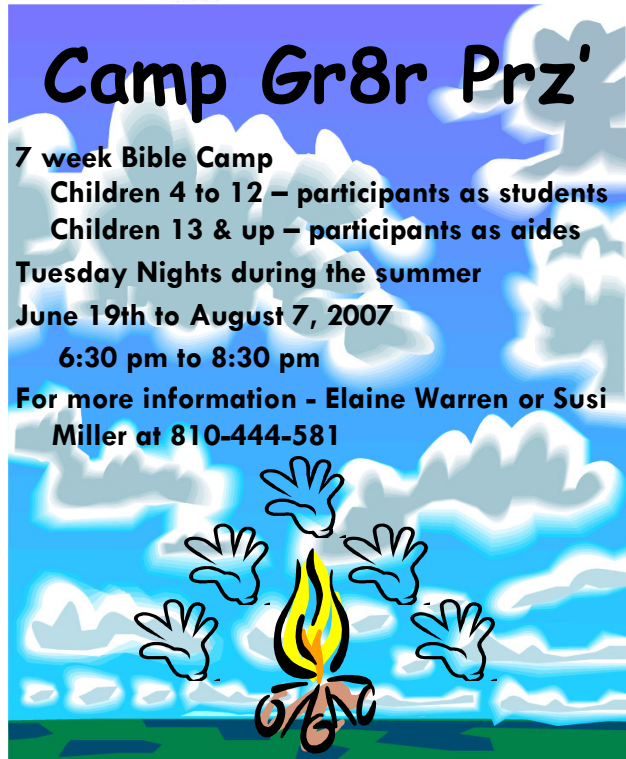
three months earlier a physician had informed him he had cancer. Recently that same doctor had to tell him he couldn't find it! "There is something about the move of God. Every soul is touched. The devil is stomped out. Late in the midnight hour God's gonna turn some things around and a wind will blow through for you." And the congregation was engaged in foot stomping praise as he exited the pulpit...



And When the Day of Pentecost..., continued

the saints were having a Holy Ghost party. Saints in the pews and saints in the aisles. Saints in the front and saints in the back .Music poured from the musicians. Altar call was a wonderful, phenomenal experience of healing for many. Somewhere around 9:00 o'clock, after Pastor Avery had finished preaching, the Holy Ghost turned folks loose an the service was over. The Mighty Winds had ripped through the church and the saints drunk on the Word ventured down-stairs for a time of wonderful fellowship and food. By mid-night chairs and tables had been put back, the kitchen tidied and the church had emptied out, the few remaining saints ended conversations and drove from the parking lot. We know the celebration of Pentecost is finished but we have only just begun. We will keep this momentum, this Mighty Wind with in our spirits, going, going and going. There will be Greater Works at Greater Works.

To view more images from all of our Pentecost Celebration Fellowships go to GWMinistries.net/events/pastevents



Camp Gr8r Prz'
7 week Bible Camp
Children 4 to 12 – participants as students
Children 13 & up – participants as aides
Tuesday Nights during the summer
June 19th to August 7, 2007
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
For more information - Elaine Warren or Susi Miller at 810-444-581



Marriage Works
 Annual Conference
 Celebrating 5 Years of Couples
 Fellowship and Fun
 Saturday, September 22, 2007
 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Theme: Loving Through All Seasons
 Special Guest Speaker: Bishop Gilbert Coleman of Philadelphia, PA
 SAVE THE DATE More information to follow

Inspirational Writings

A True Son



A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside.

"Your son is here," she said to the old man.

She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened.

Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement.

The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed. All through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile.

He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital - the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients.

Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night.

Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited.

Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her. "Who was that man?" he asked. The nurse was startled, "He was your father," she answered. "No, he wasn't," the Marine replied. "I never saw him before in my life."

"Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?"

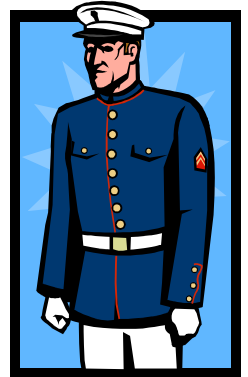
"I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here. When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed."

The next time someone needs you ... just be there. Stay.

WE ARE NOT HUMAN BEINGS GOING THROUGH A TEMPORARY SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE.

WE ARE SPIRITUAL BEINGS GOING THROUGH A TEMPORARY HUMAN EXPERIENCE.

Share this with some one and God will bless you!
THIS IS WHAT WE ARE PUT ON THIS EARTH TO DO ANYWAY. RIGHT?
HAVE A GREAT DAY AND BLESS SOMEONE ELSE IN SOME LITTLE WAY TODAY!
GOD IS SO GOOD.



Source Unknown, Submitted by Sister Leslie Tinnin

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

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 East

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 - Prayer Answered
John and Dolly O'Brien
Frank Laveer Tinnin
Lizzie Baker
Bethann Archer
Nancy Coleman
Leon Husband

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

V. J. Forrest - Iraq

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

For those seeking permanent employment:

Give Thanks For:
For the birth of:

For the marriage of:

For the Baptism of:
Dorian Pennington
Hampton James

Jones



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

Weekly Church Schedule

as of January 1, 2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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		Tabernacle Restoration Rid do Alabanza Services 7:30 - 9:00 pm	
Tabernacle Restoration Rid do Alabanza 2:30 - 5:00 pm		Leadership Training (4th Tues. ea. Mo.) 7:00 pm	Tabernacle Restoration Rid do Alabanza 7:30 - 9:00 pm			
Evening Service 2nd & 4th Sun. 5:00 pm (unless noted for special events)		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			Iota-Sigma-Iota 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#>

Sunday, June 10:

DAY Classes, 9:30 am, Recognition Celebration.

Sunday, June 10:

WOW "Fruit 2 Go" & Gently Used Book Sale, Immediately following the morning service. We will be selling fresh cut fruit in small and large "to go" containers, bottled water, and "fruit kabobs!"

Monday, June 11:

6:30 pm, Usher's Meeting

Tuesday, June 12:

7:00 pm, Discipleship Training, The Baptismal Formula according to Matthew 28:19

Tuesday, June 5:

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

Sunday, June 17:

Father's Day

Tuesday, June 19:

6:30 to 8:30 pm. Camp GR8R PRZ, 7 week Bible Camp for children ages 4 to 12, 13 and up as assistants. See Elaine Warren or Susi Miller for more details or call 610-444-5581

Friday, June 29

8:00 pm, GWM will worship with Bishop

Moulden and Word of Life, West Grove, PA. All are encourage to attend.

Saturday, June 30:

8:00 am to Noon, WOW Outdoor Yard & Craft Sale, Space are available for only \$10. Please see Elaine Warren or call 610-444-5581.

Sunday, July 1:

WOW "Fruit 2 Go" & Gently Used Book Sale, Immediately following the morning service. We will be selling fresh cut fruit in small and large "to go" containers, bottled water, and "fruit kabobs!"

Thursday, July 12:

7:30 pm, Latter Rain Conference. Hosted by Pastor Joyce Stevens of Tucson, AZ. More information to follow.

Friday, July 13:

7:30 pm, Latter Rain Conference. Hosted by Pastor Joyce Stevens of Tucson, AZ. More information to follow.

Saturday, July 14:

7:30 pm, Latter Rain Conference. Hosted by Pastor Joyce Stevens of Tucson, AZ. More information to follow.

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 Confer-

ence, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Saturday, August 18:

Join the GWM Usher Board on a Bus Trip to Ocean City, MD, 7:00 am depart GWM, 7:00 pm return to GWM. \$30 adults, \$20 children, See Sister Pat Tynes or Sister Tonda Hawkins for more information.

Saturday, September 15:

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

Saturday, September 22:

9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Marriage Works Annual Conference, Celebrating 5th Year of Couples, Fellowship, and Fun. Guest Speaker: Bishop Gilbert Coleman. More information to follow.

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.

Do you need to contact the Church?

From 10:00 am to 3:00 pm you can call 610-444-5581 or you can send an e-mail to our new e-mail address gwmsecretary@verizon.net

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Anniversaries...

June 6:

Eugene and Ella Lee

June 24:

Elder & Mrs. E. Richard McKim

June 24:

Deacon Clarence & Pastor Joyce Stevens

In Memory Of...

June 12:

Flora Josephine Blair Simmons

June Birthday's...

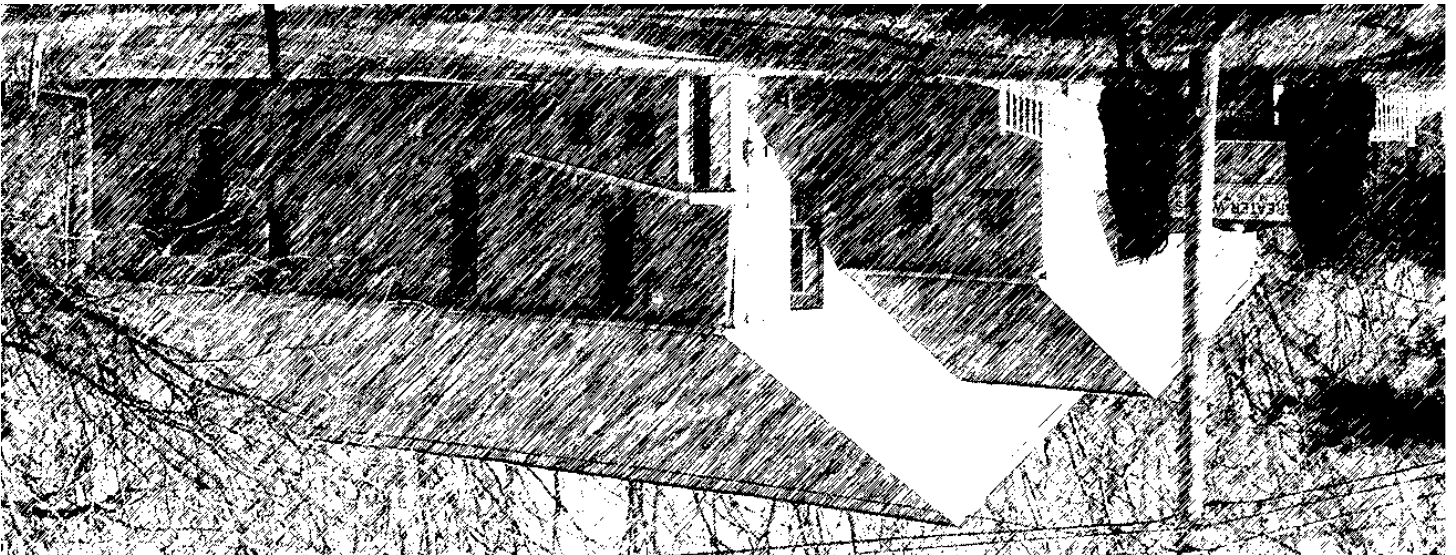
June 30:

Shirley Reeves



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