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# The WORKS!



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## Merry Christmas

### Reflections from Pastor Mark Avery



#### Reflections on the Year 2007

It is hard to imagine that we are fast approaching the culmination of what has been an awesome year. The beginning of such was marked by the declaration of the theme, **"Defeat is not an Option"**. There were tests and trials that many of us had to withstand and endure, but God was, and remains ever faithful. We witnessed powerful moves of God through various fresh voices of ministry that graced our pulpit throughout this entire year. We made new friends and strengthened established relationships that were previously in place.

There were two major celebrations that stand out for me. One was our Pentecost

Celebration, and the Latter Rain Conference, which was facilitated by Pastor Joyce Stevens and held at our facility. These two weekends were strategic in positioning us for the assignment we will take for the ensuing year of 2008. God has richly smiled on us and blessed us in so many tangible and intangible ways. Who could forget little Noah Warren praising God so boldly during the Pentecost Celebration. We recognized that the presence of God was thick in the house! Prophetic utterances were given during the Latter Rain Conference that are manifesting themselves even as we approach the close of this great year. God has truly shown us favor.

We also saw the emergence of new leadership, new paradigms in terms of ministry organization, and new and creative methods of ministry. This is very intentional in light of the fact that the number 8 represents new beginnings. I am excited about what God has done, and am even more excited about what He is about to do. My heart's desire is to

see us strive for consistent and continued excellence in all of our kingdom building endeavors. A note of thanks goes out to each of the ministries our church. You have enriched us greatly.

As we approach 2008, I urge each of you to remain sensitive to the Master's promptings for more in terms of our commitment and dedication to the mission and vision of our great church. Take advantage of those opportunities in ministry that strengthen your personal walk (**Discipleship Training**), marital life (**Marriage Works**), and get involved in making a difference in the lives of others by volunteering your time in one of our diverse ministries. I thank God for our past, and am excited about our future. God bless each of you during this upcoming holiday season, and may the blessings of the Lord overtake you and your household in great measure.

Blessings,

*C. Mark Avery*  
Pastor

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#### Scripture of the Month

"...because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:20-1



*You are Invited to Join us  
For the Women of Wisdom's  
Annual Christmas Celebration  
For an Evening of Fellowship & Fun*



Wednesday, December 19, 2007  
7 pm to 8:30 pm

Greater Works Ministries  
Kennett Square, PA 19348

*\*Refreshments will be served*

*\*Invite a Friend\**



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[www.mbfoundation.org](http://www.mbfoundation.org) or 800-547-7627



## Heart Attacks

Submitted by Sister Margaret Hicks  
Nursing Ministry



A serious note about heart attacks - You should know that not every heart attack symptom is going to be the left arm hurting. Be aware of intense pain in the jaw line. You may never have the first chest pain during the course of a heart attack.

Nausea and intense sweating are also common


symptoms. Sixty percent of people who have a heart attack while they are asleep do not wake up. Pain in the jaw can wake you from a sound sleep. Let's be careful and be aware. The more we know, the better chance we could survive.

If everyone who reads this message tells a friend, it could save a life. So, please be a true friend and inform all those you care about.



## PennDOT Approves 4-Hour Mature Driver Improvement Course

11/30/2007-general

 HARRISBURG - The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has approved a 4-hour Mature Driver Improvement Refresher Course, which will allow drivers 55 and older the opportunity to hone their driving skills and continue to Qualify for discounted vehicle insurance.

The refresher course will be offered to individuals who have completed the PennDOT-approved, 8-hour Mature Driver Improvement Basic Course within the last three years. Currently, individuals are required to complete this course every three years to continue to qualify for discounted vehicle insurance.

Under Pennsylvania law, drivers 55 and older are eligible to receive a five percent discount on their vehicle insurance by com-

pleting the basic course. The requirements for receiving this discount are that each individual named on the policy must be 55 years of age or older and must have completed the course within the past three years. Individuals should check with their insurance carrier for specifics of their program.

"PennDOT is pleased to authorize a refresher course for Pennsylvania's mature driving population," said PennDOT Secretary Allen D. Biehler, P.E. "The basic and refresher courses help mature drivers understand how aging affects driving abilities. They also provide insights about driving on today's roadways, including recently enacted laws that affect all motorists."

There are four state-approved organizations that conduct courses across the commonwealth. All approved courses address the specific safety needs of the mature

driver. There are no written or practical driving tests. The course fees are moderate, but vary with each organization. Contact the following organizations to check fees and availability:

1. AAA  
Check local offices for availability  
[www.aaaafoundation.org](http://www.aaaafoundation.org)

2. AARP  
1-888-227-7669  
[www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)

3. National Safety Council  
1-800-459-2556  
[www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org)

4. Seniors for Safe Driving  
1-800-559-4880  
[www.sfsd-pa.com](http://www.sfsd-pa.com)

For more information about mature driver safety, visit PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services Web site, [www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us).

## The Seasoned Best Finale of 2007

Written by Sis Yvonne Wolfe

The Seasoned Best closed out the "season" with a luncheon held in the fellowship hall of GWM.

We shared testimonies, stories and gave thanks unto God for being merciful to us, and allowing us to be able to do all the things we have to do, as well as all the enjoyable events that we do.

We are looking forward to next year with some new adventures. If anyone has

something that may be of interest to our group please let Sister Margaret Hicks know.

Again we thank all who joined us in our adventures. The younger folk and our guests in their entirety, who became a part of the Season Best for day. With special thanks to Elizabeth Jones and Nancy Poe who have been very supportive with our group. We certainly appreciate their enthusiasm and willingness to support us. We look forward to seeing them again next year as well as new faces.

Sister Margaret Hicks, what can we say? "Thank you. Thank you for being the inspiration that you are and keeping us "seniors" motivated. God bless you with a continued vision for this ministry.

So "SENIORS" until we meet again may you prosper in all that is good. Remember our motto "THE PURPOSE OF LIFE IS A LIFE OF PURPOSE."

GOD BLESS YOU ALL

## Occupation Not Ownership

Written by Sister Marlene E. Tinnin  
Shepherd's Care Ministry

On the evening of October 28, 2007 we were blessed by the Word brought forth by Pastor Linda Mounds of Christ Gospel Church of Harrisburg, Pa. She began by letting us know the Word says "that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof and all that we live in belongs to the Lord." "The enemy knows our worth and he comes to steal, kill and destroy us. Our God owns the land that he has given us as Christian believers and we're to claim it even though the devil occupies the land with us. We have power to free captives and God is always with us while doing the work to possess the land." God is able to help us the (Body of Christ) do the work. Souls are

most valuable to him because he gave his only son's life for us. God lives in our hearts and souls and he desires for us to go bring the lost in to fill his house. As Christians we have become fat and flourishing on the Word, but we need to go out and spread the Word. Pastor Mounds went on to remind us that we need to step out in faith to do our Father's works he has instructed us. "Faith without works is dead. But God is the same yesterday, today and always. If you don't exercise your Faith you won't know this and like anything else if you don't use it you lose it."

Pastor Mounds instruction continued by explaining that every one who exalts himself over God will fall. Because of His unconditional love we need to trust in God

and not man who is fickle and will bring about disappointment. She shared with the congregation her awareness of the many who come dining at the Masters table ingesting His good Word, yet failing, week after week to express it through our Faith Walk. He has given us the power to do whatever needs to be done in Jesus Name. There is so much more to this Walk of Faith and Salvation than the emotional aspect of our singing, dancing, clapping and shouting. "God is trying to tell us something thru all our suffering and pain that we endure. We need to learn to endure and stand as good soldiers on his Word with faith to endure to the end." "Some people have gotten too comfortable and won't praise God without having to be pumped up, but we need to come

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## PennDOT Urges Motorists to Prepare for Winter Driving

11/28/2007-general

HARRISBURG -- To help motorists prepare for winter driving, PennDOT Secretary Allen D. Biehler, P.E. announced today the release of a new winter driving guide and the creation of a new online traveler information section.



"We have taken many steps to enhance our operations and customer communications this winter, and now we ask that all motorists do their part to prepare for winter driving," Biehler said. "If you must travel during severe winter weather, you should keep an emergency travel kit in your vehicles and be certain that your vehicle is prepared."

The new winter driving guide is available at [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us) and through PennDOT district offices. The guide provides winter driving tips and includes a list of what should be included in a simple emergency travel kit.

"The items that we recommend in the kit are very basic, and it is important that motorists tailor their kits to any specific needs they or their families may have," Biehler said.

Some of the basic items for every vehicle include first aid supplies, non-perishable food, water, warm clothes, a blanket and a small snow shovel.

The new online travel information section provides a variety of useful tools, including current

weather-related travel conditions and closures, which is updated every 15 minutes for all Pennsylvania interstates.

The site also provides links to PennDOT traffic cameras, roadway weather information systems and real-time weather conditions.

Another new customer information service that PennDOT is offering is an interstate road conditions hotline where callers can get weather-related road condition information updated every 15 minutes for all Pennsylvania interstates. The toll-free hotline is 1-888-783-6783 for in-state callers; out-of-state callers should call 717-783-5186.

The online version of the winter driving guide will be available all winter on the PennDOT Traveler Information page, but a limited number of printed copies are available through local PennDOT District offices:

- District 1: 814-678-7095 (Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango and Warren counties)

- District 2: 814-765-0423 (Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Juniata, McKean, Mifflin and Potter counties)

- District 3: 570-368-4202 (Bradford, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Lycoming, Northumberland, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga and Union counties)

- District 4: 570-963-4044 (Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Wayne, Wyoming and Susquehanna counties)

- District 5: 610-871-4555 (Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton and Schuylkill counties)

- District 6: 610-205-6800 (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties)

- District 8: 717-787-1446 (Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York counties)

- District 9: 814-696-7101 (Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Somerset counties)

- District 10: 724-357-2829 (Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson counties)

- District 11: 412-429-5010 (Allegheny, Beaver and Lawrence counties)

- District 12: 724-439-7375 (Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland counties)

"We have made significant changes to our Web site and our hotline in an effort

to keep motorists up to date on interstate winter road conditions," Biehler said. "We urge all motorists who will be traveling this winter to make sure that they are prepared. However, if weather forecasts call for a storm, you should ask yourself if you truly need to be traveling."

## Greater Works Ministries Health Fair A Success!

Submitted by Sister Leslie Tinnin  
Editor

Saturday, November 10, 2007, the Nursing Ministry of GWM sponsored a Health Fair at Fellowship Hall in the church. Quiet as it's kept; the members of this ministry are no slouches and had been quietly going about the business organizing this since June earlier this year. By 8:00 am Saturday morning the nursing ministry members were set up and ready to receive their guests. The health fair was open to the community at large. It was not only announced in our services, but more that 150 flyers were mailed to other churches and organizations, posted and handed out under the diligence of Sis Margaret Hicks, the ministry director. Sis Hicks believes passionately that the as our bodies are our temples (do you not know that your body is the temple...1 Cor 6:19) scripture), we as Christians are charged with the responsibility of caring for them and are required to educate ourselves. (Wise people store up knowledge Prov 10:14). Sis Hicks rarely misses placing health information in "The Works", Greater Works Ministries monthly publication.

There were multiple vendors from the community. Chester County Health dept had a dental representative whose display focused on the dental health primarily the prevention of child caries. She came in tow with an informative display, tooth brushes and educational materials.

A registered nurse, Judith from Chester County health had information on diabetes. She also had a blood glucose monitor and for those who had fasted, was able to provide them with a random blood sugar. In addition she had information on hypertension and provided booklets to record and track your blood pressure. Other guests included, Neighborhood Visiting Nurses whose representative Jackie Spada had a wealth of information about the won programs and resources available through this 90 year old agency. Heartland Hospice's volunteer, Judith Derwaese, spoke to the myths of what hospice care is and what it is not. Ashley Pilla, from Health Care Solutions came armed with one of the newest home nebulizer machines (the asthmatics perked up). She explained this machine is easier for our seniors to use, who may have decreased dexterity.

Our special guest speaker, a native of West Philadelphia, was Dr Gerald DeVaughn, the president of the Association of Black Cardiologists, which is recognized by the American Heart Association and the American Medical Association. It was surprising to learn there are only 400 black cardiologists in the United States. Dr DeVaughn practices primarily at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, as well as Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia. Through his power point presentation we learned about the ABC organi-

zation and their focus on cardiovascular health in the minority community, the charitable work of the organization through out the world and there involvement in various research studies. Dr DeVaughn pointed out the need for increased awareness in the African American community about the effects of inadequate cardiovascular care. We need to begin to recognize that the standards of practice do not always work as well in our communities. Few studies have been done with the target group of patients consisting of people of color. An example given is a study performed for patients with congestive heart failure or CHF as it is more commonly known. In the study, various medications were used to treat the disorder on both white and black patients. One medication in particular, Bidel it would appear works better on African Americans in CHF but is very costly making out if reach for many on the African American community. The heart functions like a pump getting blood to virtually every organ in the body. We must learn to be more heart healthy increasing our exercise and watching our dietary intake.

Though the turn out was smaller than was hoped for, the Nursing Ministry can know that no one left uninformed. We were truly blessed this year to have such wonderful guests come to expand our knowledge bases as it relates to our health. We look forward to a bigger and better next year, so start spreading the word!



## Occupation Not Ownership, Continued

with our praise already tuned up through our good as well as bad times. It's easy to praise God when all is going well but the real test comes when you are going through trials and test. Can we still give him the praise that is due him?"

We heard that 'True Word' leads us to righteousness and holiness. God has us speaking salvation to those who are lost in darkness for he wants all to be saved and none to perish. We need to exercise our faith so we get stronger. "God gives us all what we need to step out on faith and

there is nothing impossible for our God if you believe and trust Him. We sometimes give up because we are visual beings and if we can't see things in the natural we think it's not working or coming to pass. But our God knows the beginning and the end and if we live more in the spiritual which you can't see and have faith as little as a mustard seed anything is possible." "It's getting late now in this game of life and there is no time for picking and choosing who we'll reach out to. We can put that old devil out of our lives and off our properties because we got power and authority

over him." Pastor Mounds ended by saying, "We got to want to save some as Paul wrote 'Cry before they die by the Lord.' "What he did for one he can do for another as he did for us."



## Talk To Me

Submitted by Sister Marlene E. Tinnin  
Shepherd's Care Ministry

We were blessed for the first time to have Bishop Quincy Watkins and his congregation from Darby, Pa. join us for our evening service. His choir started the program with two selections "Even Me Lord" and "Holy Ghost Rain On Me" followed by a trio that sang "How Great Is Our God" and "Yes, Yes Lord." Then Bishop Watkins started off by saying that we need more of the Holy Ghost in the church. He said we need to select a time to tell God how great he is through Praise and Worship and that anything is possible through this process. Some people are still hungry for God and we want more of Him and He wants more of them. We should tell Him "Lets Get Together" so we can talk and be talked to. We want to see miracles performed and some will never be the same once they see some of the things that only God can do. He can open doors that nobody can shut. He said in 2008 God is really going to shake some things up.

He said some people talk too much and to the wrong people instead of God. Those people are avoided that talk too much because you can't get a word in edge wise, but talking is necessary. The voice you have is as important as the words that are spoken even though some voices are very annoying, while some are captivating, or soothing. When we ask for things sometimes before God is ready to deliver them, He needs to break us down. But even through that process of brokenness He is still right there with you. We need to tell God whatever He gives us that we'll give it right back to Him, showing God whatever it is He's still more important than that thing He gave that He can just as quickly take away. When you have that attitude and mindset He'll remember as He did with Hannah and bless you with even more

sometimes than even asked of Him and our cups will be running over. He talked of how some people don't know God's voice. We have to know it for ourselves; not through our family but have a relationship with God ourselves. Most things that happen to us are because we don't hear God's voice. He's not just talking anymore; He is screaming trying to get our attention in some cases. The consequences then become our bad choices, headaches, heartaches, unnecessary drama and more. Some just don't want to hear what God is saying and are doing what their flesh wants to do. God can, and will turn a reprobate mind on you and you don't want that because He'll say "Okay I'm done, do it your way but don't come back to me time after time with the same old mess and you are in trouble, expecting me to help you." He told us how we can't receive everything and everybody on television, radio or even in the pulpit because some are 'prophelying' and will have us all messed up.

He told us that some longtime Christians don't hear from God or know His voice anymore because some are so busy going about doing the Work and not having a relationship which is our worth, unaware of the difference. We all need that relationship with God and talk to Him and hear His voice and we're good. Be careful of people who want to give you a Word that have no relationship with God. We need other Spiritual people like our Pastors and others that God has appointed to unlock some doors for us at times that we can't get through without their guidance, prayers, wisdom and revelation. The potential is in all of us but we have to know His voice for ourselves. Some don't get anywhere because God is speaking and they're not listening and obeying what He is telling us to do. We must obey God in everything not be selective in hearing and doing. If we can be okay with our blessings then we should also obey God's cor-

rection for it's to our benefit. We also hear through a preacher who is sent to give us the Word, but you can not receive from everybody who claims to have a Word for you. God usually will speak to you first and then it's confirmed when you get it again through people, television, radio or whatever method God chooses to use. But when we aren't hearing from God ourselves you give the devil reign through any means he can come in and cloud our minds and actions. Bishop Watkins stated that "only 10% are hearing from God and that's an alarming figure compared to all the Christians there are in the world." We need to have more quiet time to hear from God and talk with Him. Turn off the TV because some things get into our spirits that aren't Godly and in comes the devil ready to set up camp. Pastors should be preaching and teaching from the bible, the true Word which was founded and written by twelve disciples who got revelations from God. God speaks to us with the Holy Ghost and His Rema Word. God gave us gifts of the spirit. Once we hear God, we need to be able to distinguish what is us, God or the devil speaking. If you have a relationship with God it should be His voice we hear and obey "Not our will but His be done". God loves to step in and direct us so we stay out of trouble in order that we have peace, joy and trouble free lives for the most part. Now sometimes he allows things to come to wake you up but it is a loving correction to let you know you are going the wrong direction against His Word. He's a loving God but He will correct you as a parent will do and if you don't listen and keep doing the same stuff over and over He will put His wrath upon you. As he came to the end of his message for us on this day, Bishop Watkins stated, "God wants to speak to us in the coming New Year more than ever. Can we hear Him and obey Him? He's constantly saying "Talk To Me."



## Let this Mind Be in You That Was Also in Christ Jesus

Written by Sister Leslie Tinnin

Let this Mind Be in You That Was Also in Christ Jesus( Become a Positive Person Elder Peterson Preaches

On this First Sunday in November, "The Mighty Men" delivered "Pick Up the Cross" with Elder McKim directing and Elder Peterson supplying lead vocals. Immediately following, Elder Peterson's sermon got underway, "God is there even when you don't ask Him to be". Though there was humor laced through out his sermon on this the first Sunday in November, his message was quite serious- Become a Positive Person by getting "A mind like Christ".

"Christ has positive thought in his mind at all times. As we think we need to replace negative thoughts with positive thoughts. What do we think about all day? Do we have the mind that Christ had?" "Christ did not come to condemn he came to save us. We need to be careful what we are allowing in to our minds and in to our homes. If we are listening to music that you would feel condemned about listening to in the church then something is wrong." Elder Peterson pointed out that a particular local radio station that played gospel music on Sunday mornings no longer does. The enemy got mad and now they have changed their format. "As Christians we need to have positive sounds. Sounds that give God praise."

God wants positive people. "What would we have done to the woman at the well?" We would have probably condemned her, but how did our lord handle it?" "Speak positive words. If you speak all day of how good Christ is you won't have time for nonsense." Elder Peterson continued, "Listen to Jesus words, and the more you read the words, things will jump out at you." We need to come to the altar for Christ sake. God still loves you, even with the all the problems we have, even with all the things we do. We need to have a positive mind like God. Perform positive deeds. "When was the last time you met someone else's needs? While we were yet sinners Christ died for you and for me. Go to positive places. We sometimes go the wrong places and then

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### Jesus is the Reason for the Season

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### Let this Mind Be in You That Was Also in Christ Jesus, continued

wonder why we get in to trouble. You should be able to come to church and have a good time. (Ain't no party like a Holy Ghost party.) "Pump up the volume!"

God will come and get you when He is ready, so you may not have time to stop doing those

things that you should not be doing—drinking, cussing, smoking. Act like Christ. It's not about you it is about Jesus. Have a Christ mind. God gives you a chance everyday. Seek Gods approval in all you do. Ask yourself if what you are doing is what God would have you to do? If you get the mind of Christ every minute,

every hour your life would be easier, though this does not mean your problems will disappear. Christ wants body, mind and spirit, but most of all He wants you to have a mind like His.

## Home For the Holiday Recipes for Kids

Submitted by Sister Elaine Warren

### 3 Wise Men Traveling Trail Mix

In a large bowl combine equal amounts of:

- Raisins or dried fruit
- Chocolate Covered Raisins
- Chocolate M&M's
- Shelled Peanuts (\*if allergic, substitute with mini pretzels)
- Shelled Cashews (\*if allergic, substitute with mini pretzels)
- Shelled Sunflower Seeds
- Chex Cereal

Stir ingredients in a large bowl till well combined  
Place small portions in Ziploc® sandwich size bags



### Toasty Angel From Heaven

\*makes 4 slices

Prepare the French Toast:

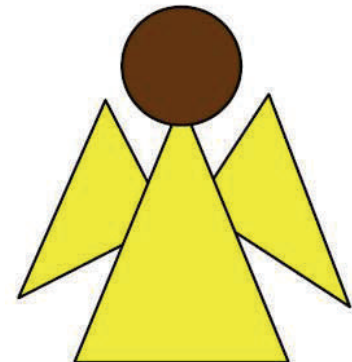
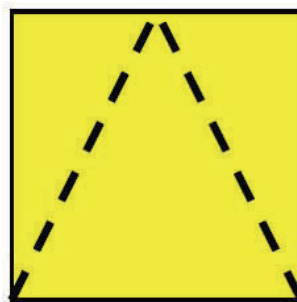
- 2 Eggs –crack & scramble in a large bowl
- ¼ Cup of Heavy Whipping Cream –add to the eggs you scrambled & mix well
- 4 pieces of square shaped bread –place each piece in egg mixture
- place each piece of bread in the egg mixture
- allow the bread to absorb the egg
- remove from the egg mixture & place on a non-stick pan at medium heat
- cook both sides to slightly brown & set aside
- \*Have an adult do the cooking\* \*Be SAFE\*

Prepare the Sausage:

- 4 pieces of microwave able sausage patty's-heat in microwave as per instructions on package & set aside

Cut & Arrange each piece of French Toast as per the diagram.

Add the sausage patty to the top of the arranged French Toast pieces to complete the angel.

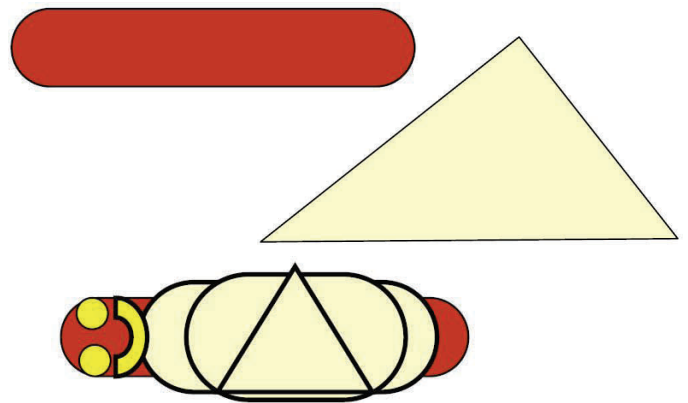


### Baby Jesus in a Blanket

Ingredients:

- 8 pack of Hot Dogs
- 8 pack of Ready to Bake Crescent Rolls

- 1) Wrap each hot dog with 1 crescent roll
  - 2) Place on a non-stick baking tray
  - 3) Bake in oven according to the directions on the Crescent Roll package
    - if unsure, bake 5 to 10 minutes at 350 degrees until rolls are slightly brown
  - 4) Allow to cool for 5 to 10 minutes
  - 5) Use Ketchup or Mustard to draw Baby Jesus' face
- \*See below...





## Inspirational Writings

### 1 Corinthians 13-- A CHRISTMAS Version

*Submitted by Sister Alicia Hicks*

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.

Author Unknown



## 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 looking for answers:  
*LTD*

For those in search of wisdom and strength:  
*James T.*

For those in crisis:  
*Mo*  
*SMD and Family*

For those in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing:  
*Pastor Gilberto Fuentes*  
*RVT*  
*Janaya Hammond*  
*Lizzie Baker*  
*LLT*

For those in need of strength and support:  
*Leona Lickman*  
*R M T*

For those in need of permanent housing and protection:  
*RR and Family*  
*Diane*

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

For Nation and World concerns:  
*Peace in the Middle East*  
*I 35W Bridge Victims, Survivors & Families*

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



*Donald Mease - Deployed to War*  
*Ernest Hilbert - Deployed to War*

For those seeking permanent employment:  
*TW*  
*RK*  
*MO*

Give Thanks For:  
For the marriage of:  
For the birth of:  
For the Baptism of:

For the Faithfully Departed:  
Delores Johnson  
Lorraine's Mom

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 June 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	
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			
		Leadership Training (4th Tues. ea. Mo.) 7:00 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 December 9:

4:30 pm, Pastor Avery and GWM will worship with Rose of Sharon, Philadelphia

### Thursday, December 13:

7:00 pm, Mass Choir Rehearsal

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7:00 pm, Shepherd's Care Meeting

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### Tuesday, December 18:

7:00 pm, Multi Media Ministry Meeting, all welcomed.

### Wednesday, December 19:

7:00 pm, Women of Wisdom Christmas Fellowship, all welcomed, see page 2 for more information.

### Sunday, December 30:

10:45 am TGFY Sunday

### Monday, December 31:

10:00 pm, New Years Eve Celebration at GWM, Special Guests, Pastor Martin Palmer and Highway Tabernacle Ministries

### Sunday, January 6:

10:45 am Consecration of the Officers

### Tuesday, January 22:

Leadership Training

### Tuesday, February 26:

Leadership Training

### Tuesday, March 26:

Leadership Training

### Tuesday, April 22:

Leadership Training

### Tuesday, May 27:

Leadership Training

### Thursday May 1 to Sunday May 4:

Pentecost Celebration 2008, more details to follow.

### Tuesday, September 23:

Leadership Training

### Wednesday, October 29:

Leadership Training

### Tuesday, November 25:

Leadership Training

### Tuesday, December 29:

Leadership Training

Please see the weekly Bulliten for updates and changes.

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

## 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](mailto:REVGWM@aol.com) and note in the subject area "Cyber Study."



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### December Anniversaries...

Dec. 10:

James & Melody Jones

Dec. 19:

Elder Rufus & Beverly Peterson

### December Birthday's...

Dec. 10:

Helen Reeves

Dec. 11:

Kimi Reeves

Dec. 13:

Joanne Bowman

Dec 29:

Lady Cheryl Avery

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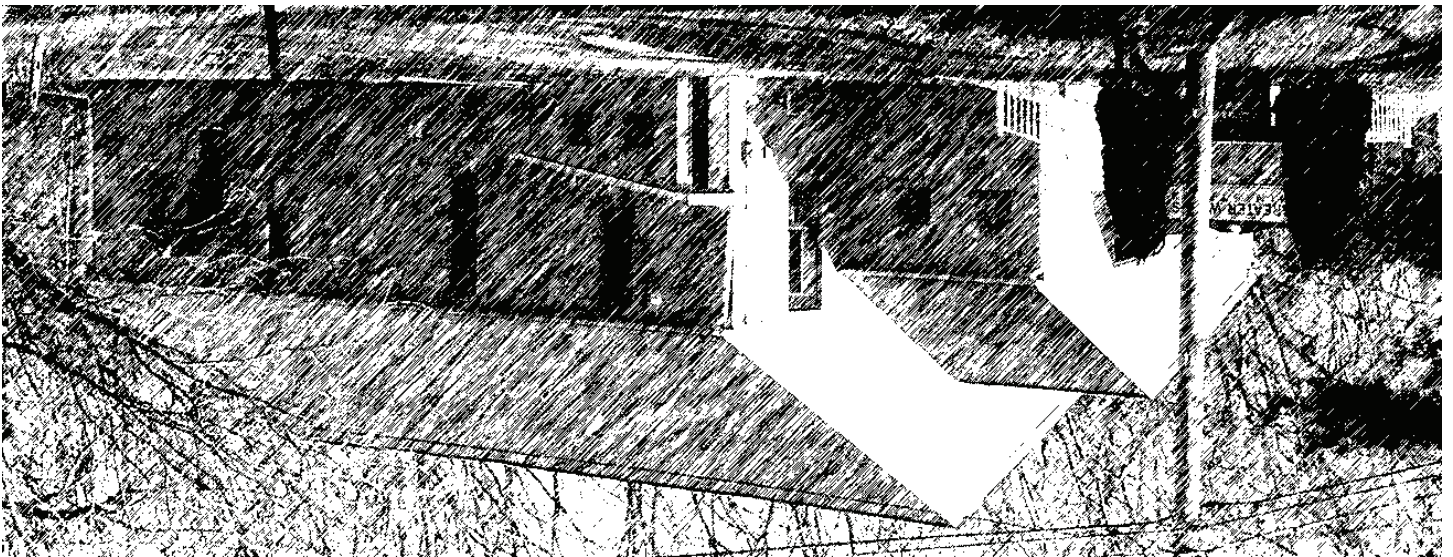
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