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"A Church Where Everybody is Somebody and Christ is Lord of ALL"

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Being humble means recognizing we are not on earth to see how important we can become, but to see how much difference we can make in the lives of others.
Gordon B. Hinckley

Handfuls on Purpose

"And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God:" Deuteronomy 28:2

Let us pray," Father, thank You for Your goodness and faithfulness in our life. We trust You as our

provider; You are the One who cares for us. We acknowledge You with our love and thank You for leaving us 'HANDFULS ON PURPOSE', In Jesus' name! Amen."

"And when she rose up to glean,
(Handful on page 10)

Wednesday, November 14 -
Friday, November 16
@7:00 pm Nightly
Revival, Revival, Revival

Sunday November 18
Family & Friends Day

Sunday, December 16
Annie Hunter Christmas Dinner

7 Ways to Practice Peace

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Living in God's peace is vital to enjoying life. I believe that one of the keys to living with peace in your life is taking small steps toward peace every day. Here are a few tips you can use to develop a more peaceful lifestyle.

1. Be selective with how you spend your time. You may be trying to do too many things and end up

(Peace on page 11)

Being Black

Something to tell the kids if they ever felt low for being black, there is a lot of ammunition below to last a lifetime.

This is a story of a little boy, named Theo, who woke up one morning and asked his mother. Mom, what if there were no Black people in the world??? Well his mother thought about that for a moment, and then said. Son, follow me around today and let's just see what it would be like

(Being Black on page 12)

The Crying Baby Denies Sleep to All

Most Akan proverbs and wise sayings are simple adaptations of real-life situations. Almost synonymous with parables, Akan proverbs relate current true to life situations with time tested historical, social and cultural circumstances that are part and parcel of the folklore. My favorite proverb is the one that advocates community service and communal involvement rather than the tendency to sit on the fence of inaction. It says, "when folks start

(Crying Baby page 10)



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From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends and Family of the Cross,

Sunday, November 18, at 10:00 A.M. is our annual church Homecoming & Family and Friends Day Service and on behalf of the entire pastoral Ministry and Planning Committee, I would like to invite you to attend.

We celebrate this glorious event each year, taking the time to look back over the blessings of the past year and forward into the future with anticipation for what the Lord is going to do in the year to come. It is also a time for those who have been a part of our church body in the past to “come home” and join us to celebrate their time as a part of our congregation.

Our preacher will be the Reverend Janene Hawkins, spiritual daughter of the Pastor & First Lady, and former pastor of Walter’s Memorial Church in Bridgeport. After the service, there will be a delicious dinner and opportunities for sharing wonderful memories of how we got over. You don’t want to miss this Celebration.

The historic Cross Street Church has been a part of bringing the Gospel to the world for 195 years. During that time, we have seen many people come through our doors—some for a short time and others who have been with us for many years. Homecoming & Family and Friends Day is a time of remembrance, as well as a time of greeting our brothers and sisters and sharing the blessings of the Church family. We look forward to seeing everyone in celebrating our love for Christ, His Church, and for one another.

Luke 15:20 English Standard Version (ESV)

²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

Please join us in prayer for the Godly Success of this glorious time in the Lord. Much love to all!

Christ Blessings,

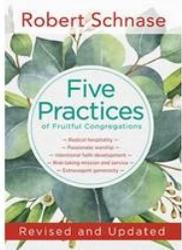
Pastor Harvill

RESET 2018 - 2019 CONFERENCE YEAR

Behold, I will do a new thing .. Isaiah 43:19

- 1. To Refresh**
- 2. To Restore**
- 3. To Start Anew**

Pastor requesting all members to “Join in the RESET” by reading this book and be ready to discuss in September.



Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

By: Robert C. Schnase

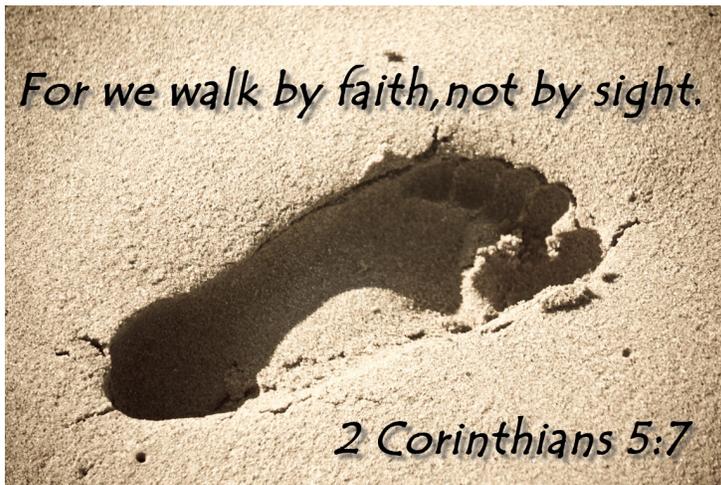
People are searching for a church shaped and sustained by Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. These fundamental practices are critical to the success of congregations.

COUNT ME IN FOR THE RESET!



Note: You can order the book from the Cross Street church website: crossstreetamezion.org in the virtual Bookstore (Cokesbury).

The fruit of the Spirit abides in us and it is up to us to cultivate it so that we may experience the blessing and the fullness of the Spirit. God is the husbandman..."He prunes, nurtures, waters and protects His own. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit will energize and control every faculty of our nature when our will joins the will of God. Then the "beauty of the Lord will be upon us" (Psalm 90:17) and "we shall bring forth fruit unto God" (Romans 7:4)."



The fruit of the spirit: Faith

Faith: To believe, trust, or hope. **Faith** is an attitude whereby a man abandons all reliance in his own efforts to obtain salvation. It is complete trust in God, of reliance on Him alone for all that salvation means Fidelity. **Faith** is concerned with facts. Holy **faith** must be profitable. In the Book of James he tells us the devils believe "that there is one God", but this **faith** does not profit them. True **faith** has a firm foundation and that foundation is God. It is not a passing phase, it is a continuing attitude. **Faith** is continuous with a past act of belief. (Bible Dictionary)
faith manifests itself in being a trustworthy servant.

LOOK FOR PERSON WHO —

- Is a child of God
- Speaks the truth in his heart
- Perseveres even in the midst of trouble
- Whose belief is not shaken even when under persecution
- Is attached to honesty
- Will not sacrifice **faith** even if it interferes with his own pleasures and hinders personal advancement
- Believes and obeys the word of God
- Is steadfast, unmovable in the things of God
- Dependable
- Has spiritual sight

How do we cultivate the fruit of faith?

- "So then **Faith** cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17)
- When we determine to obey God's word, we shall be **faithful** in our actions.
- We believe the Gospel and allow it to demonstrate its power through our **faithfulness**
- Prayer and fasting

Warning

Be aware of the enemies of faith – infidelity and half-heartedness.

Additional Scripture: Matthew 17:20, Hebrews 11, Romans 3:27, Roman 4:5, Galatians 2:20, I Corinthians 4:2

| Jesus Facts | | | |
|-------------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Serving Size 1 Cup | | | |
| Servings Per Cup 1 Life | | | |
| Amount Per Serving | | | |
| Calories 0 | | Calories from Fat 0 | |
| % Daily Value* | | % Daily Value* | |
| Love | 100% | Gentleness | 100% |
| Peace | 100% | Mercy | 100% |
| Joy | 100% | Self Control | 100% |
| Kindness | 100% | Forgiveness | 100% |
| Goodness | 100% | Restoration | 100% |
| Patience | 100% | Grace | 100% |
| Faithfulness | 100% | Sugar | 0g |

Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:25-26

Lord Hear Our Prayers

9-11 Prayer

Let us pray, "Father God, thank You for every good and perfect gift that You have given us.

Thank You for ordering our steps and guiding us with Your Word. We love You and praise You for Your faithfulness and look forward to the good things You have in store for our future. We come to You now and give You our cares and burdens.

We thank You for working behind the scenes on our behalf.

We Thank You for loving us and setting us free.

We Thank You for giving us rest for our soul and peace in our heart.

We also Thank You for Your goodness in our life.

We Thank You for preparing our path and for making our crooked places straight.

So Lord, restore our soul and lead us in the good plan You have for us because we want to choose and honor You in all that we do. Today we choose to set the standard and do our very best in the name of Jesus for the privilege to be Your representative. Help us to show Your love and excellence in everything we do and say, we love You and bless You,

In Jesus name, Amen, Amen, Amen Hallelujah, Thank You Jesus'!

Barbara Perry

Prayer To Overcome Today's Difficulties

Let us pray, Father God, we know that the life-path we are treading is fraught with difficulties and problems but Lord we trust You to lead and guide us through the maze of life, because You have promised to be with us to lead and to guide – to strengthen and to help us.

Let us never lose sight of who we are in Christ and help us to trust You in all things, knowing that we are Your child and that greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world.

We thank You that You are our Shepherd Who has promised to lead and to guide.. to protect and to uphold us

Thank You that You are our Defense and our Defender and that You have promised to be our ever-present help in those times of unexpected difficulties and trials.

Thank You Lord, that You remain faithful and dependable, even when we stray from the path that You have graciously laid out for us. May we never forget that You are our firm Anchor and the steady Rock upon which we stand, and that no difficulty in life is to great that You cannot overcome –

We thank You in Jesus name, Amen

Barbara Perry

THE ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18
"... Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power
Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your
stand against the devil's schemes." v. 10, 11

The Shield of Faith (Eph. 6:16)
Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

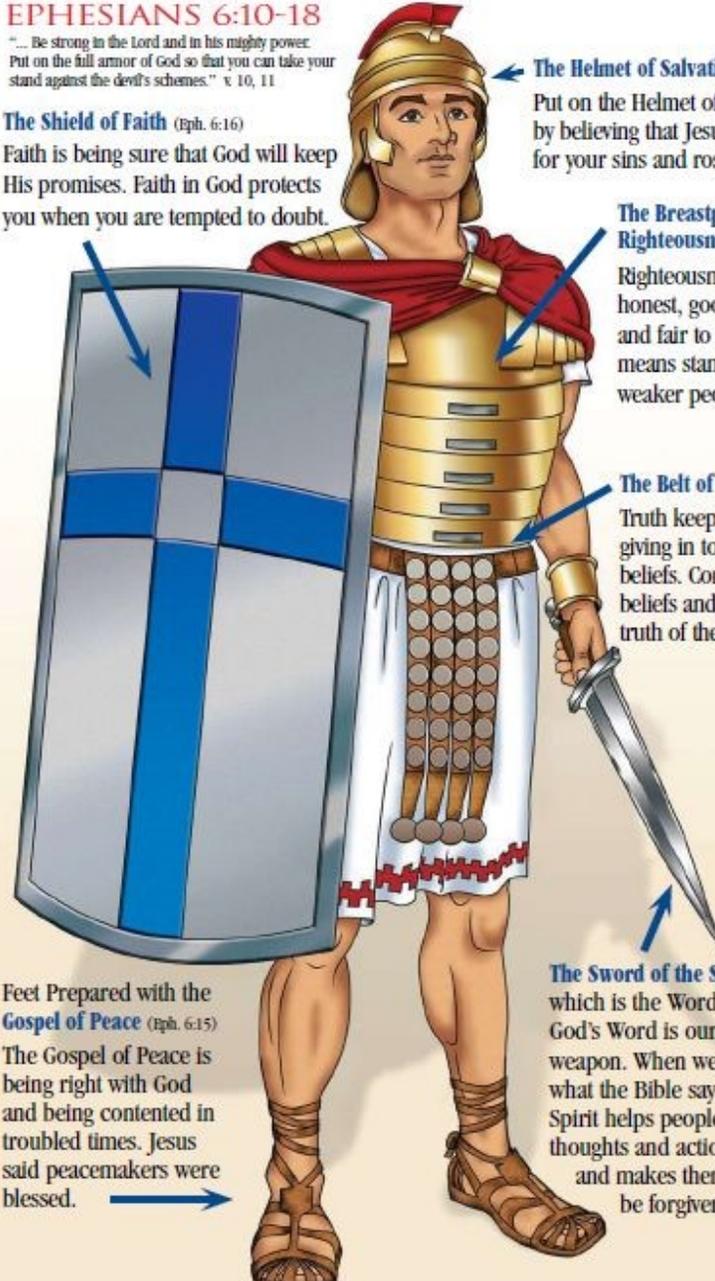
The Helmet of Salvation (Eph. 6:17)
Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

The Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph. 6:14)
Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

The Belt of Truth (Eph. 6:14)
Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

The Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17)
which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace (Eph. 6:15)
The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.



Ephesians 6:10-20 (New King James Version)

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, ^[a] against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Read the BIBLE in ONE Year

NOVEMBER

- 1 Luke 22-24
- 2 John 1-3
- 3 John 4-6
- 4 John 7 10
- 5 John 11-13
- 6 John 14-17
- 7 John 18-21

8 Acts 1-2

9 Acts 3-5

10 Acts 6-9

11 Acts 10-12

12 Acts 13-14

13 Acts 15-16

14 Acts-17-18

15 Acts 19-21

16 Acts 22-24

17 Acts 25-26

18 Acts 27-28

19 Romans 1-4

20 Romans 5-8

21 Romans 9-11

22 Romans 12-16

23 1 Corinthians 1-4

24 1 Corinthians 5-8

25 1 Corinthians 9-12

26 1 Corinthians 13-16

27 2 Corinthians 1-3

28 2 Corinthians 4-6

29 2 Corinthians 7-9

30 2 Corinthians 10-13

DECEMBER

- 1 Galatians 1-3
- 2 Galatians 4-6
- 3 Ephesians 1-3
- 4 Ephesians 4-6
- 5 Philippians 1-4
- 6 Colossians 1-4
- 7 1 Thessalonians 1-5

8 2 Thessalonians 1-3

9 1 Timothy 1-3

10 1 Timothy 4-6

11 2 Timothy 1-4

12 Titus 1-3

13 Philemon

14 Hebrews 1-4

15 Hebrews 5-7

16 Hebrews 8-10

17 Hebrews 11-13

18 James 1-2

19 James 3-5

20 1 Peter 1-2

21 1 Peter 3-5

22 2 Peter 1-3

23 1 John 1-2

24 1 John 3-5

25 2 John, 3 John, Jude

26 Revelation 1-3

27 Revelation 4-8

28 Revelation 9-12

29 Revelation 13-15

30 Revelation 16-18

31 Revelation 19-22

JANUARY

- 01) Genesis 1-2
- 02) Genesis 3-5
- 03) Genesis 6-9
- 04) Genesis 10-11
- 05) Genesis 12-15
- 06) Genesis 16-19
- 07) Genesis 20-22

08) Genesis 23-26

09) Genesis 27-29

10) Genesis 30-32

11) Genesis 33-36

12) Genesis 37-39

13) Genesis 40-42

14) Genesis 43-46

15) Genesis 47-50

16) Exodus 1-4

17) Exodus 5-7

18) Exodus 8-10

19) Exodus 11-13

20) Exodus 14-17

21) Exodus 18-20

22) Exodus 21-24

23) Exodus 25-27

24) Exodus 28-31

25) Exodus 32-34

26) Exodus 35-37

27) Exodus 38-40

28) Leviticus 1-4

29) Leviticus 5-7

30) Leviticus 8-10

31) Leviticus 11-13

Advent

Advent is the season of expectation, hope and celebration of the past, present, and future comings of Jesus Christ to the world. Much of the focus is on the prophecy of the coming of the Messiah to Israel and the expectancy of that fulfillment. The Advent cry is "Come," even though Emmanuel has come. Jesus has come, presently comes into the hearts of believers through grace, and is yet to return. This season is a time of anticipation as the Church makes ready for the coming of the Lord and the celebration of Jesus coming as a babe in Bethlehem. Therefore, Advent embodies a vital element of the Christian faith. The Advent season has marked the beginning of the Christian Year since the eight-century and consists of the four weeks before Christmas.

Color: Purple (violet or Lilac) is the color used to denote royalty, praying, fasting, and penitence. It represents a symbol of the majesty of Christ, and Jesus' humanity, suffering, and fasting.

| Name of God | Meaning | Application |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| JEHOVAH-MEKADDISHKEM | The Lord Who Sanctifies | God sets us apart as a chosen people, a royal priesthood, holy unto God, a people of His own. He cleanses our sin and helps us mature. |
| JEHOVAH-NISSI | The Lord is My Banner | God gives us victory against the flesh, the world and the devil. Our battles are His battles of light against darkness and good against evil. |
| JEHOVAH -RAPHA | The Lord Who Heals | God has provided the final cure for spiritual, physical, and emotional sickness in Jesus Christ. God can heal us. |
| JEHOVAH - ROHI | The Lord is My Shepherd | The Lord protects, provides, directs, leads, and cares for His people. God tenderly takes care of us as a strong and patient shepherd. |



Sunday School is a Family Affair

8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. We have classes for all ages – 3 to 103
 New Members Class meets at the same time.
 (For Transportation Needs Please call the Church 860-344-9527)

Come Grow with US!

FINDING STRENGTH

Devotional Reading:

Psalm 42:1-5

Scripture:

Genesis 28:10-22

EXALTI!

Invocation: Speak Lord so that we hear from heaven. Speak through Your word, our teacher, and to each of us. Center our thoughts on You. During this lesson and in the week to follow, let the Holy Ghost energize our spirits for your purpose. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Declaration: Genesis 28:10-22

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-Sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until

I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place-and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, ²² and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you."

Affirmation: Lord, as we grow in years, may we grow in grace!

ENGAGE

As we journey through life, we must make difficult decisions and hard choices. Regardless of whether those choices are good or not, all of our choices will bear consequences one way or another. The factor that keeps us going strong is that even in the face of dire or dreadful circumstances, despite our own fault or complicity in the troubles we face, is that we manage somehow to continue to dream.

When we speak here of dreams, we are not just speaking of what happens when you sleep. Dreams

are a metaphor for aspirations, goals and purpose. Dreams come true when we have and are willing to apply the fortitude to achieve them. Dreams require imagination, courage and stamina. Although we associate and correct dreams with sleep, you are never more "woke" than when you have and maintain the power to dream!

We will explore in this lesson the challenges that Jacob faces in this next phase of his journey. As we have learned, Jacob has made some mistakes in the past. But God has not given up on Jacob; and God has not given up on you either. So hold on to your dreams!

EDUCATE

Because of the treacherous treatment of Esau which we studied in Genesis 27 (whether or not it was deserved or merited by Esau's behavior), there was now deep enmity between these brothers, Esau and Jacob. Esau had vowed to kill Jacob but was biding his time. "But the words of her elder son Esau were told to Rebekah; so she sent and called her younger son Jacob and said to him, 'Your brother Esau is consoling himself by planning to kill you. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran, and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away-until your brother's anger against you turns away, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send, and bring you back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one

(Finding Strength on page 9)

Pray for all of our children, teens, young adults in this school years that God's hands will be upon them keeping them from all hurt, harm and danger. Also pray for all of our families, friends, and all of God's children.

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day?" (Genesis 27:42-45). Rebekah convinces Isaac to send Jacob away, convincing the incident of Esau's poor choice in wives (Genesis 26:34-35) to bolster her logic and reasoning: "Then Rebekah said to Isaac, 'I am weary of my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of the Hittite women such as these, one of the women of the land, what good will my life be to me?'" (Genesis 27:46).

Jacob travels an estimated distance of 500 miles to get to the house of Laban, his uncle. One night, during his journey, he has a dream that will change everything for him. When he stops along the way on his journey, he arrives at "a certain place" (Genesis 28:11) where he dreams of "a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angles of God were ascending and descending on it" (28:12).

Jacob realizes here that he has had an encounter with God; it must have been a daunting experience! "And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you whenever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place-and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven'" (Genesis) (Genesis 28:28:13-17).

This encounter assures Jacob of God's promise and protection for him. It also begins to change Jacob from a selfish, mercenary, venal rogue into a generous, liberal, worshiping individual. "So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that

he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you'" (Genesis 28:18-22). This is the first mention of a vow in the Bible, another indication of how Jacob is a changed man.

Jacob's vision of the angels "ascending and descending" (Genesis 28:12) is significant. The angels in the dream are messengers and their "ascending and Descending" represents an image of the connection between heaven and earth, between God and human beings. Although Jacob has acted shamefully in the past, the introduction of the angels in the narrative makes it appear as though these angels had been accompanying the Patriarch on his journey. He may have been, in large part due to his own actions, without human friends, but, unseen and without his knowledge, there had been angels by Jacob's side all along to protect and encourage him.

ELEVATE

Have you ever had what you might call a "life-changing experience"? That is what happened to Jacob as he was on his way to live with his uncle, Laban. He has this encounter with God and it changes everything. The vow that Jacob makes is not so much as a bargain as it is a concession; Jacob is not saying "'If God does this for me, I will do that for God.'" He seems rather to say, "'BECAUSE' God has done this for me, I will do that for God." And that is the best and proper expression of gratitude for God having given Jacob a second chance. Though Jacob is still a flawed man, he is maturing now into a man of faith.

Jacob renames the spot where he has this encounter. It is now "Bethel," which means "house of God." in fact,

however, this encounter might have happened anywhere and at any time that Jacob was prepared to meet God, for "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" (Psalms 24:1). Regardless of what any person may do, there is always a chance that we may find ourselves as Jacob did, standing at the "gate of heaven."

I THINK:

- In what ways has an encounter with God deepened your commitment to live for God?
- Have you ever had an encounter with God that surprised you?
- Read and describe what you think was Jacob's experience in this hymn, "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder," (Hymn #603, A.M.E. Zion Bicentennial Hymnal)

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

1. We are climbing Jacob's ladder, We are climbing Jacob's ladder, We are climbing Jacob's ladder, Soldier of the cross.
2. Every round goes higher and higher, Every round goes higher and higher, Every round goes higher and higher, Soldier of the cross.
3. Sinner, do you love my Jesus? Sinner, do you love my Jesus? Sinner, do you love my Jesus? Soldier of the cross.
4. If you love Him, why not serve Him? If you love Him, why not serve Him? If you love Him, why not serve Him? Soldier of the cross.
5. We are climbing Jacob's ladder, We are climbing Jacob's ladder, We are climbing Jacob's ladder, Soldier of the cross.

VERSE OF THE WEEK: *"Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."* **Genesis 28:15**

From The Young People-Adult Quarterly (Ages 18 and up) International Sunday School Lessons for Christian Teaching

(Crying Baby from page 1)

looking for rope, you might as well join them, otherwise it might appear as if you are the one they are looking to tie up". Proverbs have a way of admonishing as well as goading citizens on to action. For example when an Akan parent tells the child that "service to yourself cannot be called slavery" it is the desperate cry of the parent to get the kid to be of service to the family, from which he or she benefits. If nothing works to get such a child to be of any use to the family, you might hear a parent say; "If you deny a part of the body its proper role, you release gas inside the body instead." The "denial of the role" is synonymous with wicked mechanizations that a person or group of persons such as the family, or the society or the community at large would impose in the way of an individual to deny such person the ability to perform his or her proper role as a member of the community. My parallel to this example is the wholesale denial of African Americans of the acceptable level of education and socialization and assimilation into the American mainstream culture to the point where the future generations of the wicked-doers have had to struggle with creative, corrective measures and equalizers such as 'affirmative action' and other measures in order to make up for the shortfalls of the past.

There is an Akan proverb for every imaginable life situation. Some of the proverbs are as old as the Akan culture itself – as if any one can age a culture. Others are more recent and could be an adaptation or a corruption of a prior, well-known and time-tested ones. When I was growing up in my hometown, Kumasi, Ghana, my uncle used to invite me to come with him to the local, "Ahenfie" courts where he represented local people as their counsel and lawyer. In actual fact, he was a mere 'letter-writer' who understood the workings of the court more than most folks and also was a very good friend of the reigning Asantehene and could convince the court to tender justice with mercy at all times. Little did I know what wealth of information and wisdom I was being exposed to and did not write anything down or journalize any of these moments. Today, in my prime of life, I will pay anything to get to share such moments at the Asantehene's court whenever I can.

Here are a series of some ancient Akan proverbs for your interest:

- If a deluge did not fill up, hardly can a trickle.
- Just as we never dream while awake, so it is that we don't utilize proverbs without the right occasion.
- Don't pretend you are not familiar with death. Sleep is no different, except that it is temporary.

- You might be the hero today, they will be dissecting your past tomorrow.
- Sure you may be the choice one (fitting) today, but just as guaranteed you will be sour (lose) one eventually.
- No two folks are closer than the tooth and the tongue, yet sometimes they fight each other.
- Too bad, you may be disgusted with the taste of your gum-line (the mouth), that's all you got.
- No one points to his or her village with the left hand.
- If you climb the right tree you may be given a push.
- Just grab the head of the snake, the rest is nothing but a rope.
- If you wait long enough for the demise of the toad, you can easily tell its length.
- It doesn't matter how long a piece of log lies in water, it never can become a crocodile.
- Regardless of how pleasant the back of your hand tastes, it cannot compare with the palm.
- The child who never learns from just the wink of the eye, lives to learn from a smack to the face.

For further insight into Akan proverbs just google 'Akan proverbs'; and you will be pleasantly surprised at the wealth of information out there on Akan proverbs.

Kwame Ocansey

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Boaz command his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. Also let grain from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her." Ruth 2:15-16.

Every one of us can look back and see times where God has left us handfuls on purpose—something that we didn't deserve or even ask for. We just stumbled into it. That's a "handful on purpose." The principle of this Scripture is about Ruth. She was out in the fields following behind the workers and gathering up the leftover wheat that they missed. She was trying to take care of her mother-in-law, Naomi, but they were barely surviving. One day, the owner of the fields told the workers to leave handfuls of wheat on purpose for Ruth. That when Ruth came into

blessings that were simply dropped at her feet.

See our God is a rewarder of those who seek Him! And when we keep God first place and do our best to honor Him, Scripture says, "His blessings will chase us down and overtake us." That means we will come into increase, promotion and good breaks that we didn't necessarily deserve. That's God rewarding us for walking in His ways.

So I encourage you to always keep your expectancy up. Keep trusting God and obeying His voice because He is ready to bless you in unexpected ways today, Amen, Amen, Amen Hallelujah thank you Jesus!

Barbara Perry

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doing none of them well. Hurrying is the flesh trying to do more than the Holy Spirit is leading you to do. Be led by the Spirit.

2. Be prepared to say "No" nicely. Sometimes we take on things we shouldn't because we're uncomfortable saying no. Ask God to give you the words to say no when you need to.

3. Resist the spirit of procrastination. God's word tells us to exercise self-discipline. Do what you know you need to do now so you can fully enjoy your times of rest.

4. Eliminate key distractions. If

you know you are prone to certain distractions, such as watching TV, set some guidelines for yourself.

5. Set appropriate boundaries for interruptions. Life is full of interruptions, but you can learn to set boundaries that help you manage them in healthy ways, such as scheduling times when you are "off limits." Schedule time to give yourself a break.

6. Modify your life. Ask God to show you out-of-the-box ways to save time and trouble. For instance, when I don't have time to do the dishes, I use paper plates!

7. Pray and listen. If you can see

that your plan is not producing peace, go back to God, pray for peace in the now, and for wisdom to make changes that will benefit your life.

The bottom line is to make peace a priority, take practical steps toward it, and let God lead you every day into His perfect peace that passes all understanding.

Prayer starter: God lead me into Your peace that passes all understanding. Show me the daily steps I can take to walk in Your peace for me.

Joyce Meyer: Promises for your Everyday Life.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: PEACE

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, PEACE, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance:..." (Galatians 5:22,23)

PEACE = completeness, soundness, well-being, grace, righteousness.

The removal of sin through the sacrifice of Christ, creates inward PEACE, unhindered by the world's strife. The PEACE of God in the heart, a tranquility of mind as a right relationship to God. That means a free and clear conscience.

True PEACE without God is impossible. "It is not a psychological adjustment, or a sorting out of disturbing pressures to keep them in equilibrium."

How Do we get this PEACE?

1. It comes first with salvation. PEACE cannot reign where sin is. If we let the PEACE of God rule in our hearts, sin will always be challenged.
2. Confession of sin to the Lord restores fellowship and retains PEACE.

3. Through constant contact with God.
4. Through prayer and thanksgiving.
5. Harmony with others. Reconciliation takes the place of conflict.

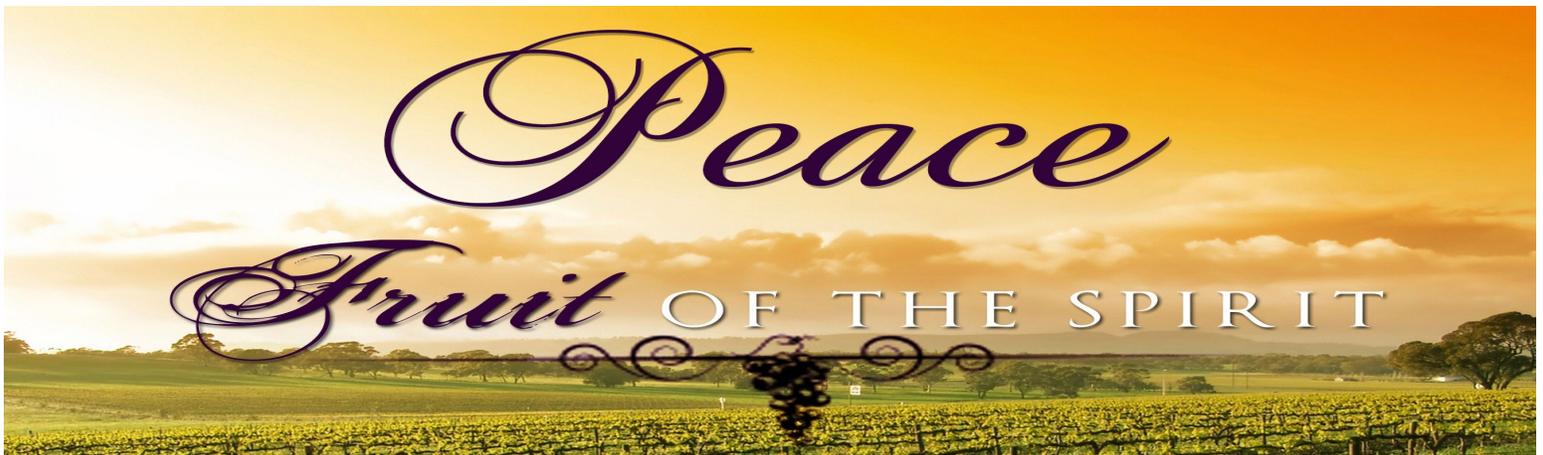
Look for the signs of PEACE in persons who:

- seek unity and cooperation - works in harmony with others
- is not ruled by confusion or strife
- is not jealous, envious or argumentative
- seeks to reconcile rather than hold grudges
- has a prayerful, thankful spirit
- is not anxious or worried

Warning: Be aware of the enemies of PEACE - anxiety, strife, worry

Additional Scriptures

Isaiah 26:3, Colossians 3:15, John 14:27, Hebrews 12-11-15, James 3:18, 2 Peter 3:14, Matthew 5:9



(Being Black from page 1)

if there were no Black people in the world. Mom said. Now go get dressed and we will get started. Theo ran to his room to put on his clothes and shoes. His mother took one look at him and said Theo, where are your shoes? And those clothes are all wrinkled son. I must iron them. But when she reached for the ironing board it was no longer there. You see Sarah Boone, a black woman, invented the ironing board and Jan E. Malzelinger, a black man, invented the shoe lacing machine.

Oh well, she said, please go and do something to your hair. Theo ran in his room to comb his hair, but the comb was not there. You see, Walter Sammons, a black man, invented the comb. Theo decided to just brush his hair, but the brush was gone. You see, Lydia O. Newman, a black female, invented the brush. Well this was a sight, no shoes, wrinkled clothes, hair a mess, even Mom's hair. Without the hair care inventions of Madam C. Walker, well you get the picture.

Mom told Theo, let's do our chores around the house and then take a trip to the grocery store. Theo's job was to sweep the floor. He swept and swept and swept. When he reached for the dust pan, it was not there. You see, Lloyd P. Ray, a black man, invented the dust pan. So he swept his pile of dirt in the corner and left it there. He then decided to mop the floor, but the mop was gone. You see, Thomas W. Stewart, a black man, invented the mop. Theo yelled to his mom. Mom. I'm not having any luck. Well son, she said. Let me finish washing these clothes and we will prepare a list for the grocery store. When the wash finish, she went to place the clothes in the dryer, but it was not there. You see, George T. Samon, a black man, invented the clothes dryer. Mom asked Theo to go get a pencil and some paper to prepare their list for the market. So Theo ran for the paper and pencil but noticed the pencil lead was broken. Well he was out of luck because John Love, a black man, invented the

pencil sharpener.

Mom reached for a pen, but it was not there because William Purvis, a black man, invented the fountain pen. As a matter of fact, Lee Burrige invented the type writing machine, and W. A. Lovette, the advanced printing press. Theo's mother was watching television, when there was a news flash that a child has been bitten by a rattlesnake and died. You see, a slave by the name of Cesar, invented the remedy for snake-bites, which was public on February 25, 1751, in exchange for his freedom and an annual stipend of a hundred pounds of sterling. Theo and his mother decided to head out to the market. Well when Theo opened the door he noticed the grass was as high as he was tall. You see, the lawn mower was invented by John Burr, a black man. Theo decided he'd ride his bicycle, but it wasn't there. You see, I.R. Johnson invented the bicycle frame. Theo and his mother made their way over to the car, and found that it just wouldn't go. You see, Richard Spikes, a black man, invented the automatic gear shift and Joseph Gammel invented the supercharge system for internal combustion engines. They noticed that the few cars that were moving were running into each other and having wrecks because there were no traffic signals. You see, Garrell A. Morgan, a black man, invented the traffic light. Well, it was getting late, so they walked to the market. Theo added several items to his mother's grocery list which included, potato chips and ice cream. Needless to say, these items could not be found. You see, these items were by black men. Hiram Thomas invented the potato chip (original called the Saraloga chip), and Augusta Jackson, a Philadelphia candy maker and confectioner, invented the ice cream. Theo's mother had mayonnaise, instant coffee, evaporated milk, sweet pickles, mock chicken, vinegar, and Worcestershire sauce on her list. These items could not be found. You see, a black scientist, Dr. George Washington Carver invented these items. At the check out counter, the groceries had to be bagged in plastic

bags instead of paper bags. You see, a black man, William B. Purvis, invented the machine which made paper bags. In the parking lot, Theo and his mother observed a women struggling to carry her two children(a baby and toddler) to her car because she didn't have a baby stroller. You see, a black man W.H. Richardson, invented the child's carriage.

On their way home, Theo's mother stopped at the drug store to get some cortisone for her arthritis. Unfortunately she was unable to purchase the drug because it was too expensive. You see, a black man, Percy L. Julian, invented the synthetic cortisone, making the drug widely marketable at a reasonable price.

Theo and his mother returned home. Just when they were about to put away the milk, eggs and butter, they noticed the refrigerator was gone. You see, John Standard, a black man, invented the refrigerator. So they just left the food on the counter. By this time, Theo noticed he was getting mighty cold. Mom went to turn up the heat and what do you know? Alice Parker, a black female, invented the heating furnace. Even in the summer time they would have been out of luck because Frederick Jones, a black man, invented the air conditioner.

It was almost time for Theo father to arrive home. He usually take the elevator from his office on the 20th floor, but there was no elevator because Alexander Miles, a black man, invented the elevator. He also usually dropped off the office mail at a near by mailbox, but it was no longer there. Philip Downing, a black man, invented the letter drop mailbox and William Barry invented the postmarking and canceling machine. Theo and his mother sat at the kitchen table with their head in their hands. When the father arrived he asked why are you sitting in the dark? Why? Because Lewis Howard Latimer, a black man, invented the filament within the light bulb. Theo quickly learned what it would be like if there were no black people in the world. Not to mention if he were ever

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sick and needed blood. Charles Drew, a black scientist, found a way to preserve and store blood, which led to his starting the world's first blood bank. And what is a family member had to have heart surgery. This would not have been possible without Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, a black doctor, who performed the first successful open heart surgery. Theo and his mom had a great deal to think about. AND SO DO WE!!!

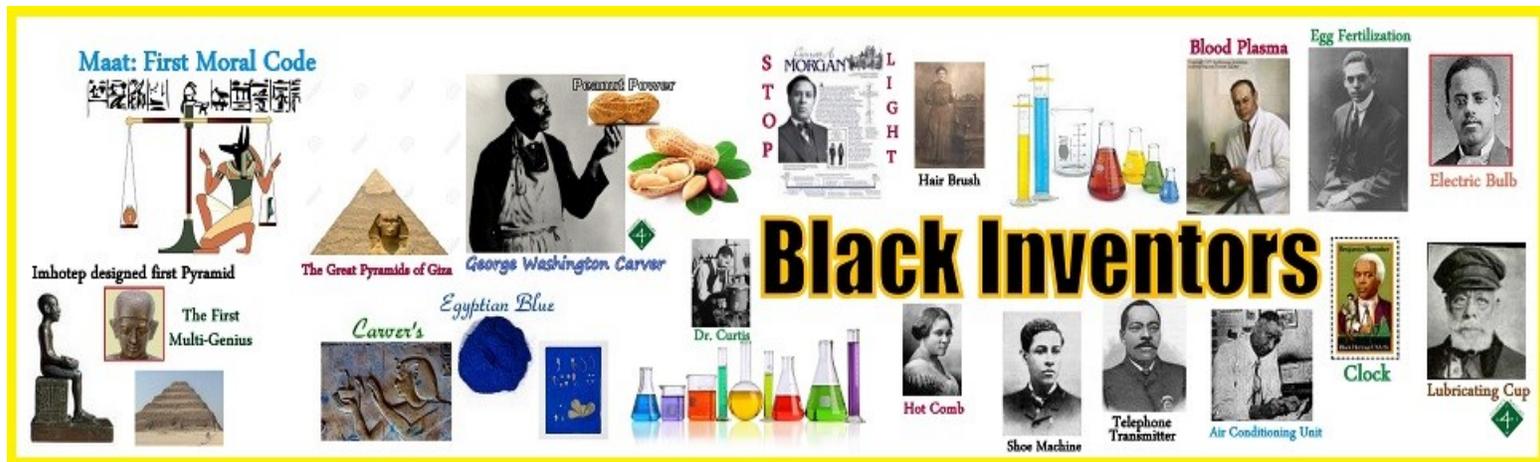
Black Inventors & their Inventions

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| air conditioning unit | Frederick M. Jones | July 12, 1949 |
| almanac | Benjamin Banneker | Approx. 1791 |
| auto cut-off switch | Granville T. Woods | January 1, 1839 |
| auto fishing devise | G. Cook | May 30, 1899 |
| automatic gear shift | Richard Spikes | February 28, 1932 |
| baby buggy | W.H. Richardson | June 18, 1899 |
| bicycle frame | L.R. Johnson | October 10, 1899 |
| biscuit cutter | A.P. Ashbourne | November 30, 1875 |
| blood plasma bag | Charles Drew | Approx. 1945 |
| cellular phone | Henry T. Sampson | July 6, 1971 |
| chamber commode | T. Elkins | January 3, 1897 |
| clothes dryer | G. T. Sampson | June 6, 1862 |
| curtain rod | S. R. Scratton | November 30, 1889 |
| curtain rod support | William S. Grant | August 4, 1896 |
| door knob | O. Dorsey | December 10, 1878 |
| door stop | O. Dorsey | December 10, 1878 |
| dust pan | Lawrence P. Ray | August 3, 1897 |
| egg beater | Willie Johnson | February 5, 1884 |
| electric lamp bulb | Lewis Latimer | March 21, 1882 |
| elevator | Alexander Miles | October 11, 1867 |
| eye protector | P. Johnson | November 2, 1880 |
| fire escape ladder | J. W. Winters | May 7, 1878 |
| fire extinguisher | T. Marshall | October 26, 1872 |
| folding bed | L. C. Bailey | July 18, 1899 |
| folding chair | Brody & Surgwar | June 11, 1889 |
| fountain pen | W. B. Purvis | January 7, 1890 |
| furniture caster | O. A. Fisher | 1878 |
| gas mask | Garrett Morgan | October 13, 1914 |
| golf tee | T. Grant | December 12, 1899 |
| guitar | Robert F. Flemming, Jr. | March 3, 1886 |
| hair brush | Lydia O. Newman | November 15, 18-- |
| hand stamp | Walter B. Purvis | February 27 1883 |
| horse shoe | J. Ricks | March 30, 1885 |
| ice cream scooper | A. L. Cralle | February 2, 1897 |
| improv. sugar making | Norbet Rillieux | December 10, 1846 |
| insect-destroyer gun | A. C. Richard | February 28, 1899 |
| ironing board | Sarah Boone | December 30, 1887 |
| key chain | F. J. Loudin | January 9, 1894 |
| lantern | Michael C. Harvey | August 19, 1884 |

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| lawn mower | L. A. Burr | May 19, 1889 |
| lawn sprinkler | J. W. Smith | May 4, 1897 |
| lemon squeezer | J. Thomas White | December 8, 1893 |
| lock | W. A. Martin | July 23, 18-- |
| lubricating cup | Elijah McCoy | November 15, 1895 |
| lunch pail | James Robinson | 1887 |
| mail box | Paul L. Downing | October 27, 1891 |
| mop | Thomas W. Stewart | June 11, 1893 |
| motor | Frederick M. Jones | June 27, 1939 |
| peanut butter | George Washington Carver | 1896 |
| pencil sharpener | J. L. Love | November 23, 1897 |
| phone transmitter | Granville T. Woods | December 2, 1884 |
| record player arm | Joseph Hunger Dickenson | January 8, 1819 |
| refrigerator | J. Standard | June 14, 1891 |
| riding saddles | W. D. Davis | October 6, 1895 |
| rolling pin | John W. Reed | 1864 |
| shampoo headrest | C. O. Bailiff | October 11, 1898 |
| spark plug | Edmond Berger | February 2, 1839 |
| stethoscope | Imhotep | Ancient Egypt |
| stove | T. A. Carrington | July 25, 1876 |
| straightening comb | Madam C. J. Walker | Approx. 1905 |
| street sweeper | Charles B. Brooks | March 17, 1890 |
| thermostat control | Frederick M. Jones | February 23, 1960 |
| traffic light | Garrett Morgan | November 20, 1923 |
| tricycle | M. A. Cherry | May 6, 1886 |
| typewriter | Burridge & Marshman | April 7, 1885 |



Faith, Hope and Love

The best three-point formula for living is in this immoral statement:

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

Here are three powerful Spirit Lifters: Faith, the greatest power in the world; Hope, the attitude of expectancy-the best is yet to be; and Love, one of the greatest qualities of all-a heart full of compassion and understanding. Christian love gives deep joy. Let these three shine like stars in your life, and your spirit will be uplifted always.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INVENTIONS



ALMANAC

BENJAMIN BANNEKER
APPROX. 1791



BABY BUGGY

WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON
JUNE 1, 1884



BLOOD PLASMA BAG

CHARLES DREW
APPROX. 1941



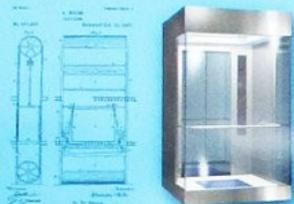
CELLULAR CAR PHONE

HENRY T. SAMPSON
JULY 4, 1977



CORN HARVESTER

HENRY BLAIR
1834



ELEVATOR

ALEXANDER MILES
NOVEMBER 17, 1852



ELECTRIC LAMP

LEWIS LATIMER
SEPTEMBER 13, 1871



EMERGENCY FIRE ESCAPE MECHANISM

JAMES E. HUNTLEY
APRIL 29, 1970



FIRE EXTINGUISHER

THOMAS J. MARTIN
MARCH 25, 1872



GAS MASK

GARRETT MORGAN
OCTOBER 13, 1914



GUITAR

ROBERT F. FLEMMING, JR.
MARCH 20, 1864



ICE CREAM

AUGUSTUS JACKSON
1832



IMAGING X-RAY

GEORGE E. ALCORN
SEPTEMBER 16, 1904



LAWN MOWER

JOHN A. BURR
MAY 9, 1869



MAILBOX

PHILLIP B. DOWNING
OCTOBER 27, 1871



MOP

THOMAS B. STEWART
JUNE 15, 1891



PEANUT BUTTER

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER
JANUARY 4, 1933



POTATO CHIP

HURAM S. THOMAS
1845



STRAIGHTENING COMB

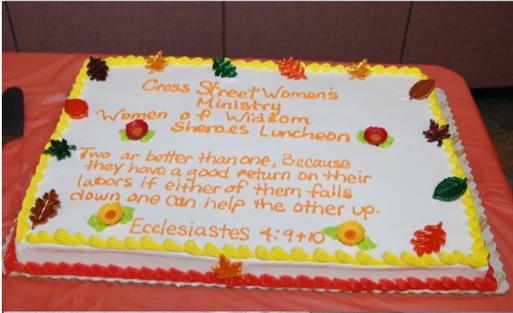
MADAM C.J. WALKER
APPROX. 1903



TRAFFIC LIGHT

GARRETT MORGAN
NOVEMBER 20, 1923

She-roes Women of Wisdom Luncheon - - - October 20, 2018



WORDS TO LIVE BY

Realize The Power Within You

Realize the power that is within you, and you will no longer be the victim of a depressed spirit. And what is this inner power? Simply the God-given ability to believe. To the extent to which you develop this faculty, you will master the defeats in your life. The great issue is to learn to believe.

This is stated in one of the most important of all Scripture passages:

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Mark9:23

Learn to believe. Learn to cast out doubt. This is done by the practice of affirmation. Affirm faith, think positively, visualize achievement. Never think doubt. Always think faith.

This text affirms that when you learn to believe, the area of the impossible is vastly reduced and the area of the possible is greatly increased.

If you set this text firmly at the center of your thought patterns, you will never again be a victim of low spirits

WINTER SNOW

READ: Isaiah 42:1-4

He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break. Isaiah 42:2-3

In winter, I often wake to the beautiful surprise of a world blanketed in the peace and quiet of an early morning snow. Not loudly like a spring thunderstorm that announces its presence in the night, snow comes softly.

In "Winter Snow Song," Audrey Assad sings that Jesus could have come to earth in power like a hurricane, but instead He came quietly and slowly like the winter snow falling softly in the night outside my window.

Jesus's arrival took many by quiet surprise. Instead of being born in a palace, He was born in an unlikely place, a humble dwelling outside Bethlehem. And He slept in the only bed available, a manger (LUKE 2:7). Instead of being attended by royalty and government officials, Jesus was welcome by lowly shepherds (VV. 15-16). Instead of having wealth, Jesus's parents could only afford the inexpensive sacrifice of two birds

when they presented Him at the temple (V. 24).

The unassuming way Jesus entered the world was foreshadowed by the prophet Isaiah, who prophesied the coming Savior would "not shout or cry out" (ISAIAH 42:2) nor would He come in power that might break a damaged reed or extinguish a struggling flame (V. 3). Instead He came gently in order to draw us to Himself with His offer of peace with God—a peace still available to someone who believes the unexpected story of a Savior born in a manger. Lisa Samra

Lord Jesus, thank you for willingly giving up Your majesty and coming to earth in order to offer peace..

***How silently the wondrous gift is given!
-O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM***

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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| <p>Sunday 8:45 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 2nd Sunday Senior Usher Board Meeting (following service) Youth Meeting 1st & 4th Sunday's (following service)</p> | <p>bible study.</p> | <p>Saturday 10:00 a.m. Pastors Aide (2nd) 11:00 a.m. Security Ministry Meeting (2nd Saturday of month) 12:00 noon Missionaries (2nd Saturday of month)</p> |
| <p>Monday 6:00 p.m. Zumba 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bible Study, Eddy Shelter 7:00 Media Ministry (1st and 3rd of month)</p> | <p>Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Zumba 6:00 p.m. Ministerial Staff (1st of month)</p> | <p>Choir Rehearsals Men - 7 p.m. Monday Women - Tuesday & Friday before 5th Sunday Children - 7 p.m. Friday before 1st Sunday Unity - 7 p.m. Thursday Praise & Worship Choir 7:00 pm Wednesday</p> |
| <p>Tuesday Special Prayer for Pastor Harvill 6:00—7:00 p.m. Prayer meeting and</p> | <p>Thursday 6:00 p.m. Steward Board 7:00 p.m. Trustee Board (2nd of month)</p> <p>Friday Day of Fasting 6:00 p.m. Vision Choir (3rd & 4th of month) 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Cross Street Recovery Ministry (room 2)</p> | |

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 17
 9:00 am
Men's Ministry
Breakfast Planning Meeting

Sunday, November 18
 10:00 am
Family & Friends Day
 Guest Preacher
 Reverend Janene Hawkins

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 1
 9:00 am
Women's Ministry
Christmas Bazaar
 More information to follow

Sunday, December 2
 Following Morning Worship
Bud's Christmas Craft Sale

Wednesday, December 5

12:00 pm
Senior Luncheon Christmas Party
 Men & Women 55 or better are welcome to attend

Thursday, December 6

6:00 pm
Women's Bible Study

Saturday, December 8

Missionary Mass Meeting
 @Mt. Olive A.M. E. Zion Church
 82-100 Pearl Street
 Waterbury, Ct. 06704

Friday, December 14

5:30 pm
Bud's Pajama Party

Sunday, December 16

Following Morning Worship
Annie Hunter Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 23

Following Morning Worship
Welcome & Courtesy Ministry
Bake Sale

Doxology

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Jude 24-25



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EVANGELIZING - EQUIPPING - EMPOWERING
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"I am a Christian"

By Maya Angelou

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'."
I'm whispering "I was lost,
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble
And need Christ to be my guide.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches
So I call upon His name.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not holier than thou.
I'm just a simple sinner
Who received God's good grace, some-
how!

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.



Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision and make it plain on
tablets, that he may run who reads it.
Habakkuk 2:2

The Jabez Prayer

And Jabez called on the God of Israel
saying, "Oh, that You would bless me
indeed, and enlarge my territory, that
Your hand would keep me from evil,
that I may nor cause pain!" So God
granted him what he requested.
1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)

"God's Word

*For the word of God is quick, and power-
ful, and sharper than any two-edged
sword, piercing even to the dividing asun-
der of soul and spirit, and of the joints
and marrow, and is a discerner of the
thoughts and intents of the heart"*
Hebrews 4:12

Prayer: Forever, O Lord, your Word is
settled in heaven. I bless you because
you have given me rest according to all
that you have promised to me. Not one
word of all your good promises has ever
failed. In light of this truth, I will walk in
your Word at all times.
I love your Word, Father, it is a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path. All of
your words are pure, O God, and you are
a shield to me. Lord God, your way is

perfect, and your Word is tried. You are a
shield and a mighty buckler to me as I
trust in you.

With your Word you made the heavens,
O Lord. all of your promises are yes in
Christ, unto your glory, O God. You have
spoken through your Word since ancient
times, in order to give light to those who
sit in darkness, and you guide my feet in
the way of peace.

Your Word is quick, alive, and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword.
It pierces even to the dividing asunder of
my soul and spirit, and of my joints and
marrow, and is a discerner of the
thoughts and intents of my heart.
Father, I am thankful for your Word, and I
will endeavor to walk in the light of your
Word all the days of my life.

If you were to die today, do you know where you will spend eternity ???

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