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SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

8:30 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

Sunday Church School
Is a Family Affair

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Sunday Worship
10:00am

Women's Day
June 28th
Guest Speaker: Rev. Gwendolyn Moore

Memo from GOD

Effective immediately, please be aware that there are changes YOU need to make in YOUR life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill My promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems very little to ask of you. I know, I already gave you the 10 Commandments. Keep them. But follow these guidelines, also.

1. QUIT WORRYING

Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

2. PUT IT ON THE LIST

Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem.

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New England Annual Conference
June 9th - June 14th
Held at Metropolitan AM Zion Church, Harford, CT

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Carl's Garden

Carl was a quiet man. He didn't talk much. He would always greet you with a big smile and a firm handshake. Even after living in our neighborhood for over 50 years, no one could really say they knew him very well.

Before his retirement, he took the bus to work each morning. The lone sight of him walking down the street often worried us. He had a slight limp from a bullet

wound received in W.W.II. Watching him, we worried that although he had survived W.W.II, he may not make it through our changing uptown neighborhood with its ever-increasing random violence, gangs, and drug activity.

When he saw the flyer at our local church asking for volunteers for caring for the gardens behind the minister's residence, he responded in his characteristically unassuming manner. Without fanfare, he just

signed up. He was well into his 87th year when the very thing we had always feared finally happened.

He was just finishing his watering for the day when three gang members approached him. Ignoring their attempt to intimidate him, he simply asked, Would you like a drink from the hose? The tallest and toughest-looking of the three said, Yeah, sure, with a

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May 9, 2015

Dear Faithful Members,

Greetings In the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Expecting Greater and we have only 2 months before Women's Day. The women have been working diligently these past months planning, preparing, praying, and giving stellar service to make this one of the best Women's Day of excellence.

We give thanks to the chair, First Lady Eledia, and all of her team. We give thanks to the women for your spirit of love, service, and generosity. You can depend on the Men to give you our best in helping to make this event one of the best.

Women's Day will be held on Sunday, June 28, at 10:00 a.m. with special guest, Reverend Gwendolyn Moore (daughter of the Late Bishop Alfred & Mamie White). Theme: Women being prepared for greater ministry (John 3.2).

Goal: \$20,000.00

All Women requested to give a generous gift of \$100.00. All Men requested to give a generous gift of \$100.00. Pastor is requesting 100 persons to join the Pastor & First Lady in giving \$200.00. You can also bring your best gift of choice. You can start with the pastor in giving in increments for the next 8 weeks to meet your gift goal. I know I can count on you to do your best.

Your generous giving supports the following ministries: after school tutorial & SAT programs, job program, food truck, health & wellness programs, leadership training for our youth, children activities, evangelism, seniors programs, Teaching ministry, dynamic worship and much more. It is working!

Let us continue to show and demonstrate our love for Christ, His Church, and His people. The blessings of the Lord continue with you and yours real good! We are expecting greater in 2015.

Much Love to all.

Your servant,
Pastor Harvill

Note: I know I can count on you to join the pastor & first lady in prayer and in participation for Women's Day. Your generous gifts adding with others will help us fulfill the vision of serving God, His Church, and His Community.

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: MEEKNESS

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance:...." (Galatians 5:21,22)

MEEKNESS: Power, patience, humility, gentleness, tenderness, courage.

"The fruit of MEEKNESS disarms the stormy, tempestuous person. MEEK saints do not argue. It possesses the qualities of mildness and gentleness in dealing with others. It is not flimsy or weak, it is power. " Persons who possess this fruit experience a high quality of spiritual strength. (World-Wide Keswick)

How to Cultivate the fruit of MEEKNESS:

1. Acknowledge continually the fact that we are creatures who have obligations to our Creator, that we are nothing without Him.
2. Remember we are sinners who have been saved by grace.
3. Remember we are saved for a purpose. We are under obligation and bondage to be what God desires us to be.
4. Remember we are being empowered and trained for a purpose.
5. Study the ministry of Jesus. His life is the best example of MEEKNESS.

6. Study the life of Moses. His life is also marked by MEEKNESS.

7. See to understand yourself and develop insight into the needs of others.

Look for persons who -

- are courageous, but not argumentative or rude
- do not seek to be elevated by man
- are soft-spoken and peacemakers
- are not self-centered
- are honest about their gifts and their ability to use them successfully
- do not display false modesty
- are gentle toward people in all circumstances
- are long-suffering and patient

WARNING: Be aware of the enemy of MEEKNESS - false modesty and self-seeking.

Additional Scriptures:

Titus 3:2 - 7; Ephesians 4:1- 3; Luke 9:46 - 56; Matthew 14:14-21; Psalm 22:26; Psalm 25:9; Numbers 12:1-7; II Corinthians 10:1; Matthew 11:28-30.

God's Provision Prayer

Great is your faithfulness, O God, my Father. Morning by morning new mercies I see. I know that your hands will supply all that I need. Thank you, Lord, for your loving care and supply in my life. I claim the promises of your Word today. I believe your Word, and I look forward to all you are going to do in my life.

You are Jehovah-jeer, my provider. You know exactly what I need, when I need it, and how my needs will best be met. Thank you for the delight you experience as you give me the desires of my heart. I love you, and you love me.

Thank you, Father, for your great mercies which are new in my life each morning. Your grace and loving favor are upon me and within me. Indeed, your loving kindness is

better than life to me. Thank you for always providing me with my daily bread, and so much more. I rejoice in you and in the knowledge that you are the God of more than enough.

Thank you, Father, for caring about me and my loved ones. I know you want all needs to be met, and you cannot fail in meeting them. I praise you for the wonderful realization that you do fulfill all your promises in my life.

Thank you for your word which will never return to you void. I claim the promises of your Word for me, my family, and our lives. I take my stand upon the solid promises of your Word, Father. Thank you for meeting my every need. Amen

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Church School is a Family Affair,
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Sunday Church School begins: 8:30 a. m.

For Transportation Needs Please call
the Church 860-344-9527



Sunday Church School meets from 8:30 a.m. **sharp** to 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. We have classes for all ages – from age 3 to 103. New Members Class meets at the same time. **Light breakfast is served each Sunday.**

REMEMBERING APRIL

Jerome H. Long April 29, 2015

As we look back on the past month, April 2015, it is important for African Americans to reflect on two Aprils in our past, and the significance of the years bookended by those two Aprils.

On April 12, 1861, the state militia of South Carolina opened fire on Fort Sumter. Because Fort Sumter was the property of the United States Government, the President interpreted the firing upon it as an act of treason. Therefore he asked Congress for enough military force to subdue this rebellion. Such firing may not have been the first challenge to the authority of the United States government, but it was indeed the most dramatic, precipitating the beginning of the Civil War.

Four years later, on April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant in Appomattox, Virginia, ending the Civil War.

The causes of the war are shrouded in confusion and puzzlement even today. However hovering over all the arguments, disputes, and contentions is the specter of SLAVERY.

Before the Civil War, slaves had themselves staged several rebellions: Cato Stone's rebellion, 1739, in South Carolina; Gabriel Prosser, on October 10, 1800, in Virginia; Nat Turner on November 11, 1831, in Virginia; and Denmark Vesey on July 14, 1822, in South Carolina.

In his second inaugural address, President Lincoln made it plain that the issue of slavery was the main cause of the war. He said, "All knew that this interest was, somehow, the cause of the war. To strengthen, perpetuate, and extend this interest was the object for which the insurgents would rend the union, even by war; while the government claimed no right to do more

than to restrict the territorial enlargement of it."

The Civil War had been the most costly, wrenching, and horrible event in the history of the United States. The dead numbered 759,000, many thousands were wounded, and more thousands made homeless. Lands and cities were devastated and destroyed.

To remember the Civil War is to call to mind over 66,500 African Americans who gave their lives. We are called on to remember the battles that African American soldiers and seamen fought and died in:

1. Island Mound, Missouri - October 10, 1862 - the 1st Kansas Volunteers;
2. Port Hudson, Louisiana - May 1863- 1st and 3rd Louisiana Regiments, U.S.C.T (United States Colored Troops);
3. Fort Wagner, South Carolina - July 1863, 54 U.S.C.T;
4. Millikin's Bend, Louisiana - June 7, 1863, 9th Louisiana, 13th Louisiana U.S.C.T;
5. Chaffin Farm, Virginia - 4th and 6th U.S.C.T.

Had not the North prevailed in the war, there would have been no 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the Constitution of the United States. These amendments abolished slavery, guaranteed the right to vote, and secured the property of citizens of the United States of America.

These constitutional amendments did not eliminate discrimination, but they have been the basis for challenges to local laws and customs in these ensuing 150 years.

In 1957, President Eisenhower deployed the 101st Airborne Infantry Division to escort nine Black students to Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. Governor Orval Faubus had refused to comply with the orders from a federal judge which stated the students

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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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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)

30 day of Jabez prayer

Pray the Jabez prayer every morning, and keep a record of your daily prayer by marking off a calendar or chart you make especially for the purpose.

Write out the prayer and tape it in your bible, in your day-timer, on your bathroom mirror, or some other place where you’ll be reminded of your new vision.

Reread this little book once each week during the next month, asking God to show you important insights you may have missed.

Tell one other person of your commitment to your new prayer habit, and ask him or her to check up on you.

Begin to keep a record of changes in your life, especially the divine appointments and new opportunities you can relate directly to the Jabez prayer.

Start praying the Jabez prayer for your family, friends, and local church.

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.

Bible in a Year

MAY

1 2 Chronicles 26-29
 2 2 Chronicles 30-32
 3 2 Chronicles 33-36
 4 Ezra 1-4
 5 Ezra 5-7
 6 Ezra 8-10
 7 Nehemiah 1-3

8 Nehemiah 4-6
 9 Nehemiah 7-9
 10 Nehemiah 10-13
 11 Esther 1-3
 12 Esther 4-7
 13 Esther 8-10
 14 Job 1-4
 15 Job 5-7

16 Job 8-10
 17 Job 11-13
 18 Job 14-17
 19 Job 18-20
 20 Job 21-24
 21 Job 25-27
 22 Job 28-31
 23 Job 32-34

24 Job 35-37
 25 Job 38-42
 26 Psalms 1-4
 27 Psalms 5-8
 28 Psalms 9-12
 29 Psalms 13-15
 30 Psalms 16-18
 31 Psalms 19-21

JUNE

1. Psalms 22-24
 2. Psalms 25-27
 3. Psalms 28-30
 4. Psalms 31-33
 5. Psalms 34-36
 6. Psalms 37-39
 7. Psalms 40-42

8. Psalms 43-45
 9. Psalms 46-48
 10. Psalms 49-51
 11. Psalms 52-54
 12. Psalms 55-57
 13. Psalms 58-60
 14. Psalms 61-63
 15. Psalms 64-66

16. Psalms 67-69
 17. Psalms 70-72
 18. Psalms 73-75
 19. Psalms 76-78
 20. Psalms 79-81
 21. Psalms 82-84
 22. Psalms 85-87
 23. Psalms 88-90

24. Psalms 91-93
 25. Psalms 94-96
 26. Psalms 97-99
 27. Psalms 100-102
 28. Psalms 103-105
 29. Psalms 106-108
 30. Psalms 109-111

July

1. Psalms 112-114
 2. Psalms 115-118
 3. Psalms 119
 4. Psalms 120-123
 5. Psalms 124-128
 6. Psalms 129-132
 7. Psalms 133-136

8. Psalms 137-139
 9. Psalms 140-144
 10. Psalms 145-147
 11. Psalms 148-150
 12. Proverbs 1-3
 13. Proverbs 4-7
 14. Proverbs 8-11
 15. Proverbs 12-14

16. Proverbs 15-18
 17. Proverbs 19-21
 18. Proverbs 22-24
 19. Proverbs 25-28
 20. Proverbs 29-31
 21. Ecclesiastes 1-3
 22. Ecclesiastes 4-6
 23. Ecclesiastes 7-9

24. Ecclesiastes 10-12
 25. Song 1-4
 26. Song 5-8
 27. Isaiah 1-3
 28. Isaiah 4-6
 29. Isaiah 7-9
 30. Isaiah 10-12
 31. Isaiah 13-15

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2015

Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church and reveals the descent or outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the believers in the Upper Room. (See Acts 2:1-4)

The Day of Pentecost also occurs fifty days after Passover.

As Pentecost is celebrated, one should reflect on the coming of the Comforter (Holy Spirit) to the Disciples, and the power and miracles that resulted due to this coming, plus the need to allow the spirit to embody and empower persons today.

The Season After Pentecost (Whitsuntide or Trinity)

The Season After Pentecost covers 10-14 Sundays. (May 25, to August 29, 2015)
 The liturgical color is red for the Season After Pentecost.

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after the day of Pentecost. This Sunday emphasizes the three-fold manifestation of the Godhead (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit/Ghost): three and yet one. White is the appropriate color.

Color: Red is symbolic of loyalty, power, witness, Christian zeal, blood, fire, the work and ministry of the Church, and the Holy Spirit.

(Memo from page 1)

I can't help you until you turn it over to Me. And although My to-do-list is long, I am after all ... God. I can take care of anything you put into My hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realize.

3. TRUST ME

Once you've given your burdens to Me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in Me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on My list. Problem with finances? Put it in My list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster?

For My sake, put it on My list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

4. LEAVE IT ALONE

Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave Me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with Me and forget about them. Just let Me do my job.

5. TALK TO ME

I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I pray you never forget. Please, don't forget to talk to Me - OFTEN! I love YOU! I want to hear your voice. I want you to include Me in on the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with Me. I want to be your dearest friend.

6. HAVE FAITH

I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in Me that I know what I'm doing. Trust Me; you wouldn't want the view from My eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and

meet your needs. You only have to trust Me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?

7. SHARE

You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who have forgotten how to cry. Share your faith with those who have none.

8. BE PATIENT

I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes Me a little longer than you expect to handle something on My to-do-list? Trust in My timing, for My timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.

9. BE KIND

Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for My sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please, know I love each of your differences.

10. LOVE YOURSELF As much as I love me for one reason of Love. Love Me. heart ache when I are very precious you, how can you not love yourself? You were only ... to be loved, and to love in return. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. see you so angry with yourself when things go to me. Don't ever forget that!

created by I am a God It makes My wrong. You

With all My heart I love YOU ... God

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had a right under the Constitution to attend Little Rock Central High School without interference from anyone.

In 1965 President Lyndon submitted a second Civil Rights bill to congress. This bill re-enforced the language of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing the right to vote to all citizens.

We should remember the month of April because it was the events that transpired between April 1861 and April 1865 that forged the bonds making America truly the UNITED STATES.

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malevolent little smile. As Carl offered the hose to him, the other two grabbed Carl's arm, throwing him down. As the hose snaked crazily over the ground, dousing everything in its way, Carl's assailants stole his retirement watch and his wallet, and then fled.

Carl tried to get himself up, but he had been thrown down on his bad leg. He lay there trying to gather himself as the minister came running to help him. Although the minister had witnessed the attack from his window, he couldn't get there fast enough to stop it. Carl, are you okay? Are you hurt? The minister kept asking as he helped Carl to his feet.

Carl just passed a hand over his brow and sighed, shaking his head. Just some punk kids. I hope they'll wise-up someday. His wet clothes clung to his slight frame as he bent to pick up the hose. He adjusted the nozzle again and started to water. Confused and a little concerned, the minister asked, Carl, what are you doing? I've got to finish my watering. It's been very dry lately, came the calm reply. Satisfying himself that Carl really was all right, the minister could only marvel. Carl was a man from a different time and place.

A few weeks later the three returned. Just as before their threat was unchallenged. Carl again offered them a drink from his hose. This time they didn't rob him. They wrenched the hose from his hand and drenched him head to foot in the icy water. When they had finished their humiliation of him, they sauntered off down the street, throwing catcalls and curses, falling over one another laughing at the hilarity of what they had just done. Carl just watched them. Then he turned toward the warmth giving sun, picked up his hose, and went on with his watering.

The summer was quickly fading into

fall. Carl was doing some tilling when he was startled by the sudden approach of someone behind him. He stumbled and fell into some evergreen branches. As he struggled to regain his footing, he turned to see the tall leader of his summer tormentors reaching down for him. He braced himself for the expected attack.

Don't worry old man, I'm not gonna hurt you this time. The young man spoke softly, still offering the tattooed and scarred hand to Carl. As he helped Carl get up, the man pulled a crumpled bag from his pocket and handed it to Carl. What's this? Carl asked. It's your stuff, the man explained. It's your stuff back. Even the money in your wallet. I don't understand, Carl said. Why would you help me now? The man shifted his feet, seeming embarrassed and ill at ease. I learned something from you, he said. I ran with that gang and hurt people like you. We picked you because you were old and we knew we could do it. But every time we came and did something to you, instead of yelling and fighting back, you tried to give us a drink. You didn't hate us for hating you. You kept showing love against our hate. He stopped for a moment. I couldn't sleep after we stole your stuff, so here it is back. He paused for another awkward moment, not knowing what more there was to say. That bag's my way of saying thanks for straightening me out, I guess. And with that, he walked off down the street. Carl looked down at the sack in his hands and gingerly opened it. He took out his retirement watch and put it back on his wrist. Opening his wallet, he checked for his wedding photo. He gazed for a moment at the young bride that still smiled back at him from all those years ago.

He died one cold day after Christmas that winter. Many people attended his funeral in spite of the weather. In particular the minister noticed a tall young man that he didn't know sitting quietly in a distant corner of the

church. The minister spoke of Carl's garden as a lesson in life. In a voice made thick with unshed tears, he said, Do your best and make your garden as beautiful as you can. We will never forget Carl and his garden.

The following spring another flyer went up. It read: Person needed to care for Carl's garden. The flyer went unnoticed by the busy parishioners until one day when a knock was heard at the minister's office door. Opening the door, the minister saw a pair of scarred and tattooed hands holding the flyer. I believe this is my job, if you'll have me, the young man said.

The minister recognized him as the same young man who had returned the stolen watch and wallet to Carl. He knew that Carl's kindness had turned this man's life around. As the minister handed him the keys to the garden shed, he said, Yes, go take care of Carl's garden and honor him. The man went to work and, over the next several years, he tended the flowers and vegetables just as Carl had done. In that time, he went to college, got married, and became a prominent member of the community. But he never forgot his promise to Carl's memory and kept the garden as beautiful as he thought Carl would have kept it. One day he approached the new minister and told him that he couldn't care for the garden any longer. He explained with a shy and happy smile, My wife just had a baby boy last night, and she's bringing him home on Saturday.

Well, congratulations! said the minister, as he was handed the garden shed keys. That's wonderful! What's the baby's name? Carl, he replied.

The Best Mathematical Equation I have ever seen: $1 \text{ cross} + 3 \text{ nails} = 4 \text{ given}$.

That's the whole gospel message simply stated. Take 60 seconds give

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Women Preparing For Greater Ministry
Financial Goal \$20,000
Scripture 1 John 3:2
Chair: Eledia Harvill

2015 Dates & Events

Monthly "Women's "Bible Study Every 1st Thursday of the Month 6:00pm
Third Session May 7th, 2015

Instructors: Mary Lou Cooper, Rev. Earlene Grant, Rev. Robyn Anderson Turner, Gloria Malloy, Rev. Joyce Johnson

Topics

Prayer

Character of a Christian Woman

Gifts of the Spirits/ Christian Women Character

Women Preparing For Greater Ministry

April 26th "Spiritual Sweetness" Bake Sale

Chairs: Sylvia Pina, Gertrude Taylor

May 23rd Saturday Cancer /"Awareness Concert" 4:00pm

Chairs: Cassandra Winborne, Cheryl Holley, Destiny Watford

Speaker: Ebony Clark

"Rehoboth Church of God Ministry"

Divas and Dons Fighting Cancer Boxes/Bags at a Time

Cheryl Holley and Michele Clay

Items Needed Diva's and Don's Bags

Chap Stick, Lotions, Bottle Water, Blankets/Pillows, Pens, Note Book, Socks, Hand Sanitizer, Blankets, Journals, Cross Word Books, Sudoku Puzzles, Magazines, Granola Bars, Candy, & Gum.

May 30th "The Princess Spa "Youth" Pampering Night" Ages 13-18

Chairs: Rev. Myrtle Turner, Janice Watson, Lisa Speller, Queen Williams

Location: Lorraine's Cuts Unlimited Salon

675 Newfield Street Middletown, Ct. 06457

Time: 10:00am-6:00pm

Cost \$20.00-Ticket Will Be Sold Beginning April 26th

June 19th Father Daughter Dinner Ages 5-12

Chairs: Janice Watson, Cassandra Winborne, Kim Burnett, Cheryl Holley

Ticket Price: \$ 10.00

Menu-Kids Chicken Fingers & Fries/**Menu-Adults** –Chicken, String Beans, Roasted Potatoes

Dessert Bar-Lisa Speller (Cupcakes)/**Candy Station**-Jackie Jackson

Photographer-Jasmine Taylor

June 28th Women's Day

Financial Goal \$20,000

Women's Day Speaker

Rev. Gwendolyn Moore

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Scripture 1 John 3:2
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this a shot! Let's just see if Satan stops this one.

All you do is:

1. Simply say a small prayer for the person who sent you this, (Father God bless this person in whatever it is that You know he or she may be needing this day!)

2. Then send it on to five other people. Within hours five people have prayed for you, and you caused a multitude of people to pray to God for other people. Then sit back and watch the power of God work in your life for doing the thing that you know He loves.

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.



Young Ladies
(Ages 13 years-old to 18 years-old)

You are cordially invited to
"The Princess Spa"

When: Saturday, May 30th, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m.
(Invitation/Ticket with Appointment) & Recommended Donation \$20.00

Where: Cuts Unlimited Beauty Salon
670 Newfield Street, Middletown, CT

"Refresh Your Mind, Relax Your Body and Restore Your Spirit"
A Day filled with manicures, pedicures, and updos, refreshments, gift bags, music, motivational speaker (s), fun & more.

Sponsored by the Women Ministry of the Cross Street AME Zion Church
For more information call 860-344-9527



God'

Great is your faithfulness, O God, my Father. Morning by morning new mercies I see. I know that your hands will supply all that I need. Thank you, Lord, for your loving care and supply in my life. I claim the promises of your Word today. I believe your Word, and I look forward to all you are going to do in my life.

You are Jehovah-jireh, my provider. You know exactly what I need, when I need it, and how my needs will best be met. Thank you for the delight you experience as you give me the desires of my heart. I love you, and you love me.

Thank you, Father, for your great mercies which are new in my life each morning. Your grace and loving favor are upon me and within me. Indeed, your loving kindness is better than life to me. Thank you for always providing me with my daily bread, and so much more. I rejoice in you and in the knowledge that you are the God of more than enough.

Thank you, Father, for caring about me and my loved ones. I know you want all needs to be met, and you cannot fail in meeting them. I praise you for the wonderful realization that you do fulfill all your promises in my life.

Thank you for your word which will never return to you void. I claim the promises of your Word for me, my family, and our lives. I take my stand upon the solid promises of your Word, Father. Thank you for meeting my every need.

Amen

God's Word

Key Scripture: *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart'*(Heb. 4:12).

Key Thought: The Bible is a road map for your life.

Prayer: Forever, O Lord, your Word is settled in heaven.¹ 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.² 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.³ All of your words are pure, O God, and you are a shield to me.⁴ 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.⁵

With your Word you made the heavens, O Lord.⁶ all of your promises are yes in Christ, unto your glory, O God.⁷ you have spoken through your Word since ancient times,⁸ in order to give light to those who sit in darkness, and you guide my feet in the way of peace.⁹

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.¹⁰

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.

References: (1) Psalms 119:89; (2) 1 Kings 8:56; 1 (3) Psalms 119:105, (4) Proverbs 30:5; (5) Psalms 18:30; (6) Psalms 33:6; (7) 2 Corinthians 1:20; (8) Luke 1:70; (9) Luke 1:79; (10) Hebrews 4:12.

NO NEED IS TOO TRIVIAL

READ: Isaiah 49:13-18

As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him

Several mothers of small children were sharing encouraging answers to prayer. Yet one woman said she felt selfish about troubling God with her personal needs. "Compared with the huge global needs God faces," she explained, "my circumstances must seem trivial to Him."

Moments later, her little son pinched his fingers in a door and ran screaming to his mother. She didn't say, "How selfish of you to bother me with your throbbing fingers when I'm busy!" She showed him great compassion and tenderness.

As Psalm 103:13 reminds us, this is the response of love, both human and divine. In Isaiah 49, God said that even though a mother may forget to have compassion on her child, the Lord never forgets His children (v. 15). God assured His people, "I have inscribed you on the palms of

My hands" (v. 16).

Such intimacy with God belongs to those who fear Him and who rely on Him rather than on themselves. As that child with throbbing fingers ran freely to his mother, so may we run to God with our daily problems.

Our compassionate God doesn't neglect others to respond to our concerns. He has limitless time and love for each of His children. No need is too trivial for Him.

JOANIE YODER

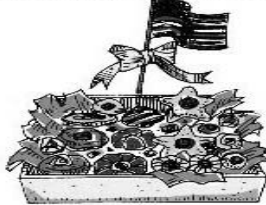
You take great delight in me, Lord, and quiet me with Your love. You rejoice over me with singing, like a mother singing a lullaby by over her child. Thank You for Your tender love for me

God holds His children in the palm of His hand.

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**and their families
with Prayers, Cards, & Letters**

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CROSS STREET MINISTRY OF RECOVERY

We can't but through God, all things are possible. How might we pull on God's strength to help each other recover?

Let the spirit of God work for you in a Mighty, Mighty Way

For more information contact:
Church office 860-344-9527.or
Rev. Gregory B. Winborne: Days: 860-616-3834

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

8:30 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)

Monday

7:00-9:00 p.m. Bible Study, Eddy Shelter

6:00 p.m. Zumba

7:00 Media Ministry (1st and 3rd of month)

Tuesday Special Prayer for Pastor Harvill

6:00—7:00 p.m. Prayer meeting and bible study.

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Zumba

6:00 p.m. Ministerial Staff (1st of month)

7:00 p.m.. Praise & Worship Choir rehearsal,

8:00 p.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Steward Board

7:00 p.m. Trustee Board (2nd of month)

7:00 p.m. Unity Choir Rehearsal

Friday Day of Fasting

6:00 p.m. Vision Choir (3rd & 4th of month)

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)

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Thursday May 14th

6:00pm - Steward Board meeting

7:00pm – Trustee Board meeting

Saturday May 16th 5:00p.m

Birthday Extravaganza (More information to follow)

Women choir rehearsal dates

Monday, May 18th, Wed. May 20 & Wed. May 27th all women invited to join the 5th Sunday Choir.

Tuesday May 19th 5:00p.m

Members Annual Budget meeting. All members required to attend.

Friday May 29th 11:00a.m.

Watson Dinner Fundraiser (More info to follow)

Sunday, May 31

Fired up Freely Give - members bringing gifts for the mortgage. Class Leaders and Members serving hot dogs, and hamburgers & sides - join in the festivities and bring your family & friends for fellowship following worship.

Friday June 5th 6:30p.m.

Watson Album Release Concert- Victorious House of Prayer 74 Cambridge Street, Meriden, CT (more info to follow)

Sunday, June 7

General Claims Sunday - Finishing Strong

June 9-14

New England Annual Conference. Held at Metropolitan AME Zion Church Hartford.

Thursday, June 11, 7:00 p.m.

Unity Choir singing and Dance Ministry participating

Saturday, June 13, 6:00 p.m.

The Cross Street Church Host - Banquet for Missionary Supervisor Lovetta Holmes. Please see Queen Williams to volunteer to help.

Sunday, June 14, 8:00 a.m.

Cross Street Church Early Morning Worship.

10:30 a.m. Annual Conference Service at Faith Seventh Day Adventist Church, Hartford.

Tuesday, June 16

Starting Strong Worship Service - All Choirs singing, Dance ministry participating, Combined Ushers serving, and all preachers, Class Leaders, Officers, and members in attendance.

Sunday June 21, 10:00 a.m.

Father's Day & Graduation Convocation - more information to follow.

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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“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!

God’s Word

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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)

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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