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Sunday Church School
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BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYERS

A Back To School Prayer by Gloria Laroza T.

A "Back To School" Prayer

Our Lord and Heavenly Father, You have promised to watch over Your children and our loved ones wherever we may be. Bless and protect the millions of children and young people who are starting a new school year. Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for the gift of our children. They are so precious in Your sight, for You were once a child. You know our children. They are so precious in Your sight, for You were once a child. You know Lord the many temptations and peer

pressures that come to our young people everyday. Shield them O Lord and guide them . Help them find godly friends who will support, encourage and uphold them to Christian faith.

Our Heavenly Father, we are grateful to You for the many schools opening their doors to millions of students across the globe. Bless the teachers with true wisdom and may they teach not only academic instructions, but proper morals and love of God and higher authority. As they open their mouths to relay knowledge and wisdom, may their words be filled

(Prayers on page 8)

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YOUTH DAY



Youth Ministry celebrates youth Day with honorable judge Raheem Mullins of Ct, Appellate Court on Sunday, August 8th, 2015.

Theme: **Empowering our youth for greater** 1st Timothy 4:12-14.



From the Pastor's Desk:

In these changing and challenging times the church takes strategic steps to revitalize and retool for growth for 2020 and beyond. We have established a 21st Century Leadership team to produce ideas, plans, and action steps for restructuring the ministry for a viable and sustainable future. See below the beginning process:

Vision 2020 and Beyond

Our Goal: To develop a viable and sustainable ministry for 2020 and beyond.

Our Vision –People of faith restoring hope to our community and reaching the world through gifted and giving people

Our Mission: To share the Word, Win souls for Christ, Worship the Lord in spirit and in truth

Our Core Values:

Putting Christ first – But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

Reaching the Lost for Christ – *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 28:19*

Serving others - He answered, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Luke 10:27



Vision 2020 questions for Cross Street Church as we strive for spiritual, numerical, and financial growth 2016-2020 and beyond:

- How must we develop our prayer ministry?
- How must we change our church organization structure to be prepared for growth?
- How must we change our Leadership structure?

- How must we change our stewardship structure?
- How must we change our discipleship structure?
- How must we change our Ministry structure?
- How must we change our evangelism structure?
- How must we change the way we do church?
- How must we change the staffing for ministry?
- How must we change the Christian Education Department in ways to serve as the teaching arm for the overall ministry?
- How must we change Church School to reach all ages?
- How must we change Bible Study to reach all ages?
- How must we change the children ministry?
- How must we change the Youth Ministry?
- How must we change the Young Adult Ministry?
- How must we change the Adult & Senior Ministry?
- How must we train and equip ministers and laity for 21st Century Ministry?
- How must we develop our media ministry?
- How must we worship to prepare for growth?
- How must we communicate our mission to prepare for growth?



It will require all members, ministries, and the community participating in this project that will have a lasting impact on the church for generations to follow.

*God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient church's story,
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.*

Pastor Moses L. Harvill

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)."

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: A REVIEW

"But the fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS, TEMPERANCE: against such there is no law." (Galatians 5:22, 23)

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The fruit of LOVE when properly motivated "is pure, far reaching, forgiving. There is no limit to the good that LOVE does. God is LOVE. (I John 4:7)

JOY never fades, it is never destroyed by circumstances, it is unaffected by wealth or poverty, sickness or health. It is found in the presence of God (Psalm 16:11)

PEACE "is a tranquility of mind as a result of a right relationship with God". The PEACE of God in our hearts challenges sin at every turn and deals with it immediately in order to maintain that right relationship. (Ephesians 2:14)

LONG-SUFFERING means steadfastness of the soul under provocation. It means forbearance and patient endurance of ill-treatment, without anger or thought of revenge. (Colossians 3:12, 13)

GENTLENESS is sweet reasonableness, calmness and graciousness. It calms troubled waters, settles turmoil and heals strife. (James 3:17)

GOODNESS does good to others. It is kindness of heart and good deeds. It may not always be a gentle word, but a stern rebuke done for the good of someone else. (Psalm 33:5)

MEEKNESS disarms the stormy, tempestuous person. The qualities of mildness and gentleness in dealing with others. It is not weak. It is a high quality of spiritual strength. (I Timothy 6:11)

FAITH means faithfulness to Christ and His cause. It manifests itself in being a trustworthy steward of God. It is trust and obedience, belief in God's word and promises. (Hebrews 11:1)

TEMPERANCE is power, it is strength, having self-control. It means discipline. It provides balance to the Christian's life. It enables him to praise Him whether in discipline or testing. (Proverbs 11:1) (Information taken in part from World-Wide Keswick publication and Holy Scriptures)

Satan tries to imitate the real thing with an artificial fruit. As you can see, the artificial fruit is very much like the real thing and if we are not careful, we can fall into the trap of expressing limited love, temporary joy, numbness, insensitivity, manipulation, hypocrisy, half-heartedness, false modesty and choosing lesser goals.

THE FRUIT, *The Artificial Fruit,*

The Weed

LOVE, *limited love,* **hatred**

JOY, *temporary JOY,* **sorrow**

PEACE, *numbness, carelessness,* **anxiety strife**

PATIENCE, *laziness, insensitivity,* **impatience**

KINDNESS, *manipulation by kindness,* **pride**

GOODNESS, *hypocrisy,* **evil**

F A I T H F U L N E S S, *h a l f - h e a r t e d n e s s,* **infidelity**

MEEKNESS, *false modesty,* **self-seeking**

SELF-CONTROL, *choosing lesser goals,* **lack of control**

(The Fruit of the Spirit, John W. Sanderson)

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



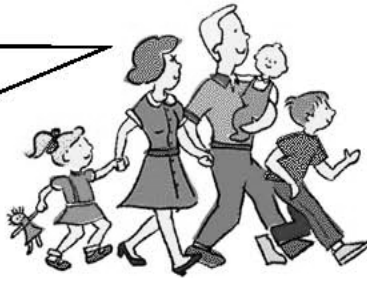
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| Dora Anderson | Michael Ehot & Family | Jermaine Lawrence & | Patrick & Jennifer | Josephine Williams |
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Church School is a Family Affair,
Come and Grow with US,

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.**

HOW TO LISTEN TO GOD

These are a few simple suggestions for people who are willing to make an experiment. You can discover for yourself the most important and practical thing any human being can ever learn-how to be in touch with God.

All that is needed is the willingness to try it honestly. Every person who has done this consistently and sincerely has found that it really works.

Before you begin, look over these fundamental points. They are true and are based on the experience of thousands of people.

1. God is alive. He always has been and He always will be.
2. God knows everything.
3. God can do anything.
4. God can be everywhere--all at the same time. (These are the important differences between God and us human beings).
5. God is invisible-we can't see Him or touch Him-but, God is here. He is with you now. He is beside you. He surrounds you. He fills the room or the whole place where you are right now. He is in you now. He is in your heart.
6. God cares very much for you. He is interested in you. He has a plan for your life. He has an answer for every need and problem you face.
7. God will tell you all that you need to know. He will not always tell you all that you want to know.
8. God will help you do anything that He asks you to do.
9. Anyone can be in touch with God, anywhere and at any time, if the conditions are obeyed.

These are the conditions:

- To be quiet and still
- To listen

- To be honest about every thought that comes
- To test the thoughts to be sure that they come from God
- To obey

So, with these basic elements as a background, here are specific suggestions on How to Listen to God.

1. Take Time

Find some place and time where you can be alone, quiet and undisturbed. Most people have found that the early morning is the best time. Have with you some paper and pen or pencil.

2. Relax

Sit in a comfortable position.. Consciously relax all your muscles. Be loose. There is no hurry. There needs to be no strain during these minutes. God cannot get through to us if we are tense and anxious about later responsibilities.

3. Tune In

Open your heart to God. Either silently or aloud, just say to God in a natural way that you would like to find His plan for your life-you want His answer to the problem or situation that you are facing just now. Be definite and specific in your request.

4. Listen

Just be still, quiet, relaxed and open. Let your mind go "loose." Let God do the talking. Thoughts, ideas, and impressions will begin to come into your mind and heart. Be alert and aware and open to every one.

5. Write!

Here is the important key to the whole process. Write down everything that comes into your mind. Everything. Writing is simply a means of recording so that you can remember later. Don't sort out or edit your thoughts at this point.

Don't say to yourself:

- This thought isn't important,
- This is just an ordinary thought;
- This can't be guidance;

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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 |
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| YAH, ORJAH | "I AM<" The One Who Is The Self-Existent | God never changes. His promises never fail. When we are faithless, He is faithful. God promises His continuing presence. |
| YHWH | "I AM<" The One Who Is The Self-Existent One | God never changes. His promises never fail. When we are faithless, He is faithful. |
| ADONAI | The Lord My Great Lord | God is the Master and majestic Lord. God is our total authority. |
| EL | The Strong One | He is more powerful than any false god. God will overcome all obstacles. We can depend on God. |

Bible in a Year

SEPTEMBER

1 Jeremiah 47-49
2 Jeremiah 50-52
3 Lamentations 1-5
4 Ezekiel 1-3
5 Ezekiel 4-7
6 Ezekiel 8-11
7 Ezekiel 12-14

8 Ezekiel 15-18
9 Ezekiel 19-21
10 Ezekiel 22-24
11 Ezekiel 25-27
12 Ezekiel 28-30
13 Ezekiel 31-33
14 Ezekiel 34-36
15 Ezekiel 37-39

16 Ezekiel 40-42
17 Ezekiel 43-45
18 Ezekiel 46-48
19 Daniel 1-3
20 Daniel 4-6
21 Daniel 7-9
22 Daniel 10-12
23 Hosea 1-4

24 Hosea 5-7
25 Hosea 8-10
26 Hosea 11-14
27 Joel 1-3
28 Amos 1-3
29 Amos 4-6
30 Amos 7-9

OCTOBER

1 Obadiah, Jonah
2 Micah 1-4
3 Micah 5-7
4 Nahum 1-3
5 Habakkuk 1-3
6 Zephaniah 1-3
7 Haggai 1-2

8 Zechariah 1-2
9 Zechariah 3-6
10 Zechariah 7-10
11 Zechariah 11-14
12 Malachi 1-4
13 Matthew 1-4
14 Matthew 5-7
15 Matthew 8-11

16 Matthew 12-15
17 Matthew 16-19
18 Matthew 20-22
19 Matthew 23-25
20 Matthew 26-28
21 Mark 1-3
22 Mark 4-6
23 Mark 7-10

24 Mark 11-13
25 Mark 14-16
26 Luke 1-3
27 Luke 4-6
28 Luke 7-9
29 Luke 10-13
30 Luke 14-17
31 Luke 18-21

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

Kingdomtide

Kingdomtide begins on the last Sunday in August (August 30) and continues until the beginning of Advent (November 29). The emphasis includes evangelism, world missions, and the work for peace and justice in all relationships. During this period, special emphasis is placed on the Kingship of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The observance is wrapped up in the heightened awareness of one of the basic tenets of the Christian faith – the hope of the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven

Color: Green is symbolic of freshness of nature, hope, life and growth.

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.

(Prayers from page 1)

with inspiration and encouragement, that their students will be strengthened to use their knowledge in developing their talents and abilities to make a difference for the betterment of this world.

Show us parents, teachers and students a special measure of Your grace, and lead us in the right paths. Help us not to lean in our own understanding, but in all our ways, may we acknowledge You. Give us all true wisdom which finds its joy in You. Dear Lord Jesus who has been our Teacher, help us to remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. May there be more prayerful parents, teachers and students who will stand up for You. May we cling to the truth, and may our lights so shine brightly that the world of learning may be reminded that knowledge is fleeting, but godly wisdom is eternal.

Thank You O Lord of wisdom, our Sovereign and Mighty God, who shows us the Way, The Truth, and The Life through Jesus Christ, Our Savior. Continue to teach us our ways, bless our growth in grace, and give us deeper understanding of Your good and gracious will. To the Greatest Teacher who ever lived, Our Savior and Friend Jesus, may Your will be done according to Your promises. Amen.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise"
(Psalms 111:10).

Gloria Tiquia

Back to School Prayers from Psalms & Proverbs

Melissa Kruger, Author, Women's Ministry Director

It's that time of year again. Yellow buses practice their circuitous routes, stores brim with school supplies, and teachers adorn their rooms with inviting bulletin boards and welcoming smiles. Back to school is officially upon us.

I ended the summer reading through the Psalms and Proverbs. As I drank in the wisdom of these two books, certain passages in particular have encouraged and directed my hopes for my children as they head back to school. These verses have shaped my prayers and given words to the longings of my heart. As my children spend less time in my presence, I am thankful that I can bring all

my concerns and cares before the Lord in prayer.

Lord, I pray that my children would understand their need for Jesus and rejoice in the good news of the Gospel.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death (Psalms 68:19-20).

Lord, I pray that my children will love learning; that their hearts would seek to understand the world you have created. The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly (Proverbs 15:14).

I pray that as they learn about your world, they would behold the majesty of your glory. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. (Psalm 19:1)

Lord, I pray that you would surround them with friends who make wise choices and encourage their faith. Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm (Proverbs 13:20).

I pray that their teachers would be wise and gentle. The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly. A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit (Proverbs 15:2,4).

Lord, I pray that they would work with diligence and put forth their best efforts. The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied (Proverbs 13:4).

I pray that they would be thoughtful with their words and respectful in their replies. The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things (Proverbs 15:28).

I pray that you would free them from the pressure of trying to be like everyone else by instilling in them the confidence to know that they are uniquely made by you. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well (Psalms 139:14).

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(Prayers from page 8)

I pray that they would receive correction well. The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise. Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence (Proverbs 15:31-32).

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.

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The Beauty of Holland

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability - to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this...

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous trip - to Italy. You buy a bunch of guidebooks and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum, The Michelangelo David. The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very, very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later the plane lands. The flight attendant comes in and says, "Welcome to Holland."

"Holland?!?" you say, "What do you mean Holland? I signed up for Italy. I'm supposed to be in Italy! All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy."

But there's a change in the flight plan. They landed in Holland and you must stay.

The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy new guidebooks. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there awhile and catch your breath, you begin to look around, and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills. Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy, and they're bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life you will say, "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."

And the pain will never, ever go away, because the loss of that dream is a very significant loss.

But if you spend your life mourning the fact you didn't go to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things about Holland. Source Unknown

(Listen from page 5)

This isn't nice;
This can't be from God;
This is just me thinking..., etc.

Write down everything that passes through our mind:

Names of people;
Things to *do*;
Things to say;
Things that are wrong and need to be made right.

Write down everything:

Good thoughts - bad thoughts;
Comfortable thoughts -uncomfortable thoughts; "Holy" thoughts -
"unholy" thoughts;
Sensible thoughts - "crazy" thoughts.

Be honest! Write down ***everything!*** A thought comes quickly, and it escapes even more quickly unless it is captured and put down.

6. Test

When the flow of thoughts slows down, stop. Take a good look at what you have written. ***Not every thought we have comes from God.*** So we need to test our thoughts. Here is where the written record helps us to be able to look at them.

- a. Are these thoughts completely ***honest, pure, unselfish and loving?***
- b. Are these thoughts in line with our duties to our family-to our country?
- c. Are these thoughts in line with our understanding of the teachings found in our spiritual literature?

7. Check

When in doubt and when it is important, what does another person, who is living two-way prayer think about this thought or action? More light comes in through two windows than one. Someone else who also wants God's plan for our lives may help us to see more clearly.

Talk over together what you have written, Many people do this. They tell each other what guidance has come. This is the secret of unity. There are always three sides to every question-your side, my side, and the right side. Guidance shows us which is the right side-not who is right, but what is right.

8. Obey

Carry out the thoughts that have come. You will only be sure of guidance as you go through with it. A rudder will not guide a boat until the boat is moving. As you obey, very often the results will convince you that you are on the right track.

9. Blocks

What if I don't seem to get any definite thoughts? God's guidance is as freely available as the air we breathe. If I am

not receiving thoughts when I listen, the fault is not God's.

Usually it is because there is something ***I will not do:***

- something wrong in my life that I will not face and make right;
- a habit or indulgence I will not give up;
- a person I will not forgive;
- a wrong relationship in my life I will not give up;
- a restitution I will not make;
- something God has already told me to do that I will not obey.

Check these points and be honest. Then try listening again.

10. Mistakes

Suppose I make a mistake and do something in the name of God that isn't right? Of course we make mistakes. We are humans with many faults. However, ***God will always honor our sincerity.***

He will work around and through every honest mistake we make. He will help us make it right. ***But, remember this!*** Sometimes when we do obey God, someone else may not like it or agree with it. So when there is opposition, it doesn't always mean you have made a mistake. It can mean that the other person doesn't want to know or to do what is right.

Suppose I fail to do something that I have been told and the opportunity to do it passes? There is only one thing to do. Put it right with God. Tell Him you're sorry. Ask Him to forgive you, then accept His forgiveness and begin again. God is our Father--He is not an impersonal calculator. He understands us far better than we do.

11. Results

We never know what swimming is like until we get down into the water and try. We will never know what this is like until we sincerely try it.

Every person who has tried this honestly finds that a wisdom, not their own, comes into their minds and that a Power greater than human power begins to operate in their lives. It is an endless adventure.

There is a way of life, for everyone, everywhere. Anyone can be in touch with the living God, anywhere, anytime, ***if we fulfill His conditions:***

***When man listens, God speaks.
When man obeys, God-acts.***

This is the law of prayer

God's plan for this world goes forward through the lives of ordinary people who are willing to be governed by Him.
by Chaplain John E. Batterson

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. 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 dear-

est 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

Cross Street A.M.E. Zion Church

Recovery Ministry

Maintaining Sobriety on a Biblical Foundation

Twelve-Step Bible Study Program

Cross Street A.M.E. Zion Church Recovery Ministry is designed to help hurting people who suffer with addiction, are in addiction remission or are maintaining sobriety from addiction. It is made up of regular folks like you and me, who are on a journey toward wholeness; seeking recovery from addiction and celebrating God's healing power from life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. Trained leaders provide safe, confidential, non-judgmental, Christ-centered groups where people can grow, learn, share and find hope from addiction.

Every Friday

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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Transportation is provided.

*** Must call prior to Friday to request. ***



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John 8:36

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."



Spiritual Growth

Key Scripture: *“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby” (1 Peter 2:2)*

Key Thought: God’s Word is food for growth.

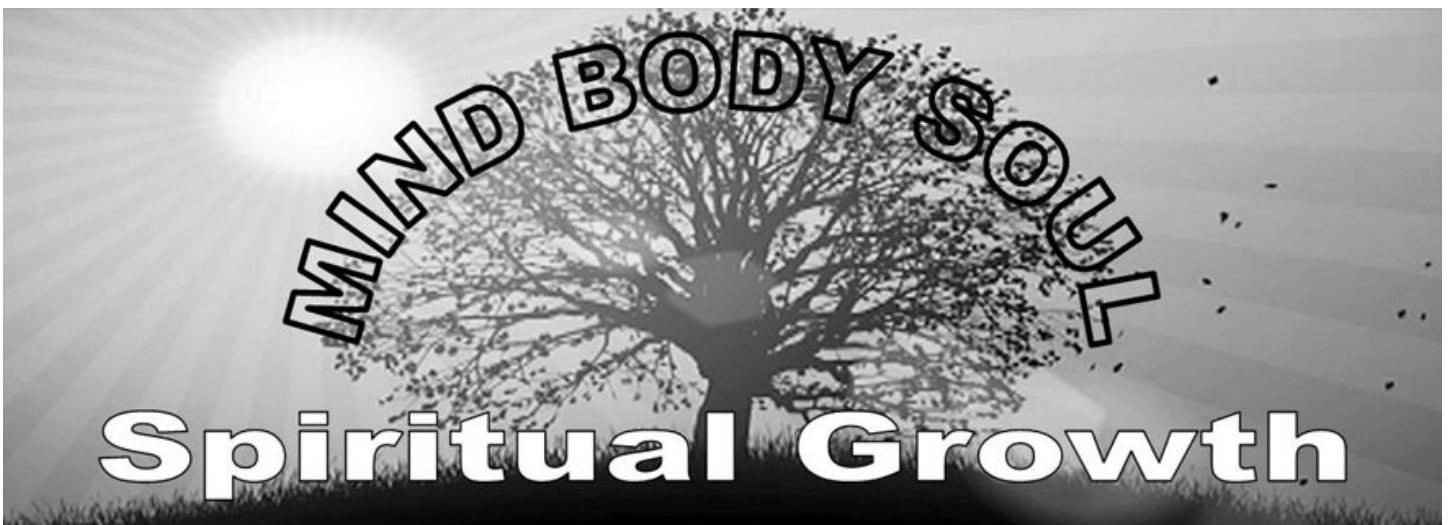
Prayer: Thank you, Father, for showing me that as I desire and drink the sincere milk of your Word I will grow spiritually¹. All Scripture has been given by your inspiration², and I want to live by every word that proceeds from your mouth³. I will study your Word so that I will never need to be ashamed, because I will know how to rightly divide your Word of truth⁴.

As I walk in the light of your Word⁵, Father, I will meditate upon your precepts, and give myself totally to them⁶. Speaking the truth in love, I will grow up into Christ in all things⁷. Father, I deeply desire to fully know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge, so that I would be filled with all your fullness⁸.

I rejoice, O Lord, in the promise of your Word that tells me that I will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon⁹. My delight, dear Father, is in your Word, and in your Word I will meditate day and night. You assure me that this will cause me to be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, and whatever I do shall prosper¹⁰.

Thank you, Father, for helping me to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be glory forevermore¹¹.

References: (1) 1 Peter 2:2; (2) 2 Timothy 3:16; (3) Matthew 4:4; (4) 2 Timothy 2:15; (5) Psalms 119:105; (6) 1 Timothy 4:15; (7) Ephesians 4:15; (8) Ephesians 3:19; (9) Psalms 92:12-13; (10) Psalms 1:2-3; (11) 2 Peter 3:18.



Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy. Psalm 99:9

ripples of hope

READ: Peter 1:3-9

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. v.3

In 1966, U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy made an influential visit to South Africa. There he offered words of hope to opponents of apartheid in his famous "Ripple of Hope" speech at the University of Cape Town. In his speech, he declared, "Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

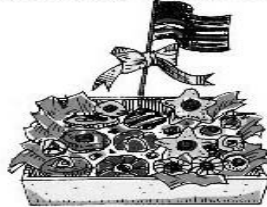
At times in this world, hope seems scarce. Yet there is an ultimate hope readily available for the follower of Christ. Peter wrote, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

Through the certainty of Christ's resurrection, the child of God has a hope that is more than a ripple. It is an overwhelming current of conquered death for us. Jesus, in His victory over death-our greatest enemy-can infuse hope into the most hopeless of situations.

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.-Edward Mote

In Christ the hopeless find hope.

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and their families
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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

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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**September 5th 12:00p.m**

Fellowship Hall in use

September 11th 7:00p.m.

Organizational & Budget Update meeting.

More information to follow

September 12th

◆ Fellowship Hall in use

◆ Missionary Mass Meeting

Redeemers A.M.E. Zion Church, Plainville, CT

September 14th

First Lady's Birthday

September 15th

First Quarterly Conference

September 17th 7:00p.m.

Pastor preaching at Open Door Baptist Church;

Unity Choir Singing

September 19th

Tag Sale in Church parking lot

New England Conference Christian Education Planning

Meeting-Cross St. Host Church

September 20thBack to Church Sunday-
more information to follow

4:00pm

Family & Friends Day at Parker Memorial A.M.E Zion Church. Pastor preaching; Men, Praise & Worship and Children's Choir singing

September 22nd 7:00p.m.Organizational & Budget Update meeting-
more information to follow**September 27th**Mission Sunday: Sister Vanessa Clayton; newly elected
General Officer, WH & OM Society**September 29th**

First Quarterly Conference

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, somehow!

“God’s Word

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”
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

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)

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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