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"A Church Where Everybody Is Somebody And Christ Is Lord Of All"



SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

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

Sunday Church School
Is a Family Affair

Come Grow with US



**Mrs. Marie Louise
Clay Clinton**
(1871 – 1934)

Mrs. Marie Louise Clay Clinton was the Organizer and First Superintendent of the Buds of Promise Juvenile Missionary Society. She was born in Huntsville, Alabama in 1871.

Mrs. Clinton was the wife of Bishop George Wylie Clinton. She loved children and having none of her own she dedicated her life to children's work. She understood the importance of Christian training for very young children. Mrs. Clinton worked diligently to see that children be included as part of the General

(Clinton on page 8)

Famous Black Inventors A Rich Heritage Gives Way to Modern Ingenuity

Look for information about African-American inventors and you'll quickly find that American innovation is rich with the contributions of famous black inventors like Elijah McCoy, Lewis Howard Latimer, George Washington Carver and Madame C.J. Walker (Sarah Breedlove). In fact, many modern conveniences and necessities are directly related to, or derivative of, the inventions of black inventors: blood banks, the refrigerator, the electric trolley, the dust pan, comb, mop, brush, clothes

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FASTING AND PRAYING

January 5th - 7th ♦ January 12th - 16th ♦ January 26th - 30th

Praying and fasting for Healing, Healthy Lifestyle, Spiritual Growth, Financial Growth, and Numerical Growth.

Adapted from the book "Fasting For Spiritual Breakthrough: A Guide to Nine Biblical Fasts" by Elmer L. Towns, published in 1996 by Regal Books, Ventura, California.

Our body is designed to heal itself. When a disease enters our body from bad dietary habits or from the

outside, our bodies begin to fight it. Doctors, surgery, or medicines are most often designed to remove the source of the problem, but the healing is done by the body itself. Many common diseases are easily prevented with basic good nutrition and exercise habits.

STEP ONE: BE SPECIFIC

Daniel was not vague in his objection to the Babylonian diet. He defined the problem immediately.

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Dear Cross Street Family,

As we come to the close of the calendar year I want to give a shout-out of thanks to you for enabling the church to pursue its' vision. It is because of you and others joining together to give of your time, gifts, talents, and treasure that we are able to expand God's Kingdom on earth.

You have been instrumental in assisting the Old Ship of Zion sail the seas, sometimes smooth and other times turbulent – but together we made it to the shore. Your love makes the difference in our ability to serve Christ, His Church, and His people. We have accomplished much this year working together as a team. Together each accomplishes more.

You have given generously to support:

C.S.T.A.C. – your own after school program

SAT Program (CSTAC & NAACP)

College Fair (CSTAC & NAACP) New event

Youth Activities

Children Events (added a new event Christmas Festival – church and community event)

Senior programs

Women & Men Health Conferences (church and community events)

Back-to- School & Cultural Bazaar – provided over 500 book bags with school supplies free to children of the community (largest of its type in the City of Middletown).

People Helping People – St. Vincent DePaul – helping needy families

Amazing Grace Food Pantry

Food Truck on Parking lot- serving a thousand plus families annually

And Much More!

You have rallied with others from the generosity of your heart and made sacrifices in helping to take care of the church operations and monthly mortgage of \$19,260.64. The ministry has grown spiritually and numerically. We give thanks to you and yours who helped to make Vision Sunday /Family & Friends a glorious day. Thank you for serving and giving without hesitation.

Let us continue to work together in the Unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace. Have a blessed and prosperous New Year. I am excited about 2015. The best is yet to come.

Partners in the Faith,

Pastor Harvill



Freely you have received, freely give (Matthew 10:8b)

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: GOODNESS

GOODNESS: "Kindness of heart or act, **GOODNESS** expresses itself in good deeds; generosity, does good to others, goes beyond the boundaries of natural **GOODNESS**, agreeable, noble, honorable, merciful. Also - **GOODNESS** expresses itself in sterner qualities that may not be gentle, but hurting. Nevertheless, it has a cleaning effect. For example: Jesus cleansed the temple of thieves and robbers and denounced the Scribes and Pharisees for their hypocritical acts." (World - wide / Keswick)

GOODNESS appears to be the one fruit that seems more exclusively an attribute of God". Ro-mans 2:4 tells us that "...the **GOODNESS** of God leadeth thee to repentance." In the case of the prophet Daniel's case, his **GOODNESS** led him to the lion's den. However, he remained faithful in his trial. He exhibited a maturity in character, a devotion to duty. He had a good reputation among his enemies and his friends and God kept him safe.

GOODNESS is an outgoing spirit, a do-gooder. The world would be a better place if there were more godly do-gooders.

How to cultivate the fruit of **GOODNESS**:

1. Be filled with the knowledge of God and His word.
2. Stand against evil so that **GOODNESS** can emerge.
3. Seek opportunity to assist those in need.
4. Study the life of Christ. His deeds were the direct result of God's **GOODNESS** in Him.

GOODNESS will also require you to admonish (correct) your brothers and sisters for their good. By the use of positive criticism, given in love, you can help each other root out, pull down and destroy negative habits / attitude / actions / behaviors that interfere with spiritual growth. And, by the use of **GOODNESS**, they can be helped to build up and plant positive Christian values.

Look for persons who:

- Are merciful and kind
- Are generous and love to share
- Are understanding and willing to help
- Are firm, yet gentle in their criticism
- Help the needy with a right motive
- Are willing to go the second mile cheerfully
- Are unselfish and agreeable

WARNING

Be aware of the enemy of **GOODNESS**: Evil. Also, be aware of the artificial fruit of hypocrisy that likes to parade itself as **GOODNESS**, but in reality is evil in disguise. It appears as **GOODNESS**, but the motives are evil.

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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John Aiken Jr.	Morris Dillard	Joyce Jones	Greg Parker	Pierre Stewart
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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 Set a Faith Goal

By Rick Warren

“I know that I have not yet reached that goal, but there is one thing I always do. Forgetting the past and straining toward what is ahead, I keep trying to reach the goal and get the prize for which God called me through Christ to the life above.” (Philippians 3:13-14 NCV)

I believe in setting goals. I’ve set them all my life, because goals are simply statements of faith. The Bible says, “The just shall live by faith” and “Without faith it’s impossible to please God” and “Whatsoever is not of faith is sin” and “According to your faith it will be done unto you.”

God always operates in your life by faith. That’s why you need goals in your life, because a goal is a statement of faith. A goal says, “I believe God wants me to accomplish something by a certain date.” If you don’t have a date, it’s not a goal. It’s a wish. It’s a dream. It’s a desire. But wishes are a dime a dozen; they’re worthless. The only thing that will change your life is setting a goal. You’ve got to wake up from the

dream and go to work!

A **“FAITH”** goal has five characteristics:

Focused. That means it is specific. If you use the words “more” or “less,” it’s not a focused goal. “I want to be less angry” or “I want to weigh less” or “I want to be more like Jesus” are not goals because you can’t measure them. You have to be specific.

Attainable. If you set an unrealistic goal, it’s just going to discourage you. If you say, “I’m going to pray three hours a day,” you’re setting yourself up for failure. Set a goal that stretches you and then trust God will help you stretch.

Individual. That means it’s personal. You cannot set goals for other people because you can’t control them. You can’t set goals for your children, your husband, or your boyfriend or girlfriend. You can only set goals for yourself, because you can control you and not anybody else. The only way you can change other people is by changing yourself.

Trackable. Trackable goals can be

measured. They’re verifiable. You set a date and say, “By Nov. 30 I will have accomplished this, and by Dec. 30 I will have accomplished this, and by Jan. 30 I will have accomplished this.”

Heartfelt. Your goals have got to be heartfelt. You’ll never reach a passionless goal. If you’re not passionate about the goal, wait until you get passionate about it. If you don’t have a deep desire to do it, don’t set it.

I encourage you to set one spiritual goal for your life today. Maybe your goal is to have a quiet time for five minutes every day for the next month. That is a FAITH goal, and you can accomplish it in faith.

Talk It Over

- What are the goals that you have been working toward? Do they meet the criteria of a FAITH goal?
- How does prayer play a role in the way you set goals?
- What is a new goal that you believe God wants you to set after learning about FAITH goals?

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.

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.

Bible in a Year

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

FEBRUARY

1 Leviticus 14-16
2 Leviticus 17-19
3 Leviticus 20-23
4 Leviticus 24-27
5 Numbers 1-3
6 Numbers 4-6
7 Numbers 7-10

8 Numbers 11-14
9 Numbers 15-17
10 Numbers 18-20
11 Numbers 21-24
12 Numbers 25-27
13 Numbers 28-30
14 Numbers 31-33
15 Numbers 34-36

16 Deuteronomy 1-3
17 Deuteronomy 4-6
18 Deuteronomy 7-9
19 Deuteronomy 10-12
20 Deuteronomy 13-16
21 Deuteronomy 17-19
22 Deuteronomy 20-22
23 Deuteronomy 23-25

24 Deuteronomy 26-28
25 Deuteronomy 29-31
26 Deuteronomy 32-34
27 Joshua 1-3
28 Joshua 4-6

MARCH

1 Joshua 7-9
2 Joshua 10-12
3 Joshua 13-15
4 Joshua 16-18
5 Joshua 19-21
6 Joshua 22-24
7 Judges 1-4

8 Judges 5-8
9 Judges 9-12
10 Judges 13-15
11 Judges 16-18
12 Judges 19-21
13 Ruth 1-4
14 1 Sam. 1-3
15 1 Samuel 4-7

16 1 Samuel 8-10
17 1 Samuel 11-13
18 1 Samuel 14-16
19 1 Samuel 17-20
20 1 Samuel 21-24
21 1 Samuel 25-28
22 1 Samuel 22-24
23 2 Samuel 1-4

24 2 Samuel 5-8
25 2 Samuel 9-12
26 2 Samuel 13-15
27 2 Samuel 16-18
28 2 Samuel 19-21
29 Samuel 22-24
30 1 Kings 1-4
31 1 Kings 5-7

Epiphany

Epiphany or The Season After Epiphany (4-9 Sunday, January 6 – February 17, 2015) is a time for remembering the various times and ways Jesus was revealed to humans, particularly to the Gentiles (non-Jews) through the Magi (Wise Men) who represented other nationalities. It is a reminder of the universality of Jesus, the Savior of persons in every land.

The first Sunday after Epiphany Day is known as Baptism of the Lord referring to Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22, and John 1:29-34. This is an excellent time for baptism and renewal of the baptismal covenant. Appropriate symbols are water, the baptismal shell or font, a descending dove, and a cross standing in water. The emphasis for the remainder of the season is on the beginning of Jesus ministry, the miracles performed, and Jesus' works and teachings.

Color: Green is the liturgical color for Kingdomtide. Green is symbolic of the freshness of nature, hope, life, and growth. It is used during The Season After Epiphany and Kingdomtide.

Name of God	Meaning	Application
EL ELYON	The God Most High	He is the Sovereign God in whom we can put our trust. El Elyon has supremacy over all false gods.
ELOHIM	The All-powerful One	God is the all-powerful creator of the universe. God knows all, creates all, and is everywhere at all times. The plural of "EL".
EL OLAM	The Eternal God The Everlasting God	He is the Beginning and the End, the One who works His purposes throughout the ages. He gives strength to the weary.
EL ROI	The God Who See Me	There are no circumstances in our lives that escape His fatherly awareness and care. God knows us and our troubles.

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Missionary Society. In 1904, her request to include the children as an organized department of the Missionary Society was taken to the General



Conference at St. Louis, Missouri. It was then that the department was adopted and through her efforts became permanently known as the "Buds of Promise" department in 1908. Mrs. Clinton served as the General Superintendent for 28 years (until 1932) and remained an enthusiastic worker until her death in 1934.

In 1951, the Missionary Convention in Wilmington, North Carolina voted that a day be set aside in our denomination to honor the founder of the Buds of Promise department. Because of Mrs. Marie Louise Clay Clinton's love and devotion to children and work of missions the fourth Sunday of January is recognized as "Marie L. Clinton Day."

Buds Information

Motto: "Blooming All For Jesus"

Colors: Green (*growth*) & White (*purity*)

Slogan: The Three B's:
 We **Build** with Zion,
 We **Belong** to Zion,
 We **Believe** in Zion.

Pledge: To be reverent to God, useful to man, do God's will and strengthen my faith with prayer.

Buds Hymn: "I Would Be True"

Buds Theme Song: "Blooming All for Jesus"

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1. The king's food was against dietary laws.
2. Daniel and his friends had vowed against wine.
3. The king's food had been offered up to idols/demons.

STEP TWO: FAST AS A SPIRITUAL COMMITMENT

The Daniel Fast involves a spiritual commitment to God. "Daniel proposed in his heart that he would not defile himself" (Dan. 1:8).

STEP THREE: REFLECT INNER DESIRE BY OUTER DISCIPLINE

Many people have an inner desire for better health, but they can't discipline themselves to avoid junk food, and other foods that were not good for health. The physical health you seek from God may be more than an answer to prayer. Your physical health may be linked to any of the following factors:

- a. Your food choices.
- b. The level of your spiritual commitment as reflected in constant prayer during the fast.
- c. Your time commitment. If you determine to fast for a certain time, keep it. For example, if you determine to fast 10 days, don't stop on Day 9.
- d. Your testimony commitment. Your fast is a statement of faith to God that you want Him to heal your body.

Faith is foundational to the Daniel Fast.

STEP FOUR: PRAY TO PERCEIVE SIN'S ROLE IN POOR HEALTH

Notice James 5:13-16:

- Sin is something related to the cause of sickness.
- Lack of health/healing may be the result of spiritual rebellion.
- Lack of health/healing may be due to sin of wrong intake, i.e. drugs, pornography.
- Repentance is linked to health

according to James.

- Elders have a role in healing both spiritual and physical health.
- Sick people must desire to be well
- The anointing oil could mean
 1. medicine for healing,
 2. symbolic of the Holy Spirit,
 or
 3. it could be baptism

- Prayer alone may not gain healing, faith is the major factor.
- In Greek there are several words for "sick". James uses "Kanino", which not only includes disease, but also means weak or weary.
- Attitude is important. James said, "are there any among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms."

STEP FIVE: FAST AS A STATEMENT OF FAITH TO OTHERS

Daniel was making a statement of faith when he asked for only vegetables to eat and water to drink, then dared the overseer to compare the appearance of the four sons of Israel with the young men who ate the king's food.

STEP SIX: LEARN THE EFFECTS OF THE FOOD YOU EAT

Why are some foods good for us, and other foods not? What does certain food do to your body? If we really knew, there would likely be some things we would never eat again.

STEP SEVEN: YIELD ALL RESULTS TO GOD

Daniel said, "as you see fit, deal with your servants" (Dan. 1:13).

REMEMBER:

- The Daniel Fast will lead to spiritual insight. "to those four young men God gave knowledge".
- The Daniel Fast is longer than one day. These young men fasted for ten days.
- The Daniel Fast is a partial fast. They ate, but only vegetables and

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water.

- The Daniel Fast requires abstinence from party or junk foods.
- There is no indication that they ever began to eat the king's food.

GUIDELINES FOR DANIEL FAST

(Foods We May Eat)

Whole Grains: Brown Rice, Oats, Barley

Legumes: Dried Beans, Pinto Beans, Split Peas, Lentils, Black Eyed Peas

Fruits: Apples, Apricots, Bananas, Blackberries, Blueberries, Boysenberries, Cantelope, Cherries, Cranberries, Oats, Figs, Grapefruit, Grapes, Guava, Honeydew Melon, Kiwi, Lemons, Limes, Mangoes, Nectarines, Papayas, Peaches, Pears, Pineapples, Plums, Prunes, Raisins, Raspberries, Strawberries, Tangeloes, Tangerines, Watermelon

Vegetables: Artichokes, Asparagus, Beets, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Chili Peppers, Corn, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Garlic, Gingerroot, Kale, Leeks, Lettuce, Mushrooms, Mustard Greens, Okra, Onions, Parsley, Potatoes, Radishes, Rutabagas, Scallions, Spinach, Sprouts, Squashes, Sweet Potatoes, Tomatoes, Turnips, Watercress, Yams, Zucchini

Seeds, Nuts, Sprouts

Liquids: Spring Water, Distilled Water, 100% All-Natural Fruit Juices, 100% All Natural Vegetable Juices

(Foods to Avoid)

Meat, White Rice, Fried Foods, Caffeine, Carbonated Beverages, Foods Containing Preservatives or Additives, Refined Sugar, Sugar Substitutes, White Flour and All Products Using It, Margarine, Shortening, High Fat Products.

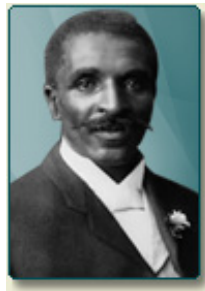
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dryer, refrigerator, lawn mower, traffic signals, the pen and the pencil sharpener.

But what of the present-day counterparts to these historical figures? Did African-Americans just up and stop inventing? The answer, conclusively, is no.

From colonial times through today, Americans of African and Caribbean descent have contributed to the advancement of medicine, physics, industrialization and plain old fun. Famous Black Inventors is pleased to present an introduction to just a few of the many modern-day African-American inventors, as well as biographies of their predecessors throughout American history.

George Washington Carver Inventor of Over 300 Peanut Products



Generally, when people think of famous African-American inventors, one of the first names that springs to mind is George Washington Carver. Perhaps most famously, Carver's inventions included the discovery of over 300 different uses for peanuts – such as making cooking oil, axle grease and printer's ink. But despite his penchant for inventing, Carver was never interested in money or prestige so much as helping his fellow man.

Born at the end of the civil war, George Washington Carver displayed a strong desire for knowledge from an early age and took particular interest in plants. As a young boy, Carver became known as the "plant doctor" and was regularly called upon by neighbors to "cure" ailing plants. But it wasn't until late in his twenties that Carver had the opportunity to study plants more thoroughly. While initially enrolled at Simpson College to study art and piano, Carver transferred to Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts (now known simply as Iowa State University) to follow his passion.

Though he was the first African-American student accepted to Iowa State, George Washington Carver quickly became a campus leader and, excelling in botany and horticulture, went on to become the university's first African-American faculty member. After finishing his education, George Washington Carver was convinced by Booker T. Washington to serve as the director of agriculture at the upstart Tuskegee Institute. Though the job offered very little in terms of pay, Carver took the position and ran with it. It was there he devised his method of crop rotation, whereby farmers would rotate cotton (which depleted the soil of nutrients) with peanuts (which replenished them) from year to year.

Through the system, crops flourished – but a large surplus of peanuts also developed. This led George Washington Carver to develop alternate uses for the peanut. When he later determined that sweet potatoes and pecans also could help replenish soil, he invented over a hundred different uses for them too. Despite the positive impact George Washington Carver's inventions had on the South, the inventor never sought out glory. Instead, he continued to invent, discover and teach in order to make the world a better place. Inscribed on his tombstone is the epitaph: "He could have added fortune to fame, but caring for neither, he found happiness and honor in being helpful to the world."

Dr. Patricia Bath Fight for the Right to Sight



Imagine living in a world ranging from hazy, clouded vision to that of total darkness for 30 years. Before 1985, that was the plight of those with cataracts who did not want to risk surgery with a mechanical grinder. Now imagine sitting in a doctor's office without being able to see her as she explains that it may be possible to restore your vision. You can't tell by studying body language whether to trust this person or if they're pulling your leg. All you have to go by is the sound of the voice assuring you that this procedure is safe, more accurate and more comfortable than traditional cataract surgery.

As a noted Ophthalmologist and famous black inventor, Dr. Patricia Bath has dedicated her life to the treatment and prevention of visual impairments. Her personal belief that everyone has the "Right to Sight" led to her invention in 1985 of a specialized tool and procedure for the removal of cataracts. With the Laserphaco Probe and procedure, Dr. Bath increased the accuracy and results of cataract surgery, which had previously been performed manually with a mechanical grinder.

The difference between the old method and her new invention was the difference between the use of highly accurate laser technology and the somewhat subjective accuracy of a mechanical device. The Laserphaco Probe combined an optical laser, irrigation system and suction tubes. In use, the laser is inserted into a tiny incision on the eye; the laser then vaporizes the cataract and lens material, which is removed via the suction tubes. A replacement lens is then inserted on the eye.

With the Laserphaco Probe invention and the development of the procedure for its use, Dr. Bath helped restore the sight of several people who had been blinded by cataracts for up to 30 years. Imagine the joy they felt when they opened their eyes to see Dr. Patricia Bath's smiling face for the first time.

John Henry Thompson Computer Programming and Software Inventions



Even in high school, John Henry Thompson was interested in computer programming languages. He taught himself several programming languages such as FORTRAN, PLI, COBOL and JCL while working in a New York research facility. Thompson's goal was to absorb as much knowledge as possible so he could invent his own computer language.

After graduating from High School, he attended MIT where he obtained a degree in Computer Science and a minor in Visual Arts. By combining these two seemingly disparate disciplines, Thompson wanted to bridge the gap between art and technology. Four years later as a chief scientist at Macromedia™, he was able to make progress towards this goal. He developed a number of products, many of them based on his most famous invention, Lingo programming: a scripting language that helps render visuals in computer programs. Thompson used Lingo in one of his better-known computer inventions, Macromedia™ Director. Macromedia™ Director is able to incorporate different graphic formats (such as BMP, AVI, JPEG, QuickTime, PNG, Real Video and vector graphics) to create multi-media content and applications, thus combining computer programming language with visual art.

Lingo is now used with many programs that have interactive simulations with graphics, animation, sound, and video. Along with Macromedia™ Director, Thompson has helped develop Media Maker, Actions, Video Works Accelerator, and Video Works II. Lingo has also been used to create flash and shockwave programs that now are prevalent in video games, web design, animation, and graphics.

Valerie Thomas Inventor of the Illusion Transmitter

Did you ever think of what it might be like if your television could project the on-screen image directly into your living room as a 3-Dimensional image? Maybe not, but if it happens, you'll have African-American inventor Valerie Thomas to thank for it.

From 1964 to 1995, Thomas worked in a variety of capacities for NASA where she developed real-time computer data systems, conducted large-scale experiments and managed various operations, projects and facilities. While managing a project for NASA's image processing systems, Thomas' team spearheaded the development of "Landsat," the first satellite to send images from space.

In 1976, Thomas learned how concave mirrors can be set up to create the illusion of a 3-dimensional object. She believed this would be revolutionary if technology could be harnessed to transmit this illusion. With an eye to the future, Valerie Thomas began experimenting on an illusion transmitter in 1977. In 1980, she patented it. In operation, concave mirrors are set up on both ends of the transmission. The net effect of this is an optical illusion of a 3-dimensional image that looks real on the receiving end. This brilliant innovation placed Thomas among the most prominent black inventors of the 20th century.

NASA continues to use her technology and is exploring ways to use it in surgical tools and possibly television and video.

Dr. Mark Dean Computer Inventions

As a child, Mark Dean excelled in math. In elementary school, he took advanced level math courses and, in high school, Dean even built his own computer, radio, and amplifier. Dean continued his interests and went on to obtain a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Tennessee, a masters degree in electrical engineering from Florida Atlantic University and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Stanford. He is one of the most prominent black inventors in the field of computers.

Dr. Mark Dean started working at IBM in 1980 and was instrumental in the invention of the Personal Computer (PC). He holds three of IBM's original nine PC patents and currently holds more than 20 total patents. The famous African-American inventor never thought the work he was doing would end up being so useful to the world, but he has helped IBM make instrumental changes in areas ranging from the research and application of systems technology circuits to operating environments. One of his most recent computer inventions occurred while leading the team that produced the 1-Gigahertz chip, which contains one million transistors and has nearly limitless potential.

Dr. Charles Drew Blood Bank Inventor

It's impossible to determine how many hundreds of thousands of people would have lost their lives without the contributions of African-American inventor Dr. Charles Drew. This physician, researcher and surgeon revolutionized the understanding of blood plasma – leading to the invention of blood banks.

Born in 1904 in Washington, D.C., Charles Drew excelled from early on in both intellectual and athletic pursuits. After becoming a doctor and working as a college instructor, Drew went to Columbia University to do his Ph.D. on blood storage. He completed a thesis titled Banked Blood that invented a method of separating and storing plasma, allowing it to be dehydrated for later use. It was the first time Columbia awarded a doctorate to an African-American.

At the onset of World War II, Drew was called upon to put his techniques into practice. He emerged as the leading authority on mass transfusion and processing methods, and went on to helm the American Red Cross blood bank. When the Armed Forces ordered that only Caucasian blood be given to soldiers, Drew protested and resigned.

Black Inventors and their Inventions List

air conditioning unit	Frederick M. Jones	July 12, 1949	hand stamp	Walter B. Purvis	February 27 1883
almanac	Benjamin Banneker	Approx.	horse shoe	J. Ricks	March 30, 1885
1791			ice cream scooper	A. L. Cralle	February 2, 1897
auto cut-off switch	Granville T. Woods	January 1, 1839	improv. sugar making	Norbet Rillieux	December 10, 1846
auto fishing devise	G. Cook	May 30, 1899	insect-destroyer gun	A. C. Richard	February 28, 1899
automatic gear shift	Richard Spikes	February 28, 1932	ironing board	Sarah Boone	December 30, 1887
baby buggy	W.H. Richardson	June 18, 1899	key chain	F. J. Loudin	January 9, 1894
bicycle frame	L.R. Johnson	October 10, 1899	lantern	Michael C. Harvey	August 19, 1884
biscuit cutter	A.P. Ashbourne	November 30, 1875	lawn mower	L. A. Burr	May 19, 1889
blood plasma bag	Charles Drew	Approx. 1945	lawn sprinkler	J. W. Smith	May 4, 1897
cellular phone	Henry T. Sampson	July 6, 1971	lemon squeezer	J. Thomas White	December 8, 1893
chamber commode	T. Elkins	January 3, 1897	lock	W. A. Martin	July 23, 18--
clothes dryer	G. T. Sampson	June 6, 1862	lubricating cup	Elijah McCoy	November 15, 1895
curtain rod	S. R. Scratton	November 30, 1889	lunch pail	James Robinson	1887
curtain rod support	William S. Grant	August 4, 1896	mail box	Paul L. Downing	October 27, 1891
door knob	O. Dorsey	December 10, 1878	mop	Thomas W. Stewart	June 11, 1893
door stop	O. Dorsey	December 10, 1878	motor	Frederick M. Jones	June 27, 1939
dust pan	Lawrence P. Ray	August 3, 1897	peanut butter	George Washington Carver	1896
egg beater	Willie Johnson	February 5, 1884	pencil sharpener	J. L. Love	November 23, 1897
electric lamp bulb	Lewis Latimer	March 21,	phone transmitter	Granville T. Woods	December 2, 1884
1882			record player arm	Joseph Hunger Dickenson	January 8, 1819
elevator	Alexander Miles	October 11, 1867	refrigerator	J. Standard	June 14, 1891
eye protector	P. Johnson	November 2, 1880	riding saddles	W. D. Davis	October 6, 1895
fire escape ladder	J. W. Winters	May 7, 1878	rolling pin	John W. Reed	1864
fire extinguisher	T. Marshall	October 26, 1872	shampoo headrest	C. O. Bailiff	October 11, 1898
folding bed	L. C. Bailey	July 18, 1899	spark plug	Edmond Berger	February 2, 1839
folding chair	Brody & Surgwar	June 11, 1889	stethoscope	Imhotep	Ancient Egypt
fountain pen	W. B. Purvis	January 7, 1890	stove	T. A. Carrington	July 25, 1876
furniture caster	O. A. Fisher	1878	straightening comb	Madam C. J. Walker	Approx. 1905
gas mask	Garrett Morgan	October 13, 1914	street sweeper	Charles B. Brooks	March 17, 1890
golf tee	T. Grant	December 12, 1899	thermostat control	Frederick M. Jones	February 23, 1960
guitar	Robert F. Flemming, Jr.	March 3, 1886	traffic light	Garrett Morgan	November 20, 1923
hair brush	Lydia O. Newman	November 15, 18--	tricycle	M. A. Cherry	May 6, 1886

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

INTRODUCTION

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

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ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister

Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent. Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

DID YOU KNOW?

The NAACP was founded on February 12, 1909, the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. In the decades the followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week. By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black

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Giving God First Place

Key Scripture: *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty'*(Rev. 1:8).

Key Thought: You belong to God.

Prayer: Dear God, I realize I am not my own. I have been bought with a price - the price of the precious blood of Jesus.¹ I am crucified with Christ. Nevertheless, I live; yet it is not I, but it is Christ who lives within me. The life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.² I embrace your Word which tells me that I am dead to sin, and my life is hid with Christ in God.³

Because of your great love, I am risen with Christ, and I will seek those things which are above, where Christ sits at your right hand.⁴ Father-God, I commit myself to giving

you first place in my life at all times. I will seek first your kingdom, and your righteousness, and I thank you for taking care of me.⁵

Your Word declares that my heart will be found where my treasure is. Lord, I want you to be my treasure.⁶ You are the one God, the Father of all, and you are my Father. You are above all and through all, and in all believers.⁷ Help me, Father, to keep you first in my life, and to keep all the priorities of my life in line with yours.

Father, I am so honored to be your child, and I appreciate the presence of your Holy Spirit both with me and within me.⁸ Lord, it thrills me to know that you have first place in my life in the here-and-now, and I rejoice to know that this will continue throughout all eternity, and we will be together forever.⁹

You are my love, you are my life, you are my breath, you are my all in all.

References: (1) 1 Corinthians 6:20, (2) Galatians 2:20, (3) Colossians 3:3; (4) Colossians 3:1; (5) Matthew 6:33; (6) Matthew 6:21; (7) Ephesians 4:6; (8) John 14:17; (9) Revelation 19:6.

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.

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History Month on many college campuses. President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Since then, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme. The 2013 theme, At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington, marks the 150th and 50th anniversaries of two pivotal events in African-American history.

BETTER OR WORSE

READ: 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 10-17

You must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of. -2 Timothy 3:14

At the beginning of each new year, experts give their predictions about the economy, politics, weather, and a host of other topics. Will there be war or peace? Poverty or prosperity? Progress or stagnation? People everywhere are hoping that this year will be better than last, but no one knows what will happen.

There is, however, something we can be certain about. A guest speaker at my church suggested that when we ask if the world will get better or worse, the answer is “Yes, to both!”

Paul told Timothy, “In the last days perilous times will come;... evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been

assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them” (2 Timothy 3:1, 13-14).

The inspired Word of God instructs, corrects, and encourages us as we follow God’s path (vv.16-17). J. B. Phillips described the scriptures as our “comprehensive equipment” that prepares us fully for all branches of God’s work.

As the spiritual darkness of our world grows deeper, the light of Christ shines more brightly through all those who know and love Him. Jesus is our joy and hope - today, tomorrow, and forever! --David McCasland

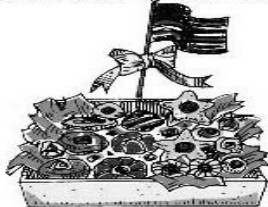
Heavenly Father, the trouble in this world can divert our eyes from You. Thank You for Your Word that helps us stay focused. May we find our delight in Your love and share it with others today.

The power of evil around you are no match for the power of Jesus within you.

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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)

Monday

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

6:00 p.m. Zumba

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

Tuesday *Special Prayer for Pastor Harvill*

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

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Youth Meeting

6:00 p.m. Zumba

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

6:00 p.m. Steward Board (2nd of month)

7:00 p.m. Events Ministry (2nd Thursday) of Each Month

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

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

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

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Unity Choir Rehearsal**Friday *Day of Fasting***

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

6:00 p.m. Diamonds & Pearl (off resting for summer)

Saturday

11:00 a.m. Men's Ministry (3rd)

10:00 a.m. Pastors Aide (2nd)

12:00 noon Pastors Aide (2nd)

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**January 2015****Saturday, Jan. 17, 9:00 am.**

Men's Day Ministry Breakfast Planning meeting for Men's Day at Athenian Diner, Washington Street, Middletown.

Sunday, Jan. 25

Cross Street Preparing Lunch for St. Vincents DePaul Soup Kitchen, Middletown.

Sunday, Jan. 25, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

College Goal Sunday, MXCC

Monday, Jan. 26, 4:00 pm

After School Tutorial resumes.

Saturday, Jan. 31, 10:00 am

3rd Lay Quarterly Meeting. Spottswood A.M.E. Zion Church, New Britain.

February**Sunday, Feb. 1**

Family Communion Celebrating Black History Month. Please invite the family to join seated together and commune together as A Family. More information to

follow.

Saturday, Feb 7, 8:30 am

Home style Breakfast.

Sunday, Feb 8, 10:00 am

Marie Clinton Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7:00 pm

2nd Quarterly Conference.

Saturday, Feb 14

Webbing in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, Feb 15

Class Team Meeting following worship service. All members to attend. Bring a Dish for a family smorgasbord.

Sunday, Feb 22

Black History Program

March**Saturday, Mar. 14, 8:30 am**

Men's Health Conference sponsored by Curtis D. Robinson Men's Institute, St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, Ct..

Sunday, Mar. 15, 4:00 pm

Men's Ministry Weekend. 100 Men in Black & Gospel Extravaganza!

Saturday, Mar. 21

Conference Studies.

Sunday, Mar. 22, 10:00 am

Men's Ministry Celebration. Men's Day

Thursday, Mar. 26 - Friday, Mar. 27

District Conference. Varick A.M.E. Zion Church, New Haven.

Saturday, Mar. 28

Mass Meeting. Varick A.M.E. Zion Church, New Haven.

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

*For the word of God is quick, and power-
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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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