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Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ Near and Far!

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VOICE OF THE EDITOR

Greetings,

Power of ONE



Missionary Marlene McNeil

VOICE OF THE BISHOP



I need you, you need me; We're all a part of God's body.

In the Church, it is important for us to create an atmosphere of ONE. When we pull together as one, we leave no space for the enemy to get in to create discord among us. Being on one accord is a very powerful state to be in because all kinds of things can be achieved when we stand on one ground. When we become one powerful entity we can overcome any obstacles, beat any challenge and fight any force that comes up against us. We are all a part of one body and we need each other to survive. Unity is the key; that's the power of ONE.



Bishop Hopeton Mair

A Strong Case of Getting the Victory

One of the things an honest lawyer will do when someone brings a pending case for them to work on is to assess the situation to see if the case is weak or strong. As believers, every satan influenced situation should be brought to Jesus who will assure you that you have a strong case for victory. Every believers' burdens come with different weight; so never try everything and then you try Jesus. Always take all of your burdens to the Lord and leave them there. With Jesus handling your case, you will always have a strong case of victory. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Romans 8:37). Never feel that you don't need Jesus on the little case. The enemy wants you to feel that you don't need Jesus. The enemy will bait you to feel you are smart, educated, and strong, etc., in yourself, so he can get the victory over you, over and over again. Always let Jesus handle your little cases, because the little cases can become a more than you can handle case later. Remember with Jesus you cannot lose your case. Yes, with Jesus you will always have a strong case of victory. Jesus is the best lawyer for all of your unpleasant case situations. If you humble yourself, and hold your peace, victory is yours. When you have Jesus with you, no matter what problems you are faced with, never give up. Your case against the devil is strong and your fight is fixed for you to win. With Christ in your vessel, you can smile at the storm. Jesus has said peace be still before, and he can say it again on your behalf. Tell the devil you have Jesus as your lawyer, and He has never lost a case. Let the devil know that there is a strong case of you living holy, ready for death, and the rapture. When the devil/enemy comes and wants to fuss with you, just tell him to speak to your lawyer, who is the undisputed smartest lawyer of all times.

VOICE OF OUR ASST. PASTOR

Stand



Bishop Van Bynum, Sr

As one who was born to Christian parents and raised in a Christian atmosphere, I have witnessed a great change in the Apostolic/Pentecostal Holiness Church. Yes, I observe other churches such as Catholic/Baptist/Islam, but not as close, being a member of the Apostolic, Pentecostal Holiness Church. The change is not so much the buildings (structure), but the people who congregate in them. I know that times brings about change in fashion and ideas. But I believe time should not bring about a let down in our Standards and Morals. It's as if some people were waiting for some church members (patriarchs) or love ones to die and then they do their own thing. Remember the old landmark, Remember what you were taught. Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." We must take a stand. I believe it was Alexander Hamilton who said. "if you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything". Paul the Apostle records in the book of Ephesians 6:12-14 "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness". I encourage us all to stand for Jesus.

VOICE OF OUR FIRST LADY



Evangelist Annie R. Mair

The Light Switch Called the Holy Ghost

God created man and woman to live in a world full of light. The sins of Adam put all of us in a Dark Room. Because of the sins of Adam, we were all born in sin - born in a Dark Room. Just for illustration purposes, let's say Jesus went to Calvary to install a light switch in our Dark Room. Now we no longer have to live in a Dark Room. The light switch called The Holy Ghost is now available for us to walk in The Light. We now have a choice - to continue to walk in Darkness or accept the Light Switch (The Holy Ghost). We cannot turn the Light Switch on and off and walk in The Light. As long as we walk in the light - sin has no power. Only sin will turn off The Light and put us back in the Darkness. Every day, all day, we have the Freedom of Choice- will I walk in Darkness and suffer the consequences it brings, or will I walk in The Light and enjoy the joys it brings?

JANUARY THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

THE CALL TO ALL TO DO MORE IN 2024 FOR GOD AND FOR ONE ANOTHER. "TELL JESUS THANK YOU" – LUKE 17: 15-18.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! GOD has blessed every one of us with life. Let us take no good things that come our way for granted. But each one of us should be like the one leper and take time out and tell GOD thank you. Let us express more gratitude to GOD in 2024 and do less grumbling and complaining. We should also show more appreciation and respect to one another, especially to those who have been good to us over the years. Yes, do more in 2024 for GOD and man. We who are saved should "let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness (humility) of mind let each esteem (respect) other better than themselves" (Philip. 2:3). Remember every one of us is just one last breath away from eternity. None of us is better than another human being, so humble yourself more in 2024, love more in 2024, forgive more in 2024, give more in 2024, respect one another more in 2024, and serve GOD and do for man more in 2024. Finally, RESPECT your loving and Godly leaders more in 2024. GOD bless you!

JOY FELLOWSHIP 18TH ANNIVERSARY

NO TURNING BACK NOW, THERE NO OTHER WAY, TRUST AND OBEY



The Joy Fellowship Ministry celebrated their 18th Anniversary on Saturday, February 17th and Sunday, February 18th which was a tremendous blessing. We had three dynamic presenters on Saturday and a guess speaker on Sunday. Our topic was: "No Turning Back Now; There's No Other Way, Trust and Obey", with the scriptures coming from Philippians 3:7-14; Proverbs 3:5-6. During the presentations we were encouraged to continue in the race to the

finish line, despite how difficult the race might get. The ultimate goal is to finish the race! Jesus is our coach and He uses the word to encourage us. "....the race is not given to the swift, nor the battle to the strong (Ecc. 9:11). We were encouraged from the message about the Salmon (by Elder Dwight Reid, Assistant Pastor, Shiloh Apostolic Church). The Salmon goes up stream for the survival of their offspring and to give birth in fresh water. So, it is spiritually, we are all in the race, but it's up to us to continue and to endure till the end. We can't turn back or give up now, no one gets in the middle of a race and decides to go back. "....forgetting those things which are behind. and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press..." (Philippians 3:13-14). Everyone tries to get to the finish line even if they're not first in the race. Jesus wants us to Trust and Obey Him, because there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to Trust and Obey. Throughout the race when it gets tough, we have the propensity to want to give up. When an athlete trains for the race the intention is to get to the finish line, so he or she doesn't want to give up in the middle of the race. However, if an athlete had a mishap in the race, they would get up brush themselves off and finish the race. It's not how we start the race, but ultimately, it's how we finish the race. "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved". (Matthew 24:13). There's too much to gain to lose when you're in the race with Jesus as your coach. I just can't turn back now or give up now, I've come too far from where I've started from. We must be determined to endure to the end! Jesus never gave up dy-ing on the cross; but when He bore the sins of the world and when it was time He gave up the ghost. In the end Jesus has an eternal life for us, where the streets are paved with gold, no more dying, no more crying, no more night and no more day. It will be joy unspeakable and full of glory!!

WITNESSING

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS – "DO SOMETHING"

Our Missionary and Outreach Ministry took to the streets witnessing and issuing tracts, clothing, food and other items. The objective of the Missionary and Outreach Ministry is to spread the Gospel wherever we go. So, if we have to take it to the streets, that's what we'll do. Please feel free to join us. Contact Minister Chris Bryan or a member of the Missionary/Outreach Ministry for more information.

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ORDER OF SERVICES

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:30 a.m. At New Mt. Olivet

Prayer and Bible Study each Wednesday From 6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on ZOOM Meeting ID: 828 5228 1620 Passcode: 089913 Call In Number: 1-301-715-8592

GOOD REMINDER OF GOD'S LOVE

Every Sunday afternoon, after the morning service at the church, the Pastor and his eleven-year-old son would go out into their town and hand out Gospel Tracts. This particular Sunday afternoon, as it came time for the Pastor and his son to go to the streets with their tracts, it was very cold outside, as well as pouring down rain. The boy bundled up in his warmest and driest clothes and said, 'OK, dad, I'm ready. His Pastor dad asked, 'Ready for what? Dad, it's time we gather our tracts together and go out. Dad responds, Son, it's very cold outside and it's pouring down rain. The boy gives his dad a surprised look, asking, But Dad, aren't people still going to Hell, even though it's raining? Dad answers, Son, I am not going out in this weather. Despondently, the boy asks, Dad, can I go? Please?

His father hesitated for a moment then said, 'Son, you can go. Here are the tracts, be careful son. Thanks Dad! And with that, he was off and out into the rain. His eleven-year old boy walked the streets of the town going door-to-door and handing everybody he met in the street a Gospel Tract. After two hours of walking in the rain, he was soaking, bone-chilled wet and down to his VERY LAST TRACT. He stopped on a corner and looked for someone to hand a tract to, but the streets were totally deserted. Then he turned toward the first home he saw and started up the sidewalk to the front door and rang the doorbell. He rang the bell, but nobody answered. He rang it again and again, but still no one answered. He waited but still no answer. Finally, this eleven-year old trooper turned to leave, but something stopped him. Again, he turned to the door and rang the bell and knocked loudly on the door with his fist.

He waited, something holding him there on the front porch! He rang again and this time the door slowly opened. Standing in the doorway was a very sad-looking elderly lady. She softly asked, 'What can I do for you, son?' With radiant eyes and a smile that lit up her world, this little boy said, 'Ma'am, I'm sorry if I disturbed you, but I just want to tell you that JESUS REALLY DOES LOVE YOU and I came to give you my very last Gospel Tract which will tell you all about JESUS and His great LOVE. With that, he handed her his last tract and turned to leave. She called to him as he departed. 'Thank you, son! and God Bless You! Well, the following Sunday morning in church Pastor Dad was in the pulpit. As the service began, he asked, Does anybody have any testimony or want to say anything? Slowly, in the back row of the church, an elderly lady stood to her feet. As she began to speak, a look of glorious radiance came from her face, No one in this church knows me. I've never been here before. You see, before last Sunday I was not a Christian.

My husband passed on some time ago, leaving me totally alone in this world. Last Sunday, being a particularly cold and rainy day, it was even more so in my heart that I came to the end of the line where I no longer had any hope or will to live. So, I took a rope and a chair and ascended the stairway into the attic of my home. I fastened the rope securely to a rafter in the roof, then stood on the chair and fastened the other end of the rope around my neck. Standing on that chair, so lonely and brokenhearted I was about to leap off, when suddenly the loud ringing of my doorbell downstairs startled me. I thought, I'll wait a minute, and whoever it is will go away. I waited and waited, but the ringing doorbell seemed to get louder and more insistent, and then the person ringing also started knocking loudly. I thought to myself again, Who on earth could this be? Nobody ever rings my bell or comes to see me. I loosened the rope from my neck and started for the front door, all the while the bell rang louder and louder.

When I opened the door and looked, I could hardly believe my eyes, for there on my front porch was the most radiant and angelic little boy I had ever seen in my life. His SMILE, oh, I could never describe it to you! The words that came from his mouth caused my heart that had long been dead, TO LEAP TO LIFE as he exclaimed with a cherub-like voice, Ma'am, I just came to tell you that JESUS REALLY DOES LOVE YOU. Then he gave me this Gospel Tract that I now hold in my hand. As the little angel disappeared back out into the cold and rain, I closed my door and read slowly every word of this Gospel Tract. Then I went up to my attic to get my rope and chair. I wouldn't be needing them anymore.

You see—I am now a Happy Child of the KING. Since the address of your church was on the back of this Gospel Tract, I have come here to personally say THANK YOU to God's little angel who came just in the nick of time and by so doing, spared my soul from an eternity in hell. There was not a dry eye in the church. And as shouts of praise and honor to THE KING resounded off the very rafters of the building, Pastor Dad descended from the pulpit to the front pew where the little angel was seated. He took his son in his arms and sobbed uncontrollably.

Probably no church has had a more glorious moment, and probably this universe has never seen a Papa that was more filled with love & honor for his son... Except for One. Our Father also allowed His Son to go out into a cold and dark world. He received His Son back with joy unspeakable, and as all of heaven shouted praises and honor to The King, the Father sat His beloved Son on a throne far above all principality and power and every name that is named.

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY Sis. Sonia Archer – 9 Sis. Klaudette Mair – 12 Bro. Samuel Mair – 14 Bro. Jehiel (Toby) Haughton - 15 Sis. Chloe Archer – 20 Bro. Leo Markman – 26 Mother Ivette McKenzie – 29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Bis. Van & Sis. Bynum – 16 Bro. Colin & Sis. Suzette Smith – 26

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bro. Adrian Allen – 2 Sis. Lurline Steele – 19 Sis. Elizabeth McKenzie – 19 Minister Chris Bryan – 23 Bro. Stanley Williams – 28



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Sis. Shamaya Chin – 3 Sis. Elenya McNeil – 3 Deacon Samuel Cornwall – 6 Sis. Ruth Menendez – 12 Sis. Megan Azu – 12 Sis. Marcia Peart – 15 Bro. Cordel Dickerson – 24 Bro. Adrian Gordon – 26

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop & Lady Hopeton Mair – 17 Bro. & Mother Duncan - 20 Dea. & Sis. Samuel Cornwall – 22

FEBRUARY THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

GOD'S EYES ON YOU!

Since God (Jesus) is omnipresent, He has His eyes on you. No matter what someone does to you, whether good or bad, God sees it. If you are hungry and in need, God sees it. If you are sick at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility, God sees it. If you just lost your job, God sees it. If you don't have enough to pay your bills, God sees it. If someone broke your heart, God sees it. When you are feeling low or afraid, God sees it. Whatever life sends your way, God sees it. So, be encouraged because God sees it all.

Psalms 33:18-19 - Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS! Sis. Claudia Grant-Miller's Daughter and Grandson



Jason Wilson



Laurel Miller Castel

CONGRATULATIONS Bro. Lennox & Sis. Daniela Jarrett



MARCH THOUGHT FOR THE DAY "THE LORD MY SHEPHERD"

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul...". A Shepherd is one who guards, tends, herds, feeds, and takes care of its sheep. A Shepherd is also one who protects, guides or watches over a person or group of people. Jesus is our good Shepherd and He gave His life for the sheep (us). A good Shepherd has the same love and care for all its sheep. Jesus is our guide, our protector, our healer, and the shepherd of His sheep, who need spiritual food, healing, care, and mercy. Because Jesus is such a wonderful Shepherd; I shall not want..." (Psalm 23:1). As sheep we must trust the Shepherd because He (Jesus) will never lead us astray. Jesus reiterated, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." (John 10:11-18). God Bless You!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The New Mt. Olivet Youth Fellowship came together to research some gems in Black History on Sunday, February 25th. Some prominent people the youth learned about and shared with everyone were:

- Ruby Bridges and how she integrated an all-white school age the tender age of 6 years old!
- Nelson Mandela, South Africa's president who successfully resisted apartheid!
- Benjamin Banneker who designed the blueprint for Washington, D. C.
- Shirley Chisholm who was the first black woman to run for presidency in the United States of America!



The youth dressed as many other notable figures in history, which informed the audience of the struggles of African Americans in this country, while giving some humor as they represented their black figures! It was a joy to see everyone involved.

The 1960s props presented were phenomenal! The youth displayed several items such as a vacuum, an AM radio, an electric globe, a hand stitched portrait or Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., RFK AND JFK while they were all alive, encyclopedias (which are rare these days!) a metal clothing iron with handle and the funniest prop of all...the stove powered hot comb! The youth did an outstanding job in giving the church a BLAST FROM THE PAST!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT Fridav. Januarv 23rd



MISSIONARY/OUTREACH ANNIVERSARY THEME "ON A MISSION TO INVITE" Luke 14:16-24 Sunday, March 10th



EASTER PRESENTATION Sunday, March 31 – 3pm THE ANGELS DECLARE HIS GLORY!





JANUARY SPOTLIGHT ON LOVE HONOREES ELDER COLIN & MISSIONARY URCELLA DRAKE

NEW MT. OLIVET'S BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY









On the passing of our beloved mother, Barbara WILLIAMS, we have installed a new church Mother, Missionary Minnie Guinyard.

UPCOMING MINISTRY ANNIVERSARIES AND CONVOCATIONS

Brotherhood Ministry Anniversary

Saturday, April 20 – Sunday, April 21, 2024

"WHAT TIME IS IT?"

Ecclesiastes 3:1-17

Sunday, April 21, 2024 9:30a.m.— Sunday School 11:30a.m.—Morning Worship





Elder George Spriggs Gethsemane Holiness Church **Calvert County, Maryland**

Saturday, April 20, 2024 10:00am-4:00pm **BROTHERHOOD** OUTING Breakfast at

Golden Coral & Bowling

Service will be available on Zoom Sunday, April 21, 2024 Meeting ID: 828 5228 1620

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Women's Ministry Anniversary Saturday, May 18 – Sunday, May 19, 2024

"WORKING YOUR ASSIGNMENT What Are You Doing With What You Have Been Given?"

Matthews 25:14-30; Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:28

Saturday, May 18, 2024 SISTERS FELLOWSHIP At the BIBLE MUSEUM & FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Service will be available on Zoom Sunday, May 19, 2024 Meeting ID: 828 5228 1620

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A gift from God A gift to You



Sunday, May 19 11:30 a.m.



Guest Speaker Evangelist Linda Terry Shekinah Temple of Christ Baltimore, Marvland

MOUNT OLIVET APOSTOLIC CHURCHES INTERNATIONAL CONVOCATION **KINGSTON, JAMAICA**

Wednesday, June 26 through Sunday, June 30, 2024

Theme: "THOUGH PERSECUTED AND AFFLICTED STILL PRESS TOWARD THE MARK"

Philippians 3:14

All services held at Mount Olivet Church of Christ Apostolic

27 Worrell Crescent, Kingston, Jamaica

Elder Khani Stephenson, Host Pastor **Bishop David Thomas, Island Bishop**

Bishop Hopeton Mair, Presiding Bishop

New Mt. Olivet Apostolic Church 27TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Wednesday, August 7 through Sunday, August 11, 2024

Theme: "LIFT HIM UP, LIFT JESUS UP"

John 12:32

Wednesday, August 7 - Pastor Destroy James, Mount Olivet Apostolic Church, Red Hills, Jamaica Thursday, August 8 – Apostle W. Michael Fields, Greater Refuge Temple Church, Washington, D.C. Friday, August 9 – Bishop Charles Johnson, Greater Morning Star Apostolic Ministries, Largo, Maryland