



THE ZION TRUMPET



Please join

Rev. Troy A. Adams, Sr., Rev. Dr. John A. Evans, Sr.,
Rev. Dr. Ellis R. Hodge, Rev. Louis M. Murphy, Sr.,
Rev. Dr. Wayne G. Thompson, and Rev. Clarence A. Williams
for Worship each night.



Sunday, April 14th
First Baptist Institutional Church
6 PM

Monday, April 15th - 7 PM
First Baptist Institutional Church

Tuesday, April 16th and Wednesday, April 17th
7 pm
Greater Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church

Thursday, April 18th and Friday, April 19th
7 pm
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church



Easter Worship at Greater Mt. Zion

6 am - Sunrise Worship

11 am - Easter Worship

We LOOK forward to seeing you!
Thank You



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

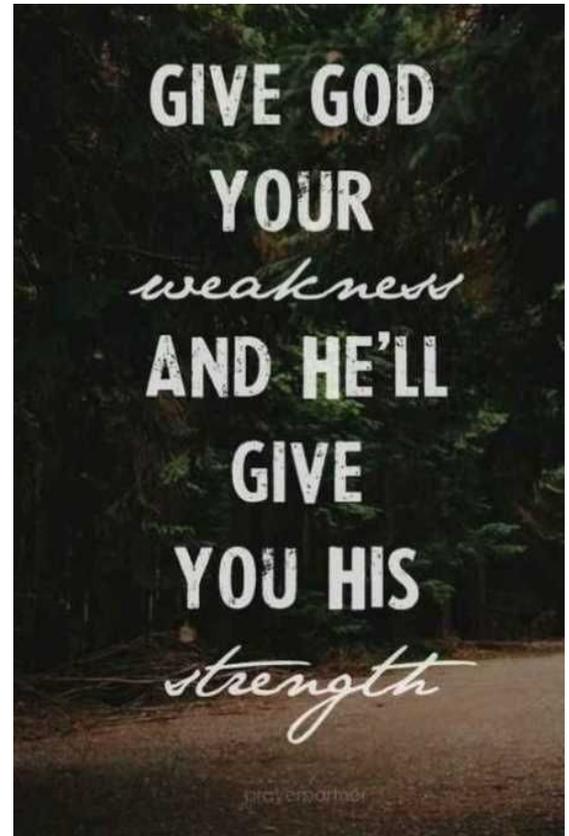
- **2019 Graduates, get your information in for the 2019 Brag Book. Please see any member of the Board of Christian Education. Deadline for your form is- May 9, 2019.**
- **All ACTIVE YOUTH!** If you have participated in Church activities and attended Church regularly and would like to attend CEYLC in July, please see:
Rev. Dr. Sherrisse Bryant or Mrs. Rosa Davis.

Officers on Duty for April 2019

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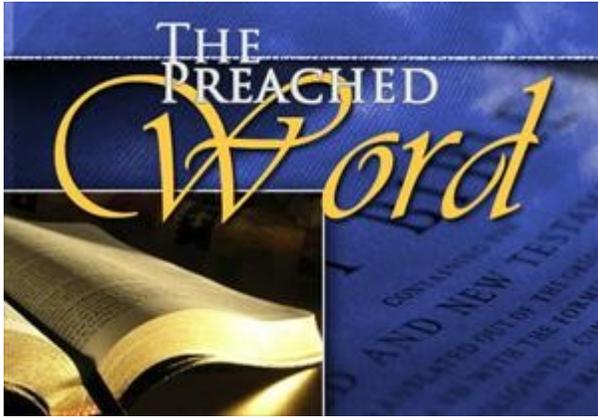


our ET TA Youths

**Excelling Through
Talent and Academics**

What makes a child
gifted and talented
may not always
be good grades
in school, but
a different way
of looking at the
world and learning.

CHUCK GRASSLEY



March 3rd

7:30—Rev. Clarence Williams

Job 1:22

“Don’t Blame God”

11:00—Rev. Clarence Williams

Proverbs 3:5-6, 19-20

“Three Essentials of Christian Living”

March 10th

7:30—Rev. Clifford Tyson

John 11:38-46

“Quit Blocking Your Miracle

11:00—Rev. Robert Boyd

John 20:1-7, 10

“Looking for the Living Among the Dead”

March 17th

7:30 —Rev. Clarence Williams

John 14:1-4

“The Secrets of Living a Happy Life”

11:00—Rev. Clarence Williams

1 John 5:4-9

“How to Live a Victorious Life

March 24th

7:30—Rev. Clarence Williams

Galatians 4:8-9

“Wasted Talent”

11:00—Exhorter DeShawn Jones

Hebrews 11:8-11, 13-19

“Faith for a Firm Foundation”

March 31st

7:30—Rev. Ira Whitson

John 4:16-17

“Meet Me at the Well”

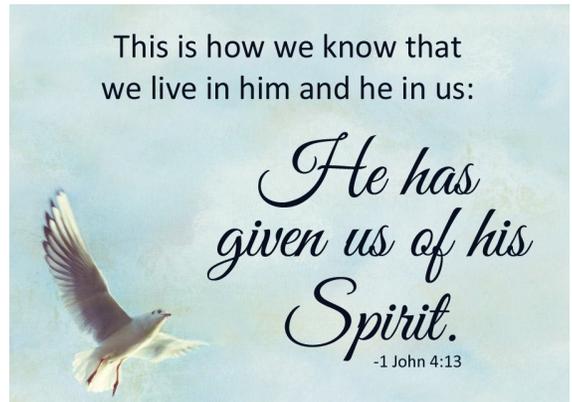
11:00—Rev. Robert Peak

Bread of Life Ministry, St. Petersburg, FL

John 8:1-11

“The Man Is Missing”

This is how we know that
we live in him and he in us:



*He has
given us of his
Spirit.*

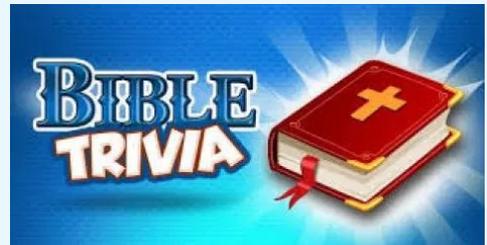
-1 John 4:13

Trivia Question for March

The last enemy that Christ will destroy is what?

Trivia Answer for March

The last enemy is one that we wish to avoid—death. Read First Corinthians 15



Trivia Question for April

Second Corinthians Chapter 9 offers guidelines for giving. What are they?



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| 04/01 | Jeremiah, Prophet to the Nations
Jeremiah 1:4-10 | 04/24 | Lydia and Household Baptized
Acts 16:11-15 |
| 04/02 | Ananias Welcomes and Baptizes Saul
Acts 9:10-19 | 04/25 | Jailer and Household Baptized
Acts 16:25-34 |
| 04/03 | Paul Called by a Vision
Acts 16:6-10 | 04/26 | Reaching New People
Acts 18:5-11 |
| 04/04 | Jesus Sends Out the Twelve
Mark 6:7-13 | 04/27 | Matthias Replaces Judas
Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 |
| 04/05 | A Great Harvest but Few Workers
Matthew 9:35-38 | 04/28 | Called, Commissioned
Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:6-8 |
| 04/06 | Handling and Surviving Persecution
Matthew 10:16-25 | 04/29 | God-given Task for Workers
Ecclesiastes 3:9-17 |
| 04/07 | Twelve Chosen and Commissioned
Matthew 10:1-15 | 04/30 | The Shepherd Lays Down His Life
John 10:11-18 |
| 04/08 | The Original Passover Celebration
Exodus 12:1-14 | 05/01 | The Value of the Law
Romans 7:7-12 |
| 04/09 | Care for the Poor
Luke 16:19-31 | 05/02 | The Purpose of the Law
Galatians 3:19-29 |
| 04/10 | Mary Anoints Jesus' Body for Burial
John 12:1-8 | 05/03 | God Is Faithful and Fair
Romans 3:1-8 |
| 04/11 | One Must Die for the Nation
John 11:47-53 | 05/04 | Jesus Brings True Justice
Romans 3:9-20 |
| 04/12 | Judas Negotiates the Betrayal
Matthew 26:14-16 | 05/05 | All Called to Righteousness
Romans 3:21-31 |
| 04/13 | Jesus' Last Passover Meal
Matthew 26:17-29 | | |
| 04/14 | Jesus Defends an Extravagant Gesture
Matthew 26:1-13 | | |
| 04/15 | Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life
John 11:17-27 | | |
| 04/16 | Judas Hangs Himself
Matthew 27:3-10 | | |
| 04/17 | Jesus Crucified
Matthew 27:32-44 | | |
| 04/18 | Guards Secure the Tomb
Matthew 27:62-66 | | |
| 04/19 | Mary Meets the Risen Jesus
John 20:11-18 | | |
| 04/20 | Reigning Triumphant with Christ
Revelation 20:1-6 | | |
| 04/21 | "Meet Me in Galilee!"
Matthew 28:1-15 | | |
| 04/22 | Place of Renewal
Isaiah 2:1-4 | | |
| 04/23 | Building the Body
1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Colossians 3:12-17 | | |

GOD NEVER SENDS YOU
INTO A SITUATION ALONE.

GOD GOES BEFORE YOU.
HE **STANDS** BESIDE YOU.
HE **WALKS** BEHIND YOU.

WHATEVER SITUATION
YOU HAVE RIGHT NOW,
BE **CONFIDENT**,

**GOD IS
WITH YOU!**





Health & Wellness

Simple and Realistic Ways to Eat Healthier

- ♥ **Swap A Sugary Treat For Fruit** - “instead of trying to focus on what you shouldn’t be eating, focus on what you can add,” says Nazima Qureshi, RD. “This shift in perspective makes healthy eating more positive. For example, instead of vowing to cut out sugar, Qureshi suggests shifting the focus to adding a piece of fruit to your snack routine and letting that replace a sugary package snack.
- ♥ **Drink At Least 64 Ounces of Water a Day** - the exact amount of water you need varies based on your height, weight and activity levels, but the 64-ounce baseline is a good place to start. Staying hydrated is important for overall health and weight loss. Plus, it’s likely upping your water intake will crowd out other beverages, like soda and coffee.
- ♥ **Cook More At Home** - “you don’t have to make all your meals at home to be healthy—even just cutting back on eating out from seven times a week to two or packing your lunch instead of eating out, can make a huge difference to your health,” says Liz Hurley. When we eat out, we often forget about the added fat, sodium and large portion sizes, which at home, these are things we often control, adds Hurley.
- ♥ **Get a Serving of Protein at Every Meal** - whether your goal is to lose weight or just to feel better, protein is an essential component to a healthy diet. It helps maintain muscle mass, build new muscle and keeps us satisfied longer, explains Erik Bustillo, RD.
- ♥ **Eat Five Servings of Vegetables Per Day** - If you’re trying to lose weight, high fiber vegetables can help fill you up for relatively few calories. Even if weight loss isn’t your goal, vegetables are nutrient-rich and important for overall health. Plus filling up on vegetables may unwittingly lead to eating fewer not-so-healthy foods.
- ♥ **Opt for Whole Grains over Refined** - while all carbohydrates give us energy and can be a part of a healthy diet, the complex carbs found in whole grains are slower to digest than the simple carbs found in refined grains. Plus, they pack a bigger nutrient punch. In addition to providing glucose (which gives us energy), complex carbohydrate foods provide vitamins, minerals and fiber that are important to overall health,” says Germaine Guy, RD.
- ♥ **Eat Probiotic-Rich Foods Once a Day** - Bonnie Taub-Dix, RD recommends eating at least one serving of probiotic-rich fermented food each day. Greek yogurt, kimchi, pickles, tempeh and miso paste are all great sources.



SOCIAL ACTION

CHANGE THE WORLD
Climate Change and
Human Health

With climate change, the frequency, severity, duration, and location of weather and climate phenomena—like rising temperatures, heavy rains and droughts, and some other kinds of severe weather—are changing. This means that areas already experiencing health-threatening weather and climate phenomena, such as severe heat or hurricanes, are likely to experience worsening impacts, such as higher temperatures and increased storm intensity, rainfall rates, and storm surge. It also means that some locations will experience new climate-related health threats. For example, areas previously unaffected by toxic algal blooms or waterborne diseases because of cooler water temperatures may face these hazards in the future as increasing water temperatures allow the organisms that cause these health risks to thrive. Even areas that currently experience these health threats may see a shift in the timing of the seasons that pose the greatest risk to human health.

Climate change can therefore affect human health in two main ways: first, by changing the severity or frequency of health problems that are already affected by climate or weather factors; and second, by creating unprecedented or unanticipated health problems or health threats in places where they have not previously occurred.

-GlobalChange.Gov

Sick, Shut-In & Prayer List



Sister Addie Bryant
 Brother Johnny Dallas
 Sister Patricia Daniels
 Sister Lynn Davis
 Sister Lizzie Donald
 Sister Dezra Flournoy-Hudson
 Sister Sallie Johnson
 Sister Sylvia Johnson
 Rev. Edward Jones
 Sister Earlene Taylor
 Ms. Jasmine Walker
 Sister Jacquelyn Wilcher
 Brother Marcus Wynn
 Sister Sherrisse Wynn

2225 17th Street South
 3126 1/2 Oakley Avenue
 1391 63rd Avenue South
 2435 3rd Avenue South
 2520 21st Street South
 2012 69th Avenue South
 1230 40th Street South
 1035 Arlington Avenue North #307
 1909 29th Street South
 4542 24th Avenue South
 1955 29th Street South
 2520 21st Street South
 2456 16th Avenue South
 2523 28th Street South

By His
STRIPES
We Are
HEALED
 ISAIAH 53:5

Nursing Homes and Rehabilitation Centers

Sister Ethel Eva
 Sister Jessie Gamble
 Brother Eugene "Geno" Harrell
 Ms. Valerie Griffin
 Sister Betty Jordan
 Brother Quentin Keys
 Sister Darlene Dudley
 Sister Dorothy Walker

Gulf View Health Care Center, 3636 10th Avenue North
 Alpine Nursing Home, 3456 21st Avenue South
 Egret Cove, 550 62nd Street South, Bed 18B
 Egret Cove, 550 62st Street South, Bed 306B
 Carrington Place, 10501 Roosevelt Blvd
 Shores Acres Rehabilitation, 4500 Indianapolis St. N.E.
 Westminster Rehab, 1095 Pinellas Point Drive S.
 Bon Secours, 10300 4th Street North



Our Deepest Condolences



Sister Sylvia Johnson and all other Family Members on the loss of your Brother:

Brother Leon Harris
 Deland, FL

Brother M.D. Wilson, Darrell and Verna Thompson, Michael and Jacqueline Wilson, Darryl and Cherita Willison and all other Family Members on the loss of your Brother / Uncle:

Brother Edward C. Wilson
 Delray Beach, Florida

Pierce Bryant, Sister Addie Bryant, Marjorie and Charles Bucker, Margaret and Kevin Hollis and all other Family Members on the loss of your Brother / Uncle:

Brother Lucius Bryant

Jerry and Delta Oliver and all other Family Members of the loss of your Father:

Brother Charles Oliver



From the Pastors Desk...

God is Bigger Than Your Sin

"...that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength." Ephesians 1:18-19

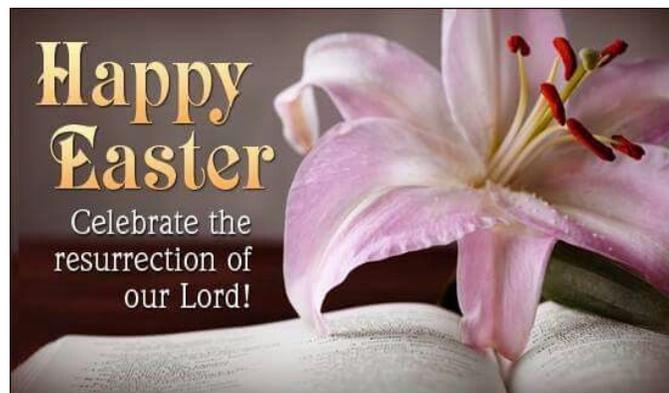
Have you ever received a gift that you did not deserve from someone? Remember how you felt? You wanted to pay them back or do something for them, but there was nothing that you could really do. So you sat there and accepted it. This is exactly how we must receive God's love. He communicates His love for us through His words and actions. We can't do anything to deserve it, much less, pay Him back for it, but He still gives it. The gift is new life, brought and paid for with Jesus' death on the cross.

Many people today don't feel like God could ever love them. They think they have sinned too much or done something "so bad" that God just cannot forgive. If you are one of those people, let me assure you that He does love you. In fact, there is no end to His love for you. And if you do not believe that He loves you and can forgive absolutely anything that you have done, you are placing your sin above His ability to love and forgive.

Do not make the mistake of thinking your messed up life is bigger than God's ability to straighten you out, heal you, and bless you. His power is His love. His love has all the power needed to forgive you, cleanse you, teach you, grow you up into the person God purposed you to be, and give you the ability to do what He's called you to do.

Are you feeling unloved and useless today? In Romans 5:8 it says that *"...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* Realize that He loves you today as much as He loved you before you were born. Just accept it and thank Him for the power of His love to change your life. If you have never received His love, open your heart now and ask Him to make Himself real to you. He desires to do just that. Then tell someone about it, because He wants to touch him or her too.

God's love is the power you need to be free—really free!



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



To: All College and High School Graduates, and All Youth Moving UP!

CLASS
of
2019

The Board of Christian Education is now accepting forms for our 2019 Brag Book.

Deadline for submission is: **May 9, 2019**

Thank you, The Board of Christian Education

**Trustees and Stewards
on Duty for the
Month of April**

**Elijah Gilbert, Jr.
Lula Love
Reggie Reed, Sr.
Stanley Wright**

Please make sure your event, activity, rehearsals (Choir and Dance), are listed on the monthly calendar so we can adequately provide coverage for the building.

If your event is **NOT LISTED** on the calendar, please call the Pro Tem of the Trustee Board,

Mr. Kelvin Davis

Don't wait for the
PERFECT MOMENT
take the moment and make it
PERFECT

O.L. Nicks Women's
Missionary Society



**Friday, April 12, 2019
10 am**

Thank you,
Patricia Smith Johnson,
President
Mrs. Aretha Stewart,
Coordinator

It's That Time Of Year!



We are looking for **ACTIVE YOUTH**, ages 11-26 to participate in the 2019 Christian Education Youth and Leadership Congress (CEYLC) held in Orlando,

July 14-18, 2019.

If you are interested in participating, please see our Youth Minister, Rev. Dr. Sherrisse Bryant or Rosa Davis.

Thank you

Choir Schedule

Mass Choir - 1st Sunday
April 7th

Voices of Praise - 2nd Sunday
April 14th

Unity Choir - 3rd Sunday
April 21st

Youth Choir - 4th Sunday
April 28th

Choir Rehearsal

Voices of Praise	April 9 th , 7 pm
Unity Choir	April 11 th
Youth Choir	April 20, 27, 12 Noon

Please Note: All Choirs (Mass, Unity, Voices of Praise and Male Chorus) are asked to meet with the Music Ministry on Thursday, April 11th, 7 pm. The Unity Choir will have rehearsal after this meeting.

Thank You!

**SOMETIMES,
ALL IT TAKES
IS JUST
ONE PRAYER
TO CHANGE
EVERYTHING.**

Men's Prayer Line

Monday thru Friday
6 am

1-302-202-1110
Access Code: 356251

All Men are invited to
join us to start
your day off right.



Upcoming Events with Rev. Clarence A. Williams

- **May 2nd** - The Summit Prayer Breakfast
Greater Mt. Zion, 9 am
- **May 15th** - Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Louis M. Murphy, Sr.,
20th Year in Ministry. - 7 pm
- **May 19th** - St. John A.M.E. Church, Bowling Green,
112th Year Church Anniversary, 4 pm.
Rev. Raleigh Allen, IV, Pastor.
Details about transportation will be forthcoming.

Please join our Pastor on these dates and support these ministries. Thank you, The Board of Stewards

Ladies

**Are you in need of
PRAYER?**

You can call every
Monday-Wednesday
and Friday at 7:00 am.

Number:
1-712-770-3662

Access Code:
375083

Please join us!

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Church Members, Here Are 10 Ways to KILL Your Church

Tejado Hanchell - April 3, 2018



I have the awesome privilege of serving a Church that has been around for over 80 years. In those 80 years, the Church has only had four Senior Pastors. While our congregation has had its share of struggles over the years, we are pleased that we have survived! Considering the staggering statistics on Church mortality in America, we are grateful to God for still standing strong. Recently, one of the senior members of our congregation—who has been there for all 80 plus years—handed me a Church Newsletter that was written in 1959. As I delicately flipped through the tattered pages of this precious document, one article in the newsletter pricked my attention. The title, which I have borrowed for this blog post, was simply “10 Ways to Kill a Church.” The thing that interested me the most is how this list of “Church killers” written in 1959 looks so much like the usual suspects in many Church deaths today.

1. **Don't Come.** - One of the biggest Church killers is waning attendance. Many people simply can't find the time to spend an hour or two in the Lord's house. We find excuse after excuse as to why we can't come to Church. I wonder what our lives would look like if God only showed up at our house as often as we showed up at His. The Bible is clear about the importance of assembling or coming together (Hebrews 10:25). I believe in the importance of going to Church, which is why I do a weekly Twitter hashtag called #Go2Church. If we don't go to Church, we just might be playing a part in killing the Church.
2. **If You do Come, Make Sure it's Late.** - So many of today's worshipers (and apparently those of 1959) have a lackadaisical attitude toward worship. We have an “I'll get there when I get there” attitude when it comes to Church attendance. I wonder, however, if we showed up to our job the way we show up to our Church...how many of us would still be employed? We say that God is an “on time” God, but can He say the same about us? A lack of punctuality when it comes to worship is a microcosm of our overall view of God. It says that whatever else we are doing is more important, and God can just wait until we get there. This type of attitude is a major Church killer.
3. **Only Show up When the Weather is Good.** - Ever been to Church in a driving rain-storm? Neither have most of the other people in your Church! Some people only go to Church when the sun is out and there are no clouds in the sky. We have produced a culture of “fair-weather” Christians, who only attend Church when everything is going right in their lives. The moment a storm hits their life, they get mad at God, the Pastor and the Church. There are some people who you can tell exactly what's going on in their lives based upon their Church attendance. When things are great and they have a little money in their pockets, they're on the front row singing “Amazing Grace,” but as soon as they get laid off or deal with some sort of difficulty, they're ready to “curse God and die” (Job 2:9). The only thing that dies with that kind of attitude is the Church.
4. **Find Fault with Everything (and/or everyone).** - Most homicide investigations begin by researching those who had something negative to say about the victim. Similarly, when a Church dies, you can be sure that the fault finders are prime suspects. These are the folks who sit “in the seat of the scornful” (Psalms 1:1). Fault finders can always SPOT a problem, but they never SOLVE a problem. They are definitely Church killers.

5. **Never Accept a Leadership Role or Responsibility.** - Many people have a “renters” mentality when it comes to Church; they take no ownership. When you rent an apartment, if something breaks, you call the landlord to fix it. Since you don’t own it, you have no obligation to fix it. There are too many people renting pews (and some pulpits). It’s far easier to criticize than to mobilize. As Seth Godin says, “No one has ever built a statue to a critic.” If we want to make a difference, we have to accept the responsibility to lead—whether formally or informally. Leadership is not about position; it’s about productivity. A congregation full of followers is on life support and is getting ready to die.
6. **Get Mad if You’re not Appointed to a Leadership Position.** - So many people in Church are focused on titles. They want to be Directors, Deacons and Dignitaries, and when they are not appointed to a position, they begin to stir up trouble. This is a manifestation of deep-seated pride, and pride is one of the most dangerous killers of all.
7. **Never Give Your Opinion in a Meeting...Wait Until AFTER the Meeting.** A surefire sign of a Church that is on its death bed is one that has **major “meetings-after-the-meeting.”** You know, where no one voices their honest opinion or offers useful insight during the official meeting but are quick to huddle in a corner or the Church parking lot after the meeting to harp on how “it ought to be done.” There are chalk lines all over Church parking lots outlining exactly where the murder took place.
8. **Do Nothing More Than Absolutely Necessary.** - Show up, go home, but don’t be an active, engaged member of the Church. It’s hard to reach “the least of these” when we’re only doing the least we can do. The sad reality, however, is that most people who only want to do the least, love to criticize those who are doing the most! They howl about how the Church is being run by a clique, when they never offered or took initiative to get any work done. They just stand on the sideline and watch the Church die. At the very least, they are an accessory to the murder.
9. **Hold Back on Your Giving to the Lord.** - It takes money to do ministry - especially to do mercy ministry for the underserved in our communities. Tim Keller says that “mercy ministry is expensive.” When we hold back on our giving to the Lord and His work, we are limiting the work that can be done through the local Church. Additionally, since there are operational costs associated with a Church or ministry, a lack of giving can lead to the Church being foreclosed, laying off staff and other adverse results. Some people say, “Well, all the Church wants is money.” The same can be said of Walmart, yet they keep taking their money there! While I do not discount that there have been those who have abused and misused the Church for financial gain, there are thousands of Churches serving in their communities who are dying because of a lack of finances. When we stop giving, we are killing those Churches...and the countless lives they touch each day.
10. **Don’t Reach Out to the Un-Churched.** - The primary purpose of the Church is to introduce people to Jesus. The people in the pews must take ownership of that responsibility and become “mini-Churches” that reach out to the un-Churched every day of the week and bring them to the House of the Lord to be discipled. Churches need regular and consistent “transfusions.” When new people are brought into the Church, they bring new life and vibrancy. They ensure that the Church doesn’t get stuck in the old way of doing things. They bring fresh perspectives, and they help keep the Church alive. Don’t kill your Church! Go and bring in some new people TODAY!.

These are 10 ways to kill a Church - which number are YOU.



REMEMBER, EDUCATE, CELEBRATE.

BLACK HISTORY



- April 02, 1939** Marvin Gaye is born.
- April 03, 1961** Entertainer Eddie Murphy is born.
- April 04, 1928** Acclaimed Author Maya Angelou is born.
- April 04, 1928** **BELOVED CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IS ASSASSINATED.**
- April 05, 1856** Educator Booker T. Washington is born.
- April 06, 1905** Physician and Researcher of Sickle Cell Anemia, Warrick Cardozo is born.
- April 08, 1974** Hank Aaron breaks Babe Ruth's major league record with his 715th home run.
- April 09, 1939** Opera Singer Marian Anderson performs at the Lincoln Memorial after being barred from Constitution Hall.
- April 10, 1943** Tennis great Arthur Ashe is born.
- April 11, 1881** Spelman College is founded.
- April 12, 1966** Emmett Ashford becomes the first Black Major League Umpire.
- April 14, 1964** Sydney Poitier becomes the first Black Actor to win an Academy Award.
- April 15, 1889** Human and Civil Rights Leader, Asa Philip Randolph is born.
- April 17, 1983** Alice Walker is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for *The Color Purple*.
- April 19, 1947** Jackie Robinson becomes the first Black Major League Baseball player.
- April 21, 1906** First Black woman to earn C.P.A. Credentials Mary T. Washington is born.
- April 23, 1856** Inventor Granville T. Woods is born.
- April 24, 1944** The United Negro College Fund is founded.
- April 25, 1918** "First Lady of Song" Ella Fitzgerald is born.
- April 28, 1962** First Black Admiral in the U.S. Navy Samuel L. Gravely is born.
- April 29, 1899** Renowned Jazz Musician "Duke" Ellington is born.

04/01 Kesha Clark
 04/01 Antonia Swain
 04/01 Brianna Jernigan
 04/02 Virginia Louise Mack
 04/02 Gwen Woods
 04/02 Marvin Butler
 04/02 Ebony Harrell
 04/03 Cassandra Jackson
 04/03 Ginger Roberts
 04/03 Deonte Mixon
 04/03 Frankie Harris
 04/04 James Davis
 04/04 Frederick Davis
 04/04 Keontae Mosley
 04/04 Samuel Boney
 04/04 Jamari Green
 04/05 Priscilla Alexander
 04/06 Tommie Keys
 04/06 Dorothy Williams
 04/06 Elisha Gilbert
 04/07 Linda Thompson
 04/08 Latasha Gilbert
 04/08 Latricia Harrell
 04/08 Curtis Dawson, Jr.
 04/09 Latoya Clark
 04/09 Michael Crawford
 04/09 Chris Davis
 04/09 Latedra Everett
 04/10 Vincent Cole
 04/10 Copper Atwood
 04/10 Ashley Pickens, II
 04/11 Guianna Brantley
 04/11 Delmar Brent
 04/11 Floyd L. Crawford
 04/12 Untilla Davis
 04/12 Donovan Brown
 04/13 Latoya Letthand
 04/13 Kathy Wilson
 04/15 Rev. Sherrisse Bryant
 04/15 Kadijah Ervin
 04/16 Gregory Keys
 04/16 Jamy'ya Washington
 04/16 Henry Jackson
 04/17 Shekerra Rose
 04/18 Omega Adams
 04/18 Angela Butler
 04/18 Barry Polite
 04/19 Tikki Davis
 04/19 Dantonio Wilson
 04/20 Dorothy Walker
 04/20 Javonda Bryant
 04/20 Dexter Churches



**If you were born in
 April...
 Your characteristics
 show you are
 Loyal, Patriotic,
 Courageous,
 Adventurous,
 Confident and
 Passionate**

**Birthstone:
 Diamond
 Symbolizes
 Eternity and Love**



**Birth Flower:
 Sweet Pea
 Means
 Good-bye or
 Blissful Pleasure**



04/21 Calvin Butler
 04/21 Sampson Canfall
 04/21 Dennis Williams
 04/21 Candice Mells
 04/22 Pierce Bryant
 04/22 Robert Green
 04/22 Malik Brown
 04/23 Charlie Jenkins
 04/23 Kristen Gibson
 04/23 Nikisha Watson
 04/23 Felicia Pizana
 04/23 Amber Frazier
 04/23 Dimetric Williams, Jr.
 04/24 Willie Mae Davis
 04/24 Patricia Daniels
 04/24 Herman Williams, Jr.
 04/25 Alicia Johnson
 04/26 Tangerae Brown
 04/26 Tiffany Lene' Williams
 04/26 Dorothy Davis
 04/27 Calvin Ward
 04/27 O'shen Allen
 04/27 Harry Harris
 04/28 Ramon Cruz
 04/29 Michael Bivens
 04/29 Marvin Poe, Jr.
 04/29 Melissa Smith
 04/30 Cassandra Williams
 04/30 Alfreda McClendon
 04/30 Walter Butler
 04/30 Shamoya Hedley

**A BRIGHT
 BIRTHDAY**

Joyful
 may this day
 appear,
 Leading to a
 happy year.





JESUS LOVES

the little children

Week 1: The Widow's Offering

The children learned the difference between giving what they had left over versus giving it all to God.

The children solved math problems that showed the difference in percentages and how 10% affects someone who has little versus someone who has a lot. The children expressed in their words their thoughts of how people should give to God through their time, physical effort, and monetary giving.

Week 2: Pray for Each Other

The children learned about the different types of prayers and wrote down examples of each kind of prayer.

Week 3: Encourage Each Other

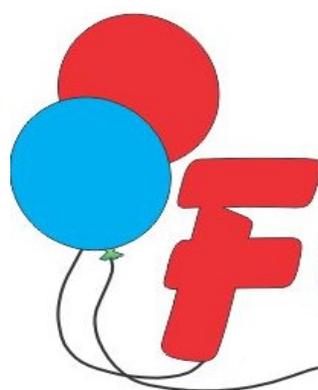
The children learned about the benefits of having support from others and the importance of encouraging others to make this world a better place. A visit to Heavy's Food Truck reinforced the importance of having support and encouragement for others.

Week 4: The Great Commission

The children learned about being friendly and made welcome mats that would invite people into the Church.

Week 5: Popular Verses Review

The children practiced the Lord's Prayer, Psalm 23, and The 10 Commandments through repetition and activity participation.

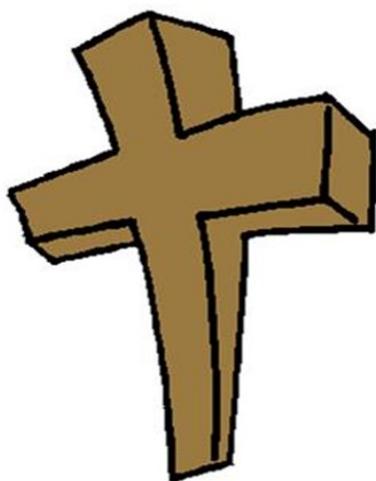


FUN TIMES

Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R
N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O
A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O
S E C I F I R C A S H J E T S
N S N A M O R O O R R E M A T
R C D S G T T R I I K S P V E
O Y R A M B C S S V Z U T L R
H L O V E L T E M M A S I A Y
T C R O W N N Y L O H S O S Z
X C R U C I F I X I O N N K Q

APOSTLES
CHRIST
CROSS
CROWN
CRUCIFIXION
HOLY
JESUS
KING
LAMB
LOVE



MARY
REDEMPTION
RESURRECTION
RISEN
ROMANS
ROOSTER
SACRIFICE
SALVATION
SAVIOR
THORNS



Love To The Fullest

Love to the fullest once roamed our earth.
He arrived here by means of a heavenly birth.

From the very beginning most everyone knew
there was something so special this Child would do.

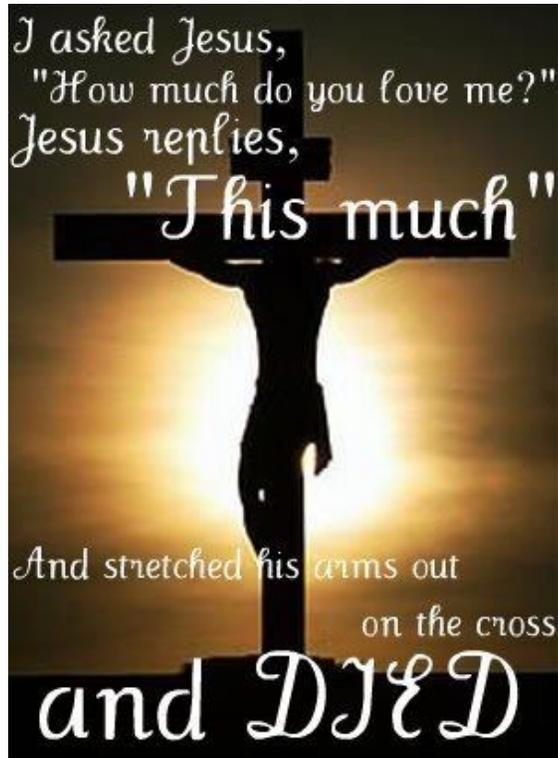
As time would prevail He became a man,
teaching us love from God's own hand.

Though to some He knew He would be such a dread.
They never could rest until He was dead!

He knew His own fate from beginning to end,
He knew and still loved His betraying friend.

He carried His cross using His own two feet
to die for our sins and our total defeat.

Why did He do it? No reason but LOVE!
None other than Jesus, our Savior above!



our ET TA Youths

YOU ROCK!

Excelling Through Talent and Academics



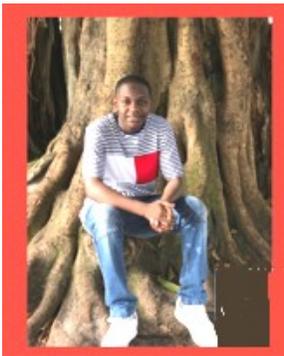
Bree Wilson

St. Petersburg High School - Grade 10
Bree earned all A's, and is on the Principals List



Uriah Jenkins

Admiral Farragut Academy - Grade 11
Uriah made Honor Roll with 1 A, 5 B's, 1 C



Christian Davis

Boca Ciega High School - Grade 10
Christian made Honor Roll with 3 A's, 4 B's and 1 C.



Caira Mikayla Jenkins

Admiral Farragut Academy - Grade 7
Caira earned 5 A's, 1 B, 2 E's in Life Skills and PE



Zoe Nevach Brent

Bay Vista Fundamental - Grade 3
Zoe earned 4 A's, 2 E's in Music and PE and 1 V in Art



Zmauri Brent

Fitzgerald Middle - Grade 6
Zmauri earned 3 A's, 3 B's, 1 C

Zuri Jenkins

Bay Vista Elementary School - Grade 3
Zuri earned 4 A's, 1 Very Good in Music, and 2 E's in PE and Art.
She has all E's (excellent) for behavior.



Jamiyah Sheliyah Purnell

James B. Sanderlin - PK

Jamiyah earned 4 E's in Art, Elem Spanish, Music and PE

FAITH & FINANCE

Five Tips for Becoming a Better Steward of What God has Given You

Be Faithful in Little - If you only have little to give, you can at least be faithful in that. Like the poor widow who only had two copper coins to give, she gave all that she had and thus, she gave more than all the others. Jesus said as much by saying “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on” (Mark 12:43-44). It’s not the amount you give, but the sacrifice that you make. It is proportional in other words. Some people who have little can give more than those who have much, If you only have a little, give what you can because “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much” (Luke 16:10).

Be Consistent - Our Associate Pastor doesn’t make much money but he gives 10% plus off the top (that would be gross) but it is amazing how God has blessed him. He trusts God to provide for his needs and God always has. The thing about Richard is that he is consistent. He never misses tithing on anything that he receives and incredibly, sometimes he is blessed the very same day he tithes. One day he tithed in Church and on the very same day, after Church, he received a hundred dollars, totally unexpectedly. God blesses those who are generous and those who are consistent show their perseverance of trust in God. He doesn’t tithe out of an Old Testament legalistic way but he sets a goal of 10% + and God has blessed him each and every time.

Think of Who Owns Everything - Do you really think you are the owner of anything at all? The psalmist tells us who the owner really is in Psalm 24:1 “The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.” The way the Hebrew is originally written is like this; “The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it” so that narrows down the ownership of all things as God and what is owned on the earth? “All that fills it” so that means absolutely everything and there is no exception because it even includes “those who dwell therein” and that would include us. So God owns all there is, meaning us too, so if we are to be good stewards we must think about this; it’s not really ours, it’s God’s to begin with and He has made us stewards, so we should be careful in the way that we spend “His” resources. Like the Parable of the Talents, God has given each of us differing amounts of talents (Matthew 25:15) and we are expected to use these and multiply them for the Master (Matt 25:16-17), and the point of the parable is “to everyone who has, will more be given and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away” (Matthew 25:29). What have you done with what God has given to you? Have you multiplied it, or buried it? Our talents are not only our money but also our time and how we spend it, and our talent (or skills or gifts) and whether we’ll use them for God’s glory or simply bury them by not using them at all for Him.

EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE *whatever gift*
YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS,
as faithful stewards
OF GOD'S GRACE IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS.

1 PETER 4:10

FAITH & FINANCE

Waste Nothing of His

When Jesus performed another miracle, this time in the feeding of the five thousand, I noticed something at the very end of this account. It was written that “When they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost” (John 6:12). You wouldn’t think much would be left over. Jesus didn’t want the disciples to waste a thing, and what did they end up with when they gathered “up the leftover fragments” so that “nothing would be lost?” “So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten” (John 6:13). Notice that it went from a few leftover fragments to “twelve filled baskets” and Jesus reminded them at the end of His statement in John 6:12. He wanted them to gather up what was left “so that nothing would be lost” or nothing would go to waste. We are not to waste any of what God has given us because as in the Parable of the Talents, we’ll have to answer to the Master someday and give an account to Him.

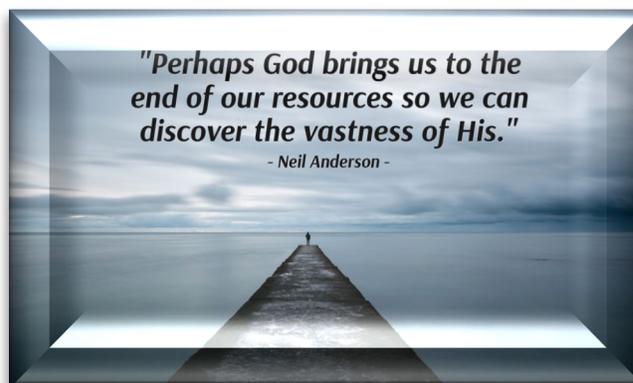
Get out and Stay out of Debt

This sounds easy enough but the Bible is clear that we are to “Owe no one anything” (Rom 12:8a) and “Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man’s dwelling, but a foolish man devours it” (Prov 21:20). “The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty” (Prov 21:5). If you are in debt, you are likely paying interest on that debt and this is not being a good steward at all with what God has given you because, again as the proverbs say “The wicked borrows but does not pay back” (Psalm 37:21). If you are in debt, you’re likely to be less generous because you are paying on a debt and besides, we are stewards of all that God has given us. The Master will hold us accountable for what we have done with what He has entrusted to us.

Conclusion

If you want to be a better steward of God’s money, and remember, it’s all God’s, then be faithful in the little that you have; be consistent and stay with it; realize who’s it really is. Don’t be wasteful with what God has entrusted us with; and finally, get out of and stay out of debt. Don’t you want to hear Jesus say someday “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your Master” (Matt 25:23)?

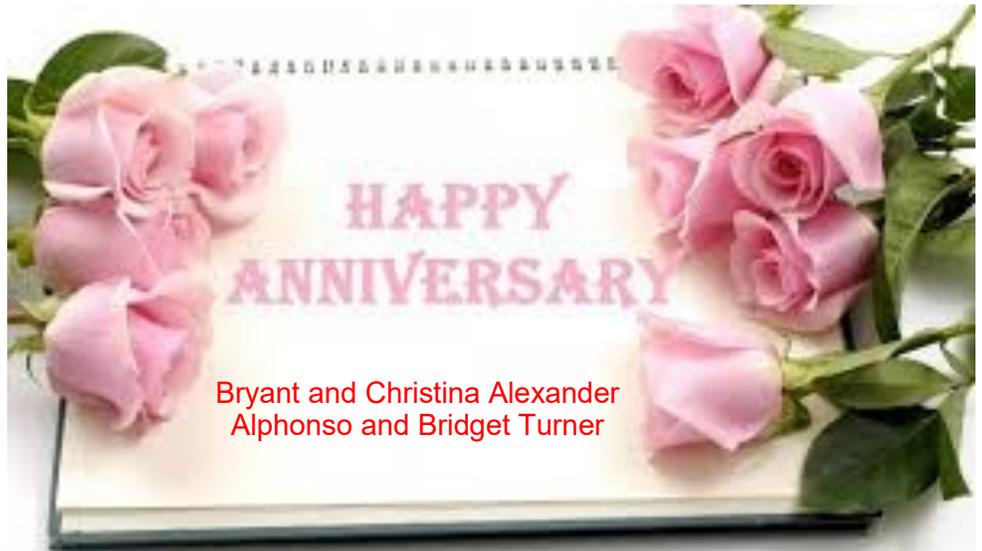
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From the Office Staff...

Greetings and Blessings...

The Office Staff would like for each and everyone to share the joyous meaning of Holy Week and Easter. Enjoy Family and Friends and be a Blessing to someone who needs it.

