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A Message from our Bishop

Bishop Kevin V. Gresham Sr.

CAN YOUR THOUGHTS BETRAY YOU?

I am starting with a rhetorical question because the answer is certainly yes. Paul writes to the Christian Church at Corinth with these following words.

⁵Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified. ⁶But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified. 2 Corinthians 13:5–6 (NKJV)

Now this is a very heavy statement, but the context of the text comes after a tremendous amount of groundwork which has been done. We have recently introduced and are preparing to launch The CCN (Care Connection Network). I believe that we need to perform what Paul is encouraging the Believers to do in Corinth, “examine yourselves.” I believe this is critical and key to having a healthy mind, spirit and ultimately a healthy life.

At our special Town Hall Meeting, Dr. McMillian encouraged us to reach out when you see that your thoughts are being challenged. For the record, I would like to state that being challenged mentally and seeking help for it does not disqualify you as a Christian. I believe it is the exact opposite.

Below, I am listing the eight main reasons why you should seek help if you are experiencing any of the following:

1. You're not feeling “like yourself” lately.
2. You've gone through a major life change.
3. You've experienced a traumatic event.
4. You're having thoughts of suicide/self-harm.
5. Others have expressed concerns about you.
6. An important relationship is in trouble.
7. You've developed compulsive behavior(s).
8. You have become dependent on drugs or alcohol.

Please make self-care an important item on your agenda.

MORE THAN EVER

Submitted By Sister Sylvia Tyson

Author: Joanna Fuchs

In today's chaotic world,
With everything around us crumbling,
Morality held in contempt,
Our leaders false, corrupt, or bumbling,

More than ever, we need Christ
To lead us through this darkening place;
His absolute truth will light our way;
He'll lift us with His love and grace.

The Bible is our cornerstone;
In God's word, we take our stands;
Role models we will strive to be,
Examples of our Lord's commands.

Dear Lord Jesus, strengthen us
To complete the tasks you'd have us do;
We pray you'll lead us, guide us now
To know and love and follow you.

Dream Big

By Minister Angela Stanton

“So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Psalms 90:12 NKJV

There are times in your life when you say yes but you really want to say no. This can become a really harmful habit. Bad habits that deplete you can keep you from your ambitions.

Before I was married, I had a really bad habit of leaving my clothes on a chair in my bedroom. Somehow the few extra steps to the closet and reaching for a hanger felt like an excessive amount of work. Eventually, my entire closet was on this chair. I would have to work up the nerve to put it all back in its proper place. However, the cycle would start again. Putting stuff on the chair started feeling normal, even though it wasn't really the right place for my clothes.

Maybe this sounds familiar to you, or maybe you have your own “chair” you’ve been piling things in your life on. Most of us have some aspects in our lives that are really weird. Since we’ve been doing these things so long, they feel normal, but they shouldn’t. It’s normal to have a routine to bring a sense of structure to our days. Ask yourself if your routine is a good one. Is it worth repeating? Does it have too strong a grip on your life, and is it keeping you from advancing on to your newer, more beautiful ambitions?

As you clear the path and offload old routines, make a sincere effort to understand why you’ve been doing what you’ve been doing. When you do this, your life may look and feel a little strange and empty at first. You will probably sense some unease and unfamiliarity. Don’t back off. It’s a good thing. Lean into it. This is exactly the subtle shake-up dreamers like you need.

You might need to put away some metaphorical clothes to clear a little head space or clear your calendar and find some undistracted time to think. You might need to have an honest conversation with a spouse about a job switch or a shift in finances.

You’ll definitely need to say no to a couple of things you’ve been saying yes to - even good things. You’ll also need to disappoint a couple of people who expect to hear a yes from you. This one can be especially tough if people have grown accustomed to your yes or you’re ending your tenure volunteering for something really beautiful so you can begin something even more beautiful.



HOPE IN THE MIDST OF TEMPORARY

By Sister Janice Shields

When I think about *Psalms 30:5* and my hope in the midst of temporary, my focus is often on the part of scripture that says, “weeping *may* endure for a night, but *joy* comes in the morning.”

In one of the night seasons of my life, I had a light bulb moment. Weeping is temporary (it is not going to last); however, joy is for sure (it absolutely, without doubt will come).

My breakthrough was perspective and life changing. Whatever the “it” is that is causing the weeping, is not going to last. (*My praise moment!*)

The question I ask of myself is how long will I allow myself to stay in the weeping state, thereby delaying my joy? (*My breakthrough/praise moment!*)

God’s word gives the answer and the way out!

Hang In There

By MIT Jerry Clark

Itry to be nice and live holy because I submit to God's will. We try to live a holy life because God's Spirit lives inside of us. God also said "*be holy for I am holy*". As you know, these are some tough evil times. Yet, we try to hang in there and keep the faith.

I want to thank God for Dr. Cheng. He was the one who initially jump on and tackled the gunmen in the Southern California Church shooting. With assistance from members of the congregation, the gunmen were tied up until the police arrived. Consequently, Dr. Cheng was killed but due to his heroic efforts many more people are living. He will forever be a hero and recognized for many generations to come. It could have been a lot worst and with that I say but God! Halleluiah, Halleluiah and Halleluiah!

When I listen to what happened in Buffalo, my heart feels for them. I know they were targeted because of the color of their skin. There is a black who normally sits on the bench at **Tops Grocery Store**. However, on this day he sat across the street because the same security guard who went in to try to stop the gunman told him not to sit around the store today. On May 14, 2022, he sat across the street and heard the gunman shooting. This man who normally sits in front of the store easily could have been the first victim. Now I found my God moment. God spared this gentleman's life and I know he's grateful.

So, with all this going on, how do we hang on? How do we keep the faith? **Matthew 5:44-45 (NKJV)** says "*But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in Heaven.*" I try to do God's will because I am His son. We are children of the living God. Do you know there's a seed of righteous that lives in you and me and that grows as much as we allow the Holy Spirit to water it? Our faith in God is increased as we continue to hear the Word of God. Remember, Faith comes by hearing the word of God and let's not forget to thank God for the Preacher who was sent.

Bishop Gresham has been preaching and teaching us concerning **Spirit Training**. This battle that is going on in this world is a Spiritual battle. Remember, "*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [a]the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*" (**Ephesians 6:12**) In this battle of life, we have the advantage because at the end of this spiritual war God allows us to win.

So, how do we persevere when it looks so dim? "*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*" (**Galatians 6:9**) This is where our faith has to come in. We have to trust in God and even during this rough season expect to reap. Reap some good news. Reap some testimonies. Reap some God stories. Reap some deliverance. Reap some healing. Reap some joy and peace.

Hang in there! God has us and He will never leave nor forsake us.

That's Love

By MIT Melissa Monroe

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Love can be given or shown in different ways. True story, I remember some years ago when my eldest daughter, Sharis, was about 6 years old. She was a really good child. I am not saying that because I am her mother, she was a good child. I only had to spank her bottom a couple of times for being mischievous. One day, she was being quite extra in the mischievous department. I had to raise my voice once too often. I finally asked her, what is wrong with you? Do you want me to spank your bottom? Her response literally shocked me. She said, yes. I took her by the hand, we walked over to the stairs, I sat down, laid her across my lap and gave her two pats on the bottom. I then stood her up and looked her square in the face. Her little eyes started to well as I asked her, are you better now? She nodded her head and hugged me.

I didn't know at the time why this had transpired. It wasn't until sometime later that I thought about it. Whenever I would discipline Sharis, I would always follow up with a hug. She knew that even though I spanked her, it did not change my love for her, no matter what she did to warrant such discipline.

How we show our love for one another should be a testament to how God has shown His love for us. **1 John 4:7-8** says “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”

What if God treated us like we have treated others? What if He decided to stop speaking to us because we hurt His feelings? What if He didn't comfort us because we didn't comfort one another? What if God said you don't deserve My love today because I don't feel like giving it to you? I am so happy that God's ways are not our ways.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

Love is not a feeling that we can turn off and on. Love is not something we can take off like a hat or put on like a pair of shoes. Love is not something we catch like a cold or discard like trash. Love doesn't change like the seasons. Love is always in season. So, the next time someone asks you which season is your favorite season...you tell them it's the Season of Love.

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Do you know that nothing can separate us from the love of God? God loves us despite our mess-ups, despite our selfishness and despite our lack of compassion towards one another. I don't know about you, but I get so frustrated with myself whenever I miss an opportunity to show compassion; to show love. An opportunity to be more like Christ.

God's Everlasting Love

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:31-39

God's love for us; oh, how does He love thee, let me count the ways. There are simply not enough minutes in a day to tell you. Truthfully, there aren't enough hours in a day or even days in a year for that matter. God's love is infinite; His love can never run out.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Family...Now, That's Love!

Watch Out for Mayhem

By MIT Sharis Staton

*The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. **John 10:10***

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. **9 Resist him... 1 Peter 5:8-9 8***

Allstate Insurance has created a commercial that has attached a face to Mayhem. Webster defines mayhem as violent or damaging disorder and chaos. In the commercial, which I'm sure many of us have seen, the main character, Mayhem, identifies a victim, creates a distraction and this distraction creates havoc in the life of that victim. This causes the victim to need Allstate Insurance to save the day. Allstate's goal is to insure the potential consumer that Allstate, no matter what, has them covered and they are truly in good hands.

In one version of the commercial, Mayhem is holding a container of hot fries. Of course, he's trying to talk the driver into reaching for them while driving. When the driver yields to his temptation and reaches for the fries; he runs off the road, through the bushes and stops on the jersey wall right before landing on the highway. What does Mayhem do? He shakes himself off; walks away and leaves the driver on his own. Then there's the hashtag challenge where Mayhem is randomly making a tic toc video on the side of the road. The victim is distracted by the randomness of what Mayhem is doing, the location in which he's doing it, as well as his age and performance. As a result, the victim runs into the back of the trash truck.

Again, Mayhem shakes himself off and walks away leaving the driver on his own. There are many other examples that I could share; not only from the Allstate commercials,

but my own life. What is consistent is Mayhem comes in, distracts, causes chaos and leaves the person influenced by him holding the bag.

I'm sure David, who was distracted by Bathsheba; Samson, who was distracted by Delilah and Moses who was distracted by the soldiers who were treating his people badly would agree that Mayhem has been around and causing havoc for a long time. Enticed by Mayhem, they too fell victim to its vices. In the commercials, Mayhem redirects his victims to Allstate Insurance, but those of us who find ourselves victims are redirected to a Savior who serves not as insurance, but assurance that in spite of our mistakes and falling short of God's glory, the blood of Jesus has covered us and has already carved out a path back to peace, calm and relief in Him. While Allstate makes the claim that you're in good hands with Allstate; we know that you're in the best hands when you're in God's hands.

You see, Mayhem distracted David and it cost him a son. Mayhem distracted Samson and it cost him his strength and Mayhem distracted Moses and it cost him years away from his family. Our goal is to take a lesson from those in the Bible, the commercials, as well as our own experiences and keep our eyes focused on God and our hands in His hand.

The thief (Mayhem) does not come except to steal, kill and destroy. However, our Savior comes that we may have life and have it more abundantly. I'm sure that we would all agree that now it's a good idea to put our hands, hearts, thoughts, our everything into God's hands so that we're not distracted, controlled and we don't experience a loss due to Mayhem. For it is our desire to experience life in abundance just the way our Savior intended. Watch out for Mayhem!



THE SENIOR CONNECTION

The Senior Connection

By Facilitators Min. Minnie P. Rascoe and Sister Theresa Jennings

The Senior Connection is an idea of Bishop Gresham. During the pandemic, he wanted to give seniors an opportunity to communicate with other seniors without having to leave home. We meet by phone every Thursday from 12:00pm - 1:00pm. During this time, we have praise time, scripture, opening prayer, song, devotion, words of encouragement, testimonies and closing prayer. Our seniors range from ages 55-92. Each senior is given the opportunity to participate in the program.

We have seniors calling in from New York, Georgia, Virginia, Washington DC, Greensboro NC, Windsor NC, Roseville NC and South Carolina. Sister Theresa Jennings, one of the facilitators for the Senior Connection, connected with a 90yr. old senior, who resides in a health facility, and gave her the opportunity to participate with us. Her name is Mrs. Jones and she is appreciative.

The Senior Connection would like to thank each and every person who has given of their time and talent to bless our group.

The call-in number is: 1(712) 432-0190 • Access code:274522#

LET US PRAY!

Praying for our Families *By Sister Dorothy Fairweather* *The Senior Connection*

The Senior Connection has been praying for you and your family. During this time, we want to remind you that God loves you. His love can strengthen and encourage you in your walk with Him. If there is anyone you desire to share the love of God through Jesus Christ, invite them to church to hear the word of God. We will remind you of scriptures that you can use. It is our responsibility as Christians to share the Gospel with others so that they too will receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Please take a few minutes to read the following:

Because of God's love, He sent his only begotten son to die on the cross for the sins of the world
(John 3:16 NKJV)

Adam and Eve's sins of disobedience to God in the Garden of Eden caused us to be separated from God.
(Genesis 3:15 and Romans 3:23, 6:23 NKJV)

God provided Jesus Christ to take away our sins and because of Him we are able to receive the love of God in our lives.
(1 John 5:11-13; Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:3-6; John 14:6 NKJV)

Receiving Jesus Christ in our heart as Lord and Savior is an individualized experience. We cannot depend on our parent's salvation. We must get our own to be able to experience God's unconditional love and plan for their lives.
(John 1:12-13; Ephesians 2:8-9; Revelation 3:20; John 3:1-8; 2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV)

You may be asked what is the meaning of Salvation.

- It means that forgiveness is given to us for our sins, known and unknown, which separates us from God and
- Faith is to trust and believe in God's Word.

Below are Scriptures that you may read:

Romans 10:9-10; 1 Timothy 2:5

A Prayer for Bishop Gresham and Family **By Sister Christine Anderson-Payne** **Senior Connection**

Father God, I come before you to offer prayer for Bishop Gresham and his family. Father our church is blessed because we have a Pastor with faith in you, who guides, serves, encourages and prays for the disciples of his congregation. His life is a blessing to us all. Father, we are thankful for our Pastor and his ministry and all the good works God is doing in and through our church. Father, we thank you for his wife Lady Denise Gresham, his sons, daughter-in-law and grandchildren and the blessings they are to our church and the body of Christ. Father, I ask that you bless each one as they stand in need of and continue to be a source of strength to our Bishop and our church. God continue to bless and keep them all in your love and care.
In Jesus name, Amen.

A Prayer for Healing
By Sister Theresa Jennings
Senior Connection

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that you alone are Jehovah Rapha, Lord who heals us and we thank you for your healing power. You are our healer and deliverer, and by the stripes and blood of Jesus we are healed. We believe that it is your will that we walk in good health - mind, body and soul.

We ask that you extend your hand toward those of us who are in need of a healing touch.

Touch our bodies from the top of our heads to the soles of our feet. We pray that every organ and tissue functions as you purposed it when we were created.

We ask a special anointing and pray for complete healing and deliverance for those on the "ACT" Initiative List; strengthen and keep them as they go through their various phases of treatment. We give all praise and thanksgiving to you for those who have been healed and released from the ACT list.

For those suffering mental challenges, we pray that every resource be made available to them and that proper diagnosis and treatment will be received that they may be healed.

We thank you for the assistance of doctors, nurses, and all health care providers who aid in your healing process. Thank you for our family and other caregivers who assist us in our infirmities. As we wait on our healing, please keep our minds focused on you Lord and your Word so that we will have perfect peace. When we become overwhelmed, let us stand on your promise that you will never leave or forsake us and that you sent your Word to heal us. This is our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A Prayer for the Nation
Pastor Ruth Whitehead
Senior Connection

*Most gracious and glorious Father, we come in the name of Jesus to lift Your Holy name. **1 Chronicles 29:11-13 (NKJV):** "For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, And You are exalted as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand, it is to make great And to give strength to all. "Now, therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name."*

We thank You for another day's journey; thank You for Your grace and mercy that You have bestowed upon us this day. So, God, we ask in the name of Jesus to forgive us for our shortcomings, wash us and purge us with hyssop, create in us a clean heart and renew us with a steadfast spirit. Father God, we come to You on behalf of the Nation, asking You to keep Your hands over your people. "The earth is the Lord, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein." So we know God You are standing watch for your Word tells us You never sleep nor slumber.

*We pray for the families who have gone through tragic loss due to weather, fires, violence, and COVID. Please save this Nation from itself. We know You as a promise keeper. Therefore, we stand on the Word in **2 Chronicles 7:14-15 (NKJV):** "¹⁴if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. ¹⁵Now, My eyes will be open, and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place."*

We who have the power invested in us by the Holy Spirit pull down every stronghold and plead the Blood of Jesus for the United States, Ukraine, our children and the next generation. We pray that they establish a relationship with Jesus, touch those lost souls, restore those who have forgotten their way and deliver this World.

I pray this prayer in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus.
Amen, Amen, and Amen.

André Cam'ryn Xavier Rascoe, Jr.

Congrats – Way to Go!



Submitted By Sister Dyanne Cusseaux

Midshipman André Cam'ryn Xavier Rascoe, Jr., (or Cam as his family calls him) is the grandson of Elder Minister Minnie Rascoe. André graduated May 27, 2022 as the President of his US Naval Academy class. The average GPA for the Academy is 4.3 and the acceptance rate is 8 to 10 percent. Nomination to the US Naval Academy is required by a member of Congress. In Cam's case, he was nominated by Congressman Bobby Scott from Virginia.

Cam originally intended to pursue a law degree and become a Naval JAG Officer. However, he discovered a love for Nuclear Engineering and will now be an Officer on a US Navy Nuclear Submarine. While navigating his rigorous physical and academic program, which included Physics, Advanced Mathematics and Applied Thermodynamics, Cam also found time to spearhead and organize Black Studies events at the Academy.

Cam also pursued his love for singing with the Naval Academy Concert Choir. He was honored to sing at the funeral service of Senator John McCain. Cam then became a vocal soloist with the Naval Academy Gospel Choir and was honored to sing with gospel great Marvin Sapp. Additionally, during Military Appreciation Day, Cam proudly represented the Naval Academy by singing the National Anthem at a televised Baltimore Orioles baseball game.

Cam also found time to become a lead performer with the Naval Academy Performing Arts Department, starring in the musicals *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Oklahoma* and *Grease*. Finally, Cam used his summers to train at Quantico Marine Base to become a Jiu Jitsu instructor while on the Winning Naval Academy Jiu Jitsu Team, The Raptors.

As the President of his 2022 class, Cam was designated to acquire and present a gift to US President Joe Biden, in order to thank President Biden for providing the Commencement Address to the graduates. Cam also provided his Presidential Speech to his fellow graduates. In his address, Cam gave honor to his Great-Grandfather, a share cropper, and his daughter, Minister Rascoe, for instilling the legacy and life-lesson of valuing the “the importance of early mornings during the Harvest Season.” This is a practice Cam remembers witnessing in his Grandma's prayer life. He attributes her heritage of “early mornings” to his successes.

During the graduation ceremony, Midshipman Rascoe was commissioned as an Officer in the United States Navy!

God bless you, Ensign Rascoe! “May you have fair winds and following seas”, throughout your career.



Congratulations

CLASS OF 2022

College Graduates



MAIYA ALLEN

Graduated from University of Maryland Eastern Shore with Bachelors in Hospitality and Tourism Management. Maya plans to work in her field of study. She is the daughter of Maisha & The Late Jeffrey McLaughlin. GPA: 3.2.
Favorite Scripture: *Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)*



CELESTE DADE-VINSON

Received Master of Science in Law-Cybersecurity from University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. GPA: 3.2.
Favorite Scripture: *Proverbs 3:5 - 6 and Romans 8:28 (NKJV)*



HONORABLE MENTION: ANDRÉ CAM'RYN XAVIER RASCOE JR.

Graduated from U. S. Naval Academy. André will be an Officer on a US Navy Nuclear Submarine working in the field of Nuclear Physics. He is the son of Andre Rascoe & Brandy Wright, grandson of Minister Minnie Rascoe. GPA: 4.3.
Favorite Scripture: *Psalms 91 (NKJV)*

High School Graduates



NÁSHARI CUSSEAUX:

Graduated from Laurel High School, Laurel, MD. Náshari will be attending Morgan State University and majoring in English. She is the daughter of Melonie and Everett Cusseaux, granddaughter of Dyanne Cusseaux
Favorite Scripture: *James 1:17 NIV*



DEVIN DAVIS

Graduated from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Washington, DC. Devin will be attending North Carolina Central University. His future interests include becoming a therapist, education, HVAC and real estate. He is the son of Ashley Miller and Thaddeous Davis, grandson of Deaconess Sharon Davis. GPA: 3.5
Favorite Scripture: *Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)*



AARON HALL

Graduated from Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School, Upper Marlboro, MD. Aaron will obtain a degree in Engineering. He is the son of Minister Danielle and the late Maurice Hall.
Favorite Scripture: *Luke 10:30-37 (NKJV)*

Congratulations

CLASS OF 2022

High School Graduates *(continued)*



DARAE HARRISON

Graduated from Atholton High School, Columbia, Maryland. DaRae will be attending Bowie State University. She will be studying Criminal Justice with a concentration in forensic science. She is the daughter of Felicia Harrison. GPA: 3.8

Favorite Scripture: *Psalm 46:5 (NKJV)*



MADISON McLAUGHLIN

Graduated from North Pointe High School, Waldorf, MD. Madison will be attending Florida Memorial University in Miami Gardens, FL. She is the daughter of Maisha & The Late Jeffrey McLaughlin. GPA: 4.2

Favorite Scripture: *Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)*



MALACHI T. McLAUGHLIN

Graduated from Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr., High School, Upper Marlboro, MD. Malachi will be attending Navarro Junior College in Corsicana, TX. He is the son of Maisha & The Late Jeffrey McLaughlin. GPA: 3.2

Favorite Scripture: *Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)*



VICTORIA PALMER

Graduated from Maurice J. McDonough High School, Pomfret, MD, Suma Cum Laude. Victoria will be attending Towson University to pursue her Bachelor and Master degrees in early education and Special Education. Eventually, Victoria will teach English as a Second language in South Korea. She is the daughter of Victor and Minister Katina Palmer. GPA: 4.5

Favorite Scripture: *1 Corinthians 13:4 (NKJV)*



KENNEDY WEBSTER

Graduated from Suitland High School, Suitland, MD. Kennedy will be attending McDaniel University. Over the summer she will be doing a paid internship with the Sheriff Department. She is the daughter of Marina Armstrong. GPA: 3.5

Favorite Scripture: *Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)*



HONORABLE MENTION: AMAYA HOLLAND

Graduated from American Community School Amman, Jordan. Amaya plans to work in the foreign service and major in political science. She is the daughter of Michael and Rosetta Holland, granddaughter of Dorothy Lee. GPA: 3.5

Favorite Scripture: *Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)*



Grade Progression

Sydney Jackson	Entering 12 th grade	Khylah Kenon	Entering 8 th grade
Nia Moore	Entering 12 th grade	Makenzie White	Entering 8 th grade
Lorin Napper	Entering 12 th grade		
		Corinne Vinson	Entering 6 th grade
Micah Carroll	Entering 10 th grade	Mehki Williams	Entering 6 th grade
Anthony Simmons Jr.	Entering 10 th grade		
Naveah Woodland	Entering 10 th grade	Alyssa Jackson	Entering 5 th grade
		Bailey Jordan	Entering 5 th grade
Nicholas Armstrong	Entering 9 th grade	Haley Rogers	Entering 5 th grade
NáShayla Cusseaux	Entering 9 th grade	Kennedy Smith	Entering 5 th grade
Kaylah Howard	Entering 9 th grade	Kristian Smith	Entering 5 th grade
Kaitlyn Palmer	Entering 9 th grade		
Taylor Rogers	Entering 9 th grade	Xavian Cusseaux	Entering 4 th grade

*Congratulations, Greater Graduates.
May your faith and God's guidance lead you into your future!
You have made us all proud. Keep up the Great work!*

Congratulations

CLASS OF 2022

The Greater Christian Community Daycare Center



PAIGE BERRYMAN

Paige will be attending Grace Brethren Christian School
Parents: Mr. & Mrs Patrick Berryman
Favorite Bible Story: Jonah and the Whale



AIDAN CRANDON

Aidan will be attending Barack Obama Elementary School
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Crandon
Favorite Bible Story: Jonah and the Whale



JAYDEN BISHOP

Jayden will be attending Excellence Christian Academy
Parents: Tassia Lewis & Jamel Bishop
Favorite Scripture: Psalm 118:24



AVANI CRANDON

Avani will be attending Barrack Obama Elementary School
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Crandon
Favorite Bible Story: Naaman the Leper



AMARA BOWLES

Amara will be attending Barrack Obama Elementary School
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Bowles
Favorite Scripture: Genesis 1:1



KENNEDY FORBES

Kennedy will be attending Grace Christian Academy
Parents: Haleyme Osbourne & Keith Forbes
Favorite Scripture: Psalm 139:14



PRINCETON BOWLES

Princeton will be attending Barrack Obama Elementary School
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Bowles
Favorite Scripture: Genesis 1:1



IMANI BOWENS-MCLEOD

Imani will be attending Pullen Creative & Performing Arts
Parents: Evelyn Bowens & Douglas McLeod
Favorite Bible Story: King Solomon and the two baby mothers



CHARLISE BRELAND

Charlise will be attending Overlook Elementary School
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Breland
Favorite Scripture: John 3:16



JONAH PEARSON

Jonah will be attending Grace Brethren Christian School
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Pearson
Favorite Scripture: John 1:3

Let's Eat – Recipe

2-Ingredient Watermelon Sherbet



Prep time: 5 min. plus 2 hrs. to freeze Total time: 2 hrs. & 5 min. Servings: 1 quart

Ingredients

6 cups seedless watermelon cubes, frozen

1 cup sweetened condensed milk

Watermelon is the fruit of summer, so why can't this easy watermelon sherbet recipe be the ice cream of summer? With just two ingredients, no churning and minimal prep, this delicious sherbet recipe comes together quickly.

The hardest part of this frozen watermelon dessert recipe is waiting for it to freeze, but we're sure you'll want to make it again and again!

Directions

1. Put the frozen watermelon cubes and sweetened condensed milk into a blender. Blend for 4 to 5 minutes or until thoroughly combined and creamy.
2. Pour the mixture into a loaf pan or container. Freeze for at least 2 hours.

2-Ingredient Strawberry Sorbet



Prep time: 5 min. plus 2 hrs. to freeze Total time: 2 hrs. & 5 min. Servings: 1 quart

Ingredients

2 cups (16 ounces) strawberry or black cherry Greek yogurt

12 ounces frozen strawberries

Summer calls for strawberries, and life just needs sorbet, right? This easy two-ingredient strawberry sorbet recipe is a scoop full of summer. It's a delicious frozen dessert that's healthier than ice cream, and it will put you in a sunny mood while keeping you out of the kitchen.

This frozen yogurt recipe is so easy and so delicious, and no ice cream maker needed!

Directions

1. Combine the ingredients in a blender. (You may need to partially defrost the strawberries depending on the strength of your blender.) Blend until smooth.
2. Put into a freezer-safe container and freeze until it has a sorbet-like consistency.

Recipe by: [30Seconds recipes.com](https://www.30seconds.com)

Happy 33rd Pastoral Anniversary Bishop Kevin V. Gresham Sr.







JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR
P H E N O M E N A L

FIRST LADY'S *Birthday*

SUNDAY
JULY 24

AFTER THE 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

*First Lady
Denise Gresham*

**PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING HER BY WEARING YOUR
*DIAMONDS AND PEARLS***

Please stop by the front entrance of the Narthex to wish Lady Gresham a Very Happy Birthday. A table will be available to leave your Cards/Gifts.





SUMMER PROGRAM

JUNE 20 - AUGUST 20, 2022

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 6AM - 6PM

One Time Activity Fee: \$150.00

OUR ACTIVITIES

Fire Department
Police Department
Park Police
Watkins Park (Animals)
Chicken Hatchery
Pony Rides
Bike/Scooter Rides
Moon Bounce

Face Painting
Balloon Twisting
Dance Troop
Cookouts
Super Summer Show
Willy-Woo Woo and other
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Do you feel you need a breakthrough
for the Lord...

Well the Breakthrough Ministry
is looking for youth ages 6 to 18
to become a part of this dynamic ministry.

Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings, at 7p.m.
Please contact the Administrative Office if you have
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Come Ready To Get Your
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The new **Theatre Arts Ministry** of Greater is looking for you.
We are currently looking for a director preferably with experience in
producing and/or directing productions. We are looking for **actors,**
costume/wardrobe specialists, carpenters, and stage crew.

Please contact **Brother Michael Smith,**
Minister of Music & Fine Arts at gsjcworship@gmail.com
for any further information or questions.

FRESH ANOINTING DANCE MINISTRY



Fresh Anointing is inviting anyone who is interested in joining the ministry.

It is a great way to start your morning with praise and worship to God through dance. We hope to see you on Saturday! If you are interested, contact Sis. Cree Williams at 301-706-1889.

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MEDIA MINISTRY

The **Media ministry** of Greater Saint John Church is looking for disciples to serve, which consists of both the **Audio and Video** portions of worship. If you're tech savvy or want to learn to become tech savvy and serve in a great environment, let us know.

Please contact **Sister Renee Carr** at rpeacecarr@gmail.com for more information.

SHARE MINISTRY



The **Share Team** is in need of many “**Angels**” to help our church disciples and community during this pandemic. The Share basic packages are \$22 each month. Also, we gladly accept can or dry goods for the baskets as a welcome addition to the nutritious food that will go on the table for many families in our community! All orders are on a first come first served basis until we run out. You may purchase as many packages as you want! Place your order by email at: share@saintjohn.net or text 301-254-2795.

We thank you in advance!

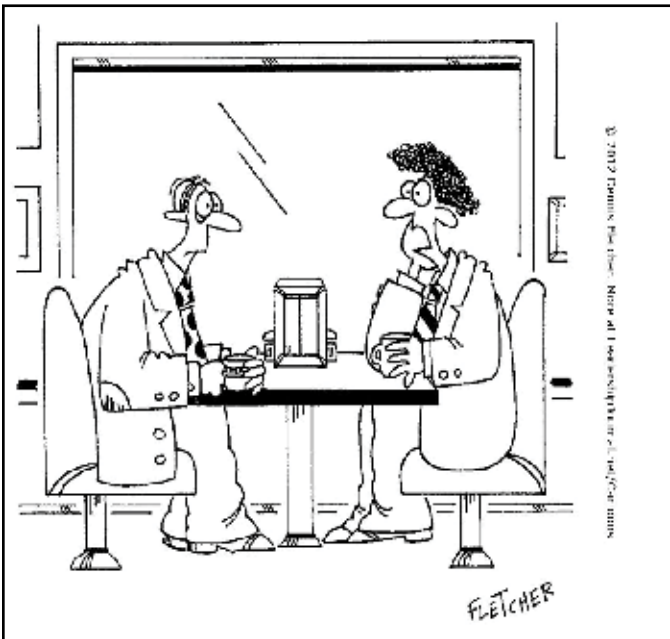


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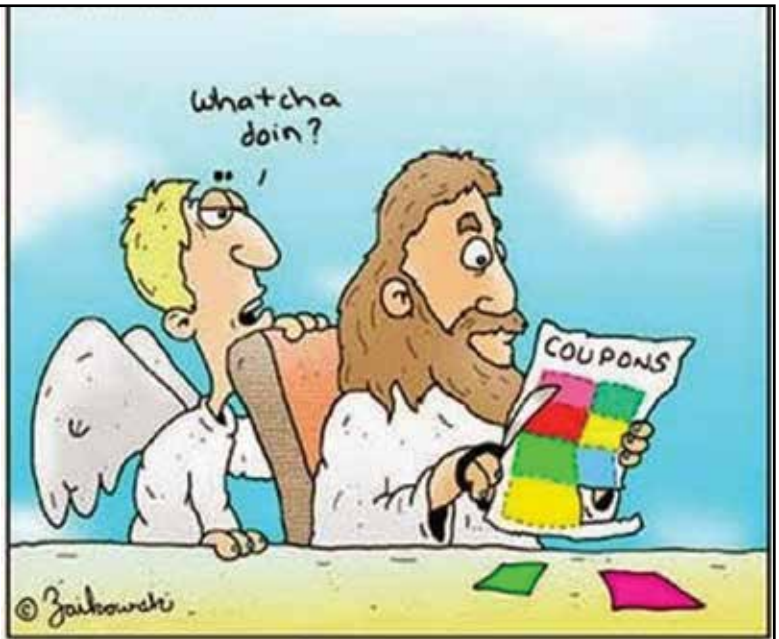
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BEACH	ICE CREAM	PLAY	SUMMER	SWING
CAMPING	JUMP	POOL	SUN	VACATION
FUN	KITE	POPSICLE	SUNGLASSES	

FUN ZONE



"Why is it that a congregation that is still bitter about a 42-year-old misunderstanding can't remember last week's sermon topic?"



Jesus Saves



"After Ted closes with prayer, there will be a brief meeting in the parking lot to determine what, if anything, was actually decided in this meeting."





Mark Your Calendars
EVENTS



AUGUST

7th – Pastor’s Appreciation Sunday

SEPTEMBER

11th – Super Sunday
25th – Founders’ Day

THEME FOR 2022



THINK ON THIS:

If you look at the world, you’ll be distressed. If you look within, you’ll be depressed. If you look at God you’ll be at rest. — *Corrie Ten Boom*

Your job isn’t to judge. Your job isn’t to figure out if someone deserves something or decide who is right or wrong. Your job is to lift the fallen, restore the broken and heal the hurting. — *Joel Osteen*

Sin will take you farther than you ever intended to go, it will cost you more than you ever expected to pay, and it will keep you longer than you ever intended to stay. — *Ted Haggard*

Faith isn’t the ability to believe long and far into the misty future. It’s simply taking God at His Word and taking the next step. — *Joni Eareckson Tada*

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of the gospel and teach godly principles for a Greater Life.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to have an abundantly blessed ministry that is both Supernatural and Spirit Filled.