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"Minister One to Another"

1 Peter 4:10 (KJV) As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

The key relationship in the work place must be the relationship between the employer and the employee. You see, when an employer hires a new employee, he is not just bringing a new member of the workforce aboard, he is also starting a new relationship. And managing this relationship is vital to business success. When the employer develops a strong relationship with his employee it can lead to greater employee happiness and increased productivity.

Listen, when you work for God - you work for the best; He is the best employer ever! It is a wonderful thing to see when someone gives their heart to Jesus. This great journey begins: the journey of love and service to Him. Brothers and sisters, this is what it means to be a Christian. You are a servant of God, a servant of Jesus Christ, a servant of the gospel, to share the message of forgiveness and eternal life through faith in Christ. You are a servant of the church, and of other believers.

The great thing about our employer (God) is, He never gives us a job that He has not gifted us to do. *James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.* There is no doubt as to the fact that God has given us gifts.

These gifts are called (GK) charismata. In the New Testament, a charisma is something given to man by God which the man himself could not have acquired or attained. Charismata it is not a natural talent. It is given to the believer so that he can fulfill his task on earth.

Listen, a man or a woman might practice for a lifetime and never become a virtuoso in the particular arts like music, singing or playing a musical instrument. A virtuoso has more than practice; he or she has something plus, the charisma which is a gift of God. A man might toil for a lifetime and still not be skilled in the use of tools of carving wood and shaping metals. The man that is gifted has something plus, the charisma which is a gift of God.

One might practice speaking forever and a day, learn all the catch phrases and (Continued from Page 1) humorous stories, and still never acquire that anointing which moves an audience or a congregation to follow the Lord. This person has something plus, that charisma which is a gift of God. Every person has his own charisma. It is that something plus given him by God.

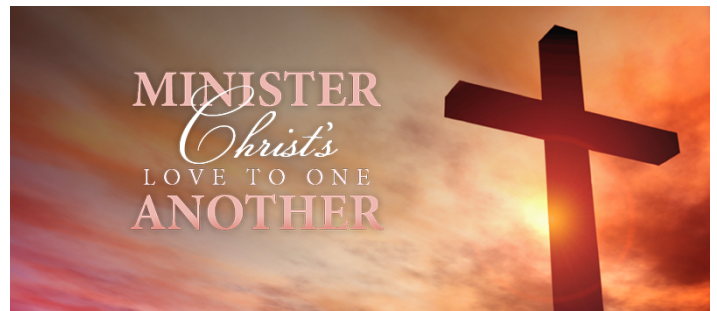
We are called to serve each other in the body of Christ. God has assigned to us gifts to work with and the opportunity to use them according to our abilities. Listen, you and I have a gift and it is because God gave it to us. And He expects us to manage His gifts within the boundaries of our ability.

1 Peter 4:10 (KJV): As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Every Christian has at least one spiritual gift that he must use to the glory of God and the building up of the church (see Rom. 12:1-13; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4:1-16). We are stewards. God has entrusted these gifts to us that we might use them for the good of His church. He even gives us the spiritual ability to develop our gifts and be faithful servants of the church.

The gifts that we have came because of God's grace. They must be accepted and exercised by faith. We were saved "by grace, through faith" (Eph. 2:8-9), and we must live and serve "by grace through faith." Since our gifts are from God, we cannot take the credit for them. Remember God gets the glory.

*Pastor and Lady
R.E. Herring, Sr.*



Prayer and Supplication for our Pastor

Holy God, we come again boldly before Your throne of Grace to offer this prayer on behalf of our Pastor.

First and foremost we thank You, Father, for providing for ALL his needs. We pray that he continues to focus on his blessings and not on what he lacks. Let him by Your strength live his life in praise, glory and honor to You. Never thinking that he's entitled, but always depending utterly on what Your Son has done for him.

Father, we pray that You keep him an instrument of Your grace for your people in this place, as he spreads the message of Your Son to the unbelieving world.

Then Father, we ask that You continually refresh his life, both physically and mentally with Your spirit, as he walks in the path of righteousness that You have established.

Holy Father, as we close this prayer, we pray for his family. We ask that You keep them from every hardship that puts them to the test, as they take the gospel to ALL, without bias or prejudice.

We close this prayer and count it already done, in Jesus' name.

Amen

P. Cross



God's Love

The Bible tells us that "God is love." (**1 John 4:16**). God's love is personal! Galatians 2:20 is a very well known and loved scripture in the New Testament. But one small point that is not always brought out is the last part of the verse. Paul says that Jesus "loved me and gave Himself for me." He loves me! He keeps saying that he did it for me! For Paul (and it should be for us), God's love is personal. Yeah, "for God so loved the world..." – that is awesome and true. But for Paul it was more than that. Jesus loved him personally and gave His life for him! Now, this is not just something Paul could, and should, be saying. It should be the cry of us all. It has been said before that if there were only one sinner who was in need of redemption, Jesus would have still gone to the cross. It's true! God's love is personal. I know of nothing that is so motivating as the love and grace of God. God's perfect love casts out all fear, and the one who fears has not been made perfect in love. Love will always be a greater motive than fear for living the Christian life and staying on the "straight and narrow."

So what is the logical conclusion to such awesome love? Abide in it! Keep yourself in it! Now, let's not get this wrong... God's love doesn't change. But we certainly do! We allow other priorities (which are never really priorities at all!) stifle our relationship with the Lord. We allow the thoughts and desires of the flesh to distract us from the heart and will of God. Is it any wonder then that Jesus made the process of abiding in God's love so practical? God's unconditional love for you comes first. Absolutely. We can only love others, as we have tasted of His love – and so much so that we have some left over!

Jude 21 - "Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life."

M Taylor

MARCH 2017 NATIONAL HEALTH OBSERVANCES AT A GLANCE

Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month

National Cheerleader Safety Month

National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

National Endometriosis Awareness Month - Endometriosis is a condition in which bits of the tissue like the lining of the uterus (endometrium) grow in other parts of the body. It affects 5 1/2 million women and girls in the USA and Canada, and millions more worldwide.

National Kidney Month

National Nutrition Month ®

Problem Gambling Awareness Month

Save Your Vision Month

Trisomy Awareness Month - a condition in which an extra copy of a chromosome is present in the cell nuclei, causing developmental abnormalities.

Workplace Eye Wellness Month

6 - 13 National Sleep Awareness Week ®

6 - 10 National School Breakfast Week

9 World Kidney Day

10 National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

12 - 18 Patient Safety Awareness Week

13 - 19 Brain Awareness Week

19 - 27 Tsunami Preparedness Week

19 - 25 National Poison Prevention Week

20 National Native American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

22 American Diabetes Alert Day

24 World Tuberculosis Day

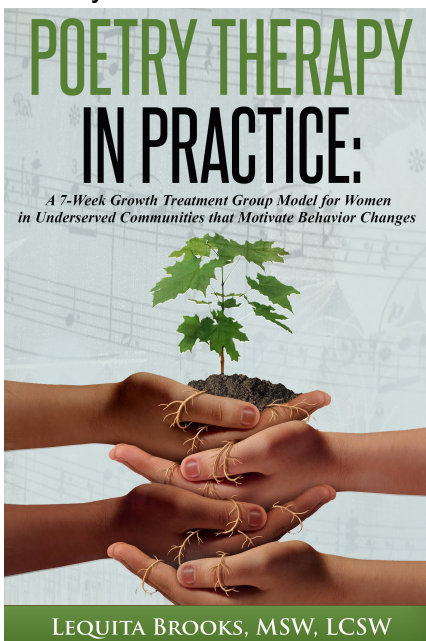
SPOTLIGHTING OUR OWN

Lequita Brooks, MSW, LCSW warmly referred to as the “Dream Architect” develops Career Dream Road Maps for people like an Architect designs structures for corporations. Lequita founded LCN Enterprise, LLC, a human capital management consulting firm that develops creative course curriculum utilizing Poetry Therapy and Career Planning services. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida and a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from Florida State University (FSU) in Tallahassee, Florida.

Lequita is the Author of *Poetry Therapy In Practice: A 7-Week Growth Treatment Group Model for Women in Underserved Communities that Motivates Behavior Changes*. Lequita has also developed programs utilizing Poetry Therapy strategies in survivors of violence groups, justice system programs to reduce recidivism, growth treatment groups, employee morale workshops, standards-based educational curriculum, and career planning workshops to engage, explore, and empower people. Lequita’s intoxicating personality, inventive approach, and innovative practices arouse and engage her audiences in fun, interactive, experiential learning activities.

Lequita’s passion for helping people live their career dreams drives her to continue practicing as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in Florida while offering consultancy services and trainings at Corporations, Educational Settings, Private Practice Settings, and Nonprofits across the United States utilizing Poetry Therapy.

Lequita is the daughter of Sis. Sylvia Green and the granddaughter of Bro. and Sis. Richard and Rosa Lockwood. She has been a member of Mt. Bethel since early childhood. Well done.



"A Job Well Done"

Alonzo Davis, Jr., an 11th grade Honor student at William M. Raines Sr. High School. He has a 4.0 GPA and a member of the Swimming, Wrestling, Track and Field teams. His favorite subject is math and he tutors students from elementary to college. Alonzo just finished his wrestling season with an outstanding record of wins and numerous medals. He went undefeated at the Florida High Duals in Tallahassee early in the season. This year he qualified for both the District & Regional Championships. He continues to strive for excellence and knows that keeping God first is the key to his success. Alonzo has been selected to travel abroad with his classmates this summer to Costa Rica with the D.U.T.Y. Program (Duval Urban Traveling Youth). If you would like to be an individual or business partner, your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Alonzo is the Son of Sister Anchantra Davis and the grandson of Sister Carmalita Williams.



"Congratulations to Vick!"

We celebrate Vicki Iman Barney, who won 2nd Runner Up in the Miss Paxon School for Advanced Studies Pageant which was held on Saturday, February 18, 2017. We are so proud of you and your achievement in this endeavor. Vicki wants to thank everyone for your prayers and support.

She is the daughter of Bro. Anthony Keith Barney, and the granddaughter of Sis. Bernice King.



Gods's Grace

Over the past few years I've wondered about being blessed with "God's Grace." When someone asks, "How are you doing?" we are quick to reply, "Blessed and Highly Favored." Are we repeating a line, do we really understand what we are saying?

Grace is a beautiful word, truly a great Bible truth is resonating in this word. In fact, it is a word and concept without which man's salvation would be impossible. The New Testament writers used *charis*, pre-eminently of that kindness by which God bestows favors even upon the ill-deserving, grants to sinners the pardon of their offences, and bids them accept of eternal salvation through Christ.

When we speak of God's grace, we mean all the good gifts we enjoy freely in life, and there are so many. We could spend a lifetime celebrating them. Grace is waking up each morning, living with your affliction, having a place to live, food to eat and maybe even a job. But it's greater than that, it's having that personal relationship with the lord and sharing with Him everything, surrendering your life completely.

"Grace" speaks of the generous love of God in His gift of the Savior. Those "under grace" have accepted "as a gift" the forgiveness and rescue made and offered in Christ. No longer do they seek to "earn" God's approval by an upright life and acts of service. The life "under grace" is thus a life of gratitude and love. These become the governing principles as we "work out" the implications of what God "works in" us (Phil. 2.12,13).

Just as grace speaks to us of the generosity of God, so the response of grateful love is seen in generosity. Of course, a "gift" can be neither earned nor repaid. So, while we cannot gain God's favor on our own merits, we can never repay His generosity either! However, this does not mean that we "take it easy." We should no longer be seeking to match the minimum requirements of God's Law. If we are living under grace, we will want to give our maximum for the One who has given His maximum for us! This applies to every area of our lives.

M Taylor



POSITIVE MESSAGE

Thank You

After all you have been through in your life, after all the things people have put you through, after all the lies and vicious rumors spread about you, after all the storms and tribulations you have endured, after all the dilemmas you have overcome, after all the roller coaster rides you have experienced through relationships and marriage(s), after all the traps the devil set against you, after all the doubters and haters you have conquered, after all of the backstabbing and backbiting you have bounced back from, after all the bills you were able to pay when it did not look promising, after all the nights you cried yourself to sleep, after all the hell you experienced just this year, and after all of the drama that came your way, Can You Still Tell The Lord, "Thank You?" (**1 Thessalonians 5:18 - In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you).**

D Bell



Remembering Rabbit Tobacco and Sassafras Tea:



Rabbit Tobacco is more traditionally known as a smoke for lung and sinus issues. My grandmama called it Life Everlasting and made a tea from it, which I love to this day. It is actually a powerful anti-viral which needs to be in every home herbal medicine chest.



A traditional Southern blood purifier and liver cleanser, Sassafras is much more! Excellent for the hair to make it grow and shine, it is also one of the more useful antivirals, especially when combined with Rabbit Tobacco. This is another favorite tea of mine. When my daddy was living, he kept me supplied with so much sassafras that I was able to share it. Now I have to get it as a condensed liquid from the grocery or health food store.

Ma Bell

Black History Celebration

On third Sunday, February 26, 2017, the Academic Education Ministry (AEM) facilitated the annual Black History program during the Morning Worship hour. Many of our membership were dressed in African attire to celebrate our heritage, and the Praise Team brought us into an atmosphere of praise and thanksgiving. The Dance Ministry soulfully dramatized the Negro Spiritual sung by Mahalia Jackson, "Soon I Will be Done with the Troubles of this World." Our messenger, Rev. Louis Wright, was presented by Min. Diane Jacobs. The scripture came from Exodus 3, and his message was appropriately entitled, "Our Hope is in the Lord; Keep Hope Alive." He related the similarities between the Israelite captivity in Egypt and the journey that we endured during slavery. And we are still experiencing after effects to this day. As we continue working toward equality, we truly must "Keep Hope Alive."

Ma Bell



THE GLORY TRAIN

All Aboard!!!!!! For the Glory Train.

Please plan to join the Missionary Society with an evening of Dinner Theatre.
The Young Women and Men of Mount Bethel will present the play,
THE GLORY TRAIN, on Saturday evening, March 25, 2017, @ 5:00 pm.
Tickets are \$10.00

This presentation is sponsored by the Missionary Society as a fund raiser to fund their missions (Hubbard House, Schultzbacher Center, Toys for Tots, Thanksgiving Baskets, Blanket Drive, Back to School Supplies)



Please see a Missionary to get your ticket to ride the train.
Sis. Patricia Lewis, President



The Male Conference will begin on Friday, March 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend the opening event. The conference will continue on Saturday with a **men only** session that will begin with breakfast at 8:00 am. The conference will conclude on Sunday, March 19th with the men presiding over 8 am and 11 am service.



Church Dinner

The Music Ministry will be hosting a dinner sale on Sunday, March 12, 2017, after morning worship service. The cost of each dinner is \$10.00 and the meal includes your choice of one meat (turkey wings, fried chicken, or pork chops), two sides (greens, string beans, field peas and okra, and macaroni and cheese), yellow rice, corn bread and a desert. A beverage (soda or bottled water) can be purchased separately for \$1.00.

Please see any member of the Music Ministry to pre-order your dinner or you may purchase your meal on the day of the sale. Please support the Music Ministry in this fundraising endeavor.

Ladies Night Out!



If you've seen the movies, come enjoy the play.

Thursday May 25th, tickets are \$43.00

If you're interested in attending, please see

Sis. Mattie Taylor or email mg05033@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOCUS

March 2017

THE LOVE OF GOD

UNIT III: The Nature of God's Love

March 5th The Source of All Love
I John 4:7-19

March 12th God's Overflowing Love
Ephesians 2:1-10

March 19th Manifesting God's Love
John 15:1-17

March 26th God's Merciful Love
Joel 2:12-13, 18-19, 28-32

Member Information for Church Telephone Directory



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Birthdays of other members in your home:



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Mother's Day
new leaves

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wake up
warm



March 2017

Dea. Randall Rodgers, Jr.	3-01
Sis. Natasha Johnson	3-01
Sis. Shaneika Wilson	3-02
Sis. Linda Hays	3-02
Sis. Danyelle Jones	3-03
Sis. Carolyn Gamble	3-04
Sis. Shelia Benton	3-05
Bro. Romero A. Lee	3-06
Sis. Mildred Dunbar	3-06
Bro. Calvin Sinclair	3-06
Dea. Jerome Haynes	3-08
Sis. Tewannah Prince	3-08
Sis. Gail Bennett	3-08
Sis. Rosa Toussaint	3-09
Bro. Marquis Johnson	3-09
Sis. Yola Williams	3-10
Sis. Luv Mobley	3-10
Bro. Carl Blissitt	3-10
Min. Harriett Fields	3-11
Bro. Paul Jones	3-11
Sis. Keyanna Gollman	3-12
Sis. Sharita Rosemond	3-13
Sis. Eriterea I. Thomas	3-13
Sis. Janice Horne	3-13
Sis. Regina Wilson	3-13
Sis. Charlotte Burrows	3-14
Sis. Sabrina Williams	3-14
Sis. Angel Baggs	3-14
Mo. Bennie R. King	3-15
Bro. Gregory Jackson	3-16
Sis. Chelsey Brown	3-18
Sis. Rolanda Styles	3-18
Bro. Tyveonce Stringfield	3-19
Sis. Iris R. Davis	3-19
Bro. Kerry Robinson	3-19
Dea. John Scott III	3-20
Sis. Rachel Herring	3-22
Bro. Antonio Thomas	3-22
Sis. Ebony Jarrell	3-23
Sis. Lynda Anderson	3-24
Bro. Wallace Mitchell	3-24
Sis. Paige Wiggins	3-25
Bro. Robert Webb	3-26
Bro. Louis Wright, Jr.	3-26
Bro. Dennis Perdue	3-26

Sis. Annie Turner	3-27
Bro. Timothy Grant	3-27
Min. Dorothy A Wright	3-27
Dea. Richard Eady	3-27
Bro. Anthony Garner	3-28
Sis. Trijuana Rosier	3-28
Sis. Tammi Jenkins	3-28
Sis. Gloria Hubbard	3-28
Pastor Robert E. Herring, Sr.	3-29
Sis. Tiffany Salles	3-29
Sis. Hope Moultrie	3-29
Sis. Gwendolyn Corley	3-30
Sis. Linda Jasmine Newson	3-30
Sis. Kateashea Skinner	3-31



March 2017

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Bernard & Rita Hall	3-17
Bruce and Padricka Griffin	3-18
Joe & Mattie Merritt	3-19
Louis & Dorothy Wright Sr	3-21
Louis and Robin Colvin	3-23
Cornelius & Elouis Randall	3-24
Andre & Bonita McBride	3-24
Rodney & Shante McFadden	3-26

****If there's any Birthday or Anniversary missing please contact the office at (904) 764-8032****



MT. BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday 9:00A Prayer Line 11:30A Clothes Closet 11:30A Noon Day Prayer 6:30P Dance Ministry 7:00P SAT Sanctuary Choir	2	3	4
5 HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30A Sunday School New Members Class 11:00A Morning Worship	6 7:00P Empowered Brethren	7 6:30P Sun School Teachers 7:00P Youth Explosion 7:00P Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study	8 9:00A Prayer Line 11:30A Clothes Closet 11:30A Noon Day Prayer 6:30P Dance Ministry 7:00P SAT Sanctuary Choir	9	10	11
12 Daylight Saving Time Begins 8:00A Early Worship 9:30A Sunday School New Members Class 11:00A Morning Worship 5:00P BTU	13	14 6:30P Sun School Teachers 7:00P Youth Explosion 7:00P Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study	15 9:00A Prayer Line 11:30A Clothes Closet 11:30A Noon Day Prayer 6:30P Dance Ministry 7:00P SAT Sanctuary Choir	16	17 7:00P Men's Conference	18 8:00A Men's Conference 10:00A State Oratorical Contest Music Suite
19 8:00A Early Worship 9:30A Sunday School New Members Class 11:00A Morning Worship 4:00P Church outing Greater Mt. Pleasant Callahan, FL	20 6:30P Baptist Training Union	21 6:30P Sun School Teachers 7:00P Youth Explosion 7:00P Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study	22 9:00A Prayer Line 11:30A Clothes Closet 11:30A Noon Day Prayer 6:30P Dance Ministry 7:00P SAT Sanctuary Choir	23	24	25 9:00A Deaconess Ministry 5:00P Missionary Drama Program
26 11:00A Morning Worship 8:00A Early Worship 9:30A Sunday School New Members Class 11:00A Morning Worship Missionary Day	27 6:00P Missionary Society 6:30P Trustee Ministry 7:30P Deacons	28 6:30P Sun School Teachers 7:00P Youth Explosion 7:00P Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study	29 9:00A Prayer Line 11:30A Clothes Closet 11:30A Noon Day Prayer 6:30P Dance Ministry 7:00P SAT Sanctuary Choir	30 7:00P Quarterly Conference	31	Notes: