

International Sunday School Department





Meet Our Leaders

Bishop Alton Gatlin

President, International Sunday School Department



BISHOP ALTON E. GATLIN is a visionary with a desire to see the people of the Lord "*prosper and be in health, as their souls prosper!*" Receiving his formal training from Mississippi Valley State University and the University of Southwestern Louisiana he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. He holds a Master of Divinity from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

God has favored the labor and ministry of Bishop Alton E. Gatlin promoting him to the leadership of the Trinidad & Tobago Jurisdiction. Bishop Gatlin is International Superintendent (*President*) of the Sunday School Department of the Church of God in Christ. He is spreading his love for learning, training and growth through the work of the Sunday School Ministry. He is the Pastor of the First

Church of God in Christ, Crowley, LA. He continues to serve faithfully with the Louisiana First Jurisdiction under the capable leadership of Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush, where he has recently been appointed Assistant Jurisdictional Prelate.

He is the District Superintendent of the Crowley District and Jurisdictional Dean of the United State Auxiliaries Convention and President of the Department of Education. He is a motivational speaker conducting seminars, workshops and meetings on a national and international level. He is currently the President of the Louisiana chapters of the C. H. Mason Bible College. He has a sincere passion for cultivating ministries and Church Growth. His apostolic ministry has established churches in Iota, Mermentau, Ville Platte, Lake Arthur and Church Point, Louisiana. His love for young people prompted the organization of the 'Love Alive' Campus Ministry, comprised of nine universities in Louisiana.

In addition to his ministerial duty, BISHOP GATLIN is a great supporter of family and community. He is married to Supervisor Vanessa Winbush Gatlin. They have two sons, one daughter by marriage, three beautiful granddaughters and one grandson.

Without fear, without favor, and without compromise, Bishop Gatlin is dedicated to the work of the ministry, the upbuilding of the kingdom, the edifying of the body of Christ!

Evangelist Cleolia Wells-Penix

Field Representative, International Sunday School Department



EVANGELIST CLEOLIA WELLS-PENIX was born in Sparkman, Arkansas the seventh child and fraternal twin from the union of Deacon Evandust and Mother Ozella Wells. She is a graduate of Sparkman Training School, matriculating with high academic honors. Her avocation was advanced as a graduate of Nola's School of Cosmetology.

Her parents provided a solid foundation with the implementation of parental rules, which required her and her siblings to faithfully attend and participate in all aspects of Christian education provided by the church, namely Sunday School, Young People Willing Workers and Sunshine Band. This fortified foundation was the impetus for accepting the Lord at an early age. Her formal Christian education includes Charles Harrison Mason Bible College and First Assembly of God Bible Institute.

Her unfettered dedication to building the kingdom spiritually and naturally has resulted in the addition of numerous souls and an integral role in the construction of three houses of worship, Williams Temple Church of God in Christ, Sparkman, Arkansas; St. Paul Church of God in Christ, Rockford, Illinois; Brown's Temple Church of God in Christ, Rockford, Illinois.

Her leadership roles include being appointed to serve in Fifth Jurisdiction of Illinois as Jurisdictional Sunday School Representative to Jurisdictional Sunday School Superintendent W. James Campbell under the leadership of founder the late Bishop Freeman Guy Green and the late Jurisdictional Supervisor of Women Addie Austin, tenure continuing under the leadership of the late Bishop Bennie Earl Goodwin, the late Bishop Samuel McCarthy and currently Bishop James E. Washington.

Her service is further epitomized with work at her local church, serving as Director of the Department of Women under then Elder James E. Washington for over twenty years. Her leadership training resulted in the promotion of several women to key roles at St. Paul.

Currently, she serves in dual roles as Administrative Assistant and Director of the Department of Women under the leadership of Superintendent Jesse Penix at Brown's Temple Church of God in Christ, Rockford, Illinois

2nd Vice President Darrak M. Scurles
Dean, Curriculum & Training



Superintendent Darrak M. Scurles, 2nd Vice President of the International Sunday School Department, Church of God in Christ, is the Pastor of the New Life Christian Center Church of God in Christ in Pensacola, FL and District Superintendent of the Gulf Coast District in the Western Florida Jurisdiction under the Leadership of Bishop Willie J. Matheney. Married and proud father, Superintendent Scurles is a profound speaker and author with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Management with an emphasis on Christian Leadership from the Colorado Christian University and a Masters in Financial Counseling from the American College University. Before and during his recent elevation to 2nd Vice President, Superintendent Darrak Scurles has served as the Dean of training and curriculum development for the International Sunday School Department worldwide for the Church of God in Christ Inc. For thirteen years now, Superintendent Scurles has been a part of developing the best God-driven curriculum for Sunday Schools around the world to enrich, motivate, and grow churches through the development training material that works for all ages within a church structure. Superintendent Scurles has developed Directors of Education for the facilitation of Men's, Women, Special Needs and Disabilities, Leadership, Evangelism, Administration, Biblical Studies, and Foundational Sunday School curriculum for meeting the needs of the family, community, and the church; all for the glory of God and the edification of the church.

Vice Presidents



Superintendent Rodney L. Atkins
1st Vice President
International Sunday School



Superintendent Althea Sims
3rd Vice President
International Sunday School

The Dean's Committee

Special Assistants to the Dean



**Elder & Evangelist
Alfred Molten**



Evangelist Sharon Phillips Williams



**Sister Tonya Wilson
Virtual Assistant to the Dean**

Directors of Education

BISHOP ALTON GATLIN

International Sunday School – President

MOTHER CLEOLIA PENIX

International Field Representative

VICE PRESIDENT DARRAK SCURLES

Dean, Curriculum & Training

DR. JEANNETTE DONALD

Director of Leadership Ministry

BISHOP ROBERT STRONG

Director of Biblical Studies Ministry

DR. PAUL RUFFIN

Director of Biblical Sciences Ministry

SUPERINTENDENT EDDIE MILLER

Director of Disability & Special Needs Ministry

SUPERINTENDENT TERENCE K. KIRK

Director of Foundational Ministry

EVANGELIST CHARLA JOHNSON

Assistant International Field Representative

Director of Women's Ministry

SUPERINTENDENT CHARLES O. NASH, SR.

Director of Men's Ministry

EVANGELIST SHARON PHILLIPS WILLIAMS

Director of Evangelism Ministry

DR. J. LOUIS FELTON

Director of Homiletics & Men's Conference

PASTOR A. L. SHAW

Director of Love Alive Campus Ministry



Meet Our Facilitators

LEADERSHIP MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL



DR. JEANNETTE H. DONALD DIRECTOR OF LEADERSHIP MINISTRY

LOUISIANA EASTERN FIRST JURISDICTION
BISHOP ALPHONSO DENSON, PRELATE
MOTHER DOROTHY RICHARDSON, SUPERVISOR OF WOMEN

The First Lady of the Gospel Temple Church of God in Christ, Pine Grove, Louisiana under the leadership of her husband, Elder Peter Donald. A graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, Louisiana in Office & Business Administration, Certified & Licensed Belief Therapist (*Therapon Institute of New Orleans, Louisiana*), IFFC Bible Institute of Baton Rouge, Louisiana (*Diploma in Theology*) and Life Christian University (*Bachelor's Degree in Christian Counseling and Bachelor Degree, Master's Degree & Doctoral Degree in Theology*) Zachary, Louisiana. Dr. Jeannette serves as Assoc. Professor of Life Christian University (*Zachary, Louisiana*). She serves at her local church as the chairperson of the Women's Department, Intercessor & Prayer Warriors, and a Sunday School Teacher. She serves in the Louisiana East First Jurisdiction as Asst. Dean of the W. K. Gordon Institute and the Jurisdictional Sunday School Field Representative.



EVANGELIST MISSIONARY SANDRA DANIEL

Jurisdictional Field Representative
First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Southern California
Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis, Assistant General Supervisor
Bishop Joe L. Ealy, Jurisdictional Prelate

BISHOP FRANK HENRY DOUGLAS, JR.,



founding Senior Pastor of Beth-Judah Ministries Church of God in Christ, founded in August 1994. Married to Lady Carmen, six children to this blended family. Installed as bishop in 2008 to oversee the Missouri Western First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and in his fifth year of the bishopric. Served in the Jurisdiction as district superintendent, financial leader, AIM chairman and Sunday School superintendent prior to his episcopal elevation. Provides Christian life coaching leadership for the *Innovative Seed Group*: helping people understand their creative seed within.



EVANGELIST BETTY J. BYRD

Jurisdictional Young Women's Christian Council (YWCC) President
Alabama First Jurisdiction
Mother Mattie Taylor, Jurisdictional Supervisor
Bishop O. L. Meadows, Jurisdictional Prelate



ELDER JIMMY LEE FLEMING, JR.

Louisiana Eastern Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Bishop Howard E. Quillen, Jr., Prelate
Mother Gwendolyn Badon, Supervisor of Women



SISTER TONYA HAMMONDS

Tennessee Eastern Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Bishop James Scott, Prelate



PASTOR LARRY POLK

ST. EMMANUEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, PASTOR
JURISDICTIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
Texas Northeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction



MISSIONARY FELICIA FLEMING

DISTRICT MISSIONARY
Louisiana Eastern Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Bishop Howard E. Quillen, Jr., Prelate
Mother Gwendolyn Badon, Supervisor of Women



MOTHER NAOMI STEWART

Adult Sunday School Teacher
SCRIPTURE LEVITE MINISTRY
South Central Georgia Jurisdiction
Bishop Norman O. Harper, Prelate
Mother Edith L. McGrew, Supervisor of Women

FOUNDATIONAL MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL



ELDER TERENCE K. KIRK
DIRECTOR OF FOUNDATIONAL MINISTRY

JURISDICTIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
Texas Southeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Rufus Kyles, Jr.



EVANGELIST CAROLYN CECILE HINES

JURISDICTIONAL FIELD REPRESENTATIVE
Texas Southeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Rufus Kyles, Jr.



ELDER CHARLES ROWRY

Regional President
Texas Southeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Bishop Rufus Kyles, Jr., Prelate



ELDER BRUCE DONALD

Texas Southeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdictional
Bishop Rufus Kyles, Jr. Jurisdictional Prelate



ELDER DARREN THAMES

Jurisdictional State Sunday School Superintendent
Nevada 1st Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Bishop Carruth Hall, Jurisdictional Prelate



PASTOR CHARLES LOVINGS

REGIONAL PRESIDENT

TEXAS SOUTHEAST FIRST ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION
JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE, BISHOP RUFUS KYLES, JR.
PRESENTATION FOCUS: *"Strengthening Your Commitment"*



EVANGELIST SAMALA LUNDY

Jurisdictional State Sunday School Superintendent
Nevada 1st Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Bishop Carruth Hall, Jurisdictional Prelate

EVANGELISM MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL



EVANGELIST SHARON PHILLIPS -WILLIAMS DIRECTOR OF EVANGELISM MINISTRY

She is presently a member of Williams Temple Church of God in Christ. She has served as Teacher of Old Testament Class, Chairperson of the Junior Mothers Board, Chairperson of the Church Anniversary Committee, Coordinator of the Tutorial Program, and Coordinator of "Feed My Children" program, Prayer Power team member, Prison Team Ministry member, and Elect Lady for the Daniel Bostick District in Jurisdiction 1. She was the Assistant Elect Lady for Southeastern Missouri/Western Ill - Jurisdiction #2. She was the coordinator of the Williams Temple Women Forum, President of the Board of the Neighborhood Outreach Center, and Board Member of Touching Lives Ministry. She is the Accountant for the Williams Temple Church of God in Christ. She is the Director and Owner of Brighter Day Care & Preschool with more than 150 students.



EVANGELIST JEAN GARDNER

JURISDICTIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
EASTERN MISSOURI WESTERN ILLINOIS



INTERNATIONAL EVANGELIST SHIRLEY WOOTEN WILLIAMS TEMPLE COGIC EASTERN MISSOURI WESTERN ILLINOIS JURISDICTION BISHOP LAWRENCE M. WOOTEN, PRELATE



PASTOR JOHN STAPLE, JR. GROWING FAITH MINISTRIES CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST South Central Georgia Jurisdiction Bishop Norman O. Harper, Prelate



DR. RALPH MCGLOWN

Elder Andrew Bailey, Jurisdictional Sunday School Superintendent
Bishop William Scott, ISEJ Prelate



PASTOR LUTHER & FIRST LADY PORTIA TAYLOR

Days of Noah Church of God in Christ
Eastern Missouri Western Illinois Jurisdiction
Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten, Prelate



SISTER ANGELA SANFORD

Superintendent John Riley, Pastor
Illinois Southwest Jurisdiction
Bishop William Scott, Prelate



EVANGELIST ANITA JEFFERSON

Elder Dave Draper Jr., Pastor
Alabama 1st Jurisdiction
Bishop O. L. Meadows, Prelate

DISABILITY MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL



SUPERINTENDENT EDDIE L. MILLER DIRECTOR OF DISABILITY MINISTRY

He was appointed as the Director of the newly formed ministry in 2009 by Bishop Alton Gatlin. Currently he serves as the Pastor and founder of New Commandment Church of God In Christ and the Jurisdictional Sunday School Superintendent of the Second Jurisdiction of Arkansas.

Professionally Elder Miller attended Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia AR. He obtained a B.S. in Social Work and Pre-Law. He worked as the Client Assistant Program Director at the Disability Rights Center for the State of Arkansas for 18 years. Being employed in the Disability Arena for over 25 years, Elder Miller currently is employed at Arkansas Enterprise for People with Developmental Disabilities. He serves on the Arkansas State Rehabilitation Council. This Council fights for the rights of people with disabilities and ensure services are provided to people in need. Elder Eddie L. Miller is a lifelong advocate for people with disabilities.



EVANGELIST NANCY R. MITCHELL-JONES

She develops and delivers all training to department personnel for the development and enhancement for an effective Sunday school. As the Disability Ministry/Funding and Development Coordinator she oversees charitable contributions and corporate funding for the Disability Ministry Day Camp and serves as the Camp Director.



EVANGELIST RUBY STAMPLEY-WEEKS Disability Ministry/Training Coordinator



SISTER ASHLEY BOYD

Camp Medical Staff

EVANGELIST DORNESHA BOYD

MEN'S MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL



SUPERINTENDENT CHARLES O. NASH, SR.
DIRECTOR OF MEN'S MINISTRY

Founder and Overseer, is a respected and Dynamic Preacher, Teacher and a Community leader, a visionary for both the church and our community; He is married to Int'l Evangelist Eloris Nash; they are the proud parents of seven children and twenty eight Grandchildren's and one great-granddaughter.

Supt. Nash is the Pastor and Founder New Hope Church of God In Christ. He is the Superintendent of the Greater Hope District, and Administrative Assistant in Central Illinois Jurisdiction Bishop Juan L. Morrison, Prelate. Pastor Nash received his education from Booker T. Washington Elementary and High School in Philadelphia, Mississippi. He received several certificates from Jackson County Junior College in Theology; several certificates in Biblical Studies from

Charles Harrison Mason Bible College; certificate as a Christian Counselor and continued education from several different Colleges for his job at Cabot Chemical Corporation, where he was employed for over thirty-one plus years as a technological in the reach and development lab.

BIBLICAL SCIENCE THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

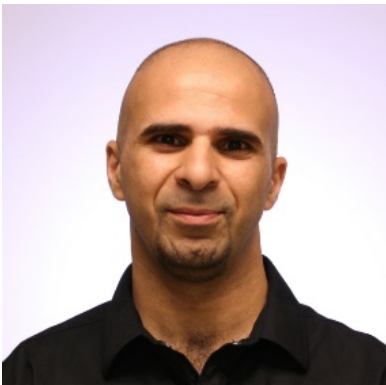


DR. PAUL B. RUFFIN
DIRECTOR OF BIBLICAL SCIENCE

BISHOP O. L. MEADOWS, PRELATE

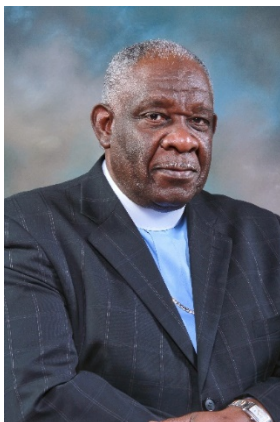
He serves as Senior Pastor of the Forge Temple COGIC in Birmingham, AL, the Jurisdictional Sunday School Superintendent of Alabama #1, and the Director of “Biblical Science” in Sunday School University. He serves as the Assistant Dean of the O. L. Meadows School of Ministry (previously - C. H. Mason System of Bible Colleges), Huntsville Campus and the President of Tender Love Family Ministries, Inc. - a non-profit organization whose primary mission is to minister to the youth via public Christian concerts and teaching

events/media. He hosts the “Biblical Truths for Abundant Life” Radio Broadcast. From 2004 to 2006, he served as Director of the Dr. Paul B. Ruffin Math Tutoring Academy (named in his honor) – a science and math tutoring support activity initiated to assist K-9 students that reside in public housing in the Huntsville, AL area. Dr. Ruffin received the B. S. Degree in Physics from Alabama A&M University. He was the first African American to receive advanced degrees in Physics from any Post Secondary School in the State of Alabama, when he earned his masters and later his Ph.D. Degree in Physics from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, AL. He received the Doctor of Ministry Degree (D.M.) from the Minnesota Graduate School of Theology. He is an Adjunct Professor in the Physics Department at Alabama A&M University. He was presented the Pastoral Humanitarian Award by the Alabama People’s Choice and the Presidential Meritorious Rank Award - awarded to him by President Barak Obama.



DEACON MAZIN – JAMES KHLAIF
Sunday School Teacher

BIBLICAL STUDIES MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL



**AUXILIARY BISHOP ROBERT D. STRONG, SR.
DIRECTOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES**

Auxiliary Bishop Robert D. Strong, Sr. is currently Pastor of Kossuth Church of God in Christ of St. Louis, Missouri and on November 10, 2013, Elder Robert D. Strong, Sr. was elevated and installed to Auxiliary Bishop of Churches of God in Christ by The Honorable Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle Charles E. Blake, officiating at Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Missouri. Pastor Strong has faithfully served this congregation since April, 1977. Also while serving as Pastor of Kossuth COGIC, Bishop Strong was employed by General Motors for 25 years until he received a word from the Lord to dedicate his life to full time ministry. In 1994, Pastor Strong received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biblical Studies from Lael College. He also received his Master's Degree in Ministry. He has also sponsored trips to Israel, Jordan, and Egypt, to help inspire faith in the Lord. Pastor Strong has been married to Evangelist Missionary Jaynes Strong for 48 years, and she works untiringly alongside him in the ministry. They have seven unique children.



**DR. LINDA SMITH
EASTERN MISSOURI FIRST JURISDICTION
BISHOP R. J. WARD, PRELATE**



LADY EVELYN D. GIVENS

WOMEN'S MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL



EVANGELIST CHARLA V. JOHNSON DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRY

South Central Georgia Jurisdiction
Bishop Norman O. Harper, Prelate

She is a member of Kelly Lake COGIC, under Bishop Norman O. Harper of South Central Georgia Jurisdiction. She has worked with local Sunday school programs for over twenty years. She has been part of the International Sunday school since 1997. She worked quietly behind the scenes as a Sunday school worker with General Board Member Bishop Jerry Macklin and Mother Gloria Smith in the late 1990s. Under Bishop Alton Gatlin, she has had the opportunity to also write commentary lessons, assist with the planning committees, and develop instructional lessons for the ISSD *Sunday School University* as a director of Women's Department. She is a Licensed Certified Otolaryngology Physician Assistant. She has a Master's Degree in Theology from Liberty University May, 2014.



DR. SYLVIA HALL

South Central Georgia Jurisdiction
Bishop Norman O. Harper, Prelate



DR. JONATHAN J. SHEPARD

Elder Shepard is a board certified Child & Adolescent and Adult Psychiatrist. He is currently the Medical Director for Hope Health Systems, Inc. in Baltimore, MD, where he supervises other child & adolescent and adult psychiatrists.



MOTHER JOANN DAVIS



DIST. MISS'Y JANICE EDMOND



DR. DANNY ALLEN

ADMINISTRATION THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL



**SUPERINTENDENT DANIEL W. HOLMES, PH.D.
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION**

Elder Holmes is a graduate of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. He is a graduate Physician Assistant with the specialty of general Internal Medicine and specialty in Surgery. Presently, he is the proud holder of The Award for Outstanding, Compassionate Community Involvement. He was presented this award by Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. He is honored as the documented writer and author of the Official Alma Mater and School song of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. He is a former celebrated employee as instructor in Anatomy and Physiology and General Education at the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, College of Allied Health. At the University, he was also the designated Job Developer for the Medical Career Opportunity Program and a Constitution Committeeman for the University. And he was the Program Director for Regional Job Training Center in Compton, CA. Presently and professionally, he functions as the Leading External Cardio Counter Pulsation Therapist at the Covenant Medical Center in Los Angeles, California, and he serves as Chaplain and Special Needs Counselor at Careline Hospice in Glendale, California. Presently, in the International Church of God in Christ, Dr. Holmes is a caregiver, working with the International Nurses Unit, and he serves as the Associate Secretary on the International Council of Pastors and Elders.



**PROPHETESS & EVANGELIST
ARBE D. WOODS BROOKS
STATE SUPERINTENDENT**

“LOVE ALIVE” Campus Ministries



**PASTOR A. L. SHAW
DIRECTOR OF LOVE ALIVE
CAMPUS MINISTRY**

PASTOR A. L. SHAW currently serves at the Davis Memorial Church of God in Christ in Nacogdoches, Texas. For the last 17 years, Pastor Shaw has served as President of the State Youth Department in Texas South Central Jurisdiction and currently serves as the Dean of Education for the Nacogdoches District, State AIM Chairman for Texas South Central Jurisdiction and is the Director of the “Love Alive” Campus Ministries under the ISSD. He holds a B.S. in Business Administration and is President/Founder and CEO of DM

Ministries CDC a 501©3 faith-based organization formed to provide childcare services, after-school programs for at-risk youths and housing programs for low-income citizens in Texas.



DR. PAUL HILL

serves as the Pastor of Spirit And In Truth Church of God in Christ, located in Bonifay, Florida; Spirit And In Truth Church of God in Christ of Atlanta, located in Union City, Georgia; Spirit And In Truth Church of God in Christ of Marianna, located in Marianna, Florida; and Ark of God Ministries Church of God in Christ, Marianna, Florida. He is also the Secretary of the Pastor and Elders Board for the NWFL COGIC Jurisdiction and the President of the COGIC Urban Initiative for the Northwest Florida Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.



SISTER SARAH HILL



DR. MARVEL ROSS-JONES

She is the Campus Director at Bryant & Stratton College located in Buffalo/Niagara, New York. She serves in New York West 2nd Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction COGIC. She is happy to serve as the Sunday School Superintendent and is involved in a number of various ministries throughout New York West Jurisdiction and holds a PhD from SUNY in Buffalo, New York.



PASTOR ANTHONY LAMAR SCOTT

He is the Founder and Senior Pastor of Word of Life COGIC in Houston, TX. Pastor Anthony is a graduate of Prairie View A & M University, where he obtained a B. S. in Psychology and a minor in Theatre Arts. He was also a part of the Psychology clubs, A B Psi and the local chapter of the NAACP and is the current State Sunday School Superintendent in Texas South Central Jurisdiction.



TYRONE RODERICK WILLIAMS



PASTOR PAUL WILSON, JR.
Marketplace Pastor
Kingdom Business University



ELDER GREG MERRIWEATHER

He continues his commitment and dedication to fulfill the will of God. He holds a Business Degree from Mississippi Valley State University and currently attends Lancaster Theological Seminary working toward his PhD in Theology.



MISSIONARY SANDY SHAW

She is the First Lady of Davis Memorial COGIC. She is very active in her church and community serving as a member of the Board of Directors for DM Ministries CDC, a 501@3 non-profit organization and Human Resource Director of the Spring Hill Learning Center in Nacogdoches, Texas. Her ministerial duties include Jurisdictional President of Pastors & Elders Wives and have a 20 years history in finance & banking.



ALETHEA "COOKIE" TAYLOR

She is gifted for ministry. "Cookie" as she is affectionately known is a native of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and has served the Church Of God In Christ for more than 25 years. She currently serves as Chairlady for Christian Education for Michigan Southwest #3 Jurisdiction, Sunday School Field Representative and Scholastic Motivational Coordinator and is the District Missionary for the Rhema District in Michigan.

HOMILETICS THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL



DR. J. LOUIS FELTON
DIRECTOR OF HOMILETICS & MEN'S CONFERENCE

DR. J. LOUIS FELTON was appointed as pastor of Mt. Airy COGIC June 27, 2010; Installed as pastor of Mt. Airy COGIC August 1, 2010, by Bishop Ernest C. Morris, Sr. – founding pastor of Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ; presiding prelate of the Pennsylvania Koinonia Jurisdiction. District Superintendent of the Phileo District of the Pennsylvania Koinonia Jurisdiction; Bishop Ernest Morris, Presiding Prelate. Since being appointed pastor of Mt. Airy COGIC, the Lord has added nearly 1,000 souls to the kingdom through this ministry; The Mt. Airy church has celebrated its mortgage burning, installed a new roof on the sanctuary and made many other capital improvements, building upon the strong foundation of the leadership of Bishop Ernest C. Morris, Sr. Led a pilgrimage to Israel and Egypt, in conjunction with the Christian Education Ministry, in March, 1994 and November, 1997. Pastor Felton is married to First Lady Priscilla E. Felton who also works diligently in the church and community.

Sunday School University



Schedule Of Events

THE JURISDICTIONAL SUPERINTENDENT TRAINING SEMINAR

BISHOP ALTON GATLIN

It is our desire that as you study and participate in this class, you will gain an appreciation for the awesome task of leading your Sunday School ministry. The next few hours will challenge your ability to think outside the box as you prepare to serve as never before. The quest to be the best servant possible will be fully attainable as you complete this course.

Day 1 - LEADERSHIP PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORLD

Called to Serve

- A. How can I be sure?
- B. Which calling is mine?
- C. Cultural Awareness, am I prepared?

Day 2 - FIRST THINGS FIRST

- A. Character is what I am
- B. Faith that defies logic
- C. The power within

Day 3 - BUILDING YOUR ORGANIZATION

- A. **WHO'S** holding your ladder?
- B. Setting attainable goals
- C. Vision casting
- D. The first step

Day 4 - THE FINAL DRAFT

- A. Is the mission clear?
- B. Is my timeline reasonable and attainable
- C. How do I evaluate?
- D. Will my efforts make the difference?
- E. The promise fulfilled

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE'S TRAINING

International Field Representative Mother Cleolia Penix
Assistant Field Representative Evangelist Charla Johnson

So you have been chosen by leadership to be a Field Representative for the Sunday School Department that is awesome! The question is What Do You Do Now? Come join us in the Field Representative's Sunday School University sessions from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. daily.

Strengthening the District and Jurisdictional Sunday School through Field Representatives

New Day, New Beginning, New Department
Mother Cleolia Penix

30 June

9:00 a.m.

She will address all the new programs, committees, and opportunities that are happening in the ISSD and how you as a field representative and make a difference in your local work. Skill set forms will be completed evaluate just where you will best benefit the department with your talents.

Jurisdictional Field Rep: What should I do?
Mother Cleolia Penix

1 July

9:00 a.m.

Jurisdictional Field Representative job descriptions will be discussed to include Regional Field Representative responsibilities. Interactive dialogue with Mother Penix and the Field Reps will take place in order to clarify interaction between the Jurisdictional Field Reps and the ISSD.

District Field Rep: What should I do?
Evangelist Charla Johnson

2 July

9:00 a.m.

District Field Representatives will be addressed with job descriptions and innovative ideas to assist their superintendents with events and ways and means for their district. Strong District Sunday Schools make great Jurisdictional Sunday Schools.

Wrap Up Sessions

3 July

9:00 a.m.

Bring all your thought provoking questions and ideas to the wrap up session for the Field Reps.

June 30 – July 3, 2015 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAILY

8:00 AM

Prayer / Morning Glory

(Location: Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom)

TUESDAY – FRIDAY

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

**Sunday School University Training &
DIRECTORSHIP PRESENTATIONS**

Superintendent Darrak Scurles, Dean

- **Jurisdictional Sunday School Supt.
Bishop Alton Gatlin
(Location: Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom)**

**Jurisdictional Sunday School Field Rep.
Field Representative Cleola Penix
Assistant Field Rep. Charla V. Johnson
(Location: Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom)**

- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM** - **International S.S. Convention Services
(Location: Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom)**

- 1:30 – 3:30 PM** - **Love Alive Campus Ministries
Pastor Al Shaw
(Location: TBA)**

THURSDAY

- 2:00 PM** - **Official Day: President's Luncheon
(Location: TBA)**

FRIDAY

- 9:00 – 11:00 am** - **Sunday School University Super Sunday School Grand Recognition & Close Out
(Location: TBA)**

- 11:00 AM** - **Men's Conference
Dr. Louis Felton & Staff
(Location: TBA) Women's Conference
Supervisor Vanessa Gatlin
Field Representative Mother Cleolia Penix (Location: TBA)**

TUESDAY, JUNE 30th

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

***Vice President Darrak M. Scurles
Dean of Training and Curriculum***

LOCATION	COURSE	MINISTRY Through Sunday School	FACILITATOR
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Jurisdictional Superintendent Training Seminar	Superintendents Training	Bishop Alton Gatlin
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Field Representatives Training	Field Representative Training	International Field Representative Mother Cleolia Penix
Marriott Tampa Waterside Meeting Room 1	Against All Odds: “Are You Winning?” Your Assignment (Trials & Triumphs) Called to L.E.A.D.	Leadership Ministry	Dr. Jeannette H. Donald Sister Tonya Hammonds Missionary Felicia Fleming
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Solidifying Your Commitment	Foundational Ministry	Pastor Charles Lovings Elder Bruce Donald
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Sunday School and Evangelism Working Together No More of the Same which is not Producing /Reproducing Church Growth through the Power of the Holy Ghost	Evangelism Ministry	Evangelist Sharon P. Williams Dr. Ralph McGlown Evangelist Jean Gardner
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Presenting Jesus to our Children Matters of the Heart	Women’s Ministry	Dr. Sylvia Hall Evangelist Charla V. Johnson
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	The Psychology of Man	Men’s Ministry	Dr. Rozario Slack Superintendent J. Goodson
Marriott Tampa Waterside Meeting Room 6	Speak the Word	Homiletics Ministry	Dr. Louis Felton
Marriott Tampa Waterside Meeting Room 7	The Many Who Are Last, Shall Be First	Biblical Studies Ministry	Bishop Robert D. Strong, Sr.
Marriott Tampa Waterside Meeting Room 5	The Origin of Man Why Does It Matter? Case Study: Fixed Earth	Biblical Science Ministry	Dr. Paul Ruffin Deacon Mazin-James Khlaif
Location TBA	Preparing Leadership for a Disability Ministry: Ground Rules to Accessibility Training for the Ministry	Disability Ministry	Superintendent Eddie Miller Evangelist Nancy R. Jones
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Growing the Kingdom Together	Administration Ministry	Evangelist Arbe Woods- Brooks

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1st

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

***Vice President Darrak M. Scurles
Dean of Training and Curriculum***

LOCATION	COURSE	MINISTRY Through Sunday School	FACILITATOR
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Jurisdictional Superintendent Training Seminar	Superintendents Training	Bishop Alton Gatlin
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Field Representatives Training	Field Representative Training	Field Representative Mother Cleolia Penix
Marriott Tampa Waterside Meeting Room 1	Transformation No Ordinary Journey Destiny: Created to Excel	Leadership Ministry	Evangelist Betty Byrd Elder Jimmy Fleming Evangelist Sandra Daniel
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Stabilizing Your Commitment	Foundational Ministry	Pastor Darren Thames Evangelist Samala Lundy
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Sunday School- A school without walls Making the Connection Between Sunday School and Evangelism Youth Evangelism in Sunday School	Evangelism Ministry	First Lady Portia Taylor Evangelist Anita Jefferson Evangelist Arica Allen
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Keys to Successful Aging Ministering to Ministering Servants	Women's Ministry	Mother Joann Davis District Missionary Janice Edmonds
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	You Are My Brother	Men's Ministry	Superintendent Frederick Cowen
Marriott Tampa Waterside Meeting Room 6	Speak the Word	Homiletics Ministry	Dr. Louis Felton
Marriott Tampa Waterside Meeting Room 7	The Last Hired	Biblical Studies Ministry	Bishop Robert D. Strong, Sr.
Marriott Tampa Waterside Meeting Room 5	The Origin of the Giants after the Flood Multivalency of the Word "Day" in Genesis	Biblical Science Ministry	Dr. Paul Ruffin Deacon Mazin-James Khlaif
Location TBA	Preparing Membership Medical Needs Day Camp	Disability Ministry	Evangelist Ruby Weeks Sister Ashley Boyd Joni and Friends Disability Ministry, INC
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Sunday School – It's for Life	Administration Ministry	Evangelist Arbe Woods-Brooks

THURSDAY, JULY 2nd

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Vice President Darrak M. Scurles, Dean of Training and Curriculum

LOCATION	COURSE	MINISTRY Through Sunday School	FACILITATOR
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Jurisdictional Superintendent Training Seminar	Superintendents Training	Bishop Alton Gatlin
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Field Representatives Training	Field Representative Training	Field Representative Mother Cleolia Penix
Marriott Tampa Waterside Meeting Room 1	Scripture Levite Ministry What's My Next Assignment? Against All Odds: "Are You Winning?"	Leadership Ministry	Mother Naomi Stewart Bishop Frank Douglas, Jr. Dr. Jeannette H. Donald
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Securing Your Commitment	Foundational Ministry	Elder Charles Rowry Evangelist Carolyn Hines
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	New Methods for Sunday School growth through Evangelism Throw Out the Dragnet Committed Teachers are Imperative for Christian Discipleship	Evangelism Ministry	Elder Carl Smith Int'l Evangelist Shirley Wooten Sis. Angela Sanford
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Dementia: The Unforgiving Reality Why So Down Cast in My Soul?	Women's Ministry	Dr. Jonathan Shephard
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	The Man God Created	Men's Ministry	Superintendent Charles Nash
Marriott Tampa Waterside Meeting Room 6	Speak the Word	Homiletics Ministry	Dr. Louis Felton
Marriott Tampa Waterside Meeting Room 7	How Far Has He Removed Our Transgressions From Us	Biblical Studies Ministry	Bishop Robert D. Strong, Sr.
Marriott Tampa Waterside Meeting Room 5	The Wednesday Crucifixion Dealing with Objections: Death Before The Fall?	Biblical Science Ministry	Dr. Paul Ruffin Deacon Mazin-James Khlaif
Location TBA	Day Camp Family Support Financial Support	Disability Ministry	Joni and Friends Disability Ministry, INC Evangelist Domesha Boyd Evangelist Nancy R. Jones
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Growing the Kingdom Together	Administration Ministry	Evangelist Arbe Woods- Brooks

FRIDAY, JULY 3rd

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Vice President Darrak M. Scurles, Dean of Training and Curriculum

LOCATION	COURSE	MINISTRY Through Sunday School	FACILITATOR
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Jurisdictional Superintendent Training Seminar	Superintendents Training	Bishop Alton Gatlin
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Field Representatives Training	Field Representative Training	Field Representative Mother Cleolia Penix
Marriott Tampa Waterside Meeting Room 1	Character Development Scripture Levite Ministry Against All Odds: "Are You Winning?"	Leadership Ministry	Pastor Larry Polk Mother Naomi Stewart Dr. Jeannette H. Donald
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Wrap-Up Session	Foundational Ministry	Superintendent T. K. Kirk & Presenters for the Week
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Seven Steps to Christian Discipleship The Biblical Formula for Church Growth	Evangelism Ministry	Pastor John Staples Evangelist Sharon Phillips Williams
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Ministering to the Incarcerated Child Abuse & Neglect in Church	Women's Ministry	Dr. Danny Allen Evangelist Charla V. Johnson
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	The Man God Created	Men's Ministry	Superintendent Charles Nash
Marriott Tampa Waterside Meeting Room 6	Speak the Word	Homiletics Ministry	Dr. Louis Felton
Marriott Tampa Waterside Meeting Room 7	Why Stand Idle All Day?	Biblical Studies Ministry	Bishop Robert D. Strong, Sr.
Marriott Tampa Waterside Meeting Room 5	The Ice Age and Cavemen Sophistication in Genesis	Biblical Science Ministry	Dr. Paul Ruffin Deacon Mazin-James Khlaif
Location TBA	Day Camp The Ministry and the Bible	Disability Ministry	Joni and Friends Disability Ministry, INC Superintendent Eddie Miller
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Sunday School – It's for Life	Administration Ministry	Evangelist Arbe Woods- Brooks

COGIC ISSD “LOVE ALIVE” CAMPUS MINISTRIES COURSE FORMAT

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	COURSE	DESCRIPTION	FACILITATOR
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Tues	9–10a	Introduction to College Ministry for Church Leaders	Essentials needed to build & grow College ministry.	Pastor A.L. Shaw
TBA	Tues	1:30–2:30p	Developing College Ministry in the Local Church	Basics to build, develop & implement college ministry.	Elder Greg Merriweather
TBA	Tues	1:30–2:30p	Destined to Survive	Discover what young people need as they confront the challenges of college life.	Superintendent Alethea Nichols
TBA	Tues	2:30–3:30p	Cashing Out	Guidelines to Financial Awareness During Your College Years.	First Lady Sandy Shaw
TBA	Tues	2:30–3:30p	The Transition	Understanding the changes that come along with living a independent life in college.	Pastor & First Lady Sarah Hill
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Wed	9–10a	Introduction to College Ministry for Church Leaders II	Essentials needed to build & grow college ministry.	Elder Greg Merriweather
TBA	Wed	1:30–2:30p	Developing College Ministry in the Local Church II	Basics to build, develop & implement college ministry.	Pastor A.L. Shaw
TBA	Wed	1:30–2:30p	Your Love Got Me Toxic	How to avoid & overcome distractions which lead to unproductive relationships.	Superintendent Alethea Nichols
TBA	Wed	2:30–3:30p	Turn Down & Turn Up	How to balance college life & maintain your “swag” for God.	Pastor Anthony Scott
TBA	Wed	2:30–3:30p	Cashing Out	Financial awareness for collegiate young adults.	First Lady Sandy Shaw
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Thurs	9–10a	Introduction to College Ministry for Campus Administrators & Leaders	Essentials needed to build & grow college ministry.	Superintendent Dr. Marvel-Ross Jones
TBA	Thurs	1:30–3:00p	College Summit “Shades of Gray” Q&A Forum	A frank & open dialogue among young collegiate adults supported by sound biblical basis.	COGIC ISSD “Love Alive” Campus Ministries Staff
Marriott Tampa Waterside Florida Ballroom	Friday	9–10a	Introduction to College Ministry for Leaders & Students	Essentials needed to build & grow College ministry.	Pastor A.L. Shaw
TBA	Friday	1:30–3:00p	College Summit Mixer & Christian Greek Social Hour	A time of fellowship & networking for all Christian collegiate young adults, & includes college fraternities & sororities.	COGIC ISSD “Love Alive” Campus Ministries Staff

LEADERSHIP MINISTRY TRAINING



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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

THEME:

“THE TRANSFORMATIONAL JOURNEY” (*Romans 12:1-2*)
(ARISE & EMBRACE)

TUESDAY – (*June 30, 2015*)

AGAINST ALL ODDS. “ARE YOU WINNING?” (*Finance*) — **Dr. Jeannette H. Donald**
YOUR ASSIGNMENT (Trials & Triumphs) — **Sis. Tonya Hammonds**
CALLED TO L.E.A.D – **Missionary Felicia Fleming**

WEDNESDAY – (*July 1, 2015*)

TRANSFORMATION (*No Age Limit*) — **Evangelist Betty Byrd**
NO ORDINARY JOURNEY — **Elder Jimmy Fleming**
DESTINY: Created to Excel — **Evangelist Sandra Daniel**

THURSDAY — (*July 2, 2015*)

SCRIPTURE LEVITE MINISTRY — **Mother Naomi Stewart**
WHAT’S MY NEXT ASSIGNMENT? — **Bishop Frank Douglas, Jr.**
AGAINST ALL ODDS. “ARE YOU WINNING?” (*Finance*) — **Dr. Jeannette H. Donald**

FRIDAY — (*July 3, 2015*)

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT — **Pastor Larry Polk**
SCRIPTURE LEVITE MINISTRY — **Mother Naomi Stewart**
AGAINST ALL ODDS. “ARE YOU WINNING?” (*Finance*) — **Dr. Jeannette H. Donald**

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Course & Session Descriptions



LEADERSHIP MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Course Title: The Transformational Journey Against All Odds “Are You Winning?” (The Financial Journey)

Facilitator: Dr. Jeannette H. Donald

*The rich rule over the poor and the
borrower is servant to the lender. – Proverbs 22:7*

Time is the most precious commodity we have in life. It's clear from this scripture that debt is a form of bondage. God desires us to prosper and be in good health even as our soul prospers. Getting out of debt and staying out of debt is not easy. Learn how to stop incurring new debt and change your life **“FOREVER”** building your **“TOWER”** (Luke 14:28-30).

The freedom to live debt free is more than just being free to give money as God directs us, although giving is a critical part of it. When we are debt free our time is free to serve God and expand His **“KINGDOM”** (Romans 12:2).

YOUR FINANCIAL JOURNEY started with your first job!!!

We all thought that our job was going.....to retire us. As we got older life changed. Our FINANCES took a U-Turn.

What Changed?

- 1) The Economy
- 2) Jobs eliminated...down-sized
- 3) Layoffs
- 4) Business closed
- 5) Pay decreased or no pay raises for several years
- 6) Or maybe you worked long hours for the same pay

You may be asking, **“HOW CAN I TURN THIS AROUND TO BE DEBT FREE?”**

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES TO BE DEBT FREE:

- ◆God desires you to get out of debt and make the decision to do it.
- ◆Seek God for His guidance on how to get out of debt and follow His instructions.
- ◆Begin studying and meditating on God's Word and build your faith. Apply the scriptures.
- ◆Tithe and use God's principle on sowing and reaping. Your harvest will come and God of the harvest, creator of the universe watches over **HIS WORD** to ensure that it is fulfilled. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (II Corinthians 9:6)

- ♦Confess that there is a problem. Speak what you want according the scripture:
(Romans 4:17) *"callesh those things which be not as though they were"*.
- ♦God is a God of order. Get ready to be DELIVERED!!!

Begin this journey and you will see Financial Freedom

1. Identify all your debts by making a budget. Make a list of debt from smallest to largest by balance. Once a debt is paid off, add the next minimum payment to your current amount. This become the new payment. The goal is to **FOCUS** on paying down one debt at a time.
2. Get a small **EMERGENCY FUND** of \$1000 (*within 30 days or ASAP*). This protects you from "*Murphy's Law*" that show up and throws you a left hook.
3. The next method used is to eliminate debt sometimes called the "*Debt Snowball*". Look at the first debt on your list. Put as much money as you can toward your monthly payment. After the first debt is paid off, put all the money that you were paying monthly on that bill and apply it toward the next debt on the list, including the minimum payment you were making. Continue this debt "*snowball*" until all the bills are paid off.
4. **BENEFITS** – The benefits of being debt free is glorious!! You don't have the burden of trying to make the minimum payments monthly. You don't have the frustration and stress for life living from paycheck to paycheck. You have a sense of financial freedom.
According to Isaiah 1:19 – *"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land"*.

Scriptures for Thought:

- Proverbs 3:9 – Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase.
- Proverbs 21:5 – The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.
- Proverbs 21:20 – There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.
- Proverbs 22:3 – A prudent man foreseeeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.
- Matthew 6:33 – But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

LEADERSHIP MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Course Title: Our Assignment (“Trials and Triumphs”)

Facilitator: Sister Tonya Hammonds

INTRODUCTION:

Life is full of trials, tribulations, and disappointments. “Trials are a test of faith, patience, and stamina through subjection to suffering or temptation” (Merriam-Webster’s online dictionary, 2014). The assignment for Christians may include mentoring, interceding, and providing supporting for others who are going through trials. “The benefits of spiritual mentors are invaluable and provide a lifeline in the sea of life that has far too many storms” (Tanner, 2011).

There are many examples in the Bible relating to how mentors helped others obtain success during trials. Some examples are as follows:

Examples:

- Joshua was assigned Moses. (Deuteronomy 31:1–30)
- Mordecai was assigned to Esther. (Esther 2:5– 0)
- Elisha was assigned to Elijah. (2 King 2:1-25)
- Daniel was assigned to Nebuchadnezzar. (Daniel 2:19-49)

The mentors accepted their assignments and provided trusted counsel. “Iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.” (Proverbs 27:17). The mentees had opportunities to grow in their faith and to experience victory. “Mentors provide counsel in major life decisions given the depth of knowledge and relationship developed with the mentee” (Tanner, 2011). The result of the mentor’s efforts includes providing support and obtaining victory. Christians are reminded that the results of trials are triumphs and victories according to the scripture, “...in all things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us” (Romans 8:37).

“God is the source of all our victories and breakthroughs” (Eckhardt, 2008, p. 3). “Therefore as Christians we must put on the whole armor of God and speak God’s Word” (Ephesians 6:13). Your words and prayers have tremendous power to destroy the works of darkness.

- I. THE PURPOSE OF TRIALS (I Peter 5:10; Romans 5:3 – 4; Romans 12:12; I Corinthians 10:13)
 - A. Grow in Grace
 - B. Trained and Tested
 - C. Count It All Joy
- II. THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE (Ephesians 6:10 – 18; 2 Corinthians 10:4 - 6)
 - A. The Armor of God
 - B. Identify Strongholds
 - C. Steps to Pull Down Strongholds

- III. ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN VICTORY (Deuteronomy 20:4; I Corinthians 15:57; Romans 8:37)
- A. Achieve Victory
 - B. Steps to Maintain Victory
 - C. More Than a Conqueror

CONCLUSION:

Christians can face and overcome trials by identifying the purpose of trials, utilizing the weapons of warfare, and implementing steps to maintain victory. "The believer must continually be arrayed with the armor of God" (Hagan, 1984, p. 52). It is important for Christians to realize that God has provided sources to ensure victory over the enemy. According to Ephesians 6:13, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

It is imperative that Christians seek guidance from the Lord about their assignment. God has given us power over the enemy to withstand and to overcome his attacks. "...I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions; and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you." (Luke 10:19).

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LEADERSHIP MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Course Title: Called to L.E.A.D.

Facilitator: Missionary Felicia Barfield-Fleming

- I. A Holy Calling

“Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.” (II Timothy 1:9)

 - A. God has a purpose for your life. Operate in full potential. (Romans 8:28-29)
 - B. Called “for such a time as this” (Esther 4:14)
 - 1. This is your season to L.E.A.D.
 - 2. You are God’s Chosen Vessel for the Assignment.
 - C. The Call
 - 1. What is Your Calling?
 - 2. God gave you a glimpse.
 - 3. God Prepares you for the calling.
 - a) You get prepared to lead through the obstacles, struggles, and experiences of life.
 - b) Listen to the spirit to see what God is trying to teach you.
- II. Foundation of Called to L.E.A.D.
 - A. Called - To command or request to come; summon; to ask or invite to come.
 - B. Lead - To go before or with to show the way; conduct or escort; to conduct by holding and guiding, to influence; to guide in direction, course, action, opinion, etc.
 - C. Called to Lead - Called to Change
 - 1. Be a Change Agent for Christ.
 - 2. God has graced you for the change.
 - D. Born with a Purpose/Plan (Jeremiah 1:4-10)
 - E. You are CHOSEN (I Peter 2:9)
 - 1. Leaders are UNIQUE
 - 2. Lead with Distinction and Class.
 - F. Designed assignment from God.
 - G. Embrace the Assignment
 - 1. Operate in your gift with a Spirit of Excellence. (Romans 12:6)
 - 2. Give God your best (100% of your ability).

- III. Ordinary People called to LEAD
 - A. David
 - B. Esther
 - C. Ruth
 - D. Mary
 - E. Each one was an ordinary person doing an extraordinary task.

Break-Out Session: (Qualities of a Leader) "What do you think?"

- IV. Characteristics of a Person Called to Lead
 - A. A Servant in Charge (Ephesians 4:11-12)
 - 1. Perfecting the Saints
 - 2. Work of the Ministry
 - 3. Edifying the Body of Christ
 - 4. Stand on the Word of God and Lead with sound doctrine (Titus 1:9)
 - 5. Serving with gladness (Psalm 100:2)
 - B. Humble spirit (I Peter 5:6)
 - 1. God will give you the grace to L.E.A.D.
 - 2. Walk under his guidance with meekness, patience, and remain teachable.
 - C. Avoid the Dictator Role and build a TEAM
 - 1. No "I" in TEAM
 - 2. As a leader, you are designed to guide the team.
 - D. Utilize the gifts and talents (the people) God has provided in your circle.
 - E. Don't try to do everything—leads to BURNOUT!
 - F. Render your service unto the Lord. (Ephesians 6:5-7)

LEADERSHIP MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Course Title: "Transformation (No Age Limit)"

Facilitator: Evangelist Betty J. Byrd

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12:1-2) KJV

Introduction/Overview: Transformed means "a radical change in form, appearance or character". In 1984 a new action figure toy debuted in America - "The Transformer". This toy was able to change from one form into another (robots to vehicles & vice versa). Their theme song was "Transformers, more than meets the eye, robots in disguise." These robots were able to change when necessary to accomplish a strategic move in battle so as not to be recognized by the opposing forces. This was a complete change from what was previously to something/someone else with no resemblance to the former self. Wow – transformation!

What does it mean to "conform"? Merriam-Webster dictionary defines it as, "To be similar to or the same as something; to obey or agree with something; to do what other people do; to behave in a way that is accepted by most people." Yahoo on-line dictionary defines conform, "To act, often unquestioningly, in accordance with traditional customs or prevailing standards." We must not allow "the world" to become the model or blue print for our lives!

God is calling us to non-conformity and to change by the renewing of our minds; and if you follow Jesus Christ as his disciple (servant) your life will never be the same.

TRANSFORMATION – YOUR BODY

In verse 1, Paul calls the disciples to action. This action is to offer a living sacrifice, which is our body. Paul is encouraging us to offer our bodies (our entire beings) in the task of service. The fact that it is a living sacrifice (as opposed to the Old Testament animal sacrifices) points out that it is really about living the new life that we have received from Jesus. Mt. 16:25-26; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Peter 4:3-4; James 1:27; Titus 2:7-8.

TRANSFORMATION – NON CONFORMITY

We must not allow "the world" to become the model or blue print for our lives. In verse 2 Paul shows us how we live out the call in verse 1 for transformation. As disciples of God, His will for our lives has to set the pace, not the world around us. Our new life is not about what the world expects, but it is all about what God has done for us in His mercy. There is a challenge for us in the renewal of our minds and to not be shaped by the world, but God is able to help us and He is the source of our strength. 1 John 2:15-17; Colossians 3:1-2.

TRANSFORMATION - TRANSFORMATION

Paul gets practical in describing the transformation that takes place. He encourages us to live the lives that we have been set free to live, a life marked by serving.

TRANSFORMATION – RENEWING OF MIND

Proverbs 23:7a states "for as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." We act out what we first think. To experience transformation into the image of Christ, there must be a change of mind "to do according to all that is written" in the Word of God (Joshua 1:8). Thoughts are powerful, and according to the writer of the book of Proverbs, they have creative ability (See Proverbs 23:7).

You cannot have a positive life and a negative mind. Your life will not change until your thinking does.

TRANSFORMATION – WILL OF GOD

God has a good and acceptable and perfect will for each of us; and what is that good and acceptable and perfect will? First, man exists to glorify God. Paul says in Romans 12:2 (English Standard Version), "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." He is forming people who will prove the value of God's way by conscious choices and deliberate obedience.

TRANSFORMATION – NO AGE LIMIT

Transformation has no age limit, and for Christian living and witnessing, it is essential for the young as well as the aged. The work of renewing our mind in the image of Christ is a life-long effort and experience. We must constantly continue to be transformed into the likeness of Christ by God through the renewing of our minds and attitudes. The requirement for being used by Christ simply calls for obedience to his leading and his Word; and to be available to serve his people; not your age. (No age limit required). Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field". Jesus did not say, young or old workers, just workers. The requirement for being used by Christ is simply being available and being obedient to His leading. Pray today and ask the Lord to reveal to you how you can serve Him.

CONCLUSION

In every age, the greatest threat to the people of God was and is conforming to the time they lived in. It is our greatest threat! As workers of God, we must be able to change and convey change by living a transformed Godly life. Let's watch and evaluate so that we do not think that we are not worldly because we stay a few steps behind the world rather than being totally fashioned according to the world. The truth is we may do today what God's people would have thought unthinkable a generation ago. We must use the Word of God as the tool to measure our conformity to Him, and not what the world dictates. We must know that God is calling for the young as well as the old to transform and prove his good and perfect will.

Our job as a Sunday School leader is to make sure that each person knows that God wants to use them in the work of the Lord – no age limit, be it young or seasoned. God is waiting for the transformed worker.

May the Lord God bless you as you strive to serve Him in righteousness and with faith in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

LEADERSHIP MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Course Title: No Ordinary Journey (Philippians 1:6)

Facilitator: Elder Jimmy L. Fleming, Jr.

- I. Introduction – The “No Ordinary” Journey is an Extraordinary Journey! Life in itself is a journey. We all go through situations, circumstances, and situations. However, the Life of the Saved person is an unusual journey because of the many afflictions, sufferings, and temptations one go through because of his or her belief in Jesus Christ. Also, in the life of a Church leader, there are no exceptions when it comes to leading God’s people. Therefore, the “No Ordinary” journey is an Extraordinary Journey!
 - A. Vision – God has Vision for your life. (Habakkuk 2:2)
 - B. Purpose – God has a Purpose for you to fulfill in your life. (Romans 8:28)
 - C. Plan – God has a Plan for you for your life. (Jeremiah 29:11)
- II. The Beginning – The beginning of your journey is critical to the success of your journey. It can be either good or bad.
 - A. The Call – Knowing your call in the beginning of your journey is vital and essential. (Romans 8:30:11:29)
 - B. Starting Off on a “Good Note” – Starting with God as in being saved, sanctified filled with the Holy Ghost is first and important. (Matthew 6:33)
 - C. Starting Off on “The Wrong Foot” – Starting wrong can cause your journey to become very difficult and long. (2 Samuel 11:1-5; Numbers 13)
- III. The Journey – The Lord God will show you a glimpse of your ending from the very beginning, but He will not show you the middle part or the actual journey because if He did, you would faint, give up, and not go through to reach that great ending that He told you at the beginning. (Isaiah 46:10)
 - A. It’s a Marathon and not a Sprint. (Ecclesiastes 9:11; Hebrews 12:1)
 - B. “Lions, Tigers, and Bears Oh My!!!!” (Psalm 23:4)
 - C. What to Take Along the Way (Ephesians 6:10-18)
 1. “...loins girt about with truth...”
 2. “...the breastplate of righteousness...”

3. "...feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace..."

4. "...shield of faith..."

5. "...helmet of salvation..."

6. "...sword of the Spirit..."

7. "...Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit..."

D. What NOT to Take Along the Way (Hebrews 12:1)

1. Weights

2. Sin

IV. The Ending – After you have gone through your journey and after you have gone through,
now you have a testimony and you will now receive your just reward.
(Ecclesiastes 7:8; 1 Peter 5:10)

A. You Will Receive a Just Reward (Matthew 25:21)

B. I've Got A Testimony! (Luke 8:39; Revelation 12:11)

V. Summation and Encouragement

A. God is in Control! (Joshua 1:9; Isaiah 45:6-7; Matthew 19:26)

B. Know that Nothing Just Happens! (Proverbs 16:9; Romans 8:30; Ruth 1:6-18)

LEADERSHIP MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Course Title: Destiny: Created to Excel

Facilitator: Evangelist Missionary Sandra Daniel

I. Introduction

Do you ever wonder where you fit in to God's grand plan? Do you ever wonder if there really is a place for you? Maybe when you think about the kind of vessel you are, words like "chipped, cracked, broken and dirty" come to mind. Maybe you feel like a dusty old jar forgotten on the shelf or an ugly water jug abandoned by the side of the road. Maybe you see yourself as a crystal vase—you look good from a distance and people admire you, but a closer look reveals cracks from top to bottom. You couldn't hold water if you tried. The wonderful truth is God works through frail human vessels like us. We may not understand how and why but God will use us in astounding ways—God's thoughts are not our thoughts and His ways are not our ways. All of us have been encouraged at some time or another to determine what our purpose is in doing a project, planning an event, or setting life goals. Sometime our philosophy is "If something needs doing, just do it! Why spend the time and energy trying to decide why it should get done?" Because God is in charge what we might consider mediocre is a time for us to excel in our destiny and purpose for which we have been created.

II. What is Destiny?

Destiny can be defined as a predetermined course of events which are often felt to have irresistible power or agency. And so it is with God's work in our lives. If we can begin to understand His purpose, what He is about in our world and in our lives, then our perspective on what happens day to day takes on a new meaning. If I am God's child what is His purpose for me? What does He want to accomplish? What is important to Him? It is in comprehending the purposes of God that we will find eternal purpose and these are some of the questions that must be answered if we are to experience fulfillment and excel.

III. Helpful Definitions

- A. *Destined*—To decree beforehand; to designate, assign or dedicate in advance; direct, devise or set apart for a specific purpose; implies something foreordained or inescapable but rarely suggests of itself something to be feared; it more often suggests a great or noble course or end
- B. *Destination*—an act of appointing, setting apart for a purpose or predetermining; purpose for which something is destined; a place which is set for the end of a journey or to which something is sent
- C. *Predetermine* – to impose a direction or tendency on beforehand; a fitting or setting in advance
- D. *Fate*—the principle or determining cause or will by which things in general are supposed to come to be as they are or events to happen as they do; whatever is destined or decreed; a predetermined state or end; fate implies an inevitable and usually an adverse outcome, condition or end
- E. *Created*—to bring into existence; to invest with a new form, office or rank; bring about by a course of action

- F. *Excel*—rise; project, outdo, surpass, to be distinguishable by superiority; to extend outside of; implies going beyond a limit set by authority or established by custom or by prior achievement; superiority in quality, merit or skill; exceeding what has been done before

IV. **Our Crowd of Witnesses**

- A. *Noah*--for if you wonder if your life really counts (Genesis 6:1-10:32)
- B. *Esther*--for when you are uncertain about your purpose (Esther 1:1-10:3)
- C. *Joseph*--for when life isn't turning out the way you planned (Genesis 35:16-26 and 37:1-50:26)
- D. *Moses*--for when you are fearful or reluctant (Exodus 1:1-Deuteronomy 34:12)
- E. *Rebekah*--for when others ask for your help (Genesis 24:1-67)
- F. *Abraham*--for when you don't understand God's ways (Genesis 11:27-25:11)
- G. *Nehemiah*--for when your problems overwhelm you (Nehemiah 1:1-13:31)
- H. *The Servant Girl*--for when you think your efforts are insignificant (2 Kings 5:1-27)
- I. *David*--for when others are trying to keep you down (1 Samuel 16:1-1 Kings 2:12 and 1 Chronicles 11:1-29:30)
- J. *Jonathan*--for when you want to make a greater impact (1 Samuel 14:1-46, 1 Samuel 20:1-42, and 31:1-13)
- K. *Jesus* excelled to the right hand of the Father.

V. **Where do you see yourself right now and in the future?**

VI. **My Plan for Destination "Excel"eration**

- A. Realize perfection is not necessary to become a vessel God can use.
- B. Spiritual growth is a result of the amount of time, prayer and effort invested.
- C. Understand that total surrender to the one who imparts spiritual gifts is the most important.
- D. Allow God to accomplish His work through you.
- E. Understanding what God wants to accomplish through your life is far more important than deciding what you think you can accomplish for Him.
- F. Realizing the key to effective ministry is to understand how and why God works through imperfect vessels.

VII. **Conclusion**

- A. Accept the way God made you.
- B. Be emptied of self to make room for God.
- C. Allow God to cleanse you even if the process is painful.
- D. Be filled and constantly refilled with the Living Water of the Holy Ghost.
- E. Pour out your life in ministry as God directs.

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LEADERSHIP MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Course Title: Scripture Levite Ministry

Facilitator: Mother Naomi Stewart

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURE:

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2).

INTRODUCTION: The purpose of this God given ministry is to teach memorization and meditation of scriptures through the Sunday School Department to impact the entire church. This journey that is implemented in the Sunday School Department will have a transformational impact on the entire church.

The Webster's College Dictionary defines the word *transformational* as *change in character or condition or change in outer form or appearance*. According to the Webster's New World Thesaurus, some synonyms for the word transformational are *convert, mold, or reconstruct*. The word ***journey*** is defined as a *passage from one place to another*.

As we learn and memorize scripture on life's journey, the Word will

1. Give provision - Psalms 23: 5
2. Your resource - Psalms 50:10-12
3. Your weapon - Ephesians 6:17
4. The word will bring focus into a hectic life and will bring about transformation (*change your outlook*)
5. Unchangeable - 1 Peter 1:25 and endures forever

As we journey from one place or position to another, the Word of God will bring stability and maturity. Life is a journey from the cradle to the grave.

HISTORY OF THE SCRIPTURE:

1. John 1:1 states that, "in the beginning was the Word".
2. 2 Timothy 3:16 states that, "all scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.
3. 2 Peter 1:20-21 lets us know, "first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation".

HOW TO MEMORIZE THE SCRIPTURE:

1. Read the scripture aloud and write it down. Read it again and break it into phrases.
2. Try word associations for example; associate lamp with light and path with walk.
3. Create groups and teams and challenge one another to memorize verses within a certain time limit.

STRATEGIES - HOW TO UTILIZE THE SCRIPTURES:

1. **Scripture Shout Outs:** It can be used instead of responsive reading during Sunday School opening. The Scriptures can be located on the monthly schedule. It can be downloaded from the International COGIC Sunday School website.
2. **Chant/Response:** This is where the leader says, the first verse of the scripture and the congregation says the following verse.
Example: Psalms 24: 6-10.
Leader: This is a generation of them that seek by face O Jacob Selah
Congregation: Lift up your head, O ye gates and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors and the King of glory shall come in...etc.
3. **Visual Aids/Art:** Display Ten Commandments, Exodus 19:3-6; Candlestick, Exodus 25: 31- 40; Torah, Luke 4:17; Star, Numbers 24:17.
4. **Drama/Demonstrations:** 1 Kings 3:16-28 & Matthew 15:21-28.

BENEFITS OF MEMORIZING MEDITATING ON SCRIPTURE:

1. Change your thought pattern and renew your way of thinking (Philippians 4:8).
2. Make the Word accessible at any time (Luke 12:11 - 12).
3. Memorizing and knowing the scripture will increase your love and knowledge of God (John 14:26). This will cause greater dedication to not only Sunday School, but to the work of God.
4. Scriptures can assist you in times of temptation. The Word of God is a weapon (Matthew 4:1-11).

I pray that every church large or small can utilize this to effectively memorize and use the Word of God. I pray that you may be inspired and motivated to equip your members and strengthen the church through the Word of God.

LEADERSHIP MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Course Title: What's My Next Assignment?

Facilitator: Bishop Frank Henry Douglas, Jr.

Stages to Get to the Next Assignment -- Christian Coaching, Second Edition: Helping Others Turn Potential into Reality

- Awareness Stage: "Where Am I Now?"
- Vision Stage: "Where Do I Want to Go?"
- Strategy and Action Stage: "How Do I Get There?"
- Challenge Stage: "What Gets in the Way?"

Awareness Issues

- ✓ Circumstances – What is going on in your life right now?
- ✓ Worldviews – What are your deeply held beliefs and views about the world?
- ✓ Values – What really is important to you?
- ✓ Passions – What get you excited?
- ✓ Personality – What are you really like?
- ✓ Strengths – What do you do well or best?
- ✓ Spiritual Gifts – How has God gifted you?

Some causes for getting stuck and not able to get to My Next Assignment

- ✓ No Direction
- ✓ No Hope
- ✓ Tired
- ✓ In Over My Head
- ✓ Isolated
- ✓ Low Self-Esteem

As for Me and My House We Will Serve the Lord

Clear Values are Necessary for getting to My Next Assignment

- Clear Values help us make decisions
- Clear Values are the foundation for growth
- Clear Values bring inner peace
- Are you Living your Values?
- Resolve any conflicts pertaining to your Values

Dealing with External and Internal Barriers : So a man thinketh in his heart so is he...

"The opportunity of a lifetime must be seized in the lifetime of the opportunity." Leonard Ravenhill

Every opportunity has an expiration date. Exceptional people, churches, and businesses possess the agility to move at the speed of God. This usually means merging into oncoming traffic at breakneck speed. A lot of people I know are more fearful of making a wrong move than making no move at all. Not me. I've been alive long enough to know that if I just sit at the intersection after God has given a green light, He'll only honk a few times before He passes me by in the other lane. Doesn't mean He'll stop loving me or stop using me. It just means that that opportunity is gone. Forever. If you are currently considering a great, godly, risky opportunity, consider this: The cost of missing out can be greater than the cost of messing up, *Pastor Steven Furtick*

LEADERSHIP MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Course Title: “Are You Building Character or A Reputation?”

Facilitator: Elder Larry L. Polk, Pastor (*Jurisdictional Superintendent*)

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:2).

INTRODUCTION

As leaders within organizations and especially within the Sunday School Department, it is imperative that we understand leadership is about character and trust. But there is much discussion about what character is, how does character develop, what are some qualities of “true” character, and why is it important to develop character? Abraham Lincoln once said, “Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.” With the diverse and confusing ideologies that exist in our society today, leaders are being questioned about their stance on social issues. As leaders, we must ask ourselves, are we building character or a reputation? When we reflect on Romans 12:2, we are compelled to not copy the behavior and customs of “this world” which are often selfish and corrupt. If we look closely at the scripture, as Saints, we are encouraged to stand up and stand out – we have been encouraged to “be not conformed to this world.” If we are to live this example as leaders, there must be a shift in our thinking, in other words a transformation and renewing of our minds. In doing so, we become what Christ would have us become as we endeavor to be in the “perfect Will of God.”

Outline

- I. What is Character?** – Technically, character is a morally neutral term describing the nature of a person in terms of major qualities. So everyone, from iconic scoundrels like Hitler and saints like Mother Teresa, have character.
- II. Three Qualities of True Character**
 - A. Moral Discipline
 - B. Moral Attachment
 - C. Moral Autonomy
- III. How Does Character Develop?**

IV. Why Develop Character?

V. Everyday Ethics – A Dimension of Character! Exercise with Group Participation.

A. What do you stand for? “Stand on the Rock, sure foundation.”
II Timothy 2:19

1. **Blessings from God?** Scenario told for group discussion.
2. **Getting a “good” discount** – What are the ethical issues? How is your character effected?

B. The Courage to Stand Up – Not Conforming to worldly standards. Stand up and be counted. It’s easy to go along to get along, but we have a higher standard by which we live and recognize that our character is at stake; it’s more than a reputation.

CONCLUSION

The world in which we live is ever evolving and not always in positive directions. As leaders and as Saints particularly, we must continue to stand up for holiness, in other words we should come from among them and be separate. We must develop character and teach these character traits to our young in every educational opportunity presented to us; in Sunday School, YPWW, Purity Class, Sunshine Band and every aspect of our local, district, state and international platform. I asked the question last year, “What’s In Your Toolbox,” today, I’d like to ask “Are you building character or a reputation?”

FOUNDATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRIES (2015)

DIRECTOR: SUPT. TERENCE K. KIRK

THEME: "SOLIDIFYING (*Strengthening, Stabilizing, Securing*) YOUR COMMITMENT THRU SUNDAY SCHOOL"

INTRODUCTION:

In light of our Presiding Bishop's theme for our National Church ("***Christ's Extreme Sacrifice, Calls For Our Extreme Commitment***") We will be highlighting three areas of your life where a Solid Commitment is absolutely necessary for Effective Sunday School Ministry;

- Your Commitment to Christ
- Your Commitment to the Church
- Your Commitment to Your Calling

OVERVIEW:

Here's a brief *synopsis* of some *significant* information that will be *shared* with you this week while attending "*Foundational Sunday School Ministries*".

Tuesday (June 30, 2015) "*Strengthening Your Commitment*"

Presenters: *Pastor Charles Lovings* *Elder Bruce Donald*

- (1) We will clearly point out how Sunday School strengthens your *commitment* to Christ.
- (2) We will clearly point out how Sunday School makes your *commitment* stronger to the Church.
- (3) We will clearly point out how Sunday School solidifies your *commitment* to your calling.

Wednesday (July 1, 2015) "*Stabilizing Your Commitment*"

Presenters: *Pastor Darren Thames* *Evangelist Samala Lundy*

- (1) We will start by ***conducting a general assessment*** of your Sunday School Department.
(*What type of Foundation has it been established on?*)
- (2) We will ***identify and clarify*** the problems plaguing your Sunday School Department by;
Evaluating the Vision for your Sunday School Department
Examining your Sunday School Staff
Employing Job Descriptions for your Sunday School Department

Thursday (July 2, 2015) "*Securing Your Commitment*"

Presenters: *Elder Charles Rowry* *Evangelist Carolyn "Cecile" Hines*

- (1) We will focus on how to use the *tools* of Sunday School to assist you, in becoming more committed to the will of God.
- (2) We will emphasize the necessary *tools* that need to be employed in helping one to become a more effective Teacher.
- (3) We will highlight the *tools* that are essential for the structure of a safe and sound Sunday School.

Friday (July 3, 2015) ***"Wrap-Up Session"***

Presenters: Evangelist Carolyn "Cecile" Hines, Elder Charles Rowry, Elder Bruce Donald, Pastor Charles Lovings, Evangelist Samala Lundy & Supt. T.K. Kirk

- (1) We will present to you a (*10 minute summary*) of this Week's Presentations from their respective presenters.
- (2) We will also share an awesome (Q & A) Session with the audience that will help to fortify and solidify your commitment to Christ, His Church, and Your Calling!!!

PLUS: A daily presentation on: ***"Solidifying Your Commitment Thru Sunday School"***

By: Director-Superintendent Terence K. Kirk

YOUR-BONUS: A daily demonstration on: ***"How to Raise Your Offering"***

FOUNDATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

COURSE TITLE: “Commitment, to the Roman Road to Sunday School”

FACILITATOR: Evangelist Samala Lundy

INTRODUCTION:

Are you ready to travel The Roman Road? The Roman Road to Salvation is a well-engineered path to Salvation and eternal fellowship with God! However, The Roman Road to Sunday School is a path that has been creatively designed to strengthen, stabilize and secure your commitment to Christ through Sunday School.

THE ROMAN ROAD TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Just follow this detailed map to your NEW destination.....

1. **The Building of Relationships** (*strengthening*)
Matthew 5:9/Philippians 2:4
2. **Why Being Accountable is Important** (*stabilizing*)
Hebrews 10:24/Romans 14:12/1 Thessalonians 5:11
3. **Becoming a Promise Keeper!** (*commitment*)
Psalms 37:5/Deuteronomy 6:5/2 Timothy 2:15
4. **Studying God's Word, Renewing Your Mind and Strength Daily** (*solidifying*)
1 Timothy 4:13/Galatians 5:16/Ephesians 4:23/Romans 12:1-2
5. **The Great Commission!** (*securing*)
Matthew 28:19-20

Can God count on you to travel with Him down The Roman Road to Sunday School? “Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day” Psalms 25:5. Therefore, we realize that this is an essential disciple-making strategy of the church. Over the years, Sunday School has proven its effectiveness by teaching principles and godly living to people at every age and stage of life. After all, it is about discipleship, fellowship, growing and learning through our stewardship and humbly reverencing Christ in our worship.

FOUNDATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

COURSE TITLE: “*Sunday School Job Descriptions*”

FACILITATOR: PASTOR DARREN L. THAMES

The primary purpose of a job description is to identify the duties, essential functions and requirements of the position. Job descriptions also serve several other important functions. Some of those functions are determining the means for achieving the identified job; assessing workflow, eliminate duplication of efforts and also help assist in the evaluation and recruitment of the Sunday school workers.

Welcome

Prayer

Introduction

The Sunday School Ministry

The Meaning of Job Description

Understanding the Purpose of Sunday School Job Descriptions

Review of Sunday School Job Description

- Jurisdictional
 - District
 - Local

Questions & Answers

Conclusion

FOUNDATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

COURSE TITLE: “*Strengthening Your Commitment*”

FACILITATOR: PASTOR CHARLES LOVINGS

DEFINITIONS:

- 1) **Solidify** – To make or become solid or united.
- 2) **Strengthening** – To make or become strong or stronger.

LESSON PRESENTATION:

A) Recognize the need to be Strengthen

- 1) Judges 16-28
- 2) Ezra 6- 22

B) God promise to Strengthen his people

- 1) I Peter 5:10
- 2) Isaiah 41:10
- 3) Zechariah 10:6

C) We are Strengthen by God’s word

- 1) Psalms 119 :28
- 2) Psalms 27:14
- 3) Psalms 31:24

Commitment – Something pledged. The state of being bound emotionally or intellectually to an ideal or course action.

If we are going to serve God, we must first be committed to him and then the Church.

A) Our Commitment to Jesus

- 1) Matthew 16:24-26
- 2) Luke 14:26-27

B) Our Commitment to the Church.

- 1) Acts 9 :19-22

FOUNDATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

COURSE TITLE: “Committed To the Will of God”

FACILITATOR: FIELD REPRESENTATIVE CECILE’ HINES

Bible Basis: Psalm 1: 1-3

Bible Truth: This didactic Psalms reminds the reader of God’s revealed and written directives for a lifestyle that leads to blessedness.

Memory Verse: Whatever he does prospers. (Psalms 1: 3c NIV)

Lesson Aim: That you will know and appreciate the blessings, benefits, and favor that is bestowed upon those who abide in the will of God.

Key Terms:

- Blessed - ‘esher (eh’-sher) happy , to have special favor
- Benefit – tagmûwl (tag – mool) a bestowment
- Bestow - nâthan (naw – than’) to distribute, used with greatest latitude of application.
- Walk – hâlak to behave, be conversant

Introduction: It is safe to say that those of us who are loyal to the work of Christ, do so without expectation of monetary gain or the ambition of community notariety. It is in fact, our humility, because of the grace God extended to us, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, that we passionately serve. One of the inspiring songs of The Clark Sisters, “In Thy Holy Will,” begins with the expression , “Lord, I just want to be rooted and grounded in thee.” Such is a life that pleases God. Consequently, because of His love for us, God has provided not only incomparable rewards in heaven but bountiful blessings on earth to those who abide in His will. Psalms One presents to the reader the “do’s” and “don’ts” to insure that we stay in the will of God and experience His blessings , benefits, and favor.

I. Verse One “Position yourself to receive of God.”

- a. Seek Godly advice and deliberations in your decision making process.
- b. Do not position yourself regularly with those who habitually and openly exhibit wickedness, disrespect your faith, and dishonor God .
- c. Do not allow yourself to become comfortable or relaxed in settings where others are degraded, insulted or ridiculed.

II. Verse Two “Your delight comes from the time you spend in the Word and in your quiet thoughts in praise to God.”

- a. Find your joy in the study of the Word. As you study, think.
- b. Use the biblical principles that you study as you would a cookbook to help you prepare the things you need to strengthen your spiritual man.

III. Verse Three “The well rooted and nourished tree”

- a. Like a tree, you will be able to stand the forces of the wind, pounding of the rain, scourching of the sun and chill of the winter because you have rooted yourself tightly in the Word.
- b. Like a tree, when nature comes alive with new fruit, flowers, and beautiful foliage, so you will at the appointed time bring forth a harvest of blessings that will not be stolen, aborted, or destroyed by the enemy.
- c. Like a tree, you will flourish in all you undertake because you have not strayed from the will of God concerning your life.
- d. Like a tree, your life will effect the lives of others. Your prayers will be the shade for souls who have been afflicted or discouraged. The fruit of your prosperity will be the financial support for those in need. The strength of your trunk and limbs will be the place for those who are weak to tie the end of their rope to and pull themselves up again.

Application: On many products sold today you will see the phrase, "For best results follow the directions." Similarly this statement applies to our spiritual walk. To receive the best that God has to offer, we must follow His directives. Others around us may call us strange or different. We may lose relationships that we treasure because we will have to change our practices and patterns. But this becomes a small price to pay in comparison to all that God has in store for those who trust in Him and do His will.

Prayer: Dear God give me the courage to adjust my life to your will and live each day to honor you. I want my life to be like that tree in Psalms One. Let everyone who look at me see your blessings and favor on my life. As I study your word, help me to apply your truths so that as you bless me, I can be a blessing to others. For your glory I pray, Amen.

FOUNDATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

COURSE TITLE: “Solidifying Your Commitment to Christ”

FACILITATOR: Elder Bruce Donald

2Tim. 3:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workmen needing not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. This is more than just words.

Rock Solid

One of the most incredible gifts God has afforded man is the ability to build and construct facilities. Notably we read of Jesus being born to the family of a carpenter.

- Matt. 13:55
- Mark 6:3

Any stable facility put together, starts with a plan. God's plan for man to solidify and reconstruct his fallen nature was culminated through His son Jesus Christ.

- Romans 5:11-21
- John 3:16-18

A good foundation is the key

Your commitment to Christ is the 1st and foremost step to creating your “eternal relationship”.

- Eph. 2:19-22

Even in the midst of unstable occurrences in our lives, true commitment to Christ undergirds and strengthens us for the journey to come.

Commitment: (Bilateral contract/relationship)

Psalms 37 says: fret not thyself because of evil doers

- Verse #3... trust in the Lord
- Verse #4... delight thyself in the Lord
- Verse #5, 6... Commit thy way unto the Lord
- Verse #7..Rest in the Lord
- Verse #8..Cease from anger
- Verse #9..wait on the Lord
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The work is completed and we must “solidify our commitment” by faith and our committed walk with Christ.

- Eph2:8,9

MAKE THE STAND: We cannot be like little children tossed to and fro by every wind and doctrine.

- Eph. 4:12

True commitment is trusting in Jesus. It's one thing to believe in Him and another to trust Him.

Matt. 14:22-33

Conclusion: The Mansion (front page)

Questions/Comment

FOUNDATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

COURSE TITLE: "COMMIT TO BEING THE BEST TEACHER"

FACILITATOR: ELDER CHARLES ROWRY

TEXT: THE BOOK OF DANIEL

Committed to Preparation

I- Prayer

*Daniel's commitment began as a teenage and continued throughout his entire life.

*We see a teenage Daniel standing up for his convictions (Daniel 1:8) by choosing not to defile his body with any impure thing. In Daniel 6 we find Daniel is in his 80's and his commitment is stronger than ever.

*Daniel possess an extraordinary spirit!

*Do we possess that same kind of extraordinary spirit?

*Do we possess the Holy Ghost?

II- Committed To Consecration

*Daniel's was the type of person that the Scripture likes to call "blameless."

There was nothing in Daniel's life that could bring guilt upon him.

* 1Tim 3:2 says above reproach...

* Live according to the Word of God.

Daniel only had the 5Books of Moses . . . we've got 66-books.

* Discover obedience to God through our Commitment to GOD!

III- Committed To Cramming (*Studying*)

* Study to show myself approved, a true workman...rightly dividing the word

Not throwing out any kind of food and expecting my students to eat it up...

But preparing a full course (spiritually nutritious) meal-with salad- & deserts!

* **Study the various methods of delivery**

* **Study how to reach the kind of students I teach!**

* **Study how to bring out the best in who they are!**

**EVANGELISM MINISTRY
THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL
EVANGELIST SHARON PHILLIPS WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR**

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015

“Sunday School and Evangelism Working Together” - Evangelist Sharon Phillips Williams

“No More Of, More of the Same, Which is Not Producing and Reproducing”

– Dr. Ralph McGlown

“Church Growth through the Power of the Holy Ghost” Evangelist Jean Gardner

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2015

“Sunday School – A school without Walls” – First Lady Portia Taylor

“Making the Connection Between Sunday School and Evangelism” - Evangelist Anita Jefferson

“Youth Evangelism in Sunday School” Evangelist Arica Allen

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2015

“New Methods for Sunday School growth through Evangelism” Elder Carl Smith

“Throw Out the Dragnet” International Evangelist Shirley Wooten

“Committed Teachers are Imperative for Christian Discipleship” Sis. Angela Sanford

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2015

“Seven Steps to Christian Discipleship” Pastor John H. Staples

“The Biblical Formula for Church Growth” – Evangelist Sharon Phillips Williams

EVANGELISM MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

COURSE TITLE: COMMITTED TEACHERS ARE IMPERATIVE FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH!

FACILITATOR: SISTER ANGELA SANFORD

I. LOVE GOD, LOVE HIS WORD, AND LOVE HIS PEOPLE

A. Love God. Love is the **motive** behind man's relationship to God. **St. John 14:15**

B. Love His Word. **Psalms 119:11 & 105.** The **Word** has **precedence** in all matters!!

C. Love His People. **St. John 13: 34-35, and St. John 15: 12.** He told Peter to **"Feed My Sheep."**

* Show compassion, genuine concern, and empathy for our brothers and sisters in the Lord.*

II. PREPARATION. Every teacher must prepare for class by **prayer and studying.**

Knowing this slogan, **"That if I fail to plan, I plan to fail."** There is nothing wrong with being **organized!!**

A. Prayer is necessary and **mandated** by God. It should be offered up **continuously.**

1. **Constant Pray.** **St. Luke 18:1b.** "Men ought always to pray and not to faint."

2. **Prepare** to assume other roles such as: armor-bearer, counselor, intercessor, prayer

Partner, consultant, and confidant, etc.

3. **Spend** time alone with God in our secret closets, so that He can give us what to **Say**, how to **Say** it, and when to **Say** it. God may need us to minister to someone!

4. **Provide** encouragement, enlightenment, empowerment and endowment from God whenever necessary.

B. Study. It is vital that the teacher knows the lesson, and how to apply it.

1. **Know** the lessons background, setting, main characters and main thought.

2. **Show** how it is practical for today's living?

3. **Dedicate** quality time into studying God's Word.

4. **Invest** in Commentaries, Bible dictionaries, different translations of the Bible, Internet, etc.

5. **Study** the Word of God. It is not a routine chore, burdensome task, hard job, etc., but it is a commandment by God. **II Timothy 2:15,** "Study to show thyself **approved** unto God, a **workman** that needeth not to be **ashamed**, **rightly dividing the Word of truth.**

III. IMPLEMENT YOUR LESSON PLAN.

A. Impart, Motivate, Encourage, Build, Recognize, Ask, Display, Provide, Give, Assign, and Reward. *Dare to be different* *Leave no Soul behind!*

IV. EVALUATE YOUR OUTCOME.

A. How can I improve? Did I invoke the Spirit of Prayer and a Hunger for God?

B. What can I do better the next time? Did I promote Holiness and Sanctification?

C. Challenge yourself to always excel. Did I give God my best?

V. COMMITTED TEACHERS ARE AN ASSET TO THE WORK AND GROWTH OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!!!

EVANGELISM MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

**COURSE TITLE: NO MORE OF, MORE OF THE SAME WHICH IS NOT
PRODUCING AND REPRODUCING**

FACILITATOR: DR. RALPH MCGLOWN, PASTOR

I. Tradition

A. Benefits

It is good to have a plan to work with. Without it you don't have direction or a guide. It will keep us focus, on time and on target. Tradition can also help preserve our history, and legacy. It is good to remember where we came from, as well as know what we stand for.

B. Hindrance

Tradition can also be a hindrance when it will not allow some flex ability to address individual issues and concerns. Some times we need to put the book down and deal with the problem at hand. Jesus met the people's needs where they were. As well as teaching them about the kingdom of Heaven. Tradition can also cause our class to be boring and unproductive. No one wants to sit under a boring instructor.

C. Saints we are earthen vessel with hidden treasures, we are to be bearers of "Good News." Start teaching the people and not just the lesson materials. Someone may be looking for deliverance. If the opportunity present itself take advantage of it. Meet the needs of the people today. What God did in the past for all those patriots in the Bible is good, but we need to bring this Gospel into the 21st Century.

II. For as many as are led by The Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. As instructors we should be able to discern Spiritual turmoil. If it is possible involve the class put the book down and address the issues. **Always pray for wisdom.**

III. The best assurance we have for reproduction is word of mouth. As Iron sharpen iron, Men strengthen men, Sheep beget

Sheep, and Lambs beget lambs.

EVANGELISM MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

COURSE TITLE: THROW OUT THE DRAG NET

FACILITATOR: EVANGELIST SHIRLEY WOOTEN

- I. The Great Commission- Mt 28:19-20
 - A. The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few
 - B. Soul winning is our responsibility
 - C. Soul winning should be our top priority
- II. Pole Fishing Versus Net Fishing
 - A. Launch out into the deep
 - B. Pole fishing is selective fishing
 - C. Net fishing is all about souls
 - D. Go out into highways and hedges - Luke 14:23
- III. Williams Temple- Throw out the Drag Net Program
 - A. Objective: evangelize our neighborhood and snatch souls from the Pit of hell
 - Fill the church with souls
 - Decrease the crime rate
 - Fulfill the great commission
- 1V. The Preparation
 - A. Pray and fast for the saints to develop a passion for souls
 - B. Develop and assemble literature for soul-winning- Bibles, tracts
 - C. Form soul winning teams
 - secretarial team for mailings
 - street canvassing groups
 - telephone calling committees
 - drivers
 - cooks
 - prayer warriors, counselors, altar workers
 - big brothers/big sisters
- V. Throw Out The Drag Net Approach
 - A. Outdoor services
 - B. Neighborhood canvassing
 - C. Phone blitz
 - D. Mail outs
 - E. Special Services
 - family and friends day
 - fill a pew rally

- super soul Sunday with prizes
- super soul on super bowl Sunday
- F. Canvass and pick up from homeless shelters
 - provide breakfast, dinner, clothes pantry, bus passes
 - job counseling and placement, job fairs
 - resume writing, dress for success
 - state identification, birth certificates, etc.
 - drug rehab program
 - housing and referrals
 - salvation and deliverance
- G. The Money Is In The Fishes Mouth
 - examples - skills equal money
- H. Referrals to other Williams Temple Programs
 - Adult Day Care, Child Day Care, GED Program, NA Program

VI. Summary

- A. Many souls saved and added to church -tremendous growth in New Members class
- B. Saints more compassionate towards souls
- C. Many lives saved from suicide; crimes prevented
- D. Many job opportunities presented
- E. Grant opportunities available
- F. God is pleased

EVANGELISM MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

COURSE TITLE: HOW TO BECOME A WITNESSING CHURCH: SEVEN STEPS TO THE KINGDOM

FACILITATOR: PASTOR JOHN HENRY STAPLE

- I. What is the will of God
 - A. 1 Tim. 2:1-4
 - B. 2 Peter 3:9
- II. Why did Jesus come into the world?
 - A. John 3:16, 17
 - B. Luke 19:10
- III. What about the first disciples?
 - A. Matt. 4:17-22 (catch for Christ)
 - B. Luke 5:1-11
 - C. Matt. 9:35 -38
- IV. What is a Witness?
 - A. Acts 1:8; Acts 2:32; Acts 3:15; Acts 4:33 Acts 5:32
- V. What is it all about?
 - A. 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (a nutshell view)
- VI. Why should I be a witness?
 - A. Luke 15:1 - 10 (Joy)
- VII. How do I start?
 - A. John 1:35 - 48
 - 1. **Family Plan**
 - 2. **Close Friends**
- VIII. Those kinds of people?
 - A. Luke 14:15 - 24
- IX. How did Jesus run the church?
 - A. Luke 9:1 - 6; Luke 10:1 - 3 and 17
- X. What is the impact of witnessing?
 - A. John 4:25 - 39
 - B. "Spandex Sally"
 - C. "Evangelist", "Missionary" or a "Witness?"

THE APPROACH

"Seven Steps to the Kingdom"

1. GREETING: (Get a verbal contact)

Hello, May I have one
minute of your time?"

2. STATE:

Did you know that Jesus Christ is Lord...? Well, He is and He loves you and wants to be your Lord and Savior. A lot of people want to be saved but they just don't know how.

3. SAY:

Romans 10:9 say, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you shall be saved."

4. ASK:

"Can you say Lord Jesus?" (This brings in the presence of the Holy Spirit.)

5. PRAY:

(Reach out for the candidate's hand and say.) "Let's pray: Repeat after me... "Lord Jesus, forgive me for all of my sins. I believe that you died on the cross, and were buried and on the third day, God the Father raised you from the dead. Right now Lord Jesus, I open the door to my HEART and I receive you into my HEART as my Lord and Personal Savior."

6. QUESTION:

(Say to Candidate) "According to the prayer you just prayed, where is the Lord Jesus now?" The response should be... He's in my heart! If some other statement is given, REPEAT STEP 5,

7. CONFIRMATION:

(When the Candidate gives the correct answer, then share with them 1 John 4:4) "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." (Leave them with a Tract and an Order of Service Card, then ask for their address and telephone number.) "May we take your name, address and telephone number so that we can call you to follow-up with you and pray with you?" (Always remember to say) "Thank you and remember that JESUS LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE!"

THE SEVEN STEPS TO THE KINGDOM IS TEACHING OF BISHOP BOB JACKSON.

EVANGELISM MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

COURSE TITLE: SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EVANGELISM WORKING TOGETHER

FACILITATOR: EVANGELIST SHARON WILLIAMS

1. Definition and Mission
 - A. Sunday School
 - B. Evangelism
 - C. The common entity – Soul Winning
2. The Importance of Sunday School and Evangelism Working Together
 - A. The Church will grow naturally and spiritually
 - B. Biblical principles will be imparted
 - C. People will be saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost
 - D. Prayer ministry will be strengthen
 - E. Leaders will be discovered
3. Decide to Partner with God in The Great Commission
 - A. Seek God in fasting and prayer
 - B. How can we (together), snatch souls from the pits of hell?
4. Sunday School and Evangelism Making The Connection
 - A. Leaders meet to establish common goals and objectives
 - B. Develop an action plan and timeline
 - C. Implement the plan
 - D. Measure quantitative and qualitative growth
 - E. Evaluate the results
5. Sample Plan: Sunday School and Evangelism Working Together to Win The Lost
 - A. Canvass for prospects and invite to Sunday School
 - B. Teach and instruct biblical principles utilizing interesting techniques
 - C. Provide for natural needs (i.e. clothes, food, referrals)
 - D. Provide transportation
 - E. Maintain and update enrollment records
 - F. Contact other family members
 - G. Enlist and train Care Group Leaders
 - H. Evaluate teaching techniques
 - I. Follow-up missing in action
6. Summary

Evangelism:

Evangelism canvass neighborhood for prospects and invite prospects to Sunday school.

Provide for needs of the converts (i.e. cloths, food)

Contact other family members of converts and invite

Help arrange transportation for converts

Sunday School:

Teach and instruct

Maintain enrollment records

Info on parents, other relatives

Provide interesting classes to develop converts spiritually

Impart biblical principles

EVANGELISM MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

COURSE TITLE: SUNDAY SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS

FACILITATOR: PASTOR LUTHER & FIRST LADY PORTIA TAYLOR

- I. Definition: Without - lack of; not, on the outside, of a sturdy structure within and without.
- II. Definition: Walls: A continuous vertical brick or stone structure that encloses or divides an area of land, etc. Enclosure, within a certain structure, building, etc.
 - A. One of God's Schools of Learning without walls
 - 1. The Wilderness – The Place
 - 2. Preparation – The Curriculum/program
 - 3. Changes/effectiveness – Study and Homework
 - 4. Challenges & Obstacles – The Test
 - 5. Purpose – The Goals
- III. Summary: There should be no walls for our Sunday School based on Race, creed, color, nationality, position in life, economic status, or any barrier which would alienate anyone from receiving the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

EVANGELISM MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

COURSE TITLE: YOUTH BEGAT YOUTH

FACILITATOR: EVANGELIST ARICA E. ALLEN

Introduction: “What’s Wrong with Youth of Today?” “These Young People are nothing like us; we were different!” “They Shout But...” “Disrespectful, Loud, Loose, Half Dressed and Full of Zeal” “I just don’t understand them...” “What will the Church Look like in the next 20 years”...

If you are over the age of 40 you’ve heard these types of statements over and over again. Today’s Youth are different from the youth of the 50’s, 60’s and even 70’s. The age of rebellion birthed babies and those babies have grown in a totally different environment. In the 80’s a rise of teen births yielded a multitude of single mothers, while the 90’s the hip hop era produced a generation in love with the concept of Thug Life for both male and female. The combination of the 80’s & 90’s brings us to a Millennial age that propagates humanism and homosexuality. Therefore, we have a nation of Youth plugged into devices that stimulate their flesh 24 hours of a day while simultaneously producing a foundation for the development of various strongholds.

Therefore, if we are going to **REACH** today’s youth we must understand where they are coming from! We will not succeed in merely talking to them and preaching at them. We must establish trust and understanding and be ready to deal with the real issues of their lives. This is not a **HOPELESS GENERATION... SO LET’S US REACH THEM, SO WE MAY TEACH THEM!**

- I. Breaking the Barriers of Communication with REAL LOVE (I Corinthians 13)**
 - a. Can you listen without condemning? ***For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved (John 3:17)***
 - i. We have to learn how to listen and address the REAL NEED.
 - ii. Be a Good listener, open minded, not judgmental or condemning.
 1. BE UNDERSTANDING
 2. **DON’T BE PREACHY... LEARN TO TALK WITH AND NOT AT.**
 - a. Bring them to green pastures (Matthew 14:18-19)
 - b. Establish Trust, Show that you care!
 - c. You are their Escort to the **KING**; Take them to the KING!
- i. Precept and Example!

Church Growth According to the Book of ACTS

Strengthening Youth to Reach Other Youth;

- II. **Fortify your youth thru, INTERACTION, INVESTMENT AND INSTRUCTION**
 - a. **Interaction** (*All the believers kept meeting together and they shared everything with each other.*) ACTS 2:44 (GODS WORD TRANSLATION)
 - i. Sharing your substance both naturally and spiritually
 - ii. Meet with them regularly, phone calls, lunch dinner, functions & church!
 - b. **Investment**
 - i. Seed into their lives
 - 1. Naturally, Spiritually and sometimes Financially!
 - 2. Seed your time!
 - c. **Instruction**
 - i. Take advantage of Every **Teachable Moment!**
 - ii. Be strategic (Everyone does not learn or receive the same way)
- III. **ALLOW GOD TO UPGRADE YOUR METHODOLOGY SYSTEM**
 - a. What worked ***back in the day*** can work now if **YOU WORK IT!**
 - i. Keep the Foundation and the Bedrock
 - ii. If God says it and You Work it...It Will yield Fruit which remain!

Summary: Youth Begat Youth and we have to make sure they are Equipped , Encouraged and Engaged! They need a platform and an outlet. Let me share with you how I applied this in my Jurisdiction and Birthed the Basement Experience!

EVANGELISM MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

COURSE TITLE: NEW METHODS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

FACILITATOR: EVANGELIST ANITA JEFFERSON

The Sunday School Department is growing and will continue to grow through our willingness to express the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a people in covenant with God and in his favour. We are that remnant that shall be as dew in the midst of the nations, [Mic. 5:7](#). God's church is dispersed all the world over; it is in the midst of many people as gold in the ore and wheat in the heap. Israel according to the flesh dwelt alone, and was not numbered among the nations; but the spiritual Israel lies scattered in the midst of many people, as the salt of the earth, or as seed sown in the ground, here a grain and there a grain, [Hos. 2:23](#). Now this remnant shall be as dew from the Lord.

God grows the Sunday School. He gives us the evangelistical skills and efforts. We provide the methods and techniques. We must be prayerful for growth to take place. God will give the increase. Be consistent in the use of methods and techniques. There are foundational ways and means, when adopted, will work in the development of your school. However, each individual Sunday School will need to develop its own specific techniques. You must know that your ideas for growth are not dependant on or identical to another school. Sunday schools are build on each own local desires and God given revelations.

What has God given you for your local Sunday school? The Sunday school will perish without a vision. One vision may not be another's vision. There must be many methods for developing our Sunday Schools and we should never stop searching and seeking ways of advancing. We must realize that the most effective methods adopted are those that you have prayed for. Here's the prescription from 1 John 5:14: "And this is the confidence that we have in him that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us:"

~Evangelism is foundational, Sunday School is fundamental~

Suggested Methods

I. Prayer Power

Everyone who is involved in the program should pray and seek God's direction. The Bible is clear that when we ask for wisdom in decision-making, God provides it. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." (James 1:5-6).

II. Set your Goals

Set reachable goals and consistently FOLLOW THEM! Are the Leaders meeting on a regular basis to discuss workable ways and means of development? These meetings should be scheduled periodically and prior to the combined meetings.

III. Plan your Program with a Purpose

Good programs don't just happen. They are the result of careful consideration as to why the organization exists and what its members want to accomplish. The programs offered by your department will project an image which will either attract new people or turn them away. Program planning is deciding what needs to be done, and who does what, when and where. The two key elements in successful program planning are the program or project itself and the interest and involvement of group members.

IV. Organize the Plan and Purpose

Set aside time and space to go over established files of students and staff. Pay attention to attendance, engage someone to make phone calls, schedule Department of Education outings, picnics, tours and other similar activities.

V. Share the Vision

The Vision must be written, [Hab. 2:2](#), it must be shared. The local church needs to know and to understand the goals, the program and the purpose. While there are many valid ways to increase Sunday school attendance, a plan built around prayer and dependence on God for success is hard to beat. Ask God for a vision for His Sunday school program at your church, pray in accordance to his direction, and expect an increase

VI. Train Leaders/Teachers for Effectiveness

Maintain on-going classes, lectures and seminars to train leaders and teachers. Make sure there exist an atmosphere of learning for the staff as well as for students. Any combination of diverse gatherings should be carried out in the spirit of teaching and motivating all that's involved. Utilize the congregation's professional members, teachers, counselors, doctors, nurses etc.

VII. Make Contacts Consistently

*Never stop talking about how God is increasing and how He will continue to bless the Sunday school attendance. Talk about it in faith while waiting for it to manifest in the church. It's time for leaders to stop talking about what **THEY** aren't doing and start being committed in those things that's not being done. Are we utilizing the cell, the landline, etc, etc? Are we talking to people, are we extending the peace and the joy that's in us through the Holy Ghost?*

ALL DEPARTMENTS, PROGRAMS, FUNCTIONS OR/AND ACTIVITIES MUST BE
EMBELLISHED IN PRAYER BEGINNING AND CONTINUING
~ PRAY ~ PRAY ~ PRAY~

Because God is faithful

Sunday School University Women's Department Curriculum

(2015)

Presenting Jesus to our Children

(30 June 2015 Tuesday)

Presenter: Dr. Sylvia Hall

There is an art to sharing the word with children. It is essential for this age to understand that a relationship with Christ is beneficial to healthy development in society. Leaders must assist youth in facilitating a Jesus relationship because of the prominence and danger of bullying, suicide, and peer pressure. By effectively reaching this group, we can guide our youth into the next era maintaining the foundation of holiness.

Matters of the Heart

(30 June 2015 Tuesday)

Presenter: Evangelist Charla V. Johnson

It is essential that we learn to care for our temples in order to carry the Word of God to our family, friends, and communities. This class will enlighten students to the plagues which hinders Christian's health. We will be discussing heart disease, cholesterol issues, and hypertension. An important question and answer session will be afforded to those who attend. Evangelist Johnson a license clinician will share these valuable points.

Keys to Successful Aging

(1 July 2015 Wednesday)

Presenter: Mother Joann Davis

Successful aging is best understood as a process rather than an outcome. It is a way of doing and being. It is our ongoing day to day efforts to live as well as possible doing the latter part of our lives. Good health is important to successful aging, but it is not the whole story. Today I want to share some life tips to enhance the golden years of your life because it is not over.

Ministering To Ministering Servants

(1 July 2015 Wednesday)

Presenter: District Missionary Janice Edmonds

Sunday School is a great way for anyone to grow, especially those who were chosen, called or appointed to minister in specific ways. We are all charged to be witnesses, however there are ministering servants whose lives are usually accompanied with humanitarian works. This session is designed to share essentials to teaching ministering servants in the adult Sunday school class and provide a forum for analyzing critical components in the development and growth of a maturing group of servants. The reason this is so important is because there should be constant preparation in fulfilling the Great Commission. Jesus said, "Go!"

Dementia: The Unforgiving Reality

(2 July 2015 Thursday)

Presenter: Jonathan Shepherd MD (Psychiatrist)

As the population ages, middle agers are finding themselves being caregivers to older parents that are health physically but they are suffering from mental deficiency when it comes to memory. It is

both devastating and stressful to see close relatives and friends fade away within themselves. Dr. Shephard presents signs and symptoms of dementia and other valuable information about the memory of seniors. Support for caregivers is also an integral part of this session.

Why So Down Cast in My Soul?

(2 July 2015 Thursday)

Presenter: Dr. Jonathan Shephard

*Anyone can be overwhelmed with the vicissitudes of life. Damaging reports of any kind can weigh on us such as: a terminal ailment, the loss of a loved one, or a child going the opposite direction of his/her Godly teaching. Though we may be mighty spiritual warriors, the enemy can bombard us with battle fatigue, better known as **DEPRESSION!** What should you do? You are a leader, the Sunday school teacher, the First Lady you cannot be depressed, can you? David had to encourage himself in 1 Sam 30. Psalm 42 asks the question "Why art thou so cast down? Dr. Jonathan Shephard an ordained Elder and board certified psychiatrist will be able to offer professional and spiritual advice.*

The Sunday School Role Ministering to those Incarcerated

(3 July 2015 Friday)

Presenter: Dr. Danny Allen

When a family, friend or Church member is incarcerated, it can and often is, overwhelming. Where is the support system? Where can help be found? The Sunday school as the oldest education institution can be a resource. How? We will explore what to expect, what to do after someone you care about has been arrested, and how to remain positive before, during, and after their sentence.

Dealing with Child Abuse & Neglect in the Church

(3 July 2015 Friday)

Presenter: Evangelist Charla V. Johnson

Our children are precious to us and we should do all that we can to protect them at all cost. We will discuss the importance of protecting the children and the reputation of your church. There are pointers which will effectively support both preserving holiness in the process.

COURSE TITLE: “*Dealing with Child Abuse and Neglect in the Church*”

FACILITATOR: EVANGELIST CHARLA V. JOHNSON

Sunday school teachers, especially the women of the church work closely with our children. Sunday school is a key outreach for children for many churches in the community. It is vital that those working with children recognize signs of physical and mental abuse to include neglect. Proper ways of documentation and reporting for incidents should be discussed and a standard operating procedure should be designated for each church. Your plan of operation should include but not be limited to: ways that the children can be helped in an immediate situation, understanding chain of command for reporting incidents, and possibly required online training for those working with children within the local Sunday Schools. Every church should have a background screening for anyone who is going to work within the Sunday school or children's church prior to the start of that employer or volunteer's work within the church! The church has to be proactive in the protection of our children. Periodically, every worker in the church that interacts with children should have an in-service and sign-in sheet indicating attendance and comprehension of what will and will not be tolerated. This in-service also helps workers to know what they should do, if there is a negative incident that occurs. It needs to be accentuated in each church that bad behavior will not be tolerated by volunteers or employees who interact with our children. The church is obligated to involve the authorities in these situations!

Sunday school workers will inevitably develop repouires with the children in their classes. There may be times when that child will feel comfortable enough to share with them that someone is hurting them (physically or sexually). That claim needs to be documented by that teacher. The time, date, setting and demeanor of the child should be documented. It should be told to the pastor and Sunday school superintendent along with contacting the appropriate authorities such as the police to report the issue. The church should have a list of social workers, emergency contacts, and shelters that can be readily accessed to help that child get out of that situation. Unfortunately, if it is the pastor of the church who is the offender, this matter should still be documented and the authorities should be alerted immediately and initially. That pastor's leadership should then be contacted, his District Superintendent and the Bishop of that Jurisdiction.

The child is depending on you to make sure that the right thing is done in his or her case. They will be afraid when you have to tell the authorities, but they must be reassured that it is okay for you to help them out of this terrible situation. Reporting is both a moral and a legal obligation for a teacher and a worker in the church.

Professional educators, childcare workers, social workers, and medical personnel are trained to look for signs of abuse. These persons bear a heavier burden for mandatory reporting according to federal and state law. It is time that the church enhances its safety concerns for our children. This article is not intended to scrutinize internal workers for bad behavior; however as a powerful force within the community the church should not have workers destroy the life of a child giving them a distorted image of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This discussion is to recognize certain types of abuse which may be occurring with our children whether they are inside or outside the church. If the church has a vital strategic evangelistic Sunday school program; it is possible that ministry may attract a child from the local community who may be suffering with a problem at home that is affecting them negatively. It is quite disconcerting to think or believe that a child in a “supposedly” devout Christian home would be suffering abuse, but this taboo subject is set to

expose the enemy where ever he would lurk, whether it be a child who has parents in or outside the church. Our innocent children need to be protected from all hurt, harm, or danger. Jesus assured us in his Word that “whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matt 18:6). This topic has been presented by a medical professional, Dr. Dwight Owens a forensic psychologist, through the Women’s Directorship during the AIM Convention. The subject is paramount to me because I believe the house of God should be a safe haven for all who come to find refuge.

DEFINITION OF CHILD ABUSE

The Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) (42 U.S.C.A. § 5106g), as amended by the CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010, defines child abuse and neglect as, at minimum:

- "Any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker which results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation"; or

"An act or failure to act which presents an imminent risk of serious harm."

This definition of child abuse and neglect refers specifically to parents and other caregivers. A "child" under this definition generally means a person who is younger than age 18 or who is not an emancipated minor.¹

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Here are a few suggested things a Sunday school teacher should look for in a child that may be suspicious for abuse or neglect I presented an example in class that my son when he was 7 years old had to have casts on both legs at the same time. He had a mild form of cerebral palsy and walked on his toes and had a leg shorter than the other. We were young in the church so the pastor called the family up and prayed for my son. It was very difficult for us to come to church because of how it looked with our son having both legs in casts for a month. However, we were very loving to him and provided a great home. Should we have been reported? I called my pastor and told him that my child had this condition to help alleviate curiosity, but I did not tell his Sunday school teacher or the

¹ “Definitions of Child Abuse and Neglect in Federal Law,” US Department of Health and Human Services. Child Welfare Information Gateway. Administration for Children and Families. 2013, accessed January 16, 2014. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/can/defining/federal.cfm>.

Children's church leader. NOTE: *Please keep in mind that you must not view one incident as a sign of abuse without sufficient evidence.*

- 1) Watch for extremely shy children in the church that are fearful of being touched. Children who cringe when approached or they do not interact well with other children.
- 2) Monitor the cleanliness of the child. If the child has an odor, is not wearing clothing for the season, or seems to be unkept. Make an attempt to talk with the parents of that child to see if they need assistance. Evaluate how the parents react to the offer of assistance.
- 3) Sometimes there may be a child who exposes (their genitalia) to other opposite sex children in the class or is always taking clothing off at inappropriate times. This behavior should be questioned with the parents of that child.
- 4) Children who handle situations over aggressively when settling disputes or who are always resorting to violence should have their parents contacted. Document the type of behavior and ask the child if the situation could have been better settled. Listen closely to their answers to see if that is a learned pattern from adults on how to resolve differences.

MANDATED REPORTING

As mentioned earlier there are those who are considered mandatory reporters. However a rhetorical question was asked of God by Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?"(Gen 4:9). Because of the love of God which is shed abroad in our hearts we should care for those who cannot care for themselves. Jesus desired the children to come to him and he even used a child as an example for how we are to receive the kingdom of God (Luke 18:16, 17 & Matt 19:14). It is morally appropriate and the law for us to protect our children as best we can as stated earlier in this article.

I would suggest that if there is a suspected abused child in a Sunday school class and that is a concern for a teacher or the child reports something to you as a teacher, your first course of action should be to **notify** your local Sunday School Superintendent and the Pastor! It is always great to pray in situations such as this; however faith without works is truly dead in this type of incident. Taking what you have seen or heard to your Pastor may save a child's life. After sharing this information with the pastor and the superintendent the very next action should be to call the authorities. As stated above, if the offender is the pastor of the church call the police first after documenting what has been told to you thoroughly, then alert the pastors chain of command on the issue which would be the pastor's District Superintendent and his Bishop.

What steps should you take to prevent or if there is a bad situation?

- 1) Reassure the child that it is okay to talk with you about what is happening to them. Let them know that you are going to help them and assure their protection.
- 2) You need to write incidents you see down if you notice that the child is in your class with recurrent injuries. The first, incident unless severe should cooly be inquired into by you with the child and the parent if possible. Some children may have health issues like cerebral palsy or they are very rambunctious and fall a lot. This is why gentle inquire of the cause of an accident is necessary of both child and parent prior to simply reporting one incident.
- 3) An established policy of the "Two Adult Rule"² is good for the children and the volunteers working with children. If it is established that there should be two adults at all times to work with or be with children at church sponsored functions, then all parties involved will feel protected. It is less likely for there to be any false accusations toward the church or its volunteers this way also with children who may be trying to seek attention.
- 4) Churches and individual volunteers may feel like it is overkill to have a criminal background check system in place. However, the safety of our children should never be held hostage by feelings being hurt. It is not a challenge of the integrity being questioned of an individual it is the protection of the children. Volunteers who want to work with children at the church and have the children's safety at heart will follow through with the church policy. The church should obtain a written agreement to obtain a background search to protect the church from being accused of violating any rights to privacy if social security numbers or other personal information is obtained. However most states have a public website that exposes registered sex offenders. Thou this is public record the church should still alert the volunteer of the background check as a courteous.

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COURSE TITLE: Dementia: The Unforgiving Reality

I. *What is Dementia?*

A. There are different types of dementia that we will discuss for your understanding of the disease. The one that most are familiar with is Alzheimer's disease, however there are two others that you may be introduced to through medical means if you have loved one's who are suffering.

-Alzheimer's disease: Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative disorder that attacks the brain's nerve cells, or neurons, resulting in loss of memory, thinking and language skills, and behavioral changes.¹

-Parkinson's disease: A broad array of symptoms that includes disorientation, confusion, memory loss, impaired judgment, and alteration in mood and personality—with these symptoms arising from different issues.²

-Vascular dementia: Vascular dementia is a cause of [dementia](#). It is caused by disease of the small blood vessels in the brain. Parts of the brain called white matter (as well as subcortical grey matter) are injured by multiple small [strokes](#).³

B. *Causes of dementia-* because there are three distinct disorders we will discuss, I will talk with you about the causes individually. The first two diseases are attacks on the nervous system and the last is a blood vessel problem.

II. *What does dementia look like?*

A. Signs, symptoms, diagnostic tests- signs as symptoms or warning signs are similar in all three disorders. They are listed below.⁴

- Memory loss, especially of recent events, names, placement of objects, and other new information
- Confusion about time and place
- Struggling to complete familiar actions, such as brushing teeth or getting dressed
- Trouble finding the appropriate words, completing sentences, and following directions and conversations
- Poor judgment when making decisions
- Changes in mood and personality, such as increased suspicion, rapid and persistent mood swings, withdrawal, and disinterest in usual activities
- Difficulty with complex mental assignments, such as balancing a checkbook or other tasks involving numbers

B. I will briefly discuss testing that will be ordered by your doctor to help provide information as to what may be happening in the brain to give a better diagnosis for the situation. It will include blood work and some type of imaging most likely an MRI of the brain.

III. ***Dementia versus Delirium*** There is a difference between these two disorders although they have similar manifestations of the disease process; memory loss and behavioral changes.

However the differences are in onset, cause, duration, treatment, attention span and memory, and activity.

IV. **Treatment of Dementia** I will discuss some of the medications that are available to you. I will try to spend a lot of time here answering questions about the effectiveness and side effects of the medications. We are not going to discuss specifics or give medical advice concerning

- A. Medications
- B. Alternative forms of Treatment

V. **The Caregiver's Role in the Life of a Dementia Patient**

- A. Support groups
- B. What to do when.....???

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COURSE TITLE: KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL AGING

FACILITATOR: EVANGELIST JO ANN DAVIS

Introduction:

Successful aging is best understood as a process rather than an outcome. It is a way of doing and being. It is our ongoing day to day efforts to live as well as possible doing the latter part of our lives. Good health is important to successful aging, but it is not the whole story.

Purpose:

This session is to encourage those who have gained wisdom throughout this life. It is for seniors to see the worth they have in the church and the lives of others around them.

Acceptance of age:

Those who have come to terms with the realities and limitations of aging are able to adjust their perspective. They are able to balance their actions between self and others. Faith in God provides a strong foundation for life. It will also allow you to focus on other, as we live our biblical mandates to love and meet the needs of others.

Be active in your neighborhood community groups. Look around for any senior centers that may be available which will offer exercises, crafts, and outings for seniors. If there are no community centers in your neighborhood offering those things talk with your pastor about having day sessions in the fellowship hall of your church for arts and crafts and setting up outings for the seniors.

Financial Status:

Older adults with inadequate financial resources or reported problems in their Neighborhoods are less likely to see themselves as aging successfully when they compare themselves to those who are more financially secure. There are programs for people with limited income and resources. You might qualify for help to pay for some health care and prescription drug cost. If you are on Medicare go to www.medicare.gov or call (1-800-633-4227) and inquire about the medicare savings plan. So drug companies also provide assistance to the elder you will need to speak with your doctor about that. Check with utility companies about senior discounts and flat rates on utilities.

Additional information for supplement financial aid:

Senior Employment Resource: www.wiseworker.com

Food stamps benefits are now referred to as SNAP which stand for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program help people with low incomes get food.

3 minute food stamp application on line for WIC and SNAP: www.foodstamp-assistance.com

Legal Help: www.law.justanswer.com

Assisted Living Experts: www.assistedliving.com

Senior Housing Locator: www.aplaceformom.com

Financial Problems: www.creditreliefprogram.com/credit

Check your area for local programs that may benefit you.

COURSE TITLE: MATTERS OF THE HEART

FACILITATOR: EVANGELIST CHARLA V. JOHNSON

We who have vowed to dedicate ourselves to God and to serve God's people should learn to care for our bodies. Many times the enemy has to do very little to bring about sickness with us because we eat poorly, sleep little, work too much, and intake too little water. God is a Healer. However we should not tempt Him.

Unchecked blood pressure can injure the kidney, eye, heart & brain.

Heart Diseases Symptoms: The symptoms may differ, depending on what type of problem you are having. The vessels on the outside of the heart are called coronary arteries. If these vessels become blocked from fatty deposits because of elevated cholesterol, you can have pain in the chest called **angina**. Without relief from the blockage you could develop an area that cannot get adequate blood to the heart muscle which will lead to a **heart attack** or **MI (myocardial infarction)**.

***Shortness of breath *Weakness and/or dizziness *Rapid heartbeat or fluttering of the heart *Discomfort in the chest radiating to arms, neck, jaw, or back *Nausea, sweating, vomiting**

Blood Pressure should be checked yearly. Normal BP 130/80

High BP is 140/90 and above. If both numbers or one of the numbers are high, then you have to be considered for medication therapy. That is a discussion to have with your doctor.

Pointers I will add.

- Please drink plenty of water when taking a diuretics or (water pills). If your medicine is called HCTZ or hydrochlorothiazide, then you need to have your kidneys checked through blood work. Ask your doctor if he is doing that quarterly.
- Be careful taking excessive amounts of goody powder, or anti-inflammatory medications (i.e.: Motrin, Naprosyn, etc.) because these affect your kidney function.

Cholesterol is a waxy, fatlike substance (lipid) that the body needs for many important functions, such as producing new cells. However, if a person's cholesterol levels are too high, he or she will have a greater risk of developing life-threatening diseases, such as coronary artery disease, heart attack, and stroke. High cholesterol is caused by eating a diet too high in cholesterol and saturated fat or by having an inherited condition that causes elevated cholesterol levels.

A **total cholesterol level** of less than 200 mg/dL is desirable.

200 mg/dL to 239 mg/dL is considered borderline-high cholesterol.

240 mg/dL or higher is considered high cholesterol

High cholesterol is a leading risk factor for heart disease. When there is too much cholesterol (a fat-like substance) in your blood, cholesterol and other substances build up in the walls of your arteries. This build up is called plaque. Over time, it causes "hardening of the arteries" so that arteries become narrowed and blood flow to the heart is slowed down. The blood carries oxygen to the heart.

Pointers I will add.

- You want to know about the number for your LDL cholesterol (bad) which should be below 130 on healthy adults and 100 on Diabetics. HDL is (good) cholesterol and should be 30 and above.
- If your numbers are high you may have to take a cholesterol medication. If you are on them make sure your doctor checks your liver every 3-6 months.

What causes type 2 diabetes?

Type 2 diabetes is caused by insulin resistance, which occurs when the body's cells and tissues do not respond properly to insulin. Your weight, level of physical activity, and family history affect how your body responds to insulin. People who are overweight, get little or no exercise, or have diabetes in their family have an increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

What are the symptoms?

Hallmark symptoms of diabetes are increased thirst, frequent urination, increased hunger, severe itching, numbness and tingling of the feet/toes, and visual disturbance. Unplanned weight loss, extreme fatigue, and irritability also are common. However, in type 2 diabetes, blood sugar levels rise intermittently or so slowly that you may not have symptoms despite having the disease for many years before diagnosis.

You may discover that you have type 2 diabetes during a regular medical checkup or during an appointment for another illness, such as [high blood pressure](#), a persistent infection, or a slow-healing wound. Some people do not find out they have diabetes until they have a complication from the disease, such as vision problems, kidney disease, nerve disease, or heart problems.

Pointers I will add.

- Have your blood sugars checked once per year if you are over 40.
- If you are on insulin, you need to keep your blood sugar meter with you at all times. You should check it prior to taking your insulin. The normal blood sugar levels should be 60-110. Once you are diagnosed your numbers will normally run from 110-150 as a baseline if you are on medications.

In all these problems diet and exercise are important. You have to cut down on the calorie intake as you get older otherwise you will gain weight. Exercise has to be discussed with your doctor prior to starting a program, if you are over 45 and/or you have a known health issue. Cut out some soda and sweet tea intake to help weight loss and lowering blood sugars.

COURSE TITLE: MINISTERING TO MINISTERING SERVANTS

FACILITATOR: DISTRICT MISSIONARY JANICE EDMOND

Sunday School is a great way for anyone to grow, especially those who were chosen, called or appointed to minister in specific ways. We are all charged to be witnesses, however there are ministering servants whose lives are usually accompanied with humanitarian works. This session is designed to share essentials to teaching ministering servants in the adult Sunday school class and provide a forum for analyzing critical components in the development and growth of a maturing group of servants. The reason this is so important is because there should be constant preparation in fulfilling the Great Commission. Jesus said, **“Go!”**

Scriptures:

I Corinthians 3:6-8 KJV ⁶ I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.⁷ So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.⁸ Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

II Timothy 2:10, Matthew 25:35-40, Luke 12:33-34, John 15:12, I Corinthians 15:58, Philippians 2:3-5, Mark 10:43-45, Luke 10:27

- I. Great Commission *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . .* Matthew 28-19-20
 - A. Fulfilling the call to minister to others
 - B. Prerequisites to the call
 - C. Teaching the disciples then and now
- II. The Goal in Sunday School
 - A. Obedience is the way - Accept and Apply
 - B. Results - Growth vs Stagnation
 - C. Before you go, go to Sunday School
- III. The Teacher: More Than . . .
 - A. Teacher
 - B. Leader
 - C. Feeder
 - D. Protector
- IV. The Students as Ministering Servants
 - A. Who Are They
 - B. “As they went . . .”
 - C. Know What You Believe
- V. A Definition Of Insanity
 - A. There is a need for CHANGE
 - B. “The List”
 - C. Desired results – quantitative vs qualitative
 - D. *Reach! Teach! = Maturity!*
- VI. Transformational Lessons for Ministering Servants
 - A. How did I get here
 - B. The “Lord, send me” disposition
 - C. Purposeful lessons for His saints
 - D. Commitment: Causes, Motivation, Follow through
- VII. 21st Century Misconceptions and Knowing What You Believe
 - A. From “Marvel not . . .” to “Ask anything . . .”
 - B. Statement of Faith
 - C. Exposure vs Mastery
- VIII. Pray for GROWTH!! Pray for each other!!

COURSE TITLE: “Presenting Jesus to our Children”

FACILITATOR: DR. SYLVIA R. HALL

The opportunity to present “Jesus” to our children provides an open door for enduring understandings. The Word of God enlightens, nurtures, and bestows life (Eze. 37:2). Children are impressionable and they possess the adeptness to absorb bible truths and hide those truths in their hearts. Through Sunday School, teachers can provide engaging, comprehensive interactive lessons that will positively affect children as they matriculate through the many phases of life. Sunday School teachers can expose students to foundational truths on the word of God. In so doing, children will be equipped to apply biblical principles to every phase of their lives and in various settings which will enable them to be an effective witness to others in this 21st century (2 Timothy 2:2).

The Tools

The Bible (Psalms 119:105 & Isaiah 40:8) – If the verse you are teaching from is hard for your students to understand, it is because the message is more profound than just a few easy words! It is an opportunity for you to work harder to show students how the word is a guiding light!

1. Teaching Packs - These are lesson packs that help you with ideas and lesson outlines about the many subjects of the Bible.
2. Visuals - These are drawings and pictures of people and places in the Bible that you can use to help your students better visualize the Bible lesson as you teach it. They include cut-outs of people, animals, and Bible objects like chariots and crowns, etc.
3. True Life Stories-(Revelations 12:11) Text to Self (TS), Text to World (TW), Text to Text (TT)
4. Bible Dictionary, and Bible Maps – Connect the dots for students by dissecting vocabulary and showing maps to correlate to the lesson. These resources will help students within the school setting with both English Language Arts and Social Studies.
5. Prayer! No amount of teaching will ever take the place of walking with God! Your students will know when you have spent time with God, and when you haven't (Acts 4:13).

B. The Team - No Rogues Allowed!

1. Co-laboring WITH Christ Jesus, who is the authority
2. Co-laboring WITH the Pastor - working under his leadership - working to fulfill his vision and goals for the people in his church
3. Co-laboring WITH the other teachers (Matthew 5:16 & John 16:12)

C. The Target (Mt 28:20) - "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

1. Souls saved! (The ultimate goal and target when teaching Sunday School)
2. Young and older Christians- The second goal is to feed, nourish, and challenge all to live for God with zeal, and love!

3. To be the best teacher possible! This is not a place for half-hearted effort, but fanatical zeal! (Children need commitment and consistency to flourish)
- D. **The Teacher** - a Gift from Christ to the local body of believers (Eph. 4:11)
1. Is **Saved** - Must be a true, born-again, blood-bought child of God (Luke 6:39)!
 2. Is **Sensitive** - Cares (1 Cor. 13:1-4). God doesn't want half-hearted servants (Col 3:23). Pray for your class every day, and weep for those that are not saved, or are rebellious to God's word and work in their lives!
 3. Is **Submissive** - Loyal - work as a team with the other teachers, and the pastor (Eph. 4:11)
 - a. To the Book - no opinions, or preconceived ideas
 - b. To the Pastor - don't do anything that you know the pastor would not approve of.
 4. Is **Studious** - be hungry for God, and willing to study to feed both yourself, and your little flock (2 Tim 2:15). Prepare your lessons during the week, not just on Saturdays! Work hard at preparing your lesson like it is a full-course meal for them to enjoy!
 5. Is **Steadfast** - Be faithful, committed to a long-term effort (1 Cor 4:1,2). Be strong in your effort, and never let disappointments, and struggle keep you from fulfilling God's will through you!
 6. Is **Serious** - you are not dealing just with facts, and places, and events, but with **souls** (2 Tim 2:21-26)! The children need to know that you believe that what you are teaching is the most important thing to know and live.
 7. Is **Spirited** - Enthusiastic, Spirit Filled, Excited to be able to serve (1 Tim 1:12)! Make every Sunday School exciting, and a special time - your children should want to be there - not HAVE to be there! Always pray and ask God to show you how to lead your flock like Jesus would if He were there, and be as excited as He would be to share the good news!
- E. **The Time in Class** - Have a Schedule for Class Time; following a prescribed schedule helps our children understand the importance of being on time, and will help to enforce an important life principle regarding timeliness.

*Proverbs 4:7 "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom:
and with all thy getting, get understanding."*

COURSE TITLE: UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF PRISON MINISTRY THROUGH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

FACILITATOR: DR. DANNY R. ALLEN

I Introduction:

When a family, friend or Church member is incarcerated it can and often times is overwhelming. Where is the support system? Where can help be found? The Sunday School as the oldest education institution can be a resource. How? We will explore what to expect and what to do after someone you care about has been arrested. And how to remain positive before, during, and after their sentence.

- a. We are challenged to review our method of delivering the gospel without tampering with the message of salvation. With the rising recidivism rate in our nation which directly effects our Church every department and auxiliary should become inclusive in prison outreach. In South Central several department workers, Mothers Board, Evangelism, Sunday School and Elders joined in an unprecedented effort to reach out to Women's Prison. Joining with another community program South Central participate in collection over 42.000 bars of Dial Soap, distributed to 24 Prisons.
- b. A full discussion and analysis of Matthew 25: 31-46 always help in identifying the role of both outreach and prison ministry. The Parable of the Sheep and Goats places special emphasis on individual duty and Church responsibility. Ministry here is all inclusive covering men, women and children.
- c. View outreach ministry through each Sunday School lesson drawing a direct connection between the printed text and actual need of your Church. This will require a bit more research. Sometimes indiscreetly!

II Sunday School as a conductor for Caring for Ex-offenders

1. Mentoring family members of the incarcerated.
 - a. Communication skills
 - b. Boundaries and risk
 - c. Understanding Ex-offenders
 - d. It is aimed at anyone discerning if this is the ministry for them, those who are/will be involved in mentoring and touching the lives of all in and through the Sunday School.
 - e. Mentoring is a structured relationship where a Mentor provides support, guidance and encouragement to a men tee, around a set of objectives that the men tee sets. It is being a friend/guide with an ultimate purpose in mind while be acted upon.

We pray that this class will yield incredible saints with a mind to work.

Recommended reading:

One and a Half Inch Mattress with Three Feet of Privacy

By Danny R. Allen

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MEN'S MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Overview

The 2015 theme is "Christ's Extreme Sacrifice, calls for our Extreme Commitment (2Cor 15:14-15)!

In our conference we will remember the Extreme Sacrifice Jesus made for mankind, and we will make an Extreme Commitment to Christ by encouraging men through our Sunday Men Ministry to commit to reaching out to mankind and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our mission is to continue the mission of Jesus Christ; He said in Luke 19:10... for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." And in... Mk 16:15-16a "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved" and in...Ro 10:14-15a "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?

This week in our 2015 AIM conference we have anointed God fearing men who have answered the call, and will be teaching on topics that will encourage men to make Extreme Commitment because of Christ's Extreme Sacrifice,

Dr. Rozario L. Slack - The Psychology of Man

Superintendent Frederick Cowen - You are My Brother

Superintendent Charles Nash - The Man God Created

Our prayer is that each participant will leave inspired, encouraged and committed to go back to their communities and local Sunday School department, reaching out and encouraging other men to be Extremely Committed to Christ by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and reaching other men through the Sunday School men ministry in their local churches.

A Servant Leader, for the glory of God,

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BIBLICAL STUDIES MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Course Title: The 11th Hour Ministry

Facilitator: Bishop Robert D. Strong, Sr.

- I. The Many Who Are Last, Shall Be First
This parable in the 20th chapter of Matthew teaches us that God is debtor to no man, and that salvation is not of debt, but of grace which cannot be merited, and that He is sovereign; having the right to do what pleases Him with His own.

- II. The Last Hired
Teaches us that God has not dealt with us after our sins, nor repaid us for our iniquities. (Psalm 103:10)

- III. How Far Has He Removed Our Transgressions From Us
As far as the heavens are above the earth, and as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

- IV. Why stand idle all day?
Standing idle, complaining over past grievances only hinders favorable opportunities.

BIBLICAL SCIENCE MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Course Title: Biblical Evidences of Science

Facilitator: Dr. Paul B. Ruffin

Class Objective:

The primary objective of this class is to present biblical evidences of scientific principles. The students will be enlightened on the biblical and scientific perspectives of the origin of man, the origin of giants after the Flood, the Wednesday Crucifixion, and the Ice Age and Cavemen.

The following topics will be discussed

Class Topics:

The Origin of Man (Bible and Science)
The Wednesday Crucifixion

The Origin of Giants after the Flood
The Ice Age and Cavemen

Class Discussions:

The Origin of Man (Bible and Science)

Tuesday, June 30th

The Bible & creation science reveal a common origin of man – God’s Creation. **Acts 17: 26** says, “And hath made of *one blood* all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;” Evolution says that we all evolved from *a common ancestor* during a period of millions of years. Evolution science claims that man evolved from primates, who evolved from quadrupedal mammals, who evolved from small rodent-like reptiles, who evolved from small lizards, who evolved from amphibians – the first part-time land dwellers, who evolved from Haikouichthys – the first vertebrates, which are the common ancestors to all living vertebrates alive today, who evolved from small invertebrates, who evolved from multicellular life such as Jellyfish, who evolved from single-celled organisms.^{1,2} **Gen. 1:20** says, “Let the *waters bring forth* abundantly the moving creature that hath life.” The waters brought forth life. God did not create them from nothing. **Gen. 1:21** says, “God *made* the sea animals and the birds from the waters.” **Gen. 1:24** says, “Let the *earth bring forth* the living creature after its kind.” Again the earth brought forth life. **Gen. 1:25** says, “God *made* the animals from the earth.” **Gen. 2:7** says, “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” God did not create man from nothing, He made them directly from the dust of the earth. The validity of the origin of man being from God’s creation 6,000 plus years ago, as well as the problems associated with the unproven theory of evolution will be discussed. Scientists are yet trying to figure out how a single-celled organism became a multicellular animal. *The Bible and science agree that the first animal life began in the water.*

The Origin of the Giants after the Flood July 1st

Wednesday,

Bible students have inquired about the origin of the giants after the Flood. **Gen. 10:15** says, "And Canaan begat Sidon his first born, and Heth, and the Jebusite, and *the Amorite*, and the Girgasite," The *Amorite (the giant)* was the son of Canaan, grandson of Ham, and the great-grandson of Noah. **Amos 2:9** says, "Yet destroyed I *the Amorite* before them, whose height was like *the height of the cedars*, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath." The origins of giants before the Flood (Nephilim) and after the Flood [the Amorite giants (Zamzummim), the Canaanite giants (Anakim), and the Philistine giants (Goliath)] will be discussed. *The giant gene came through Ham's family after the Flood.*

The Wednesday Crucifixion

Thursday, July 2nd

Many new converts ask the question, "How could Jesus have been in the heart of the earth for 3 days and 3 nights if He died on a Friday afternoon and rose before sunrise on a Sunday?" **Lev. 23:5-6** says, "In the 14th day of the first month at even is the LORD's Passover. And on the 15th day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread unto the LORD. " **Jn. 19:14** says, "The Jews therefore, because it was *the preparation*, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day, (for that Sabbath day was a high day)." **Mt. 28:1** says, "In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher." These scriptures indicate that Jesus was crucified on the Day of Preparation of the Passover meal. The next day, which was the 14th Day of Nisan/Abib, was the Passover Sabbath (**Lev. 23:5**). The following day, the 15th Day of Nisan/Abib (**Lev. 23:6**), was the Feast of Unleavened Bread Sabbath. The weekly Sabbath, which was the 16th Day of Nisan/Abib, followed as indicated in **Mt. 28:1**. In the year of Jesus' crucifixion, the Passover Sabbath and the Feast of Unleavened Bread Sabbath occurred back-to-back with the Weekly Sabbath. Instructive charts, illustrating the various Sabbaths, will be discussed. *Jesus died on a Wednesday.*

The Ice Age and Cavemen July 3rd

Friday,

Both Creationists and Evolutionists believe that there were "Ice Ages." But what they don't agree on is the timing. The theory of evolution suggests that the "Ice Ages" began over 2 million years ago and ended about 11,000 years ago. The Creationists believe that the "Ice Age" occurred in the years following Noah's Flood about 4,400 years ago. **Job 38:30** says, "The waters are hid as with a stone, and the *face of the deep is frozen*." **Job 6:15** says, "My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, and as the stream of brooks they pass away; which are blackish by reason of *the ice*." Some creationists have postulated that men were forced to hide from the elements in caves during the Ice Age. **Job 30:5-6** says, "They were driven forth from among men, (they cried after them as after a thief) to dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, *in caves of the earth*, and in the rocks." **Gen. 19:30** says, "And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he *dwelt in a cave*, he and his two daughters." *Fully-developed humans lived in caves following the Flood.*

1. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walking_with_Monsters

2. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_evolutionary_history_of_life#Detailed_timeline

BIBLICAL SCIENCES MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Course Title: Interpreting Genesis Days – An Introduction of Principles

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Why Does It Matter?

Tuesday, June 30th

We understand the Word of God is (or should be) the highest importance to us "...for you have exalted above all things your name and your word." We can perceive God's attributes from the heavens based on Rom 1:20. Should we not attempt to see how these fit together especially when speaking to an unbeliever? Augustine (354 - 450 AD) writing on Genesis puts it like this:

"Usually, even a non-Christian knows something about the earth, the heavens...this knowledge he hold to as being certain from reason and experience. Now, **it is a disgraceful and dangerous thing for an infidel to hear a Christian, presumably giving the meaning of Holy Scripture, talking nonsense on these topics;** and we should take all means to prevent such an embarrassing situation... **The shame is not so much that an ignorant individual is derided, but that people outside the household of faith think our sacred writers held such opinions, and, to the great loss of those for whose salvation we toil, the writers of our Scripture are criticized and rejected as unlearned men.** If they find a Christian mistaken in a field which they themselves know well and hear him maintaining his foolish opinions about our books, ***how are they going to believe those books in matters concerning the resurrection of the dead, the hope of eternal life, and the kingdom of heaven....?***" ("Ancient Christian Writers. The Literal Meaning of Genesis" J.H Taylor, Newman Press, 1982)

Case Study: Fixed Earth

Tuesday, June 30th

In 1610 Galileo published his observations that the Earth moved about the Sun and faced an inquisition because of it in 1615. The inquisition believed that it is heresy to say that the Sun is the center of the universe because it denied the centrality of the earth as taught by scripture.

The heresy was based on the following scriptures (at least):

1. Ps 104:5 **"He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved."**
2. 1Sam 2:8 **"...For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world."**
3. Ecc 1:5 **"The sun rises and the sun sets, and hurries back to where it rises."**

(See also Ps 93:1, Ps 102:25, Jer 10:12, 1 Chronicles 16:30, etc.)

Writing on Ps 93:1 John Calvin (1509-1564) wrote "How could the earth hang suspended in midair were it not upheld by God's hand? By what means could it maintain itself unmoved, while the heavens above it are in constant rapid motion, did not its Divine Maker fix and establish it?" ("Commentary on the Psalms: Volume 4". ccel.org")

Martin Luther (1483 - 1546) in one of his documented "Table Talks" in 1539 said the following

"...sacred scripture tells us that Joshua commanded the sun to stand still and not the earth"

So what happened to our belief in the authority of scripture? Why do we not insist today that the earth is stationary? Why have we interpreted Ps 104:5, 93:1, 1 Sam 2:8 differently today? What has changed?

Multivalency of the Word “Day” in Genesis

Wednesday, July 1st

In Genesis 1:5 we see the **first** and **second** uses of the word “Day” in Genesis:

“God called the light **Day**, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first **day**.”

1. What is the time period associated with the first use of “day”?
2. What is the time period associated with the second use of “day”?
3. Consider Genesis 2:2-3, what is the time period associated with this “day”?
4. Consider Genesis 2:4, “...in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.” How is the word “day” being used in this instance?

Comparison of God’s Creation Week & Human Work Week

Wednesday July 1st

Exodus 20:8-11 teaches us that we are to pattern our work week after God’s creation week, but are there major differences that indicate our weeks though similar are not identical?

1. When God creates something new, the Hebrew word is “ba-ra” this is only used for God and never when a human “makes” something.¹
2. God does not rest like we do. “Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. (Ps 121:4)²
3. The human work week repeats, God’s week happened once. God is still in his Sabbath with regards to creation (Hebrews 4:9). God is working in other ways (upholding) according to Hebrews 1:3, and as Jesus said “My Father is working until now, and I am working.” (John 5:17). This work however is not creating as in “ba-ra” as described in Genesis. ^{1, 2} John Lennox, Seven Days That Divide the World (Zondervan 2011), 49

Dealing with Objections: Death Before The Fall?

Thursday, July 2nd

This objection is raised based on Romans 5:12, let’s look at it “Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned” Paul is very specific with his words in all his letters, here he says that “death spread **to all men**”. This leaves open the concept of animal death before the fall.³ Plant death is excluded from this objection as they were given as food explicitly in Gen. 2:9.⁴

But what about Rom 8:20 “...creation was subjected to futility...” also “its [creation’s] bondage to corruption”? Here we make a distinction between natural death versus decay and corruption. Consider salmon that die after spawning, this is not because of disease or decay but the natural lifecycle of salmon.⁵ Is this not something God would have called “good” by designing it?

To further elucidate the point of God’s design, consider that crocodiles have incredible bite strength, some snakes have venom sacks and fangs to deliver venom, some spiders are venomous, some eels produce high voltage with significant amounts of current, were these designs not all made in creation before the fall? Did God not call these designs “good”?

Humans are distinct; surely we alone are capable of sin as moral creatures.⁶ Does a lion sin when it kills for food? We were the only ones to whom God gave dominion over all other life on earth (Gen 1:26). Are we not the only creatures to be made in the image of God? (Gen. 1:27). Did not God become man? (John 1:14). Based on Rom. 5:12 and this human distinction, a case is presented such that the fall affected humans by allowing death (meant for non-humans) to spread to us, while corruption, disease, and decay, are effects of the fall that all creation experiences currently. ^{3,4,5,6} John Lennox, Seven Days That Divide the World (Zondervan 2011), 78-82

Sophistication in the Text of Genesis

Friday, July 3rd

1. That God speaks twice only on day three and day six.

The significance on day three is that in order to cross the boundary from the non-living to the living we need an "And God said" (God's direct intelligent input). On Day Six, we need a separate "And God said" to get humans. We are made of the dust (chemical nature), but again here we require God's direct intelligent input.⁷

2. In Hebrew the text of Genesis 1 and 2 reads: **day one...day two...day three...day four...day five... "The" sixth day... "The" seventh day.** This is an indication that the author intends for us to see that there is something special about these days.⁸ Genesis is rich and should be examined carefully for nuance. ^{7,8} John Lennox, *Seven Days That Divide the World* (Zondervan 2011), 70,53

DISABILITY MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Daily Schedule (Tuesday – Friday)

9:30 am - 10:00 am Parents/students sign-in

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Classes and activities

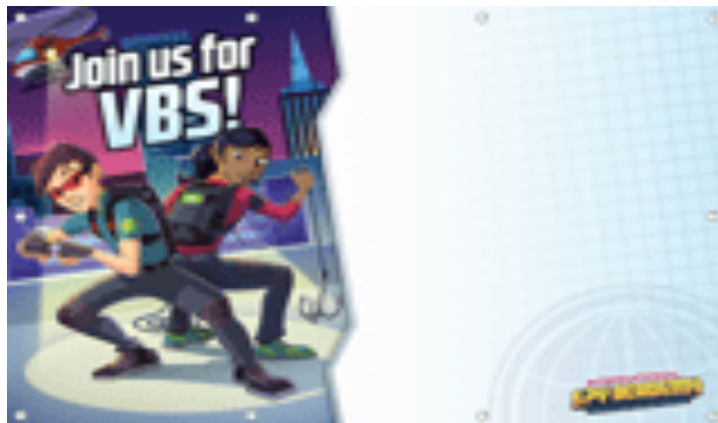
Breakfast/Lunch provided daily

DISABILITY MINISTRY DAYCAMP

THEME: INTERNATIONAL SPY CAMP

Day Camp: Training/room set up, Volunteer and camper's registration

Grab your secret decoder ring and put on your rearview mirror glasses because next summer, your kids are heading to the *International Spy Academy* where they'll train to become special agents for the one true God! This exciting new Vacation Bible School program is filled with fun mysteries your kids will love and the Bible-based apologetics you trust to teach them truths they won't forget!



DISABILITY MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

COURSE TITLE: PREPARING LEADERSHIP FOR A DISABILITY MINISTRY / GROUND RULES TO ACCESSIBILITY

FACILITATOR: SUPERINTENDENT EDDIE MILLER

I. Preparing Leadership for Disability Ministry

- Meet with the decision makers.
- Meet with Ministry Leaders.
- Meet With Sunday School Teachers.

II. Ground Rules to Accessibility

- Survey parking lot.
- Survey the entrances.
- Survey classrooms/ restrooms

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DISABILITY MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

COURSE TITLE: TRAINING FOR THE MINISTRY

FACILITATOR: EVANGELIST NANCY R. JONES

- I. Training for the Ministry
 - Recruit Ministry Workers.
 - Provide qualified leaders for training.
 - Provide materials for the Ministry.
- II. Team building for individuals working in the Ministry
 - Share past experiences.
 - Provide resolutions to concerns.
 - Mentorship.

DISABILITY MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

**COURSE TITLE: PREPARING MEMBERSHIP FOR
DISABILITY MINISTRY**

FACILITATOR: EVANGELIST RUBY STAMPLEY WEEK

- I. Present the Ministry to the full church body.
- II. Explain the benefits of the Ministry.
- III. Provide People First language.

DISABILITY MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

COURSE TITLE: MEDICAL NEEDS IN THE MINISTRY

FACILITATOR: SISTER ASHLEY BOYD

- I. Recruit qualified medical personnel.
- II. First Aid kits.
- III. Personal Health Information (PHI)
- IV. Consent Forms

DISABILITY MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

COURSE TITLE: FAMILY SUPPORT

FACILITATOR: EVANGELIST DORNESHA BOYD

- I. Don't say, "I know how you feel." - You can empathize with them, but you cannot experience this process in their place nor truly know how they feel.
- II. Offer respite – Even a break for an hour can be a great help.
- III. Avoid offering unsolicited advice - Even well intentioned advice can communicate they are inferior parents.
- IV. Say and show you care - Parents appreciate it when you genuinely communicate that you care and ask for ways you can be of help...even if they don't take you up on it.
- V. Don't assume – Just because a parent has a high-functioning child with special needs, this does not mean they have smaller challenges than those with low-functioning children.

DISABILITY MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

COURSE TITLE: FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY

FACILITATOR: EVANGELIST NANCY R. JONES

- I. Local funding
- II. Corporate Support
- III. Community Support

DISIABILITY MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

COURSE TITLE: THE MINISTRY AND THE BIBLE

FACILITATOR: SUPERINTENDENT EDDIE L. MILLER

- I. The least of these.
- II. Invitation to a Feast.
- III. The Pool of Bethesda

ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

COURSE TITLE: GROWING THE KINGDOM TOGETHER THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

FACILITATOR: PROPHETESS & EVANGELIST ARBE D. WOODS BROOKS

Based on: Mark 10:14

INTRODUCTION

The Sunday school is a formal system of spiritual, moral, intellectual, and academic orientation based on “The Jesus School” of Capernaum. It is impressive to keep in mind that when Jesus arrived on the ministerial scene, to the crossroads of history where Salvation intersects Redemption, Jesus did not start a church. He started a school. The school became the Church. The school that Jesus started began with only one member-John the Baptist; but then came two more, and then another one, and another, and so on. Pretty soon, there were 12; and the entire world is blessed with the message of salvation by the work of those first twelve whom we now call, disciples. The first “Jesus School” was first organized for the expressed purpose of building the kingdom.

It was Jesus and his little fledgling school that first set the fundamental pattern of inspiration, information, spiritualization, moral competence, and empowerment that characterize the great institution that we now call, *The Sunday School*.

- I. First Step
 - A. Planting
 - 1. Discovering Fundamental Bible/Christian Principles
 - 2. Mental exercises in scripture memorization and recognition/and talk-out
 - 3. Creating Christian ideas through interesting Bible stories
 - 4. Formulating the "Christian Mindset"
 - 5. Learning the Bible via acquaintance with Bible champions
- II. Second Step
 - A. Nurturing
 - 1. Applying Bible principles in solving everyday problems
 - a. Challenges in the church
 - b. Challenges in the home
 - c. Challenges in the school
 - d. Challenges in school
 - e. Challenges at work
 - f. Challenges at play
 - 2. Societal Application
 - 1. Building personal/Christian character
 - 2. Building and maintaining social relationships
 - 3. Personal and social imaging (of self and others)
 - 4. Managing gender identity
 - 5. Building and managing Christian emotional profiles
 - 6. Attitudinal training and adjustments
 - 7. Developing and maintaining Christian values
- III. Third Step
 - A. Harvesting
 - 1. Inviting others to participate in what you like about Sunday School
 - 2. Seeking ideas (from others) about what you do not like about Sunday School
 - 3. Enlist and invite help of others to enhance/embellish Sunday School
 - 4. Design challenge-incentives models of healthy contest
- IV. Fourth Step
 - A. Replant and Recycle
 - 1. Train others to duplicate you and do what you do
 - B. Exemplify Christian conduct
- V. Academic

- A. Formulate effective classes
 - 1. Instructional preparation
- B. Student Utilization
 - 1. In-class involvement
 - 2. Investigation and reporting
- C. Study challenge
 - 1. How did you use last week's lesson
- D. Life scenarios
- E. Enhancing Physical Aesthetics

VI. Expansion

- A. Advertisement
 - 1. Talk it
 - 2. Text it
 - 3. Write it
 - 4. Sing it
 - 5. Act it
 - 6. Be it

VII. Rewards and Incentives

- A. Cash Awards
- B. Praise Awards
- C. In-kind Awards
- D. Certificates and Trophies
- E. Field Trips and Excursions

ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

COURSE TITLE: SUNDAY SCHOOL – IT'S FOR LIFE

FACILITATOR: PROPHETESS & EVANGELIST ARBE D. WOODS BROOKS

- I. The Teaching Church
 - A. Explore Problems in the Sunday School
 - B. Maintain Worksheets and Checklists
 - C. Construct Charts and Graphs
- II. Promote Sunday School
 - A. Invite Speakers from Other Churches
 - B. Circulate Attention Getting Items
 - a. Certificate of Appreciation
 - b. Post Cards
 - c. Door Hangers
 - d. Door Hangers
 - e. Church Cards
 - f. Gifts
 - g. Free Posters
 - h. Distribute CD's
- III. Pastor Promoting Sunday School
 - A. Align Vision of the Church With the Sunday School
 - B. Rehearse Attendance During Morning Worship
 - C. Appoint Effective Teachers
 - D. Train Staff and Classes to Evangelize
- IV. Teaching Techniques
 - A. Teach by Example
 - B. Role Playing With Bible Stories
 - C. Follow Curriculum Closely
 - D. Outreach
 - E. Use Clipart to Enliven Topics
 - F. Visual Aids
 - G. Invite Class Members to Contribute to Lesson with pictures, facts etc
 - H. Prepare Lessons to Meet Each Member's Needs