

EDITOR'S DESK

“RISE UP AND THINK UP”

“**My Life is worth the living Just Because He Lives!**” began the message of our Pastor Superintendent Richard E. Patterson Sr. as he ministered a powerful word of deliverance Easter Sunday.

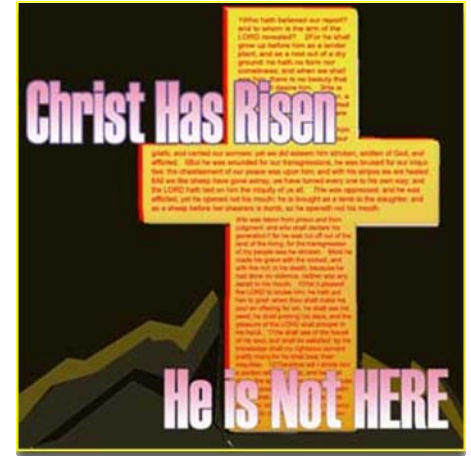
He expounded on Colossians 3:1, defining the words “if” as “a condition or stipulation” and “risen” as “to assume an upright position”.

The following are some of the points made in his message to the people of God :

- **Rise up by forgiving others:** We must get right with God by forgiving others. Where will we be if death comes?
- **Rise up by getting your mind on Jesus** and setting your affections on things above and not on things on the earth. Get the mind of Christ; change your attitude.
- **Rise from spiritual sleep:** We are in danger of hell fire for being asleep and letting others to remain asleep. It is up to us as

Christians to awake others who are asleep spiritually. This can be compared to a building that is on fire. You were awakened by the smell of smoke; others in the house are sound asleep. Will you just save yourself and let your family die in the fire? God forbid

- **Rise up from deadness:** We maybe going through some dead situations in our lives---whether it's spiritual or financial; it may be a dead end job or dead relationships. Whatever it is, it is time to get up from those conditions of deadness. We must get away from negative talking people. We need to hear God's word of healing and deliverance that will help us to rise out of deadness.
- **Rise Up to the challenge!** If you are saved, come up to the challenge of rising up. Began to inquire more of the things of God. Began to crave for the things of God.
- **Think Up**—If you are heavenly minded, you will be earthly good.



- **Think up:** Get your mind out of carnality and worldliness.
- **Think up:** Christ is sitting on the right hand of God. Christ is sitting in the seat
 - Of your healing
 - Of your deliverance
 - Of your answer
- **Think up**—look up and think on what is pure, honest, and of good report (Philippians 4:8). Stop thinking low; know that you are the head and not the tail, above and not beneath. (Deuteronomy 28:13)

Lastly, do the things that is pleasing to God. Live all you can for Christ and you will prosper in all your ways.

What was the message about?

1. What are we in danger of if we are spiritually sleep?
2. What does risen mean?
3. What do we need to hear that will help us to rise out of deadness?

Answers:

1. Hell fire
2. To assume an upright position
3. God's Words of healing and deliverance

It is up to us as Christians to awake others who are asleep spiritually.

Special Note: The Lord blessed in our Good Friday Services (both morning and evening) as the Word of God was ministered; speakers spoke on the 7 last sayings of Christ, the robe, the blood and the cross.

Children's Easter Program



We thank God for our young people who participated in our Children's Program on Easter Sunday. They sang and spoke about the resurrection power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The following is just a sample of our youth, under the direction of Sunshine Band President and Children's Program Coordinator, Sis C. Peterson.



What Does Sunday School Means To Me

By Sis Cydne Peterson

Sunday School has been an integral part of my upbringing in the Church of God in Christ. Having attended Sunday School at St Samuel Temple Church of God in Christ since 1981, I have learned how to search the scriptures and to understand the Word of God on a personal level. Sunday School is not just an area of ministry; it is life changing arm of the Church itself.

In Sunday School, we as young students were afforded the opportunity to ask questions and receive biblically based, sound answers to any query that came to mind. I was blessed to have some of the best Sunday School teachers, who not only loved the Lord and the Word of God, but they encouraged the youth and adults alike to further their educations and understanding of God's Word, and thereby God's plan of their life.

I now hold, with esteem, the title of Sunday School secretary, as well as the title of the teacher for Class Number 5, the Intermediate (Youth) Class. I have found that teaching my students causes me to delve deeper into God's Word in order to be prepared for the young minds and their questions.

My goal in this arm of ministry is to encourage my students to go higher in the Lord and to strengthen their roots in the Word of God, one day taking my place as the teacher of the future Sunday School students.

Youth Poetry Corner

HEAVEN

By Diamond Hutchinson

*People say they have a goal to reach
That goal is to go the club;
But you have to take your mind out of sin,
Once you take God's side.
Your goal is to make it into Heaven
Have you heard about Heaven?
It has a street paved with gold,
Heaven is the best thing that can
Happen to you
So think about what can happen
If you stay in sin
Once you love God,
You must love yourself
Think about the blessings you can have;
Once you believe in God
Love yourself
And the Glorious Man
That blessed your parent to have you
That Glorious Man is God*

FEATURED FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Minister Kortlyn and Sister LaSharanda Moore

Share a little about yourself, spouse and family Minister Kortlyn:

I am 26 years old and a friendly type of guy who enjoys life to the fullest with my family and friends. I enjoy swimming, games and going on trips. I have yet to fulfill everything in my heart (positively, of course). I am considerate of people's feelings. I am honest, fair and approachable. If you want to know something about me, I'll be glad to talk to you.

My wife is a wonderful lady who is very friendly, and down to earth, and has a great sense of humor. The one thing that I love about her is that she is a peaceful about my children; (they're fun loving and lovable)

Sister LaSharanda

I am the 6th of 7 children, born and raised in a godly household. Both of my parents raised us under the guidance of God. I met and married my husband almost 6 years ago. He is an amazing man of God. God has blessed our home with four wonderful children: Shakaylah 14, Jeremiah 5, Corla 4 and Kirsten 3). I am a special education teacher. I currently work for the Posen Robbins School District 143 ½.

I enjoy working to enhance the educational process of students that I encounter. I am an active member of the Adult Choir. When given an opportunity, I speak from the Word of God as God gives utterance.

What makes your family "work"?

Sister LaSharanda: I would say "Keeping God as the nucleus of our family is the key ingredient to making our family work:

Encouraging Words To Husbands and Wives: Minister Kortlyn:

I would say to keep God first. Listen to each other opinions and differences. Make each other feel like their opinion matters. Do not feel like your opinion is always better. We are likely to make mistakes and if you feel like you need to talk about it to your spouse, pray first. If you feel led to talk about it, talk. If not, then trust God.

Please, for goodness sake, listen. There are more important positive things to talk about. Lastly, if your spouse is hurting, let them know, Do not keep each other in the dark. How can we help or apologize if you do not talk? Respect, listen, and love each other.

What it Means to be Single and Saved

By Sister Beverly Cooper

To be single and saved means: Living Holy, Separation, Sanctification, Supplication,

1. Living Holy

It means acknowledging Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord and having a made up your mind to live a holy life It means putting on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him (Colossians 3:10)

2. Separation

It means separating myself from the things of the world. I may have felt alone but I know that I am not alone; God's grace and His mercy keep me and bring me the assurance of everlasting life. *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you"* (Matthew 6:33). Your heavenly Father knoweth that you have need of these things. God will surely give you the desires of your heart. *"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy path"* (Proverbs 3:5-6)

3. Sanctification

It means to set myself apart for God for service and abstaining from lust.

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification that ye should abstain from fornication (1 Thessalonians 4:3) "Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. (Titus 2:12) "Pray that ye enter not into temptation" (Luke 23:40)

Be sober, be vigilant: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you," (1 Peter 5:10).

4. Supplication

It means to you cry out to God, for he will hear you.

"Pray with ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Therefore, also now saith the LORD, turn ye even to me, with all your heart, and with fasting, and weeping, and mourning, praising the Lord God. "And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting and sackcloth, and ashes. (Daniel 9:3)



April

Sis D. Richardson

Sis. L. Moore-Patterson

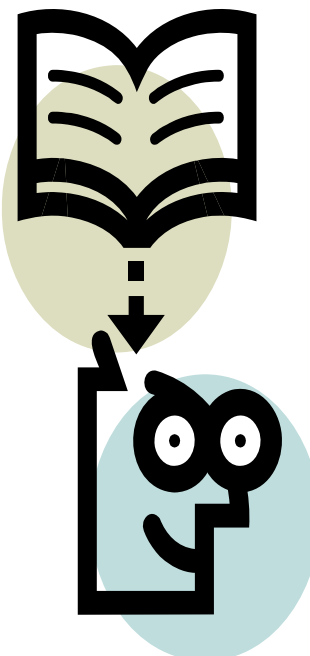
Sis L. Kitchen

Sis. B. Patterson

Bro J. Moore

and other April celebrants!

Message Snippets



April 10th, 2010

54th Anniversary Services for St Peters FBH Church, Evanston, Illinois

Our Pastor – Guest Speaker

- We must bridge the gap between the young and old in the church. We need to love one another. Get our youth saved before we “strip” them.
- Praise and worship is different. Everyone can praise the Lord, because it is not based on salvation; in worship God gets involved!
- Struggling means you’re not giving in but it means that you are fighting against the things that try to make you sin.
- Be “Spirit-Led” in your testimonies. You don’t want to discourage anyone because someone may say, “If that person can’t make it (with the LORD), then how can I? Minister healing and comfort “fruitfully”.

April 11th, 2010

Elder M. Patterson – Speaker- St Samuel

“Dress For Success Ephesians 6: ”)

- We can follow dress code in different organizations but why not the church?
- Put on the whole armor of God-that’s the dress code for fighting and warding off the enemy.
- Stay in your lane – stay in the place where God has put you.
- Helmet of salvation protect your mind (keep your mouth)
- The sword of the Spirit (the word of God) is the only weapon we need to fight the enemy
- Pray always

APRIL EVENTS

April 10th – St Peter’s FBH Church, Evanston, IL
54th Year Anniversary Services,

April 13th – New Holy Trinity Church, Chicago, IL
Pastor Carl Winfrey

April 18th – Tremont Tabernacle Baptist Church,
Chicago, IL
Pastoral Anniversary for Pastor Henry Barlow