

THE  
YOUTH  
CORNER

Presents

# FLOURISH

"Those that be planted in the house of the  
LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God."

Psalms 92:13



**2011** started off with a spiritual bang with our own Elder Clinton Johnson preaching the first week of our two week revival. He "walked" us through the Bible to let us know to trust God in all our ways and not to lean to our own understanding. He further stated what God will do; He will keep you in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Him (Isaiah 26:3).

The following week, Elder Stephan Henderson ministered to us powerful Words from the Lord. Souls young and old responded to the call to come to the altar to receive from God healing deliverance or whatever they needed from the Lord.

However, what was so profound were the prophetic words spoken through our Pastor after our two week revival. He proclaimed, **"Fifty more weeks of REVIVAL for St Samuel Temple!"**

God is *"no shorter than His Word"*: His presence has permeated each service, whether during prayer or testimony service or bible class. Our God is showing Himself strong in the midst of His people whose heart is right towards Him.

Thank God for the Revival's fire that continues to *inspire* us!



# Our Pastor's Birthday Celebration

**What A Glorious Time** we had in the Lord! St Samuel Temple family and friends came bearing gifts and words of affection and admiration to our Pastor in his Birthday Celebration February 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Dr Henry Barlow was the guest speaker for Friday night and the services climaxed Sunday afternoon with Pastor Rex Peel as guest speaker.

The Spirit of the Lord poured out upon us and the praises of God poured forth in our midst. Our Shepherd's heart was made glad through the love that expressed and through God's presence.



Administrative Asst. Pastor T. Welch and our Pastor, Superintendent R. Patterson



# Mother Bennie Patterson Day

*“For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister,” Hebrews 6:10*

*On March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011, we honored Mother Bennie Patterson in our annual “Mother Bennie Patterson Day” instituted by our Pastor to commemorate her faithful service and labor of love alongside her husband, Founder, the late Administrative Assistant Saint Samuel Patterson. Let us remember those who labor fervently in the vineyard of the Lord.*



## Birthday Wishes



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### January

Min. Carlos Patterson  
Sis. Cydne Peterson  
Eld. Clinton Johnson  
Lanai Moore

### February

Bro Richard Patterson  
Pastor R. Patterson  
Kirsten Moore

### March.

Mo. Bennie Patterson  
Sis Diamond Hutchinson  
Sis Deborah Samuels  
Sis Jacqueline Hutchinson  
Min. Anthony Griffin  
Asia Samuels  
Corla Moore

*And other Birthday Celebrants*



# my Wings

**By Deacon J. Richardson**



When you are in a moment of desperation and discouragement, it can be stressful! In Psalm 55 and verse 6, David eluded to say “Oh that I had wings like a dove! For then would I fly away and be at rest.” I won’t rail on David for his honest expressions or emotions of despair and wanting to get away from it all. All of us have at one time or another been grouped into a place we desired to go away from it all. But we have learned that we can’t run from life’s burdens and problems. In short, when it comes to the problems of life, expect them, welcome them and encounter them victoriously through faith in God. Don’t fly away from the storms; fly above the storms. Instead of asking God for wings like a dove so you can escape, ask him for wings like an eagle’s! *“But they that wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles....” Isaiah 40:31a*

When we find ourselves in a difficult situation, most of us pray “LORD, get me out of this!” If nothing happens, then quickly we pray, “Lord, when will I get out of this?” But what we ought to be praying is “Lord, what should I get out of this?” There is a purpose in our trials and even our dark days can be great teaching tools that we could learn no other way but to trust God.

*“The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses” (Psalms 25:17)* Yes! Enlarged troubles! This was a period when David desperately needed God’s direction and deliverance, while Saul was persecuting and trying to kill him. Why does God permit enlarged troubles? Surely our Father in Heaven would want His children to be comfortable and free from afflictions.

Not so! God has never promised to make us comfortable but he has promised to make us conformable. Our Savior’s purpose is that all of His children be “conformed to the image of His Son” (Romans 8:29) and in order to conform us, he must permit us to suffer. Even Jesus learned obedience through suffering (the Suffering Savior). Enlarged troubles are just the beginning.

Next, the bible says *“Thou has enlarged me when I was in distress” (Psalms 4:1)* Glory to God! Enlarged troubles can produce enlarged saints! I say “can produce” because troubles don’t automatically produce giants. I’ve seen saints go through the furnace and come out “midgets”. For instance, let’s take King Saul and King David. These two showed the opposite effect of trials. Saul was a big man physically but a midget spiritually and his experiences in battle only made him smaller. While David may have been average in stature, he was certainly a spiritual giant. One may ask “How did he get that way? Enlarged troubles made him an enlarged saint because he trusted God. How we respond to the difficulties of life helps to determine how long God will permit them to continue. When God permits us to go into the furnace of affliction, He always keeps His eye on the clock and His hand on the thermostat. He knows how much we can take and how long the trials should last.

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### ***My wings continued...***

God watches us to see if the trials are accomplishing all that they should accomplish. Enlarged troubles can lead to enlarged saints!

What is the Lord doing to lead us to the next step? *"He brought me forth also into a large place."* (Psalms 18:19) God uses enlarged trials to produce enlarged saints so he can put them into enlarged places. All of God's giants have been men and women who have experienced suffering in one way or another. (examples such as Joseph, Moses, Esther, Mary, etc.) Now we can better understand why David had to experience so many storms; David was chosen by God to fill a big place and David had to be enlarged, for it was the will of the Lord. Had David gotten his request, "wings like a dove" and flown away from the storm, he would have wasted all that suffering and still be unprepared for the great opportunities to serve God. Instead of getting "wings like a dove" he received "wings like an eagle" and flew right into the face of the storm and triumphed over it. But one more step remains.

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*"Thou hast enlarged my steps under me that my feet did not slip."* Psalms 18:36. An enlarged place can be a dangerous place for some people if they (we) don't know how to take giant steps of faith and walk with God. David's feet did not slip as Saul's did, because David had matured during the years of trials and David knew how to take giant steps of commitment to God. If we plan to walk by faith, then we must learn to take giant steps and this means we must expect difficulties. If we want to take giant steps in an enlarged place, then we must become enlarged persons; and this can be done only as we trust God in the midst of enlarged trials. The quitter gets "wings like a dove" but the winner gets "wings like an eagle". God has many enlarged places in this world that desperately need to be filled. He is looking for enlarged saints. Will you be one of them?

# **Exercise for Seniors**

## **A simple and easy way for seniors to tone their leg muscles.**

Lie flat on your back with legs extended up and toes pointed. Try to keep your hips, knees and ankles in a straight line. With your toes pointed, bend your right knee first, bringing your foot as close to your buttocks as possible. Raise your right leg to beginning position. Then repeat with your left leg. (Note, the opposite leg should be kept straight in the air, muscles tight). Now, repeat with both legs four times. Then flex the feet and repeat exercise four more times with each leg. Bring legs down and relax before standing.

***(These exercises can be done on a continuing basis for firming and toning your legs.)***

SPECIAL Events

District

# AIM 2011

Patterson/Whiteurst  
Memorial District



Our Annual AIM Convention convened March 8 – 11, and 13<sup>th</sup> to honor the workers of the Patterson/Whiteurst Memorial District. This year's theme was: "Look Up". Each night each speaker proclaimed the Word of God, encouraging us to keep our focus on the Lord. The services climaxed that Sunday with a powerful word from our District AIM Chairman, Pastor Brady Richards. The Spirit of the Lord moved powerfully and miraculously, reclaiming, delivering and renewing the faith of the people of God.

# Congratulations

## Newlyweds



### The Wedding Bells Have Rung

*for our February newlyweds Minister Anthony and Sister Sheri Griffin. (Upper left picture). Accompanying them (lower left picture) is our Pastor and Pastor's Wife.*

## Achievements



*Sis Candace Richardson gladly holds the certificate for which she was awarded as "Student of the Year" at Bradley University where she is pursuing a career as a Cardiologist. Our Pastor, Superintendent R. Patterson accompanies her.*

## Promotions



*(From left to right) Missionary R. Patterson – CWC/YWCC President; Sis S. Griffin – Prayer and Bible Band President; Missionary B. Redd-Junior Mother.*



JURISDICTIONAL

# Special Events

## **Evangelist Convention**

**February 14-18<sup>th</sup> 2011**

On Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Pastor Donnie McClurkin was the guest speaker for the Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Illinois Evangelist Convention held at the All Nations Church of God in Christ. Those that attended were able to feast on the Word of the Lord and were treated to the awesome musical anointing of Pastor McClurkin.

Pastor's McClurkin's message called for a return to evangelism in the body of Christ. The people of God were admonished to "go out" into the highways and hedges and compel them to come to the knowledge and acceptance of Jesus Christ.

This crowd was told that the world is ripe and crying out for God. Now is the time that we need to cry out for souls. We have to reach the masses and let them know that Jesus is the way! We left the service with a renewed fervor to reach more souls for the Lord.

*Contributing Article – Sis C. Peterson*

## **2011 Ministers' and Workers' Meeting**

**March 21 through March 25**

*Theme: Three Dimensions: God In Us,  
God With Us, God For Us*

We were blessed each night of the services rendered that week. Monday night, Admin Asst. Dickerson L.S. Wells from Memphis Tennessee was the guest speaker. Our Pastor, Superintendent Richard Patterson Sr. was the speaker on Tuesday night of the Ministers' and Workers' meeting. Such a profound word! Wednesday, Women's Day, our Jurisdictional Supervisor of Women, Dr. Marilyn Cross ministered the Word of the Lord. Evangelist Ethel Weatherspoon spoke and gave a powerful testimony of the healing power of God and on Official night, our Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Robert R. Sanders preached and expounded God's Word on Leadership.

God's presence was evident as the word from each speaker went forth and the saints praised God.



**Coming Soon!**

# **Conference 2011**

**May 6-8th 2011**

**See Our Website To Register!**



# EAT THE WORD

## WHICH APOSTLE AM I?

1. I leaned on Jesus' breast asking, "Is it I"?
2. I asked "can anything good come out of Nazareth"?
3. My name means "son of consolation".
4. God gave me a vision of a sheet spread out with all types of animals.
5. I was a tax collector when Jesus called me to follow him.
6. My brother Andrew led me to Christ.
7. I was killed with the sword by Herod's command.
8. Ananias laid his hand on my eyes.
9. I communed with the Pharisees to betray Jesus.
10. Cloths from my body were given to those that were sick and possessed with the devil for deliverance and healing.

## Answers to Oct-Nov-Dec Eat the Word

### Women of the Bible

1. Deborah
2. Dinah
3. Attaliah
4. Sarah, Keturah
5. Hagar
6. Lot's 2 daughters
7. Bathsemath and Judith
8. Sapphira
9. Anna
10. a. Phineas 'wife-son Ichabod) b. Rachel-son (( Benoni (Benjamin))

### Places in the Bible

1. Nod
2. Babylon
3. Jerusalem
4. Jerusalem
5. Thebez
6. Tarsus
7. Samaria
8. Samaria
9. Kadesh-Barnea
10. Gethsemane