

FLOURISH

From The Editor

Welcome to our Youth Corner, our online newsletter sponsored by St Samuel Temple Church of God in Christ Youth Department. Each month you will read words of enlightenment and encouragement; testimonies of faith and victory. Also featured will be our "Family of the Month" and expressions of love through poems and other inspirational writings.

As you may know, words are very powerful. Proverbs states that life and death is in the power of the tongue. We can build up and we can tear down; we can kill or we can make alive. Our purpose here is to share with you words that will build you up, strengthen, or even bring back to remembrance what you have been taught God's ways through those who have lived the life that they have talked about.

We hope that the words expressed will also stir up your passion for God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

God bless you in your walk with the LORD

Sis B. Redd

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THE HAITI RELIEF EFFORTS

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth" 1 John 4:18

We thank God for the members of the community and the church who responded to the Haitian relief efforts by bringing bottled water, food items and clothing on January 23. The youth volunteers were on hand to assist in receiving the much needed items. Our volunteers included Minister Carlos Patterson, Brother Greg, Brother Matthew and Sister LaSharanda. We graciously thank Pastor Steve Thurston and the New Covenant Church for their assistance in getting the much needed items to their destination.

The relief efforts continue. If the Lord has laid it on your heart to contribute, you can bring it to St Samuel Temple Church of God In Christ, 8749 South State Street on Wednesday s and Fridays at 7:15pm. The items to bring can be bottled water, non perishable food products, canned goods and clothing. Let's keep our Haitian brothers and sisters in our prayers.

REFLECTIONS OF OUR JANUARY 2010 REVIVAL!!!

By Candice Richardson

"And he was sore athirst, and called on the Lord, and said. Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of the servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised? But God clave an hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived" (Judges 15: 18-19)

Samson was physically and emotionally tired and he thought he would die of thirst; however God made a way for Samson and provided the nourishment he needed. Revival is a time of refreshing. Just like God revived Samson in Judges, he revived us on this past week. Revival is also a time when the saints come together and renew their faith. This year's revival was very enlightening. Pastor Fears spoke dynamically about stretching your faith, activating your faith, and faith from the inside out. Many people also received a breakthrough in the revival. I was one of those people. God seemed to open doors for me that was not there simply because I stretched and activated my faith. In the January 2010, many people were blessed by the word of God and I believe that we received a lesson that can sustain us throughout this year and beyond.

By Stephen Patterson

This year our New Years Revival was awesome! We started Sunday night and our own Elder Frank Hutchinson & Elder Zaccheus Gibson of 3rd Jurisdiction IL. Those 2 together preached up a storm in our church. They were both very powerful and anointed.

On Tuesday night we had prayer & testimony service. It was very powerful; the saints went forth and were greatly blessed. We had an awesome guest speaker Wednesday night through Friday night. We had the amazing Administrative Assistant Eugene Fears Jr. He brought a powerful message every night he was there.

To me the best night was Friday night. He brought a wonderful message. Everyone just wanted to fall out in the floor, under the spirit of God. He preached and the spirit of the Lord came down. My aunt Lori had a stroke a few years ago and has been paralyzed on her left side since then. On Friday night she raised her left arm with no assistance. It was such an awesome sight.

Pastor Fears preached so that this revival will be unforgettable. I hope we can get him again next year, and have an even greater revival.

A MESSAGE TO THE YOUTH

Greetings, my fellow youth in the Lord, My name is Carlos Patterson II, and I am pleased to address you in this news letter today. I thank God that I am here to write this and that you are here to read it.

As you can see in today's time, young people are killing and being killed by one another. The youth do not seem to regard life as precious anymore. However, you who are in Christ, I would like to encourage you to stay in the church and be firmly rooted and grounded in the word of God and in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

1 John 2:15 says love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. There is much that the world has to offer to you, to your flesh, but nothing to satisfy your spirit. God is the source that strengthens your spirit and brings us eternal life through his Son Jesus Christ.

Therefore, young people should strive to love God for God is love and God loves us all. There is nothing in the world greater than Him. And if you love God, you will love one another, for this is God's will.

May the Lord bless each and every one of you in Jesus' mighty name.

Minister Carlos Patterson II

Poem

*To The LORD I cry
And To Thee I pray
For you have answered me
And that right away*

*Dear Lord, I no longer hunger
For you are bread unto my soul;
And because of Thee, O Lord,
My thirst is quenched and that evermore*

*Dear Lord, you re my source
From whence all blessings flow;
And you Dear Lord gave
A gift more precious than gold.*

*For you gave your life for me
Back there on Calvary;
That I might have a right
To this dear tree of life.*

*You are my roots, my rock and fortress,
You are my keeper and my joy;
You are my peace and way-maker,
But most of all, To me you are
My Redeemer and Savior.*

Sister Cydne Peterson

