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Upcoming Events

Women's Day Service
June 2, 2013
@ 4:30PM

Church Anniversary
July 17-20 @ 7:30PM
July 21, 2013
@ 4:30PM

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Resurrection By Elder Rutledge

Jesus Christ rose from the dead physically. No person that loves righteousness can deny the fact. He lived in the beginning of the First Century and was from Nazareth until his death in 30 A.D. The Roman Government wrote about Him, Josephus wrote about Him and Luke articulated His history to the noble Theophilus. Jesus revered as the most holy, most powerful and the only One that was one with the true God was born for a purpose no other man can claim. He

lived, and walked on this earth as man and God, we must acknowledge objectively what was written about Him: He was the Christ. Although like many others, He was brutally tortured, disfigured and killed, but only His death had a divine purpose to destroy death. Man was dead spiritually, but He alone was able to rescue man from the sin of death. He died like all others, but His claim was that He would rise physically from the dead after three days. His disciples proclaimed that he rose from the

dead, and it was confirmed by all that lived during that time. His grave tomb is empty. Many doubt the Resurrection without proof of their claim. We believe in the Resurrection by faith, but we have infallible proofs that Jesus rose from the dead; His name has power, demons are cast out, addicts are healed, love is possible, hope is sure, peace is given and healing is in His name. We celebrate the Resurrection because Jesus is alive and He is alive in the true child of God.

A CRIMSON STREAM OF BLOOD

Garfield T. Haywood, 1920

On Calvary's hill of sorrow
Where sin's demands were paid,
And rays of hope for tomorrow
Across our path were laid.
I see a crimson stream of blood, It flows from Calvary,

*Its waves which reach the throne of God,
Are sweeping over me.
Today no condemnation
Abides to turn away
My soul from His salvation,
He's in my heart to stay.
When gloom and sadness
whisper,*

*"You've sinned—no use to pray,"
I look away to Jesus,
And He tells me to say:
And when we reach the portal
Where life forever reigns,
The ransomed hosts' grand
final Will be this glad refrain.*

It's a Blessing to Give Back!

By Sister Barbara Bolton, Editor

I believe Christians should have a spirit of giving back; we should volunteer our time and provide our services to others. As Christ, gave of Himself by sacrificing His life; His selfless act is an example of how we should treat one another. Volunteering should be a way of life for the believer; God is content when we give of ourselves to others who are in need. The bible says, "In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Act 20:35) There are

many people who are in need and God wants us to be sincere to everyone if there is a need reach out, and find out who needs help in your community. God wants to use us and when you allow him to work in your life others will be blessed. I had the opportunity to volunteer at a city-wide food bank at Trinity University in Washington, DC during the National Day of Service. The beauty of giving back is that you can accomplish it anywhere.

I find volunteering rewarding but I always feel that I'm not doing enough; I still believe there is so much to be done in our community and around the world.

However, we can start small by working in our own community. I implore both young and old to find an organization or extend an act of random kindness to anyone in need. **Here are some things that you can do:** visit someone who is sick, volunteer at a soup kitchen or a shelter, be a mentor, etc. And let us always remember: "Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Philippians 2:3-4 (Holy Bible-Scofield Study System, KJV)

Savvy Management By Sister Mya Bowen, MBA

It's that time of the year again...**SPRING CLEANING TIME!** As we begin a new season, we should also consider the importance of Financial Spring Cleaning as part of our cleaning tasks. Here are some things to consider regarding your financial spring cleaning tasks:

1. Throw away unnecessary documents – If these documents have personal information on them make sure you have them shredded to prevent identity theft.

2. Review your insurance coverage – Do you have the right amount of coverage (too little or too much)? Are you getting the best rates? Review your current coverage and contact insurance providers for quotes similar to

your current coverage.

3. Review your credit report and credit score – Contact the three credit bureaus regarding your credit report and credit score. It is important to review these reports for any unauthorized activity that may be on your report.

4. Remember: The **federal filing deadline** and **tax extension deadline** for tax year 2012 is Monday, April 15, 2013. The **state of Connecticut filing deadline** and **tax extension deadline** is Wednesday, April 17, 2013. Please be sure to consult your Tax Preparer or Consultant to file an extension by the deadline if you will not be able to make the regular filing deadline.

Those who listen to instruction will prosper; those who trust the LORD will be joyful.
~ Proverbs 16:20 (NLT)

**HAPPY FINANCIAL
SPRING CLEANING!**

Cultural Exchange

By Sister Shani Small

Dumela Bo-Mma!
Dumela Bo-Rra!
When I was deciding where I wanted to study abroad, I knew I wanted to spend my journey in a country that was



far away, which meant being open to changes and differences. This was one of the reasons why I chose Botswana, Africa as the place I would leave my footprints. It was not easy making this decision as I had to combat many negative stereotypes and notions regarding this diverse continent. Nevertheless, God kept my optimism alive even when the thought of studying in Africa was still in its premature stages. From the moment I

landed, to the time I left, I could feel God's presence with me every step of the way. It was because of His love for me I was able to open my arms, my heart, and my mind to the warmth of the people and the culture.

In turn, Botswana (the people of Botswana) left unforgettable footprints on who I am today and who I seek to become.

This is just a peak into the beautiful culture of Botswana there will be more on my experience abroad in the upcoming July issue. ■

A Healthy YOU

By Sister Patricia Strong

One of the most talked about subjects of today is **OBESITY** and the need for **WEIGHT CONTROL**.

I think I speak for the majority of us who have struggled at some point in our lives where we couldn't explain the extra 10 or 20 lbs. that all of a sudden appeared out of nowhere. I still ask myself, "What happened?" To this day, I am still struggling to lose this added weight and until just recently have finally convinced myself that not only is it necessary but vital to my health and well-being.

I was given an article recently about "weight" and what the Bible has to say on this subject that apparently was an issue over 2,000 years ago, just as it is today. I would like to share a bit of this information with you. Do not most of us eat more than we need? You know we do. Next time you're in the grocery

store or your favorite eating place, look around. Observe the "heavy weights". The National Health Institute at Bethesda Maryland says **TWO THIRDS** of the U.S. population is obese, and if you were to make a similar check at your church, you see Christians are not immune. All the devil has to do to fatten us, is to get us to eat a **LITTLE MORE** than we need. Since there's nothing unholy about food, we see nothing wrong in a second helping. We never suspect that Satan is the one whispering...."Uuummmh, wouldn't that taste good?" And we say, "Yeaaaaahhhhhh," as we greedily reach for the pie, or ice cream or donuts. If he can get us to take **ONE BITE** more than we need, he's got his foot in the door. If he can get us to do it often enough

he'll have us living to eat, rather than eating to live. When that happens, we're bound by something good – **FOOD**. When a man is bound, does it matter to him whether his chains are made of iron or bronze or gold or silver? He's bound regardless of the metal. Bondage is bondage. Slavery is slavery whether it is addiction to alcohol, tobacco, sex, or food! But for some reason, Christians feel bondage to something as innocent as food, is somehow acceptable to God. The truth is, God does not want His children **BOUND BY ANYTHING**; including **FOOD**! God has given us the Spirit of self-control and He expects us to exercise it. Let's look at *II Timothy 1:7*, "**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**" (cont. page 4)

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! June 16



Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a Daddy! Happy Father's Day to all the Dads in the World!!

(author unknown)

Coming Soon to New Testament Tabernacle Bible Bowl Competition !!!

From page 3

As Christians, we are not consistent about this. We look at a brother with a cigarette problem, or alcohol or sex problem and we say..."Tsk, tsk, he's let Satan get a hold of him." But are we being honest when we overlook this huge area that screams for control – FOOD! Somehow we've come to look on an appetite for sex or drugs or liquor as being more offensive to God than the appetite for food. The apostle Paul says it's NOT the things that binds us which offend God, but being bound by it. / *Corinthians 6:12. "Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels."* When it comes to self-indulgence, is one brand somehow worse than another in God's sight? Think about it. What evidence do we have that God views the sex appetite or cigarette appetite more despicable than an appetite for food? He gave us both and expects us to exercise self-control with both drives. What would make a passion for sex more evil than a passion for food? The Bible puts gluttony (and that's what this is) in the same class with drunkenness and adultery. **Read: Deuteronomy 21:20, Romans 13:13-14, Galatians 5:19-21 and 1 Peter 4:3.**

A Healthy You

If we don't control our appetites, we've got a deadly enemy eager to do it for us. The devil lurks nearby ready to assume control over ANY area of our lives where we fail to exercise **SELF-CONTROL**. And there is one area or appetite where the devil operates with astonishing freedom – **EATING**. As Christians and Believers of God, we have something the world doesn't have – **AUTHORITY OVER SATAN**. Included in our salvation package is the **right to deal with the devil and put him to flight**. **James 4:7, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."** God's answer to obesity is **NOT** deliverance...but SELF CONTROL. He will put the **KNOW-HOW** in our hands and strengthen us in the spirit so that we can deal with the problem, but He will **NOT DO IT FOR US**. If we want victory, we must fight. That is what victory means: winning in battle. Now we have enlightened you to the spiritual insight of one of the biggest problems faced in today's world – **OEBESITY**. Maybe now with a spiritual overview of

what the Bible has to say, perhaps we that need to lose that 10, 20, 30 or 50 lbs. will take heed. I will certainly put forth the effort. We may not need Weight Watchers, Sensa, we need only do as the Bible says.

RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Bro. Isaiah Terry for receiving the CAMS Achievement Award for reaching the goal level in Mathematics, Reading, Writing on the March 2012 Grade 7 Connecticut Mastery Test!

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY! May 12 *(author unknown)*

We can justify the observance of a Mother's Day on the grounds that the Bible is so full of admonitions regarding mother-hood, and of the influence of godly mothers as they endeavor to bring up their children in the fear of the Lord.

It is indeed appropriate to have a day set aside as one on which we can pay tributes of love and reverence to the mother who brought us into the world and nursed us through

childhood and who loves us even unto old age. Mothers are honored because their children



are their first thought and care. They are the ones to cheer us in our successes and console us in

our defeats. We think of millions of mothers who saw their sons march out to war, many of whom never came back—others returned maimed for life.

The observer of this day who has a living mother to honor is truly fortunate, for the opportunity still remains to him to speak the words of endearment, appreciation and pride. The observer of this day who has only the memory of a mother can know the richness, beauty and comfort of it by calling back the memories and cherishing them.

He is Love, He is Risen

By Sister Mya Bowen

There is none other than Jesus Divine
He walked the earth as a man for you
He knows all aspects of you
He knows the diverse temptations of this world
He walked and accomplished all that He came here for
To be the example of LOVE
To teach a new way of thinking
A new way of behaving
To heal bodies
To touch hearts
To be the example of all examples in the earth

The Way, the Truth, the Light
He bridged the gap between us and the Father
He lives
His Gospel is left on record, The Word
For me, for you, for us
He rose from the grave
With all power in His hands
He is Risen
King of kings, Lord of lords
All power is in His hands
Christ, our Savior
The giver of life eternal
is RISEN!



CONGRATULATIONS !

*Sister Mya Bowen graduates on May 18, 2013 from the **University of Hartford** she will obtain her **Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership (Ed. D)** YOUR hard work has paid off and on behalf of your church family, New Testament Tabernacle takes great pleasure in wishing you success and bountiful blessings! **Hip Hip Hooray!!!!***

TEEN COMMANDMENTS

- 1. Don't let your parents down; they brought you up.*
- 2. Choose your companions with care; you become what they are.*
- 3. Be master of your habits or they will master you.*
- 4. Treasure your time; don't spend it; invest it.*
- 5. Stand for something or you will fall for anything*
- 6. Select only a date who would make a good mate*
- 7. See what you can do for others; not what they can do for you.*
- 8. Guard your thoughts; what you think, YOU are.*
- 9. Don't fill up on this world's crumbs; feed your soul on the LIVING BREAD.*
- 10. GIVE YOUR ALL TO CHRIST: HE GAVE HIS ALL FOR YOU**

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Hidden in this puzzle are twenty-four Christian virtues mentioned in the New Testament.

Contentment (Heb. 13:5)

Diligence (II Peter 1:10)

Faith (Mark 11:22)

Gentleness (II Tim 2:24)

Godliness (II Peter 1:5-7)

Holiness (1 Peter 1:15-16)

Honesty (Rom 12:17)

Hospitality (Heb 13:2)

Humility (1 Peter 5:5)

Kindness (Eph. 4:32)

Liberality (Rom 12:13)

Love (Matt 5:44)

Meekness (Titus 3:2)

Obedience

Patience

Peaceableness (Heb 12:14)

Prayerfulness (I Thess 5:17)

Purity (Matt 5:8)

Respect (Rom 13:1-7)

Sympathy (Rom 12:15)

Temperance (1 Cor. 9:25)

Thankfulness (Eph. 5:20)

Truthfulness (Eph. 4:25)

Zeal (Titus 2:14)

New Testament Tabernacle, House of Prayer for All People in Bloomfield is here waiting in love to serve the needs of the whole family and community through worship, witness, Bible Study, and fellowship. We extend a warm invitation to you and your family to join us in our worship services as we have noted below.

Sunday	Order of Service	Weekly
Sunday school.....9:45 am		Tuesday.....Bible Study
Morning Worship...11:30 am		Wednesday.....Noon Day Prayer
Evening Worship.....6:00 pm		Thursday....."Happy" Hour (Prayer)

Doctrinal Statement

We believe....that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, written by holy men of old as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. That God is infinite in power; holy in nature, attributes and purpose. We believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and that He ascended on high and has sent His spirit, the Holy Ghost, which was poured out in Jerusalem over 2000 year ago, and is the same spirit that fills hearts today. We believe in baptism in water by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38) for the remission of sins, and the infilling of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4). We further believe in living a holy, sanctified life; in divine healing, foot-washing and communion; as we await the glorious return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (Rapture) to catch away **His Church to live with Him throughout eternity.**

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UP COMING EVENTS

I am proud to mention that one of our teens, Bro. Eric Wilson will perform in the school production of

HairSpray

Tickets \$25/\$15 Adults \$15/\$10 Students and Seniors

Main Stage Theater/Theater of the Performing Arts

359 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106

May 3&4, 9,10,11 7:30 PM

Plan To Attend!