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New Testament Tabernacle Celebrates Silver

Anniversary

We are celebrating the Silver Anniversary of New Testament Tabernacle and our Pastor Dist. Elder Winifred Nunes. It was in 1988 our pastor answered to the call of the Pastorate and the direction of the Lord, along with the support of her family, New Testament Tabernacle was founded over 25 years ago. Pastor Winifred Nunes is a faithful, humble, prayerful, peaceful, and patient woman of God. She was baptized in Jesus Name and filled with the Holy Ghost at the age of seven and is still being kept by the power of God. Being a woman pastor, she was faced with many challenges, yet she realized that sometimes God will put us on the wheel of circumstance, the wheel of trials and tribulations in order to mold and fit us for the job He has called us to do.

Pastor Winifred Nunes has always been a lover of the Lord and His work. Before establishing a building she canvassed her neighborhood and started bible study and prayer meetings in her home. Several from the neighborhood attended the Bible Study giving her the assurance that God had people in the south end of Hartford who needed to know Him. Then on July 10, 1988 God opened the doors with a place of worship at 1841 Broad Street in Hartford our first place of worship. We moved into this building with donations of 50 chairs, 25 Hymn Books, 9 Bibles and cash donations that helped in purchasing a pool and build the rostrum. In September 1988, Elder Dewey Johnson conducted Street Revival which was successful as children along with some adults from the Charter Oak and Dutch Point projects started to attend

Sunday school. On October 11, 1988 the church became a part of the Connecticut District Council. In 1993 the church relocated to 1300 Broad Street in Hartford. Then in 1999 God provided another place of worship in the town of Bloomfield due to the expansion of Trinity College. Her television ministry "Exploring the Bible" was well known in the city of Hartford and surrounding towns for a number of years also "The Good News Hour" has become well known in Bloomfield, Manchester and other surrounding towns. She has been recognized in "Who's Who of American Women Publications" for outstanding achievement and contribution to the betterment of society. Described as a woman on the move Pastor Nunes is often quoted as saying, "Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day." (Acts 26:22)

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**Celebrating
Our 25th
Church
Anniversary!!!**

Upcoming Events

**25th Church
Anniversary Service
July 17-20 @ 7:30PM
July 21 @ 4:30PM**

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Hope In God!

By Sister Barbara Bolton, Editor

We are living in volatile times. We are faced with unemployment, a weak economy, gun violence, a high rate of suicide among teens and bullying in the schools and on the internet; the list continues. How do we manage during these trying times? Unfortunately there isn't a simple answer and as we continue to search for answers we find that we have to look beyond ourselves and turn to a higher source. For me the source is Jesus. While some may rely on self, others and the things of this world the Christian believer must look to God for their help. It's a beautiful

thing to find solace in God when going through difficulties. For the bible says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding (Prov. 3:5). You can rejoice because God has everything in control. Our fears and insecurities can be placed in His hand. The children of Israel are a perfect example of how we constantly have to depend on God to bring us through difficult situations. The book of Exodus talks about the many challenges the Israelites faced when exiting Egypt; Pharaoh and his army pursuing them but God was merciful and always made a way

for their escape. Likewise, Christ wants us to do the very same today we have to stop trying to take care of things our way and fully trust God. When Satan tries to setup road blocks in our lives we have to look to God for a way out. Following the will of God gives us hope. The word of God declares that we should "Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord" (Psalm 31: 24). Where does your hope lie today? Be certain your hope is in Christ.

Savvy Management By Dr. Mya T. Bowen, Ed. D. MBA, MSPA

There is much to be said about tithes and offerings. In fact, there is enough Scripture to provide evidence of the significance of both principles in practice. This article provides a brief overview of these principles. The giving of tithes and offerings is a practice that honors God. The tithe is holy (see biblical reference in Leviticus 27). The tithe represents 10% of an individual's gross income (it's a small percentage in comparison to the 90% that is retained). Tithing is a biblical principle established by God to be put into effect by all men and women, saved and unsaved, believers and non-

believers. From a historically biblical perspective, Abraham was the first man to tithe to the LORD (see Genesis 14:19-21), even before a commandment was given. However, Moses was given commandments from the LORD while he was on Mount Sinai concerning tithes and offerings to be given by the Israelites (see Leviticus 27:29-33). Tithes and Offerings are different, yet very important. Why? Well, a tithe is what the Lord wants us to give, cheerfully (see 2 Corinthians 9:7), as an acknowledgment of our love of Him as our Source of all things, including but not limited to our income

(or money). When we tithe we recognize His love for us; His giving us the ability (knowledge, strength, etc.) to work for and receive an income to support ourselves and our families. There is a contrast between the tithe and the offering. An offering is an amount given in addition to the tithe, and it too, should be given with a cheerful heart (2 Cor. 9:7). This article has provided a foundation for the principles of tithes and offerings. We will be sharing Part 2 on our website:

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Part 2 COMING SOON!!!

Cultural Exchange

By Sister Shani Small

Every aspect of the Botswana culture fascinated me. Nevertheless, it was my experience talking to the locals about their traditional customs and lifestyles that still resonates with me to this day; the traditional custom of marriage is my favorite story. For in Botswana, a couple's road to their dream wedding begins with the offering of cows. The groom is expected to offer a certain number of cows to the bride's family. The amount of cows the groom offers is according to his wealth. The purpose of the cow offering is two-fold. First, the groom is trying to seek blessing from the

bride's family to take his fiancée hand in marriage. Second, the cow symbolizes gratitude to the bride's family for raising such a wonderful daughter. In the bible, animals are offered as sacrifice for forgiveness or as a special request to God; Botswana, uses animals, aside from main source of food, for ritualistic ceremonies such as marriage. Additionally, each of the bride's family receives specialized gifts from the groom's family. Once this phase of gift-giving is complete, the couple and their families gear up for three wedding ceremonies! Yes, three!

A traditional Botswana wedding usually consist of a ceremony at the groom's house, then the bride's house, and finally, the couples can have a Western-style ceremony at a local church, if so desired. With all things considered, a traditional Botswana marriage is rooted in respect and honor. If we consult the Bible, Jesus also values the importance of respect and honor between a wife and a husband; as exemplified in Corinthians 7:1-16, Jesus notes that the act of marriage should be sacred and a balance of love, affection, honesty, and faithfulness. Jesus is not necessarily concerned with the formalities of the wedding ceremonies as long as the marriage is in accordance with his will and expectations (see Ephesians 5: 1-33).

A Healthy YOU "Protection from the SUN" By Sister Patricia Strong

FACT: 48% of melanoma occurrences in African Americans are diagnosed at an early stage. UVA (ultraviolet A radiation) and UVB (ultraviolet B radiation) rays can cause sunburn, skin cancer and premature skin aging. Last summer the FDA guidelines requiring over-the-counter sunscreen products to undergo a broad spectrum test went into effect. Those that passed have both UVA and UVB protection. Here's what to look for:

1. An SPF of 15 or higher and the words "broad spectrum." These formulas have passed the tests Showing

they protect against skin aging and cancer, as well as sunburn protection.

2. The words "water resistant", especially if you'll be sweating or swimming. Labels will not state how long sun protection lasts in the water.
3. The right type. Sunscreens come in many formulas, including creams, gels, and sprays. Creams are best for dry skin, especially on your face, while gels and sprays

are good for areas with hair, like your arms or scalp.

To determine the features of melanoma, the National Cancer Institute recommends using the ABCDE rule: **A**symmetry; **B**order that's irregular; **C**olor that's uneven; **D**iameter changes; and **E**volving characteristics. Be sure to check less pigmented areas such as palms, soles, and nails, where melanomas can also occur. Seek a medical examination for any skin changes, promptly. Also, your doctor can best tell you if you need extra protection based on the medicines you take. Take caution: Some medicines increase your skin's sensitivity to the sun.

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Pastor Nunes continues to do a phenomenal job as pastor, teacher, counselor, friend and an awesome leader for God's people. This is truly a time of celebration and we can say with great authority that we have come this far by faith leaning on the Lord!

What is Holiness? By Elder Rutledge

The only true and living God is holy in all of his ways. His character is the virtue of holiness that is bestowed on all that he saves. Beautiful is the best word to use to describe the virtue that is God. In the spirit realm of Heaven, the host of Heaven ingest the presence of God, and shouts, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty." The excellence of his being makes his ways pass finding out. The act of His character is called Holiness. He is perfect in all of His ways. Everything He does everything he touches and everyone that comes to him is made holy, and must exhibit holiness. We that have been saved are holy. God told Israel that they were a holy people because He chose them, they did not choose Him. Through the Lord Jesus Christ, He told the Apostle that He chose them, they did not choose Him (Deut 7:6; St John 15:16). Also, through the grace of God, he has made it possible by the shedding of his blood that any that receive him, they obtain power to become the sons of God (St John 1:12). Whether we are chosen or if we have chosen Him, holy is our state of being and holiness is our moral lifestyle.

Anything else is uncivilized. Holiness is not individual choices that we form from our own subjective views of life. However, it is displayed character according to guidelines that God has given to us in the Holy Bible. God has provided the character traits for us to follow, and these are pleasing in his eyes. From the time of the Apostles until now, we have created many forms of moral duties which we call holiness. I Peter 1:1-4 states He has given us His divine virtue that we may escape the corruption of this present world. In I John 2:27, John reminds us that we don't have to be taught on how to exhibit holiness, because by the divine nature of God that is in us, we know how to live in holiness. Let us not dismiss that which is godly or take to ourselves burdens because certain things are not written. The Church is a holy institution, and her members are holy. We are God's jewels (Isa 61:10), and in order to keep us beautiful, He will purge and prune us (St John 15:1-5). Holiness is beautiful, because God is beautiful.

POETRY CORNER

GOD

By
Sister Cynthia Higgins

My Protection

My Provider
My lily of the valley
This I know
To be true
I must consider
Only His miracles
Daily in my life

CHURCH ON THE LAWN

New Testament Tabernacle



**EVERY THIRD SATURDAY IN JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, AND
SEPTEMBER:**

June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21

Weather permitting

Noon-2:00PM

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ALL ARE WELCOME

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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.

Order of Service

Sunday
Sunday school.....9:45 am
Morning Worship...11:30 am
Evening Worship.....6:00 pm

Weekly
Tuesday.....Bible Study
Wednesday.....Noon Day Prayer
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

**PAW Convention in Indianapolis, IN
July 27-August 3rd**

**Region II Conference in Danvers, MA
September 13-14**

Also remember to visit our website: www.nttbloomfield@yolasite.com