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A Message from our Bishop

Bishop Kevin V. Gresham Sr.

It Is Almost Over

As we approach the end of an epic, the end of a pandemic, I want you to focus on the following three things:

1. A Time of Celebration

Isaiah 63:7 (NKJV) - God's Mercy Remembered

I will mention the loving kindnesses of the LORD And the praises of the LORD, According to all that the LORD has bestowed on us, And the great goodness toward the house of Israel, Which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, According to the multitude of His loving kindnesses.

It has been the hand of the Lord that has defended you, the interceding of Jesus that has provided for you and the power of the Holy Spirit that has sealed you. All three, God our Father, Jesus our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit our Guide are working on your behalf. Isaiah tells us to mention it, tell it and share it.

2. A Time of Reflection

Luke 21:25–26 (NKJV)

²⁵“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”

The Bible warns us that these kinds of times will come to us. Now let me share with you them that have come to pass. Everyone during this pandemic has suffered loss and pain. Notice if you please, the Lord has allowed you to see it for a reason, and He has allowed you to survive it for a reason.

3. A Time To Hope Again

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Our faith is connected to our hope. Never allow the enemy to stop, block or detain your hope. God has a bright future for you. Please be ready mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually for the next move of the Lord.



Are You Looking Forward to Summer 2021?

By Sister Sylvia Tyson

Yes, I am! The past year or so has truly been frightening. I will not expound on that statement because anyone from the young to the seasoned knows exactly what I mean. However, God is merciful. The vaccines have literally been a life saver.

I realize that some are leery about taking the vaccine; I know I was. There have been some reactions from those with underlying conditions. About seven people who took Johnson & Johnson (which I received) developed blood clots of which several succumbed. No death is acceptable; however, the latter were one in a million. According to the Bloomberg Report on May 24, 2021, 281 million people have been vaccinated in the United States. Of course, this number rises daily. Children and teens between the ages of 12-15 are now being vaccinated. I implore those who are still wavering about the vaccination to give it serious consideration because the good definitely outweighs the bad.

Currently, restrictions are being lifted state-to-state. Personally, I am not ready to use public transportation; however, I am more than ready to “hit the road.” I am planning several road trips to the beaches, since that is where I truly love to be. With a mask, hand sanitizer, full tank of gas, my own pillows, Lysol Spray and common sense, away I go with a big smile on my face and anticipating lots of fun!

Of course, everyone has to move at their own pace; do what they feel comfortable doing. Whatever you decide to do, be Blessed, safe, healthy and enjoy reuniting with your family (biological and church), friends, acquaintances, co-workers and classmates.



WE SEE PUZZLE PIECES - GOD SEES THE BIG PICTURE

By Sister Janice Shields

Over the last year, especially early 2020, during the most trying times of this pandemic, board games were dusted off and pulled out, word search books and even jig saw puzzles were resurrected to help fill time, stimulate the brain and give family time new meaning.

I love puzzles! I love looking at what can be if I patiently connect one puzzle piece to the other. The finished image is on the puzzle box, so I don't have to over think anything. Seeing the box with the full picture of the finished product, while looking forward to the challenge of patiently connecting the hundreds to thousands of individual pieces together and seeing what they will become in a collective image, intrigues me.

According to Wikipedia, in a puzzle, the solver is expected to put pieces together in a logical way in order to arrive at the correct finished product. I find light-hearted humor at a key word in Wikipedia's definition—"logical". Putting a puzzle together in a logical way is logical in my mind because that outcome, the finished image, is given and displayed on the puzzle box, long before we spread the individual pieces on the table.

I am obviously getting older because the concept and practice of putting a puzzle together was just that, connecting the pieces so in the end the pieces I spent hours and days connecting looked like the finished image on the box.

Why do I say that I am obviously getting older? Wikipedia's definition of a puzzle is basic to its core, but as I think about my life, I am able to see my life as a puzzle. I can imagine God holding the finished life puzzle assigned to me.

I can see my life as individual little puzzle pieces. God has the masterplan, so He sees those individual little pieces as a part of his vision for my life. God creates, sees, holds and is owner of my individual life puzzle. There are moments in my life when things have happened or are happening and I only have a snapshot, snip-it of the puzzle piece. However, at the end of that experience, I know without a doubt that God knew how the story would end. I could only see the piece or sampling of pieces in front of me with no context of how they connect or have purpose to the big picture, but God knew.

Life is a series of mini puzzle pieces that God created based on His vision for our lives. I am thankful to God that while I can only see what is in front of me, He knows the whole story!



By Deaconess Shirley Williams

Life is constantly changing like the seasons. While some seasons may seem to drag out, others are quick. We never know exactly how long they'll last, but we can be sure change will come. God will lead and guide us through each season of our lives. All seasons give us the opportunity to reflect on things, make changes and to become inspired.

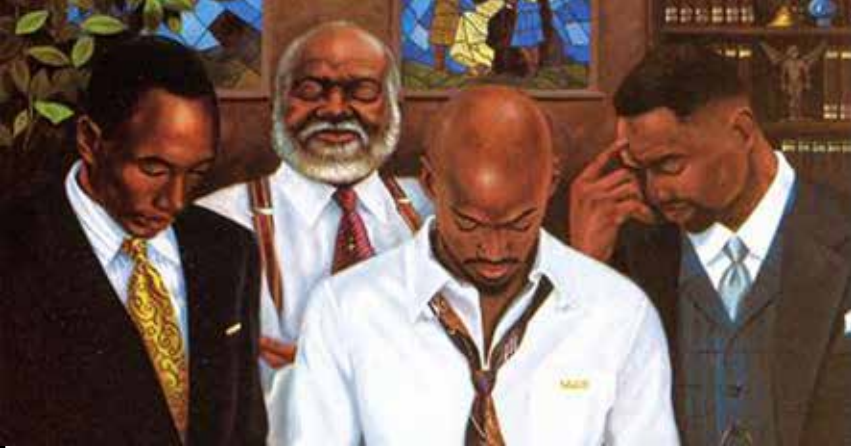
We must embrace the season we're in whether it's favorable or not because we don't know what God's plans are. We can't rush things because we might not be ready for what God is preparing for us. When we're too focused on the next season, we miss the wonders of the season we're in. Time will pass and seasons will come and go, but we can be confident that God is always there with us. The current season may be a season of pruning because God wants us to be ready for what is to come. God may be saying to us, "be still and know that I am God". The different seasons cause us to renew and rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise, we become stagnant. We must believe that through every season, there is a purpose.

As the seasons of the weather change, so do our lives. In the winter, we experience the cold. Sometimes we even experience a pretty snowfall. In the spring we see the blooming flowers and in the summer we love the sunshine and fun times with family and friends. The fall brings about the turning of tree leaves into beautiful colors.

We've recently been in the Coronavirus season that has affected people in different ways. Some have experienced the loss of a loved one; some have become closer to family members they've been forced to be around more than usual; others used the time to clean out closets and de-clutter; still others have used the time to become closer to God through prayer and meditation. Your current season doesn't determine where or what your next season will be; it only determines where you are - not where you're going.

When I think of a new season, I am reminded of a song we used to sing. The lyrics go something like this: "It's a new season, it's a new day. A fresh anointing is flowing my way. It's a season of power and prosperity. It's a new season coming to me".

As we walk into a new season, whatever it may be, let us come boldly before the throne of God seeking His divine guidance and protection. We are blessed by God's amazing Grace through each season!



Bless Up

By Brother Stuart Fitzgerald

***Psalm 1:1-3** - ¹Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ²But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.*

***Matthew 5:16** - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Acknowledging God's presence in all circumstances is key to being blessed and being a blessing! God wants **A**us to be both blessed and a blessing to someone else. There's a song called "Bless Up" by a wonderful artist named Koryn Hawthorne which says: "Anywhere you go, I don't really care...Cause anywhere you're not, I don't wanna be there..." She goes on to say... "I wanna tell everybody that you are the Greatest and you can't be replaced..." I wanna Bless Up. Come on....LET'S BLESS UP!"

Our Opening Scripture of **Psalms 1:1** told us "*Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly*", then...Verse (2) tells us that ..."*in His law he meditates day and night*". In **Galatians 5:14**...It is written: "*For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*"

My brothers and sisters, let us never forget that Jesus gave us the greatest commandment in **Matthew 22:37** - "*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind...*and the second is like unto it... "*Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.*"

In our joining scripture of **Matthew 5:16** Jesus tells us "*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*" My sisters and brothers, if your light causes another to glorify God, you have just been "A Blessing!"

In our opening scripture **Psalms 1:3**, it is written "*He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.*" Like they used to scream on the dance floor..."GET LOW"! ...GET LOW!!" Let us get low enough to serve our brothers and sisters and produce some low hanging fruit so that all in our path may be blessed by the blessing God has laid upon our lives.... **And Glorify our Father in Heaven!!**

As you begin your day, let the Lord know "You wanna BLESS UP!" and I trust that you will be blessed and that you will be a blessing to someone else.

BE BLESSED & BE A BLESSING, MY FAMILY!

GREATER WORKS WILL COME FROM THIS

By MIT Tanya Hamilton Smith

John 14:12 - Most Assured, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also, and greater works than these will he do, because I go to My Father.

One year ago, we were reeling from the shock and enormous disbelief that we were suddenly in the midst of a **Global, Historic Pandemic!** As a matter of fact, it's still hard to believe. How in the world could this happen?


In the last year, we have witnessed the unthinkable, the unheard of, the unimaginable and, for over 3.28M other souls, the unsurvivable. Two things became immediately clear, God wanted our attention and we were not the ones in control.

We learned with frightening alarm just how unprepared we were both individually, nationally and globally to deal with a major crisis. As a matter of fact, we consume so much from other countries we had to import practically everything from face mask, gloves, cotton swabs and you name it! We were in a load of trouble right along with the rest of the world! We were forced to **Stop, look and listen!** We were in a **Global Timeout!**

In order to come close to comprehending the immense gravity of this moment in time, we must face the critical task of examining how we arrived here, and determine how to move forward in obedience to God.

We must **repent!** Paul tells us in the book of **Romans 3:23**, *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.* Jesus says in **Revelation 3:19**, *As many as I love, I rebuke and chasen. Therefore be zealous and repent.* Now that we've asked God's forgiveness, it is incumbent upon us to demonstrate to God that we have learned the lessons revealed to us and to walk in obedience to His Word.

God says to us in **Deuteronomy 5:33**, *You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.*



As difficult and devastating as this Pandemic has been, God has allowed us an opportunity for a reset. Even in crises, the Lord has caused it to work for our good. We have learned to work remotely, assemble ourselves and worship together through multiple platforms, give electronically and conduct business through Zoom, Go-To-Meeting and more. We were given time to study God's word and time to hear Him, time to rest and to reconnect with family and friends. Through it all, God has kept us, provided for us and given us so much to be thankful for.

Bishop encourages us to declare, **"We Will Get Through This!"** I believe it! We must believe it! Beloved, we will emerge from this with God's Grace upon us, **"GREATER STRONG"** determined and fully equipped to minister the **glorious** gospel of Jesus Christ like never before!

We must be prepared to provide needed support, encouragement and counseling to those shattered by the loss of loved ones. We must share necessary resource information to those who have lost employment, in jeopardy of losing their homes, seeking employment and elder or child care. As members one of another, let us be patient and pray for those who's faith has been tested, challenged or shaken by tragedy.

We must ready ourselves for the work, **The Greater Works!** Are you ready to serve? Are you ready to do the **Greater Works?**

Remember, **John 14:12** says, *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also, and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.*

Dear Lord, please prepare us for the **Greater Works** we will do in your name and may you be glorified.

Amen.



Walk It Like I Talk It!

By MIT Sharis Staton

James 1:22 - But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

In 2018, Rappers Drake and the group Migos collaborated on a song titled “Walk It Like I Talk It.” Quavo, a member of the group Migos, sang the hook; which is also the title, “Walk It Like I Talk It” referencing the idiom “talk the talk and walk the walk”. In other words, perform in practice what you’ve claimed verbally.

I was reminded of this one Sunday when I logged on to the **Greater St. John** online service and there was no sound. I didn’t hear the opening, the praise team and only a smidgen of the Bishop. Then reading all of the chat messages that clearly outlined confusion; you would think one would just log off. If I can be transparent, I thought about it and I had no judgement towards others if they did. However, for some reason, I just couldn’t hit that little x in the top right corner. I sat in my home and watched a service online that I could not hear in its entirety. I know that some of you might be thinking, “Well, what did you get out of that?” That would be a legitimate question. This is my response.

When I looked at the screen, I didn’t just see a man talking that I couldn’t hear. I saw Bishop changing his facial expressions to communicate the points he was trying to make, pointing or reaching out to the screen so the online audience would know he was connecting with them, and widening his eyes so that those watching would get the idea of what was about to happen that we didn’t want to miss. While I heard nothing, I saw excitement and passion for something I couldn’t physically see.

When I looked at the screen, I didn’t just see people singing a few songs. I saw the Praise Team singing, lifting hands, crying out, moving their bodies in ways that only the spirit could inspire. While I heard nothing, I saw adoration, appreciation and love for something that I could not physically see.

When I looked at the screen, I didn’t just see a woman standing behind a pulpit talking. I saw Minister Samaria showcasing a little “Black Girl Magic” doing her little rhythmic bounce with a hint of neck roll; like only she can, sending a message that she is serious about whatever she’s saying and that what she’s saying is important. While I heard nothing, I saw confidence, preparedness and appeal; someone making a serious and urgent request about something I couldn’t physically see.

In all of those scenarios, I was eager to know; “what are they saying?”, because, remember, I couldn’t hear the service at all. Then the Holy Spirit spoke and said to me, it doesn’t matter in this moment what they’re saying. I just want to remind you that “The way you act and live your life should create the same eagerness in others to want to know what’s motivating your actions and decision to follow Me; as the people on the screen’s actions are motivating you.”

James 1:22 tells us “*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*” I believe that James makes this request because he knows that people are watching, and actions speak louder than words. People are more likely to do what you do before they’ll do what you say. Back in the day you would hear parents say all the time, “Do as I say and not as I do.” That worked *back in the day*. However, *New Age Parents*, with *New Age Children* know all too well that the depth of your influence goes so much deeper when you *DO* what you’re asking them to do - not just telling them what to do.

The love, knowledge and power of God can’t be contained. *Jeremiah* said “it’s like fire shut up in my bones.” When you can’t say or hear a word, the outward expression of the inner works manifest itself in such a way that, like the jailor with Paul and Silas, and me on Sunday; people become desperate to know what they can do to have what you have because of what they’ve seen God do through you. It’s in demonstrating your love and appreciation for God that peaks interest and opens the door for you to share God’s love.

It’s so amazing that God uses us to communicate His message through both word and deed. You see, what you say can indicate what you believe. However, what you do indicates the depth of value you place on what you believe. In addition to the sun and the moon, night and day, water and land; you and I are proof that God lives.

If we are going to invoke the same eagerness, excitement and urgency that I felt, wanting to know desperately what was being said during this service that I was watching and couldn’t hear; and why these people were doing what they were doing; we can’t just “Talk It”. We’ve got to “Walk It Like We Talk It.”

My Testimony

WOW - What a Journey!

By Sister Lyneshia Woodland

I know it has been quite some time since I have sent an update on my journey. So much has gone on. I am in the recovery stage of the chemo treatments I completed on January 22. On January 31, I was rushed to the hospital for low blood pressure. I stayed in the hospital for five days and received a blood transfusion. With any illness, you have to be aware of what your body can and can't do. You have to be sure to drink fluids every hour and a half to get all of that chemo out of your system and be sure to eat healthy snacks in between meals. I have lost so much weight I am trying to eat EVERYTHING just to get the pounds back on...LOL. I went from 157 to 108 pounds. I have good and bad days, but I must admit my good days outweigh the bad.

My trust in God has increased so much. Believe me, there were days when my faith was the size of a mustard seed. However, I never questioned why this was happening I just said "God I need you - I know you are here with me, just continue to give me strength. I know that you have brought me through things that I never saw my way out of before and I know that you will do it again." A mustard seed is enough because He will show up and show out more than you can ever imagine.

It has taken me quite some time to gather my thoughts for this article because God has been blessing me so much. I am in awe of his amazing power. Sometimes I can't even find the words to put together to share the goodness of his work, but I brought you on this journey with me because I know it will help someone who may not believe. You must have hope that God will make a way out of no way! You must constantly tell yourself – "Lord, I trust you," and He will guide your footsteps, but you have to be willing to be in a quiet place and listen.

During this journey I made sure to spend at least 30 minutes a day of reading the Bible and studying His Word because, at the end of the day, that is what will carry you wherever you need to go. I made sure I spent time with God thanking Him for this journey and trusting Him along the way. I never questioned the journey, I just kept telling myself Lord I trust you. Your way is better than mine. I knew without time spent with Him, my prayer warriors who continuously prayed for me and the genuine love shown to me, I couldn't have done this. Ok, I'm about to go into preacher mode and that isn't the purpose of this article. I feel compelled to share my true testimony with the world.

I needed to have a full-body PET scan. This scan will show if there are any cancer cells in the entire body. The scariest part of this test was the noise the machine makes. Also, if you are claustrophobic, then that might be a problem. Well, I went to sleep. If you tell me I can't move, that is what I do. The test took about 45 minutes. I also had an MRI of the brain because, if you remember from the beginning, there were three small tumors in my head. The scariest part of this MRI (with contrast) was the noise of the machine. I had earplugs and headphones with music playing and off to sleep I went.

My Oncologist gave me the test results. Family, I am in REMISSION. ALL CANCER CELLS ARE GONE! HALLELUJAH!!! PRAISE DANCE IN FULL EFFECT...MOVING MY BODY FOR REAL!!!! GOD did it! From this point on, I have one more MRI to do and I will continue appointments with my oncologist every three months, then every 6 months and finally once a year.

What's next you ask? Speaking engagements, interviews, wherever God leads me. I officially retired from PGCPs after 31 years. Most importantly, I beat cancer!

Love you All and please let's continue to stay in touch!!!

Masterlife Class Small Group

Facilitator - Minister Samaria Jackson

Minister Minnie P. Rascoe

This question came up in our small group “Masterlife” class. It led to a very energetic discussion which inspired the class to share the question with the ***Jabez*** audience. The question is, “Why did God make it a commandment to love Him?” In ***Matthew 22:37-38*** Jesus said unto him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.”

Based on the creation of the world, it is evident that God wants the best for us. The earth wasn’t thrown together as an afterthought, it was meticulously made. After each creation during those six days, God looked around and said “This is good”. God then created him - man to enjoy the fruit of his labor. Since God created the earth and man out of love, it is in my opinion that He wanted to continue giving man His best because of man’s love for him. God gave us free will which allowed us to choose to obey Him or man. If you have gone astray, it is not too late to return to and practice Matthew 22:37-38. Become a doer of the Word and not just a hearer.

Lyneshia Woodland

I have been very eager to engage in our Masterlife Class with ***Minister Samaria Jackson*** as the facilitator. I was truly looking for a class to help me gain more knowledge of God’s work and a more intimate relationship with Him. This class gives me just that. I enjoy the fellowship with the members of our class and really enjoy the real-life situations we bring up to show how God works in our everyday life. One of the exercises I embrace is quiet time with God. I never realized the more time you spend time with God, He will reveal all that you are asking him. When you are intentional about spending time with God, He answers your prayers. We learn that when you keep Christ the center of your life, you are showing God you trust Him and you are allowing Him to lead you on a path that will add super to your natural.

One of the questions during our study was “Why are we commanded to love one another?” The answer is simple. God loved others who still did him wrong, but yet He found it in his heart to still love them. The answers may vary for most depending on where you are in your life. However, I know for sure that when you are kind and show love to others, it comes back to you. Love is an action word. You can say you love others but action must follow. Showing people what love looks like will show other believers, as well as non-believers, that it is possible to love others. The benefits are far more than imaginable than people think. As it states in ***John 3:16***, “*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*” God loved the world, He wasn’t selective in His love towards others. Therefore, everlasting life is with Him and with us all who love one another.

Theresa Jennings

John 13:34-35 - *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*

God commanded us to love one another because He knew that we wouldn’t willingly do it. When people persecute us, we don’t want to deal with them anymore. This is not GOD’s plan for us. Love is the universal language. His commands mean putting yourself aside to care for someone else. It’s understanding that GOD needs us to love our fellow man as He has loved us. Without the command from GOD, we can’t be genuine and authentic in how we see others. To authentically love as GOD has commanded means loving when it hurts the most. We must realize that it’s no longer for our benefit; it’s for the greater gift that GOD has given us.

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Minister Samaria Jackson

A distinguishing characteristic of any Christian should be their love for one another. We should love each other in the deepest of ways. We should not love as the world loves; loving only those who love us and using love in a commensurate system. No, God wants our love to be without limits regardless of family, nationality, race, interest, gender or anything else. Our love should be alive, displayed as service, deeds and actions. Following Jesus' example (loving one another as He loves you), our love should be unconditional and sacrificial.

We must have a love for one another that is patient and kind; does not envy or boast; is not arrogant or rude; selfish or easily provoked. We must love without thoughts of evil or rejoicing in iniquity; rejoice only in truth; bear all things; hope in all things and endure all things - that is not natural it is in fact supernatural. It is only possible through the supernatural presence and power of the Holy Spirit who lives, rest, rules and abides within us.

How do you know when the Holy Spirit is really ruling within you? How do you know He isn't just stopping by for a visit? How can you really be sure that He has truly taken up residence and made himself at home? You will know when you are able to love as God does, when you can display your love for and service to one another. The command can be seen as a litmus test of sorts. You will know and others will see that you are truly God's disciple when you are able to love in supernatural ways.

Take heart lest you feel overwhelmed by the command. Love is a discipline of our faith. As with each discipline, love must be developed. I love the way ***Cannon Ezell***, one of the small group members, put it "You have to build your stamina to love." Practice the exercise of loving by being intentional and consistent. This means choosing to love even when you don't feel like it. This may mean taking small steps and building on your progress. Choose love intentionally and consistently, just as God chooses you intentionally, consistently and faithfully.

Virtual Learning

The Curse of Covid (Virtual Learning)

Sydney E. Monroe — 12th Grade

It's been around a year since I've experienced a "normal" school day. Walking the halls, carrying books and binders, hanging with friends, and attending school events are just some examples of what came to a sudden halt. It felt as if out of nowhere I was forced to quickly adjust to online learning.

"It felt as if some sort of curse was put on this world to make us suffer."

I was blessed to only have 3 classes my senior year and an extremely easy junior year, however there were still many arduous changes. Taking notes and completing assignments day by day made me more isolated. Going to classes at home felt more like being self-taught rather than being taught. I couldn't stay after to ask for extra help. I couldn't bond with my peers in class, and work together on assignments. I was alone with just the four walls of my room. Having online classes did suck, but I do believe that the benefits outweigh the cons. It forced me to grow by myself and recognize my faults.

Being isolated gave me independence that I didn't know I lacked, especially regarding school. I'm going to college this fall (Virginia State University, yay!) and in order to be successful in college you have to be independent. You have to constantly keep up with your own assignments, courses, and grades; which are tasks that we usually aren't exposed to until senior year, unfortunately. I am proud to say that as I come out of online schooling and transition into an in-person campus I will be stronger, more independent, and wiser than I have ever been.

As many people want to believe that Covid-19 is a curse, understand that unlike many others who were taken by the virus, you were not. You are here, and you continue to stay. Look at the past year and take in all that you have experienced, big and small, and know that you have also gotten stronger, more independent, and wiser than you've ever been.

Is Virtual Learning Really That Bad?

DaRae Harrison — 11th Grade

Virtual learning is something that I never thought I would experience. At first, I had no idea what I was getting into. Honestly, I'm still in the learning process. In the beginning, all I could think about was that I don't have to go to school and I can be in my bed all day. However, all that changed when I realized that I wasn't going back into the school building as quickly as I thought.

In my opinion, virtual learning allows you to learn how to be independent, plan ahead and work in a timely manner. During this time, I've gotten more work than I did when I was actually in the school building. The work really starts to catch up with you when you procrastinate. Having this struggle taught me how to manage my time and get things done quicker rather than rushing to get them done at the last minute.

In spite of all the work given, one thing I truly miss about being inside school is human interaction. Sometimes just being able to see your friends and talk to people can help relieve the stress of school work and life in general. It was a place where I could forget about everything, because I was able to see friends, teachers and just enjoy working in a classroom. I never would have thought I would miss being in school this much.

Being young, it is so easy to get caught up with being on your phone all the time. You forget how to talk to someone without sending emoji's. You don't crave that type of interaction until it is taken away from you. Every day, I stare at my computer, looking at my classmates' avatars and my teachers wearing their mask. Honestly, it's sad. It makes you feel so unmotivated when all you

are doing is staring at a computer, watching your teacher try his/her best to teach you, and slightly wishing that the clock would go faster. I miss watching the clock in the classroom, waiting for lunch or just waiting to go to my favorite class. Now all I wait for is the clock to hit 2:00pm so I can begin to relax or at least try to see some sunlight.

Although there have been many struggles during the experience of virtual learning, it has also done some justice. My grades have improved and I've been trying my hardest to get all my assignments done as quickly as possible. Since assignments are given in the beginning of the week and due later in the week, it gives me flexibility to do the work when I want to.

Having this flexible time leads me to two options - either I get the work done when it is assigned, or I can do the assignment on Wednesday when we have asynchronous time. Lately, my choice has been to get it done right away.

It may not seem like you need a lot of rest after looking at a computer all day, but it is very draining, especially since you must devote your complete attention. There hasn't been a day after school that I haven't rested my eyes for a moment just to get my body back in operation. Sometimes just taking time out of your day to do something for you can make things so much easier. That's one thing I've kept in mind since I've started virtual learning. I also make sure that every morning, God is the first person I talk to so that my mind is clear throughout the day.

Although virtual learning isn't completely over, I believe I will get through this because, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* - **Philippians 4:1**

Virtual Learning

Victoria Palmer — 11th Grade

Quarantine was definitely a different experience. At first I enjoyed being home all the time. It was really relaxing compared to what I was doing before. After a while, it became very boring and routine. The furthest I would ever go was the park in my neighborhood.

Academically, I am striving; my grades are the best I've had so far. Quarantine also helped me to realize that little things really do matter. After being confined in a place for so long, you start to notice new crooks and cracks everywhere. Also, I started doing new things like baking more, learning how to apply make-up and I started painting as well.

Yes, quarantine did have its cons but it was also beneficial. I have been able to get closer to my family and really enjoy our time together. I have been able to spend more time with my cousins and learn how to share more with my sister.

I can truly say that I have developed and matured while in quarantine.

My Time in Virtual School

Lorin Napper — 10th Grade

Virtual School has been a weird and eye-opening experience for me. With me being alone and without the distraction of friends and noisy classmates, I thought the school year was going to be a breeze. That thought was turned upside down as the school year progressed.

At the start of Virtual School, I thought it was going to be a breeze for the whole school year. My thought started out being correct in the first quarter, with me achieving a 3.5 GPA. However, I failed to reach this position of academic excellence for the rest of my school year. Why is that? Well, it could be due to my lack of motivation to work in a home setting and the lack of supervision and personal guidance that teachers provide in a physical school setting.

While I do enjoy the personal freedom to do what I want in between classes, this freedom led me to being unfocused in doing my work. While this may be an actual character flaw that I should work on, it became more pronounced during my time in Virtual School. A huge benefit of Virtual School is that it provides me an escape from the classroom, which is usually too rowdy and unnecessarily loud for my taste.

In short, I find that Virtual School has both positive and negative attributes and the same can be said for the physical school setting. However, there are benefits to going to school physically that Virtual School does not have or cannot give to you; such as, physical exercise and social interaction. That being said, there is nothing superseding one over the other in terms of effectiveness, because honestly, it is based on preference.

Antisocial people and introverts, like myself, will lean more in the Virtual School system, while the more active and social people would likely do better in a physical school system where they can interact with bigger groups of people. There is no wrong choice between the two, it just depends on what you need to be successful. It was a unique experience and if it is offered next year, I probably will do it again.

Virtual Learning

Kaylah Howard — 7th Grade

In early March 2020, I can remember the day my teacher came to us with a worried tone saying “This will be your last day learning inside the building due to the Coronavirus.” At this time, I was in 6th grade and I was devastated because it was halfway towards the end of the school year. I knew that I wouldn’t spend time at this school any longer since we just moved to Crofton. I was unhappy about that because I knew I’d be leaving all of the friends I made for that year. However, who knew that a new start makes things better?

I wasn’t really scared of the virus when it became really bad. I knew that I was blessed. If I continued following the guidelines - wearing a mask, washing my hands more than I normally do, as well as staying six feet away from others - I knew I that I would be fine.

While staying home doing school virtually, I experienced different stages. The first stage was the learning stage; such as what to do for an online school, getting used to working online and using different apps and technology. It was exciting, but weird the first day of school because I couldn’t see my classmates. The teachers would post video lessons and assignments of themselves demonstrating the work. To me, this was very stressful and hard because the communication was different. It was helpful when we had questions because we could schedule face-to-face time with the teacher to ask a question on a video call.

Halfway through the year, it got very stressful due to no social interactions with my classmates; only with my parents, which got annoying at points, even now. Sometimes, I felt shut-in because I could stay in the house for five weeks straight doing the same thing - schoolwork, eat, sleep, other things, and then repeat.

Virtual Learning

Tiyhana Bowen and Khylah Kenon — 6th Grade

When the pandemic first happened it was a lot to adjust to because now we are in the house everyday. We had a lot of technical difficulty with logging in to our classrooms because the internet service did not always act right or we would lose connection. We can remember wondering what was really going on because we could no longer go back to school and we did not know how long this was going to last. As time went it on, school became more difficult because we basically had to figure out a lot of stuff on our own. The one good thing about going to school in person is that you have access to your teachers.

Since we have been in this virtual learning environment, our grades have gone up and down a lot. Our parents tell us to do our best and that is what we try to do most days but it has been hard at times. Since we have been in quarantine, we have been asking God to help us with our grades because we want to continue to be good students. It has been a lot with staying at home and having more restrictions, but we have learned how to create ideas and have even started to work on promoting a business.

Virtual Learning

Haley Rogers, Kennedy Smith, Kristian Smith, & Mehki Williams

3rd — 5th Grades

Going to school on the computer was different for us because we could not go to school and see our teachers and friends on a regular basis. At first, it was really boring having to get on the computer every day and look at the screen over and over again. Then as time went on, we learned that we could not change how we went to school and had to learn how to deal with what we had to deal with.

Our mindsets had to change because we had to accept learning a new way and not being able to go places like we used to. Sometimes, it was hard to do school work because we did not understand the lesson which meant that we had to spend more time on the computer to get help with our work. Our parents have helped us by having a reward system for when we do good in school and so we work really hard to do good.

We are thankful that our families have been protected from the coronavirus and that everyone is alive. We have been with our families a lot more each day which is good because we get to spend more time with each other.

I Love Virtual Learning

Mehki Williams — 4th Grade

My 4th grade class made history! We were the first 4th grade class at Riverdale Baptist School to attend school the entire year virtually and I love it! Let me tell you why I love attending school virtually.

The first reason is that I can focus better. In the classroom, there are lots of things to distract me. When I'm home, I don't have as many distractions and I can stay focused on what my teacher is saying.

Another reason is the breaks between subjects. After each subject, we get a 15-minute break. During our breaks, we can have snacks, watch TV, play games, talk to our classmates, stretch, hug our parents and study for a quiz or test we might have later that day. We didn't have that many breaks when we were at school!

I also love being able to get help from my teacher and my parents when I need it. I can put my questions in the chat and my teacher answers my questions fast. If she forgets, she can go back to the chat and find my questions. Also, if I have a question during break time or afterschool, I can ask my parents because they are home with me and I don't have to wait until they get home from work.

For me, virtual learning has been great! I know some kids don't like it, but I love it! I already know I will have to go back to school next year. However, that's okay because I can see my friends and my teachers.

Well, at least my class made history!

Congratulations

Class of 2021 Graduates

College Graduates



KARLA AUSTIN

Received a Degree in Bachelor of Science, Nursing from South College, Knoxville, TN. GPA: 3.67. Karla plans to become a Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

Favorite Scripture: **Habakkuk 2:1-4 (nkjv)**



MALCOLM HAYWARD

Received a Degree in Master of Science, Forensic Science-Cyber Investigation from University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD. GPA: 3.9. Malcolm plans to work for the federal government.

Favorite Scripture: **Matthew 9:26 (nkjv)**

High School Graduates



TRINITI NICOLE CAWTHORNE

Graduated from Woodrow Wilson Sr. High, Washington DC. Triniti plans on taking a year off, then go to college to study Scriptwriting. She is the granddaughter of Glenn & Judy A. Gerald. GPA: 3.86

Favorite Scripture: **John 15:12 (nkjv)**



SYDNEY CHASE

Graduated from Suitland High School, Suitland, MD. Sydney plans to attend ECSU to further practice graphic design and would like to pursue a career in art direction. She is the daughter of Felicia Williams. GPA: 4.0

Favorite Scripture: **Proverbs 31:25 (nkjv)**



ERIC COSBY

Graduated from Parkdale High School, MD. Eric plans to become an artist. He is the son of Eric and Yolanda Cosby.

Favorite Scripture: **2 Corinthians 12:9 (nkjv)**



JALAN COSBY

Graduated from Chesapeake Math and IT North High School. Jalan plans to begin a career as a Game Audio Engineer. He is the son of Eric and Yolanda Cosby.

Favorite Scripture: **1 Peter 5:7 (nkjv)**

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Class of 2021 Graduates

High School Graduates *(continued)*



DANTE JAMAR LAWSON

Graduated from Suitland High School, MD. Dante will be attending Delaware State University in the fall, pursuing a Sports Management degree. He is the son of David and Wanda Lawson. GPA: 3.5
Favorite Scripture: **Joshua 1:9 (nkjv)**



SYDNEY MONROE

Graduated from Frederick Douglass High School, Upper Marlboro, MD. Sydney will attend Virginia State University in the fall with a major in Psychology and minor in Art. She is the daughter of Melissa Monroe. GPA: 3.6
Favorite Scripture: **Isaiah 40:31 (nkjv)**



NINA MOORE

Graduated from Frederick Douglass High School, Upper Marlboro, MD and PG Community College. Nina will attend Temple University in the fall with a major in Psychology. She is the daughter of Mark and Andrea Moore. GPA: 3.4
Favorite Scripture: **Galatians 6:7-10 (nkjv)**



HENRY "FRANKIE" PETERSON III

Graduated from Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr., High School, Upper Marlboro, MD. Frankie will be attending Morgan State University in the fall, majoring in Criminal Justice in order to become a Criminal Profiler. He is the son of Henry and Winnie Peterson. GPA: 3.1
Favorite Scripture: **Proverbs 16:9 (nkjv)**



RAMIYA SHAINA SHELTON

Graduated from The Academy of Health Sciences at PGCC. Ramiya's career goal is to enter the field of medicine as a physician working with critically ill fetus' and newborn babies. She will be attending Howard University in the fall. She is the daughter of Reginald and Laura Shelton. GPA: 4.5
Favorite Scripture: **Galatians 6:7-10 (nkjv)**



LAMIA SMITH

Graduated from Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr., High School, Upper Marlboro, MD. LaMia will be attending North Carolina Central University in the fall, majoring in Early Childhood Development and minoring in Business. She is the granddaughter of Rosie Johnson. GPA: 3.95
Favorite Scripture: **Galatians 6:7-10 (nkjv)**



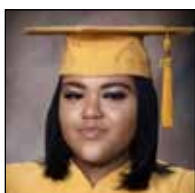
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Class of 2021 Graduates



High School Graduates *(continued)*



BRITTANY SWANN

Graduated from Frederick Douglass High School, Upper Marlboro, MD. Brittany will be attending Prince George's Community College followed by Ohio State University. She is the daughter of Veronica Swann. GPA: TBA

Favorite Scripture: **John 14:27 (nkjv)**

Grade Progression

NáShari Cusseaux	Entering 12 th grade	Taylor Rogers	Entering 8 th grade
Devin Davis	Entering 12 th grade	Lloy Smith	Entering 8 th grade
Jameer Fitzgerald	Entering 12 th grade		
DaRae Harrison	Entering 12 th grade	Taija Davis	Entering 7 th grade
Madison McLaughlin	Entering 12 th grade	Khylah Kenon	Entering 7 th grade
Malachi McLaughlin	Entering 12 th grade	Keonie Lucas	Entering 7 th grade
Victoria Palmer	Entering 12 th grade	Makenzie White	Entering 7 th grade
Kennedy Webster	Entering 12 th grade		
		Corinne Vinson	Entering 5 th grade
Sydney Jackson	Entering 11 th grade	Mehki Williams	Entering 5 th grade
Nia Moore	Entering 11 th grade		
Lorin Napper	Entering 11 th grade	Alyssa Jackson	Entering 4 th grade
		Bailey Jordan	Entering 4 th grade
Micah Carroll	Entering 9 th grade	Malachi Paige	Entering 4 th grade
Wisdom N. Peterson	Entering 9 th grade	Haley Rogers	Entering 4 th grade
Anthony Simmons Jr.	Entering 9 th grade	Kennedy Smith	Entering 4 th grade
Logan Smith	Entering 9 th grade	Kristian Smith	Entering 4 th grade
Naveah Woodland	Entering 9 th grade		
		Xavian Cusseaux	Entering 3 rd grade
Nicholas Armstrong	Entering 8 th grade		
NáShayla Cusseaux	Entering 8 th grade		
Kaylah Howard	Entering 8 th grade		
Kaitlyn Palmer	Entering 8 th grade		

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Class of **2021** Graduates

The Greater Christian Community Daycare Center



ABIGAIL ADAMS

Abigail will be attending Joint Base Harbor Hickam Elementary (Hawaii)
Parents: Lee & Brandy Adams
Favorite Scripture: Psalm 100



MORGAN GUIDER

Morgan will be attending Barack Obama Elementary School
Parents: Tamilia C. & Virlyn E. Guider
Favorite Scripture: Matthew 5:14



IDRIS BAKAAR

Idris will be attending Chesapeake Math & IT Academy (CMIT SOUTH)
Parents: Gabril & Velma Bakarr
Favorite Scripture: Ephesians 4:32



BAILEE HARLEY

Bailee school: TBA
Parents: Brandell Harrod & Reginald Harley
Favorite Scripture: Genesis 1:1



AEIRESS CATLETT

Aeiress will be attending Matta Ponii Elementary
Parent: Diamond S. Kirkland
Favorite Scripture: Psalm 139:14



KHALIL LAWRENCE

Khalil will be attending The Kinesthetic Learning Center, LLC
Parents: Jarrett & Akeembra Lawrence
Favorite Scripture: Revelation 22:3



ADDISON GORDON

Addison will be attending Rock Creek Christian/Wood Stream Christian Academy
Parents: Tierra Barbour & Kendrick Gordon
Favorite Scripture: Psalm 23



BRYNN TRIBUE

Brynn will be attending Chesapeake Math & IT Academy (CMIT SOUTH)
Parents: Bryon & Latoya Tribue
Favorite Scripture: Genesis 1:1

*Congratulations, Greater Graduates.
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Welcome Jael Lynette Kosh



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Weight/Length: 7lbs 14oz/20 inches
Family: Emory (Father), Jacquean “JK” (Mother),
and Elijah (Brother).



Let's Eat – Recipe

Garlic Herb Butter Roast Chicken



Prep Time: 10 mins Cook Time: 1 hr 15 mins Servings: 4

Ingredients

4 pound (2kg) whole chicken, at room temperature giblets and neck removed from cavity*

1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted

3 tablespoons olive oil

1/4 cup white wine, (OPTIONAL) -- use a dry wine like a Sauv blanc or Chardonnay

1 lemon, halved

Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley

4 garlic cloves, minced

1 head of garlic roughly peeled and cut in half horizontally through the middle crosswise

3 fresh whole rosemary sprigs

Note:

For a larger chicken, roast at 430°F (220°C), Or 400°F (200°C) fan forced, for one hour. Then, reduce oven temperature down to 325 (160°C). Baste and cover chicken. Roast, basting 2 more times while cooking, until chicken is cooked through, about 45 mins to an hour. Internal temperature should read 165°F (75° C) and juices run clear when pierced.

Garlic Herb Butter Roast Chicken nothing beats an easy to make and even easier to prepare roast chicken! Especially when roasted with garlic butter, rosemary, parsley, lemon, and a hint of white wine for an unbeatable flavour. This Garlic Herb Butter Roast Chicken definitely beats the pants off of any rotisserie chicken!

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 430°F | 220°C (400°F or 200°C fan forced). Line a baking tray with foil, or lightly grease a roasting pan.
2. Discard neck from inside the cavity and remove any excess fat and leftover feathers. Pat dry with paper towels.
3. Pour the olive oil, melted butter, wine (if using) and the juice of half a lemon over the chicken, under the skin and inside the cavity. Season chicken liberally on the outside and inside the cavity with salt and pepper. Sprinkle over the parsley.
4. Rub the minced garlic over the chicken, mixing all ingredients together over the chicken and under the skin.
5. Stuff the garlic head into the chicken cavity along with the rosemary sprigs and the squeezed lemon halve. Tie legs together with kitchen string.
6. Place breast-side up into baking tray or roasting pan. Roast for 1 hour and 15-20 minutes, basting half way through cooking time, until juices run clear when chicken thigh is pierced with a skewer.
7. Baste again, then broil for a further 2-3 minutes, until golden.
8. Remove from the oven, cover with foil and allow to stand for 10 minutes before serving. Serve, drizzled with pan juices and remaining lemon half cut into wedges or slices.

Nutritional Information:

Calories: 510kcal | Carbohydrates: 4g | Protein: 71g | Fat: 31g | Saturated Fat: 7g | Cholesterol: 234mg | Sodium: 195mg | Potassium: 588mg | Vitamin A: 905IU | Vitamin C: 22.5mg | Calcium: 49mg | Iron: 2.9mg

Recipe by: **Cafe Delites**

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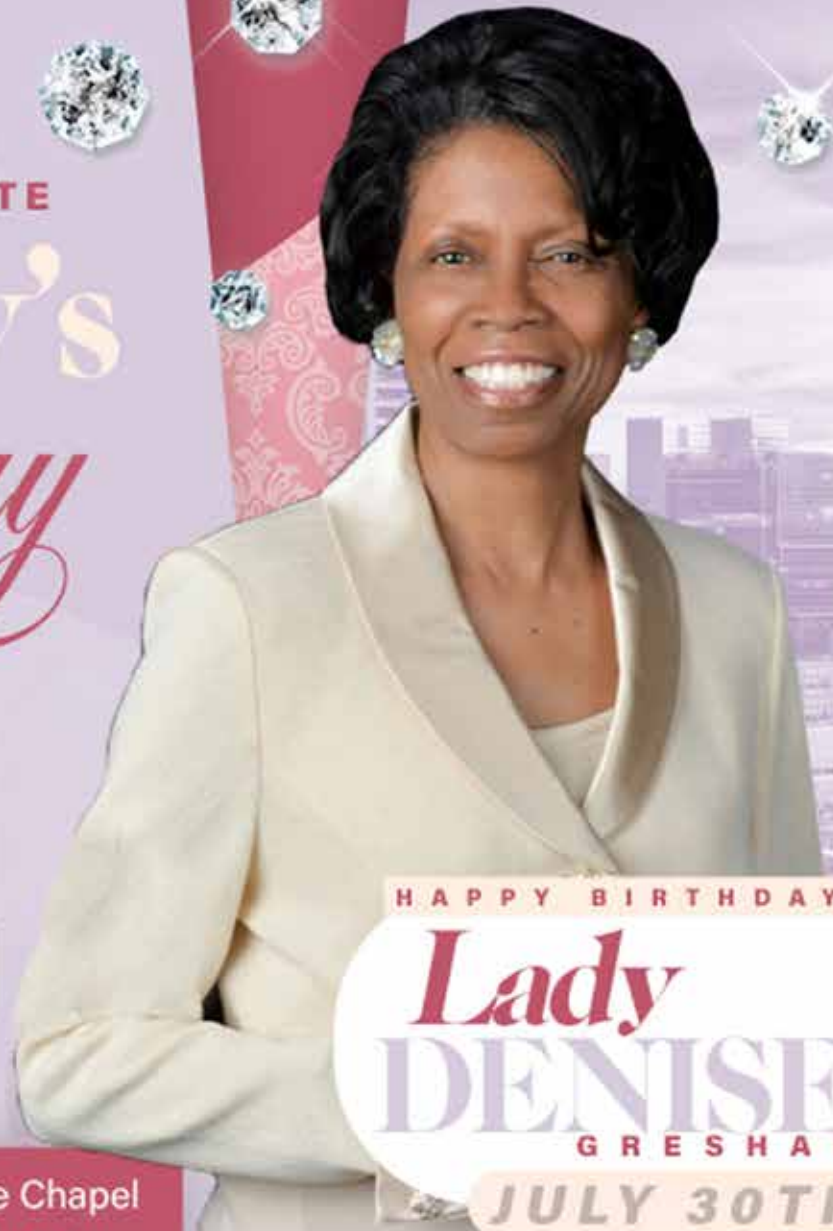
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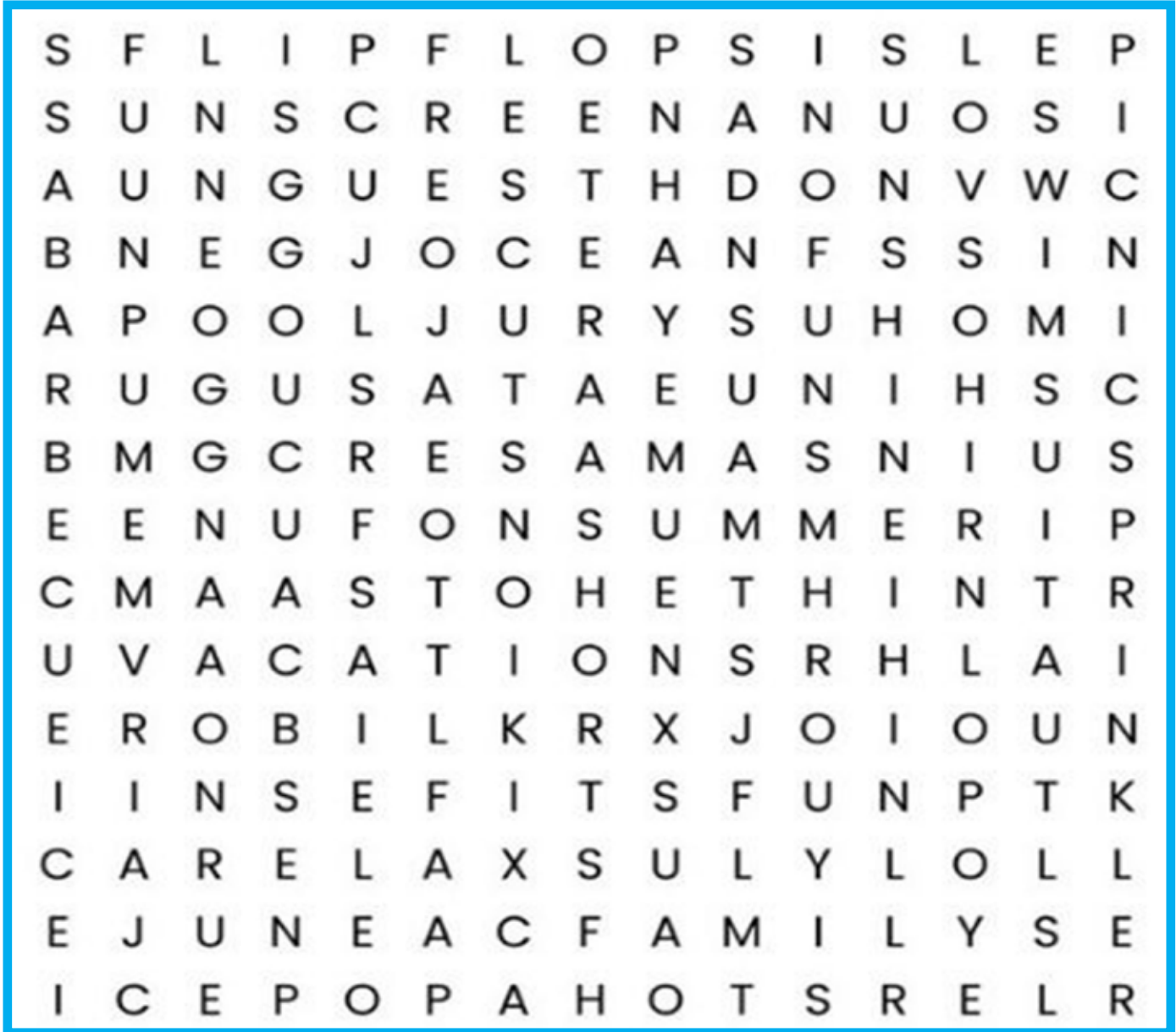
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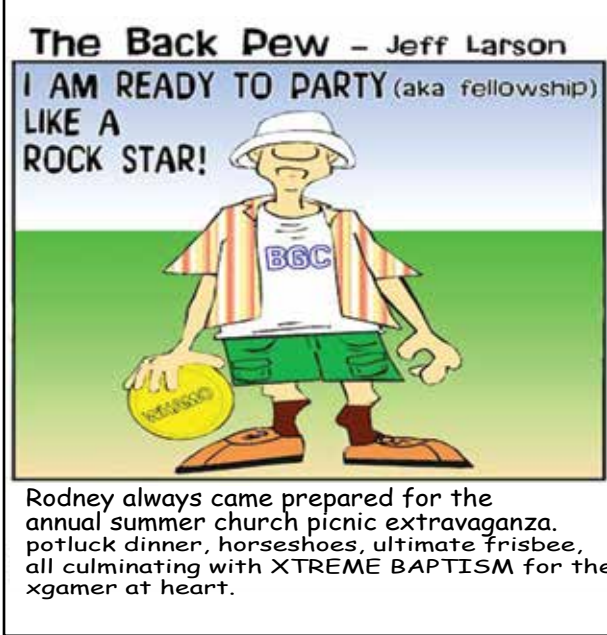
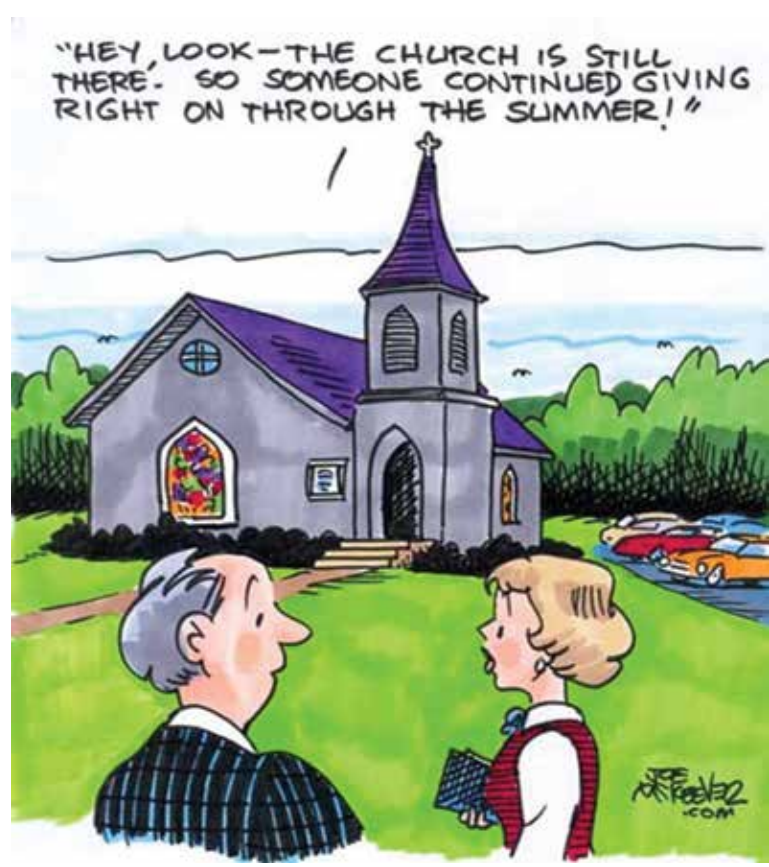
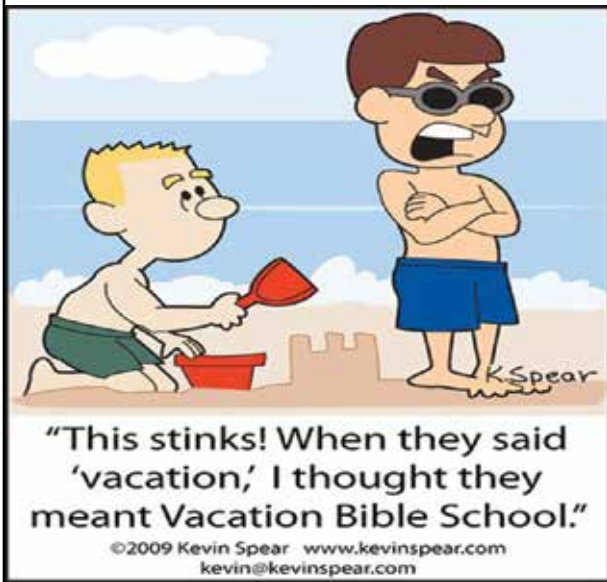
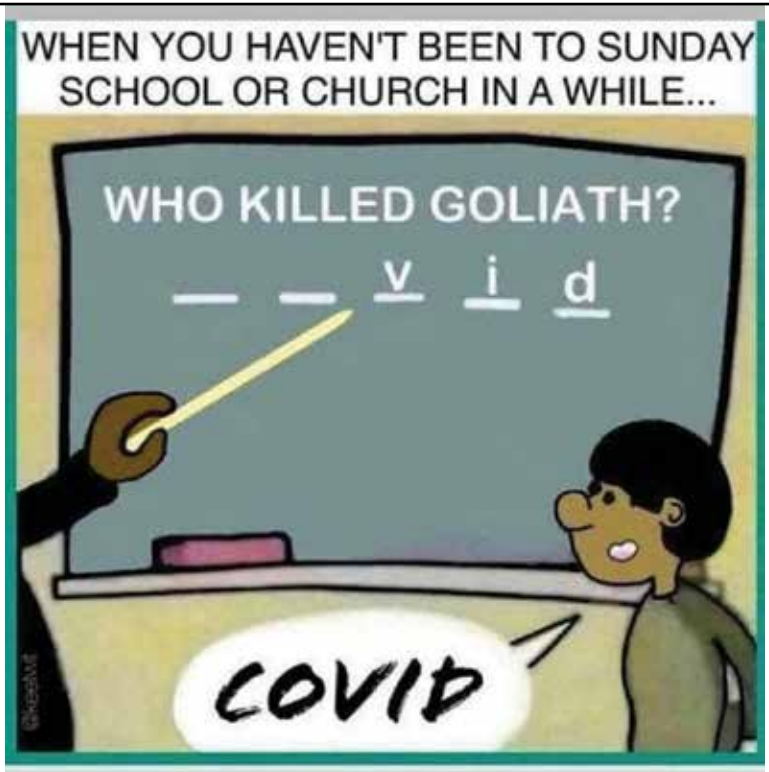
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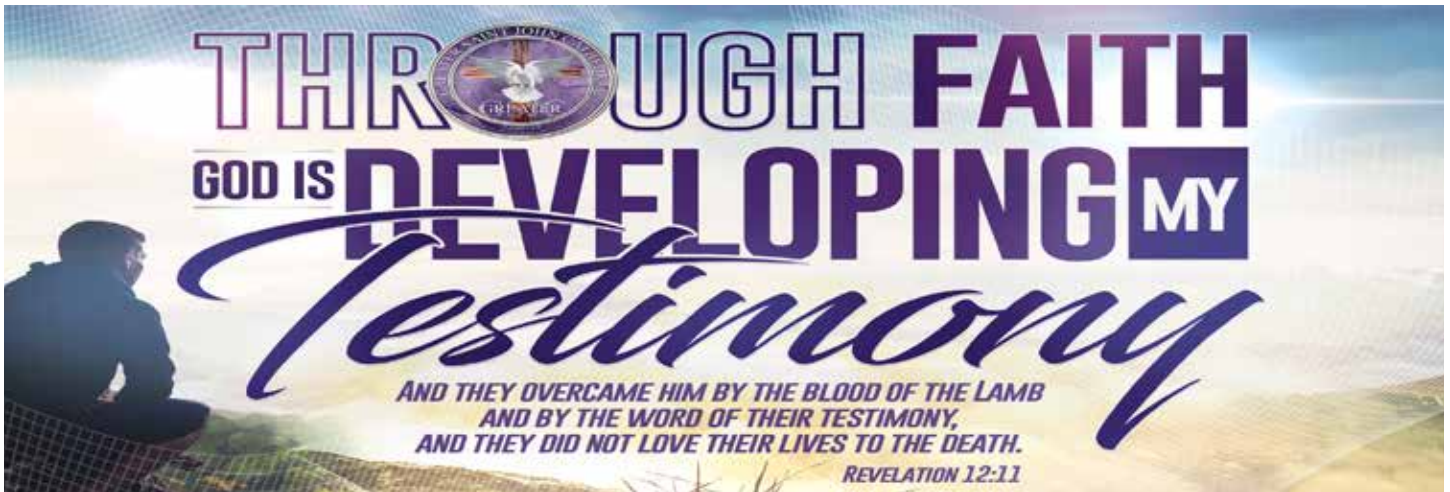
1st – Pastor’s Appreciation Sunday

September

12th – Greater’s Super Sunday
26th – Founders’ Day

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THEME FOR 2021



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THINK ON THIS:

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.” — *Helen Keller*

Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illumines it. — *Dr. Martin Luther King*

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