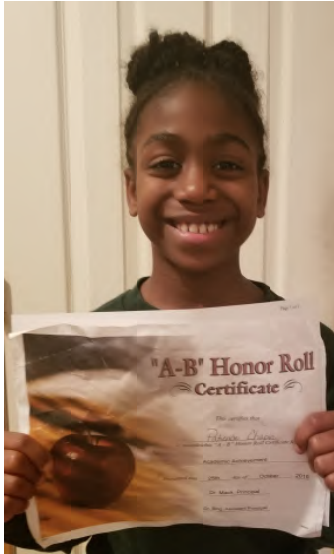
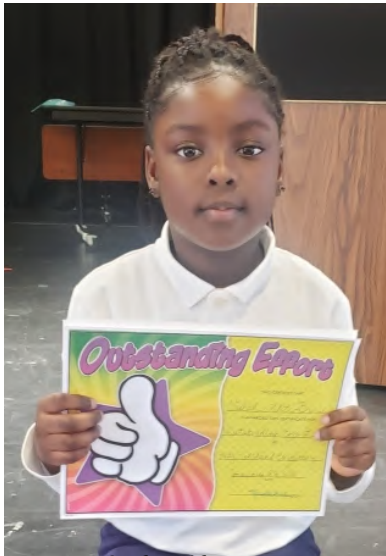


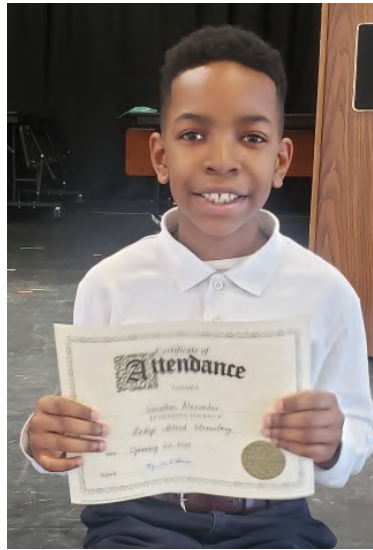
Taylor Eugene
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Patience Chaplin Smalls
A B Honor Roll



Naliah White Bruce
Outstanding Effort



Johnathan Alexander
Attendance

Church Information



Youth Choir rehearsal will be held every Saturday before the Second (2nd) and Third (3rd) Sundays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm unless you receive a message indicating that rehearsal will be cancelled.

If you are in grades Sixth (6th) to Twelfth (12th) and you're interested in becoming a member of the Youth Choir Ministry please join us during those rehearsal times.

Thank you,
Youth Choir Director
Sister Gwen Smith

A Reminder to All!

New Members / New Converts
Restoration/ Christian Experience

There is a Four (4) **Sunday** Orientation Class that Members are Required to Complete.

Please see , **Minister Corey Jackson** for information.

Bethesda Newsletter Staff

We would like to place all Anniversaries, Birthdays, Graduations and Special Achievements in the Newsletter , but we need your help to do so.



Kacithia L. Wright ~ March 2nd
Theresa Greene ~ March 6th
Marquell Sutton ~ March 7th
Latanya Floyd ~ March 7th
Avianna B. Smalls ~ March 8th
Davian B. Smalls ~ March 8th
Jeannette Brown ~ March 13th
Donna Bradley ~ March 14th
Gwendolyn Doe ~ March 14th
Vermone Drake ~ March 16th
Jessica Holmes-Green ~ March 18th
Geneva "Connie" McKinnon ~ March 19th
Bernice Wright ~ March 21st
Theresa Jenkins ~ March 25th
Geneva Smalls ~ March 25th
Melanie Daniels ~ March 26th
John Middleton ~ March 27th
Jessie Holmes ~ March 28th

Series~ Authentic Christianity

Revelation 2:10b

be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.



February 2nd

What that Nevertheless Means to Me?
Matthew 26:39

February 9th

Resisting and Renouncing the Dumbing Down of GOD!
1 Peter 1:14-16

February 16th

GOD Is Sovereign
Revelation 21:6

February 23rd



Then It Came To Me....

"Use It!!" Okay. We have the answer, "Use It." But, what question does this answer? Here is the question: What should I do with the knowledge I have gained about living for the LORD?

Some time ago, it was said to me that most people use only about two percent (2%) of their brain's capacity. I do not actually know if this is accurate. But, let us assume for a moment that it is factual. I immediately begin to wonder and ponder. What could or would the average person be doing intellectually if he pushed himself just a little more? What new heights might be reached or problems solved if he tried a little harder?

Then, we look at ourselves in Christ. He has saved all who call upon His name. He has sanctified us to the extent that we have relinquished our carnal minds. He continues to lead and mature us in knowledge and understanding. He feeds us in many ways. We can enjoy personal/private daily devotions, corporate worship, study of the Holy Bible, prayer, and fellowship. Many enjoy Christian broadcasts by radio, television, and online. We have audio tapes, CD's, and DVD's. Obviously, accessing Christian teaching is not a problem for most Christians in our area.

The chasm, or gap, seems most real between accessing (getting it) and assimilating (letting it get to us). We are addressing the flaw that keeps information from becoming inspired instruction.

What do we do to bridge the chasm or remove the flaw, thereby empowering us to live in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Empowerment comes for individual and corporate destinies as you and I begin using what we already have. Destiny is attainable as we use those things we already know. Another book may help; another version of the Holy Bible may help; another video or audio cassette may help; so might another conference. But, what can really begin to turn your world around is already with you and me. Simply, "Use It!"

Those things, which ye have both learned

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and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you." (Philippians 4:9)

Shalom, my Friends,
Pastor Kenneth C. Doe

Christians Should Be Different!

Christians are unlike their neighbors in many ways. Some of these are apparent while many of them remain invisible. One objective of Christian living is to become like Christ (I Peter 1:14-16). Thus, the qualities of the Savior should be apparent in every mature Christian. Peter neatly summed Christian characteristics in 2 Peter 1:5-8, saying: "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that you shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." I John 4:17 states: "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world." Modern life has many aspects. Let's examine, briefly, a few Christian attitudes and actions typical in every aspect.

In matters of religion, Christians hear neither inner voices of instruction, nor the teachings of men; they listen well, however, to the voice of God, the Holy Bible. I Cor. 2:12, 13 teaches: "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

The apostle, Paul, instructing the young evangelist, Timothy, wrote (in I Timothy 6:3-5), saying: "If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; he is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about

questions and strife's of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmising's, perverse disputing's of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself." Thus, Christians can have no creed but that of Christ as revealed by the Bible: Jesus prayed, soon before His execution (John 17:17-21), that all of His followers would teach the same thing so that, "They all may be one . . . that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." **Many aspects of modern life styles** trouble today's people. Christians, however, have direction about marriage, family relationships, child-raising, and the selection of friends; they are untroubled in their own lives by today's philosophies, but they grieve deeply over the results of sinful ideas and associations upon our civilization.

The book of Hebrews (Chapter 13, verse 4) reveals that, "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."

Jesus said about divorce in Matthew 5:32: "But I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery; and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." Thus, fornication, or adultery, is the only cause for divorce satisfactory to God. Paul instructed Jesus' followers regarding family relationships as follows: Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything." Paul also said: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Study carefully Ephesians 5:22 through 6:4.

Because much of the world entertainment emphasizes promiscuous sex, extols law violation and condones drug use, the Christian must look elsewhere for relaxation and entertainment. When selecting activities for recreation and entertainment, the Christian must consider:

- 1.) Will this activity violate my conscience? Romans 14:22,23.
- 2.) Will my doing this activity cause weaker Christians to lose their faith or will it set a bad example of Christian behavior for others? I Cor. 10:23-33.

- 3.) Will this activity place me under evil influences? I Corinthians 6:19,20.
- 4.) Will my doing this activity conflict with Christian duty? Christians must put God and His kingdom first. Matthew 6:33.
- 5.) Will my doing this activity arouse in me indecent responses? Books, magazines, and movies that create indecent desires are contrary to Christianity. Paul instructed, "Whatsoever things are pure . . . think on these things." Philippians 4:8.
- 6.) Is this activity both legal and right? Christians should always respect the rights of others as well as obey the law of the land.

In matters of government, law and taxes the Christian must be obedient to civil authority although others might take their obligation to authority lightly. Jesus said, in Mark 12:17, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When speaking about civil government, Paul said: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God." Read Romans 13:1-7. Thus, Christians obey their government's laws. They give their measure of taxes, and their automobiles need no radar detectors because they will not be driven above the speed limit. Christians are aware that a civilization's fabric can be torn and destroyed by widespread lawlessness.

Materialism represents one aspect of life where there seems little difference between the Christian and the disbeliever. When submerged in materialistic outlooks, the Christian's conscience is bothered, for materialism is foreign to the religion of Jesus who said, in Luke 12:15-31: "Therefore, I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what you shall eat: neither for the body, what you shall put on. The life is more than meat and the body is more than raiment."

We concede that materialism invades much of today's society, including the church. Yet, many Christians avoid materialism: New church buildings are being erected through funds gathered by the mortgaging of Christian's possessions, while loans obligated by Christians for the cause of Christ are being repaid by savings from driving older cars, living in smaller houses, and wearing older

styles. But, compared to the many who claim to be the Lord's, these are few. Truly materialism is a great weakness among the Lord's people today.

Christians are different because they live by the word of God. Thus, they are free of much of the envy, strife, and worry common to worldly people. Yet, even the best of Christianity misses the goal of being entirely like Christ. Christians must continue to pattern their lives after that of their Savior, Jesus Christ.

from the interactive Bible website

National Women's History Month – March 2020



This year marks the 32nd anniversary of the passage of a law making March Women's History Month in the United States.

The observation, which was born out of a California school district's celebration of women's achievements, now is celebrated across the country and includes parades, lectures, health screenings, art exhibits and other activities that highlight women's contributions to society.

Here's a look at the history of the movement, why it's celebrated in March and this year's theme.

What is it?

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to society.

When is it?

In the United States, it is celebrated each year in March.

Why March?

March was chosen as the month to celebrate women's history because the first observances of Women's History Week revolved around International Women's Day, which is March 8. International Women's Day, which honors women's achievements worldwide, was first celebrated on March 8,

1911. The United Nations has sponsored International Women's Day observances since 1975.

How did it start?

In 1978, a school district in Sonoma, California, decided to honor women's achievements by participating in a Women's History Week event. According to the National Women's History Project, schools hosted essay contests, presentations by women were given at many of the schools in the district and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa, California.

The following year, a two-week conference examining women's history was held at Sarah Lawrence College. Those participating in the conference learned about Sonoma County's Women's History Week celebration and decided to organize similar celebrations within their own schools and organizations.

During the following seven months, they lobbied for a declaration of Women's History Week and in March 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980, as National Women's History Week.

In 1981, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Rep. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., co-sponsored a joint congressional resolution calling the week of March 7, 1982, Women's History Week.

Schools across the country began to incorporate Women's History Week into their curriculum and, eventually, the week grew into a monthlong observance.

Fourteen states had declared March Women's History Month by 1986. In 1987, the National Women's History Project asked Congress to establish March as Women's History Month. On March 12, 1987, the celebration became official when legislation was passed to designate March as Woman's History Month in the United States.

What is this year's theme?

The 2020 National Women's History Month theme is "Valiant Women of the Vote." The theme "celebrates the women who have fought for woman's right to vote in the United States."

Bethesda Christian Fellowship After-School

After-school tutoring/homework assistance is available on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Applications are available in the vestibule.



I look in the mirror and who do I see?
Do I know the person looking back at me?
I can make that person who I want it to be.
I am the only one who has the ability.
I wake up in the morning and set the tone for the day,
I can do what I want to do, I am leading the way.
Being in the statistic is not in my society,
I am who I am, I create my own policy.
You can encourage me or you can put me down,
I may twist and bend but I'll never hit the ground,
Opportunity only knocks once, some people may say,
I have the ability to accept it when it comes my way.
I can do whatever I have set in my mind,
Because when God made me, he made one of a kind.
I don't have to impress you or try to be seen,
I say what I say and mean what I mean.
The world doesn't owe me anything but what I achieve,
I can do all things and anything if I only believe.

If you believe in me, it really doesn't matter,
I have more to be concern about, than your silly chatter.
Believe in yourself or no one else will,
Just stop complaining so much and just be still.
Do what you can to make a better you,
Start with one thing, then, move on to number two.

Those who didn't think you would get so far,
They will see you when you become a shining star.

"BELIEVE IN YOURSELF"

Written by: Theresa B. Jenkins

A Seniors' Perspective

Any senior who would to contribute to the Bethesda Herald Newsletter, please see **Sister Ruth Johnson**

Health Corner



Dr. Ardra Davis-Tolbert