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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

2017 April Edition

GREETINGS CBCGM!

Greetings CBCGM! Let us rejoice in the coming of spring! Although there has been much rain and chilly air lately, we remain optimistic in the hope of sunshine, warmth and the renewal of life. I am really asking us to be mindful of the season of lent leading to the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ! As the season transitions into spring, let us also come alive and vigilant to the work of ministry. We will begin this month with our neighborhood walks both to engage in the social concerns of our neighbors and to evangelize them with the gospel of Christ. Team captains will be approaching you for your support and I pray that you will answer their request in the affirmative. This is all leading toward our Town Hall meeting planned for June. I invite you all to be prayerful as we set about to engage the work of ministry!

As always...

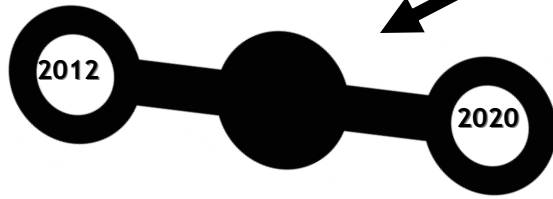
BE PRESENT. BE PRAYERFUL. BE POSITIVE. BE IMPACTFUL.

THEME

**Continuing Our Assignment:
Equipping God's People for the Work of MINISTRY**
Ephesians 4:11-13 (CEB)

PROSPERING THE VISION; OUR MID-POINT

Ebony S. Hagler



This section is appropriately entitled OUR MID-POINT because we started our ten year strategic plan in 2012 and it is set to conclude in 2022. More detailed information will be shared at our Stake Holders Summit outlining some of our many accomplishments since implementing our Strategic Plan 5 years ago.

The CORE TEAM of CBCGM met on Tuesday, March 7th, kicking things off with prayer. Pastor Williams started our meeting by introducing the newest member to the team, Bro Robert Jones, who has a background in engineering and management.

The Team finished up where we had left off at our last meeting by reviewing the later part of our Scorecard Metrics, which is the method we use to track our strategic initiatives and recommendations. We were also informed that since the closing of the child care, the Deacons will be formulating teams to decide how to best use that space, if you have a suggestion, please let them know.

As we continue to keep our focus on our vision, let us be reminded that we are hosting a **Community Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, June 17 from 9:30am to Noon**. In an effort to become the epicenter of our community we must hear directly from our community. This is a great opportunity to know who is in our community, what the needs and concerns are and how we can better help. We start canvassing the neighborhood **Saturday, April 15th**



leading up to the Town Hall properly entitled *“Taking It To The Streets”*. A Special Thank you to our team captains who have agreed to coordinate the logistics for our walks: **Minister Jeffrey Eastern, Minister Timothy Williams, Evangelist Naomi Jackson & Deacon Melvin Grisby**. Each team will target a different direction, N-S-E-W, if you haven’t already, see one of them to get more information. There is plenty to do as we engage this assignment. We will have a small survey, so we will need records who can take notes and compile the information to be presented at our town hall. We need prayer warriors to pray for open hearts and minds, for safety, for souls to be saved.

Once again, we humbly thank all of you who have served on our CORE Team, without your sacrifice of time talent and treasure we would not be able to take the reigns and continue to press toward our goals. Looking forward, we are prayerful that other members will step up and help carry the torch for the following 10 years and beyond.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Ebony S. Hagler

Our March Leadership Council held on Saturday the 4th at 10am started with Pastor leading us in a powerful word of prayer. Deacon Willie Jude then provided us with a Financial Update, it is our goal to complete our bathroom renovations with no outside help other than the Holy Spirit, we were encouraged to give just a little bit more. We are almost finished and what a blessing it will be to have 2 brand new restrooms including handicap accessible ones!

Since last year we have been diligently working on a document to include all of our ministry offerings along with meeting dates & times and who to contact to get involved. Suitably entitled **Opportunities for Involvement Booklet**, it offers a summary of all areas we offer for one to serve along with meeting days and times and who to contact. We are all essential pieces to the body of Christ and each one must do their part. The leaders were given one last chance to review the document and provide feedback. It is currently in production and should be available at our **Stakeholders Summit on Saturday, April 1st at 11am.**

We then shifted our attention to what is our focus for the first half of 2017 and that is our Neighborhood Walks. We were shown a map of our surrounding area based off of our district per Alderman Stamper. There is much work to be done and coordinated as we prepare to go. Team Captains volunteered to step up and lead groups headed North-South-East & West of our church; Minister Jeffrey Eastern, Minister Timothy Williams, Evangelist Naomi Jackson & Deacon Melvin Grisby. This effort is much more than walking & talking. So before you say, I'm not going to knock on people's doors, ask yourself, how would you know Christ if no one sowed a seed into you or prayed for you?

We concluded our meeting with Observations from our Pastor, who simply stated that:
“Churches Grow when people Go!”



Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

John F. Kennedy

FINANCE UPDATE

Deacon Willie Jude

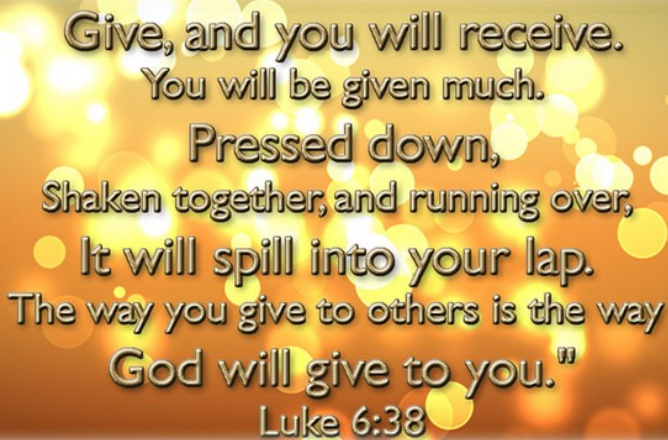
“CONTINUING OUR ASSIGNMENT: EQUIPPING GOD’S PEOPLE FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY”

We have completed the third month of 2017 and we continue to thank God for his many blessings. The community family is committed and dedicated to the financial growth of CBCGM in 2017. We are moving forward in the name of the Father, in the name of the Son and in the name of the Holy Ghost. -- Matthew 16:19 state- **“And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven”** This is a clear indication that we have been given the power to shape our own future, but God will only help us when we first seek to help ourselves.

The Finance Ministry will continue to focus on the needs of the church and various ministries as we endeavor to reach out to those in need of spiritual redemption. We will continue to work with our Pastor, all leaders and members of CBCGM to promote the three Strategic pillars. The three pillars are: 1. **Leadership Development**, 2. **Spiritual Growth** and 3. **Church Unity**. We must continue to keep our Motto in mind as we continue to move forward **“One Voice—One Vision—One Vocation.”** When we move as one body, **we will transform our people and community.**

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Community Church Family we are nearing the finishing line, Praise God! The bathrooms are nearing completion. It was your sacrifice and hard work that made it possible. We are nearing the end of this project, but there is still much work to be done. **The pledge of an extra \$50 per month above your tithes and offerings will allow us to purchase a much needed organ, repair the church roof and upgrade our internet system that interferes with our Video system because the speed is too slow.**

This is a special year. It marks our 40th year of existence and we want to complete the remainder of the renovations and repairs as well as pay down the mortgage. We presently owe approximately \$187,000 and it is CBCGM goal to owe less than \$100,000 as of January 1, 2018. We can do it with the help of God. **Yes we can! Yes we can!!** Once again, the Finance Ministry wants to thank each of you for your ongoing support as we continue to work together to move our church and community forward in Christ Jesus.



Give, and you will receive.
You will be given much.
Pressed down,
Shaken together, and running over,
It will spill into your lap.
The way you give to others is the way
God will give to you."
Luke 6:38

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Rev. Mike Robertson

We held a meeting with the **Washington High School** principle and presented the Common Ground plan for the playing fields' renovation and the men's network interest in supporting the woodworking shop. By working with Common Ground, community residents, the men's network and other neighborhood organizations we are confident that CBC will make a lasting difference. We will report developments as they take place.

Fresh Start Learning Inc. is now occupying the second floor at 4325 West North Ave. as they partner with other organizations. They offer a number of services ranging from legal to health. This is a valuable addition to the neighborhood and if you want to know more please visit the office or call Nancy at 414-544-2

The **Love Kindness** program continues to give out buttons, bumper stickers and Love Kindness water bottles at Hi-Mount school. The committee will meet in April to organize and seek nominations for the CBC Love Kindness person of the month.

Neighborhood walks are being organized by both CBC and the men's network and will take place during April. These informational conversations will provide insight into the improvements our immediate neighbors are seeking. This is a first step in expanding the CBC community outreach ministry. We continue working with neighborhood organizations as we follow God's instructions to "Love each other."



CBCGM NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS;

TAKING "IT" TO THE STREET

Min Jeffrey Eastern

Can you feel the energy, the excitement as we are rapidly gaining momentum towards our initial Neighborhood Walk/Witness on Saturday, the 15th of April, 2017. I am motivated by the numerous disciples that see the urgency for the church to become actively involved in our neighborhood, signing up with Captains, Melvin Grisby, Tim Williams, Naomi Jackson, and myself with Co-Captains Imani Perry, Mike Robertson, and Claude Williams.

Our objective is to transform the community through the power of the Holy Spirit, by making the residents aware of our church and its resources, also be a witness for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

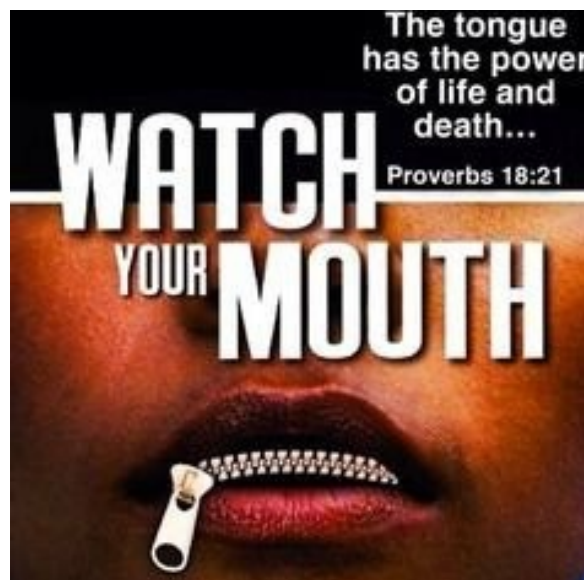
"WITNESSING IS A WAY OF LIFE FOR THE BELIEVER"

According to Acts 1:7-8. The question for every believer is this, "*What is in your mouth?*" As we speak the "TRUTH" which is Jesus Christ, crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection. We "TESTIFY" of His goodness and grace in our lives. Then we "TRIUMPH" in the victory that His sacrifice has secured for us.

"LIFE AND DEATH IS IN THE POWER OF THE TONGUE!"

Let us continue to speak life in our community, and the lives of everyone that we corporately and collectively come into contact with on a daily basis. Let us continue to pray and praise an awesome God for what is about to transpire before our very eyes.

We will continue to have teaching and training session prior to April the 15th, and even after that, so stay tuned to the church announcements for further information.



MEN'S MINISTRY

Deacon Melvin E. Grisby Sr.

Greetings, this is the April addition of the Men's Ministry of CBCGM News Letter. Our mission is to Build Strong Godly Character through Integrity and Accountability with one another and Help men assume their spiritual role of leadership at home, in the church, in the work place and the community. It is our desire to provide many opportunities for men to connect with one another as well as with other men to fulfill the purposes of Fellowship, Ministry, Discipleship and Worship as listed below:



Youth Forum every 2nd Saturday of the month from 8:00am to 11am. We invite all of the Youths of Community to join us and bring a friend or family member. We meet at the white house across the street at 4242 W North Ave. For those of you who has not attended one of these meeting come join in on the discussion, the youths always have a great topic to discuss.

5th Par 3 Golf Outing on May 27th 2017 at Madison Park, see Bro Herron, Bro Grisby or Bro Jude.

Weekly Tuesday Breakfast from 8:30am to 10:30am at 4242 W North Ave. Special thanks to Bro. Staples, Bro Herron, Bro Powell and Bro Phillips for their commitment.

Adult Game Night on the 3rd Friday of the month from 6pm–9pm at 4242 W. North Ave.

Male Chorus Rehearsal is on the 2nd and 3rd Saturday of the Month at 9:30am to 10:30am and we sing every 3rd Sunday. Every male in the church can lend his voice.

Brotherhood Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each Month at 10:30 am.

Mentoring Program with Hi Mount Elementary School. On March second, some men from the Ministry went to Hi Mount Elementary School for Dr Seuss Birthday to read to the children and discuss the Importance of Reading and Listening to their Teachers. Thanks to Bro. Hardy, Bro. Jude, Bro Landry, Bro Powell and Rev Mike Robertson for their time and efforts in working with this special program. Actual program will resume in the fall.

Men of CBCGM, where are you engaged in ministry?

Join us as we “Continuing Our Assignment: Equipping Gods People for the Work In Ministry.”

FIRST SUNDAY SERMON

Rev. Dr. Demetrius K. Williams

Our First Sunday Sermon was titled, “Trained in Doctrine” (Ephesians 4:11-14). As is the case sometimes, this sermon was preached without notes, therefore, what follows is a brief summary of what can be found in full online at www.cbcm.org.

The focus of this sermon was to draw out the significance of the need for training in doctrine. If one is going to be sufficiently equipped for ministry, then training in doctrine is an essential aspect of that preparation. Indeed, the passage itself indicates such import -

“¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.”

This passages recognizes that in order to be mature in Christ, we must be established in doctrine, so that we are not tossed about with every “wind of doctrine (‘teaching’).” To be sure, children who have little experience and knowledge are easily tricked and misled. However, as adults we should “**know better**”! This is the purpose and import of doctrine - we should know better - so that we can “**do better**”. This is why the people of God must be willing to learn not only through the medium of the sermon but also through personal Bible study, Sunday School and Bible Class - in which we are teaching on Bible Doctrine! Participate in as many teaching opportunities as you can. In this way you can be “instant” for God’s use. AMEN.



BUT SPEAK THOU THE
THINGS WHICH BECOME
SOUND DOCTRINE
Titus 2:1

Our church is a mixture of *spiritually mature & immature* people, and those who are new to the faith. Choose to be *sensitive* instead of judgmental.

Come, Let Us:

Edify with Encouragement: “So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing” (1 Thessalonians 5:11). There are many times when under severe pressure, hope can seem elusive to the saints of God suffering under tremendous persecution. As believers/disciples, we have the ability to build them up in the faith with hope from God’s word. By knowing and sharing the truth of Scripture, we can witness the power of God breaking the grip of despair.

Edify with Our Gifts: “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-12). God has poured out spiritual gifts on the church. As we come into the knowledge, application, and demonstration of our own individual spiritual gifts—we have the responsibility to help grow and build up the church. Our gifts aren’t meant for our own personal edification; rather, we are meant to use our gifts for others.

Edify with Love: “Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up (edifies)” (1 Corinthians 8:1). Nothing builds up the church more than the demonstrated love of Christ. Our spirits can be rejuvenated by the Holy Spirit when we sense and appreciate the love of God demonstrated through God’s people.

Edify with Proper use of Authority: “Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the authority which the Lord has given me for edification and not for destruction” (2 Corinthians 13:10). There are times when we might be stretched in our faith by the teachings of church leaders. Conscientious pastors are compelled to preach truth even in sometimes difficult circumstances. As the body of Christ, we have the responsibility to edify our leaders and church by respecting and obeying what the Bible teaches about authority.

Edify with Our Testimony: “The church then had peace throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, and it became stronger as the believers lived in the fear of the Lord. And with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it also grew in numbers” (Acts 9:31). When the Lord intervenes in our lives, we should never keep it to ourselves. Sharing our testimony—both the good and bad parts of it—can strengthen those who have difficulty believing that God will do great things for them. Our truthful testimonies give others the ability to overcome fear, anxiety, and doubt. Notice too that the church became stronger as the believers lived in fear of the Lord. It also grew in numbers - with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit!

Edify with Unselfishness: “Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification” (Romans 15:2). It’s easy to be selfish, we don’t even have to think about it first to practice it. Yet we need to recognize the opportunities to practice selflessness towards others. The church is built up when we build up one another with positivity.

Edify with our Words: As our chosen scripture says; “But, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying (“building up”) of itself in love” (Ephesians 4:15-16). The words we speak are so much more powerful than many of us recognize. Our words can bring life or death. By speaking the truth in love, we grant grace to the



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APRIL

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| Saturday | 01 | Deacon Council, 9:00am
Leadership Council, 10:00am
Stakeholders Summit, 11:00am
Followed by All Church Clean Up! |
| Sunday | 02 | Cherub Flower Pen Fundraiser |
| Wed-Thurs | 05-06 | Pre-Pastoral Anniversary, 6:30pm |
| Saturday | 08 | Pastoral Anniversary Luncheon, 11am-2pm |
| Sunday | 09 | Pastoral Anniversary |
| Friday | 14 | Good Friday, Church Office is CLOSED
A.I.M. Good Friday Worship, Noon @ TCBC |
| Saturday | 15 | Start Neighborhood Walks |
| Sunday | 16 | Resurrection Sunday |
| Friday | 21 | A.I.M. Administrator Professional Day@ M.O. |
| Saturday | 22 | Associate Ministers Council, 9am |
| Sunday | 23 | BLAST Bake Sale, after worship |
| Saturday | 29 | Youth Prayer Breakfast, 8:30am |
| Sunday | 30 | Youth Emphasis Day |

DO YOUR PART.



****Holy Week is Monday, April 10 – Thursday, April 13
Nightly at 7pm at Tabernacle Community Baptist Church***

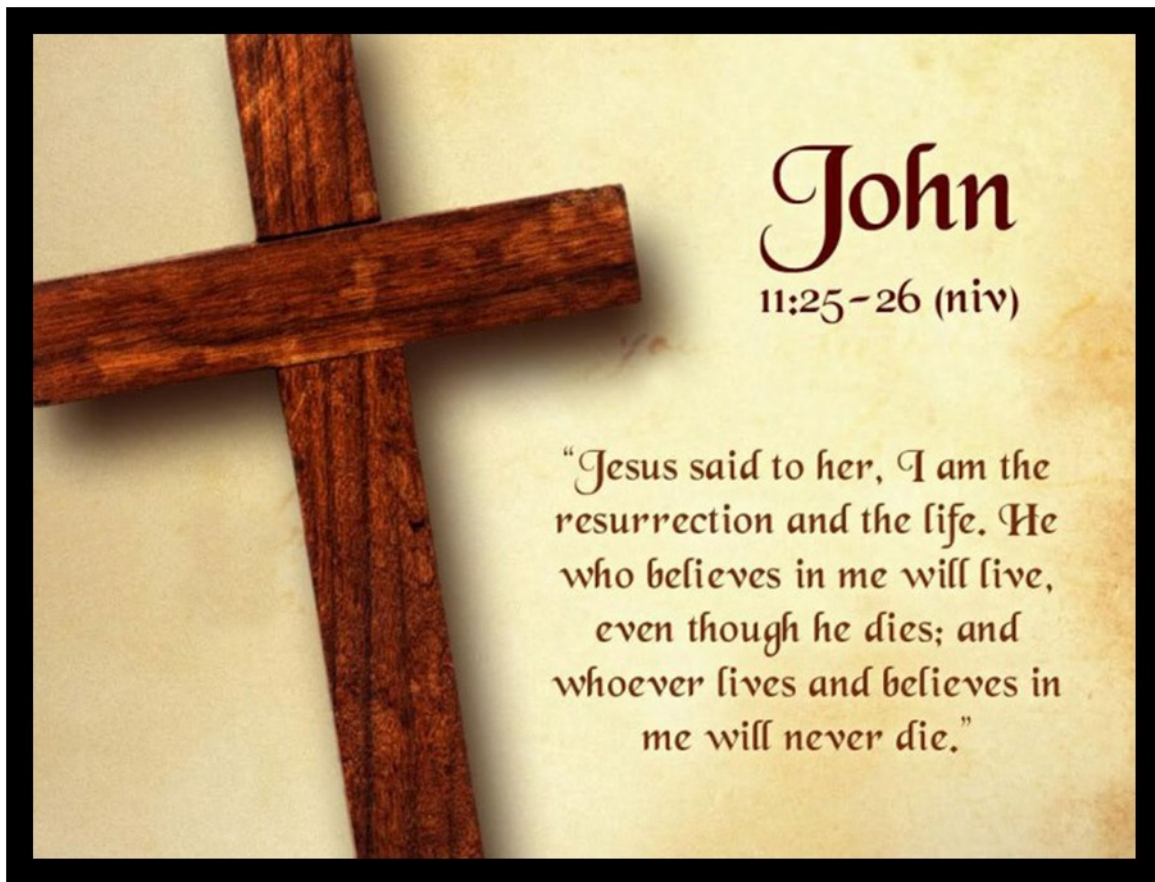
***Sunday School & New Members Class start at
7:45am**



We remember all of our beloved that have passed from our congregation as well as family members of our CBCGM sisters and brothers. We sincerely offer our prayers and condolences to the bereaved families of:

Jesse Rankin

(Uncle of Minister Jeffrey Eastern)



John

11:25-26 (niv)

"Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."



Reverend Dr. Demetrius K. Williams, Pastor
Deacon Co-Chairs
Barbara Johnson & James Powell

MISSION

To PREACH God's word,
TEACH God's people and
REACH the world with God's love.

VISION

To Build Community Transforming Ministries
Committed to Serving God & Others.

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One Voice
One Vision
One Vocation

PILLARS

Leadership Development
Spiritual Growth
Church Unity

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