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FROM THE EDITORS

Spring is here – Wake up!

Before we discuss the issue, the Broadcaster Team would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Women of Berean. Thank you for sharing your stories, testimonies, and personal journeys with our community. The Women of Berean possess a great self-awareness – you know where you came from, who you are, and WHOSE you are.

Continue to walk in power and confidence, Sisters!

Welcome to the April issue.

As we know, Spring is a significant time of year, as it represents renewal, regrowth, and rebirth. Albeit customary to replace dark and heavy stuff with light and airy trappings, do we do the same for our heart, mind, and soul?

This Spring issue brings a light-hearted, but soulful read. Pastor Griffin gives the best advice on the importance of releasing the baggage and letting God “spring clean” your life. Read the conclusion of Tracy’s moving and powerful call to ministry. Fashionista Kyrie guides us through the most helpful beauty tips for the Spring.

Like the seasons, we experience hibernations and rebirths. Trust in God and make yourself available to be used for His good will. Allow God to remove your winter blues and replace them with joy, peace, and love.

Spring is in the air. Can you feel it?



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PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

We are told in the book of Ecclesiastes, "there is a time and season for all things". Now it's Springtime and life everywhere is born anew and *Hope Springs Eternal*. With the coming of Spring, it requires some preparation by cleaning out the old to make room for the new. Of course we know this to be true in our household affairs, but spring cleaning is also a *spiritual necessity*. It's a matter of "laying aside every weight and the sin that so easily besets us so that we might run with perseverance, the particular race set before us" according to *Hebrews 12:1*.

It takes courage and determination to find and face the old baggage, bruises and brokenness. Then to see them as no longer useful and needed is the next step in Spring cleaning. Often, this is where we get hung up because we soon realize that we have become emotionally attached and sometimes dependent on this old stuff that is filling up our lives. And it gets harder to throw it away. We discover that despite the pain, we kinda like our stuff that brings a certain amount of emotional comfort.

Here again is where we must summon the strength and courage to "let go and let God" help us to clean it out. Just throw it away. Get rid of it. Grieve its necessary loss and get ready to move on with new life birthed by springtime.

Moving on also requires courage and determination because the new and unknown can be frightening. But here is the antidote for fear of the unfamiliar and our future, "looking unto Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." (*Hebrews 12:2*) Notice that it's our particular race that we must run with perseverance. It's not somebody else's race. It's ours - uniquely mine and yours. This is why nobody can do my spring cleaning for me. I must take the initiative to do it for myself as the Holy Spirit turns the divine LED search light upon my heart and soul. Then, if I am cooperative, He will guide me and show what I need to keep in my life after a thorough spring cleaning. Then God alone can refill us and give us the "desires of our heart". As Corrie Ten Boom once said, "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

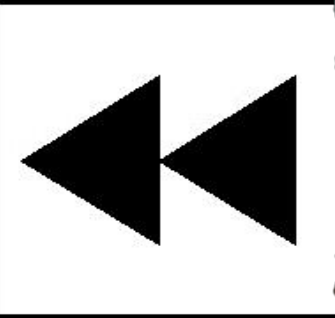
“.....get ready to move on with new life birthed by springtime....”

With Springtime Love,

Pastor Griffin



MARCH



REWIND



AFRICAN QUEEN SUNDAY

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Happy Birthday!

WORD OF THE MONTH

Efflorescent

(ef-luh-res-uh nt)

adj. blossoming, budding

TIP OF THE MONTH

Want to get rid of odors in your home?

Baking soda is key!

Measure out 4 teaspoons of baking soda and 8 cups of water. Boil in a medium/large pot to help neutralize unpleasant odors. Try boiling the baking soda water when you fry to minimize the smell of food in other areas of the home.

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.

The old life is gone: a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

my journey

my call

BY TRACY SMITH SIMON



PART 2

Looking back, God called me into ministry in 2011. When he called me, I was afraid, lacked confidence, and questioned the call. He could not tell me the nature of the call, because I was not ready to receive all the Lord had planned for my life. I had to endure seasons of trials and preparation for the work He has called me to perform. Since 2011, I've experienced identity theft and fraud, the death of my beloved stepfather, and a major health crisis. Without these occurrences, I would not have a *testimony*. I could not provide pastoral care as a Chaplain at Interfaith Hospital if I did not receive freedom and healing in Jesus Christ through my sixteen-week formational prayer seminar in Healing Waters. There was a part of my soul that needed to go back to those episodic events during childhood, and even adulthood, to allow the spirit to heal. Through my return to college to obtain my degree in divinity, and through prayer, I believe God has called me into a ministry of reconciliation and healing.

In 2016, I am ready to *preach and teach* the good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom, vision, and healing to God's oppressed people. The purpose and mission of the church is to sustain the ministry set forward by God Incarnate. It is called to love and build up the body of Christ. There is much work to be done. I am glad that God called me and wants to use me for kingdom building. I can understand the psalmist as they sang: *Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?* I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. My heart is so full, yet open to receive the ministry, God has birthed in me. I am thankful and blessed for the opportunity to preach, declare, and decree the sovereignty of God.

GEORGE SMITH

AGE:

41 years

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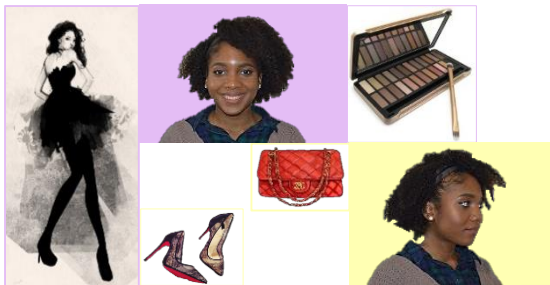
Brooklyn, New York

GEORGE'S ADVICE:

"Never let your enemies know
what you are thinking"



THE PROFESSIONAL



THE BEAUTY BEAT W/K. HILLS



SPRING NECESSITIES

HAIR

Let's start with your Crown in Glory. That's right - your hair! It does not matter if your hair is permed, pressed, natural, under a wig, or in braids, there are some necessities "she" needs. MOISTURE - "She" needs moisture. Water is your friend, inside and out. Drinking water and staying hydrated helps keep your hair moisturized from the inside and wetting your hair weekly helps keep you hair moisturized from the outside. But don't stop there, using a good leave in conditioner helps keep the hair nice and moisturized!



SKIN

Just like hair, skin needs moisture too. Take this new season to switch out those heavy creams and moisturizers for something lighter with an SPF (watch out for those sun rays!). Use a nice gel-like moisturizer that will penetrate into your skin. Also water, water, water... Drinking water and staying hydrated not only helps your hair, but it helps your skin, as well.



CLOTHES

I love a good fur as much as the next gal but, it's time to put them up for the season. I know, sad right? BUT the time has come bring out the bright and vibrant spring colors. Be adventurous and pair that purple shirt with those yellow pants (*color blocking with complementary colors anyone?*) Use this time to be creative with colors...

Anything is possible in spring!

Well, that is all for now!

Until next time,
my Berean Beauties



MAKEUP

Love Vamp lips and smokey eyes? Well, so do I, and you can bring that look with you into the new season. You have the option to pull out those bright and bold colors.

Trade in that matte lipstick for a gloss or that matte foundation for a bb cream. It's getting warmer and you don't want to clog your pores with all of those products!



GAAMES

Can you figure out these Bible names by rearranging the letters?

1. Jaileh _ _ _ _ _
2. Henteps _ _ _ _ _
3. Ulpa _ _ _ _
4. Bamhara _ _ _ _ _
5. Lisas _ _ _ _ _
6. Anho _ _ _ _
7. Raash _ _ _ _ _
8. Nana _ _ _ _
9. Ossem _ _ _ _ _
10. Utist _ _ _ _ _

Puzzle from jesus-is-savior.com

Puzzle #1

Start at the letter listed at the beginning of each line. Then move in the direction shown by each arrow to end up at the correct letter. Write that letter in the blank.

For example, F → → ↓ = Q

Puzzle #1

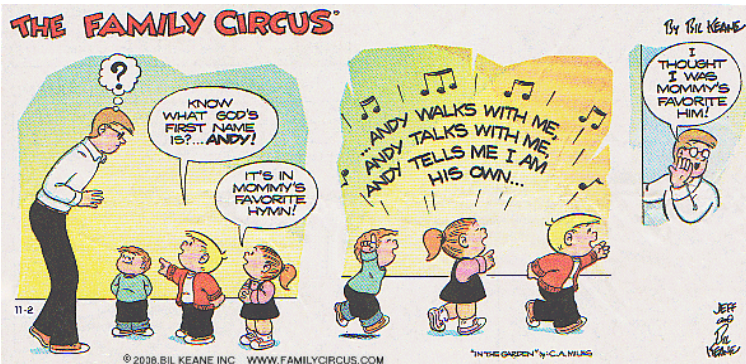
1. S ← ← ↑ = _
2. G ↓ ↓ ← = _
3. L → ↑ ↑ ↑ = _
4. O ↑ ↑ → = _
5. F → → ↑ = _
6. J → → → = _
7. V ↓ ↓ ← = _
8. Z ↑ → ↑ = _
9. P ← ← ↑ = _
10. Q ↓ ← ← = _
11. M ↓ ↓ → = _

I	G	E	C	X	D
K	H	P	W	V	Y
H	X	R	Y	M	T
F	L	Z	E	K	C
D	T	Q	H	O	E
N	J	W	S	U	B

Jesus said, "I am _____"
 1 2 3

 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 ..."

Do you know where this verse is located?



Cooking with Coleen



What you'll need:

- 2 Breasts of chicken
- 3 medium carrots
- 1/2 lb snow peas
- 1/2 lb broccoli spears
- 1 bell pepper (Colored)
- 1 large onion
- 1 tablespoon of crushed garlic
- black pepper and salt to taste
- *Your choice of oil/margarine/butter

SPRING CHICKEN STIR-FRY

Scrape carrots, julienne, and then put aside.

Cut chicken in strips. Use a teaspoon of oil/margarine or butter to coat your skillet or wok. When oil is heated, place chicken strips in oil and stir-fry until cooked.

Remove from skillet or wok and put aside.

In the same wok/skillet, add additional oil/margarine or butter (if needed). Heat oil and add sliced onions and bell peppers. Sauté lightly. Add all of your vegetables and garlic and stir-fry. Add black pepper and salt to taste. When finished stir frying, turn off heat, add chicken strips and toss.

Cover wok/skillet for about 5 minutes. Serve over rice.

*You can substitute all vegetables for vegetables of your choice.

* You can also use cabbage as your only vegetable and follow the same instructions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

New Members & Discipleship Service

Sis. Tracy Simon's Initial Sermon

Berean Baptist Church

April 24th

11:00 AM

Be in the Lord's House for a powerful worship experience. Pray and support Sis. Tracy as she walks in her purpose and call to ministry.

Gospel Café & Fish Fry (Block Party Fundraiser)

Berean Baptist Church

April 30th

5:00PM

The Agape Ministry invites you to an evening of gospel, jazz, dance, spoken word, silent auctions, and of course, fried fish! You will also have a chance to bid on a week's vacation.

All this and more, for only \$20.

Proceeds to benefit the Annual Block Party and Health Fair.

See any member of the Agape Ministry for tickets.



New Beginnings

by Alicia Fabre

I see God in nature - the sun rays from my window and the blue sky from up above. I know that the sun is God shining down on me. Whether it's on my way to work, school, or church, I step out with a beautiful smile because God blessed me with a brand new day. I can feel and see God everywhere - from the trees to the sun, the sky, and the birds. With the arrival of Springtime, God's works are that much more evident; there is a sense of renewal. As a young black woman, I am confident that we will see new beginnings. There is a future for us all and it starts with you and me. God has always provided me with new starts. Currently, I am in school studying to be a nurse and am involved with many church and community organizations. As a people, we have accomplished so much and will continue to see new beginnings that will result in prosperity. The best is yet to come.

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