



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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I am reminded as I compose this greeting and welcome to the September edition of our newsletter that the month of August was a tumultuous month on the international, national and local scenes. We were (and indeed are) reminded almost daily by various news outlets of the ISIS inspired terrorist activities and atrocities in Europe, Syria and Iraq. On the national scene we have experienced, it would seem, a steady increase in gun violence. Just recently in Chicago the cousin of superstar basketball player, Dwayne Wade, was shot on a public street as she sought to register her child for school. In addition, we have continued to struggle with frayed and fractured relations between law enforcement agencies in numerous cities across the nation and local urban, inner-city communities. To be sure, in our own Sherman Park neighborhood violent unrest erupted in the strategic conflagration of local businesses in response to a police-involved shooting of a young African American man. With regard to all of this, I am reminded of Jesus' words in John 16:33, "**In the world you will have tribulation....**" Turmoil, disorder and disruption is an unfortunate and unchanging component of human civilization. It is likely here to stay, but I believe that it can be mitigated with dedicated and sustained effort. So it would do us well to hear the concluding clause of Jesus' statement in John 16:33: "**But take courage, I have overcome the world.**" (NASB) This is indeed an inspirational word of encouragement to the church in times of trouble. We can take courage knowing that while trouble is an immutable aspect of human life for us in the "here and now", can hear our forbearers saying, "**trouble don't last always!**" We can take courage in confronting the troubles of this

world because we worship the one who has “overcome” this world. We need not suffer as weary victims of cruel and merciless circumstances. We can be courageously engaged in this world as victors with Him through whom all things will become subject. This is why this greeting regularly ends with this statement:

Be Present. Be Prayerful. Be Positive. Be Impactful.

It simply means that through Christ “**we can make a difference!**”

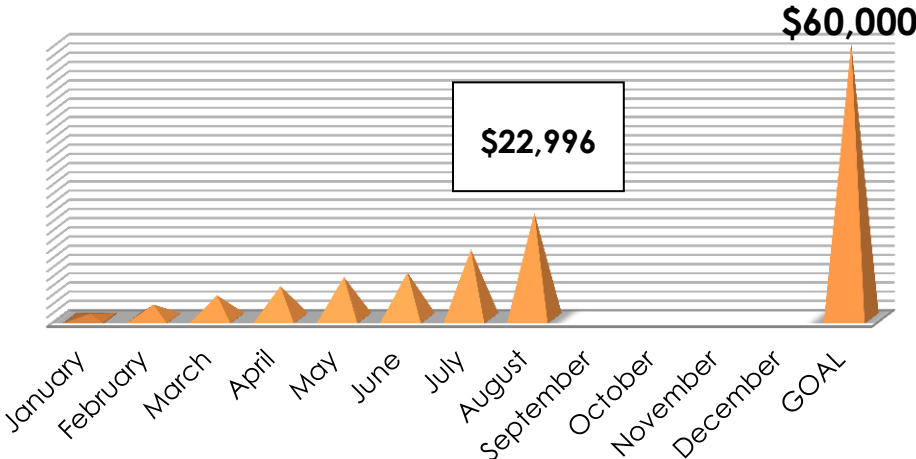
FINANCE UPDATE *By Brother Willie Jude*

On behalf of our great pastor, Rev. Dr. Demetrius K. Williams and the Finance Ministry, we want to thank each of you for your continuous commitment and dedication to the financial growth of CBCGM as we continue to move closer to the completion of several special projects while pressing forward with our many outreach programs. **It is not easy, but God never said it would be!**

The Finance Ministry continues to work very hard in assisting and supporting the ministries of CBCGM. It is very important that each of you become an active participant in the development of your ministry 2017 budget and the finance ministry stand ready to assist you if needed. Each ministry leader should have received their budget information as of August 10, 2016. If you did not receive the information, please contact Sis. Simmons.

The Second phase of CBCGM Handicap Accessibility Project (“the Bathrooms”) is in the early stages of construction. Your generosity is making a difference in our church and in the lives of others. As you can see, the Elevator has caused many of our members to smile. With recent funerals, calls were made to the office asking if we were handicap accessible and with joy we were able to exclaim, “YES, WE ARE!” It was your sacrifice that made it possible and we can do the same with the bathrooms. If you cannot give the \$600 dollars for the year, please give what you can. With the help of God, we will complete the bathrooms, garage roof, kitchen storage space, security system, upgrade the phones system, upgrade the computer system, & many other smaller projects. Once again, the Finance Ministry thanks each of you for your ongoing support as we continue to move forward in Christ Jesus. Again, we say Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!!

2016 Special Projects \$ Amounts



TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:

“ADVANCING OUR VISION” *By Sis Ebony S. Hagler*

Our August Meeting was suspended and will resume in September. Can you believe we are almost half through our 10 year plan that started in July of 2012? We thank the original members of the Core Team who labored for many seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, & months laying the ground work for our Church. We thank those that are now serving to take that blue print and expand it to realistic possibilities and beyond. Pray with us as we push our vision forward through our strategic plan for the next few years and determine what to do next after the 10 years are up. We are grateful to God for blessing us to be able to do quite a few things and will continue to remain faithful as we “lift up our eyes to the hills from whence our help comes from” (Psalm 121) because He is the reason we do what we do. To God Be The Glory!!!

“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.”

~Warren G. Bennis

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Our August meeting was canceled for us to take a break however, we shall reconvene on **Saturday, September 10th at 10am** followed by our **Bi-Annual Stakeholders Summit at 11am**. All members of CBCGM are urged to attend this meeting to be engaged in our assignment and hear about some very exciting news!

Just a Friendly Reminder of Our Ministry Expectation Checklist;
Let us address ourselves accordingly:

TASKS	DUE	COMPLETED
Kick-off Meeting – using kick-off agenda	January/February	
Submit Meeting Minutes in writing	Immediately after meeting is held	
Ministry Reports submitted in writing	As needed	
Ministry Planning Months for upcoming year	July/August	
Ministry Evaluations	September	
Budget & Activity/Event Proposals	September 30	
Elect Officers & Submit Leadership Roster	October	
Installation of Ministry Leaders & Officers	Watch Night Worship	

*“To be early is to be on time,
to be on time is to be late
and to be late is to be forgotten.”*

~Elin Hilderbrand

COMMUNITY OUTREACH *By Reverend Mike Robertson.*

During August Fresh Start Learning Inc. received IRS approval as a 501c3 non-profit corporation! Our offers to purchase two buildings on North Avenue are in the processing stage by the city and we are expecting approval in early September. CBC will be creating a limited liability corporation (LLC) to buy and renovate these buildings so they can be managed separately from the current CBC buildings. Nancy Yarbrough continues to reach out to those who have been trapped in human trafficking and speak to audiences to let them know more about human trafficking. We continue to wait to hear if our grant application has been approved by the US Department of Justice. Donations of purses and contents are being received as well as a refrigerator to store the food items being donated by Starbucks. Over 30 volunteers from Racine visited 4242 W. North Ave and signed love letters to be placed in purses they were donating. Volunteers are always welcome, feel free to contact Nancy at **414-544-2649**.

The Wealth Creation/ Debt Reduction classes will be scheduled in September if there is sufficient interest. While I am providing some individual assistance I do have time to help more. Just call me at **508-561-3921** or **msrobertson23@gmail.com**.

The **Love Kindness** program is continuing to have an impact and we have a good supply of buttons and bumper stickers to give out. The **www.lovekindness.org** website is now LIVE!!! Please take a moment to visit and let me know how we can make improvements. As this begins to take off we will need to have someone with experience to serve as our Love Kindness web-master. If you know of someone who might be interested please have them contact me. We continue to look for stories we can share regarding specific acts of Kindness you have received, observed or performed. Don't forget to submit them in the box located in the vestibule. In light of the recent violence in our neighborhood we really do have an opportunity and reasons to expand our Love Kindness outreach program.

We continue to work on a number of projects as we partner with other organizations in the neighborhood and we will report on these as needed. Please pray for our outreach efforts as we follow God's instructions to "**Love Ye One Another.**"

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON PRAYER *By Minister Charlotte Flowers*

For the past month Minister Jeffery Eastern hosted afternoon prayer on Wednesdays at noon. I had an opportunity to participate and was glad I did. The gathering was small but powerful. Prayers went up for married couples, families, the bereaved and shut-ins and the entire congregation, students, teachers, administrators, the school environment and the community. Specific prayers were lifted-up for the men at CBCGM asking God to prick their hearts and mind to go forth and make their presence felt and known in the Sherman Park area. Personal prayer requests were also lifted up and people were anointed and encouraged in the Lord.



Minister Eastern challenged us to begin a new habit; for 21 days we are encouraged to read, meditate and memorize **Ephesians 1:15-23**. The NIV translation is printed below:

Thanksgiving and Prayer

“¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit^{of} of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”

The most amazing work of God during the prayer service was the attendance of a non CBCGM member. She is new to the area and was impressed with the smiles she saw on people’s faces as they left service on Sundays, she was watching! She says she is coming back. This is evangelism, a simple smile, joyous expressions on God’s people faces can encourage others to **“COME”**.

Even if you can’t attend the afternoon prayer service I encourage you to accept Minister Eastern **21-day challenge**, read, meditate and memorize **Ephesians 1:15-23**, wait and watch how God will move in your life.

MEN'S MINISTRY *By Deacon Melvin E. Grisby Sr.*

Greetings to all! Our mission is to provide a ministry based on relationships rather than activity that empowers men to become the spiritual leaders God has called us to be. We want 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. The desire is to provide opportunities for men to connect with one another as well as with other men to fulfill the purposes of Fellowship, Ministry, Discipleship and Worship.

The Ministry Men's Golf League second outing starts on **Wednesday, September 14th** and it will continue **Wednesday October 5th** at Lincoln Park (12:30 pm). We are currently working with Milwaukee County Parks to get the time and dates approved. The League is another part of our outreach effort and we invite anyone who is interested to contact us.

We are hosting a Youth Forum every **2nd Saturday** of the month from **8:00am to 11am**. We invite all of the youth of Community to join us and bring a friend or family member. We will be meeting at 4242 W. North Avenue, affectionately referred to as "The White House".

In addition, we will be teaming back up with Hi Mount Elementary School this fall for the Mentoring Program. We encourage you to engage in any of these activities.

Remember our weekly **Tuesday Breakfast** is from **8:30am to 10:30am**. In addition, we host Adult Game Night on the **3rd Friday** of every month at **6pm**. Male Chorus Rehearsal is the **2nd & 3rd Saturday** of every Month at **9:30am**, we sing on the **3rd Sunday**. Our Brotherhood Meetings are held on the **3rd Saturday** of each Month at **10:30am**. **ALL MEN** of CBCGM are needed as we collectively "**Engaging Our Assignment: MAKING Disciples.**"

SENIOR MINISTRY *By Minister E*

"**CELEBRATE GOD'S TIME, COME ON, IT'S A CELEBRATION!**" Yes, that is exactly what the CBCGM church family did on our Annual Senior Day in glorifying God for the Christian patriarchs and matriarchs that have contributed to the Kingdom of God.

Sis Naydene Hines of the Senior Ministry Team acknowledged our seniors that are not able to attend worship services due to existing health issues. She also acknowledged those senior disciples who continue to serve in different areas of our church ministry with very little fan-fare.

Our S.M. Team, along with the help of our young people, presented flowers as a token of love to all of our seniors as the Senior/Mass Choir encouraged them to keep fighting the good fight of faith by singing, "I'm On The Battle Field For My Lord!"

Sis Carla Isabell made the official announcement of this year's King and Queen which resulted in a very tight race. The 2016 CBCGM King is **Deacon Willie Jude** and the 2016 CBCGM Queen is **Sis Nell Jacobs**.



Congratulations to both of these senior disciples whose love for God, Pastor Williams and the entire CBCGM church family is never in question.

The Senior Ministry Team would like to thank Pastor D. K. Williams and our entire church family for your continued support of this ministry as we continue to serve our seniors.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY *By Sis Dalvery Blackwell*



This summer's Cherub Choir fundraiser, Lemonade Sundays, was successful and exciting. Our children learned the value of 'engaging their assignment' as team players and the importance of serving others with gratitude.

Proceeds helped send 15 Cherub Choir members to the Shedd Aquarium and Millennium Park in Chicago on August 20. The Cherub Choir is open to all children ages 3 years old thru 12 years old; rehearsal with musician Bro. Byron Jones takes place every **3rd** and **4th Saturday at 10:30 a.m.** The children sing during morning worship on the 4th and 5th Sunday of each month. Families can join by contacting Sis. Dalvery Blackwell.



UNITY SUNDAY

I would like to take this time to thank the ministerial staff of CBCGM for its spiritual and professional service on the first Sunday of August. I offer a special word of thanks to Rev. Patrick Greer Sr. for preaching and leading the Lord's Supper while I was in Memphis, TN at a family reunion. While it is not my preference to be away at all during Sunday worship services, especially on a First Sunday, I can be assured that should it be necessary to take leave, the dedicated and disciplined ministerial staff is available to do the work of ministry. I thank them all and CBCGM's membership for your kind flexibility when such absences might occur. Had I been present, I would have continued my theme on **"the power of influence."**

In Memoriam

My thoughts and prayers of condolence are offered to all those who have lost loved ones this past month. May the peace and comfort of God guide each of you through this time of bereavement. Moreover, as pastor of this beloved community of faith, I believe it is also fitting to have a closing remark regarding the passing of CBCGM's two beloved mothers of this church, Mother Algenora Davenport and Mother Ollie Francis Cheatham. It seems to me that they, in God's infinite wisdom, decided to leave in the same weekend, Mother Cheatham on a Friday and Mother Davenport on a Sunday. Might I add also that their Homegoing Celebrations were held on the Friday and Monday of our annual Women's Day Celebration enveloping this annual event with memories of their lives. Certainly, their memory and impact will not soon be forgotten in the life of this church. I can sense them in the spirit of my mind and heart beckoning to the women of CBCGM to follow in their example of faithful dedication and steadfast commitment to the work of service in their church and community.

In their honor, I would like to hold a **WOMEN'S FORUM** on **Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 12 noon until 1:30pm** in the church fellowship hall. This will be a time to:

- Discuss openly and honestly what has been hindering the women of CBCGM from coming together in greater harmony to support and become an active part of the Women's Ministry
- Deliberate how we can move forward positively and purposefully to more effectively engage our assignment
- Dedicate ourselves more faithfully and intentionally to the necessary work of ministry

I appeal to all the women of CBCGM to come out and help this church and its' ministry thrive. There are young women inside and outside of the church who need your mentorship and guidance. I pray that the examples of Davenport and Cheatham motivate you to come!



We dedicate this section of our newsletter to 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 the following:

Mother Ollie Frances Cheatham

Mother Algenora Davenport

Mother Johnnie Mae Green

Nathaniel Logan Sr
(Brother of Sis Betty Nabors)

Gilbert Young
(Brother of Opal Collier)

