



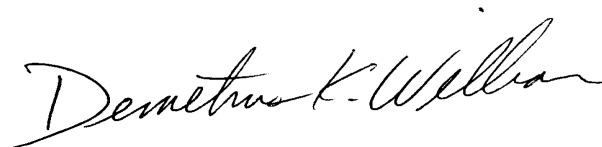
## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

2017 June Edition

### GREETINGS CBCGM!

Greetings CBCGM! Spring will soon give way to summer, which will soon be upon us this month. Your pastor, associate ministers, deacons and other ministry leaders have been planning and engaging in intentional activities that, we pray, will bring about the desired results in fulfillment of our vision: **“To build community transforming ministries, committed to serving God and others.”** Our Community Town Hall gathering scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> will be, we pray, a milestone in our church’s ministry and history. A milestone has been defined as “an action or event marking a significant change or stage in development” and similarly as “a notable event that causes some change to occur or that marks a specific point in the development of a person or project.” Both of these nuanced definitions speak to us. We are hopeful that this event will “cause *some change* to occur... that marks a specific point of development” in our connection with the community around us; that the community will begin to see us as a partner with it in the goal of transformation. It is important for you, the membership, to be present whether you live in the community or not! Politics recognizes the power of numbers - **when people show up**, politicians listen. So join in and make this possible milestone a reality. As always, BE...

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Demetrius K. Williams'.

Rev. Dr. Demetrius K. Williams, PASTOR

# PROSPERING THE VISION; COMMUNITY TOWN HALL

*Ebony S. Hagler*

While the CORE TEAM of CBCGM did not physically meet in May it will reconvene in June. Thus this section is dedicated to informing you about our upcoming **Community Town Hall Meeting** taking place on **Saturday, June 17th from 9:30am–Noon.**

We are pleased to announce that the following have committed to attending our Community Town Hall Meeting:



## **Alderman Ashanti Hamilton of District 1**

- ◆ Common Council President
- ◆ Steering & Rules Committee Chairperson

[www.city.milwaukee.gov/Common Council](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/Common_Council)



## **Alderman Russell W. Stamper II of District 15**

Serves on the following committees:

- ◆ Community & Economic Development Committee Chairperson
- ◆ Finance & Personnel Committee
- ◆ Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee
- ◆ Steering & Rules Committee

## **Common Council Initiatives:**

- ◆ All Things In Common
- ◆ Black Male Achievement
- ◆ Girls' Day at City Hall
- ◆ Heroin/Opiates Initiative
- ◆ Keep the Change
- ◆ Milwaukee's Sister Cities
- ◆ MKE Peace Project
- ◆ MKE Plays
- ◆ Public Safety Action Plan



**Chief Edward A. Flynn of Milwaukee Police Dept**



[www.city.milwaukee.gov/police](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/police)

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**Capt. Shunta Boston-Smith of MPD District 3**

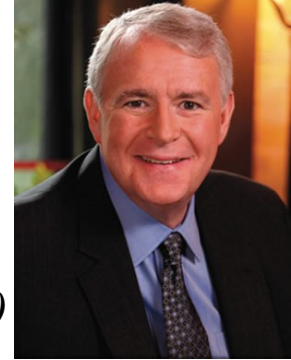
## Mayor of Milwaukee Tom Barrett

Initiatives:

- ◆ Ceasefire Sabbath
- ◆ Earn & Learn
- ◆ Fatherhood Initiative
- ◆ Holiday Drive
- ◆ I Have a Dream Milwaukee
- ◆ Mayor's Manufacturing Partnership
- ◆ Strong Neighborhood Plan
- ◆ Safe Summer Initiative

[www.city.milwaukee.gov/mayor](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/mayor)

*(Tentative)*



## Senator LaTonya Johnson of 6th District

Legislative Priorities:

- ◆ Ending Human Trafficking
- ◆ Improved Care for Children
- ◆ Criminal Justice Reform

[www.legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/06/johnson](http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/06/johnson)



## Senator Lena Taylor of 4th District

Legislative Priorities:

- ◆ LOVE & FAITH
- ◆ Lead Poisoning
- ◆ Criminal Justice Reform

[www.lenataylor.org](http://www.lenataylor.org)



## State Representative Evan Goyke of 18th District

Legislative Priorities:

- ◆ Criminal Justice Reform
- ◆ Foreclosure Relief
- ◆ Fresh and Healthy Food

[www.evangoyke.com](http://www.evangoyke.com)



# FIRE IT UP?



*Minister Jeffrey Eastern*

# FIRE IT UP?

At each assembly that we hold in our school, we start it off by shouting "FIRE IT UP" 3x and the students respond back, "FIRE IT UP!" As we enter the month of June 2017, is the "FIRE" still burning "HOT" here at Community Baptist Church? or is there just a flicker that needs to be re-ignited?

Half way through this year, I believe that we are still on "FIRE" for God!!! As we move forward to our Community Day, Saturday, the 10th of June, I want to thank those ministries/organizations and disciples that have committed to participate on that day. So far, B.L.A.S.T., Vacation Bible School, the Senior Ministry Team, the Men's Network/Brotherhood, and possibly the Missions Dept. There is always room for more, so talk with your team members to come out, set up a display table to inform our neighbors about the greatest church in this city on the corner of Sherman Blvd & North Ave.

## "COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREATER MILWAUKEE!!!"

We shall continue our Neighborhood Walk/Witness Initiative on Saturday, June the 3rd, as we remind our neighbors on the north, south, east, and west of us to come and fellowship on Saturday, June the 10th. Then come out Saturday, June, the 17th for our Community Town Hall Meeting with city officials to address their concerns and learn about many available resources.

**\*REMEMBER SAINTS, EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AT 6:00AM, PRAY!!!\***



## 7 DO MORE's

- Do More than Exist... **LIVE!**
- Do More than Look... **OBSERVE!**
- Do More than Read... **ABSORB!**
- Do More than Hear... **LISTEN!**
- Do More than Listen... **UNDERSTAND!**
- Do More than Think... **PONDER!**
- Do More than Talk... **SAY SOMETHING!**

# FINANCE UPDATE

*Deacon Willie Jude*

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

We have completed the fifth month of 2017 and we continue to thank God for his goodness and glorious blessings. The community family continues to be committed and dedicated to the financial growth of CBCGM in 2017. As we continue to move forward let us remember the words of the Hymn **“You Can’t Beat God Giving” no matter how hard you try. And just as sure as you are living and the Lord is in heaven on high, the more you give, the more He gives to you. Once again, God is a God of action and unless we are engaged in Him we will be left behind. I do not know about you, but I am going to continue to give because I do not want God to leave me behind.**

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

**Wait! I believe I see a light. The light appears to be getting a litter brighter. It is getting brighter, we are nearing the finish of the Ladies bathroom!** The ladies bathroom are nearing completion. Bro. Staples and his crew continue to work hard to have them done as soon as possible. What is to be noted is that our new restrooms will be truly handicap accessible. This is important not just for us but for any visitor that comes to worship on Sunday or to any activity we have during the week. We will be able to truly accommodate those in need and that is a blessing.



We want to encourage all of our members to **pledge an extra \$50 per month above your tithes and offerings which will allow church to pay for our new organ, make necessary repairs and upgrade our internet system that interferes with our Video system.** This is also a special year. It marks the 40th year of existence and we want to complete the remainder of the renovations and repairs as well as pay down our mortgage. We presently owe approximately \$176,000 and it is CBCGM goal to owe less than \$100,000 as of January 1, 2018. We are doing it with your help and the help of God. **We will do it! Yes we Will!!!**

# INSPIRATIONAL CORNER

*Minister Charlotte Flowers*

This New feature of our newsletter is to encourage and strengthen your faith and relationship with God. The monthly inspirational messages are quotes from "Starting Your Day Right" by Joyce Meyer. We pray it will be a blessing to you. Please read & meditate on each weekly message, memorizing the scripture (*all scripture reference from New Living Translation NLT*) for each week will encourage your success in ordering your steps according to God's plan for your life.

June 4, 2017 thru June 10, 2017

*PSALM 1:1-2 "Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day & night."*

## **KEEP IN TOUCH WITH GOD!**

Keep in touch with God today; stay tuned to His voice. You may have a plan for the day, but God may lead you in a totally different direction if you are sensitive to the Holy Ghost. Be brave enough to flow with what you feel in your heart God wants you to do. Today is going to be a good day. Listen for the voice of God to lead you. Be determined to walk in the Spirit and stay in the flow of God's leading today.

June 11, 2017 thru June 17, 2017

*I CHRONICLES 29:17-18 "I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there. You know I have done all this with good motives, and I have watched your people offer their gifts willingly and joyously. O Lord, the God of our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, make your people always want to obey you. See to it that their love for you never changes."*

## **START OUT JOYFULLY!**

My husband always seems happy. Within five minutes of waking, Dave is humming, singing or listening to music as he gets ready for the day. Years ago I didn't want music on in the morning. I didn't want singing or humming or noise of any kind. I wanted silence so I could think. Today I still need a little more quiet than Dave does in the morning. But we both have found the way to start our day out right. We set our hearts and minds to follow God. And it works!

June 18, 2017 THRU June 24, 2017

*Psalm 25:12-14 "Who are those who fear the Lord? He will show them the path they should choose. They will live in prosperity, and their children will inherit the land. The Lord is a friend to those who fear him. He teaches them his covenant."*

## **LISTEN FOR HIS PURPOSE!**

It is God who wakes us each morning. If He didn't keep us alive overnight, it wouldn't matter what kind of an alarm clock we had! The prophet said, "God wakes me morning by morning, and He wakens me for a purpose so that I can hear; I am like a disciple who is taught" ( see Isaiah 50:4). Before you even get out of bed, listen to her what God has to say to you. It will be a good day if you start it with a ready ear, taking time to listen to Him. God is eager to reveal today's plan to you.

June 25, 2017 thru June 30, 2017

*Psalm 5:3 "Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. Each morning I bring my requests to you & wait expectantly."*

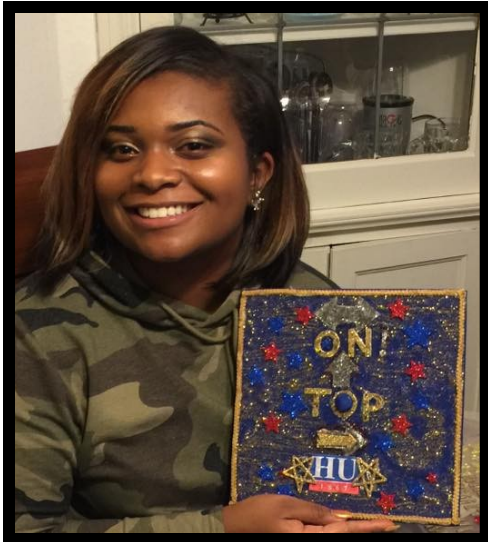
## **EXPECT SOMETHING NEW!**

If you get up and do the exact same thing every morning, you may get pretty bored after a month or so. But seeking God when you first wake up is never boring. He will always have a new revelation ready for you to hear. Keep your expectations fresh by changing what you do in your time with God. You might worship the Lord by singing one morning, listen to Christian music another morning, read God's Word the third morning, sit in His presence or confess His word the following morning. Let the Holy Spirit lead you as you learn to enjoy starting your day with God.

# ONE OF OUR SHINING STARS

*Sis Demetrace Jude*

I am honored to share with you the great accomplishments of my daughter, Ms Savanna Sammuels. In addition to an outstanding academic resume, she is has been a Full IB student maintaining a 3.67 cumulative grade point avg as well as graduating in the 11th percentile of her class. She applied to the following 12 universities & has been accepted to all of them with academic scholarships.



1. Butler University
2. Clark Atlanta University-**Full ride**
3. Concordia University
4. DePaul University
5. Georgia State University
6. Howard University- **Full ride**
7. Loyola University
8. Marquette University
9. North Carolina A&T
10. Saint Louis University
11. University of Kentucky
12. University of Wisconsin-Madison-**Full ride**

In total, she has been blessed to receive over \$600,000 in academic scholarships from top these universities. In addition, she has received the following outside scholarships:

Black Excellence Awards/Louvenia Johnson- \$1200  
Milwaukee Urban League Young Professional Wesley Scott Scholarship- \$1000  
Milwaukee Metropolitan Association Black Educators Scholarship- \$500  
Delta Sigma Theta Endowment scholarship-\$1500  
WGLB Joel Kinlow scholarship-\$500  
Rev. James Spann scholarship- \$750

Savanna will be attending Howard University in Washington DC this fall, where she will study Broadcast/ Journalism. Join me in celebrating one of Community's shining Stars who has been an example of relentless faithfulness, focused determination, unwavering perseverance & intensely steadfast application!



**HOWARD**  
**UNIVERSITY**

# FIRST SUNDAY SERMON

*Rev. Dr. Demetrius K. Williams*

The First Sunday sermon was entitled, “**A PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT**” (1 Thessalonians 2:13-20). The following is a summary of the manuscript.

We noted in our last sermon, “Necessary Reminders”, that Paul found it imperative to clarify matters regarding his ministry among the Thessalonians. He made it clear that he had come neither to flatter them as a pretext for greed, nor as seeking to please people with his words; but his intention was to please God - the very one who entrusted him with the gospel. To be sure, the preaching of the gospel is a sacred trust between the preacher and the one who has employed him/her to preach. In light of the selected text, I would like to preach from the subject, “A Productive Employment.”

I can assure you that your employer expects your labor to be productive. I don't think that anyone seeks to hire someone to simply sit around and shoot the breeze. When someone is spending their money for a job to be done, they want some results. Employees on the other hand, do not always feel the same way. Sometimes employees can arrive late or want to leave early; take a longer lunch break than given; or just give half-hearted effort on the job.

I remember my first place of employment - Town Pride Custard Stand. I was so happy that I was employed. I started with the best of intentions.

- ◆ I was there early
- ◆ Was eager to learn my job - (short-order cook)
- ◆ Came to work with the proper attitude
- ◆ Did whatever I was asked to do
- ◆ BUT - took on the attitude of the veterans
  - You can come late, we'll cover for you, if you cover for us
  - You can leave early, we'll cover for you
  - We don't do all that cleaning, just rinse it out
  - Take whatever you want when you leave, we don't tattle on each other

To say the least, I was let go after a few months because those who said that they would “cover for me” reported to the boss that I was slack in my duties and was not doing my job. The owner met with me and reminded me that I was employed to work for him and that he hired me (or employed me) with the agreement that I would be productive in my employment.

This is the argument that Paul makes in this passage: that **his employment has been productive**. God called him and put him to work or employed him to preach the gospel! You see, to employ in this sense means to recruit, secure the services of, sign up, put on the payroll, contract, appoint. Paul has the proper attitude and work ethic to provide productive labor for his employer with fruitful results. He was a preacher and as such he wanted the word of his employer, GOD, to produce results.

This is why he is thankful again in this passage. He has performed his job well because the desired results have been produced - his preaching has produced believers! “...we also thank God continually because, when *you received the word of God, which you heard from us*, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God...”



There is a second meaning to the word employ; it can also mean, “to make use of” - utilize, apply, exercise, practice, put into practice, exert, bring into play, bring to bear, draw on, resort to, turn to, have recourse to. This is what the Thessalonians did - they made use of the word in a time of trouble. Paul said, “you **received** the word of God, **which you heard** from us, **you accepted it** not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is **indeed at work in you** who believe. <sup>14</sup> For you, brothers and sisters, **became imitators** of God’s churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus....” Paul’s job was not easy; there were some hazards:

- ◆ “You suffered from your own people the same things those churches suffered from the Jews <sup>15</sup> who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to everyone <sup>16</sup> in their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last.”
- ◆ Paul preached a productive word, but in his encouragement he presented a **problematic portrayal** of the situation. How so?
- ◆ Hyperbolic speech - when we are angry we can be over-expressive
- ◆ When we seek to encourage we might over-dramatize the situation
- ◆ This characterization of “unbelieving Jews” has supported a history of anti-Jewish sentiment which resulted in the Holocaust.
- ◆ This should serve as a caution for us in our spread of the gospel.

## CONCLUSION

We want to share a positive word! This is what the gospel is all about. It sheds light in dark places. It brings hope to the hopeless, joy to the downtrodden, peace to the grief-stricken, love to the unloved. I’m so glad that God employed the Word in the work of human salvation. Yes, God put the Word to work and it was a **productive employment**. When human beings were lost and without hope, the Word, which was in the beginning with God and was God, put on his work clothes - & being found in the form of human flesh, the Incarnate Word went to work.

- + Born of a woman, he came the way of all flesh
- + Obedient to his earthly parents, he is a model for us to follow
- + Worked faithfully with his step-father in his private business
- + Started his ministry at the age of 30
  - ◆ Prepared himself in the wilderness
  - ◆ Came out in the power of the Holy Spirit
  - ◆ Called his disciples
  - ◆ Trained them for the mission
  - ◆ Feed the hungry
  - ◆ Healed the sick
  - ◆ Walked on the water
  - ◆ Taught the word
  - ◆ Preached the gospel
  - ◆ Raised the dead
  - ◆ Was betrayed by one of his own
  - ◆ Mistreated at the hands of kings & magistrates
  - ◆ Suffered at the hands of soldiers
  - ◆ Teased by the mouths of thieves
  - ◆ He bowed his head & died
- + Some thought his job was finished, that he had punched out, was fired; but he was just on a short break. For on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day he rose again with all power in his hands
- + Now, he is still calling those who are willing to be productive in their employment.

AMEN.



**JUNE**

Saturday	03	Associate Ministers Council / Deacon Council, 9:00am Leadership Council 10:00am
Wednesday	07	BLAST End of Year Celebration, TBD
Friday	09	Children's Banquet & Sleepover, 6:00pm - Until
Saturday	10	Community Day, 11am—4pm
Sunday	11	Children's Day
Mon-Thurs	12-15	A.I.M. Conference on Ministry, 6pm @CTK
Friday	16	Men's Fish Fry, 6:30pm
Saturday	17	A.I.M. Youth Workers Workshop, 8:30am- 1pm @ TCBC <b>COMMUNITY TOWNHALL MEETING, 9:30am- Noon</b> Men's Musical, 5pm
Sunday	18	Father's Day Presentation
Monday-Fri.	19-23	Vacation Bible School, 6pm-8pm
Sunday	25	Education Day
Fri-Sat	30-1	A.I.M. Associate Clergy Retreat, TBD @Olympia Resort



**\*Vacation Bible School 2017  
Is June 19 – June 23**



*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:*

**Edlyn Armstrong**

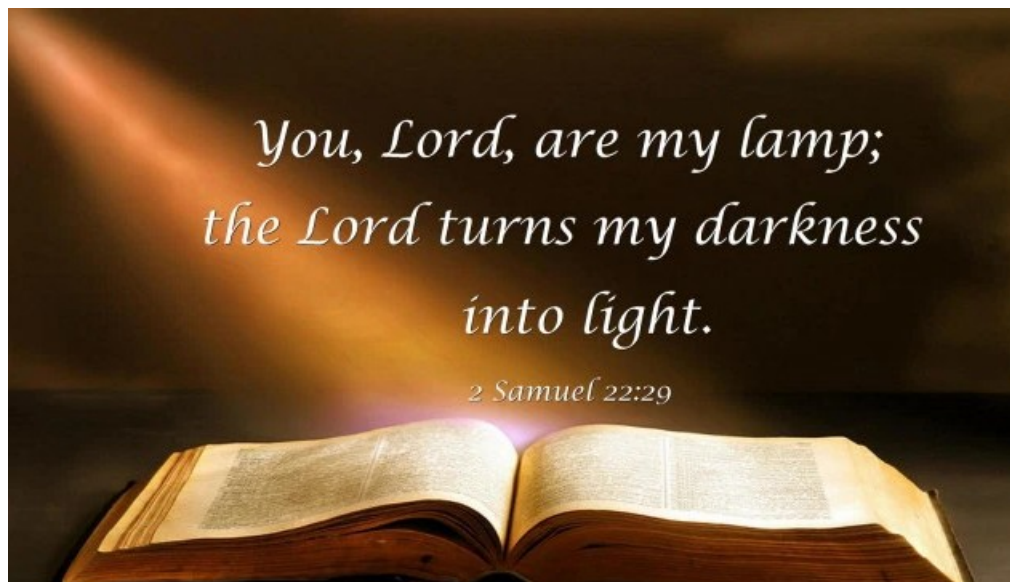
*(Sister of Flossie Fields & Jerry Pace)*

**Jermaine Crittenden**

*(Son of Marcie Cox & Grandson of Shirley Cox.)*

**Oza Mae Holmes**

*(Cousin of Patricia Gill)*





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.

## MOTTO

One Voice  
One Vision  
One Vocation

## PILLARS

Leadership Development  
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Church Unity



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