



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

2018 1st Quarter Edition

GREETINGS CBCGM!

Although the calendar indicates that we are in the season of spring, the weather has not gotten the news. But all is well, God is in control. This is the second newsletter of the year in our new quarterly format and it is filled with information to keep you abreast of all that has taking place in this quarter. As you read and peruse the information herein, consider how you might use your talents and gifts to be a blessing by joining a ministry or participating in a worthwhile event.

Remember, our focused goal this year is to “Prosper Toward the Future” (Haggai 2:8-9)



For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the Lord, plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

AS ALWAYS...

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

Rev. Dr. Demetrius K. Williams

PASTOR

CORE TEAM; PROSPERING THE VISION

Ebony S. Hagler

Since our last newsletter, we have met twice and have had a few changes to our membership. Bro JaJuan Zollicoffer has recently resigned, we sincerely thank him for his tireless effort and steadfast faithful commitment to serving for the past 2 years. We pray that the Lord will continue to use him in other ways to glorify His kingdom. As a group, we agreed to keep at least 10–12 members at all times as well as ensure successful transition of members, we have implemented a process of new member submission as well as resignation. We understand that life can happen and there are times when serving on a committee just isn't a good fit for what ever reason and we don't expect people to serve in the same role indefinitely. However, ministry still must continue without interruption. Therefore, when a member chooses to vacate their position, we request at least a 30 day notice along with 3 names of potential replacements. A list of these candidates whom we believe would be an asset to the group is kept on file via Google Docs. The Core Team reviews the said list and votes on weather or not to extend an invitation for them to join us at our next meeting. A letter is then given to the person outlining the details of why they were selected along with Core Team Member requirements and expectations. We are excited to inform you that through this process, we've been able to successfully add two new members to our Core Team, Bro Christopher Harper & Sis Mary Lyles. They both bring a vast wealth of knowledge and resources to the group and we know that the Lord will use them in a mighty way to prosper the vision towards the future.



As always, the top of our meetings start with prayer, scripture and check in questions which are designed to better connect us as a group and helps to dig deeper to better understand one another. We encourage other ministries to try asking one question at the top of your meeting to gauge the group before diving right into your agenda. Pose a question that won't yield a long answer, but one that pushes people to think out of the box and their comfort zone. This allows the leader the ability to see where everyone is and connect the group through various answers, thus becoming one unit with many parts to effectively make ministry work. One of the biggest regrets people have is wasted time, but, taking time to prepare and think through meetings offers members time well spent and a sense of accomplishment no matter how big or small.

We continue to review the status of our existing recommendations and goals which will always be on on-going process. They are grouped under various categories and placed on a scorecard metric to measure the status, monitor progress, notate who is responsible and list the results which will be compiled into a report to be shared with the congregation. Based on our pillars, motto, mission, vision and theme for the year we constantly review what is in alignment and what should be added or taken off. Some times it seems like we're standing still, but every meeting, every discussion and every decision move us towards what God has already ordained. We put our trust, hope and faith in Him who is the author and finisher of time and the one who has ordered our steps. We pray that as the Core Team of community, our talents will be used to edify God through the sacrifice of our time and that the fruits of this collaborative effort are not in vain and will reach the depths of our community spreading the Good News that Jesus is Lord, He Saves & His Love endures through all generations!

Prospering Toward the Future; Tradition, Transition, Transformation. Haggai 2:8-9

Why is Tithing Important?

The Importance of Tithing -Honoring God With the First Fruits of Your Income

Throughout Scripture, we are encouraged to give the first portion of our resources to God as an expression of honor and gratitude. **“Honor the Lord with thy Substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase” (proverbs 3:9)**. Tithing is one way to worship God- to honor Him as our provider. We are reminded in Haggai 2:8 **“The Silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.”** This is a reminder to us that all of our resources belong to Him and are provided and entrusted to us through His grace.

On behalf of our great Pastor, Rev. Dr. Demetrius Williams and the Finance Ministry, we want to thank each of you for your continued support, commitment and dedication to the financial growth of CBCGM as we progress to do the work of ministry. The first three months of 2018 have been slightly less than last year at the same time, but we are thankful to God and CBCGM for what you have already done. We will continue to work together to advance our church and God’s Kingdom.

We must continue to stand on our three Strategic pillars which are: 1. **Leadership Development**, 2. **Spiritual Growth** and 3. **Church Unity**. In addition, we must bear in mind our Motto at all times as we move forward which binds us as a body of Christ **“One Voice—One Vision—One Vocation.”**

Stay tuned... Online Giving is Coming... Any Time from Any Where...

We are nearing the end of several projects, but there is still much work to be done. While we have not promoted the **\$50 per month pledge above your tithes and offerings**, it is very important that we do. The church roof and foundation are in need of some repairs as well as other church properties. We also need to upgrade our phone system as well as several other smaller projects.

This will also allow the church to pay down the mortgage sooner. We presently owe approximately \$137,000 and it is CBCGM’s goal to owe less than \$70,000 as of January 1, 2019 and **burn** the mortgage in December 2019. We can do it with the help of God. **Yes we can! Yes we can!!**

Your first quarter statement will be in the mail on or before April 27, 2018. Once again, we thank each of you for your ongoing support as we continue to work together to move our church and community forward in Christ Jesus.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES RECAP

Gwendolyn Adesuyi



REFLECT REPENT REJOICE

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE

As a baby grows up so must we as Christians. Christian growth requires a willingness to sacrifice. This is accomplished through prayer and study of God's Word. As we grow and become rooted in Him we will face temptations and strife. Overcoming them and resisting Satan's snares is a victory won through our

faith in Jesus Christ and our knowledge of God's Word. Forgiveness is another stage of our Christian growth. As God forgave us we must forgive others. Learning to forgive means canceling all indebtedness, thus taking the hook out of our lives. Prayer is the key to learning to use all of God's resources. It strengthens and keeps us grounded in our faith. This is our lifeline to God in which we can thank Him, praise Him, and communicate our needs and those of others. Trusting in the will of God for our lives should be our focus. Just like a parent, He knows what's best for us and always has our best interest at heart. But the greatest gift of all is God's love, manifested through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate this love by using our lives to bring others to Him.

God's Will = God's Way + God's Timing



MARCH MADNESS

Minister Jeff Eastern

Marching into spring we repeatedly have heard the term, "MARCH MADNESS" in reference to the NCAA Basketball Tournament. It is apparent to many of us that "March Madness" is not limited to the game of a basketball, where a #16 seed defeats a #1, and Loyola-Chicago is in the Sweet 16.

"March Madness" or the "**Madness in March**" has exploited the frailty that exist in human relations across the social spectrum of these United States of America.

The "**Madness in March**" left 17 students dead at the hands of a former student in Florida.

The "**Madness in March**" is a serial bomber in Texas killing several people and then himself.

The "**Madness in March**" is Stormy Daniels, a porn star, who through the media has magnified the sexual exploits of a President, transforming the White House into a Nut House.

The "**Madness in March**" is 4 Northeaster's pummeling the northeast with record-breaking snow, paralyzing residents with no reprieve in sight.

The "**Madness in March**" left 2 Black men shot to death at 27th and Roosevelt, another critically wounded at a local hospital, and "NO WITNESSES!"

The "**Madness in March**" continues with another school shooting with students dead as well as the shooter.

In the midst of this madness the body of Christ, known as the church, has an emergency mandate "**TO GO**" into the highways and byways to compel mankind to open up their hearts and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. **ARE YOU READY TO GO COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH?**

Friday, April 6th, 2018, 4pm–7pm, an exhibit and Round Table discussion around the Sherman Park Neighborhood. It's history, heritage, stewardship and environmental justice are topics of discussion with local leaders and Professor Arijit Sena(UWM students) at City Hall.

April 25th is National Denim Day in honor of Sexual Violence Awareness Month which was established because the Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction because they felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she must have helped her rapist remove them, thus implying consent. Wearing jeans on this day as a visible means of protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual assault. More is available at: www.denimdayinfo.org

May 31st is National Neighborhood Clean-up Day with more info to follow.



**SO CBCGM,
LET'S GET FIRED UP
AND READY TO GO!!!**

MKE AIM GALA



MILWAUKEE ASSOCIATES IN MINISTRY

Celebrating the Power of God's Love

Fundraiser Gala

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018
7:00pm until 12:00am

Ticket Cost \$75/Person

Semi-Formal Attire



PRAYING TO BE USED AS A VESSEL

Bro E. Bernard Terry

Vision and VICTORY go hand and hand and without vision, VICTORY can not be obtained. Be obedient and make your vision more apparent and your victory more attainable!

Though my past has bruised me, I'm not hiding from the truth in God's word. I thought that my heart would be colder, but it's not. It can truly sense the victory he has for my future!

Pride and Purpose conflict with each other, one has selfishness while the other focuses on what needs to be done, being self-less. God gives you the choice to surrender or be self absorbed, which will you choose?

God is so intentional in every way. Asking the ? 'Why are bad things happening to me God?' When the question we should address is: God what would you like for me to learn from this?

WHY SHOULD CHILDREN ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Dalvery Blackwell

It is

A Place of Belonging...

A Place of Knowledge...

A Place of Prayer...

A Place of Strength...



Parents,

Are you looking for ways your child can get closer to God? Bring them to our Children's Sunday School Class! Every Sunday Breakfast is served along with God's word. Our Children's Sunday School Teacher is Evangelist Naomi Jackson. Class starts at 7:45am in the lower level Classroom next to the fellowship hall. See You Sunday!!!

upcoming **EVENTS**

APRIL EVENTS

- 9 Pastoral Anniversary 9am
- 28 Youth Prayer Breakfast 9am
- 29 Common Ground Action Day - Italian Community Center 3:30pm



Transforming lives.
Strengthening communities.

<http://www.commongroundwi.org/>

MAY EVENTS

- 5 Associate Ministers Deacons Council Leadership Council Stakeholders Summit
- 11-12 AIM Millennial Wellness @ Mount Olive MBC
- 19 Men's Golf Outing BLAST Flapjack
- 20 Mission Annual Day
- 23-25 Youth Revival

JUNE EVENTS

- 8-10 Children's Weekend
- 15 Men's Annual Fish Fry
- 18-22 VBS 6pm-8:30pm
- 24 Graduation Day



**July 23-26 MKE AIM Conference on Ministry*

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JUNE 2018						
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We remember all of our esteemed that have passed from our congregation as well as beloved family members of our CBCGM sisters and brothers. We deeply offer our prayers and condolences to the bereaved families of the following:

Bernesteen Gee-Bates

Roger L Walker
Brother of Betty Walker

Elvira Stovall
Mother-In Law of June Light Stovall

Christine Walker
*Sister-In Law of Dorothy Walker-Cooper &
Aunt of LeVette Crawl*

Larry Powell
Cousin of Sylvia Hubbard

Frank Wilbourn
Father of Dalvery Blackwell

Richard Graham
Cousin of Betty Walker

“A Silent Tear”

Just close your eyes and you will see
All the memories that you have of me
Just sit and relax and you will find
I'm really still there inside your mind
Don't cry for me now I'm gone
For I am in the land of song
There is no pain, there is no fear
So dry away that silent tear
Don't think of me in the dark and cold
For here I am, no longer old
I'm in that place that's filled with love
Known to you all as - up above.

by Gaynor Llewellyn



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
Spiritual Growth
Church Unity



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