

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



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**(May 2015)**

We offer gracious thanks to God for what has been taking place here at CBCGM. Many of you have been faithfully transitioning to our new summer worship schedule, and we thank God for your flexibility and cooperation. It is important as the month of May closes and we enter into the official summer season in June that we remember to be consistent not only in our attendance, but also in our giving. In many churches the summer months of travel and leisure brings about a decline in consistent giving. In order to keep up with the progress we have made with many physical improvements upon our church and other properties, it is imperative that we all remember to take care of "our father's business" as we enjoy the summer season. God bless and keep you all as you take time for vacation and travel.

## **DEACON'S COUNCIL**

The Deacon's Council met on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 9:00 AM and discussed the following:

- 1) Providing Wi-Fi capabilities to CBCGM properties
- 2) The elevator dedication celebration
- 3) Preparations for the upcoming annual church cookout

## **LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

We held our meeting on Saturday, May 2 at 10:20am. Below is a recap:

- We discussed the impact of verbal vs written communication as well as what it means to be accountable, responsible, and dependable as a leader. Everyone was encouraged to reflect on where they stand with these attributes and step up where they have been lacking.
- The Elevator has been delivered and is being assembled on site. While we are constantly moving forward, things take **TIME, MONEY** and **LABOR**. Everyone was encouraged to dedicate an hour here or there to assist in getting our remodeling done in a timely fashion. Bro Staples is often here at the church very late, he is truly dedicated to getting the work done, but he can't do it all by himself. We pray that each of you will consider assisting when you can.
- Bro Staples also provided us with an update to our new neighbors across the street whom he has established a good relationship with. Parking in the lot on Sundays is ok. ☺
- Bro Jude gave us a finance update, see details in the Finance Section.
- Minister Charlotte Flowers and Sis Ebony S. Hagler gave a testimonial of the P.L.A.C.E. Ministries Workshop they recently attended. We were reminded that ministry is getting work done in spite of challenges. We have to be able to put aside personality issues and be responsible for our behavior. Plans are being drafted for implementation so stay tuned for how you can attend and learn your place in ministry.

**P.L.A.C.E.** stands for:    **P** ersonality Discovery

**L** earning Spiritual Gifts

**A** bilities Awareness

**C** onnecting Passion with Ministry

**E** xperiences of Life

- Pastoral Observations include leaders now being required to be prepared when meeting which includes a bulleted agenda of items. Also the expectation of if we don't fill the house, how can we expect it to be filled. We will resume with our PowerPoint training at our next meeting.

## **TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN: "PROSPERING THE VISION"**

The Core Team convened on Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30pm. Bro Dester Martin was invited to discuss his ideas on ways to support businesses and job development. Rev Robertson Modified the Financial Peace University to better tailor it to meet the needs of Community. Ideas about security surrounding the elevator were shared to ensure safety in addition to a security plan for disastrous events.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS**

On behalf of our loving pastor Rev. Dr. Williams and the Finance Committee, we want to again thank each of you for your kind donations as we continue to move closer to the completion of several special projects while pressing forward with our many outreach programs. Please see items below as it relates to the Financial Status of our church:

1) We did not get the loan we applied for from NMSB, ☹

2) We are exploring other banking options ☺

3) March has been the best month of the year for us!

4) **To EXPERIENCE personal blessings:**

*If we increase our tithe & offering by 10% we grow spiritually!*

5) We currently need 44K monthly to keep the church operating.

Once again, the Finance Committee thanks each of you for your ongoing support as we continue to move forward in Christ Jesus.

## UNITY SUNDAY WORSHIP

This first Sunday in May commenced our theme for our summer worship on leadership. The subject of our exploration for this month was king Uzziah of Jerusalem. 2 Chronicles 26:3-5, 15-20 provided the scriptural reference for our examination of his “leadership character and capabilities.” We discovered that our choices in life reveal our true character (John Maxwell), and as long as Uzziah followed the wise council of Zachariah and lived in the “fear of the Lord” he prospered. This is why all leaders need a mentor: someone who knows more and has more experience and one from whom one can learn and receive guidance. However, when Uzziah became successful, pride overtook him and he no longer depended upon the Lord or his mentor; thus bringing him under the judgment of God. He was afflicted with leprosy! Our subject was: **“The Challenge of Consistency: Staying in the Grace and Favor of God.”** Amazingly, this scriptural passage was sufficient also for our Mother’s Day and Youth Emphasis worship celebrations. On the one hand, the passage mentioned that his mother’s name was Jekoliah of Jerusalem, whose name means, “able to prevail or overcome”. She “was able” to raise her son in spite of the untimely loss of his father, like many mothers today who are either single parents or widowed. On the other hand, the passage states that Uzziah was sixteen years old when he assumed the reign of the kingdom of Judah. Hence he was a youth who had to take on adult responsibility, not unlike many of our youth today. The multi-functional nature of scripture was evident in this passage (which pertains to other scriptures as well), allowing it to apply to various topics and themes. And yet, I still did not complete this message! However, that which remains will be taken up when we explore other biblical figures and the challenges of leadership.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

There are two special programs that we are introducing in June. The **CBC Wealth Creation** course will start on **Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:00pm** in the Parish House. (2239 North Sherman Blvd.) This is a 5 week program taking place on each Tuesday during June. The program will provide a path to long term financial success. There is no charge for this but it will require attendance at all sessions in order to achieve maximum benefit. If you have any questions or are curious regarding this program call Mike Robertson at **508-561-3921** or just attend the first class.

The second program is our Love Kindness outreach effort as we begin to spread this message throughout Milwaukee. If you would like to serve on the **CBC Love Kindness Ministry Team** please let me know. We will have Love Kindness promotional material available for distribution during June but the success of this program will depend upon the enthusiastic support of many CBC members. Our stated objective of having Milwaukee become known as "**The Love Kindness City**" is certainly optimistic but with faith anything is possible. The journey begins during June and you are invited to participate.

## NEW MEMBERS

New in June: Wouldn't it be great to know who our New Members are! Good news! Beginning in June, people who are still in New Member's class will have badges or ribbons that say "New Member", when you see someone wearing this identification please take the time to speak to them, introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcomed.

## MISSION

The Mission Ministry held its First Annual Day on Sunday May 17, 2015 during morning worship. Reverend Terry Howell, Associate Minister at Zoe Outreach Ministries of Racine, WI was the guest preacher. If you missed it, the CD is available, be sure to order it from our Media Ministry, order forms are available online as well as at the usher stand. The Mission Ministry sincerely appreciates and thanks each and every one of you for your prayers and monetary support as they press forward and **GO!**



## Business Spotlight

# *Bundles of Weave* **B.O.W.**

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Our company which is based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin has been in business for a one year and a half. We are an online premium hair extension company. We would describe our company as having the finest hair in the market and has been steadily gaining popularity with stylists and customers all over the country who desires premium Brazilian and Indian virgin unprocessed hair. We have various lengths starting from 10"-30" in various patterns to complement any look with our straight, body wave, loose wave, deep wave, and curly hair textures. All of our hair comes in a natural 1b and can be colored, straighten, and style however you would like. It is tangle-free and there is minimal shedding. We deliver hair locally in Milwaukee and surrounding counties and we ship Worldwide and Internationally.

Moreover, we have **SOLD** hair to thousands of customers, we our have hair in beauty salons and some beauty stores and have received RAVE reviews from our clients, which can be seen via our website and our Facebook page.

Co-Founders and Owners

**Shantee Williams**, CEO

**Kevin Harper**, CFO

**Demetrace Jude**, Brand Manager



# *In Memoriam*

Finally, let us remember the beloved souls that have passed from our congregation and also the family members of our CBCGM sisters and brothers. We sincerely offer our prayers and condolences to the bereaved families of the following:

**Kenneth Ford**

(Former Member)

**Matthew Henson**

(Former Member & Son of Irene Tate Malone)

**Thelma Mosley**

(Aunt of the Campbell & Saffold Family)

