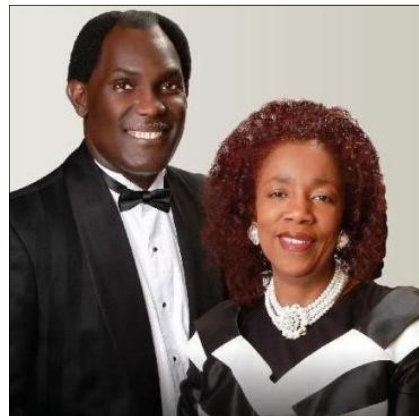


**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- October is Clergy Appreciation Month
- Oct. 7th Singles Movie Night
- Sept. 24th-25th Family & Friends Celebration
- Nov. 5th-6th Women's Conference
- Nov. 12th Women's Fellowship Holy Land Experience

Celebrating Our Leaders During Clergy Appreciation Month



Happy Clergy Appreciation Month

We, the members of Compassionate Outreach Ministries, honor our leaders, Bishop Larry J. and First Lady Margaret Dennison. We honor your faithfulness to God and your faithfulness to God's people. We honor your integrity and steadfastness in leading God's people in truth and righteousness.

You are worthy of double honor and we thank God for your unfailing and unwavering love towards us.

We thank you for your guidance, your sacrifice, your love, and tireless service to the kingdom of God. We love you and appreciate you. Our hearts are with you and we stand as one alongside you.

Thanks for being such awesome leaders!

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Mother & Daughter From C.O.M. Engage In Missions Work In Haiti

Sis Wanda Nichols and Ana' Nichols-Holey



Do we ever know when an event could change our lives? On July 16, 2011 our lives changed forever. During the May 2011 National Achievers Society Annual Haiti presentation, Ana' said quietly, "Can I go to Haiti?" She received an immediate yes from Pastor John Cowart and we began the process preparing to travel to Haiti in July, with only a few weeks to prepare.

In our preparation for Haiti, we both questioned if this was the right thing to do. We were excited and apprehensive at the same time. We had no idea what to expect because we had not watched much of 2010 Haiti earthquake stories. We both found the stories a little too difficult to watch. We had, however, given to several Haitian charities and orphanages over the past eighteen months.

Ana' and I speak often about our trip to Haiti. The trip truly has been a life changing event for both of us. Some of our experiences have no words and we often say, "People who have not gone to Haiti can not possibly understand." Ana' and I speak about Haiti using one word descriptions. Here are some of our initial impressions of Haiti: HOT, OVERWHELMING, FRIGHTENING, CONFUSION, CHAOTIC, DESPAIR, CHILDREN, DIRTY, SADNESS, BEAUTY, OVERCROWDED, HOPELESSNESS, ROCKS, and MORE ROCKS. During our week in Haiti, Ana' had the opportunity to work independently of me. Ana's mission work included the children. With activities such as children's church, art and craft activities, word games, teen talk, teen games, orphanage visits, medical warehouse, bagging and passing out rice, visiting homes, and witnessing. My mission work consisted of medical clinic, clinic triage, hospital care, and pharmacy. Ana' and I both agree that we reaped much more from this experience than we could ever have given. We also realized that a week was not long enough and we plan to return as soon as we can. Ana' is even more passionate about her future mission than ever!

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When we boarded the airplane to return home, Haiti was different. We literally saw it differently. A few of our descriptive words are now: FAMILY, CARING, GOD, BEAUTY, BELONGING, LOVE, FRIENDS, SMILES, HAPPINESS, HOPE, CARING, COMPASSION, FUTURE, STRONG, HAPPY, PRIDE, ROCKS and more ROCKS (some things don't change.)

We stayed at a wonderful mission called Haiti Christian Mission (HCM) located in the small town of Fond Parisien, which is about 1.5 hrs east of Port-au-Prince. HCM was founded by Pastor Etienne and Betty Prophete in 1974. This mission has many ministries such as evangelism, education, medical care, nutrition, orphanages, a cabinet shop and sponsorship program. To find out more about this mission please visit. www.haitianchristianmission.org

We would like to thank Bishop Dennison and C.O.M members for your prayers and donation. Ana' will be using the donation to sponsor a Haitian child through HCM.

Dear Bishop Dennison

Q. I am in a serious relationship that could possibly end in marriage. We have planned a trip away from the town in which we live to visit his family members. Because of the driving distance, we will be staying over. I want to know if it is wrong for the two of us to stay at a hotel, in separate rooms. Likewise, is it wrong for us to stay with one his family members (under the same roof, but certainly in separate rooms) while we are there? Thank you in advance for your

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Special Recognition

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. James & Mrs. Kim Barton	12 years	10/16
Mr. Dennis & Mrs. Carla Blount	21 years	9/1
Mr. Lee Ray & Mrs. Deborah J. Harden	17years	9/3
Mr. Rodney & Mrs. Terrie Robinson	21 years	9/1
Mr. Randolph & Mrs. Passion Rojas	4 years	10/27
Mr. Darrell & Mrs. Glenda Russell	29 years	10/1
Mr. Charles & Mrs. Maxine Rutledge	7 years	8/29
Mr. James and Mrs. Carmelita Shepherd	9 years	10/26

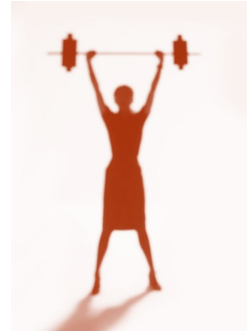
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To everyone born in the months of September & October
We Love You, We Do!

W.O.R.D. Revival 2011 Recap: Stronger Faith

Dr. Naima Brown

God certainly did something new! And if I had to provide an overarching theme for this year's Week of Restoration and Deliverance at Compassionate Outreach Ministries, it would have to be Stronger Faith! Indeed, my faith in God was strengthened more and more on each evening of the 5-night revival. Apostle R. J. Washington of Titus Harvest Dome kicked off the week with a message regarding a brand new season. The apostle explained the difference between time and season, reminded us of God's power, informed us that God encamps angels around his people for protection, encouraged us to increase our faith as the currency of heaven, and assured us that there has been a PARADIGM SHIFT. On the next evening, Dr. T La'Trell Penny of Shubach Deliverance World Ministries in Sumpter, South Carolina showed us that when we stand on the word of God, we are UNSTOPPABLE! Dr. Perry explained that trials will come but they will not stop us, she encouraged us to be like Caleb and hold on to our faith in spite of giant enemies and discouraging words, and she beseeched us to stay in the will of God and not be moved by people or circumstances. On the next evening, Elder Tyquan Sparks of Victory Praise and Worship Center in Columbia SC preached a message entitled LIVING ON THE EDGE OF EXPECTANCY. Elder Sparks called many of God's promises to our attention, reminded us of how God gives us the desires of our hearts when we delight ourselves in Him, explained the process of a dream, discussed the progress of a dream, and pushed us to pursue our dreams to the glory of God. Then Elder Shane Perry of The Church of God in Christ in Atlanta, Georgia spoke a message entitled POWER IS IN THE PALM OF YOUR HANDS. Elder Perry showed us that God created each person to praise Him and that whenever we do so, we are fulfilling our purpose. He explained that the absence of praise indicates rebellion against God, that there is power over the enemy's plan every time we clap our hands for God, that our voice is a trumpet to use to shout unto God, and that we have the power to change the atmosphere through praise. Finally, Recording Artist Dr. Dorinda Clark-Cole of the Clark Sisters from Detroit, Michigan closed out W.O.R.D. Revival 2011. Dr. Clark-Cole delivered a powerful message on THE PROMISES THAT GOD MADE TO THE FAITHFUL. In that message, she assured us that God wants us to have life more abundantly, she reviewed in detail many of the promises that God made to the faithful, and she encouraged us stand on the word, to delight ourselves in the Lord, and to seek the kingdom of God first. Yes, our hearts did burn within as God spoke to His people through these anointed men and women of God. Boxed CD sets of the 2011 Word Revival are available through the Audio/Visual Ministry, so be sure to get your set. It will certainly move your faith to the next dimension!



W.O.R.D. Revival 2011 was a faith-strengthening exercise!

For Singles Ladies



Calling all single ladies! The Singles Committee of Compassionate Outreach Ministries is sponsoring an in-house Movie Night on Friday, October 7th at 7:00pm in our Main Sanctuary. Please come out, bring a friend, and be blessed, as we view this documentary. It is guaranteed to be a blessing to all single ladies, whether you are never married, divorced, widowed, or even contemplating

marriage. Light refreshments will be served.

Jesus Cares

Mother Inez McKinnon

It is so sweet to know that Jesus cares when we are tired, when the hand of pain lies on our heart, and when we look in vain for human comfort. The heart divine still understands that Jesus cares for these cares of yours and mine. There is no sorrow that He will not share and no cross or burden that he will not bear. Without His help, we can do nothing, but because He cares for us, there is nothing to small or to large to cast on Jesus. Let us tell Him all and lay our cares at his feet. Jesus cares for us and the story of our woes will find repose in his sympathy. It is so sweet to know that Jesus cares. Seeing the sadness and the trouble that we must bear, Jesus our savior laid aside his kingly crown and his royal robe and came to earth to suffer with us, to soothe and quiet us with love. He never leaves us. When the storm is high, we have safety because He is nigh. Oh, rest in peace. For the Lord doth care. And I want Him to care for me while I yet live in this world where sorrow is. When the light dies from the path and my strength is feeble and my friends have forsaken me, Jesus cares and He loves me. So stay with the Lord, the one who cares for you. This is my prayer.



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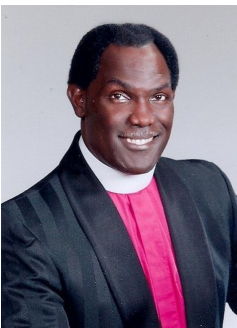
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**We Are Reaching Out,
Not Out Of Reach**

Dear Bishop

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assistance with this matter.



A. *In answer to your questions, neither of these decisions is wrong. I have preached a sermon in the past entitled, "Less Invitation Reduces Temptation." You do not want to create an environment in which you are inviting temptation. The least you place yourself in tempting or compromising situations, the better.*

Furthermore, we must be careful of the signs that we send. The bible tells us to avoid all appearance of evil (1 Thess. 5:22). In my opinion, it would be wiser to choose to stay with one of his family members than to stay in a hotel. This is for accountability, and it also conveys a positive message to his family of how respectful the both of you are concerning the integrity of the relationship.

Healthy Hearts

Sister Vondalyn White

Ensuring Proper Health Care

There is a growing problem that threatens the health of millions of Americans each year and it is an issue that our U.S. Surgeon General calls a hidden health crisis. The problem is health literacy, or should I say lack of it. Research shows that most people have trouble reading, understanding, and acting on health information. This lack of health literacy puts nearly one in every three Americans at risk for poor health. To help health practitioners keep you safe as a patient, you must be involved in your own health care. Listed below are actions you can take to combat this growing problem.

- Be an active member of your healthcare team.
- Ask a family member or friend to go with you when you meet with a health care provider to ask questions and help you understand what is being talked about, including any instructions.
- Ask each provider these 3 questions at each visit
 1. What is my main problem?
 2. What do I need to do?
 3. Why is it important for me to do this?
- Ask or make sure that healthcare workers who have direct contact with you wash or sanitize their hands before they provide your care.
- Carry a list of all your medicines with you. Show it to all providers who prescribe medicine and treatment.
- Write down your health concerns and share them with your provider at each visit.
- Be honest with your physician about accepting or rejecting their advice regarding treatment, and be honest about whether you are using any other type of remedy.
- Tell each provider about any allergies and problems you have had to medicines and foods.
- Ask your provider or pharmacist if any of your prescribed or over-the-counter medicines can have harmful effects when used with foods and/or other medicines.
- When your provider orders medication, surgery, a test, or any other kind of care, ask why you need it and ask about the pros and cons involved.
- If you are having surgery, ask the hospital staff about their 5-Step Safety Process.
- Wash your hands often to help prevent the spread of germs that cause infections.



It is also very important not to overestimate the knowledge and authority of an earthly physician. You must take an active role in preserving your health by praying to God for maintenance or restoration of health. You are responsible for ensuring understanding and using discernment regarding the evaluations and treatments recommended by your providers. Doctors are not mind readers, so you must take an active role in your health. If you do not understand something your provider says please ask them, straight out, to break it down in terms you can understand.