

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 20
Multi-Purpose
Facility
Dedication
- June 13 -
June 16
Vacation Bible
School
- June 17
Father's Day
- June 21 -
June 23
Women's
Retreat
- August 13 -
August 17
W.O.R.D.
Conference

Mother's Day Weekend Celebration



First Lady Dennison & Dr. Eady

First Lady Dennison and the Women's Fellowship Committee hosted Compassionate Outreach Ministries' annual Mother/Daughter Women's Luncheon on Saturday, May 12th. The event was a lovely celebration of motherhood. Members of the church were delighted to have their relatives attend the event with them. Mother Rosa Quinn, for example, beamed with joy because her daughter and daughter-in-law traveled from Jacksonville, FL to be with her. Attendees were treated to a ballroom

that was beautifully decorated, a worship experience that honored the true and living God, an atmosphere that was filled with the Holy Spirit, conversations that oozed with love for mothers, a delicious buffet that tempted the taste buds, and most importantly, an encouraging word that came from the Lord. Dr. Geraldine Eady, the pastor of Destiny Assembly Ministries in Brunswick, GA, presented a message entitled "The Hand That Rocks The Cradle Rules The World." Dr. Eady spoke about the God-given duty of older women to teach and mentor younger woman. Building a foundation from Titus 2:5, Dr. Eady said, "We must instill honor and respect within the home so that young women will show respect and honor outside the home." Dr. Eady also offered 'Seven Ways To Love Your Mother.'

On Mother's Day, the Compassionate Outreach Ministries family gathered together to continue to celebrate the love of mothers. After praise and worship, both the eldest and newest mothers in the church, Mother Inez McKinnon, and Evangelist Demetria Childs respectively, were recognized with flowers. Then, every child in the service was given a carnation to present to his/her mother. Afterwards, the praise dancers honored First Lady Dennison with a touching and heart-felt presentation. The featured guest in the Sunday Morning Service was Evangelist Valerie Boyd, who is an active member of New Greater Bethel Ministries in Queens Village, NY. Evangelist Boyd sang to the glory of God, ripped the organ to a high point of praise, and then preached from the subject, "A Virtuous Woman Has To Be Different." According to Boyd, a virtuous woman must have the power to press, push, and pursue, just as the woman with the issue of blood did to get her miracle. Evangelist Boyd assured the body that even though we will be tested, tried, and broken, we can make it if we keep the faith like Daniel did in the lion's den, like the Shunammite woman did when she held her dying son, and like Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Mother's Day service ended with an out-pouring of love on First Lady Dennison from various members in the church. What a wonderful weekend!



Evangelist Valerie Boyd

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Multi-Purpose Facility

Compassionate Outreach Ministries has acquired a new property! The new C.O.M. Multi-



Purpose Facility, which is located at 1112 NE 3rd Ave, will serve the ministry in a variety of ways. A special service, in which the building will be dedicated to the Lord's use, will be held on Sunday May 20th at 4:00 pm.

Men's Fellowship

Brother Donald Mclean

The Men's Fellowship had a spectacular bowling game on March 31 at Alley Gators. The fellowship opened with a word of prayer. No one was left out as the older, the middle aged, and the young men participated together. Those on the side lines cheered the bowlers on. Bro. Frazier's team won the first game. In the second game, Bro. Bruce Robinson bowled 3 strikes in a row and Bro. Brown bowled 4 strikes consecutively enabling Bro. McLean's team to win. In the third game, Bro. Carter and Bro. Pablo both bowled strikes, leading Bro Frazier's team to victory. Championship arm bands were given to Bro Frazier's team. We fellowshiped together, had fun, got to know each other better, and Deacon McCallister closed out the event with a word of prayer. The Men's Fellowship appreciates all the participation and prays that brotherly love continue. We thank Bishop Dennison for allowing us to have such a great fellowship.



Vacation Bible School

Dr. Karen Webb

Things are humming along in the planning stages of Vacation Bible School 2012. The theme for this year's program in "Fishing on a Mission with Jesus." We are fishing for souls. The instructional packets are almost ready, the class projects are organized, and the age groups for the classes are: 4 – 6yrs; 7 – 10yrs; 11 – 12yrs; 13 – 17yrs; and 18yrs and older. VBS 2012 will be held from June 13th through Friday June 15th 6:00 – 8:00 pm nightly. On Saturday, June 16th there will be a picnic to celebrate from 10:00 am – 3:00pm at Westside Park. This year, the greeters, the female ushers and the deacons' wives will be providing refreshments for all participants each evening. Won't you come out and join us!

Reflections

Sister Brenda Lyons

I saw my mother watching me the other day
I stood there staring, waiting to see what she had to say
Her eyes were soft, her smile so sweet
Her voice spoke very low, but I heard complete
She said, Daughter, come closer, look into my eyes
You've lived life well, I am inspired.
The path you took, it wasn't always good
And sometimes to me, wasn't always understood.
You thought that I wasn't always there
But, Daughter, I loved you and I always cared
No I didn't raise you the way you thought
Daughter, I raised you the way I thought I ought
And maybe you didn't have it all and the best
But I was going through my trials, through my own test
Daughter, I gave you my love, I gave you my all
I didn't lead you astray, I didn't let you fall
I'm sorry I didn't bring you up in the way of the Lord
You found Him on your own accord
But I did raise you to always do right
So when life fought you, you fought it back
You have proven you can stand your ground
Now my daughter, I give you a crown
You didn't take my ways for yours
You didn't look at my life and judge
You accepted me as your mother with love
So now I bless you with God's love from above
May God keep you and watch over you
May His loving hand be forever upon you
May He keep you in His loving tender care
And know this my sweet, dear daughter
I'm always there
Just look in the mirror

Youth Weekend Celebration

The youth of Compassionate Outreach Ministries kicked off Youth Weekend Celebration 2012 with a spectacular seafood fest at the new Cynthia Chestnut Park. After feasting on crabs, fish and other delicacies, the young people competed in both volleyball and basketball games. In the Sunday Morning Worship Service, the youth participated throughout the church program. They ushered, expedited, sang, and danced. Even more, Sister Passion Rojas shared a powerful testimony of how God touched her life. Then, Bishop Dennison delivered a word which challenged both the young and the old to separate themselves from evil. The service ended with an awesome response by the youth to the altar call. We are thanking God for moving in the lives of young people at COM.

Hearing From God

Sister Renee' Hall

What a divine privilege to hear God's voice
 The miraculous power that aids us to make the right choice
 We can't go wrong by His guiding and leading
 Unlimited source that is always proceeding
 The mountains stand still with attention
 And the wind is ready to obey and listen
 What a wonderful thing to experience a moment of sure bliss
 A phenomenal time in your life that you don't want to miss
 Take a few minutes or even an hour or two
 To hear God whisper powerful concepts to you
 He may speak about your health, wealth, or even your relationships
 Or place you in position to speak prophetically from your lips
 Hearing from God is not difficult at all
 Especially if you have answered His holy call

Special Recognition

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!!!!

Mr. Henry & Mrs. Roberta Bell	36 years	5/17
Mr. Buford & Mrs. Claudia Brown	37 years	5/28
Mr. Rodney & Mrs. Vanessa Mitchum	24 years	6/1
Mr. Frederick & Mrs. Kimberly Sercey	16 years	6/5
Mr. Charles & Mrs. Brenda Williams	22 years	6/29
Mr. Willie & Mrs. Regina Wims	9 years	6/29

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the class of 2012!
 We support you as you go on
 into your greatness!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

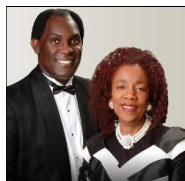
To everyone born in the
 months of May & June!
We Love You, We Do!

Date Night #2

Dr. Karen Webb

The Bishop and First Lady are helping married couples succeed. On Date Night #2, we had watched a video by Dr. Tony Evans entitled, "Submitting To Your Husband." We learned that women seek love from their husbands and men seek respect from their wives. God wants men to be their wives' savior and sanctifier in the home. The goal of sanctification is to transform men into saviors. They must die to themselves and become the Pastors of the home! Ladies, we have our own personal Pastor right there at home. How often do we recognize them as such? Hmm! But, if all she hears is what is wrong, then that's not an example of shepherding change. Sanctification is a process and the goal is to have a blameless wife. The blueprint for this change was Jesus' work to transform the Church. Yes, it is difficult, but making it a daily priority is progress. "Seducing your Husband" was the title of the 2nd video. The woman is to reverence her husband and elevate him through respect. Respect is a man's greatest need and highest motivator. I Peter 3:1-2 clarifies that the first way to respect your husband is through submission. Submission means "yield"; it is about God's ordained roles for the husband and wife. Ephesians 5:22-23 tells us how we must yield - in everything except where it brings dishonor in the wife's relationship with Christ. God will not respond to a wife who does not yield to her husband. A wife who is in rebellion to her husband is in rebellion to God! Let a husband see a wife, who, by her respectful behavior, submits to her husband. Ladies, let us shock our husbands today with our respect and unconditional support!

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We Are Reaching Out, Not Out Of Reach

Nurses Recognized



In honor of National Nurses Day, First Lady Dennison recognized every member of the C.O.M. Health Team. Each nurse was given a framed certificate of appreciation and a personalized handbag during the Sunday morning service. Also,

each nurse received a special nurse's prayer. First Lady Dennison shared that the nurses are a very important part of the ministry and that their contributions are invaluable.

Don't Follow Sinful Desires

Mother Inez McKinnon

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear. You get sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasure, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, outbursts of anger, jealousy, division, envy, drunkenness and selfish ambition. Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, you will find, disorder and evil of every kind. Anyone living this sort of life will not see the kingdom of God. I have learned how to live content with whatever I have. I know how to live on next to nothing or with everything. The secret is knowing that I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. So don't be a lover of money. Be satisfied with what you have. And do not copy the behavior or customs of this world. But let God transform you into a new person by changing the way that you think. When you find yourself chasing after the wrong desires, please turn around and run to Jesus. He can help you. When your bad choices come back to haunt you, He is always there to lend a helping hand. When you find yourself desiring what someone else has, you are going the wrong way. The right way is to turn your life to Christ, the one who can save you and see you through all of your troubles. This is my prayer, that you stay with the Lord and stop your wicked ways. Christ loves you.

Camp Crystal Experience

Sister Vondalyn White

On Friday, April 13th, the women of COM traveled to Camp Crystal for an overnight stay. I had no idea what to expect as I had never stayed at a camp before and do not particularly care for the creatures associated with outdoor experiences. The one thing I knew for sure was that our First Lady had a history of providing us with top quality events coordinated in a spirit of excellence. Upon arrival, I noticed several women, including Sister Dennison, on the porch. As I walked toward them, they all began clapping and cheering and one sister rang this large antique looking bell, better known as "The Freedom Bell." I was absolutely overwhelmed by the welcome and immediately felt God's presence there. The welcome was the same for each and every lady that arrived. I couldn't quite make sense of it, but something extremely powerful filled the air each time the sister rang that bell. I am convinced that God arrived there before we did, to set the atmosphere, as He knew what each of us needed.

We were served refreshments as we sat out on the front porch in rockers relaxing, socializing and just enjoying God's presence. Later we were served a seafood feast with all the trimmings. There was so much food! Sister Dennison, along with the Women's Fellowship, joyfully served us and seemed to take great pleasure in watching us come up for seconds and thirds. They worked so hard that evening and declined any help offered with the clean-up. The teamwork displayed that evening was so uplifting. Now, one would think that after all that work, the Women's Fellowship would have run to their cabins for some much needed rest, but instead they came around to each of our cabins to check in on us. They found us fellowshiping and sharing stories about the amazing love and power of our almighty God. This experience allowed me to connect with someone in the ministry that I did not know very well. We talked about the Lord for hours before falling asleep.

The next morning we awoke to the ringing of the "Freedom Bell". This may sound strange, but I felt so liberated by the ringing of that bell. Some arose early to exercise, some to stroll along the lake and some headed for the much needed coffee after a long night of socializing and playing pranks on each other. Just as the night before, we were served a feast for breakfast by our dedicated Women's Fellowship. Upon finishing breakfast, Sister Dennison shared that God revealed to her that we were to pour into each other's lives, as we each had a story to tell. I knew before she finished speaking that God directed her to do this, as he had been dealing with me on sharing my testimony and he knew that I needed a particular setting. I kept questioning God because it didn't make sense to me to testify while I was still in the middle of the storm. He finally revealed that he wanted me to testify about his overwhelming presence in my life, while in the midst of going through this trial. He wanted me to let everyone know about all the joy, peace and love that I was experiencing even in the midst of the mess. He needed me to share it so that I could encourage someone else.

I honestly cannot describe to you how the sharing of each sister's story paved the way for such a powerful outpouring of God's spirit. All I know is that it was simply supernatural and God's presence totally filled and transformed the place. This experience reminded me of the importance of unity and also of the fact that we do not walk this journey alone. The storms of life are designed so that we can take shelter in the loving arms of our Savior. If we are to stand strong in this war, we must stick together and keep one another lifted up in prayer. For alone, we sink; but clinging and growing together in the Lord, we can ride out every storm! *Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*