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*We Are Reaching Out,
 Not Out Of Reach*

Bible Trivia Answers

Thy word have I hid in my heart
 that I might not sin against thee.
Psalms 119:11

African-American Career Fair

Would you like your child to learn about different career paths? On Saturday, February 3rd, Compassionate Outreach Ministries will commemorate Black History Month with an African-American Career Fair from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. The fair will feature interactive discussions with 15 local African-American professionals. The purpose of the career fair is to 1) expose youth to professional career opportunities, 2) emphasize the connection between academic achievement and professional development and 3) provide youth with African-American professionals to model. Each professional will give a brief presentation on their chosen career and there will be an opportunity for questions and answers. Some of the fields discussed will include finger-printing, firefighting, chemistry, food science, education, dentistry, biotechnology and corrections.

Ordination Banquet

Bishop-Elect Larry J. Dennison, the pastor and founder of Compassionate Outreach Ministries will be ordained in the office of Bishop on Saturday March 24th. The entire Compassionate Outreach Ministries family is excited about the elevation of the Man of God. We know that God has qualified Bishop-Elect Dennison as he sets a living example of the criteria set forth by the Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 3:1-7. "This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil" (1 Timothy 3:1-7). Congratulations Bishop-Elect Dennison. We are thanking God for you!

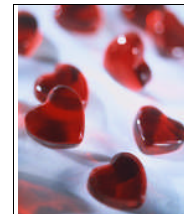
Special Recognition

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Pastor Larry & Sis. Margaret Dennison	2/4	29 years
Mr. Harold & Mrs. Gwendolyn Jenkins	1/8	25 years
Mr. Keith & Mrs. Patricia Jeter	2/9	17 years
Mr. John & Mrs. Donna Smith	2/12	7 years
Mr. Bruce & Mrs. Kathy Robinson	1/5	17 years

A SPECIAL HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*A very special Happy Anniversary to
 our very special leaders,
 Bishop-Elect & Sister Dennison.
 We wish you many more!*



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About Our Guest: Little Man Of God



Minister Terry Durham is a 9 year old boy who sings, dances, and preaches the word of God at True Gospel Deliverance Ministry in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and in front of congregations all across America. On Sunday February 11, 2007 he will be a very special guest at Compassionate Outreach Ministries! Minister Terry, also known as "Little Man of God" first preached when he was age 4, after seeing his grandmother, Pastor Sharon Monroe, preach the word of God in the pulpit. Although he is unable to remember the topic of his first sermon, Minister Terry does remember the moment that he was called to the ministry.

One night, he was asleep on the top bunk in his room when he heard God's voice. "He said if I am ashamed of him, he would be ashamed of me." At the age of six, Minister Terry was ordained by his grandmother after he preached a sermon in front of 11 ministers.

Born 10 weeks premature, Minister Terry and his twin brother Todd Jr. were not expected to live. Minister Terry weighed just over two pounds at birth and had multiple blood transfusions before he was sent home on a heart monitor. To the glory of God, Minister Terry is in perfect health today at just 88 pounds. Outside of church, Minister Terry loves football and is one of the star players on his Little League team, the Pompano Beach Cowboys. Last year, he was voted "Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman." Minister Terry also enjoys riding his bike, racing his remote control Hummer and watching 'Tom and Jerry' reruns. His least favorite part of the day is doing homework. Minister's Terry's chores include cleaning his room, taking out the trash, and vacuuming.

Although Minister Terry does not receive a speaking fee, congregations often give him a 'love donation'. He tithes 10 percent of the money, shares some with his brother, who accompanies him on the drums as he preaches, and deposits the rest in a bank account. To him it is not about the money. It is about spreading the word of God. Pastor Monroe took her grandsons in when they were first released from the hospital because their parents were teen-agers who were incapable of raising twins born 10

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Heart-To-Heart Newsletter

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Dates To Remember

January 26	LUV Fellowship Friday Night Fire
February 3	3rd Annual African-American Career Fair
February 9	Women's Fellowship at Woodland Care Center
February 10	LUV Fellowship at Wild Adventures
February 10	TBN Broadcast of Bishop Elect-Dennison
February 11	Minister Terry Durham
February 14	Love Night Banquet
February 24-25	Children's Choir Weekend Celebration
March 3	Church Information Meeting
March 7-9	Revival
March 16	Women's Fellowship Shut-In
March 22-23	Pre-Ordination Celebration
March 24	Ordination/Banquet Celebration

From The Pastor's Pen



During a recent breakfast with the Compassionate Outreach Ministries youth, I had the opportunity to provide answers to their questions about Christian living. One of the most popular questions presented by the youth concerned the high school prom. Even though we have addressed the prom on several occasions, it is fitting to revisit the issue here.

The true story is told of a Christian girl who was very active in the local church. The girl chose to go to the high school prom. She was dancing like the rest of the kids when she decided to witness to the young man that she was dancing with. She asked him if he was a Christian, if he was saved, if he was born again and if he had accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior. The young man replied, "Of course not. If I was a Christian I wouldn't be here, would I?" He then asked her, "Would you be here if you were a Christian?" She replied, "I am a Christian." He immediately stopped dancing with her. The young man looked at the young lady straight in her eyes and said, "No you're not. You are a hypocrite, and I don't dance with hypocrites."

Isn't that amazing? The young man had enough sense and conviction to separate himself from and refuse to dance with those who are hypocrites. Yet, many Christians like the young girl in this story have no problems dancing with the world. If we fail to separate ourselves from the world, our testimony will be destroyed. If Christians are going to hang out with the lost world, we are going to lose our credibility of a godly example. Show me a teen that will not let this world turn them around and I will show you a teen that will turn this world around.

Pastor Larry J. Dennison

Little Man of God

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weeks premature. She has raised them as her own. When Monroe got her calling to the ministry, she took the children with her whenever she preached. At home, Little Terry would grab a stick or utensil and pretend it was a microphone, imitating his grandmother in the pulpit. Little Todd Jr. would have two utensils and would pound pots or pans like drums while Little Terry spoke the Word. Today, God is using both young men to advance His kingdom!

Community Action: ACTION Network

Last fall, Compassionate Outreach Ministries hosted a forum with the ACTION Network (Affiliated Congregations To Improve Our Neighborhoods). The forum allowed community members to express their concerns about prostitution and drug dealing in East Gainesville to State Attorney Bill Cervone and Lt. Lonnie Scott of the Gainesville Police Department. A large number of people showed up for the event. Some talked about being approached by drug dealers they drive down certain streets. Others talked about prostitutes that walk up and down their streets. Lt. Scott and State Attorney Cervone made a commitment to work to make the community safer by developing a list of priority areas and contacting landlords who rent to drug dealers. At the end of the meeting, Lt. Scott even gave the community members his personal cell phone number to use. If you would like to get involved with ACTION Network, please see Minister Rutha Harrison.



State Attorney Bill Cervone
& Lt. Lonnie Scott

Bishop-Elect Dennison on TBN



On Saturday, February 10th at 5:00 p.m., TBN viewers in The United States of America and around the entire globe will see Dr. Larry J. Dennison, the pastor and founder of Compassionate Outreach Ministries, deliver a life-changing Word from the Lord. In so doing, Bishop-Elect Dennison is obeying the commandment given in Matt. 28:19 to go and teach all nations. Be sure to tune in to this world-wide TBN broadcast!

The Arms of Compassionate Outreach Ministries



In each issue of the Heart-To-Heart newsletter, a different arm of Compassionate Outreach Ministries will be highlighted. Please submit a profile of the arm of ministry that you coordinate to the church office.

Compassionate Outreach Ministries serves as an agency in the community which aides humanity by teaching the word of God and providing prayer, counseling, clothes, household items and food to those

in need. One of the newest arms of the ministry is the Homeless Outreach, and it's goal is to feed the homeless. Coordinated by Sister Bonnie Means, this arm meets once a month to prepare and serve a hearty, home-cooked meal to the homeless men, women and children at the St. Francis House Shelter. On any given night there are about 700 homeless children, women and men in Gainesville. The overall mission of St. Francis House is to provide emergency food, temporary shelter, and related support services in a safe, secure environment for people in Alachua County who, for whatever reason, find themselves homeless and hungry. Approximately 30 guests stay overnight at the shelter on most evenings. After looking for work or housing all day, it is always a comfort for the residents to return to the shelter for a hot meal. Even more, the residents enjoy interacting with the men and women of God who come out to share their time, talents and treasure during the meal. If you have a heart to serve the homeless, an encouraging word to share, an uplifting song to sing, a testimony of God's goodness or some home-cooked food to donate, the Homeless Outreach would like your support. If you are interested in assisting with the Homeless Outreach, please contact Sister Bonnie Means.

BIBLE TRIVIA COMPLETION

Thy word have I hid in my heart _____.

A Prayer For This Year

Dear Master, for this year
Just one request I bring.
I do not pray for happiness
Or any earthly thing.
I do not ask to understand
The way thou leadest me.
But this I ask: teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth thee.
A quiet lot in life is mine
Made up of little things.
Teach me the duties
That each day brings.
Faithful in all my daily work
The thing that pleaseth thee.
I want to please thee through this year
In every word I say.
Dear Master, take these lips of mine
And keep them day by day.
From foolish talking and angry words
And evil speaking free
Teach me that I may speak
The thing that pleaseth thee.
Not only what to do and say
Would I be daily taught
So I ask thee to cleanse my heart
And purify each and every thought.
That every thought and every wish
May be pure and holy
I want in everything to be
The thing that pleaseth thee.
I want to know the guiding voice
To walk with thee each day
Dear Master, make me swift to hear
And ready to obey
And thus, the year I now begin
A happy year would be
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth thee.

Mother Inez McKinnon