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*We Are Reaching Out,
Not Out Of Reach*

The Arms of C.O.M

Every Christian is expected to contribute to building the Kingdom of God. One often overlooked ministry in kingdom building is the Janitorial Ministry. The Janitorial Ministry is committed to serving the body of Christ by assuring that Compassionate Outreach Ministries is clean and presentable at all times. They maintain the sanctuary, bathrooms, offices, multi-purpose rooms, Christian Academy classrooms and mobile units. This ministry cleans the Academy, mobile units and multi-purpose rooms every weekday and they clean the sanctuary on Mondays and Fridays. In a given year, the work done by the janitorial team may save the church nearly \$35,000. Elder Samuel



Neal, the Janitorial Ministry coordinator, believes that, "As we show God that we can take care of the things that He has already given us, He will bless us with much more." If you would like to join this area of ministry, contact Elder Neal. According to Elder Neal, "No experience is necessary. We will show you everything that you need to know." Even if you are not able to join the janitorial ministry, you can still help. Elder Neal advises that members take a look around every time they enter or leave an area of ministry. "If you see paper on the floor, please pick it up. If there has been a spill or accident, please contact a member of the Janitorial Ministry. Do all you can for the Kingdom."

God's Love

How did I get back into the bondage
That God released me from
I'm all tangled up in foolishness
And now I feel really dumb.
Without a second thought He forgave me,
And gave me another chance.
Instead of continuing to follow Him,
I decided to put my trust in man.
Now I'm all alone,
And I can't seem to find my way back home.
I need a friend to talk to,
But they won't answer their phones.
My back is up against the wall.
I'm feeling like I'm two feet tall.
Legions is what I'm called
There's too many spirits to name them all.
I have soul ties that go back
To when I was in high school.
Now I'm stressed and depressed
And feeling like a fool.
I can't explain why I turned my back on you.
Can't even count the times you brought me through.
Why am I so attracted to that lifestyle?
Why is it so hard for me to change?
I try to live by your words,
But I keep playing worldly games.
I'm down on my knees.
And I'm begging for another chance please,
I know you're tired of hearing
My same old sad song.
But I can't make it without you
And with you is where I belong.
"My child I hear your humble cries.
And you can't stop asking yourself why.
I know all about the things you've done.
And you're still covered in the blood of my son.
My love has no end
Even when you're waist deep in sin
I heard your humble cries.
Now come here and help me wipe your eyes.
In me you will find peace,
And from here on out, you will be able to sleep.
Because you believe Jesus is my Son,
I'm going to release your demons one by one.
When you awake, purpose you will see,
And man will know that it was all because of me.
Your sins have now been forgiven,
And they won't be remembered any more.

Sister Tia Wilson

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Heart-To-Heart Newsletter

Dear Bishop Dennison

Q. *My mother told me that she is experiencing a rough time financially. I am able and willing to help her, but I am absolutely positive that she will use at least some of the money that I give her to support her drug habit. I certainly feel obligated to help her because she is my mother, but I don't want to support her drugging lifestyle. Please advise.*

A. It is always a desire and a delight for a child to help a struggling parent. This is usually done out of love, as a feeling of obligation, or to repay a parent for the love and support given to a child over the years. Please encourage your mother to seek help for her drug habit. I suggest that since you are absolutely positive that your mother will use the money that you give her to support her drug habit, you should offer to pay certain bills or make certain purchases for her. The following examples might be helpful.

- 1) Help her with her utilities (lights, phone, water, and/or gas).
- 2) Help her with her rent or mortgage note.
- 3) Help her with the purchasing of groceries and personal/household items.

Inform your mother that it is your intention and desire to continue to assist her and one of the ways she can show you her gratitude is to seek professional and Godly help immediately. Her failure to do so will leave you with no other choice but to suspend your financial assistance. Whatever you choose to do for her financially, please do not put cash in her hands.



Bishop Larry J. Dennison

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Dates To Remember

May 26-27	Men's Weekend Celebration
June 8	C.O.M. Book Club
June 9	Men's Fellowship Basketball
June 17	Father's Day
June 18-22/23	Vacation Bible School/Picnic
June 30	Jesus Day
July 7	Church Information Meeting
July 12-14	Women's Retreat
July 21	Men's Fellowship Basketball

Bible Trivia Answers

Proverbs 10:1

A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son [is] the heaviness of his mother.

Or

Proverbs 15:20

A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

Healthy Hearts: Drink More Water

3 John 1:2 reads, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." As the temperature rises, your body needs more water to function properly. Now is the perfect time to increase your water intake for better health. The average person should drink about 8 glasses a day. It may seem like a lot of water, but the benefits are numerous. If you drink more water, your skin will look better, your mind will be more alert, your temperature will be more stable, your fat will burn off at a higher rate, your muscles will become stronger, your body will flush out more toxins, your bowels will become more regular, and your immune system will fight off infection more efficiently. Here are some ways to ensure that you get the water that your body is thirsting for:



- ◆ Have some of water at every transitional point of the day (when you wake up, when you arrive at work etc.).
- ◆ Have a drink of water every hour on the hour while at work.
- ◆ Use a straw to drink your water. You will take bigger gulps and drink more.
- ◆ After each trip to the restroom, drink water to replenish your system.
- ◆ Drink 2 to 4 glasses of water before having a soda or a coffee. *(Adapted from www.dwlz.com)*

What Does The Bible Say About The Elderly?

1. Due honor should be given the elderly. Leviticus 19:32, (NIV) states "Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God."
2. The elderly men and women must be treated with respect. I Timothy 5:1 (TLB) says, "Never speak sharply to an older man, but plead with him respectfully just as though he were your own father...Treat the older women as mothers."
3. Older people should be valued for their experience. Proverbs 20: 29 (TLB) says, "The glory of young men is their strength; of old men, their experience."
4. The young can learn from the old. Psalm 71:18 (TLB) says, "And now that I am old and gray, don't forsake me. Give me time to tell this new generation (and their children too) about all Your mighty miracles."
5. The elderly have a charge to keep. Titus 2:2-5 (TLB) reads, "Teach the older men to be serious and unruffled; they must be sensible, knowing and believing the truth and doing everything with love and patience. Teach the older women to be quiet and respectful in everything they do. They must not go around speaking evil of others and must not be heavy drinkers, but they should be teachers of goodness. These older women must train the younger women to live quietly, to love their husbands and their children, and to be sensible and clean minded, spending their time in their own homes, being kind and obedient to their husbands..."
(Adapted from www.bibleinfo.com)

Reading For Fun

The C.O.M. Book Club is up and running. Get on board if you like to read and talk about what you have read. The members meet once a month for a fun fellowship in which they discuss a Christian book. This month, the group is reading *Battlefield of the Mind* by Joyce Myer. The Book Club will convene to discuss the book on Friday, June 8th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. If you would like to join, read the book and attend the next meeting.

When School Is Out, Summer Camp Is In

Have you been wondering about how your children are going to spend the summer once school is out? Well, wonder no more. Compassionate Outreach Ministries will be offering summer camp to the Alachua County community. For only \$60.00 per week, your child will enjoy fun activities, breakfast, lunch snacks and field-trips in a safe and loving environment. The camp day begins at 7:00 am and ends at 5:30 pm. There are a limited number of spaces and admission will be granted on a first come, first serve basis.

God Did It! A Testimony From A Young C.O.M. Member

Look at what happens when you have a little faith...For five months I was a U.S. House of Representatives Page. I was one of only 64 students chosen from a pool of thousands from around the nation.



Xavier Jackson-Monroe with Congressman Charles Rangel

I started my day at 6:00 AM due to the fact that school, which was located in the Library of Congress, started promptly at 6:45 AM. I was able to excel academically, maintaining all A's even with my unpredictable and busy schedule. Immediately after school, I headed to the House Chamber in the Capitol to start work. Out of 64 students, five of which were African-American, I was chosen for the prestigious Documentarian Page position. My duties included raising and lowering the flag over the Capitol, preparing legislation materials, helping out on the rostrum and implementing the bell system which notified members of the floor proceedings. During these proceedings, I could be seen on C-SPAN. Due to the varying schedule of Congress,

my workday ended when the house adjourned which sometimes lasted until the next morning. Throughout all of this, I was able to see the convening of the 110th Congress, witness the President deliver the State of the Union, and participate in some historical decisions. Also during my tenure, I was able to meet numerous members

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of both the House and Senate as well as many dignitaries from around the world. I had access to and explored most of the Capitol complex. On the weekends, I was able to tour Washington D.C. and experience life in a large city. I was also able to visit other denominations and I saw how others worshipped. I frequently attended church services at the Howard University Chapel, however I realize that there is no place like home. The experience showed me that with God's favor, you can achieve anything. It also reaffirmed the lesson that my grandmother (Mother Minnie Norman) taught me, as reads in Luke 12:48, "For whom much is given, much is required." With God's help, I will fulfill that call. So when you feel as if you can't succeed or prosper, simply remember to have a little faith and let God lead the way. If it works for me, I know that it can work for you.

Written By Xavier Jackson-Monroe

Bible Trivia: Complete The Verse

A wise son maketh a glad.....

Special Recognition

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Mr. Henry & Mrs. Roberta Bell	31 years	5/17
Mr. Buford & Mrs. Claudia Brown	32 years	5/28
Mr. Timothy & Mrs. Erica Gilchrist	6 years	5/5
Mr. Cleveland & Mrs. Jessie Farrow	12 years	5/9
Mr. Rodney & Mrs. Vanessa Mitchum	19 years	6/1
Mr. Charles & Mrs. Brenda Williams	17 years	6/29

Happy Father's Day!

To all of the C.O.M. Fathers.
We appreciate your presence more than your presents!

Congratulations Francisca Calhoun!

Francisca made the Honor Roll for the 3rd time this year at Eastside High School
Keep up the good work!

Congratulations Class of 2007!

We are proud of you! We expect great things from you!
C.O.M. will acknowledge your achievements on 6/10/07.

Happy Birthday

To Everyone Born
in the Months of May & June
We Love You, We Do!