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

BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWER

Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Faith Bible Institute

For the third consecutive year, Compassionate Outreach Ministries is offering the Faith Bible Institute (FBI). The spring semester of FBI began on Monday, January 19th. FBI is a through-the-bible course which allows students to take a chronological study of the entire bible through every major doctrine. FBI combines solid bible teaching with an interactive DVD video format using student workbooks, charts, maps and visuals to produce a life changing learning experience. The three year course is divided into semesters of 17 weeks each. A Bible College Diploma will be granted to those completing the basic curriculum while an Advanced Diploma in Biblical Studies will be provided to those completing the basic curriculum & required elective courses. Classes meet on Monday evenings. Please see Elder Lee Ray Harden or Minister Debbie Harden for more information.

O Taste And See That The Lord Is Good

Quick & Easy Meatloaf

By Sister Brenda Lyons

Ingredients

- 1 lb of ground beef or turkey
- 1 12oz jar of mild salsa
- 1 cup Italian bread crumbs
- 1 egg
- 1 pkg. Lipton Onion Soup Mix
- 1/2 cup Ketchup



Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Place ground beef in med. mixing bowl
- Crumble up ground beef gently
- Add breadcrumbs, egg, soup mix, and salsa
- Gently toss until ingredients are mixed together
- Shape the mixture into a ball
- Place mixture into 9x12 baking dish
- Shape mixture into an oval
- Pour ketchup on top
- Cover with foil
- Bake for 35-40 minutes

Tips For Weathering Financial Storms

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American Dream - Living Within Our Means," a concept as old as the scripture itself. It was God who taught us to: 1) Honor God with our wealth, 2) Save, but do not hoard, 3) Get out of debt and 4) Invest wisely and steadily. God wants us to live within our means so we can be free from all financial bondage

Shift Dependency God warned us that we must never place our hopes in anything or anyone other than Him. It has become the norm to replace our dependency on God with an exalted view of education, wealth, athletic ability, travel, entertainment, or power. Hebrews 13:5-6 says, "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.' So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?'" (NIV). This passage comes with a warning and a promise: money will leave you, Jesus will not. Place your hopes and dreams in a temporal idol and you will have temporal hopes and dreams, but place all of your hopes in Him and He will never disappoint you.

Grow Deep for Stormy Days Ahead Our nation is starved for Truth, for the security of immutable principles and policies. That Truth is found only in knowing and applying God's Word. For the days ahead, we must anchor our souls in Truth like the comfort found in I Chronicles 29:11-12: "Everything in the heavens and earth is Yours, O Lord, and this is Your kingdom. We adore you as being in control of everything. Riches and honor come from you alone, and you are the Ruler of all mankind; Your hand controls power and might, and it is at your discretion that men are made great and given strength" (LB). (By Chuck Bentley, adapted from www.crown.org)

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Heart-To-Heart Newsletter

Dear Bishop Dennison

Q. As a parent, I know that it is my duty to raise my children in the way that they should go. I also recognize that my children may stray from the path that I have set them on. I would like some guidance on talking to my children about sex. A part of me just wants to tell them, "Don't do it because God commands us to holiness," and leave it at that. But as I see so many youth with unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV/AIDS, I feel in my heart that to say, "Just don't do it," would not be enough. So, another part of me wants to tell my children that if they are going to sin and have sex, then they should at least use some protection. However, to tell them that makes me feel like I am giving them permission to have sex. Please help me resolve this dilemma. What bible-based guidance can you offer?



Bishop Larry J. Dennison

A. I commend your desire as a parent to teach your children how to be wise stewards over their own bodies, to be pure, and to honor their bodies in a discreet manner. In spite of our society's suggestion that premarital sex is okay, God considers premarital sex to be sin. It is clearly taught in the scriptures that God created sex to be between a husband and wife. There is so much to be said concerning this topic. However, just allow me to give some brief, bible-based guidance on how you should teach them, train them, and show them.

1. Teach them that premarital sex is condemned by God (I Thess. 4:3; I Cor. 6:18).
2. Train them to avoid places, people, or actions that will possibly lead them to compromise the standards you have instilled in them (II Tim 2:22).
3. Show them how to have rule over their thought life and to be responsible for their own actions (II Cor. 10:5).
4. Teach them that they cannot allow emotions to control their actions, as this could possibly leave them emotionally scarred for life (Prov. 6:22-33).
5. Train them to form friendships and to fellowship with saved young people (II. Cor. 6:14-17).
6. Teach them about the life of Joseph and how he handled sexual temptation (Gen. 39).

The earlier you begin teaching, training, and showing them, the better. Once you have done that, continue to remind them of the teachings as well as the severe consequence of premarital sex. Pray for them, and as they get older, we trust that they will not depart.

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Dates To Remember

2/13	Married Couple's Get-A-Way
2/21-22	Children's Choir Weekend Celebration
2/27-3/1	Single's Conference
3/7	Information Meeting
3/11-13	Revival

BIBLE TRIVIA

What are the 9 Fruits Of The Spirit?





A SPECIAL 31st ANNIVERSARY WISH!
To Bishop & First Lady Dennison
We Wish You Many More!



Arms of The Ministry: Evangelistic Outreach Team

The Evangelistic Outreach Team at Compassionate Outreach Ministries is under the leadership of Brother Bennie and Sister Demetria Childs. This arm of the ministry is de-

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signed to fulfill the great commission which is, ‘Go ye in all the world and compel men to come.’ According to Sister Childs, “Our goal is to see as many souls added to the kingdom as possible. We are motivated by the Book of Acts in which we see that souls were added to the church daily.” On a regular basis, the couple travels throughout the Southeast Gainesville community sharing the good news of the gospel with citizens. The success of the ministry is measured in people being saved, set free, and delivered. Brother Bennie Childs reported that on

one occasion, the duo led 11 people (7 youth and 4 adults) to Christ. Brother & Sister Childs would like to invite all C.O.M. members who are born-again believers, with a heart to win souls for Christ, to join the Evangelistic Outreach Team. If you have a desire to do more for Christ in 2009, then join the team and make this a fruitful and productive year. They add, “The harvest is plenty but the laborers are few. The more believers we have in the field the more souls we will be able to see added to the kingdom.” Please contact Brother or Sister Childs for more information about this dynamic arm of the ministry.

COM Health Clinic: Schedule Your Yearly Check-Up



Every year, the body grows and changes. Even when you stop growing taller, the functions of the body require regular checkups. It is these checkups that allow your family doctor to see any unhealthy changes in the body and find out if there is something wrong that can be changed before a real problem occurs. Early detection of diseases and the disease process is key to living a long and healthy life. What happens during a yearly check up? Depending on whether or not you have visited the doctor recently, the doctor may spend a bit of time catching up on the last year. He or she will often ask questions about your overall health and any changes you are noticing on a daily basis that may be the sign of a larger problem. After the talking is over, the doctor will do a regular office exam. He or she will listen to your lungs and look into your eyes, ears and nose. Your heart rate and

breathing rate will be noted along with your height, weight and blood pressure. Blood tests are also a part of a regular yearly physical. Some of the blood tests, like iron testing could be taken care of in the doctor’s office, but the doctor will more than likely send you out to a lab to receive a full blood panel. The depth of the panel will depend on any previous existing conditions that may need to be monitored with blood work. Other tests that may be included in the yearly check up are x-rays, CT scans and breathing tests. Men and women also have sex related testing they may need to consider when scheduling a yearly exam as well. Men may have a testicular exam. Testicular cancer is one of the leading causes of death in men, so finding a lump early is important to both you and your doctor. For women, a yearly mammogram, bone scan and pap smear also need to be completed. When it comes to a yearly exam, many people feel if they are not sick they do not need the exam. The yearly physical is there to keep you healthier for longer and therefore is needed even in people who feel wonderful. The body can show signs of ill health to the doctor that a person may never see. God wants us to be healthy, wealthy, and wise in 2009, so take time out and schedule your yearly physical today. *(Adapted from healthworldweb.com, brought to you by The C.O.M Health Ministry)*

2009 Single’s Conference: Single But Not Alone

Compassionate Outreach Ministries will host its 2nd Annual Single’s Conference during the weekend of February 27th through March 1st. The conference theme is “Single But Not Alone.” The purpose of the conference is to offer guidance, support, and encouragement to single, divorced and widowed Christians. Among other things, attendees can expect to learn about the single person’s relationship with God, the single person’s role in the church, and the characteristics of Christian courtship.

The conference kickoff will begin at 7:30 pm on Friday, February 27th with the featured speaker, Prophetess Cornita Ferrell. Prophetess Ferrell is a member of Tabernacle of the Enlightened of God in Orlando Florida. On Saturday, conference participants, who are at least 18 years of age, will return for break-out workshops which will address the different concerns of single males and females. The conference will conclude on Sunday March 1st during the 10:00 am service with Prophetess Ferrell as the guest speaker.

Childcare will be provided on Friday and Sunday and lunch will be provided on Saturday. All guests are asked to register for the conference. Registration is free. Beginning the last week of January, online registration will be available at www.compassionateoutreach.org.

Affirmation of Love

I believe in God, the Father of all loving. I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the expression of the father’s love and our utmost example of perfect love. I believe in the love of Jesus Christ and I believe in the love of man. I believe every man is a man God loves and for whom Christ died. I believe in the life of love given to us by Jesus Christ, who is our savior and Lord. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the life of love now becomes the life of God in the soul of man. I believe in the life of love in every relationship of life initiated and strengthened through the daily practice of Christian prayer. I believe in and pray for the coming of the beloved community on earth as it is in heaven. I believe that the everlasting life is the eternal life of love. Therefore, I now will believe in love and practice love as long as I live on this earth. At the end of this life, I shall go to dwell in the heavenly home of love forever. *(By Mother Inez McKinnon)*

Tips For Weathering Financial Storms

Ask God To Help. Money is not the solution to money problems. Money problems are heart problems and can only be solved by a change of heart initiated by repentance.

“When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land” (2 Chron 7:13-14, NIV).

Create A New American Dream. Get your personal house in order as quickly as possible. As followers of Christ, we should be prepared if we must endure another Great Depression. We must show the world that what holds us together is not a political system, but living out of our motto printed on our coins: *In God We Trust*. The real economic recovery needed is the recovery of the biblical values we hold dear. Call it “The New



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Special Recognition

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Bishop Larry J. & Sis. Margaret Dennison	2/4	31 years
Mr. Harold & Mrs. Gwendolyn Jenkins	1/8	27 years
Mr. Keith & Mrs. Patricia Jeter	2/9	19 years
Mr. Patric & Mrs. Kathy Kimbrough	2/18	6 years
Mr. David & Mrs. Naima Prince	2/20	4 years
Mr. Bruce & Mrs. Kathy Robinson	1/5	19 years
Mr. John & Mrs. Donna Smith	2/12	9 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To everyone born in the months of
 January & February
We Love You, We Do!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May 2009 Be Your Most Fruitful Year!