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*We Are Reaching Out,
Not Out Of Reach*


Good Friday

The C.O.M. Family journeyed to Jacksonville, FL on Good Friday to attend the Spring Pre-Conference at the Titus Harvest Dome Spectrum, where Apostle R.J. Washington is the pastor and founder. The C.O.M. Adult Choir sang and the C.O.M. Adult Praise Dancers danced. Afterwards, C.O.M.'s Bishop Larry J. Dennison preached an awesome word of God! The Bishop encouraged every believer to "Put It In God's Hands." He taught that in the last 15 hours before the crucifixion, Jesus was betrayed, falsely accused, and abused. Through it all, Jesus put His life into God's hands. He said "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." Let's follow the example of Christ and put everything in God's hands. Once we turn our lives over to God, we won't have to worry. This Good Friday service offered a good word, a good fellowship and a good time in the Lord!

Never Too Old To Serve God

I see the mothers in the church dance and prance.
You can tell they put in their time well in advance.
With grace, eloquence, knowledge and integrity,
No shame to their game. They've done their duty.
They teach and pray and show you the right way.
They show how to raise your kids and love your husband every day.
They teach you that your husband is the head of the house, the family, the head of his wife.
They also teach how a woman can live a saved and stress-free life.
Their ways are not stricken by this world of life.
For they are truly ambassadors of Christ.
They pray for the sick, feed the hungry, help the poor.
And when someone needs shelter, there's always an open door.
They are not proud and they don't hold back.
They teach young ladies how to live for Jesus without any slack.
So you are never too old to do God's will.
Ask Him into your heart. He will forgive.
There's always something to do in the household of faith.
Don't hesitate, start right away, today.
Your reward is not in man
What you do is in God's hand.
And with God your labor is not in vain.
Beyond the star there is Heaven. That is your gain.
*By Sister Brenda Lyons: Inspired by watching the mothers in my church
Ecc. 12:1-8*

Time

 Time is not measured by the years that you live, but by the service that you give, and by the deeds that you do, and the joy that you give. And each day as it comes, it brings about a charge to love to the fullest and leave nothing undone that would brighten the life of a weary traveler lost on life's road. So what does it matter how long we may live, if as long as we live, we keep helping lost travelers on life's road. May God ever keep us and bless us always until the end. Lord, help us to love one another as you love us. *(By Mother Inez McKinnon)*

Luncheon

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with the best of the best and looking beyond our faults and seeing our needs.

Sister Jewel Johnson & Shayla Johnson
And a special thanks to our Bishop Larry J. Dennison for allowing us this opportunity! The Women, Mother, Daughter Luncheon was such a blessing! I was honored to attend this event with my own mother, grandmother, aunt, and cousin! To God be the Glory! God Bless! *(By Breon Middleton)*

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Heart-To-Heart Newsletter

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Women, Mother, Daughter Luncheon 2010



The Head Table at the Women, Mother, Daughter Luncheon
Elder Coon, Mother Carr, First Lady Dennison and Featured Speaker Dr. Carolyn Love

From the time that I entered the parking lot, I could feel the sweet spirit of the Lord, which increased my level of expectation for the spiritual encounter my Sisters and I were about to experience. Our praise ensemble set the atmosphere with exaltation to the Lord as we encouraged the Sisters to send forth the highest praise unto our Lord and Savior. I am always blessed by the mother-daughter duo in the form of dance. This year, we were blessed by the graceful steps of Sis. Jewel Johnson and her daughter Shayla Johnson. The drama ministry presented us with some good food for thought in the form of a skit entitled, "Gossiping Women in the Church." To me the skit showed how we as women can tear down our Sisters with our mouths if we allow the enemy to influence us and cloud our mind with envy and jealousy. We were served a tasty full-course lunch, which was delicious! Pastor Tarra Jones blessed us with an awesome worship reminding us that the Lord is greater than the greatest and that God is still a Miracle Worker! Dr. Carolyn Love came like a mighty whirlwind, gathering her text from I Samuel chapter 1 with the powerful



Three generations of this family in attendance

word entitled "S.O.P." meaning a "Spirit of Peninnah!" Dr. Love shared with us the meaning of the original word 'sop,' which means to be used by something; to be persuaded to go in the opposite direction. Peninnah desired to persuade Hannah to be frustrated and move out of her place because Hannah could not have children for their husband Elkanah. Dr. Love reminded us that we will encounter people and circumstances around us that will come just to frustrate our purpose and destiny, and try to

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May 22-23	Men's Weekend Celebration
June 17-19	Women's Retreat
June 20	Father's Day
August 8-13	W.O.R.D. Conference
August 21-22	Family & Friends Weekend Celebration

Fifth Avenue Arts Festival: Reaching Out

On April 10th, the Gainesville Cultural Arts Coalition kicked off the 31st Annual Fifth Avenue Arts Festival (FAAF) and Compassionate Outreach Ministries was there to reach out and encourage the hundreds of citizens in attendance. The Annual FAAF is a two-day celebration of the rich African-American culture of Gainesville through the arts. The festival features activities for children, information for the health and welfare of the community, vendors, live music, and a worship service. Various arms of Compassionate Outreach Ministries were involved in the worship service. First, the C.O.M. Adult Choir lifted their voices in worship to God. Next, the C.O.M. TIP (a group of young male praise dancers) shared their gift. Then Bishop Larry J. Dennison encouraged the body of Christ in the city of Gainesville to unify.



C.O.M. TIP at the Fifth Avenue Arts Festival

He also called sinners and backsliders to come to Jesus. Finally, the C.O.M. Ministers prayed with the new believers to help usher them into the Lord's Kingdom. C.O.M. is, once again, reaching out and not out of reach.

Gearing Up For Women's Retreat 2010

I have attended every retreat since I joined Compassionate Outreach Ministries in 2004. I was blessed each time and am expecting the same this year as we travel to Birmingham, Alabama. The fellowship on the retreats is just BEAUTIFUL. What made 2009 stand out for me was not the city of Atlanta, nor the beautiful suite that we stayed in, nor the good food that we ate, nor the shopping (and I LOVE to shop). On Friday morning, we had breakfast and went back to our room to get dressed. Then we went to the room that was set aside for our workshop. Our speaker was Evangelist Helen Baylor and her topic was "Perseverance." Although the meeting was called a 'workshop,' we had good old fashioned church! You see, we had no musician. So if you danced, it was not to natural music. The praise team sang under the anointing of God. They ushered in the anointing and it filled that room. When Evangelist Baylor brought forth the word of God, it put the icing on the cake. She was joined by First Lady Dennison and Elder Coon, who added ice cream to the cake and icing. Did I tell you that there were no instruments? There were ladies running around the room, some shouting, some on the floor, all under the mighty power of God. We were hearing heavenly music. One song writer wrote the song "Over My Head I Hear Music." We heard that music on Friday morning on the Women's Retreat in 2009 and we were truly blessed. Our God showed up and showed out! The retreats just keep getting better and better. Thank you Bishop Dennison for giving us the opportunity to go on these trips and thank you First Lady Dennison for your labor of love. *(By Sister Beatrice Flagg)*

Women, Mother, Daughter Luncheon

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persuade us to go in the opposite direction. My Sisters and I have to remain steadfast and unmovable and remind the devil that he cannot come in to SOP us up and consume us! I would like to thank the mother of Compassionate Outreach Ministries, First Lady Margaret Dennison for allowing God to use her to speak words of favor over our lives! Thanks to First Lady just for yielding to the Holy Spirit, and showering your daughters

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Congratulations Micha Woods-Wright !

Micha was inducted into the National Achievers Society in a ceremony that was held at Grace United Methodist Church. She was honored for excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Keep up the good work Micha!

Do Angels Really Sing?

Job 38:7 tells us that during the creation of the world, "the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy. Revelation 5:11-13 declares, "Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels... They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea and all that is in them, singing: "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!" Luke 2:13-14 informs us "Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angels, praising God and saying "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."



The above Scriptures appear at first glance to give clear evidence to the idea that angels sing. However, in each instance, the words that are translated "sing" or "sang" could also be referring to speaking. At the same time, the fact that the angels are worshipping and praising God seems to argue for singing as the meaning, not just speaking. God has created humanity with an innate connection to music and singing, especially in regard to worship (Ephesians 5:19). It would seem logical that God would have created the angels with the same "propensity" for singing. Consider the following scriptures from the KJV & the Amplified Bible.

- Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
- Ephesians 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.
- Revelation 5:11-13 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands. Saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing." And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Now, examine the same scriptures from the NLT & NIV

- Job 38:7 As the morning stars sang together and all the angels [Hebrew the sons of God.] shouted for joy?
- Ephesians 5:19 Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.
- Revelation 5:11-13 Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. And they sang in a mighty chorus: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered—to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing." And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang: "Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever." *(By Minister Rutha Harrison)*

Special Recognition

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Henry & Mrs. Roberta Bell	34 years	5/17
Mr. Buford & Mrs. Claudia Brown	35 years	5/28
Mr. Rodney & Mrs. Vanessa Mitchum	22 years	6/1
Mr. Charles & Mrs. Brenda Williams	20 years	6/29
Mr. Willie & Mrs. Regina Wims	7 years	6/29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

**Congratulations Class of 2010!
Well Done!**