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*We Are Reaching Out,  
 Not Out Of Reach*

## In The Midst of Darkness

In the midst of darkness, loneliness and sorrow,  
 The Lord has made a plan for a brighter tomorrow.  
 He assures me in His Word that things happen for a reason  
 And although its hard to comprehend, its only for a season.  
 For like winter when it vanishes and springtime takes its place,  
 Sorrow also dissipates when joy comes by grace.  
 And the smile that seems to only be a memory to you,  
 Will soon be back upon your face and laughter with it too.  
 So rest assured that Jesus keeps his promises to us  
 If we believe and pray to him and never cease to trust.  
 Trust in Him and lean not to your own understanding  
 And He will keep his promise.

*(By Mother Inez McKinnon)*

## Run From Temptation

It's hard to tell the devil no once you are in the bed with him or her! It's hard to turn off the internet porn while the windows are continually popping up every time you try to click out of it! It's hard to say no to drugs after they are in your hands or after you smell the smoke. It's hard to back out of the wrong relationship once the relationship has began. The point is that no matter how "saved" you are, temptation should be avoided. You are not tough and God never tempts us with sin! God wants us to run from temptations and not try to put ourselves through unnecessary strain and testing. Only a fool would continually put himself or herself in a position to be tempted by something that they know they are vulnerable to. The bible tells us to abstain from "all appearance" of evil. That means, before it even tempts you, you need to go the other way! *(Author Unknown, Submitted by Sis. Stephanie Williams)*



## Students Benefit From Parents' Homework Help

Homework helps students experience a sense of accomplishment, prepare for responsibilities and understand that learning doesn't stop when the school bell rings. Parents can help by providing the following.

**Encouragement.** Give your child praise for efforts and for completing assignments.

**Availability.** Encourage your child to do the work independently, but be available for assistance.

**Scheduling.** Establish a set time to do homework each day. Use a calendar to keep track of due dates.

**Space.** Provide a space for homework, stocked with necessary supplies, such as pencils, pens, paper, dictionaries, a computer, and other reference materials.

**Discipline.** Help your child focus on homework by removing distractions, such as television, radio, telephone, and interruptions from siblings and friends.

**Modeling.** Consider doing some of your work, such as paying bills or writing letters, during your child's homework time.

**Support.** Talk to your child about difficulties with homework. Be willing to talk to your child's teacher to resolve problems in a positive manner.

**Involvement.** Familiarize yourself with your child's teachers. Make sure that you and your child understand the teacher's expectations. *(Adapted from http://www.cps.k12.il.us).*

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Heart-To-Heart Newsletter

## Burden Of Election

On August 11, 2006, our pastor, Dr. Larry James Dennison had placed upon him the burden of election by the laying on of hands by the Chief Presiding Prelate Bishop of C.L.U.R.T. International Assemblies and Triumphant Outreach Ministries, Bishop George G. Bloomer. With the instructions from Bishop Bloomer, Pastor Dennison is henceforth called Bishop-Elect Larry J. Dennison until his ordination services, which will be announced at a later date.

## Dear Bishop-Elect Dennison



**Q.** I know that the world is preparing to commemorate Halloween as costumes go on sale, neighbors decorate their houses, and schools send home information about Halloween parties. I understand that this is a day of wickedness and I don't want my children to take any part in it. I have explained this to my children but they are ashamed to tell their friends that they cannot take part in Halloween because they are Christians. How should I handle this situation

**A.** First, I would like to commend you for taking a stand against celebrating Halloween. It is satanic and evil. All Christians should avoid celebrating and participating in this pagan holiday. I would also like to commend you for explaining this truth to your children. Many Christian parents would rather compromise to please their children.

In handling this situation, I suggest that you further let your children know that they need not be ashamed at any time for submitting to and obeying God's Word. Allow me to give you some additional truths concerning Halloween that you can share with your children to steer them away from this evil celebration. Did you know the following?

1. Satanism considers Halloween as a major Satanic holiday.
2. The Satanic bible has Halloween listed as a religious holiday.

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**Dates To Remember**

- September 27-October 1**  
 Lion of Judah Women's Conference
- October 28**  
 Men's Fellowship Softball
- November 4**  
 Church Information Meeting
- November 8-10**  
 Revival
- November 11**  
 Women's Fellowship Jacksonville Day Trip
- November 18**  
 Men's Fellowship Annual Turkey Bowl

# Lion of Judah Women's Conference



Compassionate Outreach Ministries is preparing to host the Lion of Judah Women's Conference under the leadership of our illustrious First Lady, **Sister**

**Margaret Dennison.** The Conference will be held from Wednesday, September 27th through Sunday October 1st. The members of the church as well as the members of the community are extremely excited about how God is going to use this event to instruct, encourage, and correct His people.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night at 7:30 pm, **Pastor Shwanada Jones** of Royalty Christian Fellowship in Lumber City, GA will deliver a powerful Word from the Lord. Pastor Jones' vision is to 'win many souls to the

kingdom of God and to travel all around the world preaching the gospel, to bring healing to the hurt and abused, to loose the bound and oppressed and to show the world that God can see a diamond in the midst of the trash.'

On Thursday at 7:30 pm, **Psalmist Evelyn Turrentine-Agee** will use her voice to uplift the Lord in song. Psalmist Turrentine-Agee, who is a resident of Detroit Michigan has been singing since the age of three. Her release, "God Did It," was a huge success and this was followed by "Testimony." Soon after, she released "Already Done" which won a 2004 Stellar Award for "Traditional Female Vocalist of the Year." Her most recent project is "Go Through."

On Saturday evening **Evangelist Beatrice Gardiner**, is scheduled to speak at the Women's Banquet, which will be held at the elegant Hilton Hotel. Dr. Gardiner, who is

the Pastor/Founder of the Rehoboth Outreach Christian Center in Texas, will share an anointed Word from the Lord. During the same banquet, **Psalmist Cassandra Durant** will sing praises to almighty God. Psalmist Durant has traveled nationally and internationally to share her anointed gift of song.

On Sunday morning at the 10:00 worship service, **Recording Artist Helen Baylor**, will close the Lion of Judah Women's Conference. Dr. Baylor has been gifted by God to sing His praises and to share His word. She has recorded nine projects, has traveled extensively throughout the U.S and abroad and she just published her autobiography "No Greater Love."

The women of Compassionate Outreach Ministries would like to thank First Lady Margaret Dennison in advance for this event.

## A Godly Marriage

A Godly marriage is not created by finding a perfect, flawless person, but is created by allowing God's perfect love and acceptance to flow through one imperfect person --you--toward another imperfect person --your mate.

*(Adapted from Dennis Rainey at www.studylight.org)*

## Dear Bishop Elect Dennison

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- Halloween is of demonic origin and today it is clearly associated with demonism.
- Witches, evil spirits and the souls of the dead were believed to roam the earth on October 31.
- Any festival that places such significance or appreciation on tricks, black cats, witches, ghosts, demons of all kinds, and human and animal sacrifices is of the devil and not of God.

Those who refuse to participate in and celebrate Halloween should be commended and not ashamed.

# Healthy Hearts: Hypertension

God wants us to have a healthy and abundant life. The bible tells us in 3 John 1: 2, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." Nevertheless almost 43 million Americans have hypertension (high blood pressure). This is a major risk factor for two of the leading causes of death in this country - heart disease and stroke. African-Americans are at an increased risk for high blood pressure. The risk factors for hypertension include excessive body weight, high salt or sodium intake; drinking alcohol, sedentary lifestyles and smoking. Research suggests that diet is an important component of blood pressure. The DASH diet - a diet rich in fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy foods, with reduced saturated and total fat - can substantially lower blood pressure. This diet was as effective as some medications at lowering blood pressure in patients with mild hypertension. The DASH diet may prevent or delay the need for medication in patients with borderline high blood pressure. The Dietary Approaches to Reduce Hypertension (DASH) eating plan calls for two to three servings of low-fat dairy foods and eight to 10 servings of fruits and vegetables daily. The DASH diet is high in calcium, potassium and magnesium, all of which are associated with a reduced risk of HBP and stroke. If you're taking medication, don't stop, but ask your physician if you should try the DASH diet. *(Submitted by the C.O.M. Health Team)*



## Clergy Appreciation Month

Throughout the world, October is recognized as Clergy Appreciation Month. This month is a special time for congregations to honor their pastors and pastoral families for their hard work, sacrificial dedication and provision of multiple blessings. We know God has entrusted Bishop-Elect Dennison with one of the most precious assignments -- the spiritual well-being of His flock. This is an unending job which places spiritual leaders under a tremendous amount of pressure. Their lives are played out in a fishbowl, with the entire congregation and community watching their every move. God has instructed us to recognize His servants: "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17). Make a commitment to show the Dennison family that you appreciate them during Clergy Appreciation Month 2006. *(Adapted from focusonthefamily.org).*

## Special Recognition

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. James & Mrs. Kim Barton	7 years	10/16
Mr. Dennis & Mrs. Carla Blount	16 years	9/1
Mr. Lee Ray & Mrs. Deborah J. Harden	12 years	9/3
Mr. Gerald & Mrs. Kim Mobley	22 years	10/12
Mr. Rodney & Mrs. Terry Robinson	16 years	9/1
Mr. Darrell & Mrs. Glenda Russell	24 years	10/1
Mr. Michael & Mrs. Roschella Rutledge	17 years	9/22
Mr. Charles & Mrs. Maxine Rutledge	2 years	8/29
Mr. Jeffrey & Mrs. Rita Williams	14 years	10/2



**Happy Birthday**  
To Everyone Born  
in the Months of  
September & October  
We Love You, We Do!



### CONGRATULATIONS MINISTERS

Elder Mabel Coon  
Elder Samuel Neal III  
Mother Dorothy Hines  
Mother Inez McKinnon  
Mother Mildred Robinson  
Minister Gloria Bradley  
Minister Chandra Cooper  
Minister Charlene Cooper  
Minister Deborah Harden  
Minister Lee Ray Harden, Jr.  
Minister Katie Hardy  
Minister James Hardy  
Minister Rutha Harrison  
Minister Sadie Holmes  
Minister Jan Jefferson  
Minister Lashandra Jenkins  
Minister Nyron Jenkins  
Minister Barbara Perry  
Minister Regina Wims