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- October
   Clergy Appreciation
   Month
- October 18th
   Church Leadership
   Breakfast
- November 6th
   First Lady Dennison's
   Birthday
- Dec. 21st
   Annual Ministry
   Celebration

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#### HAPPY CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH!



In honor of Clergy Appreciation Month, we celebrate the angel of Compassionate Outreach Ministries, Bishop Larry J. Dennison. The church family is grateful to God for this gift of a Pastor, a Preacher, a Counselor, and a Teacher. Unselfishly and in complete obedience to God, Bishop Dennison watches over our souls, nurtures our spiritual development, sets a godly example, offers thoughtful encouragement, provides compassionate correction, prays with consistency and loves unconditionally.

We love and appreciate you, Bishop and First Lady Dennison!

### Women's Weekend Celebration 2014

"Some Good Is Coming Out of This" and "You Will Get Through It" were the two impactful messages shared by Evangelist Ruby Holland-Hutchins during the 2014 C.O.M. Women's Weekend. Attendees at the Saturday evening Women's Fellowship Banquet and the Sunday morning Women's Fellowship Worship Service were encouraged to trust God through every trial, every trouble, and every storm.



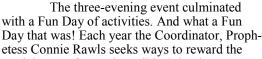
Evangelist Holland-Hutchins, who is a member of the Greater Community Temple Church of God in Christ in Memphis, TN, also shared her miraculous testimo-

#### Minister Karen Woods

The 2014 Vacation Bible School's theme was "The Jesus Connection" which explored the use of technology in retaining our connection to the source of our spiritual well-being - Jesus! The foundational scripture was I Corinthians 1:9 - "God is Faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his son, Jesus Christ our Lord." We are called into fellowship with the Son, Jesus and how we communicate with him is important. Staying connected requires frequent communication, and there are many ways to communicate with Jesus. Some of the topics explored included Faith,

Hope, and Love, Say No to Sin, Courage, Purity,

and Trust.





participants of Vacation Bible School. Last year the group went to Wild Waters Park and had a great time. This year, we brought the water park to the Compassionate Outreach Ministries grounds! There were 16 and 17ft water slides as well as a 10ft and a 12ft slide for the attendees. And, we had horses! Yes, horses! Horses were brought to the grounds for attendees to ride! One and all had the opportunity to slide down water slides, go horseback riding, and enjoy a filling meal, all free of cost to attendees!

What a day and what a way to wrap-up one of the best Vacation Bible Schools Compassionate Outreach has hosted. We truly thank our Visionary Leaders, Bishop Larry J. Den-

nison and First Lady Margaret Dennison. It is their exemplary leadership and their vision that encourages a spirit of excellence in service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What will Compassionate come up with for next year's Vacation Bible School? Stay tuned, stay connected and you will see! The best is yet to come.

St. John 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman"....if we remain connected to the True Vine, we will be fruitful.

### W.O.R.D Revival 2014

During the 2014 W.O.R.D Revival, internationally-acclaimed men and women of God shared the word of the Lord, shared inspiring testimonies of God's mercy and also shared their faith to strengthen the body. In five powerful services, God was glorified as lives were saved, souls were delivered, believers were edified and the devil was defeated! Featured guests included Dr. Cindy Trimm, Apostle Dannie Williams, Pastor Shane Perry, Dr. T. La'Trell Penny and Minister Tye Tribbett.



# For The Married Folks: Biblical Keys

God gave marriage as a blessing! Indeed, he who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord. To continue being the blessing to your mate that God called you to be and to have a strong, loving and lasting marriage, follow these biblical keys:



#### Sister Vondalyn White



Relationships and how we treat people matter greatly. As born again believers we have been adopted into God's Royal Family, so we are essentially now "King's Kids." Consequently, we now live in God's Kingdom and we operate under a totally different set of standards than the rest of the world. There are certain mandates, precepts and principles that guide our behavior and these are found in our constitution known as the Bible. When everyone adopts these standards, those around us benefit by learning from our behavior. This is particularly crucial for our new-comers as this helps them to grow and transform spiritually and personally.

Having genuine relationships in the Kingdom and being trusted to do the right thing has saved countless number of lives. We often come across people that are facing extremely difficult situations that seem hopeless. When our lives are in alignment with the Kingdom's principles, we are placed in a divine position to give hope to the hopeless. Our challenge is to be able to discern those that are facing tough situations and to be able build

a genuine relationship with them in order to point them to Jesus. I am sad to say that as a body we have missed a number of opportunities and as a result lives have been lost.

As Kingdom Citizens and Disciples for Jesus, we must understand that this journey is not about us, but about building God's Kingdom. It is imperative that we begin working towards building and maintaining unity within the body. Indeed, our very existence depends on this. God's word tells us that when we are united we are able to stand, but when we are divided we fall because of lack of strength. Unity in the kingdom is a top priority and it is a mandate-not an option. God's spirit has equipped us to accomplish this, so it is doable.

In the Kingdom, unity is not necessarily uniformity. Although we are working toward the same goal, God did not design us to be robots or clones. Instead He placed unique qualities in each of us to play a specific role. Each of us are a part that makes up the whole. Jesus uses our unique differences and molds us into oneness for His sole purpose-Presenting Him to the world.

Unfortunately we often misrepresent Him because of the disunity within the body. More than ever, we have to be on guard against things that threaten our cause. Ephesians 4:31-32 tells us to "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice." Bitterness causes us to be resentful, prone to complain and quick to attack others. It affects our speech, our thinking and our reactions and it refuses to reconcile. This bitterness threatens our very existence and causes us to be

## **Special Recognition**

#### HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!!!

| Mr. James & Mrs. Kim Barton          | 15 years | 10/16 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Mr. Dennis & Mrs. Carla Blount       | 24 years | 9/1   |
| Mr. Jethro & Mrs. Blanch Clark       | 30 years | 11/26 |
| Mr. Hal & Mrs. Lisa Davis            | 25 years | 12/29 |
| Mr. Cleve & Mrs. Ruthie Ferguson     | 11 years | 12/5  |
| Mr. Lee Ray & Mrs. Deborah J. Harden | 20 years | 9/3   |
| Mr. Jeffrey & Mrs. Jackie Madison    | 30 years | 11/02 |
| Mr. Curtis & Mrs. Priscilla Reese    | 39 years | 12/05 |
| Mr. Rodney & Mrs. Terrie Robinson    | 24 years | 9/1   |
| Mr. Randolph & Mrs. Passion Rojas    | 7 years  | 10/27 |
| Mr. Darrell & Mrs. Glenda Russell    | 32 years | 10/1  |
| Mr. Charles & Mrs. Maxine Rutledge   | 10 years | 8/29  |
| Mr. Bob & Mrs. Karen Woods           | 6 years  | 11/1  |
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#### **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**



Brittany Leggett is a 2014 recipient of Santa Fe College's CAP Scholarship. Because of God's grace and Brittany's stellar performance during a 6week summer enrich-

ment program, she earned a two year scholarship which funds her tuition, fees and books through graduation. This Compassionate Outreach Ministries' member is planning to be a nurse. Keep up the excellent work, Brittany!

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

To everyone born in the fall months!

We love you we do!



### Go For The Goal: Community Resources



Santa Fe is your community's college and there are many different resources to assist you in the pursuit of your goals. There are enrichment programs to help elementary, middle and high school students prepare for college. There are remedial programs to help adults earn the GED. There are entrepreneurial support programs to help innovators launch small businesses. There are career prep programs to help displaced homemakers or those over the age



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tionship based on your feelings, instead of the facts? When emotions guide the ship and goose bumps call the shots, we are being fooled. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices in the truth. We are challenged to be kind to those who want to take what we have, to love our enemies, to do good to them who mistreat us., and to lend a helping hand without hoping to get anything back. When we do these things, we will have a great reward and

will show ourselves to be children of the most high God. After all, He is kind even to people who are ungrateful and full of sin. He shows mercy to the just and the unjust. How can we be kind to people who have the warmth of a vulture and the tenderness of a porcupine? We can love as God loves by living love. Lord, give me patience to love people who are difficult to love. Enable me to make it easier for others to love me. Help me to put others before myself, equip me to accept my part in your plan and stir me up to quickly applaud the successes of others. This is my prayer.

## Help a Sister Out: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

#### What can I do to HELP someone I think is being abused?

- Talk about it with the person you believe is being abused BUT make sure to do this privately. If
  the abuser finds out, it may enrage them and cause further harm to the victim.
- Listen without judgment. Many victims are embarrassed and afraid they will lose further control
  over what happens to their lives.
- Be honest about your concerns for his/her safety. Interpersonal violence can be fatal.
- Let the person know if you believe their safety is in jeopardy.
- Let them know that she/he can seek your support at any time, even if that means they need to leave in the middle of the night. Recommend he/she seeks help from local domestic violence experts to develop a safety plan, better understand their options and receive support. Counselors will discuss resources available such as protective injunction orders, making a police report and getting into emergency shelter.
- CALL POLICE IF YOU WITNESS VIOLENCE! The Gainesville Police Department has a very close working relationship with Peaceful Paths, who can provide immediate assistance to domestic violence victims. For help, either call GPD at 955--1818 or Peaceful Paths at 377-8255 (Adapted from the Gainesville Police Department)



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### Kingdom Relationships

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ineffective in our mission of representing Jesus.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, slander is not allowed in the Kingdom. This deliberate act of destroying another person's character and reputation is of the devil. This tactic is used to destroy the person, hinder the work that they are called to do and impede the advancement of God's Kingdom. 1 Peter 2:1 tell us to "Lay aside...all evil speaking." Evil speaking is associated with hatred and envy. Psalms 41:-5-7 tells us that David's enemies spoke against him seeking to hurt him. Kingdom citizens do not attack and hurt one another. Our attacks should come from outside the camp not within.

Disunity and deception are Satan's most effective tools and they are extremely powerful. Many churches have been destroyed by these tactics. When we as Kingdom Citizens are not able to discern the enemy's tactics we turn on each other. As Kingdom Citizens we must recognize that we do not fight against each other but against the powers of this dark, evil world.

Satan takes great pleasure in manipulating certain situations to destroy the unity in the Kingdom. If we do not begin to recognize his schemes and put on the full armor of God, we will not be able to stand in these last and evil days. I am hopeful that we will all accept the challenge of building and maintaining unity within the body. This is our highest calling and our very existence depends on it. God's word tells us that the two greatest commandments are "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbor as yourself." Kingdom citizens do not try to destroy one another. Our