



JULY 2017

Hard work does not go unnoticed

Greetings to all the saints in the mighty name of Jesus Christ!

Welcome to our July newsletter. First of all, I would like to thank the WOK Family for all their contributions over the past months. This could not have been possible without each and every one of you. Your encouraging articles have helped our readers tremendously. Ministry is not only from the pulpit, but ministry is everywhere around us. It could be at your workplace, on the subway, in the mall or anywhere else. The monthly newsletter is another ministry opportunity for us to reach out to others. You never know who is going to come across our newsletter. Something as simple as writing an article can positively impact a person's life. This month, I encourage you all to keep doing what you're doing for the Kingdom. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. I appreciate and love you all.

Abundant Blessings, First Lady James



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Each year, we dedicate the month of July to the Youth. This year the theme is, "Ready to Receive".

As children of God, we must always be ready to receive the blessings that God has in store for us. In order for this to happen, we have to walk in complete obedience to Him.

The question is, "What are you doing in your life to make ready for God's blessings?" It is more than just making room for the blessing. Before we can even be a recipient of the blessing, we have to live life according to the Word. We cannot live whatever life we please and still expect God to pour out his abundance on us. Jesus said, "Follow Me". To follow Him, means that we have to lay aside everything that would come in between our relationship with him and follow His lead. We have to put our own will aside and say, "No matter what, I will walk in obedience". As Dr. Charles Stanley would say, "Obedience brings the blessing". When you walk in obedience and in the principles of God, rewards will always follow. Choose to live a life of true obedience and submission to Him, and be ready to receive the blessings that God will pour your way.

Have an awesome July! Pastor Bridget

Ready to Receive!



BEING STRONG IN TOUGH TIMES

While life is not a bed of roses, in Christ we can rejoice through our most difficult situations because we have hope in God's word!

Jeremiah 29:11 'For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end'.

We capture priceless memories of celebrations of love, of laughter, of joyful and proud accomplishments! We completely embrace the smooth chapters of our lives! But on this journey, trials are inevitable! We must at some point or another encounter some hiccups and detours, only to be elevated to the next phase of the call of God on our lives! If we can only acknowledge the fact that there is a blessing on the otherside of this turmoil or that there is another side to what we face or even that the coin must flip in due season! Then we can embrace the fact that our situations are only sent to build us up on our most Holy faith in Christ!

Sadly, we get bogged down in our emotions, in our feelings and we allow our circumstances to consume us. We forget the promises of God! Psalms 30:5b 'weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning'.

Instead, we allow the enemy to rob us of the perfect opportunity to, 'Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice!' Philippians 4:4

Can I admonish us to separate ourselves from what we are facing today, and connect with God?! Find that place of calm, of peace, of worship and allow Him to minister to us, so that we can be strengthened and encouraged! The truth is; when we allow God to take control, our environment cannot remain the same! Be blessed



LOVE, PEACE & HARMONY

BY: LEILA M. SPRINGER

There is a powerful scripture that reads "all things work together for good to those that love God and are called according to His purpose. If you took that scripture and look at through spiritual eyes, and most of us do, we begin to believe that regardless of what happens to us good or bad, it will eventually work out for our good. Now! is that all there is to it or is there more? Do we just wander through life not caring or paying attention to what we do, who we meet, where we go, what we read etc. because eventually it will work out for our good? Or can we as God's divine specimens begin to pay closer attention to those things in our immediate sphere of influence and help the process work for our good, and escape some of the pain that we may encounter if we did not pay attention.

We are fearfully and wonderfully made; the good book tells us. We appear on this earth at a precise time and will eventually leave with the same precision. Until then, our hearts beat 80 times per minute, 4,800 times every hour and 115,200 times each day; Amazing!. Our liver is working to detoxify chemicals in our bodies and helps to make proteins. Our spleen which we don't pay much attention to, works as a filter for our blood and stores white blood cells. The lungs help us breathe, kidneys have its function. All of this is happening without any help from us. Every little organ in our bodies is working precisely to ensure that you and I live and breathe for one specific reason. That reason is our divine purpose. You and I came to fit into that moving universe made by God to accurately do what we were created to do to make this world a better place.

If you do not fit into your precise place, then things are going to go out of alignment. We see this every day as the world looms on the brink of war every time because somebody did not do what they were supposed to do and things begin to take a different shape and the world screams. Paul wrote in Romans 8:22 "the whole creation groans and travails together in pain until now."

If we do not eat right and treat our bodies as if it is indeed the temple of the Holy Spirit, we begin to feel pain, we run to the doctors, may have to get medication or even surgery, and hopefully live. On the other hand, we may do everything right and still our bodies experience pain and discomfort sometimes because of what other people did or did not do to keep things in divine order, like inhale second hand smoke, contaminate the environment etc.

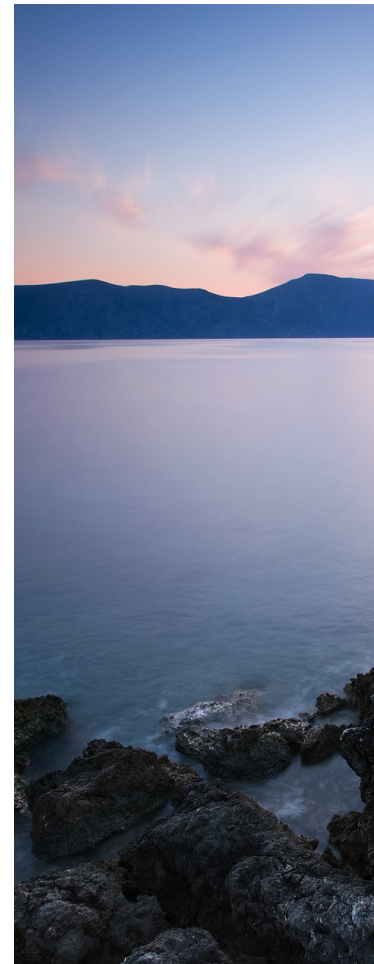
Take for example the clock, there is one hand that moves faster than the other, and then there is also the second hand, each working to deliver the correct time to you at a time set by the universe, created by God. In the body of Christ, we are faced with the same problems If you in your divine calling do not access your place in the Kingdom, regardless of how big or how small you may think it is, things are going to go out of shape, out of order, resulting in chaos. We don't often see the results of our actions until it is too late.

All of this to remind you that you are here for a purpose. Your job is to find out what that is. How do you know your mission in life? You'll find your mission intertwined in your passion in the thing that inspires you. "Inspire" comes from the words "In Spirit" When you are inspired, you know you are flowing in the spirit and never have to ask what your purpose is.

Ask yourself today what is that thing that stirs your soul and makes you feel like you are totally harmonized? I write this today to share with you this powerful truth that I experienced recently. I woke up one morning and in my devotions after reading my scripture for the day I felt completely harmonized. I felt for the first time that everything about me was in order working together toward the true purpose I came to this earth and must complete before I leave at the precise time set by my heavenly father. To me this is a place of power. Why power? Because you stand in a place of power when you know who you are and why you are here.

It is my prayer that each of you reading this newsletter this month will experience that moment in your life when you know why you came to this earth and begin to live out your true purpose. This is important to you and more importantly, to the kingdom of God. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does it work. Ephe.4:16. The key word in this verse is "together" joined and held together by every supporting ligament. Make sure you are a supporting ligament, if you are not then you are going to cause everything to malfunction.

Let us build a healthy church by first becoming healthy ourselves and then fitting into our precise place in the body so that things can work in love, peace and harmony.



PRAYER CORNER

2 Kings 4:1-7

The widow of a godly profit was in grief and her sons were on the verge of being sold into slavery.

Soon by God's Grace and power done through Elisha the prophet, she was able to receive an abundant of oil so much so she had to borrow many containers to fill them with oil.

God fill them all, and so it is with the blood of Jesus. His death on the cross pour forgiveness into as many hearts as will open unto him to filled with the Holy Spirit.

God opens the fountain of grace, life, and hope through Jesus "Be filled with the Spirit" Ephesians 5:18.

Lord has we bring our empty heart to you we ask that you fill it with your love so that we may serve you. Fill us with your Spirit that we may live for you. Amen

Margaret McKenzie



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Psalm 24:1-5

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,

the world, and all who live in it;

2 for he founded it on the seas

and established it on the waters.

3 Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?

Who may stand in his holy place?

4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,

who does not trust in an idol

or swear by a false god.[a]

5 They will receive blessing from the Lord

and vindication from God their Savior.

God is still able and you can trust him with your life

BY: MICHELLE MASON TAYLOR

I wanted to encourage fellow Christians going through difficult seasons to humble yourselves, repent, and keep trusting the Lord to intervene in your situation and to ignore the negative whispers from the enemy who wants you to doubt God's sovereignty. God is aware of your situation and will deliver you safely. Ephesians 6:11 - Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

When I look at my own life I can humbly say that I can see the Lord's hand on me. I was recently reminded of God's goodness and protection which made me want to share my little testimony.

I commute the west end every day and use my time to listen to Christian programs and talk to God. This particular morning, Psalm 91 popped into my mind. I recited the parts that I knew and said a prayer. As I was finished praying, I could see a deer at side of the 407 highway contemplating crossing the 5 lanes just a few feet ahead of me as I was approaching. Thankfully the deer ran back into the greenbelt a split second later. But when I thought about what could have happened, I gave God thanks and praised him for intervening as I safely drove to work. Psalm 91:15 - They shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in times of trouble; I will deliver him and honour him.

The Lord is with us in every situation that we go through and will always work things out according to his plan and purpose. Romans 8:28 - And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

When you're experiencing a storm and feel the waves are hitting you and the water rising, remember to cry out to the Lord, give him praise in advance and be confident that he will deliver you in his time and he will not let you down. Rest in him. Keep trusting and believing the Lord with all your heart that he will calm your storm. Psalm 23:4 - Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psalm 27:14 - Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

The Lord is still moving today in mysterious ways despite what we see happening around us. Remember that God loves you, cares for you and is in control. 1 Peter 6:7 - Cast your anxieties on him because he cares for you.

Hebrews 13:5 - He will never leave us nor forsake us.


Psalm 37:5 - Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.



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YOUTH MONTH 2017 READY TO RECEIVE Q&A WITH TEHILLAH ISIDAHOMEN

By Ashley Armogan

What is your name, how old are you and how would you describe yourself 3 words ?

My name is Tehillah Amber Isidahomen. I'm 17 years old, turning 18 on August 10, so please feel free to bless me with any gifts. I'm loud, funny, and an introverted extrovert.

What do you believe is your role in the RTT church community?

I sing on the praise and worship team, I dance with the Butterflies of Praise and I exhort during youth month and on Friday nights.

What do you think about the theme for youth month (Ready to Receive- Psalms 24: 4-5)?

I really like it to be honest. I think the theme was brought forth at the right time. People are dealing with a lot of difficult things in their lives and are looking around for a way out. I think this theme really asks us to look to God for our help and our blessings. We have to put everything aside and allow God to do his work in us, there is nothing we can fix on our own accord.

What do you want to get out of this year's youth conference?

I want to get deliverance and healing for some of the things I've been going through. This year hasn't really been the best year for me but I'm still hoping for a chance to turn everything around. I don't want to wait for another youth month to go by and I haven't seized my opportunity to grow higher in God. I want to end this year better than it started off and hopefully this year's youth conference will help inspire me to do that.

What is your favourite part of youth conference?

I have two favourite parts. My first is was getting to go on retreat. The preaching, the praise and worship and Minister Sheldon Neil made it an unforgettable experience. The anointing was so freeing and I was really able to relate to the things he was saying. It gave me just the kick start I needed as I start this new part of my life. The second is this new dance we are doing for youth month. We are really working hard and I know this dance is going to be our best one yet.

Name one previous speaker that you really enjoyed?

We had some really great speakers from our previous youth conferences, but my favourites were Felicia Archer, Jathan Austin, and Sheldon Neil. Felicia because of her energy! She really knows how to get the congregation going and has some really good insight in the word. Jathan really gets you thinking when he's preaching. He doesn't have to yell and shout, he just gives you the word straight and simple. Sheldon was extremely relatable. I loved how he used music as a part of his of his ministry. His dj who travels with him (DJ Inspiration) was amazing!

Last question:

What do you want the youth ministry to get out of this conference?

I want all the youth to be delivered from the things that are plaguing them in their lives. We might look as though we don't have much on our plate, but we do deal with a lot of things that people may not see. Sometimes it feels like we receive what I like to call "seasonal deliverance", it only last for a short season and we are back to the same old same old. I want to youth to be truly delivered and healed so that they can move forward in the things God has called them to.

Any last words?

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