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# The Faithful Word

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## \*Join Us For Service\*

### Sunday Services

Sunday School: 9:45 A.M.  
Morning Worship: 11:15 A.M.  
Pastoral Teaching: 6:00 P.M.  
Evening Worship: 7:30 P.M.

### Tuesday Service

Prayer & Bible Band 10:00 A.M.

### Wednesday Rehearsals

Youth Choir: 6:00 P.M.  
Inspirational Choir: 7:30 P.M.

### Thursday Services

Y.P.W.W.: 6:30 P.M.  
Youth Service: 7:30 P.M.

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## **From the Pastor’s Desk**

### **“The Dilemma of Obedience”**

Submitted by Sis. E. Tahiru

*“And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.” I Samuel 3:15*

God never speaks to us in startling ways, but in ways that are easy to misunderstand, and we say, “I wonder if that is God’s voice?” Isaiah said that the Lord spake to him “with a strong hand,” that is, by the pressure of circumstances. Nothing touches our lives but it is God Himself speaking. Do we discern His hand or only mere occurrence?

Get into the habit of saying, “Speak, Lord,” and life will become a romance. Every time circumstances press, say, “Speak, Lord”; make time to listen. Chastening is more than a means of discipline, it is meant to get me to the place of saying, “Speak, Lord.” Recall the time when God did speak to you. Have you forgotten what He said? Was it Luke 11:13, or was it I Thessalonians 5:23? As we listen, our ear gets acute, and, like Jesus, we shall hear God all the time.

Shall I tell my “Eli” what God has shown to me? That is where the dilemma of obedience comes in. We disobey God by becoming amateur providences-I must shield “Eli,” the best people we know. God did not tell Samuel to tell Eli; he had to decide that for himself. God’s call to you may hurt your “Eli”; but if you try to prevent the suffering in another life, it will prove an obstruction between your soul and God. It is at your own peril that you prevent the cutting off of the right hand or the plucking out of the eye.

Never ask the advice of another about anything God makes you decide before Him. If you ask advice, you will nearly always side with Satan. “Immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood.”

## Education Connection: Training Your Child

Submitted by Sis. E. Tahiru



### April

Sis. Savannah VanKummer  
Sis. Gayle Branch  
Sis. Jessica Forbe  
Sis. Jessika Shields

### \*\*\*Sick and Shut-In\*\*\*



Please remember those who are sick and shut-in. Keep them in your prayers.

Sometimes a kind word, a phone call, or even a smile can make a world of difference.

### Message From the Sunday School

\*\*\*If you know your Bible, the Sunday School needs you. If you don't know your Bible, you need to come to Sunday School each Sunday morning at 9:45am. Sis Stephanie Harris - Sunday School Supt.

### Do You Talk to Your Child About Mistakes?

We all make mistakes. Sometimes children don't realize that and need to be reminded. Here's a quiz to see if you're talking to your child about mistakes. Give yourself five points if you feel you do this all the time, zero if you never do it—or any score in between you think you deserve.

- \_\_\_1. **I tell my child,** "Success comes from wisdom. Wisdom comes from experience, and experience comes from making mistakes."
- \_\_\_2. **I tell my child** that mistakes can be the first steps toward success the next time.
- \_\_\_3. **I help my child laugh** about mistakes.
- \_\_\_4. **I don't use words** that identify my child as a failure such as "dumb" or "stupid." I don't allow my child to use those words either.
- \_\_\_5. **I ask my child,** "What might you do differently next time? What did you learn that can help you in the future?"

### **How did you score?**

A score of 20 points or more is excellent. Fifteen to 19 points is average. Below 15, talk to your child about mistakes. Use some of the ideas in the quiz.

### Discipline at Home = Behavior in School

The way you discipline your child at home will affect the way he acts in school. Here are some tips to make your home discipline easier . . . and more effective.

- **Use a positive approach.** Say "do this" more than "don't do that."
- **Say what you mean . . .** and mean what you say. (Kids always know if you don't.)
- **Be clear.** Children should never be confused about the rules. Rules should be simple. Explain them clearly.
- **Set an example** for your child. Actions really do speak louder than words.
- **Talk about consequences** with your child. Ask him what the consequences should be for breaking the rules. He will appreciate being involved—and he is more likely to accept his punishment with good grace.
- **Enforce the consequences** When rules are violated. Helping your child learn that actions have consequences is an important part of your job as a parent.
- **Remember that all children** are different. What worked with your older child may be a dismal failure with your youngest.
- **Try to understand your child's feelings.** Whenever possible, explain why the rules are the way they are. Children who understand the reason behind a rule will usually work harder to live by it.

### Step-by-Step Method Helps Students Study for Tests

Help your child learn that the "secret" of studying for tests is first having a good plan for studying every day—and then doing a self-test review a few days before the exam.

### **Here's How to Do a Self-Test Review**

After becoming familiar with the subject through daily study, all your child needs to do before a test is a self-test review. Help your child:

- **Make up test questions** she would ask if she were the teacher.
- **Try to answer her own questions** to see what she needs to study.
- **Review her notes,** handouts, textbooks and learning objectives.
- **Relate things she needs to learn** to things she already knows. (If she needs to know the capital of Kansas, she might relate that to her aunt who lives in Topeka.)
- **Memorize facts and formulas.** (Help her make memorizing a game.)
- **Get a good night's sleep** the night before a test.

**It's A Set Up**

by Sis Savannah VanKummer

*“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. Be self controlled and alert. Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same sufferings.” I Peter 5:1-7*

The Apostle Peter may be long gone now, but through him the Holy Spirit truly inspired an ingenious revelation in the aforementioned verses. The fact that Peter would associate anxiety and the need to then resist the adversary should get him at least an honorary Ph d in clinical psychology.

I say this because there is no doubt that anxiety left “uncast” on the Lord, makes us easy targets for the enemy who has but three missions: to rob, kill and destroy. Case in point: right now someone is anxious about their finances and is on the verge of doing something stupid. Rather than cast their financial anxiety on the Lord, or wait for Him to come through, they have become prime targets for the enemy who uses flashy contracts, get-rich-quick ideas, crooked partnerships, thievery and scams. Little does the victim know that it is all a set-up. The enemy’s mission is to devour their resources, rob them of any

peace of mind, and ultimately kill their dreams of living in any other way than from paycheck pay check.

Many times we look at the rich and famous of the world, and aspire to have what they have with no thought to the fact that many of them live life having to constantly look over their shoulder. If half of your check has to go towards bodyguards, security cameras, bulletproof vests and entourage, what kind of wealth is that? Psalm 10:22 says, “The blessings of the Lord bring wealth, and He adds no trouble to it.”

Right now someone is anxious to get married, and is about to let impatience lead them into the biggest and costliest mistakes they have ever made. Being single myself, I empathize with those of you who are still waiting on your mate. But if you let the promises of God rule in your hearts, you can cast that anxiety on Jeremiah 29:11, which assure us that God knows what He is doing with our lives:

*“For I know the plans I have for you...plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

**\*\*\*Message Board\*\*\***

**“Building Fund Rally Day!”**

Congratulations to the Tribe of Judah for raising the most money in the month of March toward our Building Fund. Thank you everyone for contributing because everyone is a winner when giving unto God.

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**A Message From the YPWW President:**

\*Come and be blessed. Study to show thyself approved unto God.\*

**Every Thursday Night at 6:30pm**

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**-Attention GV Soldiers-**

\*There is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday/Youth Sunday in the month of May

Be prepared for your first practice on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

“Let’s get ready to “Stomp” on the Devil!

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**Set Up Con’t**

Those of you who are avid readers of the DES know that Jeremiah 29:11 is a theme verse for this ministry. This is because I am a witness that resting in this promise will add years to your life. When you meditate on this passage, and combine it with the promise of Romans 8:28 (another DES theme verse), which states that God is working everything out for the good of those that love Him, then whatever set-up the devil has planned for us cannot prevail.

Even when it seems as though everyone at work is out to get you, remember it’s a set-up. I can testify that when the enemy comes in like a flood on your job, the Lord will lift up a standard for His children, making us the head and not the tail. You may be the lowest employee on the

corporate ladder, but the God you serve has the power to make you more influential than any advisory board. However, you must see it as a divine set-up, and this requires being wise as a serpent, and gentle as a dove when dealing with people.

Indeed, it is an awesome salvation. When our hearts choose Christ, no set-up formed against us shall prosper. When you consider the benefits of being able to cast our cares back on the Lord, it brings to remembrance a familiar hymn, which states:

*What a friend we have in Jesus; All our sins and grieves to bear. What a privilege to carry; Everything to God in prayer. Oh what peace we often forfeit. Oh what needless pains we bear; All because we do not carry. Everything to God in prayer.*

## Inspirational Thought:



*“A righteous person is a positive, faith producing person who is actively pursuing a God-given dream.” – Robert Schuller*  
*Reference Scripture: “...We have put our hope in the living, God who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe. I Timothy 4:10 NIV*



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## An Unexpected Gift:

### 10 Ways to Support a Child Struggling in School

from <http://christianwomentoday.com/parenting/disability.html>

1. **God has specially chosen you as your child’s most important teacher.** You are their first and most important advocate in the school system. You are capable of communicating vital information with those who will teach and interact with your child, as you know your child the best.
2. **Build a great relationship with your child.** Take the time to talk to your child regularly about what is happening in school. When you have an open line of communication, concerns, struggles or stress can be identified early. When an area of concern becomes known, you have a natural forum to begin to process it with your child. A great relationship takes BOTH quality and quantity time.
3. **Take a front row seat in the life of your child** and learn about their personality, their learning style, how they deal with stress, their strengths, and their preferences.
4. **Build good communication with your child’s teacher.** Do not wait to bring concerns to the teacher. Early intervention into learning issues is to your child’s advantage. There are many amazing teachers in the system that are more than willing to partner with you in helping your child succeed. Excellent communication between home and the school can alleviate a lot of your child’s stress.
5. **Listen to your instincts.** If you feel your child is struggling, gently but firmly pursue assistance for your child. (Remember, honey catches more flies than vinegar.)
6. **Make sure your child understands and knows their strengths.** You continue to help your child build confidence and the ability to take risks when they are encouraged and supported in something they are good at. Consider things like team or individual sports, music, art, etc.
7. **Build a network of people around you** who can provide information, strategies, and support for you and your child. It is amazing the connections you will make once you start asking questions and talking about your concerns. Many professional services are covered by extended health plans.
8. **Pray, pray, and pray some more.** Pray that God will give you the necessary insight and wisdom to help your child succeed. (Believe me, some days prayer was the only way I could hold it together.) Pray that God will bring the right people into your child’s life.
9. **Communicate regularly with your spouse.** It is so important that you are both on the same page when it comes to your child’s development. You both need to know what is working and what isn't.
10. **Learn from your child.** Learn to see life from their perspective. Matthew has taught us how to look at the most simple of things and to be able to admire the colour, the shape, or an interesting detail.

## Mercy and Grace

by Robin M. Dial

(Excerpt from Women of Color Devotional)

*“And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.” Exodus 33:19*

God will do just what he said he would do. You are where you are for a specific reason. God wants you to live for him and he wants all the glory and honor. Stop right now and read Exodus 33:19. God has promised to always give us just the amount of grace and mercy that we need. Your spiritual growth is most important to him. The trials and tribulations that you encounter are simply to make you stronger. Psalm 103:13 says, “Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.”

**Something to Ponder:** How can you be more merciful to others in your life?

## Calendar Events

### April Events:

- 24<sup>th</sup> – YWCC Mtg 10a
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Bros. Fish Fry 11a
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Sat. Nite Live 7p (Faith Center Min. – Walnut, CA)
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Bldg Fund Rally 3p
- 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> – Youth Spring Revival 7p

### May Events:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Youth Picnic 11a
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Mothers/Daughters Tea 10a
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – Regional Fellowship 7:30p (Holyland)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Transportation Car Wash & Dinner Sale 10a
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Couples’ Mtg (Shields) 7p
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Building Fund Rally Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – Pastor & Wife Appreciation
- 31<sup>st</sup> – MEMORIAL DAY



## Health Wise: Curb Sleep Disturbances-Coping with Chronic Fatigue

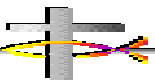
by Doris Beck (from christianwomentoday.com)

I was first diagnosed with chronic fatigue in 1989 by a family physician who recognized that my fatigue level was something out of the ordinary. He immediately set out to find a way to help me function as a wife and mother of three young children. I am so thankful that he was willing to hear me out, adjust medication levels, and work with me to manage the pain and fatigue.

When I was going through a particularly painful time six years ago, a rheumatologist gave me a definitive diagnosis for *fibromyalgia*. I had only one pressure point that wasn't extremely painful. While I know that *fibromyalgia* will always be part of my life, with the right medications, exercise, and better sleep patterns, I have seen God do amazing things in and through me. This last year has been the best in 15 years! I've been sleeping much better, following the advice of my rheumatologist. Here are some tips that might also help you if you're struggling with sleep disturbances.

- 1. Don't nap during the day!** This was really hard for me, because I would be so tired. But the rheumatologist said that because I was sleeping during the day, I often couldn't sleep at night. So that was the first huge change for me.
- 2. Exercise daily.** I walk at least four or five times per week. At first it was very hard because of the pain, and even now, when I start out some mornings, I am in a lot of pain. But with each step it gets a little bit better, and by the time I get back home, I feel much better. This also makes me more tired physically (and not just mentally) and so I sleep better.
- 3. Get rid of whatever it is that keeps you awake or wakes you up!** My doctor gave examples such as blackout blinds to keep out the morning light, getting rid of the dog or cat that sleep in your bed and wakes you up, or using ear plugs to keep out the noise of your husband snoring; all very practical. Our dog no longer sleeps with us and I now have a set of earplugs always available by the bed. That simple tip has made a huge difference in the amount and quality of the sleep that I get!
- 4. Try to wind down before going to bed.** Because I often feel very tired and nauseous in the mornings, I was doing lots of work and activities in the evenings. The result was that when I went to bed, my body and my mind were still going in a hundred different directions. Consequently, it would take me hours to slow down enough to get to sleep. Now, instead, I try to limit what work is done in the evenings. I read more, watch less television (which, contrary to popular belief, does not help us relax!), and spend more time working on creating memory scrapbooks which I can do and relax at the same time.

Having *fibromyalgia*, I have learned many things about myself. I was a "doer," someone who went like a whirlwind from morning until night. I have had to learn to choose what I give my energy to, and where I will expend it. Each day I choose to celebrate God's faithfulness, regardless of the pain and fatigue. I trust Him to give me the strength and grace to do all He has called me to do - and He does!



## Greater Victory Church of God In Christ

Song written by Bro. Nelson

Greater Victory Church of God in Christ, it's home to a chosen few.  
Greater Victory Church of God in Christ, where in God we speak what's true.

–LISTEN–

I'm a walking, talking miracle; signs and wonder follow me.  
And I'm so glad I had, an earthly launching pad like Greater Victory.  
Down in my soul with his Holy Ghost.  
Inside Greater Victory in things I do.

And my joy I just can't hide; my Lord Jesus Christ, looks down from on high.  
I know he's pleased at what he sees, 'cause he's given us the Spirit of truth, at Greater Victory.

Greater Victory; where Jesus is Lord.  
And Father God is king. And with the Holy Ghost, deep inside of us.  
We can do any and everything.



### Kids Korner: Double Puzzle

from <http://biblewordgames.com>

#### Doublepuzzle 15



a short distance away

5		26	18	25	23

the distance anything extends

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speak loudly

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