

## ANOTHER STEP STEP OF FAITH MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER A CHURCH WITH YOU IN MIND

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Resurrection Junday

The importance of Resurrection Sunday is so that we may live forgiven lives. Every person lives with the consequences of sin. We all experience brokenness, shame and guilt because sin destroys everything and everyone in its path.

Romans 6:23 says: "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Resurrection means I can be unchained from the bondage of sin and delivered from its power. The first words Jesus stated from the cross are words of forgiveness. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). He lived, died and rose again so that we can be forgiven. Our Lord and Savior did not die a meaningless death. Resurrection proves that He has the authority to forgive sin and now we know we are forgiven. Our sin is forever buried in the grave of God's forgetfulness. He remembers our sin no more. Why? Because

Jesus is alive. Living: He loved me Dying: He saved me Buried: He carried my sins far away Rising: He justified freely forever

## From The Pastors Heart

## A prepared place for a prepared people

How do we know where we're going and how can we know the way? Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the light. No man comes to the Father except through me." Don't let a day go by that we don't prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord. Why do people focus more on the earth more than the Heavens? We live here but we won't live here forever. Earthly things will pass away but when we focus on God, God can't help but to bless and favor His people. Don't focus on what is AROUND you. Focus on what Jesus put IN you.



John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Be grateful and humble yourself for all that the Lord has done

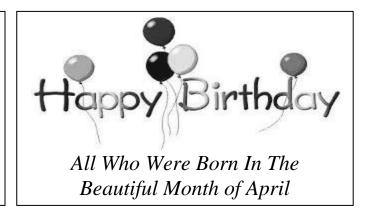
Jesus says, "I am going back to the Father. I'm going to be leaving and I want you to stay encouraged and motivated. Live in Love Get along Stay on your face Seek the lord while he may be found Love, worship, adore and honor me

Even though I am going back to the Father but yet I want you to not stop working and I want you to focus on ministry and what I called you to do and what I called you out of and where I want to take you." You have to trust Jesus even when you can't touch Jesus in the physical. Now I'm getting ready to leave and this is where you have to take what I have poured into you.

John 17: Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as you have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

Where you dwell can make a difference between life and death, joy and peace. *Psalms 91:1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.* Where are you dwelling? Where's your heart? Desire To Please The Lord ? The Lord Giveth and the Lord can taketh away. Nothing comes before the Love of God.

APRIL EVENTS Apr 01 Family and Friends Day 10am: Easter 4/08 Ladies Fellowship Breakfast 9am 4/08 Overflow Service 6pm 4/15 YOUTH PICNIC 1PM Cosmos 4/21 BAPTISM CLASS/BUSINESS/FINANCE 10 4/22 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9am 4/22 3pm Baptism Service (must attend class 4/21)) 4/29 Women's Day Service 3:00pm



Congratulations to everyone who has stepped out in faith to pursue the gifts that God has created within. God doesn't give us purpose without a plan. We uplift our brothers and sisters with encouragement and love to praise his name.



The following Highlights are from a CNN report on May 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Women who regularly attended religious services also had higher rates of social support and optimism, had lower rates of depression and were less likely to smoke. However, the researchers took into account these differences between churchgoers and non-churchgoers when they calculated the decrease in death rates of 13% to 33%. Attendance could promote self-discipline and a sense of meaning and purpose in life,.... "Our study suggests that for health, the benefits outweigh the potentially negative effects," such as guilt, anxiety or intolerance, VanderWeele said.

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