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A TIME OF CONSECRATION

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Spread The Word!!!

We want to expand our newsletter audience! Do you know of someone who needs some encouragement? Do you know of someone who needs to be informed of church events? With their permission, add them to our email list and they will receive the Emanuel ExpressNews electronically every month! The best part...its FREE!!!! Send their email address to: emanuelcogic@sbcglobal.net

Help us SPREAD THE WORD!!!!

Greetings once again in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I trust that you and your family are doing well and that God's unmerited favor reigns abundantly in your lives.

The month of October is our month of Consecration. This has been a celebrated tradition in our church for many years. It was initiated by our beloved founder, Bishop C.C. Owens and continued with greater intensity after his transition. The month of consecration has evolved from a one night shut in, to a 31 day period of fasting and prayer. We fast daily and come to the church for a one hour period of prayer and devotion every week night of the month. In spite of the obstacles of distant travels, the enormous price of gasoline, and the many obligations we all have, the month of consecration is the month we experience our best attendance! Needless to say, we are excited about it.

Consecration is simply the act of setting apart, or dedicating something or someone for God's use. Paul wrote to

Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:21 *"If a man therefore purge himself*

from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

In the verse before this one (i.e. vs. 20), Paul gives an illustration of different types of vessels in a house. He writes *"But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour."* When he admonished Timothy, his understudy, to purge himself from these, he was admonishing him to separate himself from inferior vessels so that he can be a vessel of honor to be used for the Master's pleasure.



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The same admonishment in the Message bible sheds light. It reads as follows: *“In a well-furnished kitchen there are not only crystal goblets and silver platters, but waste cans and compost buckets — some containers used to serve fine meals, others to take out the garbage. Become the kind of container God can use to present any and every kind of gift to his guests for their blessing”.*

Paul is saying that when we consecrate ourselves we in essence move from the floor to the table! We move from that which is thrown out and tolerated to that which is used and celebrated.

Consecration is also a means of preparing us for a manifestation of God’s unstoppable Glory.

In Joshua 3:5 it reads *“And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.”* In this verse Joshua, the successor of Moses, provides some very critical instructions before the children of Israel prior to them miraculously crossing the muddy Jordan River and moving on to conquer Jericho. His instructions were not a mere suggestion, but a mandate, that before God would work great miracles on their behalf, He required one thing and that was for them to **consecrate themselves**.

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Israel’s promising tomorrow hinged upon what they did the day before. They consecrated themselves, they set themselves apart for what God was about to do for them next. There is a powerful truth that can be gleaned from this event and that is **“The Lord's tomorrow of blessings is only waiting for our today of consecration!** Sometimes the reason we are not receiving what God has for us, is because we have not done what God requires of us. “

During this month of consecration, allow me to encourage you to seek the face of God in prayer, fasting and devotion. Move from the floor to the table and prepare yourself to experience a move of God that will lift you to a new level of blessings, health and prosperity.

Be Blessed,

Pastor Richardson



First Things First with Msny. Richardson



The First Jurisdiction Illinois Women's Department held their 24th Annual Women's Workshop Saturday, September 22nd at the beautiful and spacious Reed's Temple Church of God in Christ. The theme this year was "Seeking God through, Prayer, Obedience and His Word. Our Jurisdictional Supervisor, Mother Charlotte Eades, who is the host of this workshop, stated that the theme this year emphasizes our need to draw closer to God's plan and that it is a very appropriate theme for these end times.

The committee selected some great topics for the workshop and the instructors pulled together some very relevant and inspiring information to give to those that attended. This year we could only select one class to attend, but we were all able to come together for the class summary, which gave us an opportunity to get to hear what the other classes had to offer.

Mother Elvie Owens, Sis. Christine Jones, Sis. Marilyn Thomas and Sis. Danielle Gipson along with myself attended from Emanuel. Sis. Marilyn Thomas shared some highlights on the class that she attended on page 5 of this newsletter.



Mother Charlotte Eades

The topics and the respective instructors for the workshop were:

The Wings of Prayer - Evangelist Angelic' Fluker

Embracing Without Understanding - District Missionary Vivian Vaughan

Delighting in the Word - Missionary Elizabeth Kindred

Securing Your Faith in Trouble Times - Missionary Janice Elizabeth Carter

Taking a Stand Against the Giants in Your Life - Missionary Janet Markham

Each year Mother Charlotte Eades selects someone from the women's department to receive the "Mother Mary Davis Award". This award is the highest award given in the women's department. The 2012 recipient was our very own District Missionary of the D.A. Reed Sr. District; Mother Maggie Booker who is a dedicated worker and staunch supporter of the Women's Department.

Also during this workshop we heard from our Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Ocie Booker who always encourages us with very positive and inspirational tidbits. (Visit www.fjicogic.org to view pictures.)



Hats off to the committee for a workshop that was well put together!

“I Just Wanna Thank God”



I just want to thank God first, for letting me know that I was not above trials and tribulations without which, He wouldn't have been able to show me He loves me. On Wednesday, August 29th I found myself feeling weak in the knees, very fatigued and I actually felt faint. I told the First Lady I wouldn't be able to attend bible class that night. She said maybe I was coming down with a cold or bad headache and should go home and get some rest to which I obliged. Thursday morning I awoke and found I was yet not feeling well which was when my Mother suggested I go to Urgent Care

and get checked out. I arrived at Urgent Care's triage at about 4pm on Thursday and upon getting checked out the nurse immediately told me I was diabetic because my sugar was over 400. I immediately refused to accept that diagnosis. The nurse then told me I had to be rushed to the hospital and would have to stay overnight and have many tests run. I arrived at Ingalls Hospital at 9pm that same day where they in fact did run a battery of tests, did EKG's, drew blood and put me on a saline drip/IV. I found that not only my sugar was high but also my blood pressure. The doctor told me that it looked as though I would need insulin for the rest of my life; again I objected within myself saying this can't be. They continued testing me, checking my kidneys and liver which turned out to be ok (Thank God). I was told *again* that I would need insulin for life and would have to get a prescription for it soon. The nurses came in and showed me how to take the insulin in the lower parts of my body, 10 units to be exact and would have to check my sugar twice daily on a glucose monitor and have a restrictive diet.

At 6pm Friday they were still running tests. My sister Kim, Mother and nephew Xavier had left so I was alone, but then my Pastor and First Lady showed up. I was so glad to see them. My sugar had actually gotten low at this point. The doctor came in and told me I'd be released that night which made me happy of course. I was released sooner than I thought and the Pastor and First Lady actually ended up taking me home. The Pastor joked that they were coming to visit but ended up being my chauffeurs which made me laugh. I went home and got rest then came back in that Tuesday for a follow-up appointment. The nurse took my sugar and it was 123 which the nurse told me isn't diabetic range and she thought I was ok. She was no doctor but I liked the sound of that. The doctor came in and looked at the chart and asked me why I was there. I told him I had come in for a follow-up and my insulin prescription. He told me from what he saw I did not need insulin at all, but that was no pass for me to eat what I wanted, and that I should still be fully aware of my diet. I checked out of the conversation after hearing I didn't have to have insulin for the rest of my life! I was elated and happy in the Lord. Ever since this event my sugar has averaged about 135-137 daily and my blood pressure has also been normal and stable; actually it's the lowest it's ever been in my life. I thank God for His manifold blessings and not having to worry about insulin or anything for that matter. "By His stripes I AM HEALED!" I just NEED to thank my God!

Submitted by:

Brother Anthony Redditt

24th Annual State Women's Workshop



The 24th Annual Women's Workshop was a great event. We could choose one of five sessions to attend. I chose "Securing your faith in troubled times." The instructor was Missionary Janice Elizabeth Carter. She so elegantly told us about faith as in Hebrews 11:1 "now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." However, the Missionary gave us several meanings of faith such as follows: -Faith- A confident belief in the truth, value or trustworthiness of a person, idea or thing. Belief that does not rest on logical proof or material evidence and belief and trust in God.

Troubled times- A state of distress, affliction, danger, or need, a condition of pain, disease, or malfunction and to agitate, to inconvenience, to bother. Msny. Carter told us to hold on to our faith in troubled times by praying in faith and allowing the word of God and the Holy Spirit to have full control of our lives and the situations, distress or pain we are dealing with. So do not back down when trouble comes. Believe and act on God's word. She said "Don't give up, God's got you on hold."

Submitted by: Sister Marilyn Thomas



Are You a Consecrated Vessel?

Joyce Meyers: "Promises for Your Everyday Life"

The Bible refers to us as earthen, or frail, human vessels (see 2 Cor. 4:7). Like stoneware formed on the potter's wheel, we are made of clay (see Is. 64:8). God formed Adam out of "the dust of the ground," according to Genesis 2:7, and Psalm 103:14 says, "He knows our frame, He [earnestly] remembers and imprints [on His heart] that we are dust" (AMP).

Though we are weak and imperfect, when we fill our vessels (ourselves) with the Word of God, we become containers of His blessing, ready to be poured out for His use. All of us are valuable to the Lord, God can use even cracked pots!

But first we must be wholly consecrated to God. Second Timothy 2:21 reminds us, "Whoever cleanses himself [from what is ignoble and unclean, who separates himself from contact with contaminating and corrupting influences] will [then himself] be a vessel set apart and useful for honorable and noble purposes, consecrated and profitable to the Master, fit and ready for any good work."

Today, when you become a set apart vessel, God will do incredible things through your life.

Emanuel Celebrates Pastor Michael & Msny. Anastasia Richardson

On October 26th and 28th, 2012, the Emanuel Church of God in Christ will come together in the spirit of love and unity to celebrate and encourage our leaders on 9 years of successful ministry!! We are preparing a Holy Ghost filled celebration to honor our Pastor and First Lady on a year of Moving Ministry Forward!! We are thankful for the thought provoking, life changing messages from our Pastor and the powerful prayers of our First Lady. This dynamic duo was truly hand-picked by God to lead the Emanuel COGIC into the next level of ministry. Their hard work, dedication and leadership is an example that all can follow. We look forward to many churches joining in the celebration but The Emanuel COGIC will be front and center, celebrating our awesome leader and his anointed wife.



Submitted by Sis. Keeya Thomas

Friday, October 26 and Sunday, October 28, 2012 9th Pastoral Anniversary

Our Speakers



Theme: Moving Ministry Forward

Exodus 14:13-16

Friday Night 7:00 pm

Pastor Osmond Jones of Rehoboth C.O.G.I.C.

Service held at: Zion Temple - 1414 S. Pulaski Road - Chicago, IL

Sunday Morning: 11:00 am

Pastor Michael A. Hill of Word of Truth C.O.G.I.C.

Service held at: Emanuel COGIC - 3058 W. Van Buren Ave - Chicago, IL

Sunday Afternoon: 4:00 pm

Pastor Rex A. Peel of Greater Love C.O.G.I.C.

Service held at: Zion Temple - 1414 S. Pulaski Road - Chicago, IL

Better Than Insurance – He’s The Blessed Assurance



Allstate says you're in good hands with Allstate

God's got the whole world in His hands

Nationwide says they're on your side

We know a thousand may fall at your side and 10,000 at your right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee... God will never leave you nor forsake you

Safe Auto advises you to play it safe with Safe Auto

We know the safest place in the whole wide world is in the will of God

State Farm lets us know that like a good neighbor state farm is there

We know it's just like God to be there since Emanuel is interpreted; God is with us

Met Life begs the question, Have you met life today?

God can give you life and that more abundantly

Farmer's Insurance Group claims they can get you back where you belong

God will pick you up, turn you around and place your feet on SOLID ground

AXA Insurance proclaims, "Be life confident – Go ahead, you can rely on us"

You should know that you can put your Trust in He who supplies all your needs, He will answer prayer

The Ace Group of Insurance & Reinsurance Companies says, Take away the risks and you can do anything

KNOW that you can do ALL things through Christ which strengthens you!!!

Submitted by: Sister Latoya Gipson



Annual Mother's Board Day

On Sunday evening, September 23rd the Emanuel Mother's Board held their Annual Mother's Board service. Our guest speaker was Mother Martha Hogue, from Greater Holy Temple COGIC. She talked about Unity - Ephesians 4:1 - Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. She talked about how we as people of God should walk in unity. She admonished us to pursue harmony and oneness with each other. She left us with many examples of those in the bible that walked together in unity (Ruth & Naomi, David & Jonathan, etc.).



Mother Turner who is the President of the Mother's Board was unable to attend because of sickness. She was truly missed, but her instructions were carried out and the program was a tremendous success!

Submitted by: Msny. Anastasia Richardson

The Fragrance of Christ

The delightful fragrance of freshly cut flowers often assails us when we walk into a room. They seem to add freshness and vitality to their surroundings, whether they reside in a beautifully decorated home or a humble abode. We all are called to spread the fragrance of Christ to a lost and dying world. It seems a daunting task, but radiating God's sweet aroma comes from lips that praise, hearts that love, and lives that lead by example. May we be so saturated by Christ that His sweet fragrance is released through our lives to bring peace and beauty to those with whom we come in contact.

Thanks be to God, who...through us spreads the fragrance...of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. - 2 Corinthians 2:15 (NIV)

REVIVAL!

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**



7:00 PM NIGHTLY

**CONDUCTED BY
PASTOR KENNETH LOCKHART**

COME AND BE BLESSED



Emanuel would like to welcome the following individuals into the fold:

Bro. Lonnie Gilliams & Sis. Shirley Washington



- Oct 4 Mo. Ophelia Turner
- Oct. 9 Jahmiya Madison
- Oct. 12 Sis. Patricia Burns
- Oct 15 Jessica Kelly
- Oct 19 Mo. Able Fane
- Oct. 21 Jada Willis
- Oct 22 Josiah Willis

Consecrate / {Kon•se•kreit}

Definition: to make or declare sacred; set apart or dedicate to the service of a God

Synonyms: 1. sanctify, venerate.
2. devote.



Happy Anniversary

Oct 7th

Mr. Corky & Mrs. Winnie McClerkin



Monday, October 1st – Tuesday, October 31st
Emanuel's 31-Day Consecration
We will be fasting every day
Pastoral Prayer every Sunday at 9:00 AM
One-Hour Nightly Prayer every Monday – Friday at 7:00 PM

October Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 1ST – OCTOBER 31ST

MONTH OF CONSECRATION

Fasting *Every Day* - Until 3:00 PM

(Please consult with your doctor)

Pastoral Prayer: Every Sunday Morning – 9:00 AM

Evening Prayer: Every Monday – Friday – 6:30 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5TH – 7:00 PM

25TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

@ Reed's Temple Church of God in Christ

1300 North Broad – Griffith, IN

Supt. David A. Reed, Pastor

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH – 9:00 AM

EMANUEL'S PASTOR PRAYER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH – 4:00 PM

42ND CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

@ New Mission Temple Church of God in Christ

4700 West Polk Street - Chicago, IL

Pastor Herbert Purkett, Jr. Pastor

Our Pastor will be the Speaker

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH – 7:00 PM

STATE FELLOWSHIP MEETING

@ People's Church of the Harvest

3570 West Fifth Avenue – Chicago, IL

Admin. Asst. Michael Eaddy, Host and Pastor

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH – 12:00 NOON

STATE MINISTERS' WIVES ALLIANCE

@ Ramada Inn Lakeshore

4900 S. Lakeshore Drive – Chicago IL

Birthday Celebration for Mother Jean Booker

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH – 9:00 AM

EMANUEL'S PASTOR PRAYER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH – 5:00 PM

D. A. REED SR. DISTRICT MEETING

@ Penson Temple Church of God in Christ

8608 S. Summit Avenue – Chicago, IL

Pastor Kurt Swan, Host

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20TH – 9:00AM

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL

RESOURCE WORKSHOP

NEW BIRTH COGIC

1500 W. 69TH ST.—CHICAGO, IL

REGISTRATION FEE \$20.00

(SEE SIS. KEEYA THOMAS FOR MORE INFO)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21ST – 9:00 AM

EMANUEL'S PASTOR PRAYER

OCTOBER 23RD - OCTOBER 25TH

7:00 PM NIGHTLY

EMANUEL'S ANNUAL FALL REVIVAL

Conducted by Pastor Kenneth Lockhart

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

& SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH –

PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

(See Page 7 for location and more information)

GUEST SPEAKERS:

FRIDAY - 7:00 PM - PASTOR OSMOND JONES

SUNDAY - 11:00 AM - PASTOR MICHAEL HILL

SUNDAY -4:00 PM - PASTOR REX PEEL

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Sunday School 9:20am
Sunday Worship Celebration
11:00am
Wednesday Prayer & Bible
Institute Night 7:00 pm
Friday Inspirational Service
7:00pm (Bi-monthly Basis)

2012 Theme: Moving Ministry Forward

