

# St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

HAPPY 27TH ANNIVERSARY PASTOR MARTIN

## Life in the Word

Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Mt. 11:28-30).

### Our Journey for the Lord continues...

## PHASE III

### Moving Forward



We are all God's Children



*I challenge you, as a believer, to come out of hibernation and begin to use your skills and talents for God...*

*Prophetess S. Caesar. (Pg. 4)*



**Reverend Edward Martin Jr., Pastor.** The Lord continues to bless us with each calling to press forward and grow in His Name. We are in the process of developing Phase II to offer more blessings for the children and adults. We will continue to do the Lord's Work!



### Lord, why did my relationship fail...

*What good is love if love doesn't love me?* (Pg. 5)

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## God Bless our Pastor

Reverend Edward Martin Jr., Pastor, our pastor, servant of our Lord, blessed are your words upon us for they are of the Father. Grateful are we, the sheep of your flock, for more than 27 years the calling has been upon your life. We honor and praise your service to the Lord for He knew we would need His Light, that shines in you, to guide us.

Thank you Pastor and Sister Martin for everything you both have done for St. Paul and all of us.

*God Bless you and Sister Martin*

## Ministerial Staff



**Rev. Bennie Yarbough**  
1<sup>st</sup> Assistant to Pastor Martin and  
Sunday School Service.



**Minister Ted Whitehead**  
Leads the Men's Ministry and the  
Men's Choir



**Prophetess Sharon Caesar**  
Leads the Women's Ministry and  
Sunday School Service.



**Prophetess Victoria Whitehead**  
Sunday School Service



**Minister Greg Warfield**  
Leads the Tues night Bible Study and  
Sunday School Service.

Thank you Lord for our  
Pastor and Ministerial  
Staff. Their service to  
You has been a blessing  
to all of us.



# PHASE II

Lord, no sacrifice is too great, for all that I am and have I owe to you. Lord, no amount of intelligence is great enough to understand your vision so I will follow you, through the turmoil of my ignorance for I struggle to lean not unto my own understanding, but by faith with joy in my heart. Your Will Be Done.

Class Rooms \* Gymnasium \* Kitchen \* Fellowship Hall

Phase II of St. Paul is underway. The greatest part of Phase II will not be the building or any of the equipment. It is you. Everyone of you will be the success of Phase II. As St. Paul continues to keep the Lord first, we will keep growing and building in accordance to His Will.

## CELEBRATING ST. PAUL'S RISING STAR



### Ebony Hayes



Dear Ebony, we are all so proud of you. Please know our prayers are with you on your journey of victory. The Lord will continue to bless you as He has all of us with your presence.

**Life & Arts**  
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The Homer **D** Horizon  
March 12, 2009

**THE SCENE**  
Where you want to be seen this weekend

**HOMER TOWNSHIP**  
**Cool River Draught House**  
(12622 W. 159th St., Homer Glen, (708) 301-8006)  
• Friday, March 13, Torronzo Cannon and The Cannon Express.  
• Saturday, March 14, Terry Johns Band.

**The Outpost Pub & Grill**  
(14929 Archer Ave., Lockport; (815) 836-8893)  
• 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Friday, March 13, Mitch Daniels with Superly Deluxe.  
• 8 p.m. - midnight Saturday, March 14, St. Pat's Party, Sound Decision.  
• Sunday, March 15.

**Little Lucy**



**JUST DANCE**  
LTHS Orchesis Club presents

*Staff Report*  
Lockport Township High School's Orchesis Dance Club presented Danceworks 2009 on Thursday, March 5, and Friday, March 6, swowing audiences with original student choreography.

hip-hop, Irish and salsa. The performance was held in the East campus auditorium. Students also performed a modern dance choreographed by Emma Draves of Mortline and Company in Chicago. The artists performed under the direction of Diane Szaigowski, Orchesis

St. Paul's very own making local news. Please be sure to keep our youth encouraged in all the positive things they do. May God continue to bless all of our youth!

# **Prophetess Sharon Caesar**

**Praise the Lord Everybody!**

**This is such a great time to be alive and witness those things that only our forefathers believed by faith!**

**It is also a time for the body of Christ to be encouraged and know that God is removing the "Dead Weight!" ( Dead...things that are no longer alive. Weight...heavy substances or obstacles that are sometimes difficult to move without help.)**

**Yes, God is "trimming the fat" from our spiritual waistlines with His double-edged sword so that the Church will soar and tap into heights unknown!**

**As we move into a new season where fresh ideas and ministries are blooming and leaders are advancing, I challenge you, as a believer, to come out of hibernation and begin to use your skills and talents for God. It's not about single recognition but about God and kingdom building!**

**President Obama "sees" the vision as he also compelled us as a nation to get involved in our communities and give ourselves to servicing others.**

**The days of being a "pew member" are over! As long as there is breath in your body God can still use YOU! I want to please my Father and make him proud! How about you?**

**After all, Jesus has already prepared the way by paying the price with His Own blood.**

**We certainly all look forward to the day when God says to us, (Matthew 25:34-40), "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."**

**So....Saints, let's get busy and soar as ONE body in Christ! Let's make "Daddy" proud!**



# Lord, Why did my relationship fail?

Before we traverse this terrain allow me to communicate the Lord's Word is the light in the darkness of sins and the healer of my soul. I will forever continue to do my best to align my thoughts to what He would have me to think, guide my actions to what He would have me to do and fill my heart with His Love until it overflows as a fountain being blessing to all of my brothers and sisters for we are all one in the body of Christ. Thank you Jesus, *G. Whitehead*

## Proverbs 3

1My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: 2For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. 3Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: 4So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. 5Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

**It is not enough that we read or know the Word, we must USE the Word and do in a way that is pleasing unto God. Follow the path He has for you.**

Although this may apply, in some way, to all types of relationships, for the purpose of the this article, we are discussing voluntary relationships.

## **A failed relationship does not mean it's over**

Before we continue, please understand a failed relationship does not necessarily mean the relationship has ended or it's over. Unfortunately, failed relationships can continue for years tearing you down and attacking the immune system of the soul.

## **A Failed Relationship is...**

Any relationship created and / or in existence where God does NOT come first and to which His Word and guidance are not applied. For the absence of God from our lives leaves us unprotected from the enemy who seeks to destroy us from within.

# Lord, Why did my relationship fail?

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Any decision we make outside of the Lord's Word, Will and Direction for our life is a decision pending failure. In other words if you enter into a relationship that you know is wrong and / or is outside of the will of God, you have started a failed relationship. There is no where to go but further away from the path the Lord would have you to go.

## **Stop Creating Failed Relationships**

Do not be blinded by what you set your sights to. The things we want for our lives and from others can be a doorway of the enemy when our wants and desires are not of God.

Regardless of the reason: Money, how you feel, security (what you think is security), companionship, relations, or even substitutions and standbys, if it is not God's Will we should abstain.

How many situations have we found ourselves trapped or unnecessarily burden with situations because we allowed ourselves to go into them based only of what we thought or felt? Only to end up on our knees praying for the Lord to deliver us from something the Lord would have never approved of in the first place.

## **Stop Kidding yourself**

If it is someone you should not be associating with then none of the following matters...

"We been tight since I was a shorty, we just hang out every now and then."

"We just old friends, they've been there for me in the past."

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? (2 Corinthians 6:14)."

## **Stop Asking the Lord to Make Right What the Lord Said is Wrong And Do What the Lord Said is Right.**

Make no mistake the enemy is attempting to deceive and distract you from our Lord's plan for your life. Through failed relationships, the enemy will rob you of the very qualities you need for the right relationships. So when the Lord does deliver that right person, (in His Perfect Timing), you will not be ready.

## **Prepare yourselves for the right relationships.**

We all know relationships are hard work. Do you think being in the wrong relationships exposes or teaches us how to be in the right relationships? Please know that just because you do the right things in the wrong relationships will not make them right.

From the wrong relationships we may risk putting up walls where there shouldn't be, especially when it's the right person. Unfortunately, that's not as bad as it can get.

The first step to preparing for the right relationships and to change your situations is to seek guidance from the Lord.

## **Pray for the Lord's Guidance. Acknowledge Him in All Things.**

Continue diligently to seek the Lord. Contact the Pastor for additional guidance and commit in your heart to do the Lord's Will. There will be some relationships the Lord will empower you to turn around and there will be others you will have to leave. Pray for His Wisdom to know the difference.

# Lord, Why did my relationship fail?

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## **The Reason Why Relationships Fail is...**

The reasons why relationships fail is because at some point someone involved did not keep God first. Yes, what I'm saying is if everyone involved kept God first, it is impossible for anything to fail with our Lord. The relationship should begin and continue with following Jesus.

## **The Lord's Word is applicable to whatever the situation is...**

No, it does not matter what's going on in their marriage...they are still married!  
No, you don't have to test the waters, trust in the Lord for what you should do and who you should associate with.

I know you like what you see and what you hear. I bet they have a good job with benefits too. They have their own house and car with money in the bank. On top of all that they're single and you met them in church and they pay tithes.

## **But are they a person of God?**

No, I didn't ask how often they go to church.  
No, I didn't ask if they know scriptures.  
And No, I didn't ask what they told you.

I asked are they a person of God? You, alone, are not equipped to answer this question. Call the Lord into your situation for what you should do, receive His Word, not your own, and follow Him. For the Lord knows the true nature of the company before you.

**Jesus Loves You, Jesus is Love. You are Loved by Love.**

There is only one way to love and that is what the Lord says in 1 Corinthians 13. Just because someone who didn't know what love was treated you badly does not mean you are not worthy of love. All it means is that they didn't know what real love is and how to give it. You are loved by the Lord and the St. Paul Family. Continue to put your faith in the Lord and keep His Love inside you and it will seek it's own. The Lord will see to that.

## **We Endure By Faith**

Nicole Whitehead

Another company closed, thousands were laid off, and gas prices are high! You can't turn on the television, listen to the radio or have a lengthy conversation with a co-worker without hearing, "We are living in hard times!" Although it may be difficult, our responsibility as Christians is to be diligent in hearing what the Lord is speaking to our spirit and not be bound by the world system. By studying and knowing God's Word for ourselves we can discern what the Lord has to say about our path, and be a blessing to others that don't know the power the Lord has given us. Giving heed to your feelings can lead to defeat, distress, or depression which are tools of the enemy. When faced with a situation requiring endurance of faith, open up your bible to Romans 5:1-5, activating your faith and press through your situations or circumstances to find peace.

### **Romans 5:1-5**

1Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

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“God’s Servant living by his faith and Making the vision plain to the people of God”  
Habakkuk 2:2-3

Thursday, April 2, 2009 @ 7pm  
Pastor Gary Williams and Friendship Church

Saturday, April 25, 2009  
Pastor Banquet  
St. George Serbian Social Centre  
300 Stryker Ave, Joliet, IL 60435  
6pm – Fellowship  
6:30 – Program Starts  
Tickets \$35

Thursday, April 9, 2009 @ 7pm  
Pastor Hector Edwards and Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Sunday, April 26, 2009  
10:45 – Pastor Cornell Ervins of  
Mt. Ebal Church

Thursday, April 16, 2009 @ 7pm  
Pastor Richard D. House and Shiloh Baptist Church

4pm – Pastor Henry of  
Mary Magdalene M. B. Church

Sunday, April 19, 2009 @ 4pm  
Pastor Randall and Antioch Church of Summit , IL

Thank you Sister Kendra Yarbough and the Youth  
Ministry for making this event possible.

**St. Paul's  
Basketball Program**  
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Thompson would like to  
hear from you.



Pastor Edward Martin Jr. &  
The St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church



Join Us For Fellowship In 2009.

### FRIENDS & FAMILY SUNDAYS

March 29, May 31, August 30, November 29

Our Hearts, Our Minds, and Our Doors are Opened



*We rejoice in the truth of the Word, not that which speaketh from pride or in judgment.*

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