

# St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

## Life in the Word

in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth



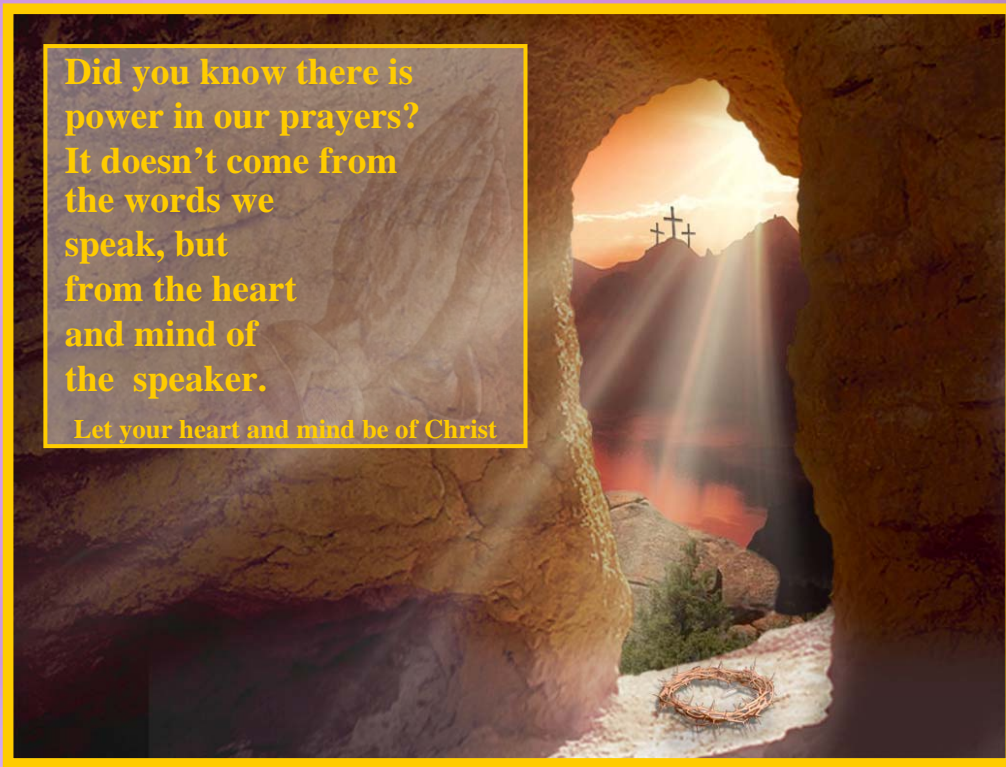
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## Is Your Christian Resume in Order?

Did you know there is power in our prayers? It doesn't come from the words we speak, but from the heart and mind of the speaker.

Let your heart and mind be of Christ



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## Christian Fathers Never Retire from Parenting

As we celebrate Father's Day this month, I want to be an encouragement to our fathers in this time of worldly economic despair. Many of us, all our lives we have been trained to operate according to the world's system; as fathers and grandfathers we must abandon the old world ways and habits and focus on teaching the Word to our families which includes walking in love at all times. We need those fathers with the misguided belief that providing monetary support is enough, to come out of fatherly retirement and display Godly integrity. Proverbs 20:7 states "The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him." I know it's not always easy to walk in integrity, but God wants us to remain firmly fixed on his Word and have absolute confidence in God's love and vision for his family. Nothing, regardless of the circumstances nor the time or type of wrongdoing, can separate a Christian father from the love of God. God's Word should be the final authority in parenting decisions which may not be what is convenient or easiest for the parent or child.

Whether you are a father or grandfather raising your grandchildren, or have plans of becoming a parent, be encouraged, knowing that God covers and protect your children despite the world's condition. If and when they do things you may not understand, do not abandon your spiritual responsibility to lead and guide them according to the Word or curse them by speaking negatively about them; instead, release the Word over them. The bible tells us provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4. The Word will heal, protect, and cause them to be all God has ordained them to be. God's Word prospers everywhere it is sent. When the Word is spoken over your children, it will accomplish God's will for their lives and assist in fostering a Kingdom mindset. Developing a Kingdom mindset and instilling it in our children requires vacationing fathers to become God-Fearing men who are rooted in the word of God, hard-working and ever present in their children and spouses lives to ultimately set the example for our families everyday.





# FATHERS

# STAND UP

**Claim Your Inheritance**

**Be the Man of God  
You were Meant to Be**

# STAND

Before I begin, I would like to acknowledge and give thanks to all of the single mothers that are raising their child / children on their own. I submit to you that you are not alone. The Lord is with you. Please give some consideration to the following thought: If the father is a good man, a man of God and with the Lord's Guidance, for the sake of the child turn away from the differences, the pain or any hindrance preventing you both from doing what is best for your child. Amen.

Despite current statistics, I know there are a lot of good fathers out there. God Bless you for standing up. I want to encourage you to continue being a blessing to your wife and / or child's mother and your children. The future is in their hands. Let's do the best we can for them while they are in ours.

Test and trials the Lord guides us through helps us to become the man the Lord intended us to be. The rewards and benefits are immeasurable and irreplaceable. There are no substitutions.

What do you think can take the place of being a father and taking care of our children? Being a good father is vital to becoming the man we are suppose to be.

Regardless of what we use to do or what our favorite activities are, when we become fathers, a higher priority must be given to our children.

Help your wife, help your child's mother, help the grandmother and be a part of your child's life. Take an interest in what they are doing, how they are doing it and how they can do it better. Plant the seeds of righteousness with the love of our Lord and they will grow.

Being a father does not mean we have all the answers. As fathers we should encourage and help each other. Be careful of the words we speak to one another for we are not each others judge. Pray on how we can be a blessing to others to motivate them into being better fathers.

Yes, sometimes we won't know what to do and we will get scared, but we can go to the Lord. Yes, sometimes we will get frustrated and upset, but we must not take it out on our children for they are our blessing. Please pray and stop with the harsh words and actions which are not of the Lord. Begin, continue and end with Love.

No, I don't know what she said. No, I don't know what your friend said. No, I don't know who said or who did what. I do know you are a child of God and the Lord will restore all that you thought you lost. I do know that no weapon formed against you shall prosper. I do know greater is He that is in than he that is in the world.

I know it hurts, but I know it is the Lord who heals all wounds regardless of time. Don't let the enemy walk into your heart and mind through your pride and pain.

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# FATHERS CONTINUE STANDING

**The best place to start is right where you are and the best time is always right now.**

**Think and pray again before you speak it to your child for they are not just listening with their head, you are speaking words into their life. They will carry the things we say and do with them for the rest of their lives.**

**If you are reading this and you know things are not right, it does not mean it's too late. Seek the Lord for what you should do, talk to your pastor, talk to another man of God. Talk to me. There is help, you are with family here at St. Paul.**

**If you are that child reading this message. Please understand that whatever was said or done to you is not your fault. You are a child of God. No, I don't why it happened or why it was allowed to happen. I do know just like it is not your fault, it is not the Lord's fault either. For the Lord, our God Jesus, gave us the power of choice. We must choose God. Whoever hurt you, did not choose God. The Lord can make right what they did wrong.**

**The Lord knows you and He Loves you. There is a purpose for your life and great value in your existence. I can't tell you what that is for only the Lord knows. Seek Him through His Word, commit your life to Christ and it will be revealed to you. So turn away from those harsh words spoken over your life. In the Name of Jesus you are not bound by them for they do not define you. Amen.**

**Again, I know there are good fathers out there and again I am thankful for you. You know how difficult it is. You know the ups and downs of questioning ourselves. And you know the power of the Lord can lead us through any turmoil. Some of you also know we all didn't start off as good fathers. So when you see someone else struggling don't just say "Man, I know what you're going through." Do something, help them, pray about what you should do and move however the Lord is leading you.**

**It doesn't take a fancy car, money, brand name clothes or shoes to be a good father. It only takes our faith and commitment to the Lord and the rest will be added. But we must start at the source and the source is Jesus. If we, as fathers, set the example for our child / children benefit.**

*(Proverbs 20:7 - The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.)*

**What we say and what we do are not the only things our children notices. They see who we are, they see what we become. We must lead by example. Let your child see the Lord in what you say and in what you do.**

**I encourage all fathers, everyone, to stand, walk and live in the faith of our Lord. Speak and do the Lord's Will for your life.**

# GOD BLESS YOU



# Servant of the Lord

## All Applicants: Please Read

Thank you for coming in. It is truly a blessing to have you here with us today. If you'll have a seat, we will begin momentarily. I believe you are responding to our posting on the front page of Life in the Word, a St. Paul's Ministry Publication.

**If you  
don't  
know  
God, you  
don't  
know  
you.**

We encourage everyone to seek this position. Our goal today is to explain some of the basic details. We find people may have misconceptions of what it means to accept this type of position.

This position will mean something different and special for every person. Just how special and what you get out of it depends you.

First, allow me to dispel some of the most common misunderstandings.

### What this is Not...

1. A get rich scheme
2. A self-service
3. A dating Service
4. A hiding place
5. A place of gossip
6. A daycare service
7. A means to pay for your sins.

You may have been told you must have a certain level of education. You may have been told you are ineligible because of the mistakes you made. But this is not true

The fact is this position was meant for you and you have let other things such as jobs, family and personal interests take you away from the most important part of your life.

You must define who you are first and everything else after. You should not be a doctor, lawyer, receptionist, mother or father first. You are a servant of the Lord. Everything else should be subject to that. The Lord will tell you how to use your education. The Lord will tell what to do when your child is not acting right. Let the Lord tell you if it's ok to buy that house, not your credit report. And when you get that house use it for the purpose the Lord would have you to.

I apologize. I did not mean to get off of the subject. Back to the matter at hand.

Well, as you may have guessed, you have been chosen for the position. The Lord chose you before you were born. In His Word and through your continued faithfulness will you be blessed all the days of your life for this was never a position you had to beg or compete for. This is your inheritance.



# "THE SOUND"



**By: Tashia L. Martin**

**It's your girl Tashia bringing you the latest in gospel music. Each month you will have an opportunity to find out what is hot in gospel music. I will keeping you up to date with all the new releases as well as some of the music currently out you may not know about. So sit back and enjoy "The Sound".**

**If you don't know by now Mary Mary has their latest CD out entitled "The Sound". It features songs that will lift your spirits and bring you so much joy such as "Get Up, Boom, and I Worship You", just to name a few.**

**For those of you who like to worship like myself you will definitely enjoy the sounds of Pastor William Murphy with his latest also entitled "The Sound". This particular CD features power packed worship and praise songs such as "Empty Me, Angels Cry, Overflow, and one of my favorites I'm Changing". This is definitely a "must have".**

**Rounding out our list is none other than the one and only Israel Houghton. When I say a blessing, his latest CD entitled "The Power of One is definitely that. From "Just Wanna Say to Saved by Grace to Moving Forward", to name a few you are indeed in for a blessing.**

**So with all that being said you can expect to hear some great music from some great women and men of God whose messages are clear. There are many genres of music, but there is nothing like Gospel music. Gospel music reaches beyond where any other genre can reach and that is your soul. So until next time sit back relax and enjoy "The Sound"**







# GOD'S TIMING

*Dr. William L. Sullivan Sr.*



## Guest Speaker @ The St. Paul Preaching Rally 2009

(Ecclesiastes 9:11 But time and chance happeneth to them all.\*) A lot of people are asking the question when is my time? Every blessing from God is on a time release. God has a set time for every miracle, every purpose, every healing and every breakthrough. (Ecclesiastes 3:1 To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven). Timing is a God thing, we can't rush God and he is not move by our emotion, complaints or disobedience. Our blessing have appointment dates on them and all of our appointments have already been scheduled. We just have to learn to trust in the timing of God, if what you need hasn't happen yet it's because it's not your time. So in the process of waiting on your time prepare yourself like the mother of Jesus did when the wine ran out at the wedding feast and Jesus told her that her time had not yet come, but she prepared and did not become weary in well doing because she knew her time was coming and that God's delays are not his denials. Now patience is the key to waiting on the Lord. (Hebrews 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.) Patience is your endurance and strength while dealing with adversity. Patience is to tolerate delay without complaint or anger but to keep your mind focused on Jesus knowing that your time is coming. (Psalm 84:11c God will not withhold anything good from them that walk upright.)

Peace, Love



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



*Don't Miss IT...*  
**2009 St. Paul Preaching Rally**  
 Saturday, June 20 @ 5:30pm



Speaker-Pastor of Youth and Young Adults, Wendell Martin  
 Greater Travelers Rest Baptist  
 Decatur, Ga.



Speaker-  
 Minister Naurice Moffett  
 Mt. Zion Baptist,  
 Joliet, Il.



MC  
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 Edward Winfrey  
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Speaker-  
 Dr. William Sullivan  
 Shekinah Glory  
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 Chattanooga, Tn.

**Do Your Actions Reflect  
 The World Values or God's Values?**  
**1 John 2:15-17**

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### St. Paul's June Calendar

- June 12 Anniversary Committee Fish Fry.
- June 14 Women's Day Soul Food Dinner
- June 20 Preaching Rally
- June 22-26 VBS "The Jesus Chronicles" Luke 3:4 NIV "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."
- June 27 Church picnic at Pilcher Park

#### St. Paul Academic Program

*If you would like to benefit from our tutoring program or volunteer, Sister Laticia Thompson would like to hear from you.*



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