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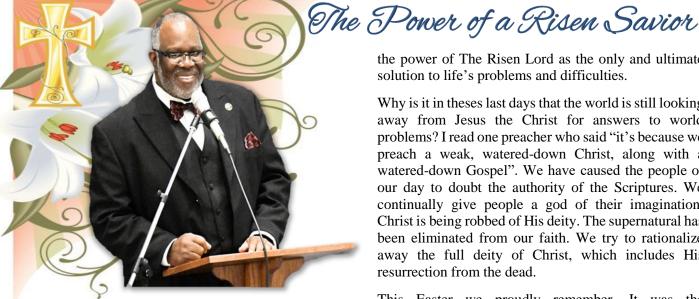
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2017 Spiritual Goal in Worship "Waiting, Watching, and Winning"

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."
-Philippians 3:14



This 2017 Easter comes at a time filled with rumors of war and both racial and social problems. Our President recently ordered the aggressive bombing of Syria's airfield, because Syria is believed to be guilty of using of chemical weapons against civilians and much of the world shares the fury of the President against Syria. Chicago still headlines the news as a most dangerous place to live in U.S. with 747 murders in 2016, and 166 already in 2017. The Black Live Matter Movement represents black Americans who feel disenfranchised and aggrieved; we are believers, citizens, we are neighbors, but still we feel the sharp knife of racism.

Our country is troubled, and we have only one sure-way out: it by reconciliation made possible by what happen at and after the cross. We would do well to follow Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s message and method, he told us to move away from a pursuit of "winning" and toward reclaiming our shared humanity. He told us we cannot reconcile with those who want to tear up the Constitution or those who want blood in the street. But we can and must reconcile of our own free will with our neighbors and friends though the supernatural power of our risen Lord.

Most of us would agree that the impunity of those who wage war against civilians, whether by chemical or conventional attacks, must be brought to an end; as murder and social injustices too must end, but we differ in how that end can be achieved. The vast majority of the people around the world are looking to politics, science and education for the solution to life's problems, and not to Jesus Christ. This Easter, I pray we look to the power of The Risen Lord as the only and ultimate solution to life's problems and difficulties.

Why is it in theses last days that the world is still looking away from Jesus the Christ for answers to world problems? I read one preacher who said "it's because we preach a weak, watered-down Christ, along with a watered-down Gospel". We have caused the people of our day to doubt the authority of the Scriptures. We continually give people a god of their imagination. Christ is being robbed of His deity. The supernatural has been eliminated from our faith. We try to rationalize away the full deity of Christ, which includes His resurrection from the dead.

This Easter we proudly remember, It was the resurrection of Christ that caused the disciples to go out as burning young witnesses to change the world of their day. They preached that Christ was alive. This should be our message, not only at Easter but every day of the year. The risen Christ wants us to experience and expect the Power of A Risen Lord.

But beware—Christ is a promised divider! He did not come to bring peace; He came to bring a sword (Matthew 10:34). He came to divide even families. People reject that kind of Christ because it costs too much to follow Him in this materialistic, secular, pleasure-mad age.

We Christians must share the guilt. We have limited Christ to Sunday Morning Worship, We worship Him behind church clothes and hymns. We quietly tuck Him away from Sunday to Sunday, He is rarely mentioned. We spend little time reading His Word or praying. We

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Christians act and live as though Christ were dead. This kind of Christ will never make an impact on the world. This is not the Christ of the Bible. He is too weak and small; he is irrelevant. The weak, emaciated, impotent Christ of the church of today bears little resemblance to the Christ that Isaiah the prophet talked about. He bears little resemblance to the Christ who is found in the early church, who dared to challenge the world and turn it upside down.

When Christ was on earth, He would go to the temple, but He did not stay there. He went into the streets where the sick, the needy and the dying were. His love and compassion broke the bounds of class, race and creed: "The common people heard him gladly" (Mark 12:37).

This Easter let's spread the good news **The Risen Lord is Alive.** This risen Christ is available by faith in all of His power and glory. He is big enough to handle every problem the human race faces at this hour.

First, a risen Christ is big enough to cope with the tyranny of man over man. Not only can He save the individual, but His power also has worldwide implications. Isaiah 9:6 says, "The government will be upon His shoulder." He has not abdicated His sovereignty in the affairs of men. He is still the Lord of history.

When He was crucified, the Bible says, "an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin and Hebrew: 'THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS' (Luke 23:38). He was then, and still is, King; only we have changed. One of our failures is not seeing Christ as King of the physical and material as well as the spiritual, of the mind as well as the soul, of the government as well as the heart. Paul says, "The kingdom of Heaven is not a matter of whether you get what you like to eat and drink, but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). Christian joy is dependent on a personal relationship with God, not on externals.

In the upper room Jesus told His disciples, "These things I have spoken to you ... that your joy may be full" (John 15:11). He further told them that His joy is one that cannot be taken away (John 16:22). No pagan philosophy, no atheistic ideology, no deep sorrow can dislodge the joy that Christ gives.

Second, the resurrected Christ is also big enough to cope with the gigantic social problems of these times. The race problem is not limited to any one city, or to any one part of the United States. The race problem is a worldwide problem. Wherever two races or two

nationalities or even two religious groups live together, there is friction and misunderstanding. It is this kind of situation that Christ comes with the healing "balm of Gilead. I pray for a great spiritual revival today that would have social consequences throughout the world. Christ has the answer to the world's social problems. He offers His resurrection power and glory as the answer to today's problems.

But let us not forget that man does not in himself have the capacity to love his neighbor. He does not have the capacity to live according to Christian ethics until he has come to Jesus Christ. When you repent of your sins and receive Christ as Savior, The Power of the Risen Lord, enlarges your capacity and gives you new ability to love your neighbor. When you come to know Christ, He gives you new powers, new directions, new strengths, new visions, and new dimensions of living.

Jesus once said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed" (Luke 4:18).

This is good news for the poor. This is good news for the suffering. This is good news for the disenfranchised. and this is good news for the blind. The Risen Lord, our Christ alone is the answer to the social and political problems of the world. The world today offers many saviors, but none of them saves to the uttermost. The world today offers many answers, but they cannot reach to the depths of our depravity. The world today offers many shortcuts to salvation, but to be truly saved we must be reconciled to God by the power of the Risen Lord.

This Easter, I encourage you not to water down the truth, but rather stand strong and declare the strong truth of the gospel. In the midst of controversies, rumors of war, racial tension, and social disorder, the Gospel declares one way out "The Risen Lord". Our Lord is powerful enough, big enough, and well able to handle any and all problems. The power of the Risen Lord is available to all who believe, Jesus died and after 3 days and nights in the grave He Rose. Whatever your problem today the power of the Risen Lord is available to assist you. Happy Easter...

Pastor Mylon L. Burwell

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Brother Douglas Toney would like to wish his parents
Deacon Willie (Bill) & Mother Mary Fletcher a Happy anniversary.

They will celebrate **46 years** on April 23, 2017.

RECOGNIZING OUR



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All students in grades 1-12, who make the A/B Honor Roll can bring their report cards in to Sister Marsha Love or Sister Berdell White for a special treat.

Please provide all academic achievements to Sister Malea Love to be included in future.



Sister Malea Love, Reporting

"Dying to Live"

In Honor of Easter Devan Davis

The beautiful benefit of knowing God is that we never stop growing. For the more we discover, the more we recognize that the depth of our Lord's wisdom is bottomless. We are called to constantly seek Jesus within scripture, thus, receive edification. However, there is a time in this Christian life, when we discover that disobedience to His word prevents spiritual growth. The refusal of applying scripture to daily life can cause stagnation and depression. But, thank God for His patience and faithfulness!

The resurrection of Jesus Christ serves as the core of this devotional. Knowledge that our God is an entity that can resurrect the dead, even Himself, is such a powerful awareness. In addition, obeying God leads to good health, for He is the expert on life. Christ's action of dying on the cross, not only cleanses sin. but it acts as a metaphor for how the gospel transforms dead souls into humble spirits. His word exposes our heart and communicates to us what must be cut away so that we may find peace and jov.

First and foremost, God's commandments reflect His character. So, if God is good, then His scriptures must be morally, physically, and spiritually beneficial whomever follows However, a person clinging to sin because it provides temporary pleasure or comfort is equivalent to a patient allowing disease to flourish because accepting a doctor's prescription is too tiring. Sadly, a few months ago, I was that same foolish



patient when God asked me to stop indulging in pride.

Pride is a sneaky fellow. He tiptoed into my heart unnoticed and planted a seed of depression. This guy removed my sight, then whispered a compliment in my ear to keep me distracted from the effects of having my retinas stolen. What an infection? Eventually, I lost the ability to listen to others when they spoke about their pain, or to even care about their wellbeing. My need to feel good about myself overwhelmed my need to be a servant to others. Pride told me that the problems of other people are not worth my time. The sad part is: A man born blind has no idea of the glory he is missing, so darkness will be all that he knows. I was blind and imprisoned due to my relationship with pride. Luckily Jesus Christ is an expert on humility and heals the blind as a hobby. He showed me that pride is just another synonym for insecurity wrapped in a fabric called idolatry towards self so that people do not recognize how broken I really am. He showed me that there was something wrong with my heart, and that I cannot serve Him until I die to myself. I have stated before that there is always more to know about God, and if a plant stops growing, it usually begins to decay. However, I was in a state of stagnation because I did not want to completely submit to Christ.

After several Sunday's of hearing sermons about pride and attending small group bible studies on the topic, I realized that God was calling me to let go. So, one day, I fell to my knees and prayed that God would break everything I am and put me back together with only pieces of Himself. This sounds like just walk in a park, right? No. Jesus was calling me to humble myself in ways I didn't know I could. To recognize that without Him everything I attempt to accomplish will fail. My art, my ministry, relationships, my everything. That whether I am flipping burgers or performing on a stage, it must be done for His glory. I am insignificant and must delight in my weaknesses, for in my weakness He is made strong!

Present day, I am learning more about humility and what it means to serve others. My heart has never beat so confidently. I now have joy, peace, and healthy relationships. Just as Jesus died and rose on the third day, He has helped me die to myself. Thus, giving me new life. I am a servant who will do whatever Christ wants.

The Mt. Zion Family



Congratulations to Camille **Turner** for winning 1st place in the national competition for her painting called "The Great Wall of Failure." Camille was selected out of 500 entries and from 4 states. The Award Ceremony will be the 4^{th} Weekend in April in Atlanta. Camille is the daughter of Minister Damien and Sister Charlene Turner.



Congratulations to Brother 2nd Lieutenant Selex Green, son of Caster and Ardean Green for graduating from The Basic Officer Leader Course at Ft Benning.



Jakeisha and Jerneisha Lewis, twin daughters of Brother John and Sister JoAnn Lewis are wrapping up awards in Track this season. They are ranking in every meet as well participating in their School Choir, which will be Traveling to Gatlinburg for a School Learning Project. Last Year the Choir competed in Atlanta and brought home three first place trophies.



Congratulations to Meh'Quria "MeMe" Malone! She has advanced to the Green Belt in "MeMe" Karate. is the granddaughter of Deacon Walter and Deaconess Loraine Cordule.

Blossom By: Queena Merrimon

Blossom into a beautiful lotus, because that is what you are. Bloom with grace and dignity. And explore your spirituality. Stand tall and blossom, into that beautiful

flower that you are. From a tiny seed vou was conceived.

Into a leaf you sprouted, then you grew into a beautiful flower. How very exciting! As you grow weeds

will grow around you, but stand tall and beautiful. Sway back and forth gracefully without a care.

Because you are a beautiful lotus, that has blossomed

beautifully and skillfully.

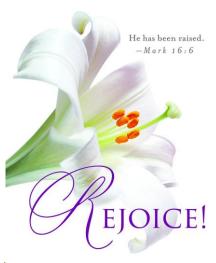
Again, I say blossom into a beautiful lotus, because that is what you are. Bloom with grace and dignity. And explore your spirituality. Stand tall and blossom, into that beautiful flower that you are.

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Congratulations to **Sister Ardean Green** and **Deaconess Loraine Cordule** on their

company transition to Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Rise Real Estate. Since the transition both have completed their eCertification and are eTeam members-The certification training and process is designed to prepare real estate professionals with technological business skills necessary to service the emerging market and changing needs of today's online and tech-saavy consumer.



Special Thank You To Everyone for the Beautiful Lilies that adorn the Altar area and the Foyer.

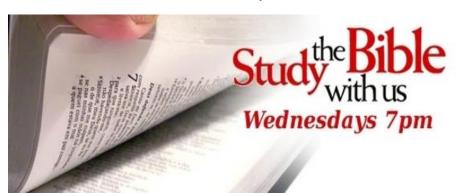
Your Thoughtfulness and participation is truly Appreciated.

Your Lilies Honoring and remembering those we love are a wonderful addition to our Easter Celebration

The Youth Department would like to Thank **Sister Angela Small** for our Wonderful Collection of Costumes. We are thankful for all of your contributions.

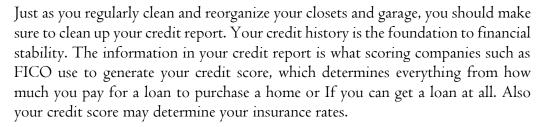


Congratulations to **Deaconess** Loraine Cordule as she has obtained a seat on the Board of Directors for the Huntsville Area Association of Realtors, President of YPN (Young Professional Network), Co-Chair of Professional Standards Committee, Secretary of HAREB (Huntsville Association of Real Estate Brokers), Hospitality Chair for WCR (Women's Council of Realtors) and a member of the Realtor in Action Committee. After the Hathaway HomeServices Rise Real Estate she as accepted the titles of Customer Account Manager. Roster Manager. Commercial Resource User, eTeam Member.











Don't make the mistake of only looking at your credit report when you're about to make a large purchase like a house or a car. Credit reports can have errors that can affect your credit score. Some issues take time to figure out. Go over your credit report now so you can catch and fix issues now.

Federal law entitles you to a free copy of your credit report every 12 months from the three major credit-reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian and Transunion. You can get a free copy of all three bureaus versions of your credit report at AnnualCreditReport.com.

Although the credit report is free you have to pay extra to get your score. The extra cost is worth it usually \$8-10.

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The Legend of the Dogwood

There is a legend, that at the time of the crucifixion the Dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber of the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and God in His gentle pit for all sorrow and suffering never again let the Dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross.

Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross... two long and two short petals. And in the centre of the outer edge of each petal, there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained red, and in the centre of the flower will be a crown of thorns and all who see it will remember, that upon it His Son was crucified.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.: Galatians 2:20

Contributed by Mother Mary Fletcher

My Easter Present By

Latoya Hives

The power in Christ's sacrifice for all that believe is simply amazing. His death, burial and resurrection means so much. Our Savior literally, conquered the whole world that we may have access to eternal life and forever live with Him. It's a present, received through salvation. There is NO greater gift! The acceptance of this gift brings hope to the heart of believers.

As we walk in salvation, the meaning of Christ's sacrifice is to be demonstrated throughout our lives daily. Yes, we are tested along the way. These tests become opportunities to experience more of what God's gift to us truly means. Different lessons to learn and treasures to discover throughout our journey in Faith.

This season, just as offered to me by Christ, I was gifted the opportunity to rediscover forgiveness—true forgiveness. As the new year began, I started working on a few strategies to enhance my personal walk with Christ. Things like, specific devotion and prayer time every day and key bible verses to commit to memory reminding of God's goodness and grace towards me. I was excited!

During a recent devotion experience, the subject of forgiveness pressed really strongly on my heart. Naturally, I began thanking God for the ways in which I know he has forgiven me. Apparently, I wasn't getting it. Then, the image of an old friend I was very close to popped up, which felt like out of nowhere. This friend and I stopped speaking do to some very hurtful, but intentional things that were said and done. (BIG hurt) So,



I said... "God, I'm over that, I've moved on past that and I don't want to talk about her either." (you know, pouting) God so plainly said to me "Who do you think you are?" I was

speechless. As if that wasn't enough he continued "Toya, I have forgiven her and the same grace that covers her covers you".



Immediately, I was experiencing God's gift of redemption in a whole new unplanned way. You see I thought I had forgiven her, you know because I said I did – in my mind. Well that day, I really did and finished my prayer time on such a high. Smiling all day.

Surprisingly, just two days later, there she was standing just a few feet away. I had not seen her in months. The old me would have pretended I didn't see her, (just being honest) but instead there was so much joy in my heart for her. We began talking, it was then that I noticed it wasn't there: the hurt and even a little hate I had developed toward her, it was gone. All that hurt was washed away like rain. Just wow! Before this, I thought I'd never see, let-alone speak to her again. That same afternoon, we shared a meal together full of laughter and good fellowship. Not sure if I was even, fully present in the moment. The entire time, in my mind, I was completely blow away. Simply could not believe what was happening. Now realizing the grace of God will change your perspective.

This year, my Easter present came early all wrapped up in the unexpected lesson on forgiveness. I am thankful to Him for such a gift! Our amazing God, through the body of Christ Jesus, became our atonement for sin, as the gift of forgiveness toward mankind. A freely given gift without hesitation or pause, even before the knowledge or wisdom to ask.

In your current season, what does Christ's resurrection mean to you?



Working, Waiting, Winning YOUR WAY TO A HEALTHY DIET

"I Press Toward The Mark For The Prize Of The High Calling Of God In Christ Jesus."

-Philippians 3:14

If there is one thing we hate to do, it is wait. We want things quick and fast. But God doesn't operate any faster now than He did in the first. So while we rush ourselves, we can't rush God. Even with our health, we want the diets pills or liquid that will take the weight off quick with the less work. No matter what it still takes time and patience and perseverance.

This article is to enlighten you on a healthy diet to get you to a healthy lifestyle. You must work at keeping the diet and the exercise, just as you must work at being a better Christian. While you are working to make that change, you are waiting for the result, you will find that you have won. You can recognize that God is in control, even when it seems He has forgotten you.

Being healthy starts with a nutritious meal. Most people would probably say that being healthy starts with exercise, but while exercise is great, it doesn't help much if you continue to overeat or eat an unbalanced diet. The two have to go together. You don't have to starve yourself or give up foods you love to eat healthy, you have to take them in moderation, incorporating healthy foods in your meal plan. "For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn't believe even if someone told you about it" Habakkuk 1:5 often when it seems nothing is happening is when everything is happening behind the scenes, you just can't see it. At first you may feel like you are changing your meal plan and nothing is happening or you can't see the results. With time and patience and faith you will see the change and you will then find it to be a part of your everyday lifestyle.

Sound easy? Of course it isn't. We love fried foods, pork and salt. Some of us love the desserts and candy. Eating healthy is about feeling great, having more energy, improving your health and stabilizing your mood. Diets are confusing and you are never sure which one is right for you. One of the first things you can do is set yourself up for success by making changes gradually. Don't jump into dietary changes because you won't stick to them. Take it one day at a time. Think about planning your diet in steps; like adding a salad once a day. Make small changes gradually will soon become habit and before you know it the way you eat has changed. Winning!

You can focus on how you feel after eating. We all get the "itis" after eating a big meal, we just want to lay down and sleep. The more healthy food you eat, the better you will feel after a meal. The more junk food you eat the more likely you are to feel uncomfortable and drained of energy. Drink water, it helps flush the system of waste products and toxins. Did you know that many of us are slightly dehydrated because we drink anything but water? This can also cause tiredness, low energy and headaches. So put that soda down and pick up a bottle or glass of water. Eat in moderation, which means eating only as much food as your body needs. You should feel satisfied at the end of the meal, but not stuffed. This means having balance, eating a balance of protein, fat, fiber, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals. But it doesn't mean eliminating the foods that you love. Eating bacon for breakfast once a week and following it with a healthy lunch and dinner is considered moderation. Not bacon followed by donuts and a pizza. Then wait for the wonderful results. *James 1:4 says:" let patience have her perfect work."* With patience these changes will become normal and you will be blessed and better. The outcome will be great. Waiting!

What are you doing while you are waiting? You are gradually decreasing your servings on your plate. You are eating slower and stop eating before you feel full. We often eat until we are stuffed and then get the "itis", ready for laziness and sleep. Try not to get full and move around don't go sleep or lay down right after



For Christians, Easter is the time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus after he died for our sins. Naturally, anyone that believes in God would want to do the same, right? Interestingly enough, that is not so. Other

monotheistic religions like Judaism and Islam do not celebrate Easter because in those religions, Jesus is not the messiah.

In Judaism, Jesus existed but was not the messiah. He was an average Jew. He was indeed crucified, but he did not come back to life.

In Islam, Jesus is the son of the Virgin Mary, but not the son of God. Muslims do not believe that Jesus was crucified or resurrected.

As a Christian, I am thankful for Jesus dying for my sins. I think Easter is a beautiful holiday that truly encompasses the Christian spirit of atonement. I know that no matter what I do, I will never deserve God's grace. Thanks to Jesus, I can be saved.

Emily Bethea



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a meal. Eat breakfast, a healthy breakfast can jump start your metabolism. Avoid eating late at night, try to eat dinner earlier and then fasting until breakfast the next morning. Studies have shown that eating only when you're most active and giving your digestive system a long break each day may help to regulate your weight. Then results will be a healthier you and a more active you. Better eating will help to get the weight off. While you are working on the lifestyle change, during the wait the change will come and you will be eating healthier then you are winning with a healthier you and maybe even a slimmer you.

Listen, Abraham waited twenty-five years before his wife Sarah gave birth to hers child. Moses spent forty years tending sheep before God called him as deliverer of his people. David spent fourteen years before the throne of Israel would be his. Jesus often told his disciples "My hour has not yet come." So in closing, waiting is not incidental to faith. Waiting is the DNA of faith. It is a part of our lives to wait even though we don't want to. The prize is the high calling of God. Work on that diet, wait for the results and win with a healthier lifestyle.

God Bless, Sister Priscilla Horton Nurses Guild This Article was

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Life was good, busy and hectic but good. The holidays were behind them; her husband had just celebrated his 20th year of pastoring and the completion of his Dissertation for his Doctored degree. They were coasting into the new year. Despite the exhaustion from struggling with a cold, she was looking forward to January. The thought of catching up on sleep and completing some housework brought about a sense of peace. She never imagined her life would change overnight.

Wilhemina laid down on a Tuesday Night feeling a little under the weather and woke up Wednesday morning thinking she had suffered a stroke.

Her Story:

My right hand was useless so to the hospital we go; it has to be a stroke.

I was scared; I have survived car wrecks with three broken appendages, tornados destroying my car with me inside, thyroid cancer, the death of my parents, a brother, a god sister. I was not ready for another test, but God is faithful!

The day became night; I was deteriorating; my entire right side became useless. By Thursday night I couldn't do anything. My voice was slurring; I could only raise my head. I was paralyzed. I prayed a lot and felt like I cried even more © but Mylon is my rock. Late that night or early that morning, not sure which, I had found my safe place, my moment of peace, content in the knowledge that God will be with me, that no matter what,

my God is a supplier, I received this text from him, This Hymn of Faith, "Though the fig tree should not blossom And there be no fruit on the vines, Though the yield of the olive should fail And the fields produce no food, Though the flock should be cut off from the fold And there be no cattle in the stalls, Yet I will exult in the LORD, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation" (Habakkuk 3:17-19).

The test on Friday morning determined that I had Gillian Barré Syndrome. How did I get what is known as a middle-age white man's disease? African Americans don't get GBS, especially women. I was shocked - My husband was not, he has been surfing the net and talking to my cousin who has a friend that had the same symptoms., making plans to move me to Vanderbilt or Nashville. The initial test results were not conclusive, and if they were

wrong, my insurance would not pay the five high-dose immunoglobulin therapy I needed. But what else could we do? After decided praver; we to treatments. I was getting weaker, and they worried that if we waited for the final results, ICU and a ventilator were my future.

Treatments begin on Friday Night; we waited and prayed all night. Five days and treatments later we were hopeful. With God's help and physical therapists, I walked out rehab with a walker, and almost two years later I only have a slight limp and some fatigue to remind me. GBS is not curable, a flare up is always possible, but I thank God every morning for today. The Negro spiritual "I can't even raise my right hand without the Lord" is truly real to me

To the woman that feels like giving up I want to say, hold on. Hold on to God. Life is full of twists and turns, and many adventures. Some that are not always pleasant, but if you keep your hand in the Master's hand he will give you the strength and the courage you need to keep moving forward. Hold on to your dreams. Keep dreaming, keeping hoping, keep reaching forward. Don't let failures and disappoints stop you. Hold on to yourself. Be determine not to let others define your destiny, your character, and who you are. You and God can take care of that.

Purpose through the eyes of Wilhemina

What does being a purpose driven woman mean to you?

Being a Purpose Driven Woman means knowing what God has for you to do for Him, serving Him with your complete heart, and doing all you can to walk right before those you serve as an example of what a child of God should be. "Purpose Driven" does not mean you are perfect, but that you are striving to be all that God has called you to be. First you are a woman of God. Secondly you know what God has

call you to do, and finally you are doing what God has call you to do. To others your purpose may seem small or insignificant, but if you believe and trust God for it - that is all that truly matters.

To a Christian,
Easter Sunday
means everything,
when we celebrate
the resurrection
of
Jesus Christ.

How would you define purpose?

I would define purpose as my reason for being created by God. I honestly believe that every person has a purpose for their being defined only by God. We were all created for His GLORY and His PRAISE, but He also instilled in each of us an additional reason for being.

Purpose is your motivation for doing what you do. It's what makes you keep doing what you do even when those around you count you out. Purpose is an internal drive provided by the Holy Spirit.

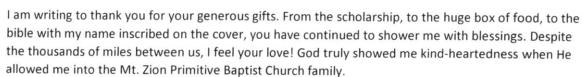
How would you define your purpose?

My purpose is to help others, to encourage my sisters in Christ, and to use my gifts to share the Gospel of Christ. I make every experience another avenue of learning for me so that I might use my experiences as a teaching moment or testimony for others.



SUNDAY SCHOOL Each Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m.

Dear Church Family,



Currently, I am still pursing theatre at Hunter College in the heart of Manhattan. I have also joined my school's Christian Intervarsity Club. The other members are such positive influences. They hold me accountable for serving Christ daily. There have even been times when they aided in keeping my head high. As you see, the power of God has continued to lead me to community. I have also been given many opportunities to serve and to advocate the power of Jesus Christ off campus. Just last week, I recited a monologue at a church in Queens. My goal is to communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ using theatre.

By awarding me a scholarship, you have decreased my financial burden. Thus, I can focus more on improving my craft. Your kindness has fueled a burning desire inside of me to help others and to work hard during my time at Hunter. I cannot wait until the next time we meet. You are in my prayers.

Best wishes,

Devan Davis





11. How many times did he deny Jesus?

Easter Trivia....

1. What famous event is celebrated on Good Friday?

a) The birth of Jesus Christb) The death of Jesus Christ		a) 1 c) 3	b) 2 d) 4
c) The resurrection of Jesus Christd) The ascension of Jesus Christ		12. How did those in the co	,
2. What animal did Jesus ride on when he entered Jerusalem the week before his death? a) A horse b) A camel c) A donkey d) None. He walked instead		Priest know that he was a disciple of Jesus? a) He told them b) His accent gave him away c) The other disciples dobbed him in d) His clothing gave him away	
3. What did people wave as they welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem? a) Palm branches b) Swords and spears c) Their hands d) Money		13. Who was the Roman gov Jesus' death? a) Pontius Pilate c) Augustus	vernor at the time of b) Quirinius d) Tiberius Alexander
4. What is another name for I a) Good Thursday c) Maundy Thursday	Holy Thursday? b) Easter Thursday d) Lenten Thursday	14. Which prisoner was rele a) Barnabus c) Barnobulus	eased instead of Jesus? b) Barabbas d) Barabby
5. Which Jewish feast did Jesu his death? a) Day of Atonement c) Hanukkah	us celebrate just before b) Purim d) Passover	15. What colored robe did t Praetorium? a) White c) Scarlet	hey place on Jesus in the b) Yellow d) Black
6. What is specifically remembered at this feast? a) The Jews remember their escape from Egypt b) The Jews remember when Queen Esther saved them c) The Jews remember their sins d) The Jews remember the divine restoration of the Temple		16. What did they place on l	
		17. What was the name of the hill where they crucified Jesus? a) Gethsemane b) Golgotha	
7. What sacrificial animal did Jesus describe himself		c) Gardenia	d) Ararat
as? a) A dove c) A lamb	b) A goat d) A lion	18. What does the name me a) Skull c) Ark	ean? b) Garden d) High place
8. Which disciple betrayed Je a) Matthew c) Peter	sus? b) Judas d) John	19. What natural disaster of crucifixion? a) A volcano erupted	d b) A hurricane
9. How much money did he ro betrayal? a) 10 copper coins c) 30 pieces of silver	eceived for the b) 20 pieces of gold d) 40 denarii	c) An earthquake d) A bushfire 20 Who was the first person to see Jesus alive? a) Peter, his disciple b) Mary, his mother c) Mary Magdalene d) John, his disciple	
10. Which disciple denied Jes crowed?	us before the rooster		
a) Matthew c) Peter	b) Judas d) John	f.p.S.c;3.a;4.c;5.d;6.a;7.c;8.b;9.c;10.c;11.c;12.b;13.a;1 4.b;15.c;16.a;17.b;18.a;19.c;20.c	



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Witness, Renewal, Resurrection

This year on the Newsletter committee we have a few new members- Sister Latoya Hives, Sister Emily Bethea and Devan Davis has managed to contribute this year although he has a busy school schedule. This committee would like to thank each one that has supported in many different ways, whether it is praying for us or giving us your announcements to share with congregation.

I am grateful that I am witnessing the growth our Mt. Zion's young people. It is reflected in many ways, in their prayer life and the content of their conversations. Many years will pass, Easter will happen many times and hopes that learning will occur with our young people and maturity will be recognized. I read somewhere that the adolescent years do not end until after a person is 30 years of age. I am not sure if I agree but I concur that it can take a long time in that stage of life.

I ask that you continue to pray for the newsletter, as we continue to grow and spring forth new things. This Easter as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, Savior Jesus Christ let's examine our own maturity. Have we matured since last year?

How have you grown in His word? Lifted your voice in praise for both good and bad moments. Praise everyone you see every day with blessings and heart felt words. Let the light of our Lord shine through you, so all may know that you are a child of God. Have we moved forward, matured in our faith walk? Let the scripture be a blue print for your day affairs. Love your neighbor, share your love of the Lord with all you encounter. Follow His commandments and teachings daily.

Have our conversations changed and our prayer life grown?
Pray with you family, friends, neighbors. The power of prayer was a commandment of our Lord. May God, bless you during this Holy season of renewal and resurrection.

Happy Easter
from the Mt Zion Spirit Staff

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