

# ENDEAVOR

*"Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call his name Immanuel."*

*-Isaiah 7:14*



**Bishop R. Austin, Min. E. Austin**



**Pastor G. Austin, Min. C. Austin**

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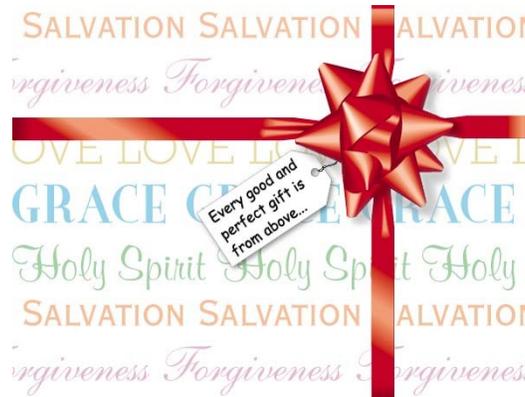
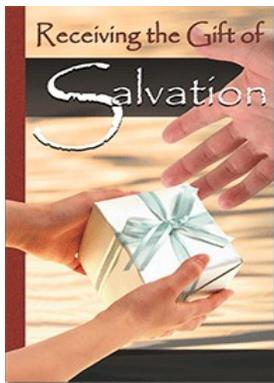
**December 18th–  
Christmas Cantata  
December 31st– Watch Night  
Service**

## A Message from Our Pastor

“Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and are come to worship him.” -Matthew 2:2

As we are in this wonderful Christmas season, the need to recognize the true “star” is essential. We are living in the days where many Christians and non-Christians idolize Hollywood stars, singers and celebrities. However, the Lord has given us the best and greatest superstar of them all—Jesus Christ. I’ve observed how many children, even my own, have become so fascinated with the child stars on the Disney Channel, Nickelodeon, and many other children stations. So it’s the job of us, those who know about the best superstar, and I don’t mean superstar Billy Graham, to share what he has done for us. So if possible, as you gather around the tree, the dinner table, the living room or before going to bed, tell your children, nephew, niece, or whatever relation these children are to you about the greatest star of them all—about the one that would never fail. He is simply the best SUPERSTAR OF ALL TIME—JESUS CHRIST. Have a blessed Christmas and prosperous New Year.

-Pastor G. Austin



*The Most Important Gift for the Holidays?*

*.....Salvation!*

*Accept Christ Today! It's free, and it's Refreshing!*

Dear Lord,

I admit that I am a sinner. I have done many things that don't please you. I have lived my life for myself. I am sorry and I repent. I believe that you died on the cross for me, to save me. You did what I could not do for myself. I come to you now and ask you to take control of my life, I give it to you. Help me to live every day in a way that pleases you. I love you, Lord, and I thank you that I will spend eternity with you. Amen.

## The Reason For The Season

By Sashelle Alfred

Every single year, as we approach the Christmas season, we see people all over the world decorate their homes with the finest linens, Christmas trees are bought and decorated with the fanciest lights and ornaments, and children everywhere anxiously await the day when they could unwrap those large and small boxes neatly wrapped and placed under the tree. Just a few days before Christmas, stores and malls everywhere are filled with restless parents who try to catch all the season's deals in order to buy their children the gifts they talked about all year long. Countless toddlers line up to snap a quick photo, sitting on Santa's lap, while they pour out their heart's desire to the man behind the fluffy white beard. Then he determines whether they've been "naughty" or "nice" and grants them their wish accordingly. But is this what Christmas is all about? Is it about the gifts under the tree, the lights, the ornaments, the sales, and most of all, about Santa Claus?

These, we know, are mere worldly pleasures--material possessions that somehow drown out the TRUE reason for the season—Our Savior, Jesus Christ, born in a manger only to one day pay the price for OUR sins. To refresh our memories of the PERSON behind the season, take a look at the story below—one that occurred many centuries ago, but is still celebrated today.

“And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) <sup>5</sup>To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. <sup>6</sup>And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. <sup>7</sup>And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup>And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, <sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. <sup>15</sup>And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. <sup>16</sup>And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup>But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. <sup>21</sup>And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. -Luke 2:4-21

So don't have just "a merry little Christmas" this year, as the song goes. Have a BIG one, and celebrate Jesus' birthday by accepting God's gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord!



## REFLECTIONS in CHRIST

“Life is too short! Enjoy it like it’s your last! Forgive, love, pray and never give up. If Jesus did not give up on the cross, then why should you?”

-Yardley Petitfrere

“2011 was just a year of realization, separation of needs and wants, what’s lacking around me, and analysis of character—not of myself, but of those around me.”

-Christina Best

“No reflections, except God’s AWESOMNESS!”

-Michelle Collins

“I can honestly say it was a year in which I explored parts of myself that I had no idea was there. My life and personality became multidimensional. Also, 2011 had some of my greatest challenges, but it constructed a stronger me. In other aspects, 2011 was a CRAZY year!”

-Tenika Dey

“Well, the year opened up with a lot of new beginnings and great expectations. As the year began to come to a close, a lot of things changed for me. Some were more trying than others, but a lot of challenges overall. But because of the situations that came about, God has been allowing me to see myself and what needs to be worked on. He’s been teaching me what it really means to trust Him, and that’s basically the place that I’m at now.”

-Atoya Beckles

“As I reflect on 2011, I feel extremely blessed and excited to embark on a new journey. If there was nothing else I learned for this year, it was not only to have faith in God, but to let Him have total control over my life and everyone in it. While going to school, it was a constant struggle to find somewhere to worship, but everything happens for a reason. Not having a church to visit made me want more from God and to seek the blessings He has in store for me. Through every situation, the constant reminder was “God is directing your path, so why should you be afraid?”. God is continuing to bless me and my family and keeping them safe, and I know for a fact that once I have the direction and a relationship with Him, everything in this world can come after.”

-Kimberly Isaac

“When I think of 2011, I will think of its major advancements and how far we have come; but I am also reminded of how far we CAN still go for God!”

-Cory Primo

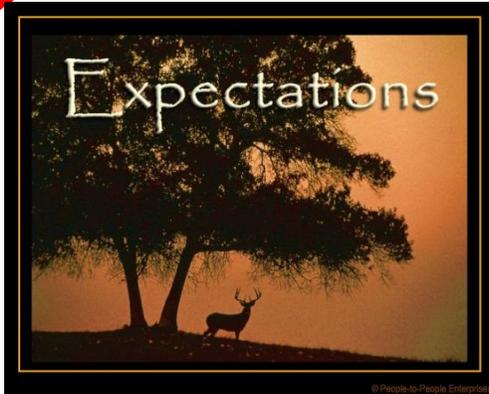
“As I reflect on the year 2011, I think of it as a year of patience, perseverance, favor, and confession of miraculous overflow for manifestation now and in 2012! God is awesome! Merry Christmas and a blessed new year to Mt. Olive family.

-Dr. Vanecia De Lisle

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of how far  
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STILL go for  
God!*

“Life is a learning journey. Life teaches through experiences, whether we recognize these lessons or not. When we reflect on our lives, we make sense of our experiences, and internalize what we learn.”

-Unknown



## What Are **YOUR** Expectations for 2012?

“My expectation for the year of 2012 is to excel in the things of God. I expect God to save and keep my unsaved friends. I also expect that everything I touch becomes blessed. I, however, need to be in the face of God even more than this year because I really want to turn this world upside down for the glory of God. I also want to see the Youth Ministry grow and get stronger in the Word. I want the Body of Christ to be so powerful that miracles happen on a regular basis.”

**-Min. Chad Beckles**

“I want to see the Youth functioning more in the ministry. I would also like to bring the lost to the light. I want to work together in oneness in the leadership of our Father.”

**-Bro. Juma Thornton**

“My expectations are to be closer to God, to see the work of God progress and to see miracles among us as never before. To pray, fast and seek God’s face more is also my desire. I expect to hear from God more, to be used by Him more and to be more obedient to the calling of God. I expect to be a better mother, a better wife, and a better sister in the natural and also in Christ. I expect to go to higher heights and deeper depths in Christ.”

**-Sis Arlene Reid**

“I expect to walk in faith and to let go and let God.” **-Dr. Cody DeLisle**

“My expectations for 2012 is for God to pour out a fresh anointing of His Spirit upon me. I want to experience God like never before. I would also like to continue to grow in God’s Word, so that when any situation comes in my life, I know exactly what word I can speak over it and God will get the glory.” **-Sis. Cindy Bowen**

“I will like to see the youth grow in Christ and attend church regularly. I will like to see the older saints set examples for the youths and to help the church move forward. I would also like to see greater things take place than what we saw last year.

**-Sis. Ena Nevinson**

“My expectations for 2012 is to get closer to God.”

**-Sis. Stacey Crawford**

“I expect to see more community work.” **-Dr. Annette Austin**

“I expect a closer walk with God, a deeper level with Him and a closer relationship with Him. I would like the purpose that God have in me to be manifested.” **-Sis. Louise Mcknie**

“I expect financial stability and to grow a thicker skin.”

**-Bro. Jimmy**

“Every year, I expect God to accomplish His will in my life and that I remain humble and ready to answer His call. The year 2012 is being talked about as a time of great disaster, however, I am expecting God to send a wave of revival in the United States and around the world.”

**-Min. Karen DeLisle**

“I expect God to use me wherever needs are to be met for the betterment of His people and for the growth of His Kingdom. I expect that He would grant within me a heart of love like His, one that is filled with compassion and humility, so that not only will I be ready and willing to obey His commands, but that through this living vessel, souls can be drawn to salvation.”

**-Sis. Sashelle Alfred**



Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year to the household of faith! May God continue to keep and sustain you and your family. Truly God has been good and He always will be, Enjoy this New Year of new anointing , new blessings, and new praise to give! Have great expectations, because God himself, is GREAT!!



I wish the leaders and the saints well and I will like us all to work and dwell together as one body in Christ!

**Be Blessed,  
from Sis Louise  
McKnie**

May God bless the entire body of Christ with His **Awesome** presence! May you all enjoy your Christmas & the Upcoming New Year! Be blessed!!



To Bishop Randolph Austin, Co-Founder Min. Esme Austin, to Pastor Gabriel Austin and Lady Catherine Austin—I wish you a pleasant and Merry Christmas and a blessed, healthy and prosperous 2012! May God fulfill you in all that He needs you to accomplish. May we all be a part of it, in Jesus' Name!! God Bless!



**Greetings, from Sis. Arlene Reid.**

## Has your free checking account suddenly become not so free?

At Flushing Bank, **Totally Free Checking** still means totally free.\* Don't be fooled. Some banks are now charging fees for their "free" checking accounts and making it sound as if it's because of new federal regulations. Not true. With us, free is still free, so stop in and open an account today.

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### Flushing Bank's Debit Card Campaign

Lately there has been a lot of news about debit cards and how some of the 'bigger' banks, like Bank of America and Citibank, are looking to impose a monthly fee on their customers' checking accounts for the usage of debit cards. This presents us, Flushing Bank, (and other 'smaller' community banks) with an opportunity to speak with these prospective customers and ask them: 'It's your money. Why pay to spend it?'

Some of the advice being given (in the news, internet and other public forums), is that these 'big bank' customers should look to the community banks for checking accounts that avoid charging such fees, like Flushing Bank. That puts us in a great position. Because our checking accounts are designed with our customers in mind, we're in an excellent position to offer these customers our Totally Free Checking account which provides:

- . No Debit Card Fees—Free MasterCard© ATM/Debit card
- . No Point-of-Sale (POS) transaction fees
- . Low Initial opening deposits—\$100
- . No monthly maintenance fees
- . No per check or deposit fees
- . Free check imaging
- . Free Direct Deposit
- . Free online banking with Free bill pay
- . Surcharge-free access to over 40,000 ATMs



..AND BEST OF ALL, as part of our current 'activation bonus offer', customers will get \$75 for completing 5 debit card purchases of \$25 each when they use their Flushing Bank debit card within 60 days of account opening!

*Ad by: Min. Chad Beckles*

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*We would Love to hear from YOU!!*

The Endeavor Staff would like to thank **EVERYONE** who made this Newsletter possible.

Special thanks to Michelle Collins, Whitney Collins, Kevin Best & Sashelle Alfred for all your hard work.

May God continue to use you for His glory. Be Blessed, In Jesus' Name!

# Always A Gentleman...

By Min. Chad Beckles

When was the last time somebody walked into your office looking this flawless? A look this expertly executed—with every last detail totally nailed—turns heads, gets compliments, and sends a powerful message. Yes!! You too are capable of pulling off this head-to-toe look!

Sharp! Simple! And Ready for the Job!



Most guys are hip to the white pocket square. See them and raise them by stockpiling an arsenal of patterned versions. Grab one that plays off the colors in your shirt and tie.



Remember this is the season for the well dressed man. At work, at school, even in the midst of travel—just looking like a gentlemen is not hard at all!

There are some guidelines in which you can follow.

### Here are some thoughts to keep in mind:

- 1- Have a “friend” shop with you from time to time (a real friend; a friend that will tell you the truth)
- 2- Always have a sense of your body type before entering a store and making a purchase
- 3- Always, Always, I repeat always look in the mirror!
- 4- Get a TAILOR...a form fitting suit is just the way to go.
- 5- When wearing a suit, there will be restrictions: you should not be able to do squats or any gym activities in it. This means, it’s not supposed to be like a track suit. You’re not in a relay race, or shot putting, get it fitted....(tailored).
- 6- Even the “jeans” come tapered! Not skinny jeans (we come against that right now), the baggy jeans is so 80’s. You can get them with a reasonable fit right off the rack.

### Places to visit/ ideas to have:

- Men warehouse
- Zara
- Express
- Park & Bond
- Macy’s
- Gap
- Brooks Brothers



**And looking your best for the LORD is alright in my book!!**

# Season's Greetings & Well Wishes



Keep up the wonderful work and keep listening to the Spirit of God!



I would like to wish my Mount Olive family a blessed, prosperous and enriching 2012! May God continue to give you his blessings and keep you always. I love you all, and God bless you!!!!

I would like to say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the founders Bishop Austin and Min. E Austin and also to Pastor Gabriel Austin and Min. Catherine Austin. I love you all very much. I would also like to say Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to all my brothers & sisters in the faith. God bless you all.



May God continue to bless & protect the leaders that they may have great vision to continue to lead us.

**Greetings, from Bro. Juma Thornton**



I wish you all the best—the best health & the best strength.

May God bless our leaders so that they will be even more blessed than this past year. I will like the vision of love planted in the leaders & manifested in the ministry.

**From Sis. Ena Nevinson.**

# The Fun Corner...

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Psalm 51

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Solution to last month's puzzle

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Bishop Randolph Austin expresses his invitation to you to a prayer gathering, worship, restoration, sharing and deliverance on every **last Saturday in every month**. We are truly experiencing the power of God moving amongst us in this time of prayer and intercession. So come and join us in prayer to God here at Mt. Olive Pentecostal Church of Faith located at **830 Utica Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11203 (Between Linden Boulevard and Church Ave.)**

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M-F

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dividing the word of truth.”

(2 Tim 2:15)

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**Order of Services**

**Sunday Morning Worship– 8:00 AM**

**Sunday Schedule– 10:30 AM**

**Sunday Midday Service– 11:45 AM**

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**1st Sunday– Youth Ministry 6:00 PM**

**2nd Sunday– Deliverance Service 6:00 PM**

**3rd Sunday– Missionary Service 5:00 PM**

**4th Sunday– Men’s Service 6:00 PM**

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**Wednesday Prayer & Fasting Service 12:00 PM**

**Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 8:00 PM**

**Friday Youth Ministry 8:00 PM**

**Every Last Saturday (only) Intercessory Prayer 10:00 AM**

**Every First Saturday Prayer & Praise Service 3:00 PM**

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