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Upcoming Events:

March 11th

Usher's Anniversary

March 25th

Men's Anniversary

Highlighted Topics

- ⇒ What is the True History Behind Valentine's Day?
- ⇒ Black History Month? What's that all about?

Find out more on these articles within.

Hello, February

"Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as "Negro History Week", and then as "Black History Month". But what really is this recognition all about?"
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What Is Love?
This can be one of the most difficult questions of mankind. But thank God, that the answer can be found in His Word so plainly for all to understand.

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As a part of our mission to reach out to the communities in need, SEnSE (Sisters Encouraging Sisters in Excellence) decided to why not start at home.

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Pastor's Remarks

"And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him *but* a few days, for the love he had to her." (Genesis 29:20 KJV)

As we are in the month of February, there's a special date in it which everyone calls the most romantic day of the year. February 14th is a day most couples go away, husbands give their wives roses, many propose for marriage and mainly many get married on that day. Genesis teaches how Jacob was willing to serve his uncle seven years for Rachel the one he loved. Sometimes we go all out and perform to extreme measures for the one or thing we love. Did you ever think about how much you love the Lord? Jesus loves us so much that he gave his life for us, and all he asks from us to do is spread the good news - the Gospel (if you love me feed my sheep John 21:15-17). Jesus also said "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" John 15:13. Likewise as Jesus went to the ultimate degree to show His love for us, He also wants us to go to the greatest also. Lastly Jacob served seven years, but it felt like a few days because he believes Rachel was worth it. I'm here to tell you that serving the Lord until the end will be worth it. Scriptures tells us "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Rom 8:18) So we shall receive, just hold out a little longer. Just love the Lord with all your might.

Pastor G.Austin

**What is the
TRUE
HISTORY of
Valentine's Day?
WHERE did we
get Valentine
customs and
symbols?
Does it matter to
GOD if we
celebrate
Valentine's Day?**



Carter G. Woodson
(Dec. 19, 1875 – April 3, 1950)

The tradition of Black History Month goes back to the beginning of the 20th Century. NAACP leader and legendary historian and educator **Carter G. Woodson** originally founded "Negro History Week" in 1926, at a time when most history books simply omitted

Black History Month

any African-American history and the central role African-Americans played in the birth of America as we know it. Woodson chose February because it coincided with the birthdays of two men who fought for freedom of American slaves: **Abraham Lincoln and Frederick**

Douglass. In 1976, Negro History Week was expanded to Black History Month. Since then, Black History Month has offered an opportunity to study, reflect on, and redefine our ongoing legacy in American history.

More on Black History on page 5.

February~ "The Month of Love"

February has long been a month of romance, for it is the month associated with Valentine's Day. But how many of us who celebrate this "day of love" actually know where this holiday came from and why we choose to celebrate it? Let's dig a little deeper and try to understand what Valentine's Day is

really about.

It is not exactly known why the 14th of February is known as Valentine's Day or if the noble Saint Valentine really had any relation to this day. The history of Valentine's Day is impossible to be obtained from any archive and the veil of centuries gone by has made the origin behind

this day more difficult to trace. It is only some legends that are our source for the history of Valentine's Day.

Saint Valentine's Day, commonly shortened to **Valentine's Day** is an annual holiday held on February 14 celebrating love and affection between intimate companions.

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Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the LORD. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, he would be utterly despised.

Song of Solomon
8:6-7



True Love

For God so loved the world,
That He gave His only begotten Son, that
whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

According to the thirteenth chapter in 1st Corinthians, verses four through eight, Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails!

Although the answer is clear cut—made so simple to comprehend—the true meaning of love, as defined in the Bible, has been corrupted in the common usage of our English language and society. Most often, love is confused with infatuation - that elated, "high" feeling we get when we "fall in love." This kind of "love" is something that lasts typically less than a year, and unless replaced by true love, results in broken relationships.

True Love Never Fails!

The Origin of Love

The Bible indicates that love is from God. In fact, the Bible says "God is love." Love is one of the primary characteristics of God. Likewise, God has endowed us with the capacity for love, since we are created in His image.

Different Kinds of Love

Agape

The Greek language uses two different words to describe and define love. The most commonly used Greek word translated "love" in the New Testament is "agape." This love is represented by God's love for us. It is a non-partial, sacrificial love.

"*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.*"

~John 3:16

Phileo

This means "to have ardent affection and feeling"—a type of impulsive love" This is the

natural, human type of love and affection that we have for a friend and is often defined as "brotherly love." "*Let brotherly love continue.*" -Hebrews 13:1

Eros

This refers to sexual, erotic love or desire. True love, as explained in the Bible, isn't focused on oneself and one's feelings or emotions, but is instead *outwardly focused on others*—wanting to best serve and care for them. Jesus defined the greatest love from a human perspective, as recorded in the gospel of John: *Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.* John 15:13

Jesus Himself fulfilled this greatest love by dying for us so that we could be forgiven of all our sins and have fellowship with God, but God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
love and faithfulness go before you.
— PSALM 89:14 NIV

~The History of Valentine's Day~



Valentine's Day is named after one or more early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine, and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 496 AD. It was deleted from the General Roman Calendar of saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI. It is traditionally a day on which lovers express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). The day first became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished.

Modern Valentine's Day symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.

As per one legend, the holiday has originated from the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia, a fertility celebration that used to be observed annually on February 15. But the rise of Christianity in Europe saw many pagan holidays being renamed for and dedicated to the early Christian martyrs. Lupercalia was no exception. In 496 AD, Pope Gelasius turned Lupercalia into a Christian feast day and set its observance a day earlier, on February 14. He proclaimed February 14 to be the feast day in honor of Saint Valentine, a Roman martyr who lived in the 3rd century. It is this St. Valentine whom the modern Valentine's Day honors.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, there were at least three early Christian saints by the name of Valentine. While one was a priest in Rome, another was a bishop in Terni. Nothing is known about the third St. Valentine except that he met his end in Africa. Surprisingly, all three of them were said to have been martyred on 14th February.

The story of St. Valentine has two different versions - the Protestant and the Catholic one. Both versions agree upon Saint Valentine being a bishop who held secret marriage ceremonies of soldiers in opposition to Claudius II who had prohibited marriage for young men and was executed by the latter. The ban on marriage was a great shock for the Romans. But they dared not voice their protest against the mighty emperor. Bishop Valentine also realized the injustice of the decree. He saw the trauma of young lovers who gave up all hopes of being united in marriage. He planned to counter the monarch's orders in secrecy. Whenever lovers thought of marrying, they went to Valentine who met them afterwards in a secret place, and joined them in the sacrament of matrimony. And thus he secretly performed many marriages for young lovers. But such things cannot remain hidden for long. It was only a matter of time before

Claudius came to know of this "friend of lovers," and had him arrested. A deep friendship had been formed between Valentine and Asterius' daughter. It caused great grief to the young girl to hear of his friend's imminent death. It is said that just before his execution, Valentine asked for a pen and paper from his jailor, and signed a farewell message to her "From Your Valentine," a phrase that lived ever after.

Symbols of Valentine's Day

Red Roses

Red roses were said to be the favorite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love. Red is also a color that signifies strong feelings.

Doves

Doves are symbols of loyalty and love because they mate for life and share the care of their babies.

Cupid

In Roman mythology, Cupid is the god of desire, affection and erotic love. Today, Cupid is frequently shown shooting his bow to inspire romantic love.

Valentine Heart

It is unclear where the familiar heart shape originated. One possibility involves the now-extinct North African plant silphium. The city-state of Cyrene had a lucrative trade in the plant, which looks just like the heart shape used today. Though mostly used for seasoning, it was also used for birth control.

Sources: *How Valentine's Day Works*, HowStuffWorks.com, retrieved Jan. 10, 2011; Wikipedia; *Where did the ubiquitous Valentine's symbol come from?* from Slate.com

Thus February 14th became a day for all lovers and Valentine became its Patron Saint. It began to be annually observed by young Romans who offered handwritten greetings of affection, known as *Valentines*, on this day to the women they admired. With the coming of Christianity, the day came to be known as St. Valentine's Day.

Black History: Recognition of Our People

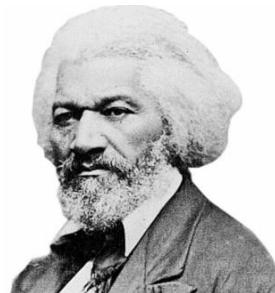
We owe the celebration of Black History Month as well as the study of black history, to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. He was born to parents who were former slaves and spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines. After enrolling in high school at the age of twenty, and later earning a Ph.D. from Harvard University, Dr. Woodson was disturbed to find that history books largely ignored the black-American population. He realized that the few times when blacks did make it into

history books, it was generally in ways that reflected them as the inferior social position that they were assigned at the time. Woodson, always being the type to act on his ambitions, then decided to take on the challenge of writing black Americans into the nation's history.

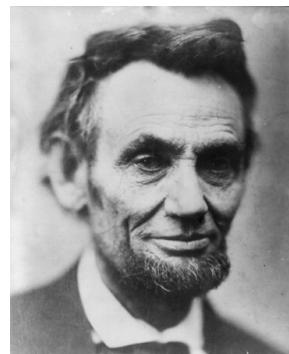
In 1915, he established the Association for the Study for Negro Life and History, which is now referred to as the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. A mere year later, he

founded the widely respected Journal of Negro History. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history.

Woodson chose the second week of February for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American population—**Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln.**



Frederick Douglass



Abraham Lincoln



Source: www.naacp.org

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February Fact Finder!

February 23, 1868: W. E. B. DuBois, important civil rights leader and co-founder of the NAACP, was born.

February 25, 1870: The first black U.S. senator, Hiram R. Revels (1822-1901), took his oath of office.

February 3, 1870: The 15th Amendment was passed, granting blacks the right to vote.

February 12, 1909: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded by a group of concerned black and white citizens in New York City.

February 1, 1960: In what would become a civil-rights movement milestone, a group of black Greensboro, N.C., college students began a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter.

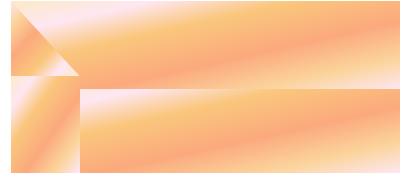
Congratulations on Your Baptism

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
Mark 16: 16



Welcome to the Body of Christ. We pray that as your journey with Jesus continues, that your relationship with Him would only grow sweeter and sweeter as the days go by. Enjoy your walk in the Lord!!!!





SEnSE's Bathroom Makeover

As a part of our mission to reach out to the communities in need, SEnSE (Sisters Encouraging Sisters in Excellence) decided to why not start at home. Our very first hands on project for the year of 2012 was to renovate the ladies restroom on the lower level. With some outside help of [insert name], recommended and arranged by one of our leaders, Dr. Karen DeLisle, our project is near completion. The SEnSE Ministry would like to extend special thanks to everyone who pitched in with their time and efforts to make this project a success! Even to our Pastor Gabriel Austin (below) who is not a member of the SEnSE Ministry, but saw it fit to step in and show our ladies a few tips and tricks in painting. WE THANK YOU! Your help was appreciated. Stay tuned to see what other projects the SEnSE Ministry will venture off in doing. To those who would like to be a part of this ministry, please see Min. Karen DeLisle, Min. Catherine Austin or speak with any of our ladies and you will be referred to accordingly. Thank you all once more!

Sneak Peak at Some of Our Hard Work!



SEnSE Bathroom Project Cont'd



*Special Thanks To All Those
Who Made This
Project A SUCCESS!!*



Children's Corner



Children's Church Youth of the Month

This young man was very attentive. He was willing to participate and always wanted to help. He asked various questions about the lessons being taught, which was very motivating to me. Overall, his efforts to do more for God is always an encouragement. He is

persistent and will not give up until he completes his tasks. It is an absolute pleasure to have him in the Children's Church. If the children were being graded, Kaiye would receive an A+!

Good Job Kai!

We [Children's Church teachers] encourage you to keep up the good work and be an example to your brothers and sisters in Christ. Your reward shall be great, not from man, but from Jesus himself!! Your parents ought to be PROUD! Be blessed!



Kai Spencer
Youth of the Month

Up & Coming Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists.... The Soul Winners of Tomorrow!
Congratulations of Delivering Your First Sermonette!! Keep on striving for Jesus!



Elizabeth Austin



Shaynah DeLisle



Kiran McCallam



Giovonne Austin



Anthony Daley



Amanda Barrett



Nakeem DeLisle



Alexandra Austin

- Answers to Bible Trivia: (1) a [John 18:10] (2) d [Exodus 5] (3) c [Exodus 26:31] (4) e [Numbers 20:12] (5) b [Exodus 8:2] (6) a [Exodus 12] (7) a [Exodus 20:8] (8) a [Matthew 5] (9) True [Acts 13:1-3] (10) False [Mark -16 chapters]

The Fun Corner

~Bible Trivia~

Answers on pg.9

1. Which impulsive disciple cut off a man's ear?

- A) Peter
- B) Mark
- C) Luke
- D) John

2. The Pharaoh's order that the slaves had to provide their own straw for brickmaking was a reaction to what?

- A) Moses wanting to free the slaves
- B) The celebration of Passover
- C) A recent famine
- D) Moses' request to go into the wilderness to celebrate a festival to God

3. What were the colors used in the curtain that separated the holy of Holies from the rest of the tabernacle?

- A) Pure white
- B) Black, white & brown
- C) Blue, purple & scarlet
- D) Gold, silver & white

4. Why did Moses strike the rock twice instead of doing what God commanded?

- A) He forgot
- B) He was angry
- C) He didn't believe God
- D) It was a big rock

5. What is the third miracle Moses shows the Pharaohs of Egypt?

- A) All waters turn to blood
- B) A plague of frogs
- C) A plague of locusts
- D) Famine

6. What book of the Bible has the first Passover?

- A) Exodus
- B) Leviticus
- C) Numbers
- D) Deuteronomy

7. What is the fourth commandments?

- A) Keep the Sabbath
- B) Thou shalt not steal
- C) Honor thy father and mother
- D) Thou shalt have no other gods before me

8. The Sermon on the Mount can be found in which book?

- A) Matthew
- B) Luke
- C) Mark
- D) John

9. The 1st Century Church had a commissioning service for missionaries. True OR False

10. Matthew is the shortest Gospel. True OR False

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Solution to last month's puzzle

Level: Easy

Source: <http://www.puzzles.ca.sudoku>

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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.)**

PRAYER HOTLINE

A simple prayer can be the breakthrough you needed to life's biggest and toughest problems. We at Mt. Olive believe in the power of prayer. Please stop in at the church or call within the hours listed below and someone from our prayer team will meet you at your crossroad.

Prayer Hotline:
718-287-2959



MT. OLIVE DAYCARE CENTER

Register Now!!!!

- Children's age range from 2-6 yrs old
- Time: 7a.m. to 6p.m, M-F
- Location— 830 Utica Ave. Between Linden blvd & Church Ave.



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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
(2 Timothy 2:15)

Get on board and become the woman and man of God you are destined to become!

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Order of Services

Sunday Morning Worship- 8:00 AM
Sunday School- 10:30 AM
Sunday Midday Service- 11:45 AM

1st Sunday— Youth Ministry 6:00 PM
2nd Sunday—Evangelistic Service 6:00 PM
3rd Sunday— Missionary Service 5:00 PM
4th Sunday— Men's Service 6:00 PM

Wednesday Noon Prayer 12:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Prayer 8:00 PM
Friday Youth Ministry 8:00 PM
Every Last Saturday (Only) Intercessory Prayer 10:00 AM

Every 1st Saturday—Prayer & Praise Service 3:00 PM
at
Marcus Garvey Nursing Home
810 St Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11213
(call for more information)

Every 3rd Saturday—Prayer & Praise Service 2:30pm
at
Ruby Weston Manor
2237 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY. 11207

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