

~ Endeavor ~

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Men's Ministry
- Usher's Ministry
- A Tip on Confidence or the Lack thereof.
- A Glorious Obsession
- Eating the Bible— What does that really mean?
- Where is YOUR Zeal? How are you being productive in the House of God?



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Pastor G. Austin, Min. C. Austin

I M P O R T A N T D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

March 11th— Usher's Anniversary

March 25th— Men's Anniversary

April 28th—Singspiration and College Program

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Who being the brightness of His Glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the Word of His Power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on High: Hebrews 1:3 (KJV)

PASTOR'S BLOG

"...And the government shall be upon his shoulder..."(Isaiah 9:6)

In today's society, we have many different types of issues. Whether its economical, mental, financial, health related or educational, the government is accused of this dilemma. However, we as Christians know that not only now, but in the world to come, Jesus rules! Many don't put their trust in the Lord, specifically those in government, but we ought to trust in Him for He is our ruler and King. The scriptures lets us know to "trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6) So people of God, continue to depend on the one true Ruler, King, Priest and Governor, whose Kingdom will NEVER end! Be blessed in the Lord.

-Pastor Gabriel Austin

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A GLORIOUS OBSESSION

As I was reading through a magazine titled “The Voice of the Martyrs”—a magazine/newsletter aimed at enlightening Christians worldwide about the importance of helping and praying for Christians who are persecuted or have been perse-

cuted for their involvement of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, my heart was warmed with compassion and an eagerness to spread the word, so that we all can be reminded of the importance of the Word of God, and of prayer. There

has been a nudge in my spirit for weeks, telling me that many Christians have somehow lost their zeal, their enthusiasm for Christ **and** His people. We have somehow...

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G O D W A N T S M E N T O B E F R E E !

God wants men to be free. Free to demonstrate toughness when a situation or relationship demands it. Free to display grit, strength, commitment, and decisiveness under the Holy Spirit's direction. God also wants me to be free to demon-

strate tenderness, sensitivity and humility. Free to be vulnerable enough to foster intimacy and to shed tears. Authentic masculinity produces a divine elasticity in men. Finally they can lead with firmness, then submit with humility. They can challenge with a

cutting edge, then encourage with enthusiasm. They can fight aggressively for a just cause, then moments later weep over suffering. Secure, free, authentic men leave a mark - on their colleagues, friends, wives, and especially their children.

Byill Hybels

EATING THE BIBLE (BY TOM WHITE)



The last time I saw Mozafar in Cairo, he explained to me how he had eaten the Bible. As a devout Muslim, Mozafar had been commanded by his mullah, or Islamic leader, to read the Bible so that he could write an argument to expose and defeat the Christians. The mullah had recognized Mozafar's fierce loyalty to Islam; his zeal had led him to attack churches and to persecute and burn the property of Christians. He had even spent time in prison for radical actions on behalf of Islam. But when he opened the pages of the Bible, he was stunned by the mercy and grace offered by Jesus in the gospel of Matthew. Mozafar was so drawn to the gospel that he rented a hotel room so that he could read the Bible and other Christian books without interruption.

Mozafar's brothers, angered by the changes they saw in him, took him to a mental institution, where he was subjected to shock treatments to rid his brain of radical spiritual ideas like "loving

your enemies." But the greater shock in Mozafar's life was God's truth revealed through his Holy Spirit. Once he had been exposed to the gospel, he was desperate to learn more about Jesus. "I would go into the bathroom of our home and lock the door," Mozafar explained. "Then I would take the Scriptures, memorize them, and eat them so that my family could not find them."

Mozafar's testimony brings to minds another notorious persecutor of Christians. After encountering the Bread of Life about 2000 years ago, Paul wrote, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jews first and also for the Greek" (Romans 1:16). In our continuous discovery of the spiritual riches found in the Scriptures, it's easy for us to forget that God can use one verse alone to revolutionize, to turn, to convert a soul.

We don't realize how much spiritual bread we possess until we engage those who have no bread at all. So how much spiritual food does it take? One thought, one verse, one crust of bread offered to the hungry at

the right moment.

Unlike Mozafar, we don't have to read Scripture behind a locked door and eat the pages. We have this potential feast laying out in the open in our living rooms and bedrooms. The necessary food for our spiritually malnourished world is right in front of us. Please pray for those who risk their lives to feed those hungry for the gospel...then pass the Bread.

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For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20 NIV

A GLORIOUS OBSESSION (CONT'D)

...become self-absorbed rather than Christ absorbed. When we are Christ-absorbed, despite our flaws and our needs, we see the needs of hurting people out there, those who desperately need a touch from Jesus, those who may not verbally express their need of love, but through their different avenues of sin, we hear their cry for **true love** calling out from their hearts. Fortunately for them, God has already showered His children with enough love to share with those in need, that through these earthen vessels, the hurting world can see Christ! Sadly though, many Christians keep all that free love, tightly bottled up within them, failing to distribute it where it is needed the most. We possess the Word within us, which is Christ himself, but the unsaved are blind to it because we fail to let Christ **fully** express himself to His people, through his people. We become obsessed with making our-

selves look right, seem right, and act right and talk right in the eyes of others, and though we ought to be a good example of a believer, we sometimes forget that we weren't called out of the world only to perfect ourselves, but to reach in and draw as many out of the world and into Christ as well. In Matthew 22 verses 36 through 39, Jesus tells us that we are to love the Lord our God with **all** our heart, and with **all** our soul, and with **all** our mind. But He doesn't stop there! He continues by telling us to love our neighbors as ourselves. I assume that when we love ourselves, we love us despite all our flaws, and shortcomings. In this same manner, we ought to love our neighbors. Later on in that same chapter, Jesus urges us to do something that to some may seem utterly absurd. He says "*love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.*" (Matthew 5:44) This kind of love does not only look past

people's sins, flaws and mistakes, but it most importantly compels us to look past wrongs they have done to **us**—some that may have scarred us or even changed us. Nevertheless, we are commanded to love them, and pray for them. We ought not to be obsessed with ourselves, but instead to have a glorious obsession with Christ **AND** His people. We ought to have and share love that reflects the cross—where the ultimate sacrifice of love was expressed. We ought to have and express **vertical righteousness** — one where we're in right standing with God, and **horizontal righteousness**—in right standing with one another.

I pray that the article entitled *Eating the Bible* will be a blessing to you!

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**G
P E O P L E
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By: Sashelle Alfred



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The LOVE of CHRIST COMPELS us
1 corinthians 5:14

USHER'S ANNIVERSARY

How do you feel about being a Junior Usher?

Good, because it takes away shyness and brings me confidence; I have to usher people to their seats, telling them where to go. It makes my relationship with God stronger because I ask God to guide me in what to do and not to get frustrated.

How do you prepare yourself spiritually before you take your post?

First I think about what I have to do; then I think about how God is on my side and He is preparing me and giving me the strength.

-Elizabeth Austin

What do you think is required of a Junior Usher?

Being a junior usher takes maturity and responsibility. You are supposed to be dependable and respectful to the entire usher board. You shouldn't have a problem doing the work of the Lord.

With that being said, how do you feel about being a Junior Usher?

I don't have a problem with it, as long as I'm doing work for the Lord.

How do you prepare yourself spiritually before you take your post?

Well, as always when you get into the house of the Lord you're supposed to pray. So before I go to my post, I ask God to give me braveness and strength.

-Amanda Barrett

What is the role of an Usher?

Ushering is a ministry to serve—we are called to spread the gospel, to attend to the needs of the people with a pleasant smile and a warm welcome, and to direct them to their seats. It's one of honor and assuring that the church is physically and spiritually in the right frame of mind to receive the message from the Pastor.

During your time as an Usher, what positive changes have you seen occur?

I've seen some improvement within the Usher department. The ushers have become more effective in their ministry and they are looking out more to the needs of the people. I'm seeing more smiles entering through the doors. The ushers are becoming more deserving during the service of the Lord. Thank God for growth.

The Junior Ushers are such a blessing to see added to the Board. What encouragements do you have for them as they continue to work in the House of God?

To my Junior Ushers, this is the beginning of a new level in what God has for you. In 1 Cor. 2:9 "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." If you love God you will do his commandment, you will do all to make him feel proved of you, and to do the work of God with all excellence and be diligent. Be encouraged and be strong in the Lord and continue to stand for Christ.

-Dr. Annette Austin

*"For a day
in thy courts
is better than
a thousand. I
had rather be
a doorkeeper
in the house
of my God,
than to dwell
in the tents of
wickedness."
Psalm 84:10*

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Collins.

MEN'S ANNIVERSARY

The men of Mt. Olive are growing in number as well as their relationship with God and passion for the ministry.

Throughout this past year and years of the Men's Ministry, how have you observed the men's spiritual growth, their unity, and the overall changes among the men? Where do you see the men's ministry going in the future?



Deacon Christopher Wint

(2012) Grace and peace to you all -2012 is a new year and the Men's Ministry at Mt Olive celebrate it with a fresh hope and new expectation. With this journey we walk together in accomplishing great task through Jesus Christ.

And as we walk in the Spirit together there will be great excitement, reason for this is that we have added many "regeneration men, young and old to the men's ministry." And that's more reason to be super-excited in God.

It has been a struggle, but God is doing a refreshing program with some of our men at Mt' Olive. Nevertheless we are determined for greatness.

As the Men's Ministry President, I am still determined to be a humble servant of the most High God. I am not only designated to lead Mt. Olive men but also I am here to serve them in all my capacity, whereby assisting our men to reach their fullest spiritual aspiration in Christ Jesus.

Deacon Mills

First let me give God thanks for the Men's Ministry of Mt. Olive and the faithful men who God has blessed with such a strong zeal and a passion for God.

As I look back at the past and took inventory of the men at Mt. Olive and where God has brought us from it has been a tremendous growth from year to years.

Their spiritual growth has improved tremendously. The unity among the men is great and they have given themselves continually to prayer. In the future, I see spiritual growth and also a great change and unity among the men. Psalm 133:1 says, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity". This is and will be my prayer for the Men's Ministry. I have seen the Men's Ministry moving on to victory by the grace of God and His mighty power and his blood will cover the entire body of Christ as we worship together in love



*"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."
Proverbs 27:17*

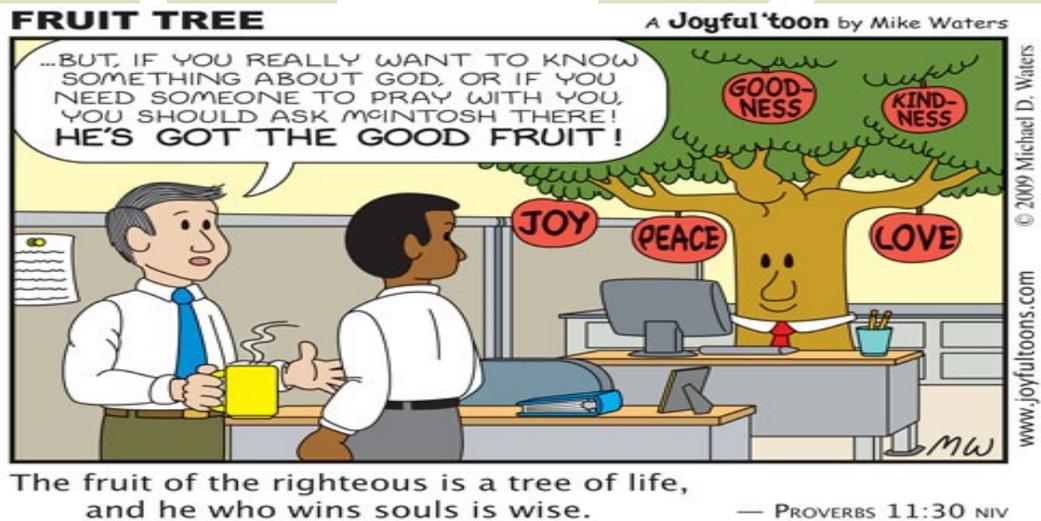
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Kevin Best

THE IMPORTANCE OF USHERS



When people come to church they are sometimes burdened, sad or discouraged. Each person, member or newcomer, comes with the hope that within those four walls of the church, there will be an experience of uplift and inspiration, a time of renewal and celebration. The skillful usher helps to make this a reality for those in attendance. Although an usher's love should be no stronger than the love found in the rest of the body of Christ, nevertheless the usher performs a major role in ensuring that people see and experience that love. In Christ, you have received God's unconditional love, and, in Christ, you are called to extend that same unconditional love to others. The ministry of ushering is one of the most crucial because it is one of the most visible in the church.

Source: <http://www.plusline.org>



EVENTS TO KEEP IN MIND

Friday March 23rd

The Youth will be going to Triumphant Bible Church of God [4013 Church Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, 11203] to fellowship with them for their **Youth Revival**. Due to this event, there will be no Youth Service as usual. Service starts at 7:30pm!

Saturday March 24th

Financial Seminar—held here at Mount Olive, 830 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11203 at 10am

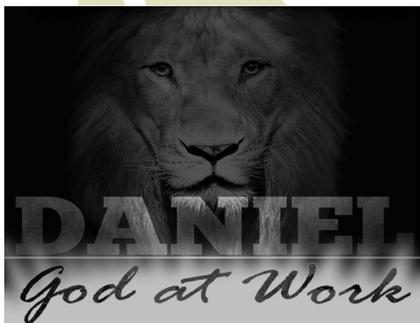
Elevate—A Free Concert held at Rochedale Open Bible Church. Guest appearance by Pasto Moses aka Snowman. Showtime is at 6:00pm! Open to anyone who would like to fellowship with the believers!

Sunday April 1st

Deadline for payment for Bishop Austin's 70th Birthday Party! Cost: \$85

CONFIDENCE-DO YOU HAVE IT?

BY DANIEL AUSTIN



Have you ever realized how important confidence is? REALLY! Just think about it, your next big move big can be based on how much confidence you have. A new job, your break out singing career, or better yet soul winning! It's all determined on confidence. Lack of confidence is definitely something not given from God, but there are times when it's just shoved under the rug. The Bible even says for God have not given us a spirit of fear, but power love and a sound mind. Just about two or three Friday nights ago in our youth service the topic for the night was confidence. During the discussion in the service a question was raised. I am....? And you would have to fill in the blank. And everybody gave great answers for themselves, with confidence. I sat there pondering what I should say for myself. Hmm..., but nothing actually came to mind. Now the thoughts had begun, "where is my confidence?"

I was then forced to remember never allow the enemy to play any games with your mind.

Then and there I had to encourage myself in the Lord, just like the song says by Donald Lawrence.

I have learned that there are many of us who have a constant struggle with confidence. This can really hinder our growth, not just spiritual growth, but mental growth as well. Allowing the down sides of life to take effect and stressing the minor things in life, can make a total mess in our lives. Living in doubt and fear is never a forward progress. The Bible tell us "I can do all things through Christ who strengths me". First we may read it, then say it, but the true challenge is do you believe it? For you who just feel like you hit the end of the road, that is never the case; you haven't come this far by faith for God to just leave you now. Think about all the great exploits that you can accomplish. There's an old myth that says "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" this particular statement puts hand cuffs on God choosing the option that there is no power in Jesus Christ. Saints remember who you represent--a God that can do exceedingly, abundantly, above ALL we can even ask or think. I've gone through the year of the open door, and moving

to another level, and it has not felt like I have not worked to the capacity God wants me to be. However, this year in our youth service, we actually declared and decreed that we are going to work and trust on the promises of God. We can't always hide under the covers, but stand up in confidence and tremendous things will happen. I'm not saying that it is going to be easy, because nothing good comes easily, but all the hard work will definitely be worth it in the end!

Confidence [kon-fi-duh ns]
Full trust; belief in the powers (of God); trustworthiness; belief in oneself; assurance; faith; reliance;



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Children's Church—Youth of the Month

Brother Nickel has a zeal for a direct connection with God and has a passion to work in the House of the Lord. Nickel does not take for granted to be a part of the Children's Church Ministry. Whatever lesson that is taught, he makes it his goal to get a complete understanding of God's Word. He also takes upon himself to be helpful in the class setting when help is needed. Knowing that his days in Children's Church is quickly passing by, he has truly gained an understanding to impart in the general church worship. Nickel is a great kid and as a teacher I am truly proud of him. I can honestly say he has learned that he has done it not just for himself, but for God to get all the glory. Brother Nickel is truly blessed! Congratulations, and keep up the good work in the Lord.



Nickel McCallam

Children's Church Assignment
Child: Ka-liayah Wint
Topic: Christian Ethics

Safe Travels to Mount Olive's Youths
Dayona & Shaquare

We love you and will continue to keep you in our hearts & our prayers. May God go with you and bless you richly!!

- C child-like
- H home in heaven
- R righteousness unto him
- I Identity to God
- S Sermon on the Mount
- T Testimonies unto god
- I Inspirational life stories
- A Amazing Grace
- N Neighbors that you love

- E Everlasting Life
- T Temple where we give honor (church)
- H Highly praise
- I Indoors Forever
- C Caught up with eden
- S sanctified unto him



Assignments included in the Endeavor are not edited or altered. They are included as submitted to reflect the child who completed it. The purpose is to acknowledge their hard work and efforts, and as a sneak peak into what our youth are being taught. Well Done Ka-liayah!!

(PROVERBS 10:14)
 WISE MEN LAY UP KNOWLEDGE
 NEVER, PICK, REALM,
 DECAY, GROUND, JEWEL, LAWS,

THE FUN CORNER

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Solution to last month's puzzle.
 Level: Medium
 Source: www.puzzles.ca/sudoku

Doublepuzzle 2

EDAYC
19 4 10

NUGORD
20 15 11 7

LEJWE
18 1 8

SLWA
17 9 16 3

NEERV
14 6

KIPC
12 2 13

LAEMR
21 5

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

<http://biblewordgames.com>

How To Play

Unscramble the letters into the boxes at the right of each set of letters. Copy the letters in the numbered boxes to the other boxes with the same number in the phrase below.

Enjoy!

Solution on page 5.

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.



MT. OLIVE BIBLE INSTITUTE

“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!

Study
to shew thyself
approved...
2 Timothy 2:15



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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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