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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AIM CONFERENCE

The State AIM Conference will be held in Gainesville on June 15, 2009 through June 19, 2009. All day sessions and the musical will be held at Williams Temple COGIC sanctuary; and the evening services will be at the Paramount Hotel.

ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The annual Gainesville District Conference of the COGIC will be held on June 9, 2009 through June 14, 2009. With the pre-musical on June 6, 2009. All sessions will be held at Williams Temple COGIC sanctuary.

INTER NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT MEN'S CONFERENCE

The ISSD Men's Conference will be held at the Tampa Convention Center in combined rooms 22 and 23 on Friday, July 3rd at 11:00 a.m. The speakers will be Dr. Ron Gibson of the Southern California First Jurisdiction, and Bishop Frank White of the New York Eastern Third Jurisdiction.

MARRIAGE BANQUET AND CONFERENCE

The Williams' Temple Marriage Ministry will sponsor a banquet and workshop

THREE KEY STEPS TO FINDING GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

By Bro Andre' Davis

What if you knew God's plan for your life at any given moment? What if you could have the peace of knowing that all the decisions you make are led by God Himself? You would always be in the right place, at the right time, with the right people, and have enough provision. You would not have to struggle with indecision, fear or feelings of failure. You would not have to worry about an uncertain future. The perfect blueprint for your life would be there, in front of your eyes, waiting to be walked out!

The Bible states that God has a wonderful and unique plan for each one of us. God has specially designed and created us with distinctive talents and gifts to walk in a perfect plan He has already predetermined for us; Ephesians 2:10 and Psalm 139. Immediately following are 3 life-changing steps that men have to take to find God's plan for their life:

Draw Close to Him - Although this may seem obvious, this is where most people miss it. God is a gentleman. He will not run down your door and start commanding you around. Besides, He wants to be your best friend, and best friends choose to stick around you of their own accord! So, start sticking around Him. Talk about good influences! This will certainly change your life!

Research Him- If you want to know God's specific will for your life, His unknown will, you will have to find out about His known will first. Start researching Him. You might find some good information about Him in Google, but the real source of God's known will is His written Word, the Bible. Start reading the Bible, especially the New Testament. Soon you will find out how much He loves you and yearns to be with you.

Learn to Listen to the Holy Spirit- You will also read that you have to make a decision about Jesus. Once you have submitted to His way of doing things and have received Him as Lord and Savior over your life, you have made the God-connection and the Holy Spirit will start talking to you about God's plan for you.

He is "the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you in the way you should go" Isaiah 48:17.

You can find God's plan for your life! All you need to do is :
Research him by study the Bible; Develop a relationship with Him;
and listen to the Holy Spirit.

Find out what God's plan is for your life!

on October 16, 2009 through October 18, 2009. The banquet will be held on October 16, 2009 at the D.R. Williams Fellowship Hall and various Workshops will be conducted on Saturday, October 17, 2009. Banquet ticket and conference Registration will be available in the very near future.

MOD SQUAD FEES DUE

Annual dues for the 2009 calendar year are due during the month of January. Dues are \$60 a year or \$15 dollars per quarter. Please see brother Andre Davis to pay your dues.

WEEKLY SERVICES

Pastor Williams has announced beginning January 21, 2009 weekly church Services will be held on Tuesday (TNT) and Wednesday (WNT) nights. He would like to see all men in attendance at MOD Squad and WNT services. MOD Squad bible study and meetings will be held every Tuesday night and WNT will now be held on Wednesday nights. Both services will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. end around 9:00p.m. with Pastor Williams beginning teaching at 7:30p.m. on Wednesday nights. Men please try and attend as many weekly service sessions as possible.

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

The Marriage Ministry will be meeting at 9:30a.m. on the third Sunday and 7:00p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Sunday's session will be a bible study class and Thursday's session will involve activities only.

WATCH AND PRAY

By Elder Allen Colbert Sr.

We are living in a time where there is so much ungodliness creeping into the church under the disguise of being God's Word and plan for salvation. So many, today, are leading unsuspecting saints astray with their teachings on "prosperity." Some "watchmen" are even allowing these ravaging wolves to devour unsuspecting young Christians. So many also are saying that we are too strict on what entertains, and draws, the young people of today. The real truth is the fact that those who say such are not in line with the Word of God. God's requirement has always been that we should be holy, for He is holy. And if we use ungodliness to get people to come to church, we will be obliged to continue doing so to keep them there. And the end results will then be weakness, and ungodliness.

The Bible declares that we should "train them in the way they should go." And I have never seen anyone go wrong by doing that which is right. The Devil will use any gimmick possible to get the saints to do wrong. He is the "accuser of the brethren." He is forever going through the land seeking those he can persuade to go his way. Part of the problem lies in the fact that too many are not 'rightly dividing the Word of truth.' The Bible plainly tells us to: "*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). In order for one to rightly divide God's Word, he must first know God's Word. According to this scripture, it is God who determines our readiness to teach His Word.

The Bible, further, tells us to: "*Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*" (Matthew 26:41). This lets me know that I cannot rely on my own understanding of the Word of God. It is so vital that we ask the Lord to reveal the mysteries of His Word unto us. Five of the seven churches of Asia Minor, mentioned in Revelation chapters two and three were found to have problems. The church at Ephesus had lost their first love. The church at Thyatira allowed the false prophetess Jezebel to teach immorality and idolatry. The church of Pergamos tolerated the false teachings of Balaam and the Nicolaitans. The church at Sardis had a reputation of being alive, but were dead. The church at Laodicea boasted of their riches; when in fact they were poor, blind, and naked. Only the churches at Smyrna and Philadelphia were found to blameless.

But the Lord, in all of His grace and mercy, gave each individual of the lacking churches opportunities to correct wrong situations. He made precious promises to all who would overcome. This is a great opportunity for all today, to take heed, that the Lord is great in mercy, and slow to anger. We have a great opportunity to evaluate ourselves using the Word of the Lord. It then becomes very simple; he who comes up to the commands of the Word of God will receive approval, and the promised blessings of the Lord. Therefore, it behooves each of us to get to know the Lord through prayer, and the study of His Holy Word. We should forever be prayerful and watchful; in order that we will be able to stand against all of Satan's devices. WATCH AND PRAY! ALWAYS!

MOD SPOT LIGHT

By Bro Andre' Davis

Each Monthly Bulletin issue introduces an active member of the Gainesville Chapter of the MOD Squad. This monthly issue spot lights Brother **Roger Ellsworth**.

Brother Ellsworth was born April 14th, 1955 in Oneonta, New York to Dorothy Couse and Hiram Ellsworth. He has an older brother that was born on December 26, 1949 that now resides in Michigan.

During his adolescent years, Brother Ellsworth lived all over the north eastern United States. The family was constantly moving every several months because his father's job involved installation of gas pipe lines all across the eastern United States. When Brother Ellsworth was 9 years old his father was killed on Christmas eve in an auto-mobile accident by a 19 year

PARTICIPATION IN MARRIAGE AND SINGLES MINISTRY

Elder Williams would like for every adult member at Williams Temple to participate in the Single or Marriage Ministries. Even though your spouse may not be a member at Williams Temple, both or one of you may attend the Marriage Ministry meetings.

MOD SQUAD MEETINGS

The Williams Temple Mod Squad meets every second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held in the Williams Temple dining room immediately following Bible Band and normally last for only 30 minutes. Please try to attend as many meetings as possible.

MEN'S PRAYER

The Williams Temple Church of God In Christ Chapter of the MOD Squad is sponsoring a one hour prayer session for men on Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. at the Williams Temple Church of God In Christ sanctuary located at 628 N.W. 7th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601. If you are a man and a member of Williams Temple Church of God In Christ, we would love to see you attend prayer on Friday night.

MEN'S CHOIR

The Williams Temple Men's Choir is looking for men interested in singing in the choir. The Men's Choir will be singing during morning service every fourth Sunday and practicing Friday before the fourth Sunday (after Men's Prayer). Please contact Brother Andre'



old drunk driver that ran a red light. His father died from a crushed chest, broken neck and skull fractures. The news left Brother Ellsworth devastated and altered the course of his life. At the age of sixteen, He was invited to church at Riverside Assembly of God in Flint Michigan. A very short time later, Brother Ellsworth accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and savior. A week later, at a Teen Challenge meeting, He received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and prayed in tongues for two hours. A week after that, at the same church, he was baptized in water and was introduced to evangelism which Brother Ellsworth believes is his calling.

After graduating from High School in 1974, Brother Ellsworth listed in the Army and was stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky for basic training. After completing basic training, he was transferred to Fort Benning, Ga where he was trained to be a diesel mechanic. He was the backup diesel mechanic for the 82nd Airborne for the duration of his duty. After his discharge from the Army, Brother Ellsworth spent two years in college studying auto mechanics.

In 1987, Brother Ellsworth became head of "the Cross Ministries" in Clio Michigan. As a part of this ministry he completed classes in alcohol and drug treatment, marriage counseling, child behavior, and adult relationships. He was also fighting pornography nationwide; dealing with other issues; and leading people to the Lord.

In 1990 Brother Ellsworth moved to Richmond, Virginia where he lived for six years before moving to Gainesville. After arriving in Gainesville, he went to work for Shands at AGH while attending truck driving school in Jacksonville. After graduating from truck driving school, Brother Ellsworth quit his job at Shands and began to drive trucks full time. During January 2003, while making a delivery in Springfield, Pa., Brother Ellsworth was notified that his mother passed away in Fenton, Michigan just 3 months short of her 91st birthday. He was devastated and almost wrecked the company vehicle. He managed to drive the vehicle to the terminal located in Ohio where he was terminated from his job and sent home only to find out that he was being evicted from his apartment for things his wife did while he was away from home trying to earn money to take care of the family. Shortly there after she moved out of the apartment and filed for a divorce.

Now, he is back serving the Lord, ready to marry again and move to Bainbridge, Ga. where he believes the Lord has instructed him to go and open a Christian shelter to help the homeless get on their feet by providing them with a place to live, and assistance with locating a job. He plans to use this as an avenue to share the gospel with the homeless and lead as many of them to Christ as possible.

If it is God's will, he will be moving to Georgia later this year, and taking on a new wife and life. Please pray for him!

THREE RESPONSIBILITIES OF EVERY CHRISTIAN MAN

By Bro Andre' Davis

Every Christian man has many responsibilities, but there are three that really stand out.

Control Your Thoughts-The human mind is so powerful that it attracts to it what it focuses on. If we focus on our blessings, more blessings will come. But, if we focus on sin or the things that seem to be wrong in our lives, guess what we will attract? That's right, more of the same! Since whatever we focus on becomes magnified and attracted to us, we must take great care in controlling our thoughts! Proverbs 23:7 says, "As a man thinks, so is he."

Believe in Him and His Word -Jesus said to only believe, for all things are

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SYNOPSIS OF SPRING CONFERENCE

The Spring Conference of the Church of God In Christ Central Florida Jurisdiction #1 was held on March 17, 2009 thru March 20, 2009 at the Cathedral of Faith located in Jacksonville, Florida. Elder Joe Manning beginning the conference on Monday with a powerful word from God followed by Pastors Jonathan McKnight on Tuesday night and M. Watts on Wednesday night with equally powerful messages. Bishop Charles Edward Blake, Presiding Bishop of the Church of God In Christ was the speaker on Thursday night followed by Elder Carlos Hutchinson on Friday night. This Spring Conference was one of the most exciting COGIC Central Florida Jurisdiction #1 events that I have ever attended. The highlight of the conference was a special reposs that was held for Bishop Blake after Thursday night's service



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possible to him who believes (Mark 9:23). As He did His part on the cross by dying for us and giving us life abundantly, we are required to do our part. What is our part? To only believe! To believe what? That He is God, and that He is faithful to His Word. And, to believe that He is who He says He is and He will do what He says He will do. We are to be believers, not achievers. That's why we should not to be frustrated all the time, running around trying to do things only God can do. We are to cast all of our care upon Him for He cares for us (I Peter 5:7).

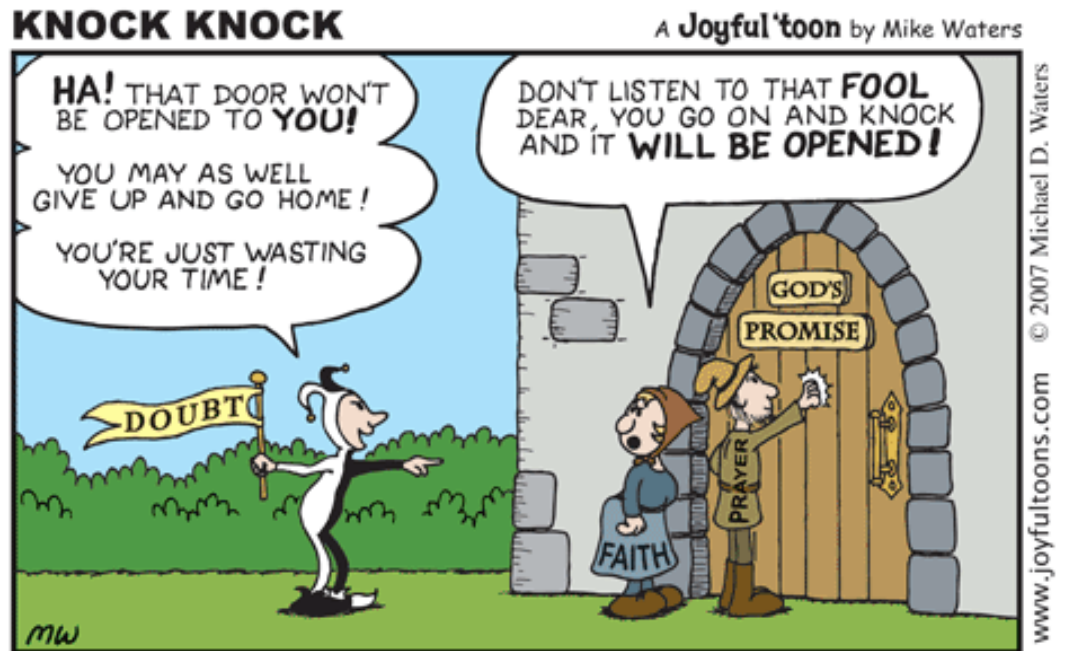
Be a Blessing to Others-Being a Christian is about serving mankind and being a blessing to others. When we serve and bless others, we are serving and blessing Jesus! In Matthew 25:40, Jesus said, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these you have done it unto me." Nothing gives a person more joy than being a blessing to someone else. When we are a blessing we become blessed ourselves!

Jesus said in Luke 6:38, "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you give, it shall be measured to you again."

So we should work with our hands that we may have something to give to him who has need, Ephesians 4:28. 1 Thessalonians 4 says, "Increase more and more, aspire to lead a quiet life, mind your own business, work with your own hands, walk properly toward those who are outside, and lack nothing."

There are many responsibilities for every male Christian, but these three are vital to living the quality of life God wants for each of us. So, control your thoughts, believe in Him and His Word, and be a blessing to others; and God will surely rain his blessings upon you.

COMEDY CORNER



Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

- MATTHEW 7:7 NIV