

Overseer's Desk

Matt 25:31-46



Another careful look at the gospel, challenges the 21st century church, ministry and laity alike, to adjust its theological lens and view ministry given to the church as divinely mandated. It reminds the reader that the church must embody two models of ministry, harmoniously working together side by side –the personal and social. The gospel must be constantly proclaimed as the power of God unto personal salvation but it must also strongly be preached that a right relationship with God definitely affects relationship with one's neighbors. It affects humanity not just as individual persons, but as we were originally created to be persons-in-community, social beings. It inspires social action. It reminds us that true evangelism involves aggressive social action, freeing the individual from political, economic and physical bondage. It shares God's love and shalom (righteousness, peace, mercy, justice and wholeness) verbally and practically.

As we seriously reflect on Christ and the implications of His death and sufferings during this Easter Season, may this 21st century church become more inspired to win the lost and to do more for our communities by way of soup kitchens, clothes racks, providing shelter for the homeless and other practical things. May we be compelled to remember that "word" and "works" go together and that real discipleship goes beyond personal holiness. It becomes socially involved in the lives of others.

Roosevelt – YOUTH REVIVAL

On Saturday February 21st, it snowed all day, but for many of us here in the Northeast that was not unusual or uncommon. What was surprising was that church was not cancelled. In spite of the inclement weather, the bad roads, the slippery conditions, the freezing rain, it was indeed surprising to see how many young people showed up for the Youth Revival sponsored by the Youth Department of the Roosevelt church, and led by Jessika Edouard.

When we arrived they were in full gear. The singing was melodious, the presentations well executed

and the Word was indeed inspirational. It was a blessing to be there and to see our youths in action. Thank God the youths at Roosevelt are alive in the Spirit and highly favored. Blessings upon Pastor Carelus and the saints at Roosevelt. Blessings also on Sister Jessika and the youths!

Harlem- Pastor Installation

What a marvelous joy and blessing it was to be a part of the official installation service



for Nehemiah Johnson to the local church of Harlem, NY. Indeed what excitement!! In fact, the very atmosphere seemed charged with renewal and renaissance. Although Pastor Nehemiah and his wife Grace-Ann have already been serving there for a little over six months – February 8th, the day of the official installation came with as much excitement as if it were their first day of service.

The service was ably moderated by District Overseer Bishop Earl McKay with quite a few other pastors from the District in attendance. The installation message was preached by the Regional Overseer, followed by the Litany of installation.

Pastor Johnson and Lady Grace-Ann come to this position very well equipped and qualified. Converted from an early age, he loves the Lord and loves people, desiring only to serve and to be a blessing. His mentor/pastor Bishop Roger Ball speaks most highly of Pastor Johnson. We wish him great success and the most abundant harvest ever!

Fulton Street – Marches On!

In spite of their challenges the Fulton Street Church continues to give God



praise and to sing about His goodness with joyful hearts. The prevailing spirit at the church is one of joy and optimism pressing always forward looking upward always. They are forever mindful of God's faithfulness and promise of His abiding presence.

They were blessed on Sunday, February 22nd to have the Regional Overseer and his wife visiting with them. The Word preached was most encouraging and uplifting as he inspired them to keep on praying, working and believing God for great things as Nehemiah did: the word was well received. Blessings on Pastor

Thomas and the saints at Fulton Street! Their pressing need is for funds to renovate and repair.

Newburgh Leadership & Evangelism Training

On Saturday February 28, the Newburgh church hosted its first leadership & evangelism training for 2015. The vision of Pastor Barrington Higgins was to equip the local leaders to effectively serve in their respective roles and make evangelism a priority in the local church/community. The church was blessed to have Minister Morais Cassell, Regional Evangelism Director and Minister Diane Cassell, Regional Music Ministries Director as the guest presenters. Sessions included: 1) Fundamentals of the Faith, 2) What is expected of members, and 3) Relational Evangelism. The church is excited about launching *Friendship Evangelism Months* (April/May).

Farewell to Pastor Daniel Singh

A special service was convened on the evening of February 22nd in Pastor Singh's honor. They gathered to tearfully say goodbye and to express gratitude for all his hard work and kind deeds that characterized his 17 years of pastoring at the Springfield church.

The service was orchestrated and ably moderated by District Overseer, Bishop Cecil Hume who spoke highly of Pastor Singh's sterling qualities as a faithful pastor and man of God. Along with the saints at Springfield was a sizable delegation from the Hartford church, which came to show their love and support. It was also a blessing to have our Regional Overseer and spouse in attendance.

Under Pastor Singh's leadership the church at Springfield has indeed grown and experienced good success. A beautiful sanctuary was purchased and the mortgage was considerably reduced. He has indeed affected many lives and people in this community. He will be greatly missed but always remembered. This Region salutes Pastor Singh and wish him only greatness and success in his future endeavors.

Remember March Mission

The month of March is traditionally known throughout the Church of God of Prophecy as "**World Mission Drive.**" It provides one of two annual opportunities in which to invest in Mission Giving in support of our national leaders and mission nations. One primary objective for our mission

ministry is developing and utilizing indigenous leaders. We believe that indigenous leaders understand the culture and context of ministry perhaps better than leaders from other cultures. This year in the mission network we have indigenous leaders taking the primary role in most of our national ministries.

Northeast Regional Convention

Theme:

Thursday July 16th -7:00 pm

Friday, July 17th -

9:00am – 10:00 pm

Saturday, July 18th

9:00am – 1:00 pm



Grace Fellowship Church

20 Delatour Road #1, Watervliet, NY 12189

Mission Breakfast – 7:00 – 9:00 am

Theme: "Transformational Breakthrough through Prayer"

Saturday, July 18th - THE DESMOND HOTEL
660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211

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COMING SOON



Gordon Conwell Rally – April 22nd

SOPAS – May 18th – 22nd

*New Date for the
Regional Overseer's
Appreciation Service*
Saturday, August 1st at 2:30 pm
Bushwick Avenue Church

