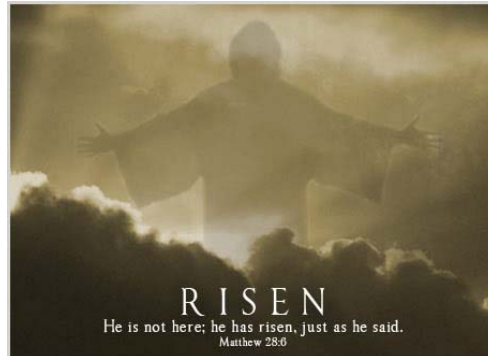


Greater True Light Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.

April 2009 Newsletter

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For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Vision, Value(s) & Voice

Vision: comes from God to the Pastor and then the Pastor gives the direction to the membership. It is not the Pastor's responsibility to bring the vision alive, that duty belongs to the sheep, but it is the Pastor's responsibility to lead the sheep.

Value(s): There should be some integrity when it comes to our values. When we think of values what words come to mind, honesty, truthfulness, honor, reliability, authenticity, dependability, genuineness, and sincerity. These should be characteristics that we display as being a part of this ministry and issues dealing with this ministry.

Voice: There has to be a voice in this ministry. And the voice is given to the shepherd to give the vision.

2009 Honorees

The Bible says give honor where honor is due. God has given our Pastor a vision to honor three or four of our members each year. On April 26, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. we will be honoring three of our very own, Rev. Kwame Crosby, Michelle Gaddis, and Khalilah 'Peaches' Williams. Each of these members have been dedicated, faithful and committed to this

ministry. In spite of being young they each have a zeal to please God.

Michelle and Khalilah give leadership to the choir, and have done a marvelous job of keeping the choir focused and encouraged during the good times and the bad. They also serve as part of the finance committee and are very diligent in the position of overseeing the money of the people of God; they do it with honesty and great integrity. These two young ladies are true examples of Christ and they really love the Lord and their church.

Rev. Crosby is also dedicated to the Lord and his Church. He is one of our youth supervisors, he is the Vice President of the Brotherhood and helps lead our men in the direction and ways of Christ. He is also on our ministerial staff here at the Light, and is busy trying to help around the church where he feels work needs to be done.

So let us come out on the 26th of April, as we honor Rev. K. Crosby, Sis. M. Gaddis & Sis. K. Williams, they need our encouragement and support, it is their turn this year, and we don't know when God might lay it on our Pastor's heart to honor us. So let us come out and support them during this celebration.

Greater True Light's Annual Carnival

On Saturday, April 18, 2009, starting at 9:00 a.m. will be our Annual Carnival. We are looking forward to having a good time in the Lord as we fellowship with one another. Greater True Light we need each of you to come out and support this event. Each of our ministries will be having booths setup with a wide range of items to purchase; there will be food, fun, and fellowship. We will be closing the street off for this event, and just encourage you to come out. We worship together each and every Sunday; well let's just take time out of our busy schedule to mingle with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The carnival applications are circulating as you are reading this article, so please hurry and submit your application along with your booth rental fee (\$50), so that you will be first in line to have what you desire for your booth. Please feel free to decorate your booth, make it colorful and exciting. All proceeds that you make this day will go to your ministry.

Calling all Leaders of Greater True Light

"U-Shape Meeting" - As God gives Pastor Gaddis direction for the ministry of Greater True Light, there will be different ministries as well as committees formed. This year the U-Shape meeting has been formed for all ministry leaders. The name is just what it says U-Shape, as the leaders of Greater True Light "we will shape the ministry of this church." It is through the vision of our Pastor that we the leaders will run and carry out the vision with our ministry members. Our focus will be Mission, Membership and Ministry. Our first U-shape meeting was held on Saturday, January 10, 2009, and it was for all of the Presidents of Greater True Light. The meeting was very beneficial and productive, in this meeting we discussed ways to help each other build our ministries as well as encourage each other, how to be motivators and movers of the ministry, how to conduct our meetings, and how to have a good working relationship with those we lead. Leaders I can't begin to stress how important and beneficial these meetings are. Also, as leaders, it is very important that we attend either Bible Study or Sunday School. The "U-shape meetings" are held on a quarterly basis. Our next meeting will be Saturday, April 25, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. and will include all Presidents, Vice Presidents and Deacons. Look forward to seeing you there.

Celebrities in the News: What Would Jesus Say?

Last week's issue of Vogue magazine featured a photo layout and article on Beyonce Knowles-singer, producer, actor, designer, and one of the most well-liked pop stars of today. In the article Beyonce decides to open up to the interviewer and speak about her family. Beyonce's family, just like yours and mine, go through their issues and dramas. She talks about how close she is to her mom and how her mom is her primary fashion and movie role advisor. Beyonce then shares how she and her dad argue a lot, how they go back and forth on decisions about different business deals. But she says that no matter what she knows that her dad loves her and he is working on her behalf even if she does not like everything he says and does. Doesn't that sounds like us with Jesus? Jesus knows what's best for us. He knows what lies along the road ahead. He wants to protect us from upsets and most of all He wants us to come home and live with him in eternity one day. Many times we have difficulty because we have this sinful nature (flesh) that is warring within us and we find it hard to accept the ways of Jesus. We go back and forth with Jesus trying to negotiate just like Beyonce and her dad. The Bible says in Psalm 119:8 *It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man* (including ourselves). It also says in Isaiah 27:4 that we should *trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord is everlasting strength*. If we trust in God He will direct us and strengthen us. He will help us to maintain healthy relationships with our family friends and others as well.

April Birthdays

1st	Sis. Grace Ferguson-Jones
	Bro. Keith Williams
4th	Bro. Devron Thomas
6th	Sis. Sharnae McKinzie
	Mo. Elizabeth Nora
8th	Sis. Bobbie McGhee
	Bro. Raymond L. McPheters
	Sis. Carol Shelton
16th	Sis. Doris Gaddis
	(Baby) Lamont Koonce, Jr.
19th	Sis. Victoria Johnson
20th	Sis. Michelle Gaddis
21st	Rev. Raymond Tyner
28th	Bro. Victor Mosley
30th	(Baby) Ewayne Gaddis
	Sis. Mable Bailey
	Sis. Marva Jackson-Boyd