

Greater True Light M.B.C., Inc.

February 2009 Newsletter

Message from the Pastor

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! As we move forward in 2009, I want to say "Don't Stop Dreaming" God has so much in store for us as a Church and as individuals. If we just stay in position and move forward as God moves. We also will be celebrating our 53rd Church Anniversary this month, I encourage each of you to come out, support and participate in all of the activities that have been planned for these services. The month of January, was a historical moment that we will never forget. However, we must remember to continuously pray for President Obama, that he will trust and depend on God to give him leadership for this country.

May God continue to bless you.
Dr. E. Wayne Gaddis, Sr.
Pastor

Pastor Gaddis would like to thank everyone who came out and gave your support for our Spiritual Emphasis Revival. We truly were blessed by the men and women who preached the Word during this week. Your time, giving and attendance made it a great success. I cannot say thank you enough.

53 Church Anniversary will be Sunday, February 15 & 22, 2009

Feb. 15, 2009 Special Guest
Pastor Solomon Drake and the Greater Ebenezer Church

Feb. 22, 2009 Special Guest
Pastor Greg Payton and the Greater St. John Baptist Church

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Sacrificial Seed Offering

Please let us continue to contribute \$20.00 per week for our sacrificial seed Offering and together we can make a difference.

The History of Black History

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as "Negro History Week" and later as "Black History Month." What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied-or even documented-when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books.

We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. The scholar was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the black American population-and when blacks did figure into the picture, it was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the time.

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 Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

Events @ The Light

Bible Study – is Tuesday night @ 6:30 p.m. We have classes for every age group. Our Bible Study book is “**A Divine Revelation of Spiritual Warfare**”

Our Senior Saints Fellowship Wednesday Prayer is 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a plea to all seniors to come out during this time of fellowship and fun to be held at the Greater True Light church. Everyone is invited to come out for prayer.

Our Life Group Financial Workshop started Monday, 01/ 26/ 09 at 6:30 p.m. and will continue through Monday, 03/ 30/09. Min. Barbara Holmes will assist you with the literature. The prices are as follows: \$45.00 for Singles & \$55.00 for Couples.

Sunday, 02/0 1/09 is Greater True Light's Super Bowl Party.

Our first **Prayer Praise Service** for 2009 will be Tuesday, 02/03/09 @ 6:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to be here.

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Cod Liver Oil Coercion

When the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. —John 15:26

A woman bought a bottle of cod liver oil to give to her dog so he could have a healthier and shinier coat. Every morning, she pried the dog's jaws open and forced the liquid down his throat. He struggled, but she persisted. *He doesn't know what's good for him!* she thought. Faithfully, each day she repeated the process. One day, however, the bottle tipped over and she released her grip on the dog for just a moment to wipe up the mess. The dog sniffed at the fishy liquid and began lapping up what she had spilled. He actually loved the stuff. He had simply objected to being coerced! Sometimes we use a similar method in telling others about Christ. Called buttonholing, it's an intense, in-your-face kind of confrontation. While earnestly desiring to share the gospel, we may end up repelling people instead. In our sincere but overly enthusiastic attempt, we create resistance. We are called to share the good news, but we are not responsible for someone's acceptance or rejection of Christ. It's not our job to try to convict someone of sin. That's the Holy Spirit's responsibility (John 16:8).

As you tell others of Christ's sacrifice, be sensitive. Know when to slow down and let God and His Word do the convicting and drawing to Himself.

What's Cookin....

Pastor Gaddis Grandmom's Butter Pound Cake

5 egg
4 stick of butter
teaspoon salt
tablespoon of v. flavor
one half cup of milk
2 and one half cups on sugar
3 cups of flour
Blend eggs and sugar and butter and milk, then add all other flour your pan then let it cook per heat oven at 350, let cook for 45 min. to one hour let it rest out of the oven for about 15min, cut it and eat it and enjoy it.

February Birthdays

3rd Sis. Carole Gordon
5th Dea. Dennis Shelton
6th Sis. Mable Richmond
7th Bro. Daniel George
Sis. Tanya Pitts
8th Bro. Ashton Thomas
12th Sis. Betty Payne
13th Felicia Herron
25th Bro. Tremayne Rankins

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