

# March Newsletter

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Mission, Membership & Ministry

## Vision Minded Krew

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### Message from the desk of Pastor Gaddis

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ! I would first like to thank each and every member of Greater True Light for your participation, support and financial donation in making our 53rd Church Anniversary a success. To each ministry leader and your ministries, none of this would have been possible without your determination to make our Church Anniversary come alive. I would like to give a special thank you to Sis. Paula Tyner for giving leadership for our Church Anniversary.

I would also like to thank those who participated in our 10 Day Daniel Fast, I hope that during this time God manifested Himself to be a blessing to your spiritual lives, physical lives and your relationship with Christ as much as He did in mines. The

Month of March has some exciting events for our church, which you will read about in this newsletter. We are excited about our first youth revival for this year, this revival will be held March 24 & 25, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Also, on March 20th, will be our Gospel Skate Night, we are encouraging our entire membership to come out and please invite your family and friends.

Hebrews 10:25a; says Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another. So as we see in the scripture God requires us to meet at the worship place to worship and fellowship, therefore, I want to encourage each of you to motivate, persuade, promote, and push one another to come out for our morning

worship services. Also, I would like for us to encourage one another to focus on Sunday School and Bible Study. It is only by us loving and encouraging each other that we are going to Bring the Vision Alive for this Ministry. And as we focus on our **Mission** (To go ye therefore, and teach all nations), we must first start at home; then God will in turn equip the **Membership** to be prepared to witness to the lost and each other as we move forward to build the **Ministry** of Christ and Greater True Light. In order to do this we need each other. I am asking the entire membership to focus on Psalms 46 for the month of March.

Be Blessed,

Dr. E. Wayne Gaddis, Sr.  
Pastor

Pastor's Aide : Please help take care of the Man of God

### Deaconess Prayer & Praise Brunch

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Starting Friday Night, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. the Deaconess will be having a Musical. On Saturday, March 7, at 9:00 will be the Prayer Breakfast. The speaker is Sis. Barbara Calhoun, she is a member of the Tree of Life Baptist Church. We encourage you to come out and hear this dynamic woman of God. Tickets are \$15.00 & can be purchased from any Member of the Deaconess.

Women's Ministry Bible Brunch Fellowship

March 21st

10a - 12 noon

### Morning Prayer & Sunday School

Sunday morning at 8:45am Prayer and Classes at 9am.

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**Choir Rehearsal**  
every Thursday from  
7pm—9pm



**Audio Ministry**  
The Audio Ministry has CD's of all Services and Bible Study's available for \$5.00. Please see Bro. Wayne Gaddis or one of the Communication Committee Members for the CD's.

**March Birthday**

Happy Birthday to all of you celebrating your Birthday in March



Help the Youth Change Drive. Give your change and make a change in our Youth's Life

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## Vision Minded Krew

**Member Spotlight:**

When you hear the words run, committed, dedicated, faithful, endurance, excited, anxious, diligent, and timely what comes to mind. Well the first thing that comes to mind for me is the enthusiasm and devotion, that Bro. Wayne Gaddis, Jr. has put into the position that he graciously accepted for this year, as the Director of the Youth Ministry (aka the Vision Minded Krew)

Wayne is really on his job and he is leading by example and not letting anything fall through the cracks, he has set goals and objectives for VMK and he is putting forth the effort and making these things come to past. We talk about Bringing the Vision Alive in 2009, but this is exactly what he has done so far this year. He is

encouraging our youth to be better and to do better, he constantly instructs them when they are standing for the Lord, to do it with confidence and not just any kind of way.

As a ministry leader I am encouraged by his dedication and commitment to the Position that the Lord has given him. After watching him I see that we have to be just as faithful to the positions and offices that we hold for the Lord, just like we do at work. We have to put the time and effort in to make our ministries better and more productive.

VMK will be having their first Revival this month on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, Bro. Gaddis started working on this revival immediately when he accepted the position to be over the Youth Ministry. He has lined up

some young dynamic speakers and choirs. This is going to be an awesome revival that you don't want to miss. Wayne is constantly following up with those he has given assignments to, in regards to the Youth Ministry. One thing that he does not like and that is slowness. So let us encourage Bro. Wayne in his endeavors to continuously develop our youth to be better adults.

Parents he has a lot of great activities lined up for our Youth, and we need your child or children's participation. So we are relying on you to make sure that your child attends the weekly meetings every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. And in order to attend the fun activities they must also attend the meetings. If you would like any information on the Youth please see Bro. Wayne Gaddis, Jr.

### (V.M. Krew) Youth Revival March 24 & 25, 2009



*Rev. Michael Fisher*  
Speaker



*Rev. Jason Lewis*  
Lecturer



*Overseer Johnny Withers*  
Speaker

**Celebrities in the News:  
What Would Jesus Say?**

Last Friday pop singer Rihanna celebrated her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday with a small circle of friends and Chris Brown was not on the list of invitees. The famous couple has been all over the news lately due to an altercation that ended up with Rihanna in the hospital and Chris in handcuffs. Though when in the public eye the two young stars give each other nothing but kisses and goo-goo eyes, the night of February 8<sup>th</sup> left the two with deep physical and emotional

scars. The media has had a field day with this story painting one as a victim and one as a villain and many of us have already cast judgment. However, it still remains that only Rihanna, Chris and the Lord know what really went on.

*So, what would Jesus say?* Well according to God's Word, we are to help our brothers and sisters when they are weak and down trodden (Rom. 15:1). At this critical time it is so important that we pray instead of gossip (Psa

34:13). I John 5:16a (NLT) even says, "If you see a Christian brother or sister sinning in a way that does not lead to death, you should pray, and God will give that person life" (NLT). We should be speaking Life to this situation and to these young people. And to take it a step further, let's take the time to discuss these situations with our youth and one another. We never know who could be secretly suffering and afraid to come forward. God has called us to love one another.

**B.T.U. Baptist Training Union. We can never know too much about the Bible, and there is always room for growth. This B.T.U. will be exciting, fun, and a learning experience that will have you wanting to come back for more. Our B.T.U. will be under the direction of Min. Holmes & Sis. Tyeisha Jones.**

**Upcoming Events**

**Senior Saint Fellowship**

Every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Greater True Light is doing exciting things with our seniors. There are different activities, fun, fellowshiping & food. So we are encouraging all of our Seniors to come out on Wednesday and fellowship with us.

**Prayer Praise Service**

Prayer Praise is Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a guest youth choir and we are looking to have a blessed time in the Lord. We encourage everyone to come out. Leadership for this service will be given by Evangelist Nicol Tunstall.

**Some Good ole Bar-b-que**

The Choir will be having a B-B-Q on Saturday, March 14, from 9:00 a.m. until sold out. Tickets will be prepared in the next week. So we want to encourage you to get your tickets early, because you will not be disappointed.



Help support Greater True Light Church Communications Committee. GTL Pins on sale \$ 6.00

**What's Cookin....**

**Beef Tips & Rice**

**Ingredients**

- 2 1/2 lbs. cubed sirloin steak
- 4 tbs. oil
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 2 cups rice

**Preparation**

Cut steak into 1 inch cubes. Mix flour, salt, garlic powder, black pepper, in a plastic bag. Put meat in flour mixture & coat well. Heat oil in an iron skillet. Add meat & brown. Add celery & onion to

meat . Cook until celery & onion is tender. Add 2 cups broth. Cover & cook over low heat for 3 to 4 hours. Water may be added if needed. Cook rice according to pkg. directions. Serve beef tips over cooked rice.

**Peach Cobbler**

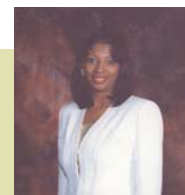
**Ingredients:**

- 1 large can of Sliced Peaches
- 1 stick of butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 cups of granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla flavor
- 1 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 box of Pie crust mix - follow the

directions to make the pie crust

**Instructions:**

Mix peaches and other ingredients in a large dutch oven pot, and bring to a boil. Pour ingredients into a large casserole dish. Roll the pie crust into 1 whole sheet to cover the dish, or cut it into strips and place over the peach mixture. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Cook until golden brown approximately 1 hour Best serve with vanilla ice cream.



**Deaconess Ministry**  
Prayer Breakfast  
Saturday, March 7,  
2009 @ 9:00 a.m.  
with special guest  
speaker  
Sis. Barbara Calhoun  
from the Tree of Life  
Baptist Church

**Upcoming Events**

**Mother's Ministry**

Will be having a service on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. Our Mothers' are the foundation and the wisdom board of the Church let us come out and support them.

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

**Monthly Newsletter**

Please turn in any material and/or Articles for The GTL Newsletter to the Church Communication Committee Members or email them [news@gtlmbc.net](mailto:news@gtlmbc.net) before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.



**Prayer Praise Service**  
Tuesday, March 3,  
2009 @ 6:30p.m.

Matthew 22:37-39

Love the Lord you God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

"And Jesus answering saith unto, them, **Have faith in God**" Mark 11:22

No matter what the news anchor reports!

Have faith in GOD  
When sickness comes.....  
James 5:15

"And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him"

Have faith in GOD  
When finances are tight and jobs are forecasted to close.....

Psalm 118:8  
"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man"  
Proverbs 29:25  
"The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe"

Have faith in GOD  
When people speak ill of you.....  
Psalm 3:4-6 (Amplified Bible)  
"With my voice I cry to the Lord, and He hears and answers me out of His holy hill. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that!] I lay down and slept; I wakened again, for the Lord sustains me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me round about"

Have faith in GOD,  
When situations try and steal your peace.....  
Psalm 4:8  
"I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety"  
Isaiah 26:3  
"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee"  
When our faith is anchored in the Lord, we won't be so shaken by the uncertainty of things around us.

**God truly blessed during our 53<sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary**

We give God all of the praise for the wonderful things He has done. Our 53<sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary began on February 15<sup>th</sup> with our special guest Greater Ebenezer MBC and their pastor, Dr. Solomon Drake delivering a word from the Lord.

The Greater St. John church family arrived on Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup> and we had a great fellowship at M&M's for dinner. We returned the next morning for breakfast, then some of us went to Universal Studios and some went shopping in the garment district. On Saturday we had a grand time at Hometown Buffet for dinner then laughed until our sides hurt at Madea in "Madea Goes to Jail". Then our anniversary ended on February 22<sup>nd</sup> with 2 power packed services with Pastor Gregory Payton bringing the spoken word. We had a wonderful time with our Northern California sister church and we thank them and Greater Ebenezer for coming to celebrate with us.

-Paula Tyner, Coordinator, 53<sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary

**We're on the Web!**

[www.gtllmbc.net](http://www.gtllmbc.net)

**Prayer**

Let us continue to keep each other in prayer. "You Pray for me and I Pray for you and watch God change things"

**Natural versus spiritual thinking**

For reading & meditation:  
1 Corinthians 2:6-16  
*"The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God"* (v.14)

We have been seeing that by going "into the sanctuary" - the place where God had made provision to meet with His people - the psalmist has put himself in a position where his perspectives can be changed. This section of the psalm is probably the most vital part, for it is here that his thinking begins to change from natural thinking to spiritual thinking. He had been thinking like a natural man,

considering life from just one perspective, but in the sanctuary he begins to see life from God's point of view. What is the difference between natural thinking and spiritual thinking? Natural thinking is on the level of the earth - the level of man; spiritual thinking is on a higher level altogether - the level of God. It is surprising that so many Christians think naturally about their problems rather than spiritually. The psalmist was a good and godly man but under the pressure of circumstances he had reverted to thinking naturally about his problem. We will never learn to live effectively

until we understand that the whole of life is spiritual, not just parts of it. In the chapter before us today the apostle asks, in effect, why it was that none of the rulers of this world recognized the Lord Jesus Christ when He was here. It was because they looked at Him from a natural perspective - they saw only a carpenter. Without the Holy Spirit operating upon their minds, they just could not understand. Ultimately, the problems and difficulties of life are all spiritual; so the sooner we learn to think spiritually, the better we will be.