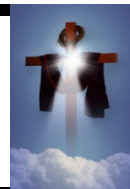




# Greater True Light M.B.C., Inc.

## May 2009



### **Our Church is on the Move**

As a church we have just completed the first quarter of this year, and it seems like the majority of Greater True Light is catching hold of the vision that God has given to our man of God. A lot of our ministry leaders are leading and leading by example. Areas that have really been brought out in 2009 are the Vision Minded Krew, the praise dancers, the mission, and the men even formed a male chorus. The Youth had their first revival which was very spirit-filled and the house was packed both nights, our Youth are actively in charge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month.

### **Learning Tool**

For the first quarter our Bible Study, Sunday School and 8:45 a.m. Prayer have grown, and have been exciting, we start each Sunday morning at 8:45 with our Prayer and then go right into Sunday School. Our morning prayer was a vision that was given to our Pastor from God, and it has been enlightening and has been a great tool for us to start our Sunday morning services. Evangelist Tunstall is the Superintendent of the Sunday School and has done an excellent job of keeping all teachers and Sunday school workers informed of what's going on and any changes. Bible

Study is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. usually bible study is taught by our Pastor, but each of the members at one time or another have been given the opportunity to teach. This has been a chance for our members to enhance and work on their teaching skills as well as learn more. We have been studying from the book A Divine Revelation of Spiritual Warfare, this book is really awesome, because we are all a part of God's army and the battle that we face daily is spiritual and this book teaches us how to fight this spiritual battle. So we still are encouraging everyone to come out to bible study, Sunday School and 8:45 a.m. Sunday morning prayer.

### **The Senior Saint Fellowship**

Our Senior Saint Fellowship has been awesome, our seniors have really enjoyed this Wednesday fellowship. They have gone to the breakfast, the Queen Mary, and to see Madea Goes to Jail. There have been arts and crafts, readings different people teaching it has just been a fun time for our Seniors. We have to embrace our seniors and show them that we love them, and that we have time for them. We thank God for those who give leadership over our Senior activities.

### **Sacrificial Plead**

This year the Lord placed on our Pastor's heart to start a weekly sacrificial seed offering of \$20.00 per week which has proved to be helpful and supportive to the ministry. It allowed us to pay off our church van, get two new projectors for the sanctuary, remodel the sound booth and get sliding doors for the overflow. Our sacrificial offering ended the last Sunday in March, however, there are still a few things that we did not accomplish like replacing the pulpit, offering tables, and communion tables with Acrylic, so we are asking all members to please help us by paying off the balance that you owe, or if you would like to start today please feel free.

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## Going Green and One Call Now Communications System

Some other things that are new to our ministry and have been beneficial is our One Call Now communications system, this system allows Pastor Gaddis to contact all of our members and inform them of upcoming services, any services that have been cancelled, or just to call and encourage all of the members. We've been hearing the term Going Green, as population growth greatly strains our finite resources. So Greater True Light is starting by using our two new projectors for all of our services, Bro. Daniel George has setup a PowerPoint presentation of all of our announcements, so effective June 2009, we will no longer be wasting paper to print bulletins all of our announcements to be displayed on the two big screens in the sanctuary. So please make sure that any announcements you may have are given to the church office in advance.

### This years' Carnival was Great!!!

Our Annual Carnival was a great success, this years' carnival was held on Saturday, April 18, 2009, and I believe that this may have been by far the best carnival thus far. There were numerous booths hot dogs, nachos, fried chicken, french fries, water, juice, buffalo wings, candy, cakes, and there were several new booths, Italian Ice Cream, Jamba Juice, smoke turkey necks, clothes, and the grilled corn was truly the highlight of the carnival, people were still asking for it on Sunday. There was plenty for the children to do since the street was blocked off we were able to have one jumper at one end of the street and a another jumper at the other end of the street, jump rope, along with a basketball court, where our children had a great time playing from the youngest E'wayne to the oldest. It was attended by many of our members, the fellowship and food were great.

Another addition to this years' carnival was the support from the University of Southern California (USC) several of the students and workers who are on the staff at USC, came over and helped out with several of the booths, fixing plates, collecting money just helping wherever it was needed. It was truly a family atmosphere this year. I'm sure everyone cannot wait until next years' carnival.

## Share Sunday Service with all Mothers

Sunday, May 10, 2009, is Mother's Day, this day has always been a special day for each of us to set aside and show our Mother's how much we love them. Well what better way then taking time out to Worship with your Mother. We are asking every member of Greater True Light to invite your mother out to worship with you on Mother's Day. Our services will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m., and our Youth and Men will be giving leadership for this service. Our desire is to make this the best Mother's Day ever, and what better way to start the day then Praising the Lord together.

### What's Cookin.... Homemade Rolls

#### Ingredients:

1 cup milk, scaled  
1/3 cup shortening  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 beaten eggs  
2 yeast cakes or 2 dry yeast dissolved in water  
5 cups flour, sifted

#### Instructions:

Combine scaled milk, shortening and sugar; cool to lukewarm.  
Soften yeast in lukewarm water, stir and add to milk. Add eggs, then four cups flour, one cup at a time. Mix well after each addition.  
Use last cup of flour to dust board and to work into dough as you knead it about five minutes.  
Put dough into greased bowl and let rise.  
Divide into individual rolls in whatever size or shape you wish.  
If you freeze dough, freeze at this point.  
Let rolls rise till double in size once more.  
Bake at 375 degrees for about 15 minutes.

### Birthdays

3<sup>rd</sup> Rev. Maurice Powell  
5<sup>th</sup> Min. Barbara Holmes  
6<sup>th</sup> Bro. Brandon Carver  
13<sup>th</sup> Sis. Tina Champion-Hardaway  
18<sup>th</sup> Sis. Janae Johnson  
19<sup>th</sup> Sis. Khalilah Williams  
21<sup>st</sup> Sis. Tashira Hibler  
26<sup>th</sup> Bro. Tavon Thomas  
28<sup>th</sup> Dea. Frank Tatum  
30<sup>th</sup> Sis. Skye George