



**ATLANTA METRO
WAY of the CROSS
CHURCH**

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Learn to reach the un-reachable and believe the impossible. With God, all things are possible. It is with great joy that I invite you to come and grow with us. Experience for yourself the very real and refreshing power of the living God. We are impacting the future by pointing to the Cross!!!

As for me and this house,
We Will Praise the Lord!!

Your friend and servant in
the service of our Lord
Jesus Christ,

**Pastor Eric L.
Cannady**

INSIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 2011

PASTOR'S CORNER

Hello and Praise the Lord Atlanta Metro! Our God is great and greatly to be praised. It is my privilege and pleasure to share a word with you in the pastor's corner. God has been doing some great things for this fellowship as we noticed a fresh move of His power and growth both naturally and spiritually.

The Lord has placed in my spirit that in times like these, we must be aware of the subtle deceptions of the enemy. It is a fact that we have a spiritual force that is

working against us. Things don't "just happen". The steps of a righteous man are ordered by the Lord. As we endeavor to do a work for the Lord and build up His Kingdom, we must be prepared for resistance. The enemy will utilize whatever tools and weapons he has to try to defeat us and take advantage of us. 2 Corinthians 2:11 says, "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices". The enemy will always look for ways to take advantage of us, but here is the good news. When we read, study, hear, listen, and obey the Word of

God, we will not be defeated. Hosea 4:6 says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge". The only way he can take advantage of us is through ignorance and a resistance to learning God's Word. Your background, genealogy, financial status, and present condition are not the determining factors for victory in your life. If you make it a priority in your life to increase your knowledge of God's Word and make a commitment to obey it, the enemy will not be

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ABOUT AMWOTCC

Vision Statement:

To Impact the Future by Pointing to the Cross!

Church Mission:

To evoke change in our community by teaching and believing in God's Holy Word, demonstrating God's Wondrous Love, operating in God's Awesome power, and lifting up the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

What We Believe: (in part)

We Believe that the Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God, written by holy men as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

We Believe in one God (Deuteronomy 6:4). He is holy in nature, attributes and purposes, as well as omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent.

We Believe that He was revealed to us as Father in creation, as Son in redemption, and as Holy Spirit in regeneration.

Prayer Intercession:

Our prayer for you is that whether you come here or somewhere else, you will find the Lord moving in a real way and the blessings of God will over take your life.

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able to take advantage of you. I am excited as the shepherd of this house to let you know that God has indeed anointed you to be on top and He is going to continue to give us the Word of victory in our lives. Remember this, the enemy doesn't have any new tricks, he just keeps recycling the ones that have worked throughout the years. The more we know, the more we'll win!

In His Service I Remain,

Pastor Eric L. Cannady

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Youth for Christ (YFC) was established in 1954 as the National Youth Department for the Way of the Cross Church of Christ International. Ever since then, YFC has been the avenue for leading 13-21 years old to become Christian Ambassadors. You might wonder what a Christian Ambassador is. A Christian Ambassador is one who puts God first and foremost in his or her life. And so today the Way of the Cross Churches (WOTCC) continue to recruit, train, and empower youth to become Christian Ambassadors by emphasizing evangelism, salvation, worship, discipleship, fellowship, leadership, and scholarship.

Sister Jean Hagans is the President of the Atlanta WOTCC YFC. This is quite a responsibility as she steers/guides youth to become saved and successful so as to have a positive impact in their homes, schools, communities, and careers. Saints of God it takes a village. Everyone should play a role in this important endeavour. Please help with fundraising efforts for the National YFC Fall Jubilee in October in Greenville, SC. More info to follow.

It is worth mentioning that our Pastor serves as the 2nd Vice President of the National Youth for Christ of the Way of the Cross Church of Christ International.

SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY

The Shepherd's Ministry wishes to remind members to please be faithful in giving your annual donation for our First family. If we all contribute, we can ensure that the birthdays, anniversaries, and special occasions when we Honor them are properly celebrated. Please see Sister Natalie White to make your donation. Thank you!

MEMBERS CORNER

Welcome home to the following:

Sister Markesia Sancho
Sister Agnes Sterling
Brother George Shorter
Sister Amaya Sterling
Sister Kristen Griffin
Brother Michael Griffin

The following took the plunge for Jesus and were reborn:

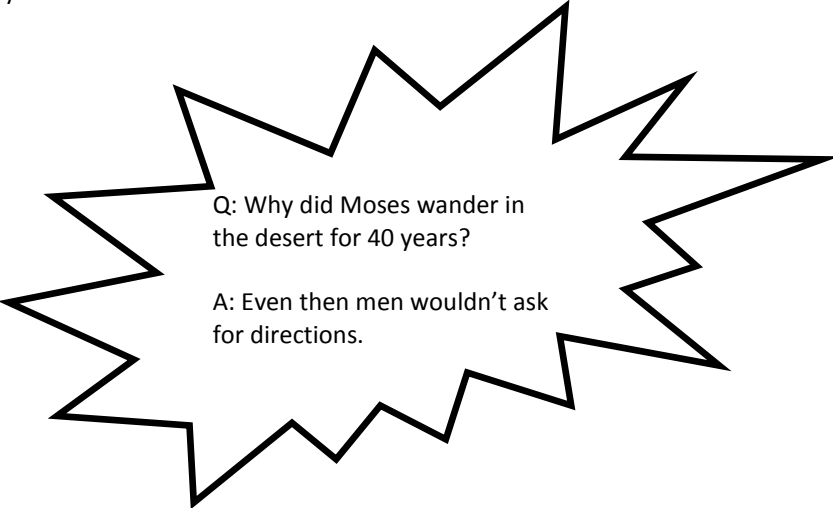
Brother Freddie Tharpe
Sister Bernadette Thibodeaux
Sister Martene Bell
Brother Carlos Prince
Brother Anthony Moore
Sister Agnes Sterling

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Wait on the Lord, be of good courage and He will strengthen your heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord!" Psalm 27: 14

What does it take to strengthen one's heart in the Lord? Patience and courage! That's it; these simple qualities are all you need to develop. Patience, known as the mother of all virtues, brings peace and God's glory. I believe that to have patience, one must have courage. Who can forget the patience of Job in the face of hellacious adversity? Who can deny his courage? I think Job was full of courage and that made it easier (note not easy) for him to be patient. Courage gives hope. His heart was strengthened because he had utmost patience and good courage and this allowed him to continue to honor God in spite of his ordeal. He cursed the day he was born rather than curse God as he was taunted to do. He taught us that patience and courage are necessary if we seek the kingdom of God. How else would one be able to successfully withstand the trials and tribulations of this life?

Today we must read the word "for everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" and by extension courage. (Romans 15:4). Keep on reading the word!



Q: Why did Moses wander in the desert for 40 years?

A: Even then men wouldn't ask for directions.

A GREAT RECIPE.....This has made its way around the internet several times. Don't know who wrote it but it has practical advice we all can use. Read and adopt.

1. Take a 10-30 minute walk every day. And while you walk, smile. It is the ultimate anti-depressant.

2. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day. Talk to God about what is going on in your life. Buy a lock if you have to.

3. When you wake up in the morning, complete the following statement. "This is the day that the Lord hath made; I will rejoice and be glad in it". My purpose today is to ----- . I am thankful for -----

4. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.

5. Drink green tea and plenty of water. Eat blueberries, wild Alaskan salmon, broccoli, almonds and walnuts.

6. Try to make at least three people smile each day.

7. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, energy vampires, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.

8. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out charge card.

9. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.

10. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.

11. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

12. You are not so important that you have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

13. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.

14. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

15. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.

16. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: " In five years, will this matter".

17. Forgive everyone for everything.

18. What other people think of you is none of your business.

19. God heals everything, but you have to ask.

20. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.


21. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch!!

22. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.

23. Each night before you go to bed complete the following statement: I am thankful for.....
Today I accomplished.....

24. Remember you are too blessed to be stressed. Give it to Jesus.

25. When you are feeling down, start listing your many blessings. You'll be smiling before you know.



Send submissions for the newsletter to
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Services/Events

- Sunday School 9:30A
- Sunday Morning Worship 11A
- Wednesday Prayer and Bible class 7P
- Wednesday Children's Choir 7:30P
- 1st Sunday Communion and Consecration 11am
- 4th Sunday Newcomers orientation 10A

SPECIAL NEWS

September 18th is National Back to Church Sunday. Let's take this to heart and get as many people Back to Church as we can. One only has to take stock of the events in the world, even the country to realize that we are lost. Let us give everyone the opportunity to say "I once was lost but now I am found".

September 26th is Pastor's birthday. Join us for a cake and ice-cream social @7:30 pm in the Hope Center to

celebrate his special day.

In support of National Preparedness Month Dekalb County will be holding its Second Annual Emergency Preparedness Festival on Saturday September 10, from 10 am – 3pm behind the First Baptist Church of Tucker, 5073 LaVista Road. Learn how to compile emergency kits, get disaster and emergency preparedness info, among other helpful tips. There will also be a children's carnival.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

September is National Cholesterol Education Month. Cholesterol is one of the major risk factors for heart disease. We know that heart disease is the #1 killer of men and women in the US. Cholesterol causes hardening and narrowing of the arteries which then slows or blocks blood flow. High cholesterol does not cause symptoms so many people are unaware they have it. It can only be detected by a blood test. It is important to know your levels as you can lessen the risk of developing heart disease or dying from it if you already have it. Cholesterol is affected by diet, weight and physical activity.

Saturated fat and cholesterol in diet may increase your cholesterol level. Being overweight tends to increase your cholesterol level and regular physical activity can help lower LDL or "bad" cholesterol and raise HDL or "good" cholesterol. Some people have familial hypercholesterolemia – this is genetic and is passed down in families. Regardless of the cause of high cholesterol – genetics or bad diet - it still poses a risk for heart disease. So bottom line know your numbers and know your family history. Make whatever adjustment you need to to stave off this condition.

STONE MOUNTAIN, GA



MOUNTAIN NEWS and EVENTS

Ain't no mountain high enough! Not even Stone Mountain. So here's what's happening in the Village:

- Laser show schedule - September 3 - 5, September 10, September 17, September 24
- 43rd Annual Yellow Daisy Festival Sept 8 - 11, 2011. This 4 day Festival is consistently one of the 5 top Arts and Crafts show in the nation. More than 400 artists and crafters from 38 States and two countries display their works for your appreciation and purchase. Daily live entertainment, Children's Corner activities, clogging and crafter demonstrations throughout the event as well as fabulous festival foods.
- Movie on the Main. September 17 - Rio
- The Great Miller Lite Chili Cook-Off Septemebr 24th. The event is expected to draw over 300 teams from across the United States. It is the premiere chili cook-off east of Texas. 100% proceeds will benefit Camp Twin Lakes