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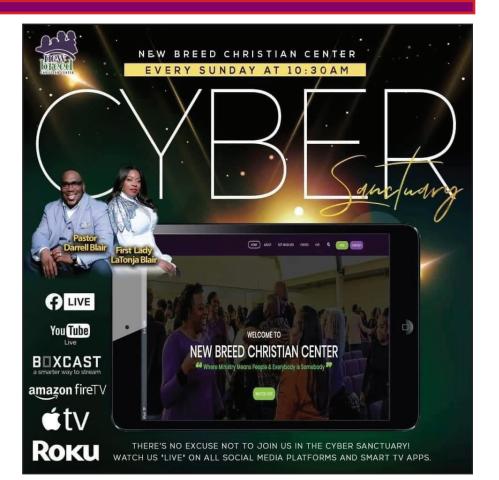
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Jubilee Theatre proudly announces a long-awaited return of its Arts Education programwith their Virtual Storytelling and Puppet Theatre Camp.

This cross-disciplinary camp will provide a one week learning opportunity for children in grades 1-6.



After several years, Jubilee Theatre is proud to resume their arts education component. Beginning August 3, 2020 Jubilee theatre will be hosting its Virtual Storytelling and Puppet Theatre Camp. First through sixth grade children are invited to join us as we celebrate this time honored pastime.

Students will be exposed to two literary worksduring each week-long session. They will complete two arts and crafts projects and will be encouraged to perform in the student showcase at the end of the week.

They will perform scenes from the books with puppets and display their arts projects as well as express an individualized work based on the past week's teachings; this piece could be a song, a poem, a drawing, or a 30-second kinetic piece.

This summer multi-disciplinary workshop is designed to reinforce the fun in literature as well as enhance STEAM learning. Artistic Director D. Wambui Richardson states "We want the students to get excited about reading! With the camp actively engaging them on multiple levels, they will come out with a new love of reading and theatre. Other important skills taught by this program include listening, giving and receiving feedback, and working within a group. We are very excited to engage with the youth in our community after a long absence! This program touches upon all the learning audibles needed for lifelong success." Richardson concludes.

The program will take place over threeseparate one-week learning sessions, separated by rising grade level. Registration for this engaging experience is \$95 per student enrolled. Hurry to register as space is limited. All of the programs will take place August 3rd – August 7th.

Program Reading List

1st & 2nd Grade: The Ebony Duckling & Those Shoes
3rd & 4th Grade: Fearless Mary & Seven Spools of Thread

• 5th & 6th Grade: The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind & After The Fall

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today, not just because of SARS-

social upheaval and political vol-

atility. How can we not only face

and accept change, but also man-

Two options are often taken by

Church leaders. Some people re-

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tal value and dismiss seemingly

dated methods that still produce

commendable results, simply

what's new is superior to what

Leaders in today's Church mustn't

be controlled by either option.

Rather, we must follow a bal-

anced approach that is neither

ashamed of old truth nor afraid

of new truth. The key to effective

leadership is to discern when and

how to change. Here are some

questions that need asking and

answering before implementing

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Join us with New Beginning BC in Ft. Worth, Tx for their Family & Friends Day, August 2nd @ 10:30am; Greater New Mt. Pilgrim BC in Dallas, Tx celebrate their Choir Anniversary, August 9th @ 3:30pm; True Foundation CC of Dallas, Tx recognize their Church Anniversary, August 16th @ 3:30pm; Faith Temple Ministries in Fairfield, Tx honor their Pastor's Anniversary, August 28th @ 7pm. PLease join us for any and all of these worship opportunities.

"Speak Life Thought" with First Lady & Co-Pastor Yolanda G. Butler

"A Life of Decisions"

Keep showing the humble your path, and lead them into the best decision. Bring revelation-light that trains them in the truth." (Psalm 25:9 TPT)

Who would have ever thought we would be sitting in our homes sheltered in for days and weeks at a time, faced with making some of the most difficult decisions in our lives? Is it safe to go to work? Should I go to the grocery store today? Should I enroll my child in school? Should I let my son play football? Should I let my daughter go away to college? Should I go to the doctor? There are so many choices and demands placed upon us and our families. The year 2020 was totally interrupted with the ushering in of the Coronavirus. While it may have come as a surprise to us, it did not come as a surprise to the Father. It has been stressful, fearful, unpredictable, and full of uncertainty even to believers. We have been challenged on every level of human existence-socially, psychologically, physiologically, naturally, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. All of the human race has been faced with having to make decisions. It has not been easy. Bishop and I are even busier than ever since this pandemic hit. We pray and counsel in new territories we have never

experienced. The last pandemic on this scale was over 100 years ago when from 1918 to 1919 it was estimated over 500 million people were infected with the Spanish flu and over 50 million died, with 675,000 in the United States.

A decision is a conclusion or resolution reached after consideration. When faced with having to make decisions, whether small or large, as a child of God, it is vital to endeavor to FIRST turn to the Father. Open your heart to Holy Spirit to lead and guide you in every area of your life. Take into consideration what He has to say. Several scriptures speak on decision making.

• Trust in the Lord and not rely solely upon our intellect. Allow God to lead you through bumpy paths. (Prov. 3:5-6)

When you lack wisdom and direction, the Father makes it clear to come to Him and He will be generous in His counsel. (James 1:5)

• Try to avoid hitting the worry button as a first response to decision making. Rather, pray about every detail of your life, sprinkled with thanksgiving in knowing that God hears and will respond, and seals the deal with His peace guarding your heart and mind. (Philip. 4:6-7)

Make room for the Father to surround you around wise and Spirit-filled advisers. Failure to do so robs you of safety and wise instruction. (Prov. 11:14, "Where

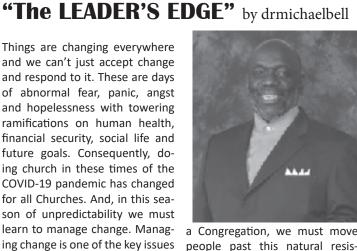


there is no guidance, a people fall, but in the abundance of counselors there is safety.")

• God is Faithful to live up to His promise that He will instruct, teach, and counsel you in every area of your life, all the while watching and guiding you. (Ps. 32:8, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.")

In a psalm of guidance, David asked a question, "Who lives a life of holy fear of God?" To the one who answers, "I live in your fear oh God," David responds, "He (God) will show you the right path to take." (Psalm 25:12) So dear hearts, be determined to seek the counsel of Holy Spirit to help you in your everyday decision making.

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CoV-2, but also the presence of Why are some people in the Church so resistant to change?

> Sometimes it's a *communication* problem. The people don't understand what needs to be done. In this case, a plan for better communication can be developed.

perpetuate the way it is. On the Sometimes it's a financial issue. The people don't see evidence of the fiscal resources needed to complete the task. In this case, a financial strategy needs to be conceptualized.

because they're convinced that Sometimes it's a personality matter. The people aren't particularly fond of the person who is initiating the change. In this case, a different leader might have to be recruited. If the pastor is the person who is the subject of contention, change will not occur until the pastor is able to work through some of these relationship problems.

Sometimes it's an emotional issue. The people are attached to a building they don't want to be replaced or a location which they don't want to leave or a minis-2. Will the members of the Con- try in which they have vested ingregation easily understand the terest. In this case, the positive benefits of the change have to be 3. How will it affect our existing more emphatically presented.

4. Is anyone else doing it suc- The list can go on and on but the point is the same. We must recognize what the barrier is before we can adequately deal with it. Next time we'll look at the third step to managing change. .

the first step. The second step is *dr. michael bell is Senior Pastor of Greater St. Stephen First Church FtW, ers to change. People are natu- a seminary adjunct professor, and a rally resistant to change because certified Life Coach with clients. He change is usually evaluated as conducts leadership seminars and a loss. To implement change in conferences across the country.

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INSIDE THE MUSIC

with Elder Judy Neal



"NEW ZION MUSIC IN SPITE OF STRANGE TIMES"

Hello to the almost-end of a Summer we will absolutely NEVER forget. The multiple pandemic(S), disorderly politics, strange weather patterns and church on our computers has been our experience in these blisteringly hot days. What's impressive though, is how creative many people have become even to the point of entrepreneurship. Everyone is making Masks, Sanitizer and Hand Wipes stands! I've seen new types of Delivery Services, Video Workouts, Therapy on-line; Gardening Foods for sale and Mobile Grooming and Styles. The Spirit of Invention is soaring and has actually turned the doom of economical dismay around to a profitable season. I am amazed at how much new music is being released and how much the gospel community seems to be doing at this time. It's absolutely a good thing and we pray it sets the atmosphere for more positivity in our country. I'll use this month's article to emphasize, introduce and announce some of the great music and virtual music events you don't want to miss. Let me take you inside of the August events and activities occurring within gospel music as the summer closes.

The creator of gospel music, fittingly known as 'The Father of Gospel Music" Dr. Thomas A. Dorsev, would be extremely proud of his 87 year old organi-

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zation today. The National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses (NCGCC) is forging on to present its annual convention in a Virtual Conference August 10-August 15, 7-9pm. The two hour nightly conference will be presented on 4 media platforms: the NCGCC Facebook page, the NCGCCINC.ORG website. NCGCC on youtube.com and excitedly on ROKU Digital TV channel 360 WiSE TV. Expect an inspirational experience of worship with Bishop Millicent Hunter, Patrick Lundy, Earnest Pugh, Vincent Bohanon, Hezekiah Walker, Ricky Dillard, Jason Clayborn and many more. Gospel luminaries such as V. Michael McKay, Kirk Franklin, Dr. Margaret Douroux and Bobby Jones will impart encouragement to the NCGCC member-

worldwide. Here are some of the most profound songs for this season that I believe will encourage you: Brian Courtney Wilson's remix of Marvin Gaye's "Inner City Blues (Make Me Wanna Holler)"; Pastor Bettina Pennon's "Something Big"; "God Wants to Heal You" by Earnest Pugh; "Moving On" a collaboration from Jonathan McReynolds and Mali Music; Season 9 Sunday Best Winner, Melvin Crispell III, new single "Wonderful is Your Name", Koryn Hawthorne's "Pray" and "Manifest" by Jonathan Nelson. Listen to all of these and be blessed.

ship to continue their mission to educate

and present divinely inspired music to all

generations, denominations and cultures.

On television, we will get to see one MORE time, "MADEA'S Farewell Play" on BET Plus August 27. If you missed the 'live' play, you've got to tune in if for nothing but to remember how MADEA reminded you of someone in your family. Of course we will enjoy seeing local celebs David and Tamela Mann, Tyler Perry and the roster of all their usual fam- judyneal@comcast.net holla!

ily and friends. Just a tease, the Manns will be on this Fall in a new sitcom made just for them, "Assisted Living". With their new streamed down bodies, we may not recognize them immediately, but the talent and singing ought to identify them pretty soon. Every Sunday now, we can watch Season 10 of Kirk Franklin's Sunday Best Contest til the new winner is announced. BET is bringing it in this season and we will definitely tune in for all of it!

And because you absolutely have no excuse to take time and READ a book for fun or motivation, here are some new books to check out: Dr. Teresa Hairston's "Stop Waiting, Start Winning"; Jekalyn Carr's "You Will Win"; BeBe Winans' "Born for This"; and don't miss Richard Smallwood's " Total Praise - The Autobiography". He is transparent, honest and relatable as he shares how writing his gospel music literally saved him from the depression that took him to very dark places. All of these gospel artists have poured out wisdom, encouragement and their real life experiences. Buy them and be inspired.

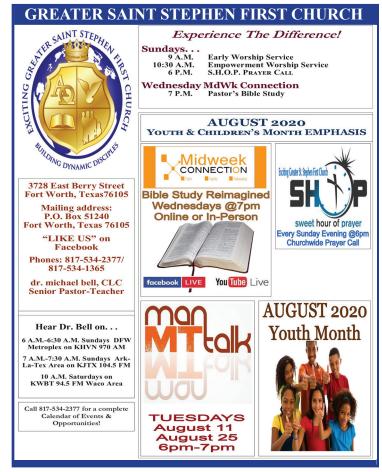
These are not all but definitely some important opportunities to stay lifted up in your limited movement days. I pray that you have not found many 'pandemic pounds' like those that have approached me. Keep moving, praising, smiling, praying and singing. God's got this and He certainly has us. We shall overcome. We shall 'make it out' and we shall HUG again. Until this strangeness is removed and replaced by a new godly norm, keep your eyes lifted to the hills from which cometh your help. Our help comes from the Lord. Unto Him we will sing a new song and remain His faithful people.

May Peace Be Your Journey



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On June 21, 2020 Genisis Unity Baptist Church held their groundbreaking ceremony. Dr. Richard Montgomery would like to thank GOD and all the members and friends for their participation in this joyous occasion.



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The Gospel Corner with Proclaimer of the Word... **Rev. J.R. Brumfield**

Surviving the Storm Mark 4:35-39

1.Introduction

In our homes, we have many shelves to account for many different household goods. There are kitchen shelves that help provide space for food goods, plastic goods, and sometimes detergents. There are bathroom shelves that help provide space for towels and sheets. There are closets shelves that help provide space for clothes, vacuum cleaners, and luggage. However, I have discovered that no one provides a space for trouble on their shelves. There is no need of fooling ourselves because Jesus tells us in John 16:33. "In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." We are given insight by the Lord that we should encounter difficulties in this world, but we are assured of victory. While the world continues its attack upon God's people, we know that such attacks are defeated because Christ has already accomplished a smashing defeat of Satan. The resurrection of Jesus Christ assures every believer that we have the victory.

In James 1:12, we learn from James that blessed is the man that endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life. James informs the reader that the Lord has promised a crown to them that love Him. Believers who successfully endure trials are truly happy. As we look at the trouble in our lives, as a body of baptized believers, we should never relinquish our faith in God. Despite the threat of storms in our lives, we must hold on to God's unchanging hand.

As we approach the text, we will find that this scripture gives illumination in how to handle the storms in our lives. This scripture is another example of how the Lord can speak peace during the fiery trials and tribulations of today's world. If we are going to make it successfully on life's journey, we will need some divine assistance. I am reminded of a song by Helen Baylor (If It Had Not Been for the Lord on my side).

2. Difficult Days, v.35-37

As this passage begins, we find that Jesus and his disciples were on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. This was the same day when our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ had finished His preaching to the multitudes from a ship. After Jesus completed His preaching, He gave the command for the disciples to go over to the other side. This was also an opportunity to escape the large crowds and for Jesus to find some rest on the ship. We find that as soon as Jesus finished work of preaching doctrine then He went to the other side of Galilee to meet a man that was possessed with demons in Mark 5. It is important to note that Jesus went about doing good from place to place. As a body of baptized believers, we should be constantly engaged in doing the work of our Lord.

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Life at its very best can surprise us. The bible does not say that the storm existed before Jesus sat sail for the eastern shore of Galilee but it appears that there were clear blue skies. However, we know that a storm can show up anywhere because in v. 37, we find that a great whirlwind arose, and the winds and the waves gave the experienced fisherman a scare. In this storm, we should equate this storm activity with that of a hurricane. The disciples were used to being on the waters but they thought that this storm would drown them. This was a frightening experience for all that were in the ship. There will come a day when your experience will not be sufficient to handle your trouble. Who do you call when trouble comes into your life? I suggest to every child of God that we should call upon the name of the Lord.

Some people feel that if I pay my tithes then I should be trouble-free, but I have a news flash. Trouble is on the Christian agenda. Some people feel that if I go to church regularly then I should escape trouble, but I need to inform you that this is a misconception. Some people feel that if I treat my spouse right and my friends right then they will escape trouble in their lives. However, I must inform the reader that there is no one to escape the troubles of this life. If one has Jesus while they are going through the storm, then one can make it.

3. Divine Assistance in the <u>Storm, v. 38</u>

In this passage of Scripture, we find that the disciples decided to wake up Jesus. The bible informs the reader that Jesus was sleep in the lowest part of the ship. Jesus was so exhausted from a full day of healing and preaching, even the storm could not wake Him up. When God's people call upon the name of the Lord then this gets His attention. Although Jesus directed his disciples to go over to the other side, He does not tell His disciples that they will encounter a storm before they make it to the other side. If you knew everything that would happen on life's tedious journey, I am wondering if you would still trust the Lord? Would you trust Him when you cannot understand what the Lord is doing in your life? Struggles in life develop strength. When we allow tribulation to have their perfect work then the Lord can mold us into the vessels that He needs for life's journey.

We should not look at the disciples too critical because all of us will en-

counter storms in our lives. There may be a trial so fierce in your life that may cause you to ask God why is this happening to me?

The disciples were not cowards on the Sea of Galilee, but they encountered a trouble that they could not handle. There are some storms in your life that you will discover that you do not have the skillset to handle. There are some storms in your life that your pocket book will not be able to solve the situation. As one progresses through life's journey, one will find that they need Jesus.

4. Deliverance from the

<u>Storm, v. 39</u> In these verses, we find that after Jesus's disciples had requested some divine assistance that Jesus acted on their behalf. Have you had the Lord to act on your behalf? During these times of Hurricane Hanna and those other storms, we need an anchor that grips the solid Rock! Do you know the Lord?

In verse 39, we see that Jesus woke up, arose from His sleep and rebuked the wind and said to the Sea, "Peace, be still!" Whenever, you are going through the trials and tribulations of this life, a Word from God is all that you need. Peace be still! The bible informs the believer that there was a great calm out on the waters. Storms become silent when the Lord speaks. Although the storm came suddenly in verse 37, we find that the storm ceased immediately in verse 39 because the Lord was involved in the situation. Who have you involved in your stormy situations? Did you call on your friends or did you call on the Lord?

Yours in Christ.

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