



“FLOWING IN THE SPIRIT”

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
MEMBERS WHO ARE SICK AND
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Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR — Rev. Gillard S. Glover



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Luke 2:15 says that when the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about”. No matter how sedentary your situation when God moves on you, you need to move. No matter how static your situation when God moves on you, you need to move. God is not a static God, he is dynamic. God is always moving to manifest his presence among mankind. Holy history teaches us that he uses common men and women to carry the message of his movement. When he selects you to participate in his movement among mankind you better move. That’s what the shepherds did. They selected other shepherds to take care of the sheep and they hurriedly went to see Jesus. They didn’t go by themselves; they went together. Carrying the message of the master is not the job of a Lone Ranger. It’s a collective work! You need to go; I need to go; and we need to go together! You need to confirm God’s goodness; I need to confirm God’s goodness; and we need to confirm God’s goodness together. They went to confirm the Angel’s good news. And once they began to move they arrived at the place God wanted them to be, in the presence of the divine.
Are you ready to move?

**Yours In Community Transformation,
Reverend Gillard S. Glover**

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Welcome Rev. Tracy McGeathey

The Reverend Tracy Charletta McGeathey, a native of Jacksonville, Florida is the beloved daughter of the Late Mr. Charles & the very present, Rev. Patricia McGeathey. She is the proud

mother of two precious children, a son Larry James Person, III, 30 and a daughter, the late, Alexandria Marie Jacobs, *Forever22*. She is the adoring Grammy of Aiden Lee, 12; Aaliyah Rose, 9; and Kobe Jay, 5. Reverend Tracy graduated from William M. Raines High School in Jacksonville. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree (B.A.) in English from Florida A & M University in Tallahassee; a Master of Science Degree (M.S.) in Education from the University of North Florida in Jacksonville; and a Master of Divinity Degree (M.DIV.) from the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta.

The Bell

Submitted by Sister Kathlene Tucker

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)
 I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
 I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)
 I am bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
 I am a saint (set apart for God) (Eph. 1:1)
 I am a personal witness of Christ (Acts 1:8)
 I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8:1-2)
 I am a citizen of heaven. I am significant (Phil. 3:20)
 I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31-34)
 I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor. 5:17-21)
 I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
 I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
 I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom. 8:35-39)
 I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor. 1:21-22)
 I am assured all things work together for good (Rom.8:28)
 I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
 I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)
 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
 I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15:1-5)
 I am God's temple. (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Rom. 5:1)
 I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
 I am God's co-worker (Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor. 6:1)). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)
 I am confident that the good works God has begun in me with be perfected (Phil. 1:5)
 I have been redeemed and forgiven (Cor. 1:14). I have been adopted as God's Child (Eph 1:5)
 I belong to God.
 Do you know
 Who you are?

Let's be Grateful and Thankful

By Sister Theresa Johnson

It's that time of year again and the holidays are upon us. We're reminded of just how precious time spent coming together with family and friends can be. Some of us will be thinking of all we have to be thankful for in life... a hug from our loved ones, a simple phone call from an old friend, or time spent in worship and fellowship at church. Often, the simplest and kindest of gestures can serve as a reminder to be thankful and to be grateful.

At first glance it may seem that being thankful and grateful, are one and the same. Think of thankfulness as an immediate external emotional reaction to your circumstances. While gratitude allows us to be appreciative of our circumstances, it is an attitude, an internal feeling that lingers. It can sustain us, even if by chance you find yourself alone this holiday season.

Throughout the Old and New Testament teachings, there are many stories in the Bible that demonstrate the values of these two different virtues.

Here are a few examples of Bible verses that illustrate gratitude and thankfulness.

Psalm 9:1 - Give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

Psalm 106:1 - Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Colossians 3:16 - Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Hebrews 12:28 – Therefore, once we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe.

Prayer: Lord, during this holiday season, let us all vow to be thankful and practice gratitude in our everyday lives, giving you, Lord God all glory and honor. Amen!



Christmas Everyday

But the angel said unto them, **“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”** ~ Luke 2:10

By mid-November, several people have already decorated for Christmas. When asked why they decorated so early, one person said, “Christmas just makes me happy.” Can we blame people for wanting “happy” to come early? Wouldn’t we all like everything that Christmas symbolizes to come early and stay throughout the year? There’s a new holiday song, “Christmas Every Day,” that ends with these lines:

**“Sometimes I just wish that
I could always feel this way
Like it’s Christmas every day . . .”**

Our current times are very challenging, and we may find ourselves wondering what new disasters the future might hold. Perhaps this is why people seem to be looking for love, hope and peace, now, more than ever.

Hope is exactly what the angel brought to the shepherds quaking in their sandals when he said, “Do not be afraid . . . **“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord”** Luke 2:11

The joy of the message quickly dispelled all fear. Good news! the angel said. No need to fear, the angel said. Rejoice **“You have a Savior! You have a Messiah, the Lord!”**

It has been two thousand years since Jesus’ birth, and people today still long for good news. They yearn for the love, joy, and peace of Christmas to be with them always. They need to hear that the Savior, the Messiah has come.

They need to know that with Jesus in their hearts, they really can have Christmas every day! Will we tell them?

Prayer:

Lord, help us share this joyous news with as many as we can. Amen.

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Holy Night
The stars are
brightly shining
It is the night of our
dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn'
Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices!
Oh night divine, oh night, oh night divine!
Q
Holy
Night

Merry
Christmas

Calendar of Events

Discipleship Class	Every Wednesday at Noon
Men's Bible Study	Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm**
Church School	Every Friday at 2:00 pm**
Church Planning Conference	TBD
Sunday Worship Service	8:00 am & 11:00 am
Watch Night Service	December 31, 2023
Steward Meeting	Saturday after 1 st Sundays at 11:00
Trustee Board Meeting	Saturday after 1 st Sundays at noon
*via Conference Call **via Zoom	



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