

## *Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you*

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### ***From our Pastor and his wife***

We set aside time every week to worship God and learn from his Book, the Bible. In our Bible study time and worship services, both young and old learn principles for successful living that work not only on Sundays, but every other day of the week.

Another source of strength and joy is the support that we give each other. Lots of encouragement comes from being with people from a variety of backgrounds and interests who care about each other! How helpful it is to listen to the wisdom of older saints and enjoy the exuberance of our children. And what a comfort to receive encouragement and support from church friends in time of crisis.

As we worship God, learn from the Bible, and pray for one another, we develop a common bond. Families coming to church together are strengthened in their commitment to God and as well as to each other. And we're finding new answers to individual and family needs. All the benefits that we enjoy at our church are based on our commitment to Jesus Christ as our Savior, and the Word of God as our guidebook.

We welcome you to share the joy that we've found.

**Bishop John L Butler Jr  
Sister Gwen Butler**

### ***Scripture Reading:***

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.  
Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and  
purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

James 4:8 KJV

### ***Our Fundamental Doctrine***

We believe in the Holy Bible as the standard of salvation. Which is baptism by immersion in water in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues and perfecting Holiness.



### **Songs of Praise:**

***We've come this far by Faith!  
We Are One in the Spirit  
Goodness of God  
Fill My Cup, Lord  
Standing on the Promises of God  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Let there be Peace on Earth***

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From our Pastor:

Holy Greetings to the Saints of God,

I hope and pray all is well with you and your family. It is important that we continue in Prayer and Worship, also reading the word of God while we are absent from one another. The Lord is faithful even when it seems he is not working or nearby.

I thank the Lord for another blessed Church Anniversary and Appreciation Services. Certainly, I can say the Lord bless us one more time! Thank you to the Sisters and Brothers of Unity, who labored so faithfully to make this another successful service. It was indeed a blessing to hear from our visiting saints and local saints, about how they felt the same!

Remember our Motto for the year *“Draw Nigh unto the Lord, and he will draw nigh unto you.”* (James 4:8) Therefore, as we are getting closer to the end of this year, I encourage you to continue being humble, faithful, striving to be ready to meet our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

May the Grace of our Lord and Savior be with us, as we live Holy and Peaceful with all men.

Peace Be,  
Pastor John Larry Butler

[Hebrews 13:16](#) - But to do well and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

**From Sisters of Unity, Team Lead:**

*Holy Greeting to my dear Sisters of Unity,*

*I thank the Lord for allowing us to see another month. I Thank the Lord for the Sisters of Unity (SOU) monthly Fellowship. It is a great blessing to see God’s Love working amongst the SOU. We are looking for the Lord to work miracles and an outpour of Blessings amongst the women, in the Church, Family and Community as we humble ourselves.*

*Sisters, taking the time to Pray more are being made by the SOU from Tallahassee to Dania Beach’s sisters, who heard of the Phone call for Prayer. Prayer was at the top of the SOU list of things we wanted to do together. I am grateful for us being able to reach out to one another with our Phone calls to Pray. Therefore, Phone Calls for Prayer are a wonderful way of more Communication among the sisters.*

*We did a count back in the Spring, and we, the Sisters of Unity, wanted to incorporate more Prayer in our daily schedule, as well as communicate better with one another. Therefore, in all our SOU Prayer Groups, we have a mixed of Aged Sisters, or Mothers and Young Sisters. Our goals are to encourage, and esteem one another within our groups. Please let the Love of God abide deep within your hearts and minds.*

*Sisters, as we journey on let us keep looking unto Jesus Christ and keep going boldly to him in Prayer. We are blessed with New Mercies and with Daily Benefits.*

*Pray on and on,  
Gwendolyn O Butler*

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**Blessed be our God, King of the Universe**

We thank you for bringing your Kingdom to us through your Son, our LORD Jesus the Christ

We thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to guide, protect, and instruct us to do your will

We thank you for your WORD that teaches us; You supply our every need

Thank you for your continuing mercy and grace that is renewed every day

*Come, let us worship the Lord!*

*Peace be*



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*For Our Amazing Youth*

God won't put more on you than you can bear (1 Corinthians 10:13).

This has everything to do with faith.

You only can have what you believe you can have.

If you think small, you get small. If you think big, you get big. It's all about the mindset.

Anything in life we want to have, achieve, or do  
has everything to do with what we believe we can have, achieve, or do!

Choose ye this day!

Faith or Fear!

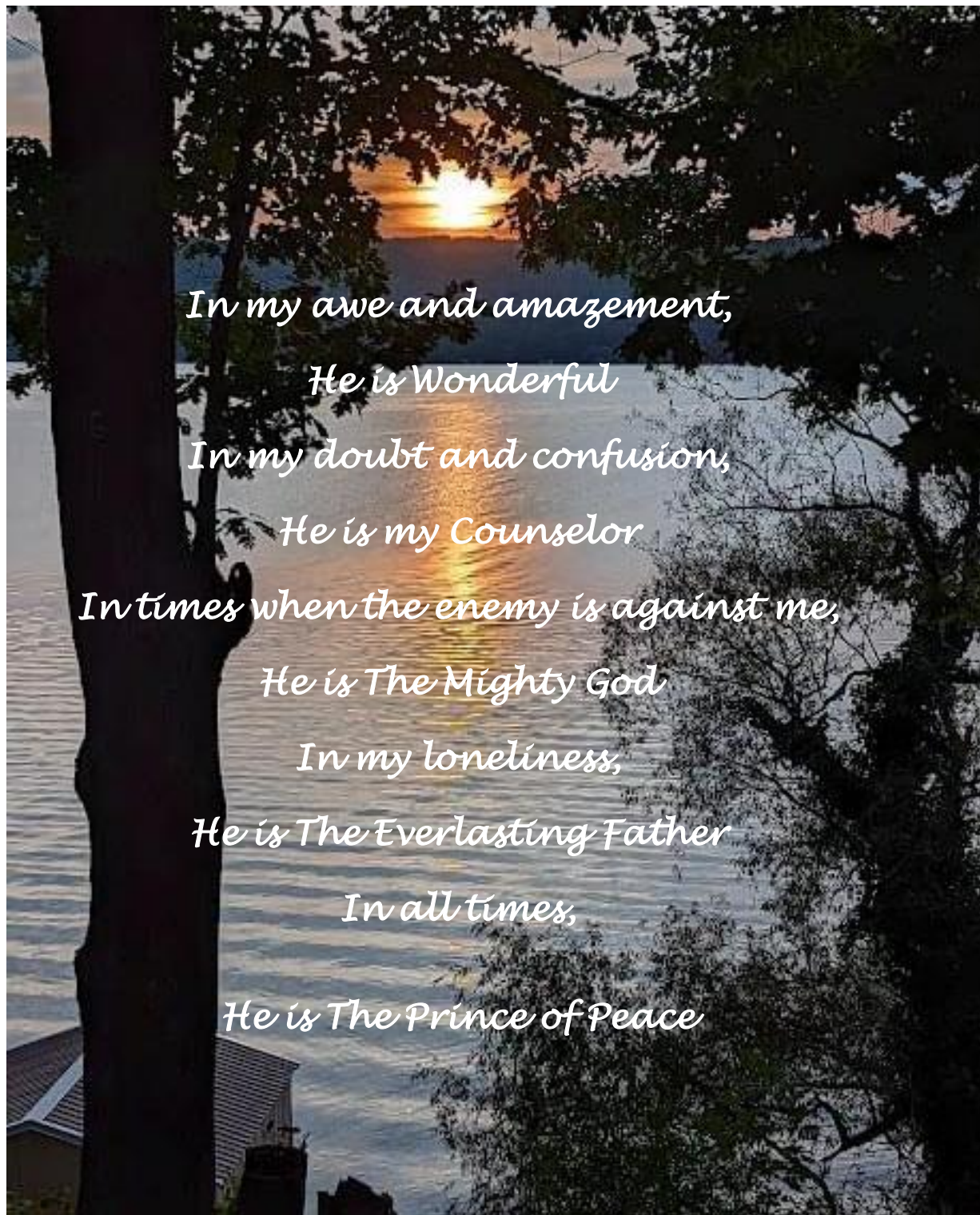
From Brother Johnathan Butler





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*In my awe and amazement,*

*He is Wonderful*

*In my doubt and confusion,*

*He is my Counselor*

*In times when the enemy is against me,*

*He is The Mighty God*

*In my loneliness,*

*He is The Everlasting Father*

*In all times,*

*He is The Prince of Peace*

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### **Media and Music Ministry**

Please pray for our Music Department as they magnify the Lord during our Praise and Worship. We are thankful for our brethren Bishop Wilbert Pye, Johnathan and Joshua Butler, Briyaun Butler-Moore, Minister Cory Price, and Jahlani Agama. We also thank Sis Jennifer Agama and Sis Gwen Butler.

We Thank God for our Media Department who manage social media, upload content on our website, [peacebe.org](http://peacebe.org), and coordinate recordings, to continue to spread the Word of The Lord to all the earth.



The deepest level of worship is  
Praising God through the pain,  
Thanking God through the trials,  
Trusting God when we are tempted, and  
LOVING God when we don't feel His presence.

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**JESUS**  
**PAID IT ALL**

Sin	PAID
Shame & Regret	PAID
Lies & Deceit	PAID
Immorality	PAID
Unbelief & Doubt	PAID
Pride & Envy	PAID
Anger & Hate	PAID

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**TOTAL DUE**      **0.00**

PAID IN FULL ON THE CROSS

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Do you want to be free from sin  
and its consequences? Turn to  
Jesus and accept the payment  
He has made on your behalf!

~ -- ~ -- ~ *Sister Harriet Moore*



Wherever you are, this month celebrates another year end. Take some time to look back: with your family, with your friends, with your community, and with yourself, to remember and reflect. Remember the joys, the pain of loss, the fear and hope of life-changing events. Reflect on those opportunities to grow in knowledge and love. And then look ahead: none of us know what is coming in the next minutes, hours, days, months. But we have a Savior, Jesus Christ, who does. If you don't know Him, begin your journey TODAY. Humble yourself. Let Him know, from your heart, that you need Him and He will guide you. If you know Him, but still struggle, humble yourself. Renew your commitment to Him and He will guide you. And if you are walking with Him in peace, humble yourself. You know He is guiding, shaping, carrying, and leading you to His perfect will for you.



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**Prayer**

*Prayer List*

Pray for all of those in our church family who have requested prayer. Pray especially for those who have recently lost loved ones. Pray for those struggling with addictions and are imprisoned. Be mindful of those in great need, and be ye **always** kind.

*Remember to pray*

Pray daily as our church grows to reach our community and to show the love of God to so many in need.

*Our Pastor and Brethren*

Pray for our Pastor, that he continues to strive to bring us God's word in holy truth. Pray for our brethren, that they help our church family grow in knowledge and lead us in unity.

*Prayer and Fasting*

We invite you to join us weekly in prayer and fasting. As we see in these last days, there is an urgency to draw closer to God. We have so many things to pray for.

Join with us **Wednesday & Friday each week**



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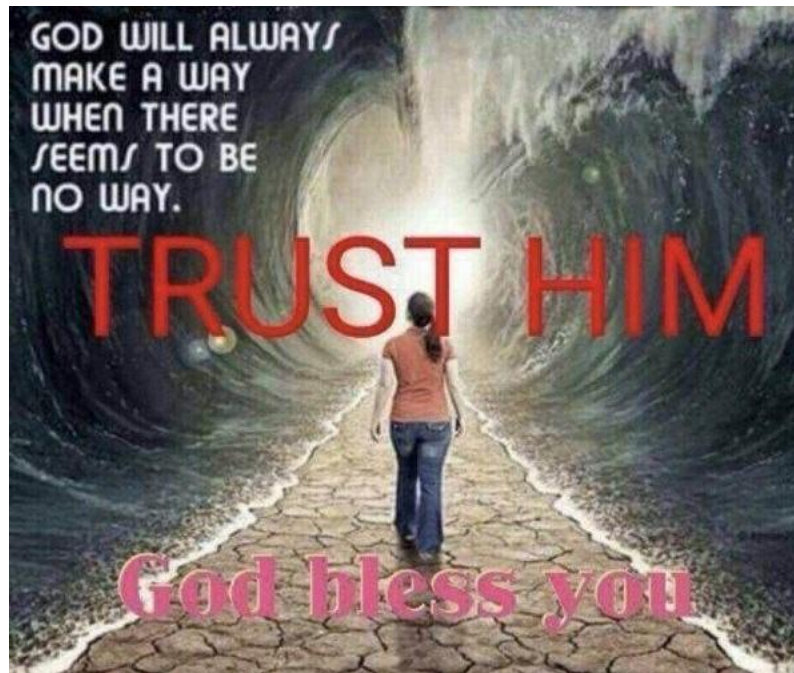
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“Okay kids”, Dad said as he brought his children to his workshop. “I’m letting you use my shop to finish that school project you told me about. Here are my tools. Now listen carefully. You can use any of the tools you see here, except this drill. That is my one rule. Please do not touch this drill; it can really hurt you”.

Andy and his sister Eva worked together until Eva thought of something. “You know Andy, this screw driver is kinda hard to use. I saw a Youtube video on drills, and it looks pretty easy to use. It said if you’re careful, you definitely won’t get hurt. If we use Dad’s drill we can finish up quick and go on that hike we were talking about”. “I don’t know Eva. Dad did say don’t use the drill.” Andy thought about it. “OK – let’s do it”.

Soon Dad came in to check on their progress. “Wow guys. You must have been racing. How’d you get finished so quickly? Did you use the drill I told you not to use”? “We did Dad”, Andy said, “but see what a great job we did, and we didn’t even get hurt”! Dad looked at the floor, then at the kids. His eyes were filling with tears as he spoke. “I want to tell you both how good you did, but I let you use all my tools and the shop space, and you disobeyed the one rule I gave you. I’m sorry, but this will be the last time you are allowed in my workshop”.

*Since Adam and Eve decided they wanted to make their own choices about their lives, instead of trusting God, humanity has been following in their footsteps. Though many people know the result of Adam and Eve’s decision, being expelled from the presence of God, we often choose the same fate. Whenever we choose a way that seems better, without prayer and then trust in God’s timing, we have decided that our way is better than God’s way. And we often find out that way ends in failure. But though we, time and time again, choose to go our own way, God is merciful to give us yet another opportunity to accept His way, His will, for our lives.*



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**O my Lord**, you are the head of my life.

I love to read your words, that were written to me.

I love my book, a gift from my parents when I chose to follow you, to listen to your knock at my door, to focus my mind on your teaching, to allow my heart to be broken.

I want to understand your inspiration; I have spent so many hours in your creation from the farm, to the mountains, lakes and rivers, to the ocean.

I think on you as I write, as I read your word, as I walk; on Elohim, nephesh, khesed.

Did those of former times? Did they feel your presence? Did they know you were guiding their hand? Did they realize the words they were writing were the message you wanted your people to hear?

Teach me as a child. I am at the beginning; I need you to define every word. Hold my eyes, my heart, and my mind on you. Make your words meet me where I am. Consider that I am yet a youth; my understanding has barely begun.

You are my God. You are for me. You also care for others, but not like you *do* for me. You can be what I need, when I need it, where I need it, and how I need it. You decide; it is up to me to obey without questions, doubts, or fears, so that I will know it was you who cared that much for me, and I will glorify you.



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1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Church Cleanup Morning
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Tallahassee
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Gainesville, FL Temple Service
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Youth Sunday
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Prayer, Tallahassee Sanctuary, 7:00P – 9:00P
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Tallahassee

\*\*All trips, meetings, and events are subject to change per Pastor Butler's discretion\*\*

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\*\*If you would like to participate in Year End Giving, we encourage Brothers to prayerfully consider \$300 and Sisters \$150. Please follow information below for details on giving options\*\*



**Giving**

Please visit our website, [peacebe.org](http://peacebe.org), to sign up for online giving.

You may also send your tax-deductible donation to the address at the top of this page or via cash app \$4952CHURCH or P.O. Box 6253 Attn: Pastor Aid Committee.

Above all, please attend our services to give in person.

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8**



Face-to-face services are held in our sanctuary at  
4952 Old St Augustine Road in Tallahassee, Florida.

We are respectfully following health guidelines to minimize exposure and spread of Covid-19.

Sunday morning service begins with prayer at **11:00AM**, followed by Praise and Testimony.

The word of God, read from the King James Version of Holy Scripture, is then brought forth.

Wednesday evening service begins at **7:30PM**, with similar format.

Prayer and Fasting observed every Wednesday and Friday as the Lord prompts you.

Radio broadcast Sundays at 3:00PM on WSTT, 730AM dial

Please call the Church Office, (850)656-7708 or email [churchoffice850@gmail.com](mailto:churchoffice850@gmail.com),  
with any questions, concerns, or prayer requests.

Please visit our website, [peacebe.org](http://peacebe.org), to download our monthly newsletter.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter,  
please contact Sister Cheryl Pye, [agerefieri@gmail.com](mailto:agerefieri@gmail.com)

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Thank you to our **Brothers of Unity** for continuing to  
maintain and make repairs in and around our sanctuary and other facilities.

Thanks also to our **Sisters of Unity** and **Youth Department** for cleaning  
after each service to promote our continued health and safety.