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GREATER SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

MAKING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST- ONE HEART AT A TIME- ONE FAMILY AT A TIME



Reverend Carl and Mrs. Carmen Jones

WHAT DOES ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP LOOK LIKE? submitted by Deacon George Johnson

Active membership entails regular attendance at worship services. Active members participate in the church's Bible studies and prayer meetings.

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Once a member's initial new member training is completed, these newly active members can join and serve in one or more of the church's ministries.

Active members contribute to the church's operation and upkeep. This is done by contributing to the church in a generous manner that is comfortable for the member using the church's envelope system.

Active members should be willing to follow new testament teaching on giving financial support to the church.

References:

Hebrews 10:24-25, KJV

24 And let us consider one another, to provoke unto love, and to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching

I Corinthian 16:1-2, KJV

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. 2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

II Corinthians 9:7, KJV

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Black History Month - 2024!!!

Thanks You, Greater Salen

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GROUND RULES FOR LOVE

In Let Me Be a Woman, missionary Elisabeth Elliot writes about the "ground rules" for "how this thing called love really works — in a marriage, in the world." Her list reflects many of the principles found in 1 Corinthians 13, the Bible's love chapter.

- This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience. • It looks for a way of being constructive.
- Love is not possessive.
- Love is not anxious to impress, nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own ideas.
- Love has good manners and does not pursue selfish advantage.
- Love is not touchy.

Love does not keep account of evil or gloat over the wickedness of other people. On the contrary, it is glad ... when truth prevails.

Love knows no limits to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that stands when all else has fallen.

SPECIAL FEBRUARY DATES

- African American History Month •
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 11
- Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024 •
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2024 •
- Presidents Day, February 19, 2024
- Leap Day, February 29, 2024



Volunteer to Teach Sunday School, Bible Study and/or Vacation Bible School

In case you are wondering how to volunteer to teach Sunday School, Bible Study or Vacation Bible School, check out these details:

What volunteer positions are available? We are in desperate need of volunteers to help restart our Sunday School classes for children and youth. We also need teachers for our Wednesday Night Bible Study 9 -12 year old Class. Below are the available positions that currently need teachers:

1. Sunday School

Preschool ages 4-5 Ages 6-8 Ages 9-12

2.Wednesday Night Bible Study Class Ages 9-12

- Questions you may have: How long are the volunteer to
 - **How long are the volunteer terms?** Each volunteer term is indefinite. As long as you are willing to teach God's word to our children and youth, we can use your help!!
- What happens if I have to miss a Sunday or two during my volunteer term? If you have to miss class, all you have to do is notify the teacher you work with and/or the Ministry Leader, as much time in advance as possible and they will arrange for a substitute to teach in your absence.
- I would like to be a substitute teacher, how do I volunteer for that? If you would like to teach but can't commit to teaching full time, please consider being added to our list of substitute teachers. Substitute teachers are called upon to teach in the absence of the regular teacher. As a substitute teacher you will be given as much advance notice of our need for you, as possible.
- If you are interested in being a substitute Sunday School or Wednesday Night Bible Study teacher please contact the church office at <u>502-</u> <u>587-8869</u> and leave a message.
- Is there a lot of prep work that I must do before teaching each Sunday or each Wednesday? You will be provided with instructional support to help you prepare for your lessons. You will need to read the lessons and become familiar with the content before teaching, but help is available to make sure you are comfortable before teaching the class.

w to volunteer to teach r Vacation Bible School, WEEKLY LESSONS

w/February "Read the Entire Bible In a Year" Selections

FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSONS AT-A-GLANCE

Week 23: Read Amos

February 4, 2024 Lesson: *God is Not Fooled Amos 5: 14-15, 18-27*

Some people are hypocritical acting one way in public and worship and yet pursuing evil behind closed doors. The people learned through Amos that God will not be fooled by insincere offerings and will punish all sinners.

Week 24: Read Obadiah

February 11, 2024 Lesson: *Edom's Condemnation*

Obadiah 1-4, 10-11, 15,21

God gave Obadiah a message of judgement on Edom. Obadiah said that the Lord would do to the Israelites enemies what those had done to them. This lesson should be encouragement to all those who have suffered injustice.

Week 25: Read Jonah

February 18, 2024 Lesson: Jonah Rejects God's Call

Jonah 1:1-4, 11-17; 2: 1,10

God called Jonah to prophesy in Nineveh, but Jonah attempted to run from God's call. God sent a storm that impacted not only Jonah but all the sailors around him in order to call him to repentance.

Week 26: Read Micah & Nahum

February 25, 2024 Lesson: *Justice, Love, and Humility*

Micah 6:3-8

People sometimes forget what God has done for them or they make insincere efforts to show gratitude. How does God react to our lack of gratitude? God instructs the unjust to be just, love kindness, and walk humbly with Him in response to His goodness.

I want to volunteer, but I know nothing about teaching. First of all, don't worry! You don't have to have a teaching certificate or license to teach a Sunday School or Bible Study Class. Instead, all you need is a love for the Lord and for His children and a willing spirit. If you have this, you are good to go. We can help and support you with the rest!

Still a bit nervous because you don't know the Bible backwards and forwards? Again, don't

We have a limited number of COVID tests available here at the church. Please see a member of the Nurses Guild to get a test kit.

FEBRUARY HEALTH NOTES FROM THE NURSES MINISTRY

February is American Heart Month

You have the power to take action to protect yourself against heart disease. Small heart-healthy actions like adding more movement to our day or choosing healthy foods, can have a big impact on protecting #OurHearts.

Be smart about your *heart health* and talk with your healthcare provider about yours at every visit. Here are some questions you can use to guide the discussion:

Blood Pressure • What was my blood pressure reading today and what do the numbers mean for me? • How often should I have my blood pressure checked? • Can any medicines that I take (prescribed or over-the counter) affect my blood pressure?

Heart Disease Risk Factors • What risk factors do I have for heart disease? Is there anything I can do to change these risks? • How can cholesterol affect my heart health? What are my cholesterol levels and are they in a healthy range? • What is my BMI and is there a goal I should be

working towards? What is my healthy weight range? • If I smoke or drink, how does it affect my heart health?

Staying Heart Healthy • What do you recommend I do between now and my next visit that can lower my risk for heart disease? • How much physical activity do I need to keep my heart healthy? • What foods or diets that can help keep my heart healthy? • How can managing stress affect my heart health? • What tests should I get to get a better understanding of my heart health?

Obesity, Nutrition, and Physical Activity

A healthy body weight, good nutrition, and physical activity can help prevent or manage serious and chronic cardiovascular diseases, high blood pressure, heart disease, and stroke. A healthy weight can also help reduce the risk of certain lung and sleep conditions, such as asthma and sleep apnea.

Source: <u>www.National</u> Institute of Health

https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/education/american-heartmonth

Calendar of CANCER AWARENESS MONTHS January February March April



A HEALTH FACT FROM YOUR NURSES GUILD MINISTRY....

DID YOU KNOW?.....February is Gallbladder and Bile Duct Awareness month,



February is also National Cancer Awareness Month. GOODNEWSLETTER

THE REST OF THE Y&F NEWS FROM DECEMBER 2023 AS PROMISED

Youth Sunday Brief - Young sister Ra'Nya Handley (L) served as worship leader on Sunday, December 31, during the last Youth Sunday of 2023. The Junior Ushers shared a special presentation of the "Twelve Days Of Christmas (Jesus Gave To Me)" by Carroll Roberson. Bro. Chris Fleming, Jr (R) read scripture and led the Intercessory Prayer. Jeremiah King-Shorts read the poem "Let Us Rejoice!" Malcolm King-Shorts led us in giving. Rev Carl Jones delivered the message "A Purpose Given Life" from Jeremiah: 1:1-8





Bowling Outing -See Page 9

Teachers Needed for youth and Family Ministery (Continued from page 3)

worry! Our easy-to-use curriculum tells you what to read in your Bible to familiarize yourself with the Bible story. It also provides discussion questions with answers for each lesson.

I have a question that wasn't answered here. Where do I go for help or additional information ? Please contact the Church office at 502- 587-8869 and leave a message for Youth and Family Ministry Leader, Sister Jacqueline Austin.

Special Note: 3.We are also in need of a Director and teachers (all age groups, including Adults) for our 2024 Vacation Bible School. If you are interested, please contact Sister Jacqueline Austin

Remember— Every 4th Sunday is Scholarship Fund Day!!!

Please Continue to Give in support of Our Youth Scholars who are furthering their education beyond High School!!!

Attention Greater Salem Couples!!! Please let the GoodNewsLetter Staff know about a month ahead of time when you're going to be celebrating the anniversary of your Wedding Day. Please include the date and a photo of your choice. We'd like to share that good news with your church family.

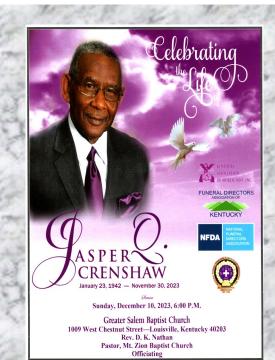
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Remembering those members who went to be with the Lord in 2023



GOODNEWSLETTER



Jasper Quinton Crenshaw 01/30/1942 - 11/30/2020



Georgetta A. Griten 9/2/1954 - 12/08/2023

Editor's Note: No homegoing Celebration programs were located for Sis. Howard, Sis. Burton or Sis. Traylor. Our apologies!!!



Emma L. Traylor- 9/2/1954 - 12/08/2023



Liber D. Burton - 11/30/1938 - 08/01/2023



Doris E. Howard- 06/03/1924 - 08/19/2023

Remember Me

Don't remember me with sadness. Don't remember me with tears, Remember all the laughter, We've shared throughout the years. Now I am contented That my life it was worthwhile, Knowing as I passed along the way I made somebody smile. When you are walking down the street And you've got me on your mind, I'm walking in your footsteps Only half a step behind. So please don't be unhappy Just because I'm out of sight, Remember that I'm with you Each morning, noon and night.



My Mind

Still talks to You-

My Heart

still looks for You

But my **Soul**

Knows that you are at Peace

BLACK HISTORY HIGHLIGHT

ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WRITTEN BY DARYL MICHAEL SCOTT | ASALH FORMER NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The story of Black History Month begins in Chicago during the summer of 1915. An alumnus of the University of Chicago with many friends in the city, Carter G. Woodson traveled from Washington, D.C. to participate in a national celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of emancipation sponsored by the state of Illinois. Thousands of African Americans travelled from across the country to see exhibits highlighting the progress their people had made since the destruction of slavery. Awarded a doctorate in Harvard three years earlier, Woodson joined the other exhibitors with a black history display. Despite being held at the Coliseum, the site of the 1912 Republican convention, an overflow crowd of six to twelve thousand waited outside for their turn to view the exhibits. Inspired by the three-week celebration, Woodson decided to form an organization to promote the scientific study of black life and history before leaving town. On September 9th, Woodson met at the Wabash YMCA with A. L. Jackson and three others and formed the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH).

He hoped that others would popularize the findings that he and other black intellectuals would publish in The Journal of Negro History, which he established in 1916. As early as 1920, Woodson urged black civic organizations to promote the achievements that researchers were uncovering. A graduate member of Omega Psi Phi, he urged his fraternity brothers to take up the work. In 1924, they responded with the creation of Negro History

WHAT IS BLACK HISTORY by Latorial Faison

It is the dirt road our forefathers trod, Memories of their lives branded in our hearts. It is a word, a place, a state of mind. Black history is a peek into our ancestors' time.

It is a piece of fabric our grandmothers wore, An old rope that our grandfathers lived to deplore. It is a slave ship and middle passage over seas. Black history is cotton fields and tobacco leaves.

It is a plantation overseer and back door crumbs, Weeping and wailing, a beating of drums. It is a troubling truth, an unapologetic past. Black history is an entire race struggling to last.

It is a Mississippi burning in a Tennessee town, An evil that lingered to bring Black people down. It is a book or movie of strength, courage, and will. Black history is the fate of young Emmett Till.

It is little Ruby Bridges, the exquisite Ruby Dee, Carter G. Woodson, and Coretta Scott King. A Mahalia Jackson song, a Michael Jackson routine, Black history is the phrase "Let freedom ring!"

It is KY State University*, the Tuskegee Airmen, The N. A. A. C. P., the Black Holocaust Museum. It is a navy master diver named Carl Brashear. Black history is our legacy of triumph without fear.

It is General Colin Powell, a Vaudeville drama, Zora Neale Hurston, and President Barack Obama. It is every single experience of our history.

Black history is the story of you and me. Copyrighted February 2011 Latorial D. Faison

and Literature Week, which they renamed Negro Achievement Week. Their outreach was significant, but Woodson desired greater impact. As he told an audience of Hampton Institute students, "We are going back to that beautiful history and it is going to inspire us to greater achievements." In 1925, he decided that the Association had to shoulder the responsibility. Going forward it would both create and popularize knowledge about the black past. He sent out a press release announcing Negro History Week in February, 1926.

Woodson chose February for reasons of tradition and reform. It is commonly said that Woodson selected February to encompass the birthdays of two great Americans who played a prominent role in shaping black history, namely Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, whose birthdays are the 12th and the 14th, respectively. More importantly, he chose them for reasons of tradition. Since Lincoln's assassination in 1865, the black community, along with other Republicans, had been celebrating the fallen President's birthday. And since the late 1890s, black communities across the country had been celebrating Douglass'. Well aware of the pre-existing celebrations, Woodson built Negro History Week around traditional days of commemorating the black past. He was asking the public to extend their study of black history, not to create a new tradition. In doing so, he increased his chances for success.

PLEASE READ THE REST OF THE STORY AT https://asalh.org/about-us/about-black-history-month

GOODNEWSLETTER

Thank You Brother Howard for setting everything up for us We had a great time on a Friday night at the Kenwood Bowling Alley because of you \mathfrak{G} !!!

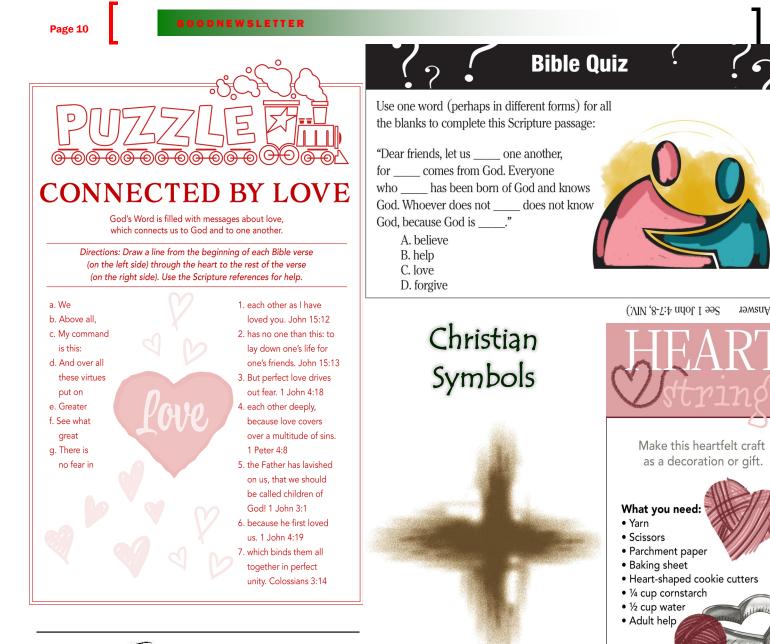
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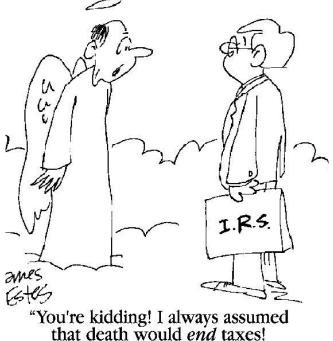
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Reported by Lynn Fleming





CROSS OF ASHES

On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. Reciting Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

What you do:

- 1. Cut yarn into 12-inch pieces.
- Place cookie cutters atop a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
- Combine cornstarch and water in a saucepan. Heat mixture over medium heat, stirring until thick and smooth. Remove from heat and cool to form a "glue."
- Dip each piece of yarn into the mixture to coat completely. Squeeze off any excess.
- Place yarn in the cookie cutters, allowing pieces to cross and loop within the heart. Add more until the cookie cutter is filled and the yarn looks like a heart.
- Remove cookie cutters and bake the sheet for two hours at 150°F, or until hearts are dry and hard.



Attention All GSBC Members It's time to update your membership information.

During February 2024, the church office is requesting all active members to update their membership information. The information needed is your name, address, phone number, email address and birthdate. This information will be used to inform members about inclement weather closings, bereavement notices, upcoming meetings, birthday announcements, and other events that may arise. Also, please list a person to contact and their phone number in case of an emergency. This membership form will be in the Sunday bulletin beginning February 4th.

We thank you for in advance for your cooperation in keeping your membership information up to date.

GSBC Membership Census - February 2024 (Please print legibly)

Name:							
First	Middle	Last					
Street Address:							
City:	State:	ZIP:					
Phone: (Home)	(Cell)						
Date of Birth:							
Email Address:							
Name of Emergency Contact: $_$		Phone:					



FROM THE EVANGELISM MINISTRY-MEMBERS PLEASE SHARE THIS

Would you like to invite Jesus into your life? HERE'S HOW...

Prayer: You can pray this prayer now: The words aren't so important, but you must mean it with all your heart.

Heavenly Father, I admit that I've sinned by breaking your Ten Commandments. I believe that your son, Jesus Christ, died in my place for my sins and rose again. I now open the door of my heart and life to receive Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I turn from my old ways to love, obey and follow Him. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

NEED TO TALK: Contact a member of the GSBC Evangelism team for further details at (502-587-8869)



Greater Salem Baptist

1009 West Chestnut St. Louisville KY 40203 **Rev. Carl Jones, Int. Pastor Hours of Worship** 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:15 am Morning Worship Service of Communion 1st Sunday

> **Office Staff Monica Little Lenette Dennison Telephone Number**

502-587-8869 Email: aagrsalem@bellsouth.net **Office Hours Monday through Friday** 10: 00 am to 02:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Worship and Study Opportunities

Sundays

Sunday School - 10AM In Sanctuary or via conference Call at 978-990-5000 access code 721799#

Morning Worship -11:15 AM - In person or on GSBC Facebook Live

Wednesdavs

Noon Day Prayer Service in sanctuary at 12:00 PN

Weekly Bible Studies (except 4th Wednes-days) 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary – or Online Via Facebook Live or via confer-ence call at 978-990-5000 Access Code 7032638 Youth Bible Study begins with snacks at 6:00 PM in Lower level Prayer Service -7 PM in Sanctuary or via 605-472-5736 Access 2239663

Saturdays

Men's Bible Study 10:15 AM In person or Dial-In at 605-468-8738 Access Code: 5398693

Women's Bible Study 12 Noon in person or dial-in at 605-313-5598 Access code 6671487

Men's Studies meet 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sat/ Women's study on 2nd and 4th Saturdays

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