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Legacy to Commission

From Bishop Gates: Tonight, we gather not just to honor a man, but to witness a movement. We salute Bishop J.E. Moore's 60 years of pastoral service – celebrating the 26-year-old who said yes when most would have said not yet. From Kansas to Illinois, from Marine discipline to ministerial distinction, from high school diploma to doctoral degrees – this describes Bishop Moore's remarkable journey.

He didn't just hold the mantle; he kept it clean while carrying it forward. Tonight, I salute you, Bishop Moore.

We also honor Mother Tecola, his partner in life and ministry for 62 years, because legacy is not a solo act – it's a duet of devotion. Bishop Moore preached with power, served on secular boards while maintaining sacred standards, with unwavering faith, and for six decades has said not "what was," but always "what's next."

I must share a personal note: Bishop Moore has left fingerprints on my journey at critical junctures – in my walk with God, family life, pastorate, and bishopric. His words, counsel, and presence steadied me. I probably wouldn't be here tonight were it not for that man.

What strikes me most about Bishop Moore: he never confused consistency with stagnancy. To him, faithfulness in the message never meant paralysis in his methods.

But why this Gala? Is it for him or for us? Legacy for whom? Is it about what Bishop Moore has done or what we must now do? Psalms 145:4 says one generation shall praise thy works to another and declare thy mighty acts. Legacy is never passive – it's active. It's not just demonstration; it's declaration.

Biblical examples show us: Elijah to Elisha, Paul to Timothy, Jesus to his disciples. Each built upon what they inherited without dishonoring the past, knowing it was powerful enough to prepare for the future. If we only applaud Bishop Moore without applying his example, this Gala becomes nostalgic. But if we take this model and multiply it, this Gala becomes a commissioning.

Legacy is not what you leave to people – it's what you leave in people. Let me ask some challenging questions:

- If Bishop Moore pursued seminary education when Pentecostals were suspicious of it, why are some still afraid of education?

- If he served his city on secular boards decades ago, why do some still retreat from modern culture?

- If he adapted his approach across six decades, why are some frozen in just one approach?

- If he earned multiple degrees, why do we defend ignorance and call it spirituality?

We must stop the foolishness! I'm not talking about abandoning our foundation – I'm talking about advancing it. If Joshua had stood still, Israel would have perished. If the apostles had only retraced Jesus' footsteps in Galilee, the gospel would never have reached Rome.

I'm not calling us away from old paths – I'm calling us to walk those same paths into new places. We are not museum curators of Pentecost; we are contemporary carriers of this Bible. A legacy gala can become a funeral service if we embalm what should be extended into new life.

Bishop Moore, you are not passing a museum piece – you are passing a living flame. We receive it not to preserve under glass but to spread like wildfire. This Gala us more than for you. You've built your legacy. The question is: will we be worthy inheritors who multiply it or mere curators who simply maintain?

We're in a strange new world, but the God of antiquity has not retired. He emerges again, not in archaic garb but adorned in relevancy yet shrouded in eternal power and glory.

Tonight, we don't just honor what you have been; we accept responsibility for where we must go. Your ceiling becomes our floor, your end zone becomes our starting line. By God's grace, we shall carry the mantle and multiply it. We salute you, sir, and thank God for you.

Letter from the Editor:

Praise the Lord everybody and hello! Please scan the QR Code Evangelist Marlene Jones has set up to download the Times – it's located on the signage in the Church foyer – thank you! Isn't technology great? My Hubby's testimony starts in the column right next door to me 😊 He gave "live" testimony on August 3rd here in the Temple. We've shared it across the Country. God is so good! This Issue started off with Gala highlights. What a powerful mandate from Bishop Gates and how blessed we are to have Bishop Moore as our leader. He gave a powerful Word to the students a few Sundays ago – there are some highlights from that powerful Word as well. And finally, please take note of the "Pays for A's" Campaign launched for this school year! Study Hard & be blessed!

Sis. Judge



Deacon John Wesley's Testimony

Praise the Lord, Saints! I testified a couple of weeks ago that I'd been away for over two months, and before that, I had not told too many people what was going on. My testimony was on August 3, 2025, and can be seen on the YouTube stream of the Church's broadcast on that date starting at about 20:35 when Bishop Moore, says, come and tell what the Lord has done for you Deacon!

Last December, I received a diagnosis that would shake most people to the core—I was told I had a brain tumor. But instead of giving in to fear, my wife and I did what we've been taught to do—we started praying for a miracle. I began the process of searching for a neurosurgeon, and the one I found was confident that he could remove the tumor. But I didn't put my trust in him alone—I put my trust in God. One

During my testimony I turned to Pastor Jayme and said, you said in December that I needed a miracle! Then I said, "I got my miracle" – and I threw my hands up in praise! I give God all the glory!

of the songs we stood on during that time was "I Trust in God." That song became an anchor, reminding me daily that no matter what the doctors said, God had the final word. As I said on the 3rd, the Word says in Psalms 139:14, "I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." That truth reminded me that my body was not an accident. I was formed intentionally by a divine Creator. And not just me—we were all made from the same perfect pattern. I testified that there were no outside cuts for the brain surgery. This was because the procedure was done through my nose! The procedure is called transsphenoidal surgery and it was truly amazing. The whole process caused me to consider Genesis 1:26-27 which tells us, "Let us make man in our image." So, while the surgeons held the scalpel, I knew I was still in the hands of the Lord. And because of that, I was not afraid. I want to thank each and every one of you for your prayers, your phone calls, your text messages, and your monetary gifts. Every expression of love and support meant more than words can say. As I said on the 3rd – I'm good! A special thank you goes to my best friend and the love of my life—my wife. She has been by my side every single step of the way; thank you, Ray.

Dear Julie

Q - I am wondering if it's ok to curse people out. Sometimes it doesn't seem as if you can get your point across without getting people told. I'm saved but I don't want people running over me. With school starting back, people are already getting on my nerves.

A – That's an honest and real question. Let's look at it from scripture and spiritual maturity.

What Does the Bible Say About Cursing?

Ephesians 4:29 (KJV): "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

James 3:9-10 (KJV): "Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

We shouldn't use the same mouth that praises God to curse people made in His image.

What About Setting Boundaries?

God doesn't call you to be a doormat. He expects us to speak truth, set boundaries, and not allow others to take advantage of them.

Proverbs 15:1 (KJV): "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger."

You can speak firmly, directly, and boldly while still honoring God and showing self-control. The Holy Spirit gives wisdom to say what needs to be said without cursing or tearing others down.

[The Heart Behind the Words](#)

Matthew 12:34 (KJV): "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

Sometimes we feel cussing is the only way to get our point across because we're operating out of frustration or anger. But God wants to transform not only what we say but why we say it.

[In Summary:](#)

- Cussing people out is not pleasing to God, even when you feel justified. If you're cussing – stop! You can do it!
- You can set boundaries and stand up for yourself in a way that honors God
- The Holy Spirit will help you develop wisdom, control, and discernment
- Your goal is to reflect Christ—strong, but full of grace and truth.

If you have a question you'd like answered, please drop it by the church office!!

Straight from the Heart of Corine Sister Corine Pitchford

Healing a Broken Heart

This is my personal testimony of how God is working in me daily to heal my broken heart after the loss of my husband.

God is great and greatly to be praised! He heals the broken in heart and binds up their wounds (Psalm 147:3). The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit (Psalm 34:18). He offers comfort and hope, emphasizing His ability to mend our emotional wounds.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). He invites those with heavy hearts to find rest and

relief in Him. Even when our flesh and our hearts fail, "God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever" (Psalm 73:26). When we feel weak and broken, God provides strength and becomes our source of hope.

God promises to be with us, providing strength and support during our hardest times:

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10). Jesus also said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27). So, do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid!

In the Bible, the "heart" represents more than just a physical organ. It is the center of a person's being, encompassing their emotions, intellect, and spiritual life. It is the seat of our thoughts, desires, and will, where we make choices and develop character. God is said to know and search the heart, and our actions are often viewed as flowing from the condition of our hearts.

Understanding Heartbreak

We often associate broken hearts with disappointing romance, but our hearts may also break because of grief, rejection, disappointment, or sorrow for the condition of the country or the world. Rebellious or lost children, fallen leaders, and the suffering of others can also lead to unbearable heartbreak.

Fortunately, God provides us with Bible verses for a broken heart and even promises that "He is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18).

Some griefs cut deeper than others, and a series of letdowns or disappointments can wear out our resilience. Even people of deep, mature faith can experience a heartbreak that takes longer to heal than anyone desires. No one pressures us to rush to stand on a "broken leg." They would appreciate that healing takes time and there is no way to rush it. The same can apply to our broken hearts.

The writer of Proverbs emphasizes the importance of our hearts when he writes:

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it" (Proverbs 4:23). The Hebrew word for heart is "lev," which refers to the inner self, comprised of our mind, will, understanding, inclination, as well as our emotions. God tells us in this simple Proverb that everything we do flows from our hearts. This would make our hearts likely targets for our enemy, Satan, and so God cautions us to guard them.

Spiritual Warfare and Protection

There are times, though, when we do take a hit. In the army of God, we are instructed in Ephesians 6:10-17: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wick-

edness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

The piece that covers our hearts is the breastplate of righteousness. Our hearts are so important to God that there are many Scriptures devoted to them. God desires a real relationship with us, not obedience alone. Of course, sometimes our hearts (or our feelings) are not completely in our obedience, yet we should still obey. God cares that our hearts become engaged in the process, and He has compassion on us when our hearts are broken!

Comforting Bible Verses

1. **Take Refuge in God Alone:** Psalm 73:26-28
2. **Praise the Lord, Remember His Greatness and Humble Yourself:** Psalm 147:1-6
3. **Pour Out Your Heart to God:** Psalm 38:9-11
4. **Trust That He Hears You:** Psalm 10:17-18

5. **Wait for the Lord in Hope:** Psalm 27:14

More Scriptures for a Broken Heart

1. **Psalm 34:18:** "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."
2. **Revelation 21:4:** "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."
3. **John 16:33:** "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."
4. **Proverbs 17:17:** "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."

God knows the pain and the risk of living in a fallen world. Jesus was sent in human form to know heartbreak Himself. We can pray with confidence that He hears us, has compassion on us, and will work all things together for good for those who love Him—even our brokenness and sorrow.

Prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for Your compassion and mercy. Thank you that You understand the pain of a broken heart. Bind up the broken hearts and give strength to move forward in hope, even while waiting for complete healing. Send people into our lives who will lift us up and help the healing process. In Jesus name, Amen.

Congratulations! Sis. Tiffany Cooper



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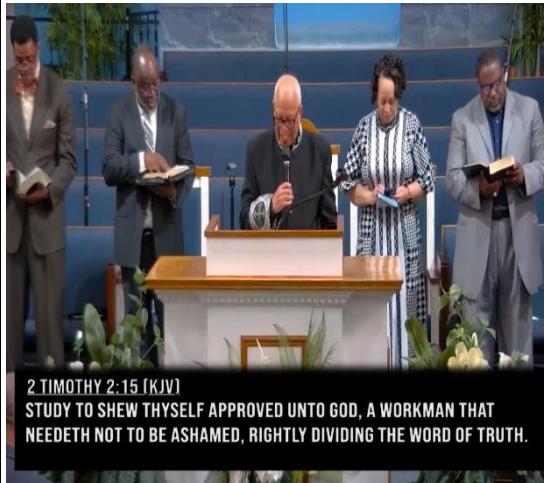
We honor Tiffany Cooper, one of our incredible Early Head Start teachers. Tiffany embodies responsibility and dependability, often stepping into leadership as my delegate when I'm away. Her strength as a survivor and her dedication shine through in her work with our infants and toddlers.

Her patience, consistency, and care create a nurturing environment where children can grow and thrive. We are truly grateful for her commitment to our program, our families, and our team. Thank you, Tiffany, for being such an inspiring part of our center.

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2 TIMOTHY 2:15 (KJV)

STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.

A Message from Bishop Moore: Study to Show Yourself Approved

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." (II Timothy 2:15-19, KJV)

This is a favorite passage of mine. Years ago, we heard this scripture all the time, maybe twice a month. We don't hear it as much now, but it's a powerful word for us today.

THE IMPORTANCE OF USING YOUR MIND

To live well in this world, you must use your mind correctly. I know there are those who live by dishonest means—the mafia, thieves, and robbers—and they may seem to live

well for a time. But if they continue in their ways and do not repent, they will ultimately face judgment. If you want to live well in this world, you have to use your brain correctly.

I heard a preacher say the other day that we don't really use our brains, but our spirits. He said the brain is just matter, and the spirit is what truly controls our lives. Now, you students of the Bible can study this further, but it's an interesting thought. We know that man is a three-part being: body, soul, and spirit. The body is matter, and the soul came into being when God breathed the breath of life into that matter. Man became a living soul. When we die, our bodies return to dust, and our spirits return to God. But the soul will either face judgment or rest in Abraham's bosom until the rapture.

Don't fight the school – fight for your future!

But one thing is certain: in this life, you have to use your mind. Young people, you are going back to school. Years ago, some children only went to school for a few years before they had to go work on the farm, picking cotton and doing other chores. But even then, as they became adults, they had to use their minds. I've met many farmers who didn't have an eighth-grade education, but they were some of the smartest people you could ever meet. They knew the land, they

knew the seasons, they knew

how to make things grow.

My own father had a fourth-grade education, but he was brilliant with animals. He knew horses, mules, chickens, and goats. He had a deep understanding of the natural world that most of us lack today. He knew how to plant potatoes, how to cut them up and place the pieces in the ground, and how a few months later, you could dig up a whole harvest of potatoes. People used to laugh at farmers, but without their wisdom, we wouldn't have food on our tables. You have to use your mind.

THE AGE OF AI AND THE NEED FOR HUMAN INTELLECT

Now we live in the age of AI. Lord have mercy! And sometimes, I think AI is about as stupid as some of us, because it doesn't know everything. I've tried it.

You still have to use your own mind. One man said the other day that AI will eventually eliminate humans. Well, I think he needs to talk to God first, because God gave humans authority over this earth.

So, young people, don't be a dummy and think you don't need to study. You go to school, first and foremost, to learn how to read. Some of you may have learned a little before you

started school, and that's wonderful. But in school, you must pay attention to reading. The Bible tells us this as well. Paul told Timothy to "give attendance to reading." If you can't read, you will lack in many areas of your life. Don't go to school and resist the teacher. Go there and accept what the teacher has to teach you.

PAUL'S EXAMPLE AND THE CALL TO STUDY

Timothy was one of Paul's protégés, a young minister, and Paul was telling him to study. Paul himself was a student, so he had the right to tell Timothy to study. Paul had been through a rigorous curriculum. He knew the first five books of the Bible verbatim. How do I know that? Because that was the responsibility of

every Jewish boy. He had to know the Torah and be able to quote it.

We don't require that of you today. We have Vacation Bible School and other programs, and we try to teach you what we can. Saints don't think that you don't have to study the Bible. You have to read your Bible, and you have to

study it. Why is it that Bible studies are often

the least attended services in the church? They should be the most attended. It is the responsibility of every saint to study the Word of God.

I remember, before I was called to preach, I used to shy away from church because I wanted to have fun. But I would slip off by myself and read my Bible where no one could see me. I did that for years. I didn't want to go to the altar; I wanted to have a girlfriend first. But I realized later on that wasn't what life was all about. But I did read my Bible. And no sooner did I receive the Holy Ghost than the Lord called me to preach. Why did He call me so soon? Because I used to read my Bible. I would even tell my friends on the street who thought they were saved that they weren't, even while I was out there with them. I was preaching even then, because I read my Bible. And I was able to

read my Bible because, even though I didn't always like school, I learned how to read.

DON'T FIGHT THE SCHOOL, FIGHT FOR YOUR FUTURE

When you fight the school, you're only hurting yourself. The point is, when you have ability, when you train your mind, people will seek you out. The word "study" in the Greek means to be diligent, to be zealous, to be passionate. When you do that, you will be approved. Preachers are not dummies. I've taught Greek, and I've seen people quit because it takes time and effort. But I utilized my time and effort to learn. I may be an old man now, but don't fool with me!

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED IN THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE:

CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE TO BE INTELLIGENT

God created man out of the dust of the earth, breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. And man was next to God in knowledge. The angels weren't next to God in knowledge; man was. Adam named every animal in the world. God brought every animal before Adam and asked him what he would call them. Adam named them all. God wants man to be intelligent. He doesn't create stupid things for Himself. Man creates stupidity for himself, and it only brings him down.

If you love the world and the things of the world, it will eventually destroy your life. I'm proud to be 86 years old. If I had kept doing the things I was doing at 18 and 19, I wouldn't be here today. I always wanted to be saved, but when you're playing around out there, it's hard to come to church. Young people, if you get involved in drugs, and chasing women and men, and dancing all night, it's hard to come to the Lord.

I remember being 19 years old, getting high, and the room would be spinning. I would pray, "Lord, when am I going to get saved?" I didn't understand that you have to come to the Lord. He's calling you, if you have any intelligence. But if you're out there seeking everything but Him... The Bible says, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found."

If you're in the gutter, you can't seek God.

You can't just read the Bible. Some years ago, when I started preaching, the only thing they would let you read was the Bible and Webster's Dictionary. That wasn't enough. I determined early on in ministry that I wasn't going to be a dummy. I wasn't going to be a preacher who only knew the scripture but couldn't expound on it. *Bishop Moore challenged the listeners to these questions: (1. What is the fertile crescent? 2. Jordan Riv-*

er is the tributary of what mountain? 3. What is the Eco-System?)

I'm trying to alert you, to help you. Young people, study. Don't be a dummy, not in church or out of church.

Young people learn everything you can. Biology is the study of life. Who gave life? God. Where did life come from? God. Man is trying to study life, but they won't acknowledge that it's God. But you study biology, study everything. Don't play around with that garbage that shuts down your mind.

Study. Be diligent. Be approved unto God.

Q-What is the fertile crescent?

The Fertile Crescent is a crescent-shaped region in the Middle East, often called the "cradle of civilization." Location The region stretches from the Persian Gulf through Mesopotamia to the eastern Mediterranean coast. It's bounded by the Arabian Desert to the south and mountains to the north. Historical Significance Agriculture Revolution (10,000 BCE) The first place where humans developed agriculture, domesticating wheat, barley, and livestock. This allowed nomadic societies to become settled farming communities. First Civilizations Home to the world's

earliest cities and complex societies, including: Sumerians - invented writing and established the first civilization Babylonians - created the Code of Hammurabi (early legal code) Assyrians - built a powerful military empire Akkadians - formed the first empire in the region Major Innovations The wheel, the plow, irrigation systems, writing, mathematics, and early legal codes all originated here. Religious Heritage Birthplace of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Legacy The Fertile Crescent's contributions to agriculture, technology, law, and religion fundamentally shaped human civilization. Though the region faces modern challenges its historical impact remains profound.

Q-The Jordan River is the tributary of what mountain?

The Jordan River originates from Mount Hermon. The Jordan River has three principal sources, all of which rise at the foot of Mount Hermon: Hasbani River - The longest tributary, originating from springs at the western foot of Mount Hermon near Hasbeiya Banias - Generates 23% of the Jordan River's water Dan River - Another major tributary from the Mount Hermon region. Biblical and Historical Significance: Mount Hermon is mentioned in biblical texts and may have been the site of Jesus Christ's transfiguration.

Q-What is an Ecosystem?

An ecosystem is a community of living organisms (plants, animals, and micro-

organisms) interacting with each other and their physical environment (air, water, soil, and climate) in a specific area.

Key Components

- Forest ecosystems
- Ocean ecosystems
- Desert ecosystems
- Freshwater ecosystems
- Urban ecosystems

Importance

Ecosystems provide essential services including clean air and water, food production, climate regulation, and biodiversity conservation.

success, and we are already looking forward to what God has in store for us next year!

Don't forget to visit our YouTube channel to watch all of the lessons from this year's VBS and to share them with your friends and family. Let's continue to build on the momentum of this incredible series and live out the twelve great strength passages of the Bible in our daily lives.

VBS Highlights:

The Strength You Need "The Twelve Great Strength Strategies of the Bible"

by Robert J. Morgan

Thursdays in August were a time of spiritual renewal and joyful fellowship as our congregation came together for a powerful Vacation Bible School series.

Under the warm and engaging coordination of First Lady Tecola Moore, participants delved into the profound teachings of Robert J. Morgan's book, "The Strength You Need: The Twelve Great Strength Passages of the Bible."

Each session was a testament to the power of God's word and the strength we find in community,



We extend our deepest gratitude to First Lady Tecola Moore for her incredible leadership and coordination of this year's VBS. Her vision and dedication were instrumental in creating a truly special and impactful experience for our entire church family. We also want to thank all of our presenters for sharing their time, talent, and passion for God's Word. The 2025 VBS was a resounding

leaving everyone who attended feeling uplifted and inspired.

The series was a remarkable journey through scripture, with each lesson brought to life by a lineup of passionate and engaging presenters.

Watch on YouTube & put into practice these twelve great strength passages from the Bible!

Strategy #1: Connect to a High Voltage Line



Deacon Barry kicked off the series with an electrifying message on the importance of connecting to God as our ultimate power source. Drawing from Deuteronomy 33:25, "Your strength will equal your days," he reminded us that our daily strength comes directly from our connection with the Lord. His powerful presentation set the stage for a series that would be a source of immense spiritual energy for the entire congregation.

Strategy #2: Turn Messes into Momentum



Sister Taya Hymon delivered a message of hope and transformation, teaching us

how to turn life's challenges into opportunities for growth. Based on 2 Chronicles 16:9, which says, "The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him," she inspired us to see God's strengthening hand even in our most difficult moments. Her heartfelt and encouraging words resonated deeply with everyone.

Strategy #3: Invest in a Power Company



Sister Tiffany Cooper presented a powerful lesson on the importance of investing in our spiritual lives. Drawing from Nehemiah 8:10, "The joy

of the Lord is your strength," she encouraged us to find our strength in the joy that comes from a deep relationship with God. She also introduced the '810 Power Company,' a creative and inspiring way to remember that our true power comes from the Lord.

Strategy #4: Occupy a Fortress



Sister Stacey Travis delivered a powerful message on finding refuge and strength in God. Based on Psalm 46:1,

"God is our refuge and strength," she reminded us that in times of trouble, we can find safety and security in the fortress of His love. Her presentation was a comforting and reassuring reminder of God's constant presence in our lives.

Strategy #5: Stand Sequoia-like, Above the Noise



Sister Sylvia Smith encouraged us to find strength in quietness

and trust. Drawing from Isaiah 30:15, "In quietness and trust is your strength," she painted a vivid picture of standing tall and firm in our faith, like a mighty sequoia tree, unshaken by the noise and chaos of the world. Her message was a beautiful reminder of the peace and strength that comes from a steadfast faith in God.

Strategy #6: Catch Updrafts Like an Eagle



Sister Judge delivered an inspiring message on the power of hope. Based on Isaiah 40:31,

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength," she encouraged us to

soar like eagles, lifted by the updrafts of God's grace (the promises contained in the Word of God). Her presentation was a powerful reminder that with hope in the Lord, we can rise above any challenge and soar in the Spirit like eagles.

Strategy #7: Strengthen Someone Else



Min. Ursula Cooper shared a powerful message on the importance of serving others. Drawing from Isaiah 58:11, "The Lord will satisfy your

needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame," she reminded us that as we strengthen others, we ourselves are strengthened. Her passionate and heartfelt presentation inspired everyone to be a source of strength and encouragement to those around them.

Strategy #8: Process Your Problems and Arrive at Praise



Sister Tina Felix delivered a powerful message on the transformative power of praise. Based on

Habakkuk 3:19, "The sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights," she encouraged us to pro-

cess our problems through the lens of faith and arrive at a place of praise. Her uplifting and joyful presentation was a beautiful reminder that even in our struggles, we can find strength and victory in the Lord.

Strategy #9: Strike a Missing Chord



Sister Kim Jackson delivered a heart-stirring message on the power of love. Drawing from Mark 12:30, "Love the Lord

your God with all your strength," she reminded us that our love for God is the foundation of our strength. Her passionate and engaging presentation inspired everyone to deepen their love for the Lord and to live out that love in their daily lives.

Strategy #10: Galvanize Yourself Against Discouragement



Brother Emmanuel Cooper delivered a powerful message of encouragement and perseverance. Based on

Romans 4:20, which speaks of how Abraham "did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God," he inspired us to stand

firm in our faith, even in the face of discouragement. His message was a timely reminder to trust in God's promises and to find our strength in Him.

Strategy #11: Live Like the Rich Person You Are



Sister Francine Bates delivered a powerful message about the riches of

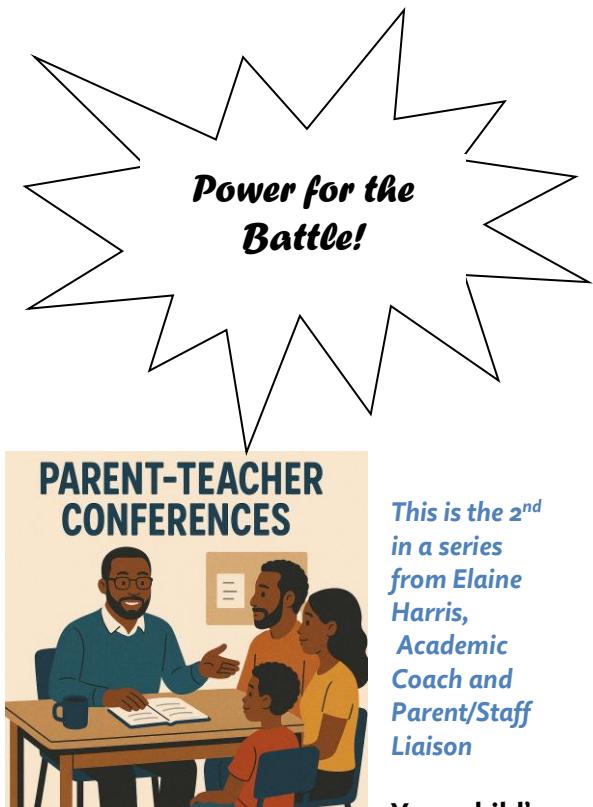
God's grace. Drawing from Ephesians 3:16, "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his spirit in your inner being," she reminded us that we are spiritually rich in Christ. Her inspiring presentation encouraged us to live in the fullness of God's blessings and to draw strength from the incredible inheritance we have in Him.

Strategy #12: Learn to Rejoice Whatever, Whenever, Wherever



Deacon Steve Walker closed out the series with a joyful and uplifting message on the power of rejoicing. Based on Philippians 4:13,

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength," he reminded us that our strength in Christ enables us to find joy in all circumstances. His presentation was a beautiful conclusion to a series that was filled with hope, encouragement, and the life-changing power of God's Word.



This is the 2nd in a series from Elaine Harris, Academic Coach and Parent/Staff Liaison

Your child's school will most likely have parent/teacher conferences throughout the year.

How important are these conferences? And should you attend if your child is not having issues?

Parent/Teacher conferences are very important. The initial P/T conference provides an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet. It may be for the first time ever or it may be the first time for the year. These meetings are important so please make every effort to attend. Strive to maintain a positive attitude and polite speech whenever speaking with your child's teacher. Even when things don't go exactly like you think they should, it's a good idea to have a cooperative environment and not a combative one. Remember to have conversations, not confrontations. The most important thing is not winning an argument, proving something or trying to intimidate or be intimidating. The most important thing is providing an environment that is most conducive to learning. You and the teacher (or teachers) are on the same team. You're not enemies. Please do everything within your power to provide a positive, nurturing and supportive learning environment for your child.

If the time comes when you are at odds with someone in the school, safeguard this information. Your child should not hear you complaining, criticizing or blaming school personnel. In the mind of a child, this may sound like an excuse for not doing his or her best. Remember too, that you are your child's first and in many cases best, teacher. You're always teaching. So, how you handle conflict provides an example, good or bad, of how they will think it should be handled.

When attending the initial conference, here are some things to consider and get an understanding about:

- **What** are the academic goals for the year? Where are these goals stated and how is achievement measured?
- **What** are the behavior expectations for the class? How are disciplinary issues handled? (Even if your child has good behavior in class, the negative actions of others can have an impact on his or her learning.)
- **How** frequently will homework be sent home? If homework is completed during school hours, what supplemental activities can you use at home?
- **What** is the preferred method of communication? If it is via text message, email or website, how can those in homes without Internet access communicate?
- **How** frequently should you expect to hear from your child's teacher? How often would you like to hear from them?

Subsequent P/T conferences should focus on accomplishments, areas needing improvement and strategies.

Always keep an open mind when discussing your child with teachers. And remember, you can provide valuable insight in many areas. You know your child better than anyone does. Don't minimize this during discussions. Feel free to make comments and suggestions. Also, although it's natural to want to defend your child at all times, listen attentively to any criticisms and

determine if corrective action is needed. Be careful not to criticize your child's teacher(s) in front of your child or children. Knowing that you have problems with them can have an impact on your child's learning.

Ask for ways you can participate throughout the year to support an environment conducive to learning for everyone. Until next time!

Elaine Harris, Academic Coach and Parent/Staff Liaison

ABC'S OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

A is for Attendance, be on time each day,

B is for Books — read at home, learn and play.

C is for Communication, open and clear,

D is for Dedication throughout the whole year.

E is for Evenings, read for fifteen,

F is for Family, working as a team.

G is for Growth, in learning we invest,

H is for Homework, giving our best.

I is for Involvement, in school events with cheer,

J is for the Joy of watching goals appear.

K is for Keeping home and school supplies stocked and near,

L is for Listening so children feel we hear.

M is for Motivation, to strive and never quit,

N is for Nurture, encouragement that fits.

O is for Opportunities—holidays, field trips and fun days,

P is for Participation in many school ways.

Q is for Questions, ask when you need,

R is for Reading — it plants every seed.

S is for Special events, don't miss the chance,

T is for Teacher Appreciation, give thanks in advance.

U is for Understanding, mistakes help us grow,

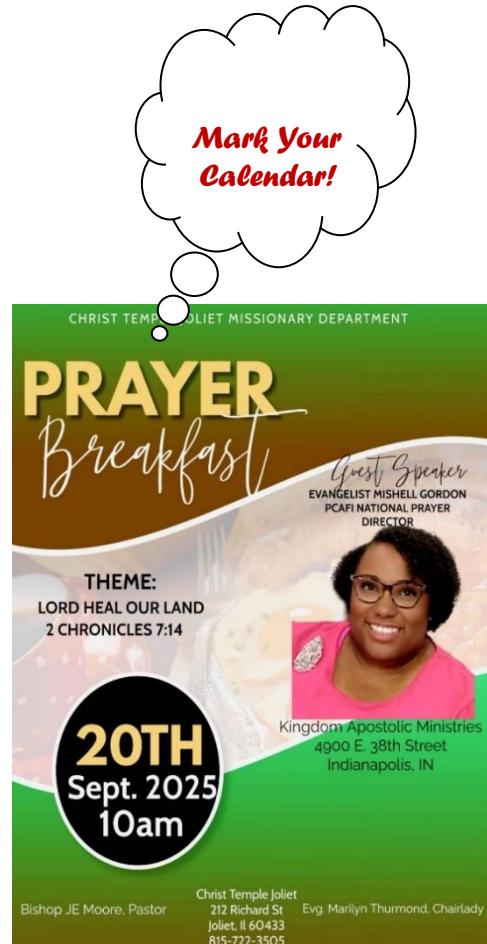
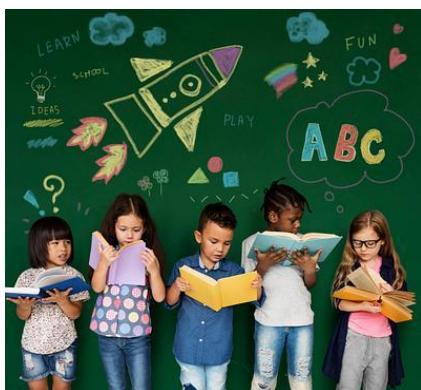
V is for Volunteering, when schedules allow.

W is for Working hard, parents and kids,

X marks the Xtra effort that each family gives.

Y is for Yearlong partnership, strong and true,

Z is for the Zest in learning we all pursue.



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