

From The Minister's Pen

The Great Commission Is Binding Upon Every Christian

It is God's purpose to save the world through the gospel of His Son. The task of executing that purpose has been entrusted to His church on earth—the divine presence and co-working being always understood. Therefore, the supreme duty of the church is world-wide conquest in the name of the Lord. To aim at anything short of this would be disobedience to her Great Captain. To refuse participation in the efforts directed to this end would be to be unworthy a place in His mighty army.

The New Testament knows of only two classes: those who go, and those who send.

The whole body of believers is to have fellowship in this work. If any stands aloof and gives no aid or comfort, he may doubt—and with good reason—whether he has the spirit of Christ: if he has not, he is none of His. "And he said unto them, Go ye unto all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature ... " These sayings of Jesus leave us in no doubt as to the extend of the work.

While repentance and remission of sins were to be preached in His name to all the nations, the beginning was made in Jerusalem. Just before His ascension our Lord said to His

apostles, "Ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The whole world must be evangelized. This is God's purpose, and His purpose cannot be defeated. The gospel must be carried into the slums and into homes and palaces of our great cities, unto the towns and villages, and into the highways and hedges. Our whole population must be brought under its influence. But when we have done that, we must not think we have done our whole duty.

The evangelization of the world finds a large place in the Word of God. In Genesis we have the promise of a Redeemer. In Revelation we see the redeemed out of every nation, and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

This is the fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham. "In thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

Christianity is a victorious faith. It pressed on like a bannered army from conquering to conquer. The first sermon led to 3,000 conversions. Soon after, the number of men was 5,000. A little later believers were

the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women. Again we are told that the disciples in Jerusalem multiplied greatly, and a great company of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Every Christian was a missionary; every church was a rallying and a radiating center. The whole body of believers was engaged in a deadly conflict with the powers of evil and with the faiths of paganism. Like their Lord and His apostles, they had no doubt whatever as to the ultimate and universal triumph of the gospel.

We today must learn things that can be learned only through carrying the gospel to others. When we neglect this, we stunt our spiritual growth.

This is a part of Christ's training program for His church. He has always done His greatest work through small and inadequate human forces — in order that men might know that the power is of God and not of men.

Surely, if God so loved the world that He gave His Son, and if Christ so loved the world that He gave His LIFE, it should not be too much to ask that the churches of Christ so love the world as to give ourselves to the fulfillment of the Great Commission -- men's only hope for eternity with Jesus.

The gospel is for all men. Those who have it hold it in trust for those who have it not. Those who would keep it to themselves err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the gracious intention of our God.

The real reasons we have not evangelized this world are 1) we have never convinced ourselves that the world is lost without the gospel, and 2) we have never convinced ourselves that we are lost if we don't take it to the world. One may go across the sea and another go across the street, but everyone of us must

go with the gospel if we would go to heaven. How wonderful it would be if every Christian would not just be a convert, but a **converter!**

Be mindful also that we will never be able to hire someone to do our share of preaching/teaching. If you could hire some professional preacher to do your share of preaching/teaching for you, you could hire someone to attend worship for you. You could hire someone to be honest for you. In short, you could hire your way into heaven.

Every child of God has the **personal responsibility** to preach the gospel to the extent of his own capacity and opportunity. That responsibility cannot be shifted to another. Therefore, it is certainly a misconception that the responsibility for preaching the gospel lies only upon those workers who are paid for it. There *is* not one among us upon whom the Great Commission lies with greater weight than it lies upon you yourself.

The harvest of souls is thrilling. The man or woman who has never had the experience of being a part of bringing a soul to harvest by God's Word has missed one of the most precious experiences of life.

The **HARVEST** is plentiful,
but the laborers are few.

Therefore pray earnestly
to the *Lord*
of the **HARVEST**
to send out laborers into
His **HARVEST**

Luke 10:2

Church News and Views

November Is HARVEST MONTH! EVERYONE - BRING ONE!

Welcome Visitors

We wish to welcome **ALL VISITORS** who have chosen to worship with us today. We are delighted to have all of you and it is our desire that your hearts will be enriched by the worship service. Our minister is available to answer any Bible question that you may have. Listen carefully to his sermon, for in it you will hear the answer to the question, **"What must I do to be saved?"** If you desire to give your life to Christ, then walk forward during the invitation. Again...we're delighted that you're here!

INVITE! INVITE! INVITE!

How long has it been since you invited someone to church? Hundreds of people in our community will likely become members of some religious body this year. Just how many of them become members of the Lord's church could, to considerable extent, depend upon how diligently we work to invite them and make them feel welcome. Remember it doesn't pay to be selfish with Christ, the more you share Him, the more you have Him. Let each of us do our part to see that His prayer is answered. **Invite, invite, invite!!**

"...Go out into the highways and hedges, and constrain them to come in, that my house may be filled." (Luke 14:23)

41st Annual
MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

*The Case
For The
Cross*

Gal. 6:14; 1 Cor. 1:18
Col. 1:20

- * Workshop Facilitators
- * Women's Division
- * Powerful Vespers
- * Convocations

January 14 - 19, 2017
Fort Lauderdale, FL

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ebony Morrison
Myles Valentine
(Baptized: Nov. 17, 2016)

Sophia McLean
Bernard Jones, Jr.
Bryant Eubanks
(Baptized: Nov. 20, 2016)

Back To The Bible
Radio Program

**† AM 1490
WMBM**

7:30AM — 1st and 3rd Sundays
8:30AM — 2nd and 4th Sundays

**† AM 1520
WEXY**

12:30PM — Sunday—Wednesday, Friday
6:00PM — Saturday



The Bereavement Committee is in charge of handling the food for our guests during the 2017 Ministers' Institute. We are in need of helpers and food donations. A list is posted at the Hospitality Desk. Please stop by today and let us know if you would be interested in assisting us in this endeavor. Please see Sis. Ethel Bess or Sis. Ermine Thompson for further details. You also may contact Sis. Bess at 954-583-3731 or Sis. Thompson at 954-599-9190.



**THIS WEEK'S
HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE**

Sick Ministry (7:00PM) Nov. 28
Midweek Bible Study (7:30PM) Nov. 30
Search & Rescue Ministry (7:00PM) . Dec. 1
Home Economics Class (9:00AM) Dec. 3



"Lord, He Whom Thou Lovest Is Sick"
(John 11:3)

Shut-In:

Charles Davis, Camille Ewers, Paul Frances, Martha Moore, Ermine Mullins, Joyce Parrish, Marion Williams, Lillie Jackson

Prayer Requests:

Bobby Ace, Barbara Adams, Sharon Berrian, Ethel Bess, Laura Blidge, Louise Bowman, Richard Brazil, Raf Campbell, Charlie Crawford, Arnetta Cross, Ron Cullingford, Brooklyn Delancy, Aletha Denmark, Kristin Dicks, Felisha Downer, Donna Eacho, Sharon Eason, Nelzene Edwards, Loerine Ellis, Bessie Everitt, Phillip Everett, Linda Green, Hanley Freeman, Dudley Hill, Joe Holland, Vernon Holland, Lois Hutchison, Jacquelyn Irvin, Veanna Irvin, Brad Johnson, Becky Johnson, Catie Johnson, Gloria Johnson, Louis Johnson, Annie Lee, Kevin Larkins, Nancy Logan, Mary Lyons, Elouise Mash, Suzanna Middleton, Sharon Monroe, Willie Mae Morris, Jennifer Neita, Jimmy Newson, Rosie Newson, Dianjalo Parrish, Johnny Richardson, Shay Roache, Deotha Roby, Akiko Robinson, Shirley Seays, Richard & Jean Sherman, Maxine Smith, Yvonne Stokes, Linda Stokes, Rosemary Strachan, Brandi Stroman, Alexander (Joe) Sutton, Ernest & Mae Thomas, Samantha Tobias, Rolinne Trompe, Roosevelt Tukes, Lewis & Jean Truttling, Johnnie P. Walker, Johnny Walker, Lillie Walker, Lucille Walker, Michael Ward, Ray Watson, Joshua Webb, Marie Webb, Ranspord Webley, Annie Williams, Betty Williams, Charles Williams, Jackie Williams

“We Come Into This House To Worship Him”

(John 4:24)

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

	<u>MORNING</u>	<u>EVENING</u>
Announcements	Amari Johnson	Amari Johnson
Song Leader		
Prayer	Davonte Gray	Marc Allen
Scripture Reading	Dorsette McLeod	Dorsette McLeod
Song		
Sermon	Dr. W. F. Washington	Dr. W. F. Washington
Call To Obedience	<u>Counselors:</u> Marc Allen / Davonte Gray / Willis Welch <i>Alternates: K. Hutchison, W. Hamilton</i>	
Confessions /Prayer Petitions	Keith Hutchison (Officiating)	Keith Hutchison (Officiating)
Offering (1 Cor. 16:1,2)	<u>Lord’s Supper (Acts 20:7)</u> <u>AM —Officiating:</u> Dorsette McLeod / Marcus Facyson (1) <i>Left</i> , Brandon Davis (2) <i>Left</i> , Moses Ambrister (3) <i>Left</i> , Kevin Luke, Jr. (4) <i>Left</i> , Darius Snell (1) <i>Right</i> , Davonte Gray (2) <i>Right</i> , Marc Allen (3) <i>Right</i> , Charles Farlow (4) <i>Right</i> , Ameer Dangleben <u>PM —Officiating:</u> Dorsette McLeod / Marcus Facyson Davonte Gray, Brandon Davis; Kevin Luke, Jr. Darius Snell; Ameer Dangleben; Marc Allen <i>Alternates: Charles Farlow</i>	
Ministerial Announcement		
Doxology	Dr. W. F. Washington	Dr. W. F. Washington
Dismissal	Marcus Facyson	Marcus Facyson
Worship and Praise Leaders	Keith Hutchison, Reginald Johnson	
Ushers	<u>Head Ushers:</u> Tony Hugley, Booker Bess <u>Auditorium:</u> Bros. T. Hugley, B. Bess, F. Williams, D. Adams, E. Thompson, R. Johnson, J. Outler, M. Jeanty, D. Gray, S. Wilson, D. Freeman, R. Rouse, C. Rouse	
<u>Alumni Lobby Greeters:</u>	Rachel Trompe, Dorsette & Nereca McLeod, Kayla Giles	
<u>Back Hall:</u>	D. Brooks; J. West	
Hospitality Desk / Concierge	Malayjia Parrish, Catherine Wilson	

