

*"A Real Church For Real People"*

# NEWSLETTER



All dressed out for Black History on 4th Sunday in February, 2024



Fruits for Fasting Therapy

On the second week in January, we entered into an **Eight Day Fast** in an effort to start the year off on a positive note. There was a Broadcasted Prayer each morning at 6:00 A.M. The pastor and different members of our congregation led the prayers. This was definitely a good way to start off the New Year. The Bible tells us in Luke 18:1 that men ought always to pray and not faint. And in Luke 21:36 He says "Watch ye therefore and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

**RENEWAL**.....We are on the brink of completing the first quarter of the New Year. It seems as if it was only yesterday that we were celebrating New Year's Eve with Jeffries Cross. As we evaluate the journey thus far, we must admit that God has been faithful and continues to cover and keep us. Even among sickness and death, He keeps us. I want to take this opportunity to encourage each of you to utilize the tool of prayer in the days ahead, in seasons of sunshine, or in the storms of life. It is a prayer that allows us to dialogue with God, rest in His presence, and be renewed. That is really what Spring is all about... RENEWAL. Even as we fight the season's pollen, we are reminded that it is a foreshadowing of renewed life and new growth. Just as there is physical growth and newness, there is also spiritual growth and newness. As we move into the new season, allow God's presence to pull you out of slumber and sluggishness and bless you with newness. Newness in your vision, newness in your joy. Newness in your peace. God desires so to bless us with these things but we must avail ourselves to His presence in order to receive them. 2 Chronicles 16:9A reminds us, "The eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him..." He wants to do it for YOU! He wants to renew your joy, your peace, and your strength. Allow the newness of the season to show up physically and spiritually.



YOUR PASTOR



Also starting the year off right is **The Health Matters Ministry**, they are meeting here on Monday evenings from 5:45 to 6:45. The exercises, I am told, are low impact and can be done by most people. So, come out and join the class for fun, fellowship, and healthy exercise. You will be blessed!

## BLACK HISTORY OBSERVANCES

On practically every Sunday in February, we were shown a clip on Black History during Morning Worship. The clips were informative and very interesting. These clips demonstrated to the congregation that it is important to know our history. I doubt there was anyone in the congregation that did not learn something from these clips. We are indeed grateful to whoever was instrumental in finding these clips and showing them to us. I will not attempt to summarize the clips, but the services are out there on FaceBook and Youtube, you can still view them if you so desire. I will continue with pictures and information from the Black History program on Saturday, February 24th, and on Sunday, February 25th.



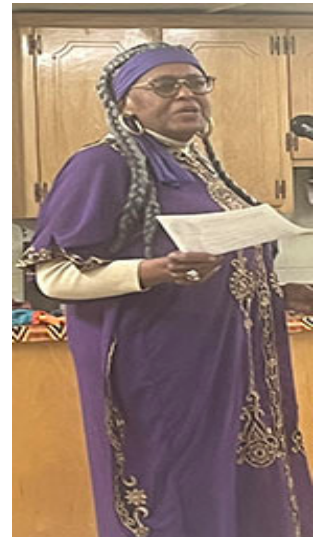
**Deirdre Haith** - our dynamic MC. She brought much to the table with her introduction to the program and Black History Trivia. Hats off to Deirdre!



**Rev. T. Edgerston** - led us in scripture and prayer. He also entertained some with his unique sense of humor during the dinner. He is a blessing to us all!



**Liz Conte** - this lady blessed us by donating her talents and goods. She painted the faces and got the skit participants ready. She also brought her figurines to share. Liz was a joy to work with and a great blessing to me!



**Betty Haith** - program director and a grateful person to work with the kids again. This reminded me of years past and how I miss working with the youth.



The CAST for the Black History Program. These are the participants, painted faces and all, notice the pink feathered hair of Madison, the painted faces of Marcell, Quintin, Noah, and Jonny. I'm hiding McKinsey in the above photo, so, I put her on the left. Dr. Levette Scott was our speaker. We enjoyed learning more about her through her speech and the video she presented. We are blessed to have an International member of our church, who has already accomplished so much in her young life! Annie Whitsett rendered an uplifting solo "He may not come when you want Him, but He's right on time", Olivia led "I'm Willing To Run All The Way" in reminiscence of her mother, Hattie Garner and our Grandfather, Press Miles. The scripture read by Rev. Edgerston was in reminiscence of the scripture often quoted by Grandpa. Where is our MC in this picture? Well, she's on the previous page. A clearer picture of our soloist is on the right. We thank Claude Haith for setup and Raymone Garnes for providing sound. Also the guys who helped with breakdown when they returned from the game.

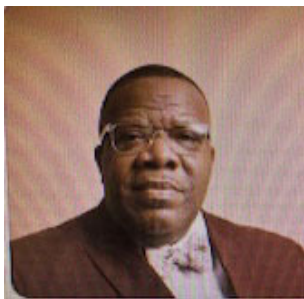


**McKinsey Brooks**



**Annie Whitsett**

**OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 25th**



**Bishop James Woodson**

This preacher brought forth a rip/roaring message in which he explored the 15th chapter of Luke, putting emphasis on the story of the Prodigal Son. He brought out so much in this message that is applicable to our everyday lives. Bishop Woodson has a unique way of getting to the truth of a text and still have you laughing and enjoying while the message got to very depth of your soul. It was indeed a blessing to sit under the preaching of Bishop James Woodson.



**Johnny and Cheryl Carter**  
This couple took the prize of being best representative of how we used to dress. I understand he wanted to bring his pitch fork, but with times as they are, somebody would have gotten scared.



**Antoine Crisp** - This young man gave us a reendition of The Negro National Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing." He has won prizes for his playing with the band and individual competitions. We are blessed with so many talented young people.

**CANCER AWARENESS MONTHS**

**JANUARY**

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. View related products here.

**FEBRUARY**

February is Gallbladder and Bile Duct Cancer Awareness Month. February is also National Cancer Prevention Month.

**MARCH**

March is Colon Cancer, Kidney Cancer and Multiple Myeloma Cancer Awareness Month.

**APRIL**

April is Testicular Cancer, Esophageal Cancer and Head & Neck Cancer Awareness Month.

**MAY**

May is Brain Cancer, Bladder Cancer, and Melanoma & Skin Cancer Awareness Month.

**JUNE**

June is National Cancer Survivor Month.

**JULY**

July is Sarcoma and Bone Cancer Awareness Month. View related products here.

**SEPTEMBER**

September is Childhood Cancer, Leukemia, Lymphoma, Uterine Cancer, Ovarian Cancer, Prostate Cancer and Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month.

**OCTOBER**

October is Breast Cancer and Liver Cancer Awareness Month.

**NOVEMBER**

November is Pancreatic Cancer, Lung Cancer, Stomach Cance, and Carcinoid Cancer Awareness Month. November is also a month during which we honor Caregivers.

**DECEMBER**

**Member Birthdays - First Quarter 2024**

**JANUARY**

YARBOROUGH, Melvin	01/02
DAY, Hulon	01/09
CORBETT, Junius	01/11
POTEAT, Anita	01/13
EDGERSTON, Tyrone	01/20
GARNER, Elaine	01/22
WILLIAMS, Crystal	01/31

**FEBRUARY**

BARTLETT, Juanelle	02/01
TORAIN, Shandra	02/01
HAITH, Pollie	02/05
LEE, Eric	02/07
DARK, Milayn	02/12
GARNES, Raymone	02/17

MCCARTER, Jocelyn	02/17
LEE, Ada	02/20
WHITE, Marilyn	02/21
MILES, Logan	02/24

**MARCH**

CHAVIS, Helen	03/02
EISENHAUER, Dawn	03/03
DEGRAFFENREIDT, Inise	03/04
BAKER, Margaret	03/05
BROWN, Jahnek	03/06
EVANS, Jack M.	03/09
PETTIFORD, Latta C.	03/10
HESTER, Pamela	03/11
HINES, Ayanna	

	03/11
FEATHERSTONE, Lena	03/13
COUSIN, Angela	03/16
WADE, LaToya	03/17
HINES, Kayleigh	03/18
MCLEOD, Annie	03/19
VINES, Anissa	03/22
CLAY, Anita	03/24
DEGRAFFENRIDT, Julian	03/26
MORROW, Clinton	03/26
BRADSHAW, Frances	03/27
GARNER, Jessee	03/28
BRYANT, SR., Curtis	03/29
CROWDER, Sheila	03/29
WHITE, Phyllis	03/31

**We Pray You All Had HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!**