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FUNNY...

Funny how ten dollars ($10) look so much when brought to church but very little when used for shopping.
Funny how big sixty minutes appear when serving God, but how small they are when playing our favorite sport.
Funny how laborious it is to read a chapter in the Bible, but how easy when it is reading 200 pages of the bestselling Novel.
Funny how we need 2-3 weeks to fix a church program into our schedule, but have no problem adjusting for a social event even at the last minute.
Funny how we grumble when our favorite comedy is only 30 minutes long; but complain when a sermon is longer than the usual time.
Funny how we believe what a newspaper article suggest but find it hard believing what the Book of Books – the Bible says.
Funny how we cannot think of anything to say when we pray, but do not have difficulty finding things to gossip about with a friend.
Funny how it is so daring to witness to another about Christ’s free gift – salvation to all, but as easy as a thought to get the best vibe to win a girl’s heart.
Funny how everyone wants to inherit the kingdom of God, but does nothing about it, do not want to believe.
Funny, isn’t it? Or, is it anyway?
The vast majority of God's children seem to have no idea that any worship of God could be in vain. In Matthew 15: 8 Jesus tells us... "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." We live in an age when much of the word of God has been modified to suit those who only want "a form of godliness" (2nd Timothy 3:5). Such teachings do not disturb an individual's way of living (lifestyle). Thus the individuals have enough "salvation" to ease his conscience, yet not enough to overthrow their own personal ideas and plans which are contrary to the written word of God. But what good would it do to one to have an initial experience with Christ and live a religious life...if it is the kind that is in VAIN? There is nothing, really to be gained by merely appearing before others to be righteous! Yet Jesus said that those that practice their religion to be seen of Men already have their reward (Matthew 6:5). This is what this magazine is all about. To enable us to recognize Christ's Body on earth today. His church Ephesians 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

Pastor’s Perspective

A Word from the desk of the Pastor Otto Philip

May he that fills the hungry with good things, [Luke 1:53] fill your heart and mind with the word of Life (Philippians 2:16 Holding forth the word of life...) as you prayerfully study this magazine. It can be a time to fulfill Revelation 18:4: And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. A time to come to hear the Gospel of the Kingdom – that the Kingdom of God is going to be established upon this earth and Jesus will rule for 1000 years together with the Bride of Christ Daniel 7:27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Amen!
THE YOUTH MEETING

’Praise God!’ This was the statement that got the meeting underway… after swallowship (ask those in the Kitchen what that word would mean, if you have problems) we went in for the fellowship the first of its kind since the very best International youth meeting in Uganda last year. Every youth was enthused and expectant to the greater majority for the mighty fall of God’s power, and God was not slack, He never disappointed, His presence was rich, awesome and refreshing to where every youth that was in attendance returned to their home assemblies with that mind that they were going to keep that power alive back home.

Thursday night would be one of the dullest (one would think) because some spent a sleepless night and arrived at the venue still drowsy, if that was the mind a participant had, how wrong they were because God dwells in the praises of his people, Brother Ezra led the song service and God was in it full swing as though we had been in the meeting four days, saints prayed, sung, danced.

Brother Ezra stood up and admonished his brethren with a soberness and a vigilance to the move of the spirit like unto a minister trained under Brother Goodwin’s Ministry, he was calm but very challenging; “We have so much in our notebooks…” he started, “…but how much of that have we implemented.” “We can quote several scriptures and verses but how much of those scriptures are we living out?” those were statements, but brother, each of them was weighty you needed the Holy Ghost to bear them, thank God it was around and met with us during the worship prior to those statements.

As though he noticed that the church was challenged, he hit again, “the kind of music you listen to creates a data base to where we react to certain things in a certain way, it matters the kind of music we listen to.” He blessed us and left each of us with a mighty challenge. Or did he? At least I was!

Friday morning was yet another day…

Brother Meme stood up and dealt on a message from the word of God.

UNDERSTANDING THE YOUTH… (Uhm what was there to understand about the youth again this time… another gospel is up brother, sit up.) Those were thoughts running in my mind because sincerely I was not comprehending till Papa began to elaborate and I was like okay, so youth have at least sixteen characteristics about them….

Let’s see I was continuing in my mind trip. But when he began to deal with each of them singly I had to dismount from the ferry to be in attention to the dear man of God, Brother Meme.

He said youth are energetic: if there is an asset youth possess is their energy. “Do not be deceived…” rather crack-

ing one of his jokes, “…that you will store your youthful energy to be able to use while sixty or seventy. Energy cannot be stored.”

The youth have a zeal he continued and quoted Acts 22:3-5. He said (rather making fun) if youth were permitted, they can answer back the gain Sayers and show them their rightful place.

Another attribute or characteristic of young people is that the youth are daring. He quoted 1st Samuel 17:32-36. He made a statement and said, we [ministers] should allow these youth to stand up and say something during services, they are not only full of the world. You can be surprised when you give an elder to stand up only to damn the service you labored to build.

The youth are eager to learn new things. He with this point encouraged his fellow ministers to exploit that area in order to drill doctrine to the youth.

They believe in their peers and will listen to them.

The youth hate monotony

The youth hate being Idle: they will do anything to kill boredom.

The young people love to share. And so with that if you incorporate them into the evangelism team, they can share out even to what you have not taught them [everybody at least laughed] therefore it is important that we [ministers] teach them more and more of doctrine so they can share.

The young people are tender hearted because they easily forgive.

The youth have a capacity to change. That was interesting to know.

Whatever the youth learn at their tender age stays with them even to their old age.

The youth easily connect with their peers.

The young people also support that which they love.

The youth want something that is exciting and full of life. They love games and sports often refer to a proverb, ‘Hard work without play makes Jack a dull boy’

The youth love liberty and freedom. He referred to the young man of Luke 15, who wanted his portion of the family property. He hastened to add, we [Ministers] should allow some amount of freedom to where there is not that strictness. But this is to be taken with a rightful exercise of liberty not as a cloak of maliciousness [1st Peter 2: 16 as free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.]

Brother Meme, when he was all done brother Ignatius stood up to encourage the youth to work more closely with the Men of God but not to take this lesson from the word of God as a stepping stone to override the Men of God – He did well.

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Matthew 25:36 says ‘I was sick and you visited me.’ When Lord? Why should we? Matthew 25:40 says ‘inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me.’

We are a community of brothers and sisters who are learning how to love and care for one another. Many of us have had times of sickness and things that have happened; a time when we all have had the privilege of being there for each other.

These are some good ideas and suggestions that may help you visit the one that is sick, or maybe just aged, and would love to have a visitor. Most of our churches have shut-ins, widows, widowers and some are just elderly. Some are in nursing homes or care facilities. They get lonely for their brothers and sisters. They would appreciate a ‘thinking of you’ card or a phone call. It would be a blessing to visit them. It is a good thing to call and see if they are able to have visitors.

**Be thoughtful** – Find out the circumstance and the condition of the individual. That will determine the appropriate thing for you to do. Maybe a card would be the best if they are very ill or have just had surgery. A card is very encouraging and it will not take their strength.

When visiting someone in the hospital – Whether they have had surgery or a severe illness, it is wise to check with the family or a nurse about their condition and see when is the right time for visitors. If they are in the hospital, call the nurses’ station to see if they are having tests or maybe therapy. It may keep you from making a trip in vain. Visiting 10 or 15 minutes is usually long enough.

**When visiting the home** – It’s always a good thing to call ahead. It gives them time to tidy up or prepare the one who is sick. Always ask if it is a good time – you want the visit to be pleasant. Do not plan on a long visit. Always knock before entering the room.

I have had some experiences that has given me a little insight to visitation. I had major surgery and needed blood transfusions; I was very weak. I know the pastor and my family were faithful to visit me. I know the saints loved me and wanted to show their love by visiting me. For the first two or three days, I could not enjoy anyone very much. I did appreciate their love. Then when I began to feel better and would have loved to have the company – there weren’t many visitors. I’m only telling this to help us to understand how to reach out and encourage and strengthen each other more effectively. Another time, I had double pneumonia, Influenza A and bacteria in my blood. For eight days the doctor wasn’t sure I’d make it, I was on maximum oxygen continually. Again the saints came to visit me. I was thankful – BUT – anyone that knows me, knows I like to visit with people. Instead of me letting them talk – I would talk, too. The nurse would rush in and tell me I couldn’t talk. My oxygen levels would drop so low. After eight days, God saw fit to let me live – as I had a long recuperation period visits and cards meant very much to me. The reason I speak of this is to say that prayers, cards and flowers are wonderful when you are too sick to enjoy visits. Again, the pastor and elders and family are a given from the first. Please visit as the individual is feeling better; it will be such a blessing. As you visit put yourself in that person’s shoes – it will help you have empathy.

**Be pleasant** – pop a breath mint into your mouth. Do not wear any heavy perfume or after-shave lotion. Illness often makes people sensitive to smell. Only talk about uplifting things. Humor has been proven by medical research to help the healing process. It always is the right thing to let them talk and you listen. What they have to say is important to them. There’s nothing wrong with just being there and being silent for a time.

**Don’t become a substitute physician.** Showing how knowledgeable you are because something helped someone else. Don’t talk about people who have died from the surgery or illness. Don’t get trapped into playing ‘ain’t it awful’ – awful hospital food, awful nursing care, awful noise, etc. Change the subject with ‘can I get you something you would enjoy?’ There is a way to turn the conversation around and make the person feel better. You can read a Psalm and ask if they would like you to pray.

**Preparing to visit the terminally ill** – You never are prepared. Remember how they were before they became ill. Before you go, think of fond memories you have when they were well. Visualize them in better days of good health...it will help. Know ahead of time what to expect. You should know the extent of their illness and what machines are being used for their situation, if the individual can converse, etc. Prepare yourself that they might not look or act like the person you remember. Some illnesses can affect them mentally. For example, my husband entered the Veterans Hospital looking like a healthy man. He had such a severe pain it took all his strength. Tests were made – no answers. They decided to do exploratory surgery to find his problem. Infection took over his body. I went to see him, he was a different man. His mind was affected. His body changed. He was so swollen you could hardly recognize him. I had to prepare myself for every visit. I knew the Lord was going to take him and it was not easy to see a different ‘picture’ than when he entered the hospital. Through prayer and knowing I would see him again, God’s grace covered the family. My sister loved the Lord with all her heart and was a great strength to the church. One night after church, she had a stroke. For a while, her mind was sharp and was such a positive influence on everyone she came in contact with. Then things changed. Her mind was affected. It was so hard to see her in that condition. So you do have to prepare yourself when visiting your loved ones and our brothers and sisters in Christ. They still need your visits and your love. Visit for as long or short as you feel comfortable with. It can be emotionally draining. Always abide by hospital visiting policy. Visiting someone on life support is a tough one. People can still be very alert and awake. They just can’t communicate. If you know the person you are going to see – think ahead of time for things to talk to them about that require no response. Tell the person how you feel about them – how much they have meant to you. Sit quietly and hold their hand. You could also bring a book of short stories, poems or the Bible to read to them. Above all, show your care and concern... visit!

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Easter meeting was superb! The scripture is right, every member supplies according to the effectual working in the measure of every part (Ephesians 4:16) Every minister that stood up was a blessing to every child of God who had made it for this meeting.

Brother Meme began by opening a scripture from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. And it was such a joy to know that we were at a time of peace for God had not let us to destruction. Brother Opio stood up and led the saints through to Holy Communion. He talked about “The Lord’s Supper – A sign” he told us that this was an ordinance that the Lord, Christ Himself had instated. And we are to follow what God has instated. It is for remembrance. He told us that there is no salvation in the Holy Communion but it is a testimony to the world that we are beneficiaries from the grace of God by the sacrifice of God’s son’s blood, showing us that His body (the word) has sustained us being a sign that we are continuing to know that his broken body and shed blood purchased us. And he cautioned us also of taking the Lord’s Supper unworthy because in Paul’s time some men were weak, sickly and some even slept (the sleep of death) because of taking part in the Lord’s Supper unworthily. 1st Corinthians 11:28 but let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. 33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. We were blessed.

Brother Mbuga very sober and this time very happy in the spirit blessed me when he stood up. He said “I am happy that God has touched somebody and that somebody has touched the Lord.” He said we are here during a time to build. We are here to build the work of Jesus.

I had never seen Brother Mbuga in this fashion because when the spirit of God took over, I lost track. He was a blessing in every statement he made, I never regretted he stood up. Saturday morning got me in the groove, because God had touched me.

Brother Meme stood up and when he did he sounded the warning from the word of God. “THE CONSEQUENCES OF APOSTACY” that was what got me into restarting my system, I wanted to make sure there was nothing deterring me from knowing what lays ahead if I did not stay in the truth.

According to the English Dictionary Apostasy is abandoning of one’s original religious and or political views. But Biblically, he continued, “this is abandoning of the true faith of the bible.” He showed us that whatsoever things were written afore time was written for our learning (Romans 15:4) He also showed us that every time Israel forsook the ways of God, there was a consequence also and so even in our day, we shall be judged if we derail from the right ways. He showed us how the work was planted in Africa in fire where there was love for the church, people could just run to church for services, they knew that when you miss a song service you had missed the whole service—They loved their pastors, they would tithe, they would give for the Lord unreservedly, no gain-sayer had time to say anything and he had audience, they would shut them up before they had half of their statements through. But through the ages that love faded away slowly, there dropped in a cold, a sloppiness came in, a blanket of darkness around the man of God became thicker to where the saints became far and farther from the Men of God. That was all due to apostasy. They had left their first love. Brother Meme continued to show us the dangers that lay ahead, space preludes detailed approach The rest of the men of God that stood up were building up to the same message. I was blessed.

Brother Imani stood up Sunday morning to show us why we need a lot of commitment.

He told us that Doctors cure, but God heals. He also made reference to the scripture in Ecclesiastes 3:8 he said Israel was dependent on the children of Issachar who had a right reading of the times. He told us that if your mentality about God changes, your preaching of Christ changes then you are not in Christ. He told us that a man that is born once dies twice but he that is born twice dies once – he that is born of the water and blood dies twice but he that is born of the water and Blood and of the spirit shall die once. Brother Odula Space limits me to talk about what Brother Mays, Brother Opakasi and all the rest of the Ministers had to say. It was good I was in attendance…

Giving! Dedicated to Band Members

When considering the subject of supporting our pastors, it is proper to make a brief study on the subject of giving; for it is through the avenue of giving that we will properly give support to our pastors.

There exists a vast amount of giving to God in support to our Pastors.

Band members in your portion this time, you are not giving money, not giving garments like sister Dorcas gave garments to the orphans and widows.

For you BAND MEMBER it is giving your TIME, MIND, TALENT, and HEART that will give you eternal life that shall never pass away.

Give God your HEART Give God your MIND Give Him your TALENT Give Him your TIME, A kingdom He’ll give you A kingdom of day, Eternal life that shall never pass away.
A recovery of the skill of listening will bring rich rewards in many areas but there are three particular benefits which listening contributes to the remedy of doubt.

**It is an expression of love in a form which is uniquely appropriate to the doubter.** Doubt is devastating because it questions a believer’s faith and threatens to pull out the foundations from under his whole life. Even his perception of himself may be affected, and in the pain and isolation of doubt it may be hard not to conclude that “no one understands.”

Nothing ‘speaks louder’ to a hungry man than a meal. And nothing speaks more clearly to a doubter than the ‘non-speaking of genuine.’ To listen conveys more than any words. It says to the person in doubt, I am taking you seriously as a person, it matters to me that you are hurting.

God’s care for the individual lies at the heart of Christianity. Basic to the incarnation is the fact that in Jesus God is listening to man. He is putting His ear close to the ground of human life.

We need to take time, even to make time to listen. In a hurrying age, many people reveal no more than glimpses into their hurts, dropping tinny hints, sending out signals which they know can be heard or ignored. What they are saying is that they need more time later. Time is precious, but that is exactly why never to have time for someone maybe to say she or he is not worth our time. Make time to listen, listening will be appreciated for the precious gift it is.

A second benefit of listening is that it helps us avoid being ‘reactionary’ if we do not listen to other people but only react to what they are saying or what we are hearing about others we will be guilty both for not taking them seriously and of missing the point. Instead of a judgment of considered understanding, we will nearly jump to our own conclusions. Instead of hearing what the other person is saying, we will hear only our own reaction to what the other person is saying. Perhaps unaware of what our own framework, our own point of view, has silenced the other person’s meaning.

There is a deeply concealed impatience, if not open arrogance, in the attitude characterized by instant replies and irrelevant judgments, sometimes such answers are rude, sometimes they are completely wrong but simply because we are looked to for answers. We feel ourselves in positions of power where we need not stop to listen. Actually we may not have listened to another person at all only to our own echo.

The letter of James says, “Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.” James 1:19. The context of this advice is wider than merely helping someone in doubt, but the principle still holds. The writer of proverbs had already emphasized it: when you see someone over eager to speak, there will be more hope for a fool than for him. Proverbs 26:12. Solomon warns against this too: to answer the question before you have heard it out is both stupid and insulting, or as the writer says earlier. A man may be pleased with his report, how much better is a word in its season. Proverbs 18:13

Often, as people are sharing their problems they are testing us. Do we really accept them? Is there time limit to our tolerance? Are we interested in them as we say we are? Are we as sensitive as we pretend? Do we know what we are talking about when we suggest answers, or is the advantage of the Christian answer only a verbal superiority?

The third benefit of listening is that it is the key to understanding. The good listener is like expert wine taster who sips the wine, savors it carefully and knows the soil. No one can understand when he has not heard and no one can hear unless he accepts the obligation of listening. For whether it is listening to God, listening to man and listening to the lessons of human history and experiences, such listening wrestles until it understands and knows what to do. As the writer of the proverbs says ‘Listen, my son, listen and become wise...Proverbs 5:1 or is Solomon prays, Give thy servant, therefore, a heart with skill to listen.’ Proverbs 18:16, therefore a man’s gift maketh room for him and bringeth him before great men, for the heart of the prudent getteth knowledge.

For the man’s belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Proverbs 18:17. This leaves room for need to listen before you make conclusions of any sort. God bless you all as you work on your speech.
Praise God!  When I got saved I thought that salvation stopped at the place where I was prayed for; after reception of Christ, all other things had to just fall in line...I was prayed for at church to receive Christ as my savior and I knew everything else was going to be good and marvelous – yes it was but like it is once you had been siding with the wrong group and when you realized it and went or disjoined from them, they would hunt you down to either take you back or destroy you because you had already known much about their tactics and the like. Take for example a soldier who one time was a rebel and he surrenders hence deflecting to the government side, his counterparts will hunt him down for the two reasons I earlier said above...not to be labor the point, that’s how salvation is you were once on the wrong side – with the devil and you defect to the ruling Government – Christ’s side. The devil will always want to hunt you down to either take you back or destroy you. However, his strategy is respective – take you back and then DESTROY you! John 10: 10 “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:...”...but once on the government side, the governor sayeth “...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it abundantly. So on that background, how can you be sure you have found it – the government the scripture saith and Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of his government that scripture might be out of context even as it is but the point is the word over the line – the Body of Christ, what are the ear marks of the Body of Christ. Before I proceed I will seek to let you know that Paul told timothy that if he put the saints in remembrance of those things which he had learnt he would be a good minister (1st Timothy 4:6) so what we are about to read here is just a reminder of the things as taught by our elders...

This fellowship has always been different, gloriously different, from every other group of churches in Christianity. That is not at all surprising. There are differences in denominations; differences between Catholics and Orthodox, differences between Methodists and Baptists, differences between Assemblies of God and Church of God in Christ. If we were exactly like some denomination – in doctrine, order, tradition, etc., then we’d be united with that denomination. But we are a distinct religious movement. We have been a distinct fellowship ever since God called Brother William Sowders on the banks of the Ohio River some 90 years ago. David said in Psalms 16:6: I have a goodly heritage. As a fellowship, we do also. It is good to contemplate our heritage in the Body of Christ.

This helps us to appreciate who we are and focuses us on our primary mission. Christianity is vast – nearly one out of every three persons on earth claims to be a Christian. There are Catholics, Orthodox, Protestant, Charismatic and Pentecostal Christians. There are denominations, organizations, churches and Para-church ministries. What about our little fellowship – the divided and scattered work that looks back to Brother William Sowders as founder? How do we fit into the overall Christian movement? We don’t! We are not supposed to fit in or blend together with Christianity as a whole. We have a mission – a unique mission that differentiates us from every other Christian group. It’s not that we are better than anyone else; God forbid that we should think so. But we must be true to our calling; our mission is different from the mission of the Assemblies of God, or the Baptist churches. What do you say if someone asks what is different about the church you attend? What is it that sets our fellowship apart from other Pentecostal and charismatic churches and organizations? We could spend volumes addressing our similarities to other Christian movements, but instead, we are going to look into the areas that distinguish the Body of Christ from everything else. There are at least five major points of difference: As a people, we cannot aspire to be like anyone else. Yes, we preach repentance to sinners; pray them through to the Holy Ghost, lay hands on the sick, and so forth – just like many Pentecostal movements. But God has called us to do more, and to be more, than that. Paul wrote in Romans 9:6 that they are not all Israel who are of Israel. Similarly, they are not all the Body of Christ who are of Christ. What makes the Body of Christ the Body of Christ? I am going to refer to these points of difference just to give us a picture – here I am giving just clues on the five major points of difference.

A Different Message: We have been called to go deeper in the Word of God than any other Christian group. Every denomination has some scholars; but the members of our churches have a deep understanding of the Bible. Some groups feature evangelism, some feature healings, some feature music or drama – we feature the Word of God this explains the reason our services are longer than any others. Paul preached all night long till the breaking of day (Acts 20:7) – what in God’s word would a preacher find to talk about all night long? Till Eutycus fell down to his death (vv9). God has given this fellowship enormous truth that time fails us.

The Importance of Doctrine: There are many places where you can feel the Spirit of the Lord, and many churches where you can feel a genuine love - and both of those are vital. We need more Spirit and more genuine serving of the Lord, but in those other places, when the minister begins to speak – are his words? Does the Spirit of truth in you respond, or are half of the minister’s words in the language of Ashdod? Acts 2:42 tells us that the early church continued steadfast in the apostle’s doctrine. Doctrine is important. Elders must hold fast “the faithful word” and be able to exhort and convince “by sound doctrine.” Titus 1:9. There is a strange spirit that is permeating much of Christianity these days. It is an attitude that says: “Don’t bore me with doctrinal debates, all I really need is love.” Truly, the Lord does love you. Part of our mission is to communicate the divine love of God to people. But if we don’t give them the Word of God, then they have no ammunition to defeat the devil. Jesus was victorious in His temptation because of His knowledge. Hebrews 5:11-12 says that something is wrong when a child of God has served Him long enough that he or she ought to be a teacher; but needs to be taught again. Not every saint must be a theologian; but every one should be skilled in the Word, and should understand the first principles of the oracles of God well enough to explain them to someone else. (“Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh of you the hope that is in you.” Peter 3:15.) again space precludes detailed approach. Why is doctrine important? Because you cannot defeat the devil without it! Without knowing the principles of the doctrine of Christ and the foundation of truth upon which we build our lives. Hebrews 6:3-3. Why is doctrine important? Because you cannot go on to perfection without it! A Christian life must be built upon a foundation of basic truths. Ephesians 2:20.

Foundational truths of the Body of Christ: What about our message is different from other Christian groups? We have so much common-
Distinguishing the body of Christ

God’s people are to flee out of that system is called Babylon in the Bible. This system has given birth to apostate daughters which have been supported by the beast, and which is an apostate religious system that has been condemned by God. The whore that rides the beast is an image of the seventh head. The eighth head will be an image of the beast with seven heads, and ten horns. This beast, and others in Daniel and Revelation, are great human world governments. The Beast and Babylon: A final point of distinction is this fellowship’s understanding of the beast and Babylon. Much of Christianity fails to understand prophecies. Specifically, they do not understand what constitutes the “beast” seen especially in Revelation and Daniel, and they do not have any idea what Mystery Babylon really is. God has given this fellowship knowledge. Revelation 13:1 shows a type: a beast with seven heads, and ten horns. In verse 11, another beast rises up. That is the eighth head seen on this horrible creature. Verse 15 is about an image that speaks — not a statue that lives. Verse 17 presents information about the mark of the beast. In Revelation 13:3, the same beast is seen — but with a woman riding it. This beast, and others in Daniel 7 that we don’t have space to cross-reference, are great human world government powers that have dominated the Middle East. The seven heads are Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, Pagan Rome, and Papal Rome. The eighth head will be an image of the seventh. The whore that rides the beast is an apostate religious system that has been supported by the beast, and which has given birth to apostate daughters — harlot denominations. That apostate system is called Babylon in the Bible. God’s people are to flee out of that system. Revelation 18:4. Jeremiah 51:6-8 tells all true believers to flee Babylon.

The Godhead: The overwhelming majority of Christian denominations and groups believe in the trinity. A significant minority, primarily composed of several Pentecostal groups, believe in oneness or that Jesus and His Father are one person. We have found the truth in the middle. Again, there is not sufficient space here to prove that there are two in the godhead, but there is solid biblical support for this teaching. In Psalms 110:1, David refers to two Lords, not three. In John 8:17-18, Jesus refers to two testimonies, Himself and His Father. There were not one or three, but only two gods seen in that verse. In 1 Corinthians 11:3, God’s order is seen — and it excludes the Holy Ghost as an entity. We believe in the Holy Ghost, as the Spirit, the life-force, and power-source for both God and His Son. But the Holy Ghost is not a person. Someone may say, “That teaching is not unique to this fellowship; Charles Taze Russell and the Jehovah’s Witness movement teach in the godhead.” They do, but they teach a somewhat different doctrine. They teach that Jesus was just an angel before His first advent, and that He was later promoted to godship. But the Bible teaches that He was a God before He was born in a manger. John 1. Yet His Father was a greater God. John 14:28.

The Mortality of the Soul: Christians, generally, believe that every human soul is immortal. There is no scriptural support for that belief. In this fellowship, we have searched the scriptures, and have seen that the soul is mortal. Romans 2:7 refer to those Christians who are seeking for immortality. Why seek for immortality if you already have it? But the Scriptures teach that the soul that sins shall die. Ezekiel 18:4, 20. Since all have sinned, all souls shall die. Even Jesus poured out His soul to death. Isaiah 53:12. In their false doctrine of the immortality of the soul, religion had to have a place for the souls of sinners to go after the death of the body. So they invented a place where those evil, immortal souls could be punished forever: hell.

Hell: The third foundational truth that sets this Body apart is its understanding of biblical hell. Virtually every Christian denomination and group believes that hell is a literal lake of fire and brimstone. Sinners will be roasted alive, not for a thousand years, not a million, or a billion or ten trillion years, but forever. Satan will laugh as souls pop and fry. (Without nerves to conduct pain impulses, it is difficult to understand how a disembodied soul could even feel the pain of an eternity of hurting.) In this fellowship, we’ve learned that hell is the grave — and that most Bible references to hell mean the second, or perpetual, death. For example, in Revelation 20:11-15, the Bible clearly states that the lake of fire is the second death. See also Revelation 21:8. In Jeremiah 51:39, it is said that the dead sleep a perpetual sleep — not an endless torment of burning fire. Romans 6:23 proclaims that the wages of sin is death, not eternal pain and burning. The hell of the Bible is a place of destruction, not one of perpetual torture.

The Body of Christ: The phrase “the Body of Christ” is commonly used throughout Christianity. But the fourth distinction between us and the rest of the Christian people is our belief that that phrase refers to a limited company of true believers in an identifiable fellowship. Most Christians think that “the Body of Christ” refers to an invisible, mystical composition of all believers scattered in all denominations and groups. But Brother William Sowders early on received a revelation that the Body of Christ is separate and distinct from everything else in religion. Brother Lloyd Goodwin expounded upon this truth when he taught that the Body is a corporal, corporate fellowship. Corporal means separate and distinct, identifiable as one body of people. In Acts 9:26, Saul left the Pharisee organization and joined an identifiable group of disciples, the Body of Christ. In Acts 4:23, the apostles returned to “their own company.” There was a separate company of believers that constituted the true church in those days; there is still a separate company of believers who are the true church today. When ministers defected, and left that fellowship, they were leaving the Body of Christ. 1 John 2:9. Paul was in the Body of Christ; Hymeneaus and Philetus were outside of that fellowship. John was in; Diotrephes was out. The Body of Christ is also corporate. This means that it is given recognition or legal standing — not by the government, but by God. Further, we were taught that the Body of Christ is not aligned with or allied with other Christian groups. We go unto Christ outside the camp of organized religion. See Hebrews 13:13.

The Bride of Christ: The fifth doctrinal distinction is our understanding of the Bride of Christ. If you ask any licensed minister of any organized denomination about the Bride of Christ, and chances are you’ll be told that it is a type of the entire church. Ask about the rapture and you’ll be told that all believers are going to be caught away. Revelation 14:1 is misunderstood by most Christians. We are almost the only people to know that the Bride is limited to 144,000 overcomers. We can explain why Paul pressed for the “high calling of God” and understand that there are other callings of God that are not so high. Philippians 3:14. In Revelation 12:1-6, the woman is a type of the church; man-child is a type of the Bride. Only the man-child is caught away, or raptured, to heaven; the woman flees into the wilderness. This article like prior said is not my own wisdom I am just trying to be a good minister putting you in remembrance (2nd Peter 1:12)

This article will be continued in the next issue. God Bless you...
Music is one of the most important tools we use to engage in worship. Br. Glenn Goodwin in his article ‘Music in the body Of Christ (The Gospel of peace, winter 2014)’ said that music can reach out to connect with, and then transport the minds of the saints from carnal to spiritual things.

In my previous article, I talked about why we don't use contemporary music in the body of Christ, I learned however that some contemporary songs can be an exception, they have a message and others don't and are merely an entertainment. Deciding those to use therefore calls for a high spiritual alertness on the side of the band leader or minister that picks the song. “This is where choosing worship songs is more of an art than a science” – Br. Glenn Goodwin. You have to weed through what is ineffective, to find songs that work in our body of churches. To effectively do this, you need to know the difference between Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual songs and where they each apply.

I won't get into this now, I suggest you grab a copy of the winter 2014 issue of the Gospel of Peace, Br. Glenn explicitly spells that out there. Here, I am only going to reiterate eleven points that he mentioned, which should be the basis upon which we decide the songs we use in our services. The examples of songs I am going to use are entirely taken from his article.

Is it God-focused?
Is the song we plan to use about God rather than man centered? True worship is God centered. The point of our music is this: the congregation is to be persuaded to worship God, and not to just appreciate the musicians. Nobody is to star in our worship services. The rest of the band, or the rest of the singing group, is not your back-up.

Does it promote a High view of God?
When Isaiah saw the Lord in Isaiah 6:1, He was high and lifted up. We want to extol His name, and lift Him high. Some songs portray Jesus as effeminate (with female characteristics). It is true that Jesus is sweet, but we don’t have to refer to Him as some syrupy sickly-sweet Lord, whenever we have to sing about the sweetness of Christ, we should be careful not to use lyrics that might cause people to think otherwise. Other songs might have been popular at some time, but we don’t use them because they don’t promote a high view of God. “Turn your lights down low, and listen to the Master's radio” is an alright song, but it will not produce true worship in churches in the body of Christ, it doesn’t work in our order. Some songs are just too complicated, for example those with full orchestration (you might have to ask a musician help you understand this), they instead cause the congregation to stop and pay more attention to the music instead of worshipping. We don’t really want them to appreciate the music. We want them to appreciate God through our music.

Is it meaningful?
Can the musician put his or her heart and soul into the song? Band members sometimes play the notes, but never even look at the words. You are not just playing notes but you are ministering to the congregation. Sr. Meme always emphasizes that the band members should play with knowledge of what the song says, this way it is easier to minister to both yourself as the musician and to the congregation. Is it meaningful? Sunday school kids can’t sing Through it all, when the only challenge they’ve faced is breakfast not being served in time! The Young peoples’ Choir cannot sing, I’ve come too far to look back... because they haven’t come that far in their Christian jour-
ney. The band or singing group needs to “feel” the meaning of the song.

Is it orderly?
God is a God of order. 1st Corinthians 14:40. We seek to sing and play music that is controlled by God’s Spirit. So we must be sensitive to the Spirit. Our songs in a service must “line up.” If we are going to sing several choruses, we don’t start with a slow one, then when the people are getting into worship, sing a very fast one. Songs build on one another. They carry on the theme. You don’t play a rejoicing song, then switch to a dedication song, then a song about the coming of the Lord. A chorus after an anointed message should carry the theme of the message - and be a song everyone can immediately join in the worship - without having to concentrate on the words.

Another point about order is that we should not distract people. If the congregation is really worshipping, the music almost fades into the background. At that point, when there is real worship happening, let them sing songs they know, almost without thinking about the words – letting the Spirit intercede.

If we interrupt their worship to sing a new song they don’t know; or ask them to sing a song with five verses that they have to read; we have distracted their minds from true worship. We might start a song service that way, but once the people have entered into real worship, don’t distract them with a complicated song, or something like that.

Also, order means knowing what to do and when. After a powerful message from God’s Word, what is needed? What was the message about? If it is one about the glories of a new heaven and new earth, where the wolf and lamb dwell together, and the child plays on the cockatrice’s den, then don’t start singing, “On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross.”

What if it wasn’t a powerful message? What do you do after a message that wasn’t so great? Or what type of song should be sung after a long, boring testimony that almost drove God’s Spirit out of the service? If the congregation is almost asleep, a rejoicing song would come in handy, don’t sing a lullaby. The right song can bring a church service back on track. And in our order, we don’t have an organ playing or a drummer beating around when the music stops and the people are worshipping. We don’t have drums or cymbals crashing when the preacher makes a point.

Is it Biblically sound?
It doesn’t matter how beautiful the song is; if it promotes false doctrine, we cannot use it. Music is a powerful force. Don’t allow Satan to introduce false concepts through the medium of music. We cannot sing songs about the Trinity, or about late mother being an angel now, or some other such nonsense. Some songs just won’t work in our order because they aren’t biblically-sound. Bro. Lloyd L. Goodwin in his 1988 message, The Book of life When was it written, said you can tell a lie and as well sing a lie. Don’t bring weak songs into highly-spiritual worship.

Does it promote unity and build up the saints?
All music must edify the body. 1 Corinthians 14:26 says, “How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.” Our goal is to have a united band or choir, and to unite the hearts of every person in the church building. Everyone is supposed to forget about their cares and problems, and to unite together in true worship.

Music invites God’s Spirit and maybe even Heaven’s angels, into our midst. People do not arrive to church in one mind, a prelude however engages them and can bring their minds back to church.

Is it performed with excellence?
God deserves our best. We are supposed to give Him sacrifices without blemish. He gets the first fruits. We should never sing or play sloppily. “Good enough” is not good enough, when we know we can do better. Psalms 33:3 says, “Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise.” But God said in Amos 5:23 that their music was just noise. There is a difference between noise and music. Then God said in the first chapter of Malachi that the people had despised Him by offering polluted bread and diseased animals for sacrifice. We cannot offer God anything less than our best.

There is no substitute for practice. Further, a few minutes of practice right before a service isn’t enough if we really want to give God our best. There should still be an hour or an hour and a half band practice during a weeknight. They say people won’t come, but if they are committed to giving God their very best, if they understand that it is their ministry, they will come.

Does it prepare hearts to receive God’s word?
Most of our services start with music. Why is that? Why don’t we start with the sermon first and have the music later? Is it just some tradition, or is there a reason for the order of our services? In biblical parables, the Word is likened unto seed. That seed is sown into the soil of our hearts. But hard, dry soil cannot receive the seed very well. Music helps to till and prepare the soil. It softens the heart. Music invites in the Spirit, which can come as dew or rain to

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The Kingdom Of God
This book is a series Written by Terry Nance.

One thing I picked on this book is not because it was a best seller but because of the rare truth that relates to the body of Christ that we are.

Just like we know that old Israel picked things they liked on the way to the Promised Land from Egypt, we can also glean some knowledge from this book.

The first chapter of seven is leading us to a time to get plunged into the power source....

Have you ever considered how far faithfulness could take you?

We show up at our jobs each day, not always seeing what our faithfulness is creating for our futures. We go to church each week, sometimes not realizing the character, power, and stability that our faithful actions are producing – not only in our lives but to the world round us.

Have you ever considered that faithfulness to your local church touches lives throughout the world? It does and as you read this book, you will understand why. In fact your total understanding of faithfulness will probably change.

Terry Nance goes on to explain why faithfulness to the local church can change the whole world.

He said faithfulness is spiritual law that when activated, produces tangible evidence in our lives... with every person that has accomplished something great in the church or in the world, you will find that person was faithful in something.

Nance continues in a way to express the need to get plugged in to the local church. He brought an illustration of an expensive but 'out-of-bounds-to-everyone-else-except-him machine' that had a nice design, he hastened to add, that machine can be useless if it is not connected to the power source, so it matters not how expensive, beautiful or nicely designed an appliance is it has no value to the possessor.

He relates a majority Christians to this kind of appliance; God has designed them so well with gifts, talents, and abilities, but because they are not plugged in, they sit on the shelf not doing what God designed them to do.

The local church is like and electrical outlet

Like electricity, the Holy Spirit is the conduit to the power of God. Just like electricity flows through wires waiting to bring life to appliances, the Holy Spirit is always flowing waiting to bring life to anyone who will plug in.

The local church is the outlet the Holy Spirit uses to train men for the Ministry. God places leadership over us to prepare us to fulfill His calling on our lives. However, it does not matter how much the Holy Spirit is flowing, or how great and anointed the outlet (The Church) is – like electricity through the wires – nothing happens until we plug in.

He also goes ahead in his book to give few but intuitive reasons people give to desert the local church... among many he talked about Offences, which the Bible says must come

Get out of the comfort zone and develop the gift zone...

It’s time to step into the challenge zone and run to the end zone. He quotes, Henry David Thoreau "In the long run men hit only what they aimed at. Therefore, they had better aim at something high"

The devils greatest challenge to a child of God is deception, he offers alternatives to God’s set principles that would humanly appear easier than God’s ways. It will be a matter of time that one would discover it was the harder way than to have followed God’s oracles.

Enjoy, this book has been an encouragement to me, especially because it helped me to commit in my duties

Copies of this book can be seen through their website: http://www.destinyimage.com
You can learn a lot about a person by observing how they spend their money. You can discover what they value most, how disciplined they are, etc. How a person spends their money will tell you more about their priorities than their words ever will. Very few people actually start out life understanding how to spend their money. That’s because developing good spending habits is not something that happens overnight. In fact, it is a lesson that is almost always learned by experience (and difficult ones at that).

One of my earliest experiences in money management came when I was 7 or 8 years old. Our family went on a trip to Kampala and I brought along my allowance that I had collected as “spending money”. It was only Shs. 1000 but it had taken me months to accumulate that little nest egg. You’d be surprised how fast you can spend Shs. 1000 as an 8 year old that has not yet developed good spending habits.

There were so many neat things that I had never seen before and I just had to buy them. Within a couple of days my money was completely gone! Even though my money had already run out, the trip wasn’t over yet. I discovered that there were even cooler toys and neater things to buy as we continued our journey. Unfortunately, I had already blown through my money and even Visa wasn’t going to give an 8-year old a credit card.

Twenty-five years later I still remember that important lesson. It was certainly a lot easier to discover what it’s like to run out of money as a young child than as a young adult. I may have missed out on buying some toys, but I gained an appreciation of good spending habits. The rest of my childhood I made sure that I never again ever ran out of money while on vacation. In fact, I would routinely bring my money back home unspent. I had learned that I should only spend my hard-earned money on something I really wanted or needed. Nobody likes to be without money. I didn’t like it when I was 8-years old and I certainly don’t like it as a 32-year old. That’s why I try very hard to spend my money wisely, rather than on anything that catches my fancy. Developing good spending habits really comes down to two principles.

1. Don’t spend more money than you have.
2. Even when you have the money to spend, make sure you really need the item before buying it.

If you’re able to follow these two principles, you will not only develop good spending habits, but also stay out of debt. You will also avoid some of the big monthly expenses that “everybody” seems to have. Let’s take a look at what the average American family is spending their money on (based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau).

Houses – In our quest for bigger houses, the average American family now spends $16,895 each year on housing. That’s double the amount they were spending just 20 years ago!

Cars – one area that Americans have actually reduced their spending in recent years is on cars. We are now only spending an average of $638 each month on transportation costs, down from $730 in 2007.

Credit Cards – In our plastic age credit cards can be a useful tool, but only if you pay them off at the end of each month to avoid interest charges. The average American household with credit card debt now owes $15,956!

Eating out – the average American family spends $6,372 each year on food. However, 41% of that money is spent on eating out. Entertainment – in addition to eating out, American families spend nearly $2,700 each year on entertainment. That number has increased by 90% since 1990. People who spend their money wisely don’t typically conform to the averages. After all, who wants to be just average? Just because the average family spends over $2,600 each year eating out, doesn’t mean you have to. Just because credit cards are convenient, doesn’t mean you should use them. And just because you can afford to buy something, doesn’t mean that you should. Good spending habits can be learned, but it takes a lot of discipline.
prepare the hard soil to receive the precious seed. Music after a powerful message should never overshadow or supersede the message. If the sermon was about the glories of the coming millennial kingdom, with no death, no pain, and the wolf and lamb lying together, then the follow-up song should be “What a Day that Will Be,” or “I’m Bound for the Kingdom,” rather than, “Joshua fit the battle of Jericho.”

**Does it Produce True Worship?**
Some songs are just too beautiful or too complicated. They make people stop and listen to you, instead of worshipping God. There may be a place for that in a service, perhaps as a special song in a unique place. But most of our music is designed to lead people to worship. We are not entertainers. We don’t want the people to just listen and admire us; but to praise God. The purpose of our music is to transport the congregation to the very realms of the divine. We don’t sing lullabies; we don’t perform for audiences; we help turn a mere building into a heavenly place. Some songs just won’t do that. Other songs just seem to always draw the congregation into deep worship.

**Does it adorn the Gospel of Jesus Christ?**
Everything about our lives, and our music ministry, should reflect on the glory of God. Titus 2:9-10 speaks of living a life that “may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.” Certainly this would rule out a “show-off” spirit. You don’t want to be a trumpet player who feels that the rest of the band is just his back-up group. You cannot be irritated because the band director or choir director doesn’t give you the opportunity to show everybody just how talented you are! Every song in our worship services is to be an arrow, pointing to Jesus; and not a sign flashing out how good we really are.

**Does God bless it?**
This is the most important point. Brother William Sowders had a sign on his pulpit at 28th and Wilson that said: “Watch the Spirit.” Because music is so spiritual, musicians really need to watch the Spirit. When is it time for a song? What song? Do we need a solo, or do we need to get the congregation singing right away with a chorus? Should it be a fast or slow song? How long do we keep it going? We need God to bless our music. Some songs are nice. They may be pretty. They might be songs we like. But if God consistently doesn’t bless a particular song, then quit using it. God sometimes blesses songs we don’t even like, But if He blesses it, then we use it. And sometimes God just won’t bless a song we happen to like. And sometimes God just isn’t blessing a particular song in a service. It might be a good song; it might bless at other times; but if it isn’t doing anything, what do you do? You stop! If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is to stop digging. I’ve seen times when someone just keeps singing and singing and singing a song that is going nowhere. Be sensitive to the Spirit. If God isn’t blessing a particular song, then stop trying to force it on the people.

I hope that we can be able to improve our music ministry to give more glory to God in whatever we do.

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**The Body of Christ**

**The Body of Christ! the Body of Christ!**
How wonderful it is to be in the body of Christ! The way the saints dance is unique, their dress code too!

The body of Christ! The body of Christ
The doctrines taught are true
The saints are united, things in perfect order are done.

Churches found in the body of Christ are one the order the same, the messages unique oh
One of the hardest things for me to do while writing this article was to decide the title, because I wasn’t so sure if I would be committed to what I am writing, but then I remembered a message, and I decided that I will. That’s how much I still need the church.

I’d rather live single the rest of my life than marry outside the body of Christ! That’s the kind of influence growing up in church will give you, but if you’re thinking of how best to convince the man of God to let you divorce your wife so you can go with three usherettes, then you need church… and the right church in that case. There have been a lot of controversies surrounding relationships, especially when it comes to picking the right partner for marriage, and those controversies I won’t necessarily give you a sermon on why you should not marry outside church, instead I will just give my opinion from the many lessons I’ve learned in church, why I’d rather marry in church than marry outside.

A potential partner for marriage must have patterns of obedience and responsibility. How will you know he has patterns of obedience? The church has several ways to tell that. I’ll mention the simplest examples among others; when was the last time he or she testified. Testimonies are the easiest way to tell if God is doing something in one’s life. When a person who gets the message wrong stands up its easy to notice. Also how has that person’s attendance of church services been? There’s a high chance that a brother that hardly attends church will be absent on the day your labor pains kick in! We can bet on that one. It will take the church to convince a canal brother that the best way to invest is in God’s work, and not on the results of a certain football game somewhere. In church our sisters are taught to be responsible, as in labor, they only use their own hands to provide for themselves rather than rely on some mystery man somewhere to walk their bills! I’ve heard ladies say; His money is our money, and my money is mine! Now it takes the church to help such a lady to know that marriage is not an escape from responsibility. That aside, a Christian will come to church and be told a righteous man regards the life of his beast, (Proverbs 12:10) how can he not care for the life of his wife? There is a common saying in church that “the change-ability of man supersedes that of a chameleon!” It will only take God to keep the heart of a man focused to loving one woman for the rest of his life. This is one quality men outside church do not have, not that Christians are perfect, but whenever he starts to stray there will be a conviction that he’s about to do something wrong. It’s only in church where a man can be assured that he is supposed to drink only, and only from his own Cistern. (Proverbs 5:15). You cannot tell this to a Muslim whose sole purpose of religion is to be rewarded with 21 virgins when he gets to heaven. If ever you had a Muslim for an option, ask yourself this question; if his sole purpose of being in that faith is to have 21 virgins in heaven, how many can he have the liberty to go with while still alive…. Uhmm…!

YOUTH FORUM

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WHY I WILL MARRY IN CHURCH
The trends in the continuously changing world of technology today has posed a threat to our Christian life as youth, new gadgets coming out every other day and the ease with which we get our way to these gadgets such as phones, laptops, i-phones, tablet pc’s, desktops... etc., is so amazing that our parents and church leaders are left to surprise. This certainly wouldn’t be bad but how well are we using them as Christians striving to be Christ-like and looking forward to a better resurrection talked of by Apostle Paul in Hebrews 11:35- I love the internet so much but I try as much as I can not to be taken up by its urge to a level where I treasure it more than I do for God’s work lest I become an idolater. Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 10:14- “Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.” And he also said in 1 Corinthians 10:23- “All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.” I am not going to be a preacher here but I am expressing my views. Use the internet for the right reasons with all the above applications and all not displayed here we can do a lot as Christians - I mean blood bought children of God. Imagine subscribing for 100MBsand all of that not even 1 KB is used to check on another saints wall, page, comments, listening to gospel music... etc. Better still, texting them but the lump sum data pack is spent on things that do not matter, may be to you they do but to God they are trash, Sorry for the language it doesn’t appear appealing, but please bear with me as we move on right here. Selah

As a young man growing up in God’s house am certainly disturbed when I see my fellow young peers so much obsessed by the internet on their phones and other gadgets I do not know, I can’t claim I know all these gadgets because as I try to make my research another is being churned out from the technology giants. At times I ask myself why it is not something I am accustomed to. The man of God is preaching and you get a band member at the altar/saint in the congregation/nursery, surfing on their phone and all taking him/her up during service time is a peer down in the congregation or an unsaved pal out there in the world. Think about that conversation that cannot be held to the end of the service, to him/her it is so important and urgent that whatever is being preached doesn’t matter, another precious child of God is texting SMS to a friend. I look in disbelief as they do their stuff confirming the fact that at times we get to church to make a technical appearance. Remember God looks at the heart. This is something you would not do before your governor, honestly speaking; how come you can do it before the ALMIGHTY GOD who watches over all creation. The man of God in his capacity as a human being may not be seeing you perhaps if he does see, he may be forced to believe that you have a Bible facility on your phone, laptop or better still the tablet pc but God is greater than all, certainly He is, watching all you do and appear innocent before men, Praise God! Selah

Let us do what Jesus Christ would do if He was present physically with us, If He were to use the internet to day what sites would He crave for and what would be His favorites. It is true God is ever present with us ,He is an immortal being whom we being mortal beings assume if we get to our closets we can have Him locked out and thereby get ourselves to unbe-

coming acts, but that is a great deception by the father of this world, the devil. Finally Brethren, Jesus said in Matt 5:13-16, that we are the salt and light of the world but particularly in verses 16 of the same chapter He said;” Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Respect in all aspects of the work of God is paramount.

Prayer

Am in this article backing up my brother (See Page 20)

There is a saying that a prayer less Christian is a powerless one, 1st Thessalonians 5:17. prayer is letting God know your request and these requests are numerous. Prayer is acknowledging God as the only provider, defender, protector and the overall power above all power.

We wrestle not against flesh and blood, Paul said in his letter to the Corinthians (2nd Corinthians 10:3-6) We are constantly being fought but through prayer we overcome. Through prayer I have come all the way from being a spinster to a wife and mother now, with all the trials and temptations and challenges of life but through them all successful. Child of God just as the body needs air to breathe in and out, so is your spiritual life, and Prayer is that oxygen of the Spirit. God bless you.

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Salvation is a life to be led as a Christian and once you are in the field one should have spiritual fillers alert to be able to detect whether you have deteriorated spiritually and some of the signs of spiritual deterioration are

When you acquire money and goods as your number one than God then you know you are deteriorating spiritually see ACTS 8:20

You can also detect that you are deteriorating spiritually when you are having a bitter spirit angry towards other people, Hebrews 12:15

Watching worldly music, reading newspapers that are morally degrading i.e. Redpepper.

When your prayer life ceases and your love for reading the Bible falls on the rock. 1st Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

When your love for others grows cold John 15:12-13

When you love sports and parties is one sign that you have deteriorated spiritually. Sports develops pride in an individual and they look at others as inferior and they super for we know what Solomon said about the proud, they are headed for destruction Proverbs 16:18

When you adapt worldly lifestyle for example When you make more friends of the world (the non-saved) than the blood bought children of God. 2nd Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

Giving excuses for not being able to do a spiritual duty assigned you is one of the yardsticks to measure your spiritual deterioration. Luke 14:18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

When your church attendance drops like we have four services in the week and you attend only one service...you can mark yourself. Hebrews 10:25 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.

When you take long or never testify at all, just be sure you are headed for the exit, we all know that the scriptures say we have power when we testify... Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony;

When you stop seeing eye to eye with your Pastor just know you are about to make a good contact with the world...Hebrews 13:16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. 17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

The instructions we get are to give us a right frame of mind and you cannot enjoy this life when you are at war with others and mishandling issues of life can shorten your life above all you need to build ability to be a good Samaritan to make life sweet.

The writer is a band member.
Bro. William Sowders

He was born on the 13th day of September the year 1879, after serving as a policeman, boat builder and fisherman, he was converted from a rough life to a life of following Christ and in 1913, received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, near Paducah, Kentucky. Shortly after receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost experience, while working on a boat motor on the Ohio River, the Lord spoke to him (Bro. Sowders) in an audible voice saying, ‘I want you to preach ‘MY GOSPEL’ he was called of God to be a great teacher. Early in his ministry God began to reveal truths to Him. These included truths about, The Godhead, The Beast, Babylon, Water Baptism, The number and Qualifications of the Bride of Christ and other doctrines. He had tremendous revelation about staying outside of organized religion and manifesting the divine love of God, or the mystery that is explained in 1st Corinthians 13.

At the peak of his influence, it is estimated that Bro. William Sowders led a fellowship that consisted of 75000 believers in 300 congregations in 31 states of America. This man of God died on November 20, 1952 at the age pf 73 years. After his death, factualism divided and splintered the movement he had led.

Yet his vision remains. God called Bro. William Sowders to begin the work that is yet to be completed.

The Body of Christ will be healed.

Prayer

We can be in the right relationship with the Father through prayer. A Christian life is one that is lived by prayer.

Ephesians 2: 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

If your foundation is built right, then one can be assured of success (we must learn to pray when still at youth)

A person who does not pray will never have confidence in God.

Jeremiah 33: 3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Never expect anything from God when you are quiet (not praying)

Luke 18: 1 and he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

1 Thessalonians 5: 17 Pray without ceasing.

The bible commands us to pray without ceasing

1 Timothy 2: 8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

What sustains us as God’s people is prayer

Luke 22: 41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone’s cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, 42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

When we pray, we are requesting God’s will to be done and so our will must be in line with God’s will for our lives.

Prayer is also submissiveness to God’s will. Prayer is NOT giving direction to God.

WHY DO WE PRAY?

We pray to build a vertical relationship with God and then a horizontal relationship with man.

Prayer is designed by God to bring His decrees into fulfilment.

One praying does not mean God does not know what you need but He needs a vertical relationship with Him.

Prayer also helps us to build the power and Spirit of God in our lives.

God will do nothing except through prayers...

The writer is A bass player in the BAND.
I thank God because he is the
God who still hears and an-
swers prayers.

In August 2010, I fell sick and
was told from the hospital
that I had a problem with my
tubes (the sisters understand
this perfectly) I was given
treatment but no improve-
ment.

In 2011, the same problem
continued, I swallowed differ-
et types of drugs. Later I was
told to go for scanning and it
was done three times:

- The first time I was told my
  uterus had thickened
- The second time I was told my uterus
  had enlarged and that it had grown
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  the Baby was enlarged to about 10-15cm
  and that implied I was not
  going to be able to car-
  ry a baby in my womb.
- The third time I was
told that there was a
  growth in the ovary
  and another medical
  person told me the
  growth was a can-
  cer...that was finishing
  me but.....

After such news, I
turned my heart to God
fully I dedicated my life
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I serve in the band at least (because He
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**Trivia**

*Find the following Words:*

Long sufferers
Joyful
Whoremongers
Murderers
Gentle
Peaceful
Meek
Soroti
Idolaters
Assembly
Sorcerers

Brother Meme while talking during Rev. Opakasi’s thanksgiving service, wanting to prove the value of education said:

Three words, Kill not spare;
He asked, if you want a person to be killed, where do you put the comma?

Kill not spare.
If you want a person not to be killed where do you put the comma

Everybody else remained looking at him apart from himself... Where do you put the comma, email: the answers to:

thesegospelofthekingdommag@gmail.com

Or by short Message (sms) to 0750594097.
I told God that “God, are you going to let this condition kill me? Who will do what I am doing?”

God men of old who kept the Ark of the Covenant were blessed, what about me, in my days?”

As I kept on talking to God in that manner, I felt the power of God coming down touching my life. It felt like cold waters were poured throughout my whole body. I knew that God had finally delivered me. I left the altar very different I had strength my life was not the same, I was so very different.

After one month I started seeing some changes in my life like someone who had conceived, I went to do the HCG test and it was positive. I said God thank you for hearing me like you heard us by healing our mother from poison.

I told God now, “let me be like one of the Hebrew women when I am ‘to land’ (Give birth)” and God heard it.

I had labor for only three hours and gave birth leaving all the other women I found in the labor ward still wailing and agonizing in labor; all was for the mercy that God did bestow on me.

Now I have a baby of 1 year and nine month old handsome baby boy, Nathanael Ojinga.

There is no condition that over rides God’s sovereignty, just be faithful, the rest is God. Only that I did my part, God does 5%, man does 95%. Thank God for wisdom.

It pays to serve God with the whole of your heart and mind without wavering.