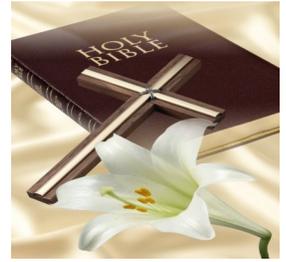


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EDITORIAL:

We begin the second month in the year 2014 and it seems as if it is upon us so quickly. Is that a good thing? I bet it is. If we count all the good things that have happened since the start of the year, then we will need to borrow a whole lot of fingers and toes to add up all these blessings. This little test alone proves that we can rejoice for each day God gives us - whether they seem to come quickly or not. Fortunately, the church started the calendar year in an atmosphere of recognizing yet again that God is always taking care of His children. So let us begin this new month by continuing to see the goodness of God in every situation, giving thanks to Him for His blessings while we worship and share our testimonies so that others will be lifted in their spirits.

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Highlights from Believers' Enrichment week.

The week of meetings between January 6 and 12 was held under the theme: Renew, Restore, Recharge. It was indeed a week that caused both Christians and non-Christians to be powered up. The following is a summary of the passages and Biblical truths that were focused on throughout the week.

Night 1- **God will always make a way for those who trust Him.** *2 Kings 4:1-7.* The widow followed special instructions. She got so much oil that she could sell, pay her debt and live off the profit. When we find ourselves in a situation which we cannot

FEBRUARY REMINDERS

February is Black History Month

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| 3rd | Women's Federation
National Day of Prayer |
| 14th | Valentine's Day |
| 15th | Post Valentine's Dinner
(Zion Hill) |
| 19th-22nd | JBU Convention
(Boulevard Baptist) |
| 23rd | JBU Closing Services
(National Arena) |

Remember to pray for and visit with the sick and shut-in members of the church and in our surrounding communities.



Here is a list of our sick and shut-in members:

Port Maria Class: Sis. Audrey Maxwell; Sis. Emma Scarlette-Grant; **Trinity Class:** Sis. Inez Graham; Sis. Valerie Melbourne; Sis. Percuss Scott; **Mason Hall Class:** Bro. Thomas Bennett; Sis. Ivy Clemetson; **Stennett Street:** Bro. Archibald Henry; **Galina:** Sis. Daphne Reid; Sis. Violet Daley; Sis. Edwards; **Cox Street Class:** Sis. Georgina Peart; Bro. Lucan Scott; Sis. Adassa Reddie.

February Birthdays: May the love of God envelop you always!



Angella Salmon
4th



Simone Henry
7th



Rosemarie Walters
9th



Lurline Israel
10th



Annette Tracey
11th



Codi-Ann Campbell
11th



Gwendolyn McPherson
13th



Janet Corey
14th



Jossett Burton
17th



Audrey Gabbidon
19th



Noel Johnson
22nd



Jhnealle Plummer
22nd



Hazel Allen
23rd



Violet Sewell
23rd



Mekelia Hibbert
28th



Sherlette Whilby
28th



Inez Graham
28th

handle (one that tests our faith) it creates an opportunity for God to work a miracle. When we follow God's special instructions then we are able to see God's supernatural intervention.

Night 2- **You cannot do it alone.** *Exodus 17:8-16.* The Amalekites chose to attack the Israelites at the time when they were most vulnerable – when they were thirsty, tired and probably hungry. As their leader, Moses was also emotionally drained. This highlighted that the devil will attack when we are at our weakest point. Joshua stayed to battle with the Amalekites while Moses brought Aaron and Hur on the top of the hill for support. The Israelites out-fought their enemies as long as Moses held up his arms but started losing when his arms were lowered. This highlights the power in the upheld hands which helped Moses to recharge his strength (and probably his faith too). Every Christian needs a Joshua, an Aaron and a Hur to hold up their hands to help in the recharging process. Our Joshua must have the characteristics of being bold and warrior like, Aaron should be like our spokesman and Hur should be that person who is quiet, behind the scenes, but watchful and always praying for you. When you get this type of support you will realize success through God.

Night 3- **It cannot get so bad that God cannot deal with it.** *John 11:32 -45.* After Lazarus died, his sisters were faced with anger, grief, discouragement and disappointment. Martha said in an irrational way “If you were here Lazarus would not have died.” Even though Lazarus might have been smelling stink Jesus was still able to fix the situation – bring him back to life. Mary and Martha needed a heightened experience to recharge and renew their spirits. Likewise, God will give you the power and strength to deal with any situation you are going through. God is bigger than all our circumstances. As God's people we are more than conquerors. No matter how far down we go, God will lift us up by His Almighty power.

Night 4- **God will take care of His servant.** *1Kings 17.* As servant of God, the devil will try to destroy you, delay your blessings or destroy your plans in attempt to frustrate your spirit, kill your dreams so that you cannot enjoy a Christian life. If God gives direction, even if they sound strange, He will make the necessary provisions. The instructions and directions God had given to Elijah might have seemed weird but he followed them anyhow. The widow was also obedient to the voice of God and she was blessed because of her faith. Listening to and obeying the voice of God is important. If you obey God, He will take care of you.

Night 5- **There is more to life than what meets the eye.** *St. Matthew 14:22 -33.* The disciples expressed fear even though they were familiar with the miracle working nature of Jesus (*vs 26*). Sometimes as children of God we cry out in fear when the devil puts doubt in our lives. However, with the expression of fear Jesus recognized that He had to do something to help the disciples and soothe their fears. The same thing happens in our lives when we are in our distresses and cry out to Jesus- He hears us. Peter exercised faith by asking Jesus to allow him to walk on the water. As Christians we must activate our faith against what seems to be impossible in order to see the power of God. Peter and the other disciples experienced freedom. In your time of need, Jesus will help you. Jesus grabbed Peter's hand and took him to safety. Interestingly, when Jesus put Peter in the boat the wind died down. Likewise, Jesus fixes our problems and put an end to the fearful and otherwise negative situations that we face.

On the final night the focus was on offering praise and worship to God. Individuals were also testifying to the goodness of God as they exercised their faith and were able to see God working in their lives. **Our God is awesome...**



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