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## **A DEVOTIONAL FOR MEN ON THE GO**

### THE GOLDEN RULE OF MENTORING

*"Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in this law and prophets." Matthew 7:12 (NLT)*

*We* often think about this verse in terms of being nice to others because we want them to treat us nicely, but I wonder sometimes if there aren't other qualities we should consider as well. Do I think this way when I deal with people in other settings?

How about mentoring others? Throughout my coaching career, I had guys on the team making multimillion-dollar salaries. **Anyone with the slightest interest in sports knows those professional players' salaries have skyrocketed in the past few years.** So, what do you think the response would be if players were asked to teach and "coach" other players in their particular positions for the overall good of the team?

Believe it or not, that's what happens on good teams. **Veteran players help the younger players improve because it will help the team grow stronger.** Defensive backs could show new defensive backs the techniques that took them years to learn. The end result? Sometimes the new guy eventually beats the veteran out of a position and the lucrative salary that comes with it.

How about honesty? How about helping someone see where they need to improve by being candid and forthright about it—rather than sugarcoating it or worse, not pointing it out at all? Sometimes **hearing no is painful**, but we can pick ourselves up and move on much easier than if it were maybe. **Sometimes getting a poor job review can give us the opportunity to work with what we have and learn.** If we believe everyone was created by God with specific gifts and abilities—like no one else—then we have to believe they are equipped to do incredible things in some setting, some place. Maybe right now they are just in the wrong place.

What about helping someone grow in his or her faith? If you didn't know about Jesus Christ or had not asked Him to be our Lord and Savior, and someone we know did know Him, wouldn't we want that person to tell us about Him? Amen.

**UNCOMMON KEY:** *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you—there are many opportunities if you look for them. Start thinking about—and acting upon—them today. Amen.*

*Uncommon Life-Daily Challenge  
~~ Tony Dumgy and Nathan Whitaker*

## **A MEDITATION FOR EVERY MARRIED COUPLE**

### KINGDOM COUPLES INVITE GOD IN

*The family that will enjoy Jesus' presence as a customary part of their union is a family that is joined precisely because husband and wife want to invite Jesus into the deeper parts of their marriage.*

*-Gary Thomas, Scared Marriage (NASB)*

*Rope* is an amazing invention. Just ask the ice climber in Scotland who fell and dangled five hundred feet over a gully for eight hours before rescuers could reach him. Historians think the Egyptians invented rope and used it to help build their massive pyramids. **Today we have stronger fibers and machines to make rope, but the key to rope's strength still lies in the same basic concept—weaving strands of three into the basic cords that make rope.** It's the same concept that King Solomon wrote about: **"A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart"** (Ecclesiastes 4:12).

You cannot leave God at the altar and expect to have a thriving marriage. God must join you in your home according to the characteristics He has set within His covenant. **When He does, and when you align yourself within His established parameters of love, respect, commitment and compassion, He can do marvels with your marriage.** You cannot do it alone. You cannot even do it as husband and wife. **God is the third strand of the cord**—the one that not only keeps you together but keeps you strong and able to do all He has designed for you. Amen.

#### APPLICATION:

1. Is God's presence crucial for the success of your marriage? Why or why not?
2. How have you seen that three are stronger than two?
3. What can you do this week to focus on inviting God in?

#### PRAYER

*God, we need You, but we sometimes struggle to open our hearts and invite You into the deep parts of our marriage. Please make us stronger as three. Amen.*

*Kingdom Marriage Devotional  
~~ Dr. Tony Evans*



## **DEVOTIONAL FOR SINGLES**

### **OF FRACTIONS AND FULLNESS**

*"We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives."*

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (CSB)

**Multiplication is a mathematical operation that generally results in putting numbers together to make them bigger. We think of multiplication in terms of growth.** Three apples times five children equal fifteen apples altogether. Larger outcomes. Expanding products. **But when you multiply any whole number by a *fraction*, an inverse result takes place.** The answer is actually *smaller* than the whole number in the equation. Combining fractions into a multiplication problem *away* from its value, rather than contributing *more* to it.

**And despite what people say, how we never use the things we learn in school in real life, certain math principles do come with applications that convert into everyday experience.**

**We see it taking place in the life of Paul. His ministry to the church at Thessalonica didn't last long, apparently only a few weeks (Acts 17:2).** Yet even his brief stay caused enough of an uproar that his Christian brothers had to hustle him and his ministry companion Silas out of town under cover of darkness (v. 10) to avoid being caught up in the riot. But in that thin space of time, Paul gave himself completely to task—expanding, increasing and multiplying their growth. **He not only "reasoned with them from Scriptures" (v. 2), teaching them sound doctrine of the faith, but he did what he always did in every place where he ministered.** He dove into those relationships with both feet, putting himself at their full disposal, loving and investing in them without any reservation. **Not in fractions, withholding portions for later. But wholly and fully. Whatever it cost. Whatever they needed.**

**He was all in. One hundred percent committed to the task. To the people. To his friends. This investment yielded a bountiful harvest in the life of the church.**

**"Having so fond an affection for you," he wrote to them later, "we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own *lives*"—their own lives —"because you had become very dear to us. For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God" (1 Thess. 2:8-9). He spent those few weeks there "exhorting and encouraging and imploring" them, the way "a father would his own children" (v.11), totally focused on helping them "walk in manner worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory" (v. 12).**

#### **Expansion. Multiplication. Growth. For the glory of God.**

**What kind of friend, spouse, son, daughter, employee, and team member are you? Are you the type who brings your wholehearted determination and investment into these various relationships? Or do you hold back, only devoting a fractional half effort into the mix, not really making yourself available and vulnerable and invested in growing the people around you?**

**Here's to being whole-number people, the kinds of women and men who encourage fuller, deeper, healthier, more bountiful results in every relationship and encounter and effort that is entrusted to us. May we cause vast multiplication—expanding, joy, peace and the power of our God—everywhere we go. AMEN.**

*"Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart." AMEN. 1 Peter 1:22 (ESV)*

*Awaken  
~~Priscilla Shirer*



## **TEEN'S CORNER**

### **A SLAVE OF JESUS**

*“Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ to those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.”*

2 Peter 1:1-2 (NIV)

When Peter began writing his second letter, he didn't introduce himself by saying, “Peter, a best friend of Jesus, present at the Mount of Transfiguration, featured preacher on the day of Pentecost.” Instead, he simply wrote, “Simon Peter, a servant”—or, translated more accurately, “a slave.” John, Timothy, and Jude all give themselves the same title. James didn't begin his letter by saying, “James the half-brother of the Son of God.” He began by saying, “James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ” (James 1:1 NLT). When Paul wrote to the church in Rome, he began by identifying himself as “a slave of Christ Jesus” (Rom. 1:1 NLT).

Most of us grew up in homes where we were taught to study hard in school so we could get a good job and make lots of money and live in a big house, drive a nice car, and enjoy great vacations. When you ask a child what they want to be when they grow up, the answer generally reflects that influence. No kid ever says, “When I grow up, I want to be a slave.” In fact, most of us would find the idea of slavery offensive because of what occurred in past history. But that is what the Bible calls us to. The Bible teaches that the highest calling for you and for me is to be a slave to Jesus.

Sure, there are other ways we identify with Christ. He is a friend of sinners, a master teacher, and the head of his church. He is the promised Messiah, a conquering King, and the omnipotent God. We are lost sheep, and he is the Good Shepherd; we are sinners, and he is our Savior. But when we call Jesus “Lord” we aren't saying any of those things. We are saying, “He's the master, and I am the slave.”

In fact, we can't call Jesus “Lord” without declaring that we are his slaves. The two terms are inseparable. As crazy as it might seem to everyone else, as ridiculous as it might appear to those who don't understand, we *choose* this life of slavery. Nobody will ever be forced into slavery to Jesus. Out of love, we willingly submit to his lordship.

When we fully surrender all that we have and all that we are to him, we discover the strangest thing: It's only by becoming a slave to Jesus that we can truly find freedom. AMEN.

### **Denying Today**

Write down the words “slave” and “master.” What words and ideas come to mind for each of those roles? What are the slave's responsibilities to the master? What are the master's responsibilities to the slave? As you pray today, submit yourself again as a slave of Jesus, and thank him for being a perfect loving master. AMEN.

*Not a Fan. Daily Devotional*  
~~Kyle Iddleman

## **DEVOTIONAL FOR SENIORS**

### **Enjoy Life**

*"Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart." Ecclesiastes 5:19-20*

When it comes to your finances, you may have never gotten ahead, or you may have been blessed with abundance. Either way, you should know by now that your life doesn't consist of the amount or the quality of your stuff. It's OK to have stuff, but it's also OK to not have stuff. Stuff can't love you. Stuff can't forgive you. You can't talk and pray with stuff.

Your contentment and satisfaction comes only from being a child of God and living your life in his arms. Find true joy in whatever God gives you to keep you occupied.

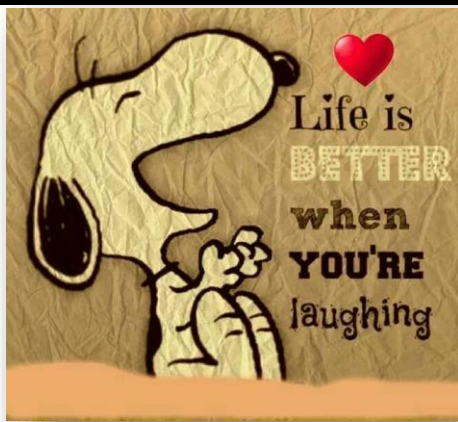
Lord, help me to remember the way to be content in any and every circumstance. Amen.

Count your nonmaterial blessings. (Luke 12:13-21; 1 Timothy 6:6-10)

*Hope-full Living Daily Devotions  
~~Jeremy Klaustermeier*







## HUMOR

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

A funeral service is being held in a church for a woman who has just passed away. At the end of the service, the pallbearers carrying the casket accidentally bump into a wall jarring the casket. They hear a faint moan. They open the casket and find that the woman is actually alive. She lives for 10 more years and then dies. A ceremony is again held at the same church and at the end the pallbearers are again carrying the casket out. As they are walking, the husband calls out, "Watch out for the wall!"

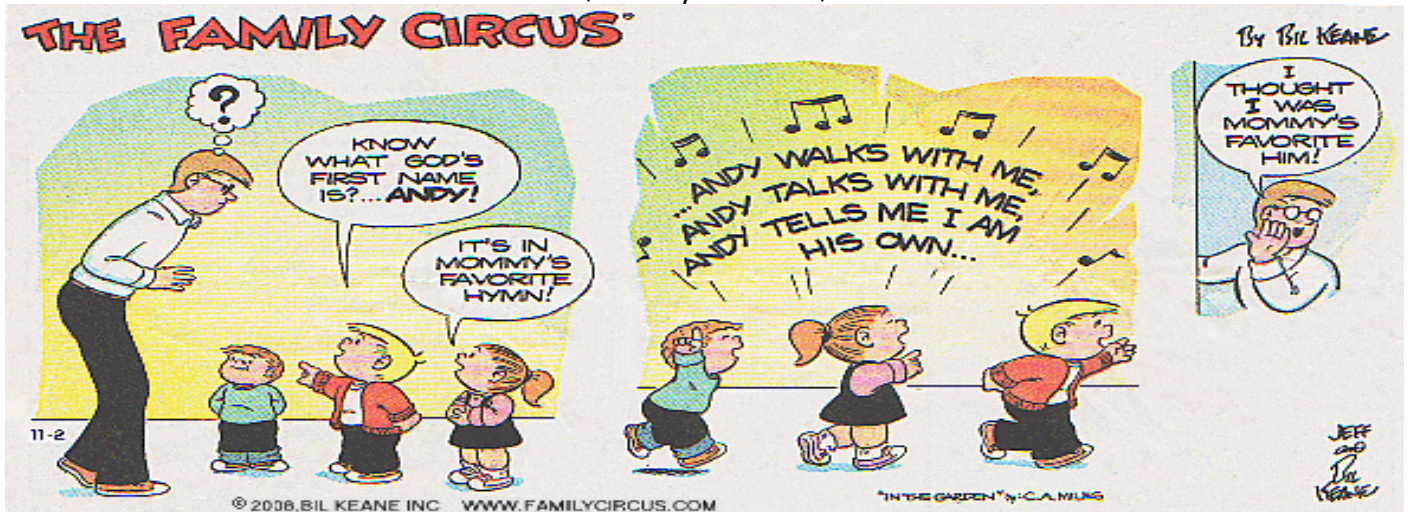
Two boys were walking home from church after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your dad."

One Easter Sunday morning as the pastor was preaching a children's sermon, he reached into his bag of props and pulled out an egg. He pointed at the egg and asked the children, "What's in here?" "I know, I know!" a little boy exclaimed, "pantyhose!"

Several children found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, they secured a small box and some cotton batting, dug a hole in the back yard, and made ready to dispose of the deceased. The minister's 5-year-old son was chosen to say the prayer. And so with great dignity, he intoned, "Glory be to the Father...and unto the Son...and into the hole he goes."

Visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



## HUMOR...continued



"Do not let the sun go down on your wrath." Letting it come up on your wrath isn't good either.



Emma was never shy with her prayer requests.

<http://www.swapmeetdave.com/Humor/Religious.htm>

## LAUGHTER FOR THE DAYS AHEAD

*Sheila wears the most outrageous high-heeled shoes.* How high are they? Well, let's just say I climbed into them one day, and my ears began to pop and I developed a nosebleed.

Sheila often walks—sometimes even skips in these heels to the extreme edge of the platform while speaking, allowing the toes of her shoes to hang off the stage. Luci, Marilyn, Thelma, Barbara and I, who are seated five steps below the platform, gasp as we go into full-body alert, ready to throw ourselves forward if she should topple. That hasn't happened...yet. But we are willing to respond if our cohort should need our help.

Isn't that a tiny picture of what grace is all about? The Lord is there for us when we need him most and possibly deserve his involvement least. It also encompasses those times when we think we can't take the next scary step. God gives us the grace to let go and inch forward in baby increments, or sometimes even skip like a gazelle. Praise God!!



~~ Patsy Clairmont

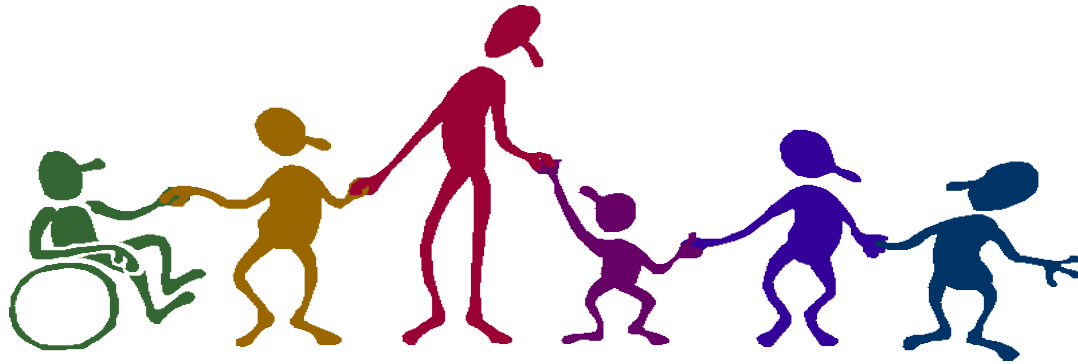
*Human beings thrive on laughter.* Since most of us can't afford vacations in Hawaii, we have to learn to make our own fun! The best way to do that is to keep your state of mind green and golden: find, recycle, or produce joy wherever and however you can. A good humorist is a work of heart! The Hasidic Jews believe that the best way to worship God is by being happy. They even incorporate dance and celebration into their spiritual walk.



*Humor is the chocolate chips in the ice cream of life.* Remember the old-time "Good Humor Man" who drove his ice cream truck down every street in the neighborhood, chiming a jingle on those hot summer days? All the kids came running as soon as they heard the sound. But good humor doesn't drive down many streets anymore. You have to go out and get it yourself! Fortunately, it's not that hard to find.

~~Barbara Jordan

Molly Detweiler (Assoc. Ed.), *Laughter for a Woman's Soul – Revive Your Spirit with Women of Faith*



## Disability Etiquette 101

*People with disabilities are individuals with families, jobs, hobbies, likes and dislikes, and problems and joys. While the disability is an integral part of who they are, it alone does not define them. Don't make them into disability heroes or victims. Treat them as individuals.*

### **The Basics**

Ask before you help. Just because someone has a disability, don't assume he/she needs help. If the setting is accessible, people with disabilities can usually get around fine. Adults with disabilities want to be treated as independent people. Offer assistance only if the person appears to need it. A person with a disability will oftentimes communicate when he or she needs help. And if the person does want help, ask how before you act. Be sensitive about physical contact.

Some people with disabilities depend on their arms for balance. Grabbing them, even if your intention is to assist, could knock them off balance. Avoid patting a person on the head or touching his wheelchair, scooter or cane. Always speak directly to the person with a disability, not to his companion, aide or sign language interpreter. Making small talk with a person who has a disability is great; just talk to him as you would with anyone else. Respect his privacy. If you ask about his disability, he may feel like you are treating him as a disability, not as a human being. However, many people with disabilities are comfortable with questions about their disability with people they know. A simple "I don't feel comfortable sharing that" by the person with a disability can set the tone if it is not something that he/she is willing to share. Don't make assumptions.

People with disabilities are the best judge of what they can or cannot do. Respond graciously to requests. When people who have disabilities ask for an accommodation, it is not a complaint. It shows they feel comfortable enough in your establishment to ask for what they need. And if they get a positive response, they will probably come back again and tell their friends about it.

### **People With Hidden Disabilities**

Not all disabilities are apparent. A person may make a request or act in a way that seems strange to you. That request or behavior may be disability-related. For example, you may give seemingly simple verbal directions to someone, but the person asks you to write the information down. He may have a learning disability that makes written communication easier for him. Or a person may ask to sit, rather than stand, in line. This person may be fatigued from a condition such as cancer, or may be feeling the effects of medication. Even



## **DISABILITY ETIQUETTE...continued**

though these disabilities are hidden, they are real. Please respect the person's needs and requests whenever possible.

### **People with Psychiatric Disabilities or Mental Illness**

- Stress can affect the person's ability to function. Try to keep the pressure of the situation to a minimum.
- People who have psychiatric disabilities have varying personalities and different ways of coping with their disability. Some may have trouble picking up on social cues; others may be supersensitive. One person may be very high energy, while someone else may appear sluggish. Treat each person as an individual. Ask what will make him most comfortable and respect his needs to the maximum extent possible.
- In a crisis, stay calm and be supportive as you would with anyone. Ask how you can help, and find out if there is a support person who can be sent for. If appropriate, you might ask if the person has medication that he needs to take.

### **People With Developmental Disabilities**

- Speak to the person in clear sentences, using simple words and concrete—rather than abstract—concepts. Help him/her understand a complex idea by breaking it down into smaller parts.
- Don't use baby talk or talk down to people who have developmental disabilities. Gauge the pace, complexity, and vocabulary of your speech according to theirs.
- Remember that the person is an adult and, unless you are informed otherwise, and can make their own decisions.
- People with developmental disabilities may be anxious to please. Sometimes, the person may tell you what they think you want to hear. Questions should be phrased in a neutral way to elicit accurate information. Verify responses by repeating each question in a different way.
- It can be difficult for people with developmental disabilities to make quick decisions. Be patient and allow the person to take their time.
- Clear signage with pictograms can help a person who has developmental disabilities to find their way around a facility.
- People with developmental disabilities often rely on routine and on the familiar to manage daily living. Be aware that a change in the environment or in a routine may require some attention and a period of adjustment.

### **Intellectual Disabilities**

- Greet the person normally with age appropriate language. Don't baby talk.
- Repeat information about yourself if necessary.
- Rephrase, rather than repeat, sentences that the person doesn't understand.
- Treat people equally.
- Even if the person doesn't read, offer reading materials.
- Don't force conversation.
- Don't argue. Wait for rational moments.
- Ask how you can help, find out if there is a support person who can be sent for.
- Ask what will make him/her most comfortable and respect his/her needs to the maximum extent possible.
- Remember that these behaviors are just as stressful for parents and family members. Engage family in conversations related to best strategies and natural supports at a time and manor that conveys empathy and understanding.



## DISABILITY ETIQUETTE...continued

### **If a person uses a wheelchair...**

- Do not push, lean on, or hold onto a person's wheelchair unless the person asks you to. The wheelchair is part of his/her personal space.
- Offer to tell where accessible seating areas and rest rooms are located.
- When giving directions to a person in a wheelchair, consider distance and physical obstacles (curbs, doors, stairs, etc.).

### **If a person is deaf or uses hearing aids...**

- Let the person take the lead in establishing the communication mode, such as lip-reading, sign language, or writing notes.
- Talk directly to the person, even when a sign language interpreter is present.
- If the person lip-reads face him or her directly; speak clearly and at a moderate speed.

### **If a person has a disability that affects speech...**

- Pay attention, be patient, and wait for the person to complete a word or thought. Do not finish it for the person.
- If you do not understand, ask the person to repeat what is said. Tell the person what you heard and see if it is close to what she/he is saying.
- Be prepared for various devices or techniques used to enhance or augment speech. Don't be afraid to communicate with someone who uses pen and paper, an alphabet board or a computer that speaks.

### **If a person is blind or has a disability that seriously affects vision...**

- Don't leave the person without excusing yourself first.
- When asked to guide someone with a sight disability, never push or pull the person. Allow him or her to take your arm, and then walk slightly ahead.
- Be specific when describing the location of objects.
- Don't pet or distract a guide dog. The dog is always working. It is not a pet.

### **Other Hospitality Tips**

- **Parking spaces.** People who do not have disabled parking tags or license plates **should not** use parking places designated for people with disabilities.

<https://www.unitedspinal.org/disability-etiquette/#Introduction>; <http://www.cdrcmfl.org/inclusion-tips/>;  
<https://www.uua.org/accessibility/congregations/disability-etiquette>




*“How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young,  
compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the  
weak and the strong. Because someday you will have been all of these.”*

George Washington Carver

This quote was submitted by Sis. Louise Stallworth.





".....by kindness, and

*pure knowledge*

which shall greatly enlarge the soul,  
without hypocrisy and guile."

## A STORY TO WARM YOUR HEART

*If there is any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow human being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.*

~William Penn

### The Vote Was Unanimous

*By Patricia Lorenz*

Bob Leverenz couldn't figure out what all the fuss was about. As president and board chairman of Leverenz Shoe Company in southeastern Wisconsin, he was just proud that his employees were willing to help out the world-famous Allen-Edmonds Show Company when their factory burned to the ground. Allen-Edmonds lost everything in a multimillion-dollar fire: fifty thousand pairs of men's dress shoes, sales records, files and machinery.

After a planning session with his management personnel, Bob took to a vote with the union workers in their New Holstein plant on the idea of sharing their own Leverenz factory space with Allen-Edmonds workers, which would condense their work week into four ten-hour days. This would free up the factory for the Allen-Edmonds people to use their location to make their shoes on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

When the union vote was taken, every hand in the place shot up. The members of the local United Food and Commercial Workers Union voted unanimously to share their factory space and machines with their competitors. That's when the media descended upon the Leverenz Shoe Company for interviews. Radio and TV news broadcasters had lots of questions. Bob received congratulatory letters from people all over the country, but quite honestly he couldn't understand what the fuss was all about. To his mind, it was simple. Someone was in trouble and they were able to help.

One of the interviewers from CBS asked Bob, "How is it that if Macy's burned down, other department stores would rejoice in the added business it would bring their way? How could you be so different? How could you help someone who is competing with you for the consumer's shoe dollar? How could you actually let them come into your factory, and use your machines and equipment to make their shoes?"

Bob told the interviewer that the answers to those questions began in 1970 when he attended a layman's leadership institute in Miami. After three days of talks by prominent business, political and sports figures, Leighton Ford, Vice President of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, challenged the participants. "I don't have any idea of the depth of your commitment to the Lord. Perhaps you want to renew your commitment or make one for the first time."

At that moment Bob knew that everything he'd been doing for God, the church and his community had actually been done to elevate himself in the eyes of his friends, family, coworkers and fellow citizens. Suddenly he knew he'd just been going through the motions of being a Christian. At home Bob paged through his Bible and found a verse in Romans: "Then what can we boast about doing, to earn our salvation? Nothing at all. Why? Because our acquittal is not based on our good deeds, it is based on what Christ has done and our faith in him. So it is that we are saved by faith in Christ and not by the good things we do." (Romans 3:27-28)

That was it! All his life, Bob had been headed in the right direction, knowing that God was real. He chugged along, teaching another Sunday School class, raising a little more money for various organizations and thinking he was a Christian. But when he read that verse in Romans he understood that all those actions and good deeds must be the outgrowth of his faith, rather than a substitute for it. His interest in people—their hurts, needs and wants—intensified. At last he was trying to minister because of his allegiance to God and not because it was a good thing to do, because it was expected of him, or because it made him look good.

## THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS...continued

Soon after Bob had a chance to put his new commitment to work at the Leverenz Shoe Company. Because of the major recession in this country in 1974, it was questionable whether he could continue to operate their New Holstein plant. Division in the ranks, jealousies, high emotion and back-biting among employees were destroying them. Bob had never seen these attitudes in the company before.

One day at the factory he shut off the main switch, called all the workers together and asked them to pray with him. In that tiny town of New Holstein, Wisconsin, 150 workers and Bob prayed their way out of the doldrums of low morale. Bob spoke aloud. "Lord, remind me how much I depend on my fellow workers to make my job go smoothly. Help me to remember that without the person next to me, my job would have no meaning. Lord, help us work together and respect each other."

No one can ever tell Bob Leverenz that prayers aren't answered. The transformation in that factory was miraculous. After they prayed together the people in New Holstein started helping each other in a constructive way. They corrected things done by previous operators on machines that were detracting from a quality product. Attitudes changed. Now the emphasis was on making a better pair of shoes instead of climbing over the next person to get ahead.

One other time Bob brought his workers together to pray. In November 1983 they were faced with the grim fact that two-thirds of the shoe companies in this country had gone out of business because of the influx of imported shoes. They desperately wanted to keep their company together, but to do this; they'd have to lay off thirty percent of the people from the New Holstein and Valders factories.

But something just wasn't sitting right. Bob wondered, *Are we really supposed to take this drastic measure? He thought about the verse from Romans and wondered if this is what Christ would have done. Did he have the right to put 30 percent of his employees out of work?* Instead of ending the meeting and moving ahead with the plan, Bob asked his management committee to pray with him about the decision. The discussion that followed brought about a solid feeling that they would scrap the factory reorganization and cutback plan, and talk to the workers instead.

That afternoon they visited both plants, New Holstein and Valders. They explained how dismal the prospects were for the future. Then Bob asked all the employees to pray with him. After the prayer, the discussion that followed brought out all sorts of money-saving suggestions.

Just two months later, in January 1984, business started to zoom. Salesmen brought in orders from new customers. Previous customers reordered in huge quantities. By mid-March, sales figures were forty to fifty percent higher than they'd been the previous year. In many respects business was the best it had been in ten years.

During this wave of success came the Allen-Edmond's fire. Some say that could have been the frosting on the cake for the Leverenz Shoe Company. With Allen-Edmonds, one of the leaders in high-quality men's dress shoes, out of business even temporarily, the Leverenz shoes could have seen even greater sales. But that's just not the way the folks at the Leverenz Shoe Company did things anymore. Bob admits that when the Allen-Edmonds people moved into their plant on weekends he wondered if they'd misuse the machines, if they'd know how to lubricate them, if they'd leave messes that his employees would have to clean up. Would their special equipment get in the way of the Leverenz machines?

He needn't have worried. Two Leverenz employees offered to come in that first weekend on their own time to help adjust the machinery to meet Allen-Edmonds' needs and to help their workers place their raw materials in a convenient location.

Then workers from both companies started leaving notes for each other, little greetings, words of appreciation. On Valentine's Day the Allen-Edmonds people left a jar of candy and a cute card for the Leverenz people. The second week one of the Leverenz workers left them a note, "You don't have to take all those packages of laces home with you each weekend. Leave them here. I've cleared off a shelf for you." Heartwarming relationships developed among the workers of the two shoe companies...workers who never met each other face to face.

When Bob said he couldn't figure out what all the fuss was about when the media descended upon their little factory after the fire, it's because what they did came so naturally. Bob believes that his union workers in New Holstein probably read that verse in Romans even before he did.

It's a simple story, really. Everyone at the Leverenz Shoe Company believed that helping each other is what true faith in God is all about. And when you're really working for the Lord, you can't do anything less than help out a competitor when the opportunity arises. Just ask the folks at the factory in New Holstein. They voted on it unanimously.

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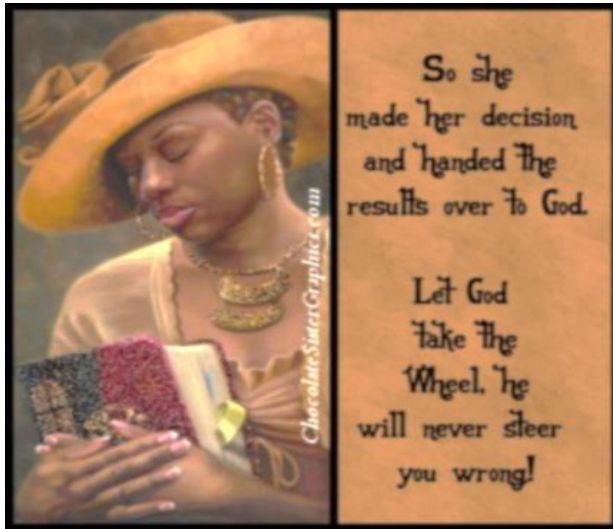
# LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY!

*“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous (person) availeth much.”*

~James 5:16

**“Lord help! How do I motivate eight grippers?”** Here they were, on a cold January morning, sitting around my dining room table—the favored ones, those who had been chosen to learn to pray. I thought they would be enthusiastic about the idea. Weren’t they all “spiritual life chairmen” of women’s circles at church? Instead, they sat there griping.

“I’m the spiritual life chairman of my circle,” one said, “but all the president lets me to do is close in prayer.”



Another remarked, “My president lets me pray for the food, and that’s it.” They went on and on. Evidently they didn’t know what I was talking about. That’s when I silently cried out to the Lord for help.

“You know,” I began, “I want to tell you something about your pastor’s wife. I never teach a Sunday School class, never lead neighborhood Bible study, never speak anywhere without calling on my two strong prayer partners. The three of us pray earnestly that God will enable me to speak.” Not you,” they said. “Not our pastor’s wife. You don’t have any needs.”

“Your pastor’s wife needs prayer,” I insisted, “she knows very well that she can fall flat on her face if there isn’t prayer support.” Over time and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I had at last convinced these eight women that their pastor’s wife depended 100 percent on prayer when she went out to minister for Christ.

**Slowly, they began to pray: “Oh, Lord, show me.” “Lord, cleanse me.” “Lord, use me.”** That was all they prayed that first time, but it was a beginning.

~Excerpts from Evelyn Christenson’s, *What Happens When Women Pray*, 1979 printing

## **Strictly from the Heart**

**Sometimes you need to just pour out your heart out to God. Stop griping and pray earnestly!**

**Lord—Today I want to express from my heart how much You mean to me.** It amazes me how You Always Arrange Your time around mine. Never could I accuse You of being an absent God. Thank You for being actively involved in my life. You never, ever tell me You are too busy to talk with me. It boggles the mind. After all, You are the God who created the heavens and earth. You’re magnificent, yet You’re always there for me. Even when I babble about what’s bothering me, You never brush me off or tell me to “get to the point!” You are capable of handling my problems and those in China at the same time. I’m so comfortable around You. Your love carries me when I’m weak and beat-up. You are a colossal God. I can depend on You even when I know that I’ve wronged someone, including You. You’re so worthy of praise. How can I withhold it from You! I won’t, I can’t. You’re so special to me.

**You’ve caused broken dreams to come to pass.** Disappointments that I never thought I could recover from, You’ve found a way to ease my pain. Your ear is always open to hear my cry. How excellent are You, Oh God!

**If only I would learn to seek You first before I take on projects—**things would be much easier. You’ve said You would lead and guide me and every time I’ve sought You, never once have You gone back on Your Word. What a God of integrity You are!



## PRAYER...continued

**Faithful Father, how much fairer can You be?** Your Word says to seek You first, in the morning and evening. You're so generous with Your blessings. Your gentle voice wakes me every morning. I have sense enough to know that it is not the alarm clock. You give me bread to eat. You provide spiritual, physical, and financial growth in my life. When I ask, You provide guidance and even when I don't, Your grace sustains me, and You still lead me in the right direction. I would be out of my mind to not praise such a worthy God! I have a home, thanks to You. You've provided heat in the winter. You've broken habits and caused me to be joint heirs with You.

**You've never been icy with me.** Your warmth is so inviting. I never imagined that it could be this good between us. You have never isolated Yourself from me, which causes my journey to be so much easier. I've never had to jump through hoops to be with You. I'm joined with You forever, and that makes me feel so secure. Jesus, thank You for being my High Priest and going to the Father on my behalf. You're too good to me!

**You have kept me.** Your kindness goes beyond anything I can imagine. I never have to worry about You kicking me to the curb. You'll never give up on me because of Your love. Lessons learned in the past sometimes are still hindrances keeping me from my today, preventing me from getting to my tomorrow. How can I forget the messes I've gotten myself into? You've managed to get me out of them all, even though I know I'm still responsible for what I've done. You are right in the middle, telling me I can make it. You and I are a majority, what comfort.

**I have someone on my side that is not afraid of anything, and that someone is You, Oh Lord.** Before our relationship, I thought I knew what I could and couldn't live without. I've found out that the one thing necessary in my life is You. Nothing is too hard or difficult for You. I no longer have to be beat up. Nay, in all things I am a conqueror.

**Overwhelmed—only when I neglect to focus on You!** My opportunities to walk in Your blessings have increased. Your Word has caused my eyes to open and see Your goodness. You, Oh God, have peeled away doubt and fear. Nobody but You picked me up when I was so low I thought I could not make it. Bless the Name of the Lord—You are marvelous! You have become the problem solver in my life. I never question your commitment to me. Before I really came to know You, I was a quitter. Now, I've become a fighter, and thanks to You I win. You've caused critics to be quieted. You've restored relationships and things that mean so much to me. I must admit that there are times in my life where You are the only reason I can rise out of bed. You help me recover when the world says I'm going under. I am safe in Your arms. I am strengthened by Your presence. I am steady in my walk. I praise You for being my Strong Tower—I can run to You and find safety. Oh how I adore You!

**You've set this thing up so that I can talk to You whenever I please, and I'm grateful for it.** With Your help I've torn down strongholds, my skin has become thick—words that other people say don't hurt as much because of You. I'm no longer terrified of what the devil can do because You travel with me everywhere I go. With You on my side—what can man do to me?

**Any praise I render to You is understated because of Your greatness.** I don't understand all there is to You but this I know, You do love me, You do care for me, You do protect me, You do provide for me. You cause me to have the upper hand in every situation. Uncommon is Your love and I'm glad that You loved me first. Oh yeah, You volunteered to love me—nobody forced You or paid You, it was a voluntary act. You saw me in my sinful state and still chose me.

**Only after I tried in vain, You filled that vacant spot that no other could fill.** You told me from Your Word how valuable I am. My vision is no longer blurred; I know who I am thanks to You. You are Wonderful. You are marvelous. Thank You for washing me and making me clean. Thank You for taking my weaknesses and turning them into strengths. Thank You for working with me. Thank You for not abandoning me!

**Nobody can cross me out by putting an X through my name because of You!** When folks close one door, You open another. Your X-ray eyes can see my heart. You know me and yet You still love me—glory to Your Name forever! You are the Holy One! You are the One I yearn for. You are the yoke destroyer. You keep me from being an emotional YO-YO—up one day and down another. Uncertain about my future—NO! I can be steady because of You. How can I be so confident—because I'm Yours—I belong to You and You are well able to take care of what's Yours. I zip through life because of You. I don't walk through life like a Zombie with no hope. I'm alive, I'm alive, I'm alive because of You—thank You, Lord, You are miraculous and I love You!



~~Excerpts from Gloria P. Pruett's, *Lift Up Your Hands*

**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO  
EVERYONE BORN IN THE  
MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST**

**UBC COMMUNICATION CARDS:** Anyone worshipping with us today and “making a decision for Christ” by using one of our UBC Communication Cards found in the pocket of the pews, is encouraged to follow-up your decision TODAY, by contacting REVEREND ALVIN L. WYATT, Minister of Christian Life and Witness at (513) 381-3858. When calling, please leave your name, the spelling of your name, the date and time of your call, and, most importantly, a telephone number where you may be reached. Reverend Wyatt will be in touch with you, as quickly as possible, after receiving your telephone call, as to the next steps regarding your decision(s) for Christ. GOD BLESS YOU.

**PRAYER BAND MINISTRY:** For the convenience and support of the Union Baptist Church membership and our guests, a Prayer Request Box with forms is available in the vestibule leading into the sanctuary. Please feel free to place your prayer request(s) in the box at any time. Our prayer partners stand ready to pray with you, and for you. Thank you, Prayer Band Team

**UBC SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP SERVICE:** There will be one worship service held on Sundays at Union Baptist Church until the end of summer. **Sunday School** will be held from **9:00 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.** **Worship service** will follow at **10 a.m.**

**NEED A RIDE TO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE?** If you are in need of a ride to Church, please call (513) 981-0423 and leave your name and your telephone number. If you are interested in becoming a driver on Sundays, (van/mini bus) please call Deacon Ted Craig at (513) 521-2393. YOU MUST POSSESS A CDL LICENSE TO DRIVE THE MINI BUS. GOD BLESS YOU.

**DEACONESS AND MINISTER'S WIVES MINISTRY IS ON RECESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER:** We will resume our study, *Experiencing God* by Dr. Henry and Richard Blackaby at that time. ~Sis. Donnetta Johnson, Chairperson

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY-TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M. IS ON RECESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER:** Be Decisive: Taking A Stand for the Truth by Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe and Authentic Manhood: A MAN AND HIS FATHERHOOD by Dr. Robert Lewis will resume **September 11, 2018.** ~ Pastor Yates

**WEDNESDAY NOON DAY BIBLE STUDY-12 P.M. AND WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY-7:00 P.M. ARE ON RECESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER:** Be Decisive: Taking A Stand for the Truth by Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe and Recovering Redemption: How Christ Changes Everything by Matt Chandler will resume **September 12, 2018.** ~Pastor Yates

## INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018 (Continued)

**THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IS ON A SUMMER BREAK FROM JUNE 24th UNTIL SEPTEMBER 16th.** Please see the Children's Ministry report on page 20 for further information. ~~ Rev. Emanuel Marshall

**ANNUAL OLD FASHION HOMECOMING DAY CELEBRATION:** Please invite family and friends to Union's annual Old Fashion Homecoming which **will be observed on Sunday, July 8, 2018.** Please also dress in old fashion attire for this wonderful occasion!

**DEACONS MINISTRY:** The Deacons Ministry will have a meeting on Monday, **July 16th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Page Archives Library. **Please have your updated monthly Family Ward Reports.** ~~Pastor Yates

**187<sup>th</sup> CHURCH ANNIVERSARY WILL BE OBSERVED ON JULY 15, 2018 at 10:25 A.M.:** Pastor

**Donald E. Jones Sr.** and the congregation of **Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church** will observe the 187<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary with Union Baptist on **Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.** Dinner will be served after worship services in Hays Hall. Please see the flyer on page 22 for additional information.

~~ Bro. Robert and Sis. Kimberly Young, 187<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Co-Chairpersons

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH REVIVAL:** A Youth Revival will be held on **Tuesday, July 17th through Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** nightly. **Rev. Dorian Braxton Palmer from The First Baptist Church of Cumminsville** will be the guest speaker. The Theme: "Being Young and an Example," 1 Timothy 4:12. Come out and be blessed as we worship the Lord! Please see the flyer on page 21 for more information.

~~ Rev. Alvin L. Wyatt, Minister of Youth, Christian Life and Witnessing

**UNION WORSHIPS AT CHRIST MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH ON JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 4 P.M.:** The congregation of Union Baptist Church is invited to worship at Christ Memorial Baptist Church with Bishop Christopher Lee for their 50<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary. Christ Memorial is located at 1721 Dale Road (45237). Pastor Yates will preach and the Music Ministry and Usher Ministry are asked to serve. Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. Thank you and God bless.

**30<sup>TH</sup> PASTOR'S APPRECIATION OBSERVANCE AND WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS:** Will be observed on **August 21, 2018 through August 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. nightly** and **August 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** Theme: "**Thirty Years of Pastorship: A Labor of Love**". 1 Corinthians 15:58 KJV. Please see page 24 for more information.

~~ Bro. Richard and Sis. Raven Spratley, Pastor's Appreciation Committee Chairpersons

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018:** The Women's Day assessment is \$100.00. Incremental payments of the assessment may be made throughout the year. You may include your assessment in your offering envelope and please designate Women's Day on the outside of the envelope. Please be prayerful and do your best. Please see the flyer on page 25 for additional information.

~~ Sis. Denise Harris, Women's Day 2018 Chairperson

Sis. Felicia Mazion-Bryant, Women's Day 2018 Co- Chairperson

**INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018 (Continued)**



**AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Hello Everyone,

I just want to express my sincere appreciation for all you did to make The Union Foundation's Second Annual Benefit Concert a success! You all did your part, be it financial, sponsor gathering, ushering, decorating, food prep, and even performing in the Chorale, and I thank you and give God the praise for making it happen.

If God is pleased with our efforts, and I think He is, He will bless us to do a repeat performance next year!

God bless you all!

**Jaci Powell**, Executive Director  
The Union Foundation

Dear Union,

Thank you for your prayers, and for those who came to my sister-in-law's homegoing. Thank you to my Pastor for your warm thoughts and prayers. Please forgive me if I have forgotten anyone.

**Sis. Sylvia Taylor**

Pastor Yates:

Thank you, once again, for welcoming my Sociology students into your church. Like before, we had a wonderful time learning about the importance and practices of the church in the African American community. Your members always make us feel so comfortable and welcome!! This real-world experience has created detailed and fruitful discussions that make the curriculum come alive for students. Students today crave connections with the world around them, especially as society in general retreats into narrow digital corridors. The gentle touch and sincere welcome our students received from your church stand in sharp relief next to the stereotypes that are all too common in the online world and cloistered communities. What our students are receiving is education in its highest and most noble form, and for that, a simple "Thank you" will never suffice.

Yours truly,

**Matthew Cameron**, Teacher  
Georgetown High School

Thank you to all that attended the UBC picnic on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Blue Ash Nature Center. It was a beautiful and fun filled day. Thank you to our grilling Deacons, Dea. Norman, Dea. Darby and Dea. Craig. Thank you to Rev. Marshall for bringing us the music; Sister Gwen Hall, our children's games hostess; and our lovely servers Sisters Melanie Montgomery, Elaine Thompson and Renee Payne. Special thank you to Sisters Laura Williams and Alise Banks and Brother Robert Ridgeway.

God Bless each and every one of you.

**Linda Byes**, Picnic Coordinator

***"Let all you do be done in Love."*** (1 Corinthians 16:14)



## INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018 (Continued)

To All the Men of Union,

Thank you for participating in the Men's Day Celebration this year! A special thank you to my Co-Chairman, Deacon Ricardo Bell, for all of his hard work in helping me get everything in order. I would like to thank Sister Donnetta Johnson for putting in such long hours to complete the Men's Day Booklet. Also, Sister Angelita Jones for all of her help with the polo shirts. God has truly blessed us and I am grateful to be a part of this wonderful family. To God be the Glory!

**Bro. Charles R. Harris**, 2018 Men's Day Chairman

Pastor Yates and the Union Baptist Church Family,

I can't begin to thank you for your prayers, thoughts and all your concerns during my illness. I am at home now and it seems like a long journey to recovery. However, I realize that God has brought me too far to leave me. Please continue to keep me in prayer on my journey to recovery. Also, Pastor Yates, I want to thank you for your many visits during my hospitalization.

Love and God's blessings.

**Veronica Pierre Battle**

*"In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* (I Thessalonians 5:18)

### ~~~ SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS ~~~



I would like to congratulate **Bro. Jaden Richardson** who participated in the 2018 Cincinnati Public Schools Summer Jazz Academy. Jaden was selected to partake in this camp by his band teacher and was able to learn and work with other Jazz Musicians and students in the Greater Cincinnati Area. This was a week-long camp and culminated with a concert on Friday, June 8, 2018 at Walnut Hills High School, where Jaden played with two different groups. One a flute ensemble and another group of ten other students. Way to go Jaden!!!!!! So proud of YOU!

**Jay Bailey**



**Congratulations to Bro. Jason Bailey**, Minister of Music, for being an Honoree at the Legends of Music Awards, a benefit concert to send under-privileged youth on the Black College Bus Tour. **The concert will be held on July 29, 2018 at 5 p.m. at Quinn Chapel AME Church.** Please see the flyer on page 23 for additional information.

## INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018 (Continued)

### MESSAGE FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Greetings Union:

On behalf of the Sunday school staff, I want to thank all of you, for participating in our recent Vacation Bible School.

I pray our children and all of our adults found the study materials helpful, as we continue to strengthen our walk with our Lord and Savior (Jesus Christ).

A special thanks to Sis. Carolyn Davis and the culinary committee for preparing our snacks each night.

To our VBS Principal, Dea. Donald Darby, and assistant VBS Principal Sis. Shirley Norman, thank you both for all of your time and efforts in making our VBS a success.

To all of our teachers, thank you for giving of your time as well throughout the week. I also want to thank Bro. Jason Bailey for coordinating our music program for the week.

Finally, I want to especially thank Sis. Linda Byes and her team for coordinating another outstanding church picnic (a job well done).

As I close, please note during the remainder of the summer months, the Sunday school schedule for classes will be from 9am to 9:40am. There will be further updates announced during the coming weeks.

May God's blessings be upon you and your family.

**Deacon Ernest Norman/Superintendent**



### MESSAGE FROM THE VBS PRINCIPAL



Hi Union,

We had another great time at Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year. The theme was "24/7, Jesus Makes a Way Every Day." There was good participation with children and youth, ages 3 to 18. The art project they completed was awesome and fun for all ages. They also enjoyed music, including dance. The youth learned that Jesus makes a difference in their daily lives, in their careers, endeavors or anything they may want to do. The adult's class taught by Pastor Yates was very informative. The cold drinks and snacks were refreshing and delicious every day.

We want to again thank all the teachers and teacher assistants, arts and crafts staff, snack workers, transportation workers and music coordinators. With the help of God, you made VBS very enjoyable! We also thank all participants and give God all the praise! We will see you next year if it is God's will.

**Dea. Donald Darby, VBS Principal and Sis Shirley Norman, Vice Principal**

## SCENES from VBS 2018



**Union Baptist Church**  
**Children's Ministry 2018 – 2019**



As the 2017 – 2018 year ends for both Children's Ministry and the Nursery, we wish to give a great big thanks to all the staff and volunteers that helped to make this year a success. We also thank those who prayed for the success of the Children's Ministry and their monetary support. We want to thank Sis. Cargile in closing out the year with an Ice Cream Party, that also included pizza and a movie. We were joined by the PDYM for a great summer send-off.

For this past year, we covered a lot of information ranging from the Rich Young Ruler to understanding How the Church Began, and the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We have visited Moscow, South Africa, Romania, Philadelphia, and other parts of the world for how the word of God is being spread through the work of His Missionaries.

This year we were blessed to have five young men give their life to Christ.

As we go into our summer sabbatical we challenged our children for the month of June, July and August to select one book in the Bible each month, and to read a chapter in that book.

For our 2018 – 2019 Children's Ministry we plan to return to our full schedule for both Children's Ministry and the Nursery on **September 16, 2018**.

For the Nursery, we are seeking **GENTLY USED** and **USABLE** nursery furniture. We are in the need for three to four cribs and two changing tables. Please contact Sis. Montgomery or I before bringing any furniture to the church in order to make sure we do not receive more than we need.

In the coming 2018 – 2019 year we are hoping to return to singing in the months where there is a fifth Sunday during morning worship service. We will continue with our Bible Study for Life curriculum. On **July 21, 2018**, we would like to have a meeting with all the parents and staff/volunteers to prepare for the new year and to solicit feedback.

We thank God for all He has done, all that He is doing and all the vision that He has for the Union Baptist Children's Ministry and Nursery and look forward to returning refreshed and ready for a new year.

Yours in Christ,

**Rev. Emanuel D. Marshall**



# **P D. Y. M. — YOUTH REVIVAL**

**JULY 17, 2018 — JULY 19, 2018**

**7:00 P.M. NIGHTLY**



**Theme: " Being Young and an Example"**

**Scripture:** *"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."* 1Timothy 4:12

**Rev. Dorian Braxton Palmer, Guest Evangelist**

**The First Baptist Church of Cumminsville**

## **Special Guests:**

First Baptist Church of Cumminsville Dance Ministry; Soloist, Sister Ariyana Hardy of Second Corinthian Baptist Church; The Men of Tabor; First Baptist Church of Kennedy Heights Dance Ministry; Union Baptist Church Glory Girls; and Golden Leaf Baptist Church

**Rev. Alvin L. Wyatt, Minister of Youth, Christian Life and Witnessing**

# **UNION BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **187<sup>TH</sup> CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**



**Come Worship With Us!**

**SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018, 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

**THEME: JESUS CHRIST THE FIRM FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH**

**“After all, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that is already laid, and that is Jesus the Messiah.” (1 Corinthians 3:11)**

**GUEST CHURCH: Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church**

**PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Donald E. Jones, Sr.**

**The assessment for this day is \$187.00 per person.  
Thank you for your cooperation.**

**Bro. Robert and Sis. Kimberly Young, Chairpersons**

Quinn Chapel AME Church and  
The 100+ African American Men's Chorus  
**PRESENTS:**

**JULY  
29  
5PM**

# Legends OF Music AWARDS

*Lifetime Achievement Award Presented To:*

**Dr. Clinton Bean**

## HONORING:

Elijah Williams

Mike Wade

Everette Moore

Robert Gazeway

William (Chipper) Smith

Jason Bailey

Tony Williams

Lester Hankerson

Eric Oliver

Wanda Evans-King

Gideon Watson

Alberta Shaw

Michael Gaston

Michael Thomas

Arthur Davis

**A benefit concert to send under privileged youth on the Black College Bus Tour.**

**QUINN CHAPEL AME CHURCH**  
**10998 Southland Road • Cincinnati, Oh 45240**  
Rev. Dr. Fredrick A. Wright, Sr., Pastor



# **WE APPRECIATE YOU PASTOR!**

**YOUR 30 YEARS OF HARD WORK AND SACRIFICE  
ARE APPRECIATED!**



**Pastor and Mrs. Orlando B. Yates  
Union Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio**

## **30<sup>th</sup> Year Appreciation Observance**

**Wednesday Night  
August 22, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.**

**Rev. Dr. Maynard G. Yates  
Senior Pastor**

**Mt. Lebanon Primitive Baptist  
Church, Waxahachie, Texas**

**Thursday Night  
August 23, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.**

**Rev. Dr. Maynard G. Yates  
Senior Pastor**

**Mt. Lebanon Primitive Baptist  
Church, Waxahachie, Texas**

**Friday Night  
August 24, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.**

**“Joy Night”**

**Additional information is  
forthcoming**

**Saturday Evening Banquet  
August 25, 2018**

**Elder Dr. Bernard C. Yates  
Senior Pastor**

**Zion Hope Primitive Baptist  
Church Pensacola, Florida**

**Sunday Worship Celebration  
August 26, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.**

**Rev. Dr. Jonathan L. Yates  
Senior Pastor**

**El-Bethel Primitive Baptist  
Church, Mobile, Alabama**





## **WOMEN'S DAY ACTIVITIES 2018**

**Women's Day Worship Celebration**  
**Sunday, September 23, 2018, 10:25 a.m.**

**Theme: "I Am My Sister's Keeper"**

**Scripture: Ruth 1:16-18**

**Colors: Red and Pink**

**Keynote Speaker: Mother Betty Rosen, House of Joy Christian Ministries**

### **Upcoming Women's Day Events:**

- ❖ **Women's Outreach Project - Saturday, August 12th at 10:00 a.m.**  
Please contact Sis. Mazion-Bryant for details.
- ❖ **Sowing Seeds Praise and Worship Celebration - Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**  
Speakers for this day will be our very own First Lady Margie Yates, Sis. Carla Phillips and Sis. Erica Garrett. More information about this celebration is forthcoming.

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**The Women's Day assessment is \$100.00 for adults, \$10 for teens, and \$5 for girls. Incremental payments of the assessment may be made throughout the year. You may include your assessment in your offering envelope and please designate Women's Day on the outside of the envelope. Please be prayerful and do your best.**

**Sis. Denise Harris, Chairperson**  
**Sis. Felecia Mazion-Bryant, Co-Chairperson**

## INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018 (Continued)

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY UPDATE



On Saturday, June 16, 2018, the Union Baptist Church Women's Ministry participated in the Western Union Baptist District Association's "100 Women in White." Our Theme: "Stepping Out in Faith, Living the Life God Designed." We were truly blessed as we meditated and reflected on God's grace as we walk through life's journey in faith. We were able to network with the Western Union leadership as well as other Christ-minded women. We look forward to up-coming opportunities to grow by our active participation in the Women's Auxiliary of the Western Union Baptist District Association.

~~Sis. Louise Stevenson and Sis. Rogena Stargel, Women's Ministry Leaders

### UNION FOUNDATION

Do you like to shop? Do you also have a desire to support the mission of The Union Foundation? Do you know that you could combine these two desires to assist The Union Foundation?

The Union Foundation has partnered with the **Kroger Company** and **Amazon** to receive donations from these companies for purchases made by customers who have selected The Union Foundation as the supported charitable organization. There is no cost to the customers for registering for these programs.

To register your Kroger purchases for this program, you will need to provide a copy of the reverse side of your Kroger Card to Sis. Jaci Powell. She will register the card with the Kroger Company.

To register for the Amazon program, please go to **smile.amazon.com**. Please select The Union Foundation as your designated charity. Then go shop!

The Union Foundation thanks you for your support. Should you have any questions, please see **Sis. Jaci Powell**, Director of The Union Foundation or **Dea. Darrell Phillips**, Chairperson of The Union Foundation.

**FOOD PANTRY:** The Food Pantry Ministry was blessed to serve **33 families** in April and **36 families** in May. ~~Sis. Monica Ray, Ministry Leader

**PEOPLE OF JAMAICA ARE IN NEED OF YOUR USED EYEGLASSES:** A receptacle is in the vestibule for your eyeglass donations. Thanking you in advance for being a blessing to others. If you have any questions please contact ~~Sis. Doris Walker

**ATTENTION UNION: DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU MAY CONTRIBUTE YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS VIA PAYPAL?** You may submit your payments via PayPal, even if you do not have a PayPal account. If interested, you may access PayPal on the UBC website. **Just go to [www.Union-Baptist.net](http://www.Union-Baptist.net) and select the PayPal link.** Thank you.

## INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018 (Continued)

**THE CITY GOSPEL MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY:** The schedule of the longstanding participation of Union Baptist Church Ministers began with Reverend Shawn D. Pate, is as follows:

July 28, 2018	Reverend Barry Hixon, Jr.	Preaching at 7:30 p.m.
August 25, 2018	Reverend Emanuel Marshall	Preaching at 7:30 p.m.
September 22, 2018	Reverend Alvin Wyatt	Preaching at 7:30 p.m.

**Union is asked to pray for and support**, in every way possible, **our Associate Ministers** as they serve at City Gospel Mission. The City Gospel Mission is located at 1805 Dalton St., 45215.  
Thank You. ~~Pastor Yates.

### The Church that Died

There was a man who lived during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He had a new house. Two cars and a bright, shiny boat filled his garage. A color television gleamed in his den. His family was healthy and he was wealthy.

His custom when he was in town, when the fish were not biting, when he was not on the beach or lake, when he had no guests, when he could get up on time, when he was not too tired, when he had nothing to do, was to go to church.

When he went, he spent his time deploring the decaying state of the church: Sunday school attendance was low, the choir was small, the congregation scanty, the offering poor, and the preacher discouraged.

"They ought to do better," he said. "What do they think religion is all about, anyway?"

Many vacations and days off came and went. According to the way of the world, this man's children grew up. They did not go to church. The reason: their father had not kindled his children's interest in religion.

The man's health failed. One day he noticed something strange. Those people down at the church no longer came by his place. He was in the hospital and they did not visit him. And oh, he was angry.

But being a great-hearted man, he decided to forgive them and go to church once more. But, when he arrived at the place he thought was the church, there was no church. There was only a corner grocery store.

"Where is the church?" he demanded.

"Oh", somebody said, "That church went out of business several years ago!"

~~Author Unknown

**Submitted by Sis. Elsie Pierre**

***"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."***

~~Franklin D. Roosevelt



## INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018 (Continued)

### JULY IS CHURCH EMPHASIS MONTH IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY



- July 4, 2018:** Church Office closed (Holiday)
- July 8, 2018:** Old Fashion Homecoming Day Celebration
- July 9, 2018:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Church Leadership Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- July 15, 2018:** 187<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Worship Celebration at 10:00 a.m.
- July 16, 2018:** Deacons Ministry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Trustee Board Ministry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- July 17-19, 2018:** Youth Revival at 7:00 p.m. Nightly
- July 22, 2018:** Fellowship at Christ Memorial Baptist Church at 4 p.m.
- July 23, 2018:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Official Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- July 27, 2018:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Church Conference at 7:00 p.m.
- July 30, 2018:** Union Foundation Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

### AUGUST IS FELLOWSHIP EMPHASIS MONTH IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST



- August 20, 2018:** Trustee Board Ministry Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- August 22, 2018:** Pastor's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration / Church-wide Revival at 7:00 p.m.
- August 23, 2018:** Pastor's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration / Church-wide Revival at 7:00 p.m.
- August 24, 2018:** Pastor's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration / Praise and Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.
- August 25, 2018:** Pastor's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration / Banquet
- August 26, 2018:** Pastor's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance and Worship Celebration
- August 27, 2018:** Union Foundation Meeting at 7:00p.m.

## INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018 (Continued)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** All members are asked to be mindful that no one should be in the **church building between the hours of 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.** due to security reasons. Any necessary exceptions should be coordinated and approved by the Chairman of Property and Space, Bro. Don Johnson, at least one week in advance.

Also, this is a reminder: **Please do not park in the Pastor's parking space at any time.** God's blessings to each of you from the Trustee Board Ministry.

~~Dr. Carolyn Turner, Ministry Leader

**UNION BAPTIST'S EMAIL ADDRESS:** The church has an email address for all ministry announcements. Please send all forms of communications (church announcements, flyers, upcoming events, etc.) to [unioncincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:unioncincinnati@gmail.com). Thank you!

**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The deadline for church announcements for the September-October 2018 Newsletter is **August 24, 2018**. Requests for announcements should be **e-mailed in care of Sis. Shirley Norman, Public Relations Ministry Leader**, at Union's email address: [unioncincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:unioncincinnati@gmail.com). Please note **"Sis. Norman – Announcement"** on the subject line. **Please note: any announcements received after the deadline date will be included in the November-December 2018 newsletter.**

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF CINCINNATI WEBSITE:** Please visit our website ([www.union-baptist.net](http://www.union-baptist.net)) which is both informative and interactive for those who are seeking the Will of God in their lives. **On our website, you will see upcoming events; evangelistic missions inclusive for men, women and children;** discipleship opportunities for building God's kingdom; exploratory devotional links for personal spiritual growth; and, community connections that have demonstrated, in the past, and continue to demonstrate, the POWER OF GOD throughout the Greater Cincinnati area, and beyond.

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH RADIO BROADCASTS:** You can now also listen to the Union Baptist broadcast on WCVG 1320 every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. through live stream radio by connecting to the Union Baptist Church website at [www.union-baptist.net](http://www.union-baptist.net).

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK:** The official Union Baptist Facebook is also linked to the Union Baptist Church of Cincinnati website at [www.union-baptist.net](http://www.union-baptist.net).

**UNION BAPTIST WI-FI SETTINGS:** Please see Executive Church Administrator, Bro. Dale McAllister, to obtain the settings for the wireless router (Wi-Fi). Thank you.

**CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Opportunities for anyone interested in volunteering in the church office or other areas of the church are still available. Please contact Bro. Dale McAllister, Executive Church Administrator. Thank you.

**UBC MEMBERSHIP DATA FORM:** All members who have not completed their updated UBC Membership Form, are urged to complete and provide your updated information, including, any name change; your current home address; your home, cell and work telephone numbers; a number where you may be reached in case of an emergency; and, an emergency contact person, etc. Membership Data Forms are available in the wall receptacle near the church office. When you have completed your form, please give to **Sis. Gwendolyn Hall**, Church Office Receptionist. Thank You.

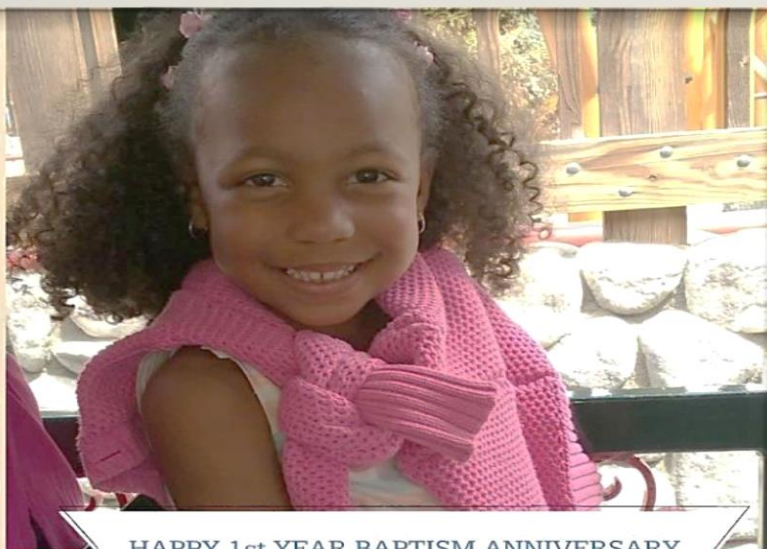


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TruthSeekers Small Care Group

The members of the Small Care Group TruthSeekers” meet every Monday from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. at the Avondale Branch Public Library to study God’s word and grow through the five purposes of the church, worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism. Please feel free to join us as we learn about God’s Word and how to become more Christ like. **For more information, please contact Rev. Shawn Pate, Small Care Group Ministry Leader, at [unioncincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:unioncincinnati@gmail.com).**



HAPPY 1st YEAR BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY

Love you so much, Audrey.  
I hope your special day is as sweet as you.  
Lots of love, G-Ma

Dear Audrey,

Your Union Baptist Church Family also loves you and we are *so proud of you!* We praise God for your **1<sup>st</sup> YEAR BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY** and thank you for sharing your card with us! Continue to Let Your Little Light Shine for Jesus!

~~Card submitted by G-Ma, Sis. Tammy Jones, at Audrey’s request

## BIBLE QUIZ - THE EARLY CHURCH

(PLEASE SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES FOR ANSWERS.)



1. The Acts of the Apostles, judging from the opening sentence, was written by: (Acts 1:1; Luke 1:3)
  - a. Matthew
  - b. Mark
  - c. Luke
  - d. John
2. According to the Book of Acts, Jesus appeared to the apostles, after His resurrection, for: (Acts 1:3)
  - a. three days
  - b. twenty days
  - c. thirty-five days
  - d. forty days
3. As the disciples were looking on, Jesus was taken up out of their sight by a: (Acts 1:9)
  - a. lightning flash
  - b. cloud
  - c. rain storm
  - d. darkening of the heavens
4. Peter and John were arrested because the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees were grieved by their: (Acts 4:1-3)
  - a. healing without a license
  - b. preaching in Solomon's portico
  - c. preaching through Jesus the resurrection from the dead
  - d. speaking in foreign tongues
5. Peter and John were: (Acts 4:13)
  - a. both learned
  - b. both unlearned
  - c. learned (Peter) and unlearned (John)
  - d. unlearned (Peter) and learned (John)
6. The rulers, elders, scribes, the high priest, and his kindred, after interrogating Peter and John: (Acts 4:13-17)
  - a. concluded no miracle had been performed
  - b. were uncertain whether a miracle had been performed
  - c. agreed that Peter and John had performed a miracle, but feared no repetition
  - d. agreed that Peter and John had performed a miracle and realized they could repeat it

## Quiz...continued

7. Ananias and his wife Sapphira: (Acts 5:1-11)
  - a. both lied and both died.
  - b. both lied, but neither died
  - c. lied, one of them, and died
  - d. lied, one of them, whereupon the other died
8. When the high priest and the Sadducees had finally imprisoned the apostles, they were released by: (Acts 5:17-23)
  - a. the multitude, who stormed the gates
  - b. their own faith, which opened the doors
  - c. an angel of the Lord, who opened the doors
  - d. the high priest himself, who had developed misgivings
9. The Pharisee Gamaliel persuaded his fellow council-men not to kill the disciples, on the argument that: (Acts 5:33-40)
  - a. new recruits would be attracted by their martyrdom
  - b. Jesus was indeed the Christ
  - c. the councilmen would be killed by the enraged multitude
  - d. if the disciples' work were of men, it would fail; if of God, it could not be overthrown
10. The body of the disciples, summoned by the twelve, chose seven (including Stephen) to: (Acts 6:1-6)
  - a. argue on behalf of all the disciples, at the council
  - b. perform the duties called for by the daily ministration
  - c. set up a network that would aid escapees
  - d. travel to Thebes
11. "Ye stiff-necked, and uncircumcised: (Acts 7:51)
  - a. eyes and tongue"
  - b. eyes and ears"
  - c. heart and ears"
  - d. heart and eyes"
12. While Stephen was being stoned to death, he cried to the Lord with a loud voice for: (Acts 7:59-60)
  - a. help
  - b. death
  - c. vengeance
  - d. forgiveness
13. Candace was: (Acts 8:27)
  - a. queen of the Ethiopians
  - b. a daughter of Simon
  - c. high priestess of Egypt
  - d. a town in Galilee
14. The power to raise someone from the dead was: (Acts 9:36-43)
  - a. demonstrated by Peter
  - b. shown to be not possessed by Peter
  - c. never tested for Peter
  - d. possessed, but not demonstrated by Peter

~~Carl S. Shoup, *Test Your Bible Knowledges*

## *A Closing Thought . . .*



*“No man can serve two masters...or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other.”  
Matthew 6:24*

You cannot love while hating, progress while oppressing, come together in disunity, build while tearing down, join while separating, understand while not listening, give while withholding, create while destroying, overcome while in fear. It is simply impossible! People of color must make a choice: Either we accept what we believe others are doing to us, or reject it and do something else. If we love each other as a foundation for our own progress, we do not have to worry about others hating us or our hating them back. If we work with everyone for human good, giving what we can to create what we want, we will not be disturbed by what anyone attempts to keep from us. If we stand on the faith of our ability to survive, it does not matter who is out to destroy us. If we celebrate, support and nurture ourselves, we will not need anyone else to do it for us.

*Today I will feel one thing at a time.*

*~~Acts of Faith, Daily Meditations for People of Color  
Iyanla Vanzant*