



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events

- April 14:** Pastoral Installation
- April 21:** Denim and White Attire for Youth Sunday
- June 30:** Lagree Lagunes Memorial Scholarship Essay Due

Weekly Events

- PRAYER:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 3pm via the conference line
- Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7pm via conference line

Conference Line Info
(978)-900-5000
Access Code: 655019#
 Don't forget to mute your phones.




Snapshots of The Grove

The Deaconess Ministry recently held a Pray and Paint Event at Walnut Grove. Here are a few pictures from the occasion which was held March 2, 2024.



A Message from Pastor Stroud

This month we will conclude our series on a few statements I made during our January Family Conference. I have expressed to you my thoughts on us being a cutting-edge ministry (see the February Newsletter) and how we can manifest the ideals associated with being a loving and learning church (see the March Newsletter). The last statement to explore is that of us becoming a ministry that lets go of keepsakes, which I find befitting since it is the season for spring cleaning.

Although we cannot tell by the weather that has stricken us the last couple of weeks, the official day of spring was March 19, 2024. For some, the marking of a new season means a fresh start, a refreshing of sorts, which includes spring cleaning. If most of us go back to our childhoods, spring cleanings meant throwing out things we no longer played with, going underneath beds and getting all of the trash that had magically accumulated from our good times with Barbie dolls and dump trucks. Spring cleaning also meant closet purges, base board and window washings, and the discarding or donation of things that we no longer used or needed.

In adulthood nothing has changed. Most of us probably can attest to the need to go through our things and give them a good purging. This includes things that pertain to our spiritual man and connections, activities and sometimes keepsakes we have acquired since the last spring season that are associated with ministry. Although we do not like to often discuss ministry keepsakes, we are all probably astutely aware that they exist. They look like programs stuffed in our Bibles or tithing envelopes we get from week to week that go unused (not because we are not giving). We also can sometimes identify these things as ministries that are no longer needed or programs and events we host out of tradition.

If we are going to serve this present age and fulfill our callings individually and collectively, we must learn the art of letting go of things that no longer serve us well. Think about the woman at the well in John 4:5-26. She was speaking to the Messiah himself and the very first thing she wanted to discuss when he asked her for water was the fact that Jews had no dealings with Samaritans. He later explains to her that a time will come and now is that "when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him" (John 4:23).

We want to be known as a ministry that lays aside every weight that so easily besets us as the Spirit gives us unction to do so. And yes, this includes the things that we have done for years in ministry. Ye, in life. This process of not adhering to traditions and holding on to keepsakes is not an easy transition, but it is one that is necessary if we are to manifest the power and glory of God that is only able to come forth by His Spirit.

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April 14, 2024 | 3pm

Dr. Marcus L. Stroud
Pastoral Installation



The colors are royal purple and black.



Resurrection Sunday
and WGBC Play Day



Check the website for more pictures from our March 31, 2024 Fun Day.

A Word of Wisdom from Lady A

In John 4:5-26 The woman at the well was continuing the traditions of her forefathers and looked to worship the Messiah in the mountain where she found herself during this encounter. Instead of recognizing that the very Messiah she longed for and the who could give her living water was in her presence, she opted to lean on the understanding and traditions of old to lead her in a conversation with Christ. She could not wrap her mind around the idea that this man, the one without anything to draw with, could be talking about water at a well that had been gifted to her and those that came before her by their father Jacob (John 4:12). She understood that when he came he would tell them all things, but she was not fully aware that he had already come until he did just that- told her everything she had ever done (John 4:28).

The very thing she experienced is the thing that happens to us when we live a life in the Spirit. It is one of the functions of the Holy Spirit to teach us all things, and bring all things that Christ has said unto us to our remembrances (John 14:26). We have the ability to be constantly edified, our thirsting quenched because of the power of the Holy Spirit. However, we can stifle the voice of the Holy Spirit when we hold on to the things of old and harden our hearts to things God is doing in the Earth right now.

Let us be reminded that we do not have to rest our loins and rely only on the people and things that came before us, executing life the way they did. We can do away with keepsakes that no longer serve God in the present age. We can even the more tap into the well of the Holy Spirit that dwells on the inside of us and grow, mature by leaps of bounds beyond all that we could ever ask or think, as we walk a life dedicated to living in the Spirit.



LISTEN NOW

Marvin Sapp has a song called "Rivers Flow" that speaks to the Spirit of the conversation that Christ had with the Samaritan woman at the well, reminding us that we can tap into the well of the Holy Spirit that dwells on the inside of us and grow, mature by leaps of bounds beyond all that we could ever ask or think as we walk a life dedicated to living in the Spirit.

"Marvin Sapp Thirsty Album Cover." Photograph. Wikipedia. 2 March 2024. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirsty_%28Marvin_Sapp_album%29. 1 April 2024.

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