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“A Church Where Everybody Is Somebody And Christ Is Lord Of All”

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Cross Street Celebrate 187 years serving the Community & Rev. Moses L. Harvill's Birthday

STAND UP, STAND UP FOR THE BIBLE

How many books are there in the Bible? What are the two sections of the Bible? What is the first book of the Bible? What is the last book of the Bible? What is the last of the first set of books and what is the first of the second set of books? Which author wrote more than anyone else in the entire Bible? Who was the inspiration of every word written in the Bible? What is your personal passage from the Bible? Name the book, the chapter, and the verse. Name some of the different versions of Bibles and which one is your preference and why?

Anyone who gets all these questions right has the collection of Biblical knowledge as any of the children of

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COMMUNITY LEADERS WORKING TOGETHER

Dear editor:

Here is a story that everyone should read. Often we only read about the negative things going on in our community. This is a positive story about people in our community working together.

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HEAT WAVE – THE HEAT IS ON

Heat related illnesses can be deadly if not treated seriously. When temperatures reach 90-100 degrees or higher, this raises the risk of heat overload to the very young, elderly and otherwise fit teens and young adults. Everyone needs to be cautious, we all have limits in our ability to deal with heat stress. Chronic disease such as heart disease and respiratory ailment, age mental illness and alcoholism can increase susceptibility to most heat related illnesses. Also, certain medications, cancer, diabetes and high blood pressure can make people more vulnerable.

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July, 2010

Dear Church Family,

I pray you are enjoying the summer and finding time for rest, relaxation and spiritual renewal.

Thanks for your generosity! Your support helped to make the “Celebrate Me Cultural Bazaar” a huge success. The mission was accomplished for we experienced the rich and diverse culture of our community and from surrounding communities. We indeed “Savored the flavors of the World” with international foods, crafts, cultural awareness through music, dance and poetry. The children had much fun playing games, interacting with Storytellers and experiencing the rich diverse culture of our extraordinary community.



The mission was accomplished for the event helped to develop strong partnerships, community ties and healthy relationships. It is the consensus from the church, community and the many attendees for us to have the event again in 2011. Please mark your calendars tentative for Saturday June 18, 2011.

We continue celebrating 187 years serving the community with faithful and loving people. The celebration will continue in July and August with spirit-filled events. Get connected with Christ and His Church. The best is yet to come!

Again, thank you. On behalf of the Young Adult Ministry and the Running with the Vision ministry and of all those who would want to express their gratitude, I acknowledge your generous support.

Partners in helping to make a good community better.....

Sincerely Yours,

Reverend Moses L. Harvill, pastor

57 REASON HE IS MOSES LAMAR HARVILL

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|--|---|--|
| 1. He was born to Will Otis and Dorothy Harvill | 15. He Graduated May of 1993 | this church |
| 2. He was born in Birmingham Alabama | 16. He received a Master in Parish Ministry in 1993 | 27. He gives out of pocket offerings for those who have not |
| 3. He was born June 28 th 1953 | 17. He was appointed by Rt. Reverend George W.C. Walker, Sr., to Cross Street A.M. E Zion Church on May 30 th 1993 | 28. He has started his 18 th year being our Sheppard |
| 4. He is the Youngest of 6 children | 18. He paid off the Mortgage of the Old Cross Street in 3 years | 29. He loves Collard Greens especially sister Hilton's |
| 5. He graduated High School in Alabama | 19. He purchased a new Organ and many items for this church yearly | 30. He does a slam dunk when it comes to cooking Ox Tails |
| 6. He received a BS (Bachelor of Science) from Alabama A&M University | 20. He bought in over 400 + new members to God | 31. He is the author of the word (What's Love got to do with it) |
| 7. He received his MBA (Master of Business Administration degree) from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. | 21. He Fast and Prays for us daily | 32. He is an Awesome Pastor |
| 8. He worked @ Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford Conn. | 22. He truly loves God and God's People no matter who/what you are | 33. He is a great Community Leader |
| 9. He joined Metropolitan A.M.E Zion Church of Hartford Conn. | 23. He sacrifices constantly and deny himself for this church and this community | 34. He works with all denominational Leaders and have visited their church as well |
| 10. He received his calling February 28 th 1989 | 24. He plays no favorites, he sees babies as the future but never forget what he calls "His seniors" | 35. He always seek new ways to ministry to people |
| 11. He met Eledia Soni Camp in 1982 | 25. He sees potential in each and everyone of us | 36. He visit and cares for the sick |
| 12. Pastor married sister Eledia in September 15, 1990 | 26. He prayed and was given a vision for | 37. He falls asleep in his easy chair at night trying to figure out how to get all of us saved |
| 13. He is a model Husband | | |
| 14. He entered Yale Divinity School in September of 1990 | | |

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In the finale, everyone joined hands in a circle and sang with one voice, "I need you, you need me, we're all apart of God's body, stand with me, agree with me, you are important to me, I need you to survive."

This day will forever be etched in our joint history.

Kimberly Salama, Cross Street AME Zion Church, Middletown, CT,
Cross Street Wesleyan class leader

**MEMBERS OF WESLEYAN
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PARTICI-
PATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE
WITH LOCAL CHURCH**

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Other highlights included members of Wesleyan Orchestra performing while members of the Wesleyan women's basketball team also took part in the festivities by mentoring and talking to the children. The hoops player handed out goodie bags to the children. Those present from the basketball team were (along back row from middle across to the right) Kendra Harris '13, Erin Gold '11, Sam LaCroce '12, Melanie Ferdinand '12, McKinley Tennant '11, Allie Southam '11 and Leigh Stewart '13. (photo on back page of this Journal) The community children were so thrilled to have college students to look up to.

Wesleyan, which fielded a women's basketball team devoid of seniors during its 8-15, 2009-10 campaign, faced one of the most difficult schedules in the country. Of the Cardinals' 15 defeats, 11 came against a group of eight teams that qualified for the NCAA Division III tournament. Seven of those eight squads advanced past the first

round of the NCAAs.

Text submitted by Kimberly Salama from the Cross Street AME Zion Church in Middletown)

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THE BIBLE

"Our Christian experience must agree with the Bible. We will be taught by the Bible and fed by the Bible. But we do not believe in Christ because He is in the Bible: We believe in the Bible because Christ is in us."

—Claxton Monro

THE CAUSE OF CHRIST

"Wake up, sing up, preach up, pray up, pay up, stay up and never give up or let up or back up or shut up, until the cause of Christ in the church and the world is built up."

—Woodland Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri

**THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT:
LOVE**

One definition for Love can be found in 1 Corinthians 13. Read this chapter every day for a deeper understanding. Other scriptures are found in John 3:16; Romans 5:5-8; Jeremiah 31:3; Ephesians 4:2, 3; Romans 12:9, 10, to name a few.

“If I had the gift of being able to speak in other languages without learning them, and could speak in every language there is in all of heaven and in earth, but didn’t love others, I would only be making noise. If I had the gift of prophecy and knew all about what is going to happen in the future, knew everything about everything, but didn’t love others, what good would it do? Even if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, I would still be worth nothing at all without love. If I gave everything I have to the poor people, and if I were burned alive for preaching the Gospel but didn’t love others, it would be of

no value whatever. Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you love someone you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him and always stand your ground in defending him. All special gifts and powers from God will someday come to an end, but love goes on forever. There are three things that remain faith, hope, and love and the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13) The Living Bible.

Some signs that will help you recognize LOVE in action and will help you begin to cultivate the Fruit of LOVE in yourself: showing concern for others, obeying God’s commandments, saving kind words,

helping someone with their homework, obeying parents, being patient, being loyal to a friend or to your faith not irritated easily, not envious, not boastful, reading to a small child, visiting the convalescent homes, visiting the sick and shut-ins, sending cards to the sick and shut-ins, hello by serving meals, forgiving someone, doing good deeds, encouraging others, helping an elderly person, being unselfish and sharing with others, being happy when the truth is revealed, letting others get the praise, not rude, not jealous, not proud, reading to an elderly person, visiting the prisons, calling the sick and shut-ins, going on errands cheerfully, helping someone understand God’s word. The list can go on. Use your own good judgment and the words found in scriptures to help you identify other deeds of LOVE.

Catch someone showing LOVE this month and let someone catch you being LOVING!!!!

The fruit of the Spirit abides in us and it is up to us to cultivate it so that we may experience the blessing and the fullness of the Spirit. God is the husbandman...”He prunes, nurtures, waters and protects His own. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit will energize and control every faculty of our nature when our will joins the will of God. Then the “beauty of the Lord will be upon us” (Psalm 90:17) and “we shall bring forth fruit unto God” (Romans 7:4).”

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- 38. He is like the Energizer bunny, he never stops
- 39. He leads by example
- 40. He is on Face book along with this church
- 41. He is always available to each and everyone of us
- 42. He attended the inauguration of our First Black President
- 43. He was instrumental in getting Elected Rev. Kenneth Monroe to Bishop
- 44. He has a quiet spirit about him
- 45. He is Humble
- 46. He not only touches each one , but reaches beyond to our friends and family

- who do not attend this church
- 47. He visit the nursing homes & prisons
- 48. He has the first Veterans’ program which started over 10 years ago
- 49. He provide funds for higher education for children and adults of this church
- 50. He love sister Ida Davis coconut pie
- 51. He taught us to give Service with a smile
- 52. He is never changing, what you saw yesterday, you will see today and tomorrow
- 53. His retirement plan has shrunk not for the fall of the stock market, he saw that also but it shrunk because he pulled a lot out to help this church and this church family

- 54. He has one mission to save God’s People
- 55. He loves God
- 56. He has no biological children, but fathers every child here @ Cross Street
- 57. He is a man after God’s own heart

A lot of the things I have listed here are things he does, but we are not the things we do but the things we do is who we are.

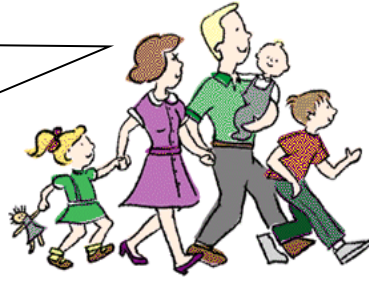
Blessings

Mary Lockhart

Church School is a Family Affair,
Come and Grow with US,

Sunday Church School begins: 8:30 a. m.

For Transportation Needs Please call
the Church 860-344-9527



Sunday Church School meets from 8:30 a.m. **sharp** to 9:45 a.m. each Sunday.
We have classes for all ages – from age 3 to 103. New Members Class meets at the same time
Light breakfast is served each Sunday and a hot breakfast on 5th Sunday

Sunday Church School

Sunday Church School is currently in the final weeks of the Spring Quarter and the “Teachings of Community”. June will begin the Summer quarter which focuses on “Christian Commitment in Today’s World”. The nature, foundation and the marks of Christian commitment are explored in Paul’s letter to the churches at Thessalonica and Philippi as they experience the temptation to turn to idols, withstand persecution and exhibit zeal for peaceful, joyful fellowship while awaiting the return of Christ.

Sunday Church School attendance is increasing. While we reluctantly accepted the resignation of Sis. Rosalind Wynter, team teacher for the Junior Class, we welcome Sis. Kimberly Salama who graciously agreed to fill that position on a temporary basis. Also, we said good-bye to one of our faithful team teachers of the Contemporary Adult class, Sis. Gloria Malloy. Thankfully, Rev. Dawn Mays-Hardy will be filling that vacancy.

We are pleased to announce that under the leadership of Rev. Dawn Mays-Hardy and Minister Earlene Grant a **five week mini-course entitled: “Survey of Bible” began meeting May 2nd and will continue through May 30th**. The class is open to persons who have completed the New Members Class and do not attend Sunday Church School on a regular basis. The course provides an overview of the Bible, its main events, major players, and principal teachings. The class meets each Sunday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the conference room.

We invite everyone to attend Sunday Church School. Come grow with us as we grow in the wisdom and knowledge of the Word of God.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

“Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) wrote, edited and taught English in her native Massachusetts. Occasionally, she wrote hymns, too.

On a trip to Colorado, Bates was greatly impressed by amber waves of grain, fruited plains and purple mountain majesties. She believed that God had definitely shed his grace all across this land. A visit to the summit of Pikes Peak inspired Bates to write her most famous poem-hymn, “America the Beautiful.”

Bates also realized that patriotism was an important part of America. She was grateful for heroes “who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life.” She wanted all Americans to realize how God had shed his grace on them and had crowned what was good “with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.”

Bates embodied the spirit of thankfulness to God for all she had experienced and been given.

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Age plays a definite role in heat related illness because it reduces the effectiveness of temperature regulation. Heat and humidity impair the body's ability to dissipate excess heat. Heat is generated when we work and need to be gotten rid of or we get heat stroke. Infants cannot modify their behavior in response to heat and the elderly may be impaired. Older people have dulled senses for heat and thirst. Younger people may be at greater risk for rapid heat exertional heatstroke while elderly inner city residents without air conditioning face slower classic heatstroke. Warning signs of heat related illnesses include fatigue, headache, difficulty breathing, dizziness, weakness, nausea, rapid pulse, lightheadedness, and dry, hot skin. Mild heat exhaustion or heat stress can be treated by, resting in a cool place and drinking cool, nonalcoholic, non-caffeinated fluids.

HEAT RELATED ILLNESSES

1. Heat Cramps: **Symptoms** – cramps in the legs, arms, and stomach. **Treatment** – stop physical activity, cool down, massage the cramps and drink plenty of fluids (avoid salt).

2. Heat Fatigue: **Symptoms** – weakness, dizziness, headaches, rapid pulse and low blood pressure

Treatment – stop physical activity, get out of heat and apply ice packs to armpits and groin area.

3. Heat Exhaustion: **Symptoms** – more pronounced weakness and dizziness, cold clammy skin, headaches, mental confusion, rapid, weak pulse, and temperature of 104 degrees.

Treatment – hospitalization and IV fluids.

4. Heat Stroke or Hyperthermia: a.) A medical emergency. b.) May come on swiftly in older adults, especially among the most frail and chronically ill. c.) The body loses its ability to sweat and temperature rises as high as 106 degrees. **Symptoms** - disorientation, loss of coordination, hot dry skin with no sweating, rapid pulse, vomiting, diarrhea and unconsciousness. **Treatment** - treatment is needed to prevent death or severe and permanent brain damage.

WAYS TO PREVENT HEAT RELATED ILLNESSES:

1. Drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty

2. Check on elderly relatives and friends for symptoms of heat illness. Make sure they are well hydrated and sufficiently cooled.

3. Check weather forecasts daily. Exposure to full sunlight can increase the heat index by 10 degrees or more.

4. When temperature rises, slow down, avoid strenuous activity.

5. Wear loose lightweight, light-colored clothing.

6. Stay indoors as much as possible.

7. If you go out - wear sunscreen, stay in the shade. Wear a hat.

8. Avoid hot enclosed spaces (parked hot cars).

9. Eat light. Avoid heavy meals.

10. Pull shades during the day and open windows at night to allow air to circulate.

11. Take tepid baths or showers.

Submitted by Shirley Jenkins

RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTS

The word righteous, according to the dictionary, means “acting in accord with divine or moral law.” Self-righteous means “being convinced of one’s own righteousness, especially in contrast with the beliefs of others.”

Self-righteous people often ignore principles such as the Ten Commandments and act according to their own self-created standards — or no standards at all. Self-righteousness is an attitude, as well, causing people to feel morally superior to others.

For example, a certain man keeps two sets of business records. One “doctored” set is for the Internal Revenue Service. The man self-righteously justifies this practice to a pastor, saying, “A man can’t make a decent living being honest. You have to cheat in order to have enough to live well.”

The Bible says, “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34, NRSV).

July

1. Psalms 112-114	8. Psalms 137-139	16. Proverbs 15-18	24. Ecclesiastes 10-12
2. Psalms 115-118	9. Psalms 140-144	17. Proverbs 19-21	25. Song 1-4
3. Psalms 119	10. Psalms 145-147	18. Proverbs 22-24	26. Song 5-8
4. Psalms 120-123	11. Psalms 148-150	19. Proverbs 25-28	27. Isaiah 1-3
5. Psalms 124-128	12. Proverbs 1-3	20. Proverbs 29-31	28. Isaiah 4-6
6. Psalms 129-132	13. Proverbs 4-7	21. Ecclesiastes 1-3	29. Isaiah 7-9
7. Psalms 133-136	14. Proverbs 8-11	22. Ecclesiastes 4-6	30. Isaiah 10-12
	15. Proverbs 12-14	23. Ecclesiastes 7-9	31. Isaiah 13-15

August

1. Isaiah 16-18	8. Isaiah 37-39	16. Isaiah 61-63	24. Jeremiah 21-23
2. Isaiah 19-21	9. Isaiah 40-42	17. Isaiah 64-66	25. Jeremiah 24-26
3. Isaiah 22-24	10. Isaiah 43-45	18. Jeremiah 1-2	26. Jeremiah 27-29
4. Isaiah 25-27	11. Isaiah 46-48	19. Jeremiah 3-5	27. Jeremiah 30-32
5. Isaiah 28-30	12. Isaiah 49-51	20. Jeremiah 6-8	28. Jeremiah 33-36
6. Isaiah 31-33	13. Isaiah 52-54	21. Jeremiah 9-12	29. Jeremiah 37-39
7. Isaiah 34-36	14. Isaiah 55-57	22. Jeremiah 13-16	30. Jeremiah 40-42
	15. Isaiah 58-60	23. Jeremiah 17-20	31. Jeremiah 43-46

September

1. Jeremiah 47-49	8. Ezekiel 15-18	16. Ezekiel 40-42	24. Hosea 5-7
2. Jeremiah 50-52	9. Ezekiel 19-21	17. Ezekiel 43-45	25. Hosea 8-10
3. Lamentations 1-5	10. Ezekiel 22-24	18. Ezekiel 46-48	26. Hosea 11-14
4. Ezekiel 1-3	11. Ezekiel 25-27	19. Daniel 1-3	27. Joel 1-3
5. Ezekiel 4-7	12. Ezekiel 28-30	20. Daniel 4-6	28. Amos 1-3
6. Ezekiel 8-11	13. Ezekiel 31-33	21. Daniel 7-9	29. Amos 4-6
7. Ezekiel 12-14	14. Ezekiel 34-36	22. Daniel 10-12	30. Amos 7-9
	15. Ezekiel 37-39	23. Hosea 1-4	

The Season After Pentecost (Whitsuntide or Trinity)

The Season After Pentecost covers 10-14 Sundays. The liturgical color is red for the Season After Pentecost.

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after the day of Pentecost. This Sunday emphasizes the three-fold manifestation of the Godhead (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit/Ghost): three and yet one. White is the appropriate color.

Color: Red is symbolic of loyalty, power, witness, Christian zeal, blood, fire, the work and ministry of the Church, and the Holy Spirit.

Name of God	Meaning	Application
IMMANUEL	God With Us "I AM"	Jesus is God in our midst. In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.
JEHOVAH	"I AM", The One Who Is The Self-existent One	God never changes. His promises never fail. When we are faithless, He is faithful. We need to obey Him. .
JEHOVAH- JIREH	The Lord Will Provide	Just as God provided a ram as a substitute for Isaac, He provided His son Jesus as the ultimate sacrifice. God will meet all our needs.
JEHOVAH- MEKADDISHKEM	The Lord Who Sanctifies	God sets us apart as a chosen people, a royal priesthood, holy unto God, a people of His own. He cleanses our sin and helps us mature. .

(Bible from page 1)

my middle school – back in the ‘50s in Kumasi, Ghana, West Africa. That was Bantama L.A. Middle School. No, it was not a Missionary School. It just turned out that a particular principal, Mr. Hammond (dare not think of his first name, insulting) loved the children of his charge so much so that he “*trained up the children in the way they should go; and when they are old; they will not depart from it*”. Now, where would you find this passage?

As one of those children in Mr. Hammond’s charge, I was tutored to remember most of the hymns of the Methodist Hymn Book. From the first sentence – *Methodism was born in song* to the closing hymn – and evening prayer – *Now the day is over, Night is drawing nigh. Shadows of the evening, Steal across the sky* and more.

Believe me, every child of that school; and there were all kinds of children, from Christian homes, Moslems and non-believers alike, had to learn and get it over with. Not only did we know the hymns, but we had to memorize all the verses (or stanzas?). All seventh graders sang treble, eighth graders - alto, ninths – tenor and tenths – base, unless your natural voice favored otherwise.

For me, the entire experience of middle schooling under Mr. Hammond, translated to the totality of the mentoring I needed for the rest of my life. For example, on every Friday morning, the entire school dashed out in a cross-country race over several miles in the local area and the winners by category were rewarded with points for their team colors – like a sorority kind of deal. That made me a lifelong believer of cross and endurance training. Every Wednesday afternoon was proverb-bee. The four colors of the school presented challengers in a barrage of proverbs and smart, adult, wise-sayings until the loser ran out of options. The last one standing was the oratory king of the week. Every child, no one cared what you claimed to be

your belief system and indoctrination, had to know the entire 66 books of the Bible in their chronological order. We all tried and tried until we came up with all kinds of ingenious ways to help memorize them.

All this is quite a number of years ago. Mr. Hammond had long passed on, and as for the school, well; I don’t know how they train up the kids these days. But, here we are in Middletown, Connecticut and Dr. Jerome Long insists that every member of his Sunday School class should know exactly what we used to know in those days – i.e. memorize the entire 66 books of the Bible. Using the tricks of mnemonics from back then I can still remember up to 29 books of the Old Testament and all 27 books of the New Testament. The Challenge is for anyone who can help me remember the names of the rest of the Old Testament.

Here is what I know and what you can do to help. The reader who really comes up with the best scheme to help me memorize the rest of what I don’t know gets a handsome, memorable reward. That is a promise.

Here is the challenge. Open your Bible to the Table of Contents of the Old Testament. Look at the list of the books as you read the following: **Get Every Last Number Down – JJ (that is Joshua the Judge) Remembers SS, KK, CC (doubles descending), Easily, Not Effortlessly, Just Praying Patiently, Everyday for SIJLED.** Stop there. You may repeat just to make sure from **Get Every** etc, etc.

You will notice Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua., Judges, Ruth, 1st & 2nd Samuel, 1st & 2nd Kings, 1st & 2nd Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastics – Songs Of Solomon., Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentation, Ezekiel and Daniel. That is 27 books. For your information, there are only 2 books with ‘Z’ names in the OT of which Zechariah is one. I wished it had been the last book but it is not. Instead it comes next to Malachi

- which gets that credit. So there you have it. I know and can recall 29 books of the OT in their chronological order. There are 10 others that I have tried and failed to come up with any meaningful scheme to memorize. Can you help? Can you stand up for the Bible for a reward?

Remembering the 27 books of the New Testament is much easier. You only need 2 assumptions. One – that as a Bible student you should at least be familiar with the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Second, you should be aware that the NT starts with Matthew and ends with Revelations.

Here is how you memorize all 27 books. Again open your Bible to the Table of Contents of the New Testament and read the following as you look at the list of the books to confirm. **The Gospels And Romans. Co-GEPCo with 5Ts in alphabetical order and PHw (make the whistling sound of relief), There are 3Js also in alphabetical order except for Peter, the disrupter.**

Here you also notice Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts and Romans. 1st & 2nd Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians. 1st & 2nd Thesalonians, 1st & 2nd Timothy and Titus with Philemon and Hebrews. The 3J with Peter are James, 1st & 2nd Peter, 1st, 2nd & 3rd John and Jude. Revelations ends it all.

Read it again and again, and soon you will recall all without problem. If you forget go back to the mnemonics. The Gospels And Romans, CoGEPCo, etc.

From now on whenever a Bible passage is mentioned, you will notice that you feel comfortable recollecting in your memory bank the relationship of that particular book with all the others before you start fumbling for it. The Table of Contents will soon become a thing of the past. That is what Dr. Long is aspiring for. Let’s give it to him and be blessed on the way.

by Kwame Ocansey

FOUR THINGS GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW

1	2	3	4
YOUR NEED AS GOD SEES IT	YOUR OWN HELPLESSNESS	GOD'S PROVIDOR FOR YOUR NEED	GOD'S PROMISE TO MEET YOUR NEED
All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23	Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. John 14:6	God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16	I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. John 10:28
There is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. Romans 3:10, 11	Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12	All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him [Jesus] the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6	Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6
The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? Jeremiah 17:9	By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. Galatians 2:16	He hath made Him [Jesus] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21	He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25
Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3	Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. James 2:10		[God]...is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Jude 24
	There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Proverbs 14:12		

Therefore

Change Your Attitude Toward Sin.

Repent ye therefore, and be converted [turn to God], that your sins may be blotted out. Acts 3:19

Put Your Trust In Jesus Christ.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16:31

Make Your Decision Today.

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:9,10



MALACHI WOULD HAVE LOVED

AUNT JANE

Everyone in church calls her Aunt Jane. She's a sweet, thoughtful woman with a strong faith. One day she called the church and told the pastor, "I would like for you to tell the record keeper that I want my pledge to go up \$1.70 a month."

"I'll be glad to do that," the pastor answered, "but I'm curious as to why you're increasing your pledge by \$1.70."

Aunt Jane replied, "I'm increasing it because my monthly social security check just went up \$17.00 a month." The prophet Malachi would have loved Aunt Jane. It was he who, speaking for God, instructed God's people to "bring the full tithe into the storehouse ..." (Malachi 3:10). The promise to the people was that God would open the windows of heaven "and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."

THE GIFT OF THE TITHE

An Ohio minister preached a sermon on the joy of tithing. Years after he retired, a package arrived at his home. He opened it to find two pictures of wooden angels carved on the ends of two pews in the chancel of the church where he preached that sermon. There was also a note enclosed, which said:

Please consider the photos as a gift in return. Before you left our church, you gave a sermon on tithing. This gave me the courage to start. At the time I was out of work. I started by tithing my unemployment check. Not

long after starting to tithe, I got a job and have been employed ever since. So thanks again for giving me the gift of the tithe.

Happy Easter,
Don

YOU'LL NEVER MISS A TITHE

The faithful church treasurer resigned because there was never enough income to cover expenses. Another member - the owner of the local grain elevator - volunteered to take the position. He had one stipulation - for a period of one year, the church would require no report from him.

The board members were puzzled at this strange request, but knowing him to be an honest man who processed most of their grain, they granted it. At the end of the year, the new treasurer gave a glowing report. The church's indebtedness on the building had been paid in full! The pastor's salary had been increased by 15 percent! There were no outstanding bills! In fact, he showed a cash balance of nearly \$7,000!

The shocked, but delighted, congregation asked for an explanation. 'Most of you bring your grain to my elevator,' the treasurer replied. 'When I paid you, I simply withheld 10 percent on your behalf and gave it to the church in your name. You never missed it. Do you see now what we could do for the Lord if we were to willingly return the first tenth to God, who really owns it?'

-Cumberland Baptist Church
Cumberland, North Carolina

TAUGHT TO TITHE

When the outstanding football player, Barry Sanders, signed to play for the Detroit Lions, he was given an immediate bonus of \$2.1 million.

What do you suppose he did immediately afterward? Well, he sat down and wrote out a check to a little Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas. The talented running back explained that he had been taught in childhood to give 10 percent of whatever money that came to him to the Lord. No questions asked. No protest at all. After all, doesn't everything come from the Lord? Isn't tithing a way to acknowledge that fact? Such was Barry Sanders' reasoning.

A TEST FOR CHURCH PEOPLE

The Worship test: Am I faithful in attending the worship services of my church?

The Weather test: Am I a "fair weather" Christian?

Does the same kind of weather keep me from going to church that would not keep me from going to work?

The Work test: Am I willing to work for my church?

Can my church count on me to do what I'm able to do and what I have a talent for doing?

Am I too busy doing other things?

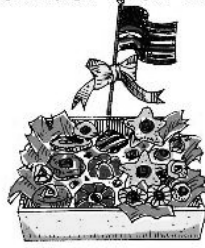
The Wallet test: Am I a regular in my contributions or my tithe to my church?

Am I giving to God's work "as God has prospered me?"

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TRUE FREEDOM

READ:Galatians 4:21-5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made
us free.

Galatians 5:1

In 1776, the 13 British colonies in North America protested
the limitations placed on them by the king of England and
engaged in a struggle that gave birth to a brand-new republic.
The infant nation soon adopted that now-famous document
known as the Declaration of Independence.

Almost 2,000 years ago, the Lord Jesus cried out on the cross,
"It is finished," proclaiming the believer's "declaration of
independence." All of humanity was under the tyranny of sin
and death. But Christ, the sinless One, took our place on
Calvary and died for our sins. Having satisfied God's
righteous demands, He now sets free for eternity all who trust
in Him.

Paul wrote, "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law,

having become a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13). Romans 8 assures
us, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are
in Christ Jesus For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ
Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death" (vv. 1-
2). Galatians 5:1 urges all who have been redeemed to "stand
fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free."

We are thankful to God for any freedom we enjoy in a nation.
But above all, believers everywhere can praise Him for the
freedom that is found in Christ! -Richard De Haan

*Now are we free-there's no condemnation!
Jesus provides a perfect salvation;
"Come unto Me," O hear His sweet call!
Come-and He saves us once for all. -Bliss*

Our greatest freedom is freedom from sin.

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Doxology

**Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the
presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and
majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 24-25**



Running with the Vision

Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. Habakkuk 2:2

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**If you were to die today, do you know
where you will spend eternity ???**