

# Because He is risen, we can rise above.

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# Has the church truly prepared its people for End-Times?



"The pandemic......
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invested in
religion than
relationship."

There are so many theories out there on what exactly End-Times is and what it looks like. From the planet being swallowed up by a black hole to a zombie apocalypse, suspected end-time beliefs are countless.

As Christians though, we get a first-hand glimpse of the last days and what we can expect. Churches have unfortunately allowed much of the world's culture through its doors. Before Covid-19 forced churches to physically shut down, many of them particularly megachurches looked much like rock n' roll concert halls and their pastors preached "feel good" sermons that kept the money rolling in.

The prosperity messages and emotion-stimulating music may have been instrumental in appealing to audiences as well as encouraged more financial participation but did little in preparing souls for what was to come. The pandemic not only revealed corruption and evils in our society, government, and churches, it also revealed how little we strengthened our spirits and meditated on God's word, as we have been more invested in religion than relationship.

End-times may not necessarily be the end of the planet per se, and more so the end of a way of life - or life cycle. Many pastors no longer preach out of the book of Revelation which details the spiritual war we will soon experience. Understanding that the book of Revelation is not meant to scare us but to prepare us, the church's ultimate mission is to spread the word of God - far and wide.

As God's people, we must remember that while we live in the world, we are not of the world. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the end of a world cycle and what is to come in our new life with our Lord and Savior.

Peace, Love & Blessings.

"For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land."

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

### The Garden

By: Jamie Lawson

As I walk through my garden
On a sunny day in spring,
Flowers of every color bloom
And birds begin to sing.

I'm reminded of a garden
Far away and long ago,
Where Jesus knelt and suffered
Through pain we'll never know

He suffered for our sins

To redeem all humankind

He drank the bitter cup and said,

"Not my will, but thine."

After Judas had betrayed Him,
Men nailed Him to a cross.
And when He died so meekly,
It seemed that all was lost.

But on Easter day He rose again
With new life and new breath.
He was the resurrected Lord,
Winning victory over death.

As I walk through my garden
On a sunny day in spring,
I think of the atonement of
My Savior, God, and King.



# Take a short walk each day to keep the doctor away!

#### **THE BENEFITS OF WALKING**

Walking is a great exercise that can improve your overall health. Here are some of the benefits.

- · Decreased resting heart rate
- Improve circulation
- Decreased cholesterol
- Reduced risk of heart disease
- Reduced blood pressure
- More efficient breathing
- Increased metabolism

If you take a walk every day, you will find that your mood swings will improve. Exercising of any kind will send signals to your body to release endorphins, which improve moods and set off positive feelings in the body.

- You'll feel more creative.
- You'll lower your risk of lung cancer.
- Your skin will look younger.
- You'll increase your vitamin D levels.
- You'll have more fun.

Remember that your body is God's temple, treat it right!

Your Sister-in-Christ,

#### **Nurse Anna James**

Berean Nurses Ministry

"Her children arise up, and called her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

Proverbs 31:28

# God's Masterpiece is Mother

By: Herbert Farnham

God took pieces of everything wonderful to make moms.

God took the fragrance of a flower...

The majesty of a tree...

The gentleness of morning dew...

The calm of a quiet sea...

The beauty of the twilight hour...

The soul of a starry night...

The laughter of a rippling brook...

The grace of a bird in flight...

Then God fashioned from these things...

A creation like no other,

And when His masterpiece was through

He called it simply - Mother.



#### MARCH JEWELS

- 1st Gracie Williams
- 3rd -Yvonne Daley, Gail Davis, Ernestine Wright
- 4th Aisha Kirby, Denise Williams, Eleanor Williams
- 5th Bernice Cannon, Thomas Walher
- 7th Iona Mintz, Thurman Thompson
- 9th Mae Belin, Doris Greene, Evans Oke
- 10th Barbara Belgrave, Adebowale Oke
- 11th Leila Richardson
- 12th Ruth Baines, Gwendolyn Towns
- 13th William Minter 3rd
- 14th Glennamore Thom
- 15th Marie Bolden
- 16th Lorna Cruz, Jessica Hodnett, Tiesha Samuel
- 17th Patricia Hills, Bernard Scott
- 18th Ethel Smith, Michael Gaines
- 23rd Kevin Carter, Merlene Humphrey, Carol Jarrett
- 25th Quamarah Jackson
- 26th Ernest Carolina
- 27th Linda Council, Krystianni Hills
- 28th Vincent Coleman, Rosa Laventura, Curtis Rouse
- 29th Michael Johnson, Barbara Richards, Eva Waymer
- 31st Gregory McMillian, Henry Taylor







Harriet Hubbard

APRIL 3 Joan Idlett

APRIL 5 Armitta Lord

APRIL 9 Regina Kelly

#### APRIL 10

Robert Telfair Lonneice Williams

> APRIL 11 Ameer Brown

APRIL 12

Charlie Allen Kordaye Nicholls-Hunt

#### APRIL 13

Nathaneal Davis Walter Ford Coleen Nation

#### APRIL 15

Betty Lee Anna Nance Bernice Pearson

APRIL 16

Charlene Barnes Roslyn Callendar



#### APRIL 17

Jeanette Cooper Gessy Painson

#### APRIL 18

Mildred McClendon Tyiase Pearson-Mallard Maxine Sept APRIL 24

Rev. Kimberly Council

APRIL 26

Carmel Ford Sharen William-Hudson

#### APRIL 28

George Smith

APRIL 30

Patricia Morris





APRIL 21 Saretta Mathias

APRIL 22

Vaughn Armour

APRIL 23 Sandra Clark





MAY 1 Simone LeConte-Parker

> MAY 3 Moszestia Ahay, Paulette Newberns Gatherine Pope

> > MAY 4 Kayla Rice

MAY 5 Helen Mathis, Rev. Tracy Smith Simon

> MAY 8 Helen Webb

MAY 9 Dorothy Davis, Cora Johnson

MAY 11 LaTonya Evans, James Pope, Mary Sanders

MAY 12 Richard Sherman, Mattie Thomas

> MAY 13 Natalie Hyde

MAY 14 Kya Johnson

MAY 15 Edna Ashley

MAY 17 Dorothy Alston, Carolyn Crider



MAY 18 Dwayne Bynum, Venus Miller

MAY 19 Jani Ahay, Leslie Grandberry

> MAY 20 Velina Brown

MAY 22 Esther Oke, Reggie Parker

MAY 23 Vanessa Madison, Thelma Sanders-Jones

MAY 24 DéNal Brown-Maineculf

MAY 26 Leroy Jamerson, Annie Jenkins, Swindell Singletary

MAY 27 Rosemarie Taffe

MAY 28 Leslie Burnett

MAY 30 Bernice Budden

MAY 31 Shayla McGrady, Sheila Stanley



"Please, I can't breathe. The knee on my neck. I can't breath, officer. They gonna kill me." -George Floyd

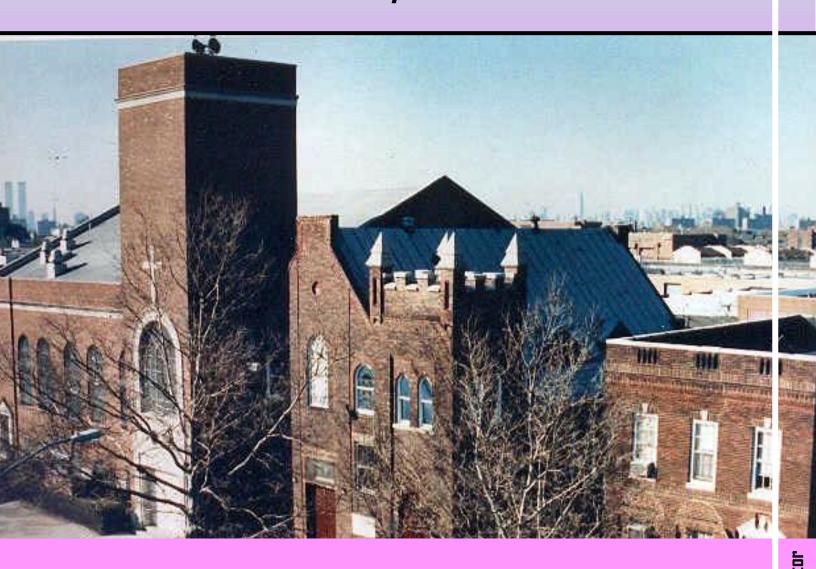


ON MAY 25, 2020 another black man was savagely murdered by a white police officer. The cop, Derek Chauvin knelt on the neck of Mr. George Floyd for over 8 minutes. His lifeless body lay until it was picked up. The world witnessed the entire thing. On April 20, 2021, Derek Chauvin was found guilty of murdering Mr. Floyd. Although tempting to celebrate this verdict, there is nothing here that warrants rejoicing. We must not celebrate basic human rights and justice we deserve. Our fight for justice and liberation from an oppressive society and its people, continues until we die.

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