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## THE REASON FOR ALL SEASONS

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”

*Romans 8:28*

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Happy Birthday to you!!!

The purpose of your time here on earth is not primarily about acquiring possessions, attaining status, achieving success, or experiencing happiness. Those are secondary issues. Life is all about love— with God and with other people. You may succeed in many areas, but if you fail to learn how to love God and love others, you’d have missed the reason why God created you.

*-Unknown*

# DON'T SKIP THE CHECK-UP!

Studies have found that three in five men get an annual physical and just over 40 percent go to the doctor **only** when they have a serious medical condition. Here are 5 reasons why you should go to the doctor for regular check-ups.

1. Regular check ups can detect different diseases including prostate cancer which affects one in six men.
2. Most men who have high blood pressure don't know it. Going to your doctor will keep this in check before it spirals into something very serious.
3. Men are twice as likely as women to suffer from work-related stress and more likely than women to become dependent on alcohol. No matter how strong or successful we are, sometimes we need help. It is important that when something is not right we admit it and address it right away.
4. Coronary Heart Disease generally affects more men than women under 50 years old.
5. Going to the doctor annually allows you to lead by example to other males in your life and to be proactive about your health.

**Remember that the best protection is always early detection.**

**Blessings From The Berean Nurses' Ministry  
Nurse Carol Griffith**



## TALENTS VS. GIFTS: What is the difference?

Talents	Gifts
Talents are received at birth; they are natural endowments.	Gifts are supernatural; received from God.
Talents are possessed both by saved people and by unsaved people.	Gifts are possessed only by saved people—those who are members of the church which is His Body. An unsaved person might mimic a spiritual gift, but it is counterfeit and limited to self-activity.
For full effectiveness, talents need to be developed. A person who is naturally skilled musically must still learn to play an instrument, often demanding years of practice.	Gifts need to be exercised and this can only happen as the believer stays spiritually healthy and grows "in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).
Talents possessed by believers ought to be surrendered and consecrated to the Lord and used for His honor and glory.	Gifts are given by God for the outworking of God's LIFE as expressed by the Body of Christ. When the Body is healthy the LIFE of God is manifested and God is glorified (Corinthians 14:24-25).

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# BLACK CHURCH, WHERE ART THOU?

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*This is so uncomfortable to discuss and so we must.*

The Black Church, the single most important entity of black society has been relatively absent and quiet in the wake of white supremacy abuse and injustice levied against black people. Shootings of unarmed black men and boys by police officers receive a mere mention in Sunday sermon openings. For those of us closely and deeply in touch with our history, we understand that the work of our ancestors must continue, using a platform as large and influential as the black church.

One of the greatest ways we can bring unbelievers to Christ is through the work WE (those who know Christ) do outside of the church walls. After the Civil Rights Era, the Black Church appeared to be the medium through which efforts to produce justice and equality would continue. Unfortunately, by the 1980's, the church's strong influence in black communities waned. The question is: Is it fair to place such responsibility on the church community? Answer: I believe it is.

While there are some pastors who take active positions to fight injustice, the majority—in recent years have settled into a more passive approach to these serious matters. This situation can be attributed to a number of factors to include, but not limited, to personal financial gain for silence, church tax status, and the more nuanced reality that some within Black society have not yet personally experienced the type of ugly tragedies that stem from white supremacy.

When the case of the lack of Black Church activism comes up, it has become customary of black leadership to throw the question back at frustrated parishioners who do not have the kind of financial, political, and social backing that the church possesses, but know that more should be done for people. When it comes to raising money or participating in an activity that church leadership desires, the importance of collective support is understood. The same should and must be applied in thinking about how WE move forward in our justice fight for society.

COVID-19 has given us the opportunity to access the future of the Black Church and reflect and examine the gaps in our ministry outside church walls. As membership bleeds out, we see that younger people especially, are turning to other non-Christian mediums to solve problems. This may work temporarily, but those of us in the Christian faith, believe that ministry and evangelism through Christ is the path.

*What if the Black Church sat down to evaluate all the problems affecting their immediate communities and neighborhoods and came up with tangible solutions that would produce change?* Our fight for justice and equity requires grassroots movement with steady energy and high sustainability. From paying for good lawyers for black men accused of crimes, to funding an independent black school, to sending a young black person to college to become a doctor contracted to return to the neighborhood to serve, the Black Church can organize real and LASTING change. We have to ability and resources to teach men how to fish that they eat for more than a day and become fishers of men that they feed on Christ for a lifetime.

**Will WE do it?**



# November



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL BORN IN NOVEMBER



### November 1

Denise Anderson,  
Shamiko Cannon

### November 3

Elizabeth Duplessey

### November 4

Fay Lane

### November 6

Michael Clark,  
Bahia Davenport  
John Southerland

### November 7

**ALESHIA HYDE,**  
Glenza Thorne

### November 8

Lula Staton

### November 9

Linette Gipson

### November 11

Gregory Graves,  
Jean Greene,  
George Haigler IV,  
Gloria Pharr

### November 12

Loren Cooper,  
Diondra Harp

### November 13

Zenobia Dixon,  
Preston Dyer,  
Monica Joy Hume,

### November 15

Denise Brathwaite, Leslie Chambliss,  
Ethel Riddle, Wendy Williams



### November 16

James Eley  
John Mckinnis

### November 17

Thomas Aaron Nance,

### November 18

Cynthia Boone,

### November 19

Lynn Thomas,

### November 21

Deandra Harris  
Elouise Lockett

### November 22

Deborah Jones

### November 25

Jason Ellington  
Beatrice White

### November 28

Joanna Fletcher,  
Craig Phillip,  
Marsha Scipio

### November 29

Annette Green





**DECEMBER 1**  
Eva Southerland

**DECEMBER 3**  
Louvenia Ward  
Audrey Wright

**DECEMBER 4**  
Vivian Bright,  
Tekeva Denham

**DECEMBER 5**  
Ethel Robinson

**DECEMBER 6**  
Janet Tyler  
Charles Guilford

**DECEMBER 8**  
Gabrielle Holman  
Lillian Wilson

**DECEMBER 9**  
Jodi Hilton-O'Bryant  
Viola Norris

**DECEMBER 10**  
Charles Smith,  
Toyana Williams

**DECEMBER 12**  
Dorothy Ham

**DECEMBER 13**  
Gloria Belt, Geneva Gardner- Rouse,  
Sheila Gomez -Williams  
Dalis Winter-Hines



**DECEMBER 15**  
Jaztyn Checks  
Juanita Small-Russell

**DECEMBER 16**  
Duane Frankson,  
Shyla Hyde,

**DECEMBER 17**  
Aiyana Batton

**DECEMBER 18**  
Evelyn Hairston,  
Sherman Jones

**DECEMBER 19**  
Eloise Watson

**DECEMBER 21**  
Vanessa Simmons

**DECEMBER 22**  
Clarisse Copeland

**SENIOR PASTOR GRIFFIN**

**DECEMBER 23**  
Melvin Fowler



**DECEMBER 25**  
Christian Mathias



**DECEMBER 26**  
Kimberly Headley

**DECEMBER 27**  
Jeffrey Ahay 3rd  
Rosa Thorne  
David Bradford Minter  
Beverly Peres,  
Reginald Murray  
Melida Hunter

**DECEMBER 28**  
Lanautica Condery  
Anna James,  
John Reynolds,  
Margaret Smith,  
Betty Wilson

**DECEMBER 29**  
Annie Durham

**DECEMBER 30**  
Susan Jordan

**DECEMBER 31**  
Marcia Massiah

**Happy Birthday  
Merry Christmas  
and a  
Blessed New Year**

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## A PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Dear Lord,

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

You brought us through another hour, another day, another year. 20/20 challenged us tremendously and pushed us out of our comfort zones. We could not hide behind our gadgets, our schedules, or businesses. The world seemed to stop and we had to turn to you for strength and guidance. God, you said that the road will not be easy, but if we rest in You, we will find our peace.

Dear Lord, thank you for being our rock and shield. Thank you for delivering us from evil. You are almighty and powerful and we rest assured in your loving arms. Thank you for what you have done, what you are doing and will do. Lord, please protect your people and guide us safely through the New Year. Keep our enemies away. Protect us and shield us as we do your work. We have faith that you will deliver on your promises. Thank you God. We love you. We pray this prayer in the matchless name of your Son Jesus—Amen. Amen. Amen.

NEVER FORGET

2020.

20/20 — A Most Revealing Year.

Pushing out from the challenges of 2019, year Twenty-Twenty, for some of us, was an anticipated breath of fresh air. The year certainly blew in some things, but not what we expected.

We were living history and living-history. But we also learned lessons. The hope is that we will continue to strengthen our relationship with God, forever rid ourselves of unhealthy habits, make personal pledges to fight for justice, and love our brothers and sisters. 2020 — a year we will always remember, even when we wish to forget.

**“If you are not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing.” ~Malcolm X~**



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