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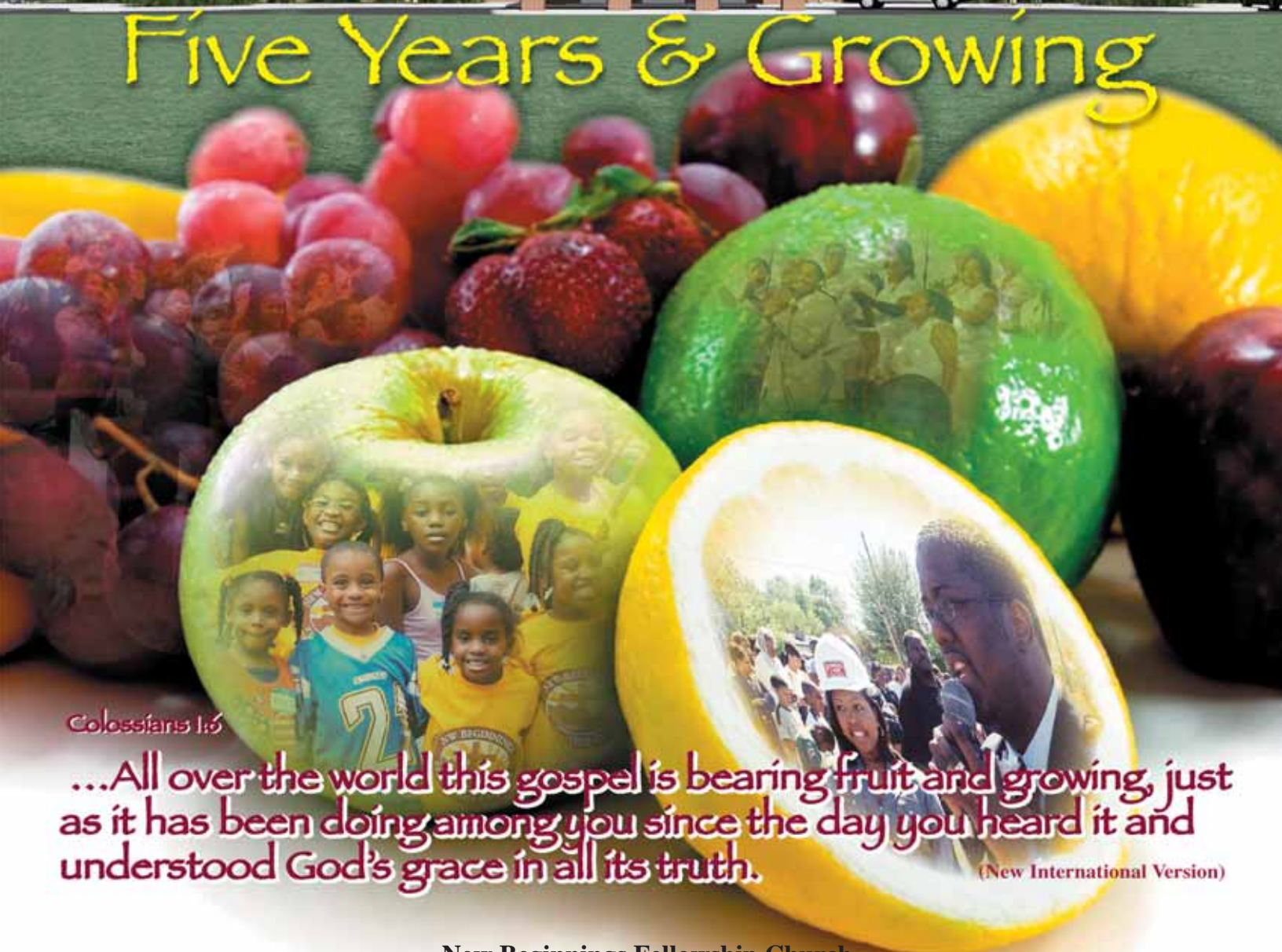


"WHERE THE LORD IS WORSHIPPED AND HIS PEOPLE ARE CHANGED"

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Five Years & Growing



Colossians 1:6

...All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.

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FROM THE PEN OF OUR PASTOR

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Dr. James Anthony Jackson, Senior Pastor

WOW. Where has the time gone? It seems like yesterday that we were preparing for our first worship service at Fall Creek Valley Middle School. Now, we've celebrated our fifth year as a church family. In this short amount of time, God has done exceedingly and abundantly above anything we could ask or think! We have constructed a beautiful worship facility, our membership has exploded and we have been able to be a blessing to our members and the surrounding community. What an awesome God we serve! With all that He has done, we had no other choice but to celebrate God and give Him praise.

And what an amazing celebration it was. We set aside March 2 – March 4, for our birthday celebration. My Pastor and friend, Pastor Jeffrey A. Johnson, Sr., of Eastern Star Church, kicked off the celebration on Monday night in a dynamic fashion. **Can't nobody do it like the Bishop!** Dr. Lance Watson of St. Paul Baptist Church in Richmond, VA ended the last two nights of the celebration with powerful and life changing messages. National recording artist, Minister Jonathan Nelson, ushered in a spirit of praise and worship each night that took us directly into the presence of God. I could not have been more pleased with the way we honored God during this celebration. I am truly indebted to all of these men of God who shared their gifts in a powerful way.

As I look back over the past five years, I am completely blown away by the things God has done with this ministry. It is completely unheard of for a church to experience the growth and success we have in such a short amount of time. Not only have we been able to build and grow, but we have been able to bless those in need, provide scholarships, come alongside other community organizations and provide job opportunities. Our ministries have expanded and we have been able to increase the service that we provide to others. I do not boast about any of this - it is simply the favor of God at work through this ministry.

We must not take God's grace for granted. We must continue to be faithful over the things and resources He has blessed us with.

“...we must continue to be mindful of what God has in store for our future.”

Our goal now is to pay off the current debt on this building so that we can continue to grow and do more for our congregation and community. I believe that we can be “free in three.” That is our goal to payoff the mortgage over the three years.

Recently, we modified our capital campaign to reduce the strain that many were experiencing as a result of the decline in our economy. We have designated the fourth Sunday of every month as “Seed Sunday.” Every fourth Sunday, I am asking **every** member to bring an offering for the sanctuary of \$25.00 above your tithes and offering that will be used to reduce our outstanding principal balance. If every member would come along side of us in this endeavor, we can be “free in three.”

Finally, as we take this time to reflect on what God has done over the past five years, we must continue to be mindful of what God has in store for our future. Recently, as I was driving onto the church parking lot, I noticed some kids throwing a football to one another. It was cold and messy outside, but they were playing in what I have to assume was the only open space available to them. Seeing the kids touched my heart and inspired me to work even harder towards building the Kingdom Center. My desire is that we will provide a place where our children and the children of our community can come to play, study, grow and fellowship in a safe environment. It is not enough for us to stand still and marvel on what God has done. But, we must continue to be faithful and allow Him to use us for His continuous work. **Will you make yourselves available to fulfill God's work?**

As I close, I want to thank every member of New Beginnings Fellowship Church for your faithful dedication. I truly am in love with each and every one of you. I am honored to be your Pastor and I thank God for your continued support to this ministry. Let us thank God together for what He has done over the past five years and let us look toward what He will do over the next five years and beyond. New Beginnings, we haven't seen anything yet; I still believe the best is yet to come!

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"Your gifts meet the needs of God's people. And that's not all. Your gifts also cause many people to thank God."

2 Corinthians 9:12 (NIRV)

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the Visions of Glory Newsletter Team, we thank and praise God for his many blessings. New Beginnings is "Five Years Old." Hallelujah!! God has used the many gifts and talents he has bestowed in His children at New Beginnings to continue to advance His Kingdom and to bring more souls to Christ. Because of God's grace and mercy, over 3,000 worshipers are thanking and praising God at New Beginnings.

Read this edition and witness the testimonies of members who are obedient in their tithing and in the Pastor's vision through the Capital Campaign for New Beginnings. Continue reading and learn about our Men's and Women's kick-off events for 2009. Also, congratulations to Miss Black Indiana, Jessica Murphy. Ms. Murphy is a success story and such an inspiration to us. Read her story about her journey, how she gives back to the community and her plans for the future.

Our "Ministry in the Spotlight" for this edition is the Intercessory Prayer Team. The Intercessory Prayer Team keeps us covered in their dedication to pray for our church family, our community and all those in need. Let's continue to support the facilitator, Minister Bobby Baker, and his team. We need to keep them in our prayers as well.

Blessings...

Sister Alma J. Phillips Burrus
Managing Editor

Women of Purpose

By Sis. Ruth Rose

In the spirit of love and fellowship, the women of New Beginnings Fellowship Church gathered together to spearhead a new year of harmonious ministry meetings. If you drove by our church that Saturday morning, you would have witnessed long lines of women waiting to enter the church building. Although it was barely peaking 14 degrees that morning, no one seemed to care. Once you entered the church, you were greeted with a warm welcome, a name tag, and a great continental breakfast.

We played interactive games to acquaint ourselves with one another. There was so much spiritual love in the room that it seemed to be overflowing. The event started in the chapel; however, the worshippers continued to flow in which prompted the leadership staff to move the event into the sanctuary. This was not only a Women of Purpose (WOP) Ministry meeting, this session was the first WOP meeting for 2009 and featured our very own 'First Lady Tara Jackson as the guest speaker!!' Every woman present was excited with anticipation of what Lady Tara was going to speak about.

Lady Tara spoke to us with warmth and love, telling us about her life. As we all listened with smiles on our faces and a sense of honor, it was very evident that our first lady is truly one who loves the Lord. Lady Tara spoke eloquently, referencing passages in the book of Proverbs, speaking about us as "Virtuous Women."

Sis Jackie Brown stated, "I thank God for the experience; the emotions that flooded the sanctuary that day was touching, women opening up and telling about themselves and praying for each other, I can't wait until the next meeting." "I absolutely enjoyed the WOP kick off," said Sis Keisha Sneed. "Lady T's message was right on track. It is about being serious in this walk with God".

Approximately 220 praying, spirit filled women attended this meeting. The most wonderful blessing of all was that another sister joined our church family, which illustrates our well known reality, "We're still growing." Glory to God!

WOP meets the 1st Saturday of every month from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please join us in our fellowshiping and we encourage you to bring a friend and family member. You are welcome!



First Lady of New Beginnings
Tara Jackson



Sis. Ladrena Scott and Sis. Lisa Dandridge



WOP Participants getting acquainted

How Has Tithing Blessed You?

Tithing Testimonies

By Minister Rodney Cork

By reading the newspapers or watching the evening news on television, people are getting one consistent message. These are tough financial and economic times in which we are living in today. The statistics are devastating. Unemployment is at an all time, staggering high. Home foreclosures are steadily increasing. Fortune 500 Companies are losing billions of dollars. Millions of Americans have no healthcare. These are definitely tough times. The problem is not confined to any one demographic. Almost everyone has been affected in some way by this country's financial crisis. Experts say that during these times, churches usually suffer as people have to make choices concerning their giving. Members of New Beginnings Fellowship Church are not exempt to this problem either.

Many members of our congregation have faced or are currently dealing with many of the above mentioned problems. However, many members are making the choice to be obedient to God's word and being faithful in the area of tithes and offering.

Below are a few testimonies of members who have made the choice to trust God in this area.



Minister Corey Duncan:
"When it comes to tithing, it's not an option for me because God has been so good to me."



Jeff and Erika Quarles:
"God has been good to us all through our tithing. We had a situation in which I (Jeff) lost my job but God always makes a way out of no way. He allowed and helped me to start my own business, be blessed, pay our bills and be successful. God is always good."



Bro. Antonio Patterson:
"One of the things that God has really instilled in me is to trust Him and not wealth."

New Beginnings 5 Year Birthday Celebration

By Sis. Tamica Wright, Sis. Marie George and Sis. Kendra Wilson-Jones

Glory! Hallelujah! Thank you Jesus! and many other praises to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ were the sounds ringing throughout the air and setting the tone for the three-day birthday celebration held from March 2-4, 2009. New Beginnings is 5 Years old!

On the first night of our celebration, the house quickly filled to capacity with anticipation to hear the talented sounds of the Guest Psalmist Minister Jonathan Nelson, and an anointed word from Dr. Lance Watson, Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church in Richmond Virginia. There was no change in the atmosphere when Pastor Jackson informed those in attendance that Dr. Lance Watson would not be with us on the first day due to ten inches of snow that fell in Richmond, Virginia; but what a mighty God we serve. Pastor Jeffrey A. Johnson of the Eastern Star Church, our mother church, came with a powerful word from God that had everyone standing and shouting. Pastor Johnson preached a powerful sermon titled "Praise Is What We Do" from Exodus 5:1.

Dr. Lance Watson blessed us on the second and third night with sermons titled "Moving Out On A Maybe" from 1 Samuel 14:16-14 and "God Has Another Move" from Exodus 11:1-3. Dr. Lance Watson reminded us that our God always has one more plan.

Guest Psalmist Minister Jonathan Nelson and the NBFC Praise Team lead us into worship each night with songs such as My Name is Victory!; He's Able; Only You; I Need You; and The Struggle is Over. These songs were definitely hymns of blessings.

In closing, Dr. Lance Watson stated "At the close of a season, God can grant us commencement and graduation from that season, and progression into the next season of our lives." New Beginnings celebrated just that, progression. If you missed this blessing, you can purchase all three sermons on CD or DVD. Please contact the Audio/Sound ministry at (317)891-3237 ext. 216 for more information.

Happy Birthday New Beginnings...



Guest Psalmist Minister Jonathan Nelson



Dr. Lance Watson



5th B-day - Crowd



1st Lady Tara in congregation



Pastor Jeffrey A. Johnson

Body & Soul

A Celebration of Healthy Eating & Living

By Sis. Vernita Crowe

Body and Soul is a wellness program designed especially for African American Churches. The goal is to encourage church members to eat more fruits and vegetables for better health.

For those of us that are participating in the 40-Day Daniel fast, we should feel a difference in our bodies. At New Beginnings Fellowship Church, Pastor James A. Jackson is encouraging us to maintain or change our eating habits even after the fast. Eating healthy not only changes our physical health but our spiritual well being as well.

In the upcoming weeks, more information will be available regarding church activities and how Body & Soul can change your lifestyle. Body & Soul is important because as African Americans we suffer serious health problems such as cancer,

high blood pressure diabetes, heart disease and strokes. African Americans have the **highest rate of high blood pressure in the world!** Risk factors for high blood pressure include a diet high in saturated fat and cholesterol, low in potassium, tobacco use, obesity, and lack of physical activity. Statistics show many will die from these diseases and bad habits.

At New Beginnings Fellowship Church, we have a pastor that has a heart for his people!

Pastor Jackson stated "We should treat our bodies like the luxury vehicles they are, Mercedes and BMW's! Nothing but the best (premium gas) is good enough to maintain the top performance that is expected; why should our bodies accept anything less?"

Our first activity will be our very own version of the Biggest Loser. We have formed two teams already and are looking for others that are willing to accept the challenge of living and eating better for God! For more information, please stop by the ministry table or contact the Recreation and Wellness Ministry or the Healing Hands Ministry at 317.891.3237 ext. 225

Our Change is Coming!



How Many Fruits and Vegetables Do You Need?

Everybody should eat a healthy diet rich in fruits and vegetables. But most adults need to eat more than children. And men need even more than women. **Over 75% of all African Americans aren't eating enough fruits and vegetables to keep them healthy.**

MOST AFRICAN AMERICANS NEED TO EAT MORE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES EVERY DAY.

- African American children need to eat at least 2 more cups of fruits and vegetables a day to meet their needs.
- African American women need to eat at least 2 1/2 more cups of fruits and vegetables a day to meet their needs.
- African American teenage boys and men need to eat at least 3 more cups of fruits and vegetables a day to meet their needs.

Women			Men		
AGE	FRUITS	VEGETABLES	AGE	FRUITS	VEGETABLES
19-30	2 cups	2 1/2 cups	19-50	2 cups	3 cups
31-50	1 1/2 cups	2 1/2 cups	51+	2 cups	2 1/2 cups
51+	1 1/2 cups	2 cups			
19-50	2 cups	2 1/2 cups	19-30	2 cups	3 1/2 cups
51+	1 1/2 cups	2 1/2 cups	31+	2 cups	3 cups
19-50	2 cups	3 cups	19-30	2 1/2 cups	4 cups
51+	2 cups	2 1/2 cups	31-50	2 1/2 cups	3 1/2 cups
			51+	2 cups	3 cups

Girls			Boys		
AGE	FRUITS	VEGETABLES	AGE	FRUITS	VEGETABLES
2-3	1 cup	1 cup	2-3	1 cup	1 cup
4-8	1 cup	1 1/2 cups	4-8	1 1/2 cups	1 1/2 cups
9-13	1 1/2 cups	2 cups	9-13	1 1/2 cups	2 1/2 cups
14-18	1 1/2 cups	2 1/2 cups	14-18	2 cups	3 cups
2-3	1 cup	1 cup	2-3	1 cup	1 cup
4-8	1 1/2 cups	1 1/2 cups	4-8	1 1/2 cups	1 1/2 cups
9-13	1 1/2 cups	2 cups	9-13	1 1/2 cups	2 1/2 cups
14-18	2 cups	2 1/2 cups	14-18	2 cups	3 cups
2-3	1 cup	1 cup	2-3	1 cup	1 cup
4-8	1 1/2 cups	1 1/2 cups	4-8	1 1/2 cups	2 cups
9-13	1 1/2 cups	2 1/2 cups	9-13	2 cups	2 1/2 cups
14-18	2 cups	3 cups	14-18	2 1/2 cups	3 1/2 cups

THREE SERVICES - We're Still Growing!!!

By Bro Mark Davis

It must be God! That is the only explanation for the phenomenal and unprecedented growth of the New Beginnings Fellowship Church. In just over five years, the church has gone from an initial group of around 300 believers to a current roll of over 3,000. The number of people attending worship services on Sunday had overwhelmingly increased so that it became necessary to add a third worship service effective January 4th of this year. The new worship times are at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Pastor Jackson wants to ensure that as many people as possible are being blessed by the ministry, and that no one has to be turned away due to any space limitations.

Of course, with the added service and increase in membership, there will be a demand for all ministries to increase the services they provide. For this reason, ministry leaders feel that it is more imperative than ever for all members to become involved in one of the ministries offered by the church to meet the church's needs. There is an age old axiom that is used in business that states, '20% of the people do 80% of the work.' If as many people as possible trust God to find and work in their gifted area, then this will be just the beginning of the growth of this ministry.

See the list of ministries currently available on page 9 and contact the information line to get involved.



Wonderful Blessings!!!

Birthday Wishes:

January

- 1 Lori Oliver
- 3 Imari L. Quarles
- 5 Toni Salters
- 5 Alexis Burrus
- 10 Ellery Moffett
- 11 Tamika Sanders
- 12 Isaiaah L. Quarles
- 13 Gwendolyn Patton
- 13 Monica Sharp
- 18 Leon P. Moffett, II
- 18 Morgan L. Wide
- 19 Anthony Oliver
- 23 Kristian Dickerson
- 24 Harvey Brooks
- 31 Lawanna E. Carpenter

- 12 D'Artagnan D. Wide
- 13 D'Asia Bullock
- 17 Gloria Ellis
- 17 Terea M. Rose
- 21 Terry L. Davidson, Jr.
- 27 J. Bernard Wide
- 28 Isadore Cosby

March

- 1 Tiana Melton
- 2 Shedarra Hill
- 5 Raja Burt
- 5 Cathesia Thompson
- 6 Quintana Davis
- 8 Marcia Wimberly
- 12 Diondra Meredith
- 12 Ronnie Lattimore
- 13 Nicole Williamson
- 14 Herman Thompson
- 15 Jeffrey Joiner
- 16 Daryn Whitehead
- 17 Lorin Jones
- 18 Kristin D. Cofield
- 20 Sheryl Forte
- 22 Lorenzo Smith
- 25 Charmane Coleman
- 25 Christopher Owens
- 26 Briana Scott
- 31 Nathan Wimberly

February

- 2 Hasan H. Hassan
- 2 Jaylen Patterson
- 2 Roosvelt (Ben) Smith
- 3 Aundrea Coleman
- 7 Quinn Charles
- 8 Lonnie Abram
- 8 Felica Burt
- 8 Alexandria Coleman
- 10 Aniya Patrick
- 12 Jasmin S. Yates

Wedding Anniversaries:

Karl & Dorene Whorley celebrated their 9th anniversary on January 1st

Isadore & Lisa Cosby celebrated their 1st anniversary on January 27th

Lysanius & Porsche Young celebrated their 7th anniversary on February 8th

Jeffrey & Viktoria Wooten celebrated their 3rd anniversary on February 20th

Eld. Ronnie & Eva Lattimore celebrated their 27th anniversary on February 13th

Corey & Nicole Wilson celebrated their 2nd anniversary on February 24th



Lady Tara's Birthday is March 13th

If you would like to share your special event such as a birthday, wedding anniversary, birth announcement or child on the Honor Roll at school with the New Beginnings Fellowship Church family, please send us an email at: visions.glory@yahoo.com. Please be sure to spell out names and be sure to list all necessary information (spouses name and which anniversary, grade of child on honor roll etc.). The cutoff date for Anniversary, Birthday and Birth announcements for the June issue is April 10, 2009. Thank You!!

Community FOCUS

One of Our Own

Here She Is... Miss Black Indiana 2009: Jessica Murphy

By Tracey Epps

Congratulations to one of our own NBFC members, Miss Jessica Murphy, daughter of Cynthia Murphy and Reverend Bernard Murphy. This delightful young woman was titled and crowned Miss Black Indiana 2009 on October 27, 2008, out of 36 contestants. Visions of Glory had the honor to interview our beautiful and regal member who answered questions entailing her journey to victory-

(JM) First off, let me give thanks to God for the opportunity to be a representative for my state of Indiana, I also want to thank you, my New B church family and Pastor Jackson for the support that you all have given me and also for the recognition with my title.

(VoG) How did you get started? How long have you been competing in pageants and is this your first win?

(JM) Well my whole interest in pageantry started when I was in high school and one of my teachers recommended me for the Circle City Classic Pageant but I got scared and didn't do it. Then the opportunity came for me to enter in the Miss Indiana Teen USA 2005 Pageant and I put my nervousness to the side and entered. So at 17 years old I participated in my first pageant and I placed 7th out of 91 girls. It was the most exciting feeling ever and since then I have been completely drawn to pageants. This title I currently hold is my first title, so that's even more exciting. I will proudly represent Indiana with God by my side.

(VoG) As a christian did you find yourself at odds or uncomfortable with any of the categories, duties, or ongoing events that compromise your values?

(JM) The good thing about the current pageant organization that I am apart of, I can wear my beliefs on my sleeve. There is nothing that is asked of me that is compromising to me as a Christian. That's the good thing about having the title, I can make the decisions on what I will do and won't do.

(VoG) In every pageant there's a platform, a passion for a cause to make Indiana/ the world a better place. What is your platform?

(JM) Well I have a more unique platform, but I am very passionate about it. My platform is the development of young girls and teen pregnancy. This is something very personal for me because I was that young girl that had no one to really look up to and help guide me. My mother was dealing with a divorce and many illnesses, so she could only give so much to me and so I eventually became a young mother, I had my daughter when I

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*"I Will Proudly Represent
Indiana with God by My Side."*

was 18, so when I got a little older I said that if I did nothing else with my life, I was going to devote my time to help guide some young ladies down the right path and do my part to prevent another girl from being a momma to soon. I am determined. I feel like no young girl should have to endure the struggles I had to endure from being a mom too soon.

(VoG) What are some of your responsibilities as MBI?

(JM) Some of the things I have to do during my year reign as Miss Black Indiana is being an advocate for healthy living and just promote the organization and myself as much as I can. As far as the healthy living, myself along with the other state delegates are teamed up with Dr. Ian Smith working together for the 50 million pound challenge. We are team leaders for the challenge and we have to get as many people as we can to get signed up for the challenge. We also work along side the American Heart Association with their Wear Red campaign that starts in the month

of February. This campaign is for women and their heart awareness. So I have to use my creative mind to come up with ways to promote these two projects but in the mean time I can do different speaking engagements and appearances if requested to promote myself and the pageant organization.

(VoG) What is your advice for other young christian girls/ women interested in participating in pageants?

(JM) First I would say to be completely sure you want to be involved in pageantry, its fun but it is a very expensive hobby to have but it can be a great investment if you are serious about it. Next I would say to linked up with ladies like myself, that are experienced in the pageant world. I did my first pageant with no type of training and I did well but with the proper training I could have won that pageant. It doesn't hurt to be involved in different types of pageants, the experience is good. Make sure you have a good support system. Lastly but the most important is be secure in who you are as a young lady, don't let anyone talk you into doing anything that you are not comfortable doing, and always remember you are a child of God, so you have to represent yourself as such at all times.

Again, NBFC congratulates you on your present win and all future victories. We sincerely appreciate and graciously thank you for taking time out for this interview. It was wonderful speaking to such a spiritually grounded, down to earth, highly motivated young woman of purpose. May you continue to prosper in the Lord and all aspects of your life with continual support from your NBFC family and friends.

God Bless You!

2008 Watch Night Service Let's Make a Move

By Sis. Alma Phillips Burrus

New Beginnings was blessed to have two Watch Night Services at 7 and 10 p.m. on December 31, 2008. Pastor Jackson preached from the book of II Kings 7:3-8 with the title "It's Time to Make a Move." Pastor Jackson stated that "we are to go into the new year with the understanding that God is not expecting us to operate in the same way. As soon as we decide to move, God will move. We have to walk in faith, humble ourselves and God will bless us." The Worship and Praise Ensemble set the mood for this night with a spirit-filled worship service. The sanctuary was filled to capacity at both services. Welcome to 2009!



Pastor Jackson and Pastor Wiggins at Communion



Crowd at Communion



New Horizons Church Choir

Communion

By Sis. Kendra Wilson-Jones

"I Corinthians 11:23-25 reminds us of the word of God expressed at the Lord's Supper. The Lord took bread, gave thanks and said 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'"

The New Beginnings Fellowship Church recognizes this command of the Lord in our monthly Communion Service. Following the vision of Pastor Johnson of Eastern Star Church, NBFC joins Eastern Star and New Horizon Church bodies the first Sunday evening of every month. It is Pastor Johnson's vision that the church plants would come together as one family during the sacred Communion Service. Together we receive spiritual nourishment through the bread representing the body of Christ. Like the bread, the word of God should be taken as it has been prepared for us; blessed thru thanksgiving, worship and praise; and broken in pieces, that we may consume what the Lord has intended for us at the time. Thereafter, in celebration of God's promise and new covenant, we drink of the wine representing the blood of Christ, which was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. We celebrate, knowing that our Lord Jesus Christ promises to one day drink of the fruit of the vine with us in his Father's kingdom (Matthew 26:29).

We invite you to join us the first Sunday evening of every month in remembrance of our Lord. We will proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (I Corinthians 11:26). Check your weekly NBFC bulletin for Communion Service location and time.

Ministry Opportunities

For Information Contact the Ministry Information Line at (317)891-3237

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Facilitator - Angela Collins

CHILDREN'S CHOIR x205

Contact - Leonard Carver

CHILDREN'S CHURCH x200

Facilitator - Timothy Jackson

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Contact - Angela Cruse

DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

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DRILL TEAM x201

Contact - Katrina Archie

EVANGELISM x217

Facilitator - Craig Thurmon

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Feeding, Fasting & Fellowshiping

By Bro Elwood Reams and Bro Michael Mays

The men's ministry meeting was held on February 28, 2009 and seventy-two men entered the sanctuary with having experienced three days of the corporate fast of New Beginnings Fellowship Church. The forty day fast is a diet adjustment designed to increase the awareness of God's power and move us closer to Him. Each man knew that they would be spiritually fed by Pastor Jackson from God's Word but there was concern as to how they would be physically fed during the fast since the men's meeting breakfast is an important tradition.

Pastor Jackson taught from the Old Testament to illustrate that men have been chosen to fight for each other, our families, churches, and communities because Satan is attempting to destroy the world. He stated that, "The enemy has used us as his tool for attack through inactivity." Men can no longer sit on the sidelines and not enter the fight because the results are too costly. The men involved in ministries were thanked by Pastor Jackson for their participation and he also invited others to get off the bench, dust off their weapons and join the fight in God's army.

Chef Frank Edmonds and his crew prepared a fabulous breakfast that was both "regal and legal." The pleasing smell of his culinary masterpiece permeated the sanctuary with such intensity that Pastor Jackson stated, "Does he know we are on a fast because that smells like sausage." The menu consisted of vegetable rice, fried potatoes cooked in olive oil, fried apples, salsa and taco chips, assorted fruit and juices. This was an excellent men's meeting in which spiritual and physical appetites were satisfied during the fast in an environment of genuine fellowship!



Nolan Jenkins



Pastor Jackson



Chef Frank Edmonds and Crew



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Ministry In The Spotlight:

The Ageless Word and Prayer Intercessory Prayer Ministry

By Minister Bobby Baker

The Intercessory Prayer Ministry has been sharing the Word of God through bible studies and fellowship on Monday evenings at the Autumn Glen Senior Living Apartments. There has been a wonderful time of sharing and ministering the love of Jesus Christ to both the residents of Autumn Glen and the Intercessors. The ministry was a blessing to the senior saints for the Christmas Holiday with their gift giving,

as the Children's Ministry sang carols. Many of the residents shared how they enjoyed the bible studies, prayer, and fellowship. They now look forward to us coming each week.

The Intercessory Prayer Ministry meets monthly on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Prior to each service, the ministry meets to intercede on behalf of NBFC, the community, special prayer requests, and any issue that is

presented to the Body of Christ and the world. The ministry also partners with other ministries within NBFC, and in the community through various prayer walks and community prayer vigils.

If you would like to know more about the Intercessory Prayer Ministry, please contact Ministry Facilitator Bobby Baker, at (317) 891-3237 ext. 219.



Members of the Intercessory Prayer Group and Autumn Glen Residents.

Fellowship CONNECTION



WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

SUNDAY

Worship Service:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Before I Say "I Do" Class: 8:30 a.m.

New Member's Orientation: 10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY

Midweek of Worship and Study: 7:00 p.m.

New Member's Orientation: 6:00 p.m.

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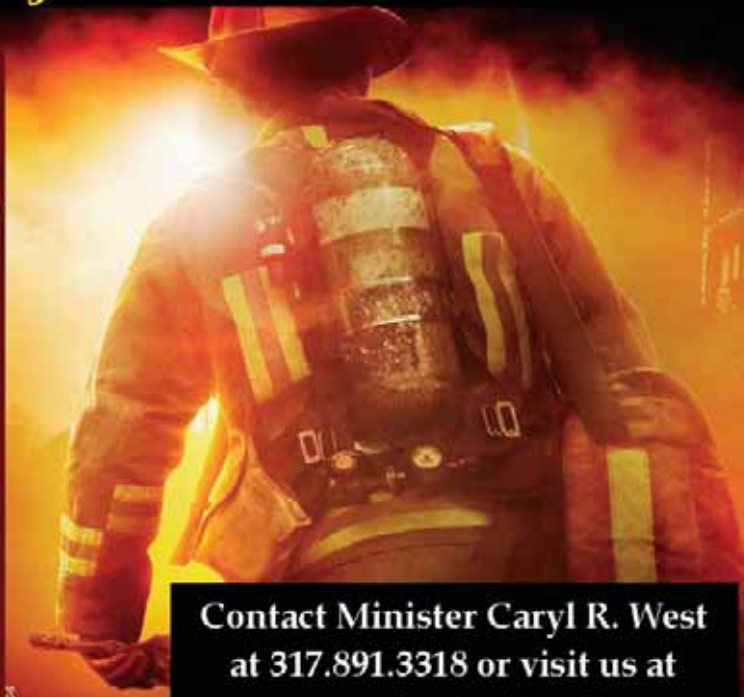
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