



# SUNDAY SCROLL

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Congratulations to our Young Adults Ministry for starting a quarterly Newsletter. It's my privilege to offer a few words on Christian Stewardship in this first edition.

Christian Stewardship is effectively using God-given gifts and resources for God's glory to advance His kingdom. The Bible says, good stewards like Abraham, Joseph, Job, David, and Solomon were **incredibly blessed**. Their blessings were a direct result of using the precious gifts of God (time, talents, and treasures) to glorify Him.

**TIME** – God commands Christians to “redeem the time.” Christians are expected to spend time studying the Bible, learning in Sunday School, praising God, praying daily, and so on to become a **responsible Christian**.

**TALENT** – Every Christian has a talent to use for God. Moses had a rod, Samson a jawbone, and Elijah a mantel. What will you use for God? Can you teach, organize, sing, play guitar, speak, build, or lead? Use it to glorify God.

**TREASURE** – Every Christians knows that advancing God's kingdom requires money. We should honor God with our wealth, with the first-fruits of our increase. We are expected to give to God before anything else: paying bills, buying food, or entertainment.

Greater Sweethome, let us be good stewards because everything belongs to God! We possess – God owns!

## 2020 Theme: Walk Worthy

**Ephesians 4 1-6**

Reach the unsaved, teach, love and salvation, preach the gospel everywhere, save souls for Christ, live faithfully always, and pursue excellence in all we do.

## A & B Honor Roll

**Makaiah Blackburn  
Bradley Darden  
Kindell McKnight  
Landon McNeil  
Jazara Moore  
Aniyah Tunson**



**Great Job !**

## Word for the Quarter

**STEWARDS** Christians are stewards for God. Stewardship is accountability for deciding how best to spend the time, talents, and possessions God has given to us.

## Welcome New Members

**Christion McNeil**

**Linda Hambrick**

**Minister Miles Chandler**

**Evangelist**

**Deborah Chandler**

**Brenda Humphrey**

# A Dilemma In Stewardship

Imagine while driving to church you encounter a man and his family standing on a corner, holding a sign that reads “Hungry need money for food and shelter.” Compassion sweeps over you and your desire to do the will of God by giving, but all you have are your tithes. WHAT DOES A CHILD OF GOD DO? As a child of God it’s difficult to turn away anyone in need. Christians must be lead by the Holy spirit and prayers and not allow our good intentions to become stumbling blocks. There are many ways a man will gain money and avoid working for it. If the Lord leads you to give then do so, because He will provide you with what you need without disturbing your tithes. Whatever your decision is to give or pass be lead by the Holy Spirit. Scriptures to assist you: Thessalonians 3:10; I Timothy 5:8; Malachi 3:8-10; Acts 20:35; Luke 6:38

BY: Nazaline Staniel

## Miracles From Heaven

On Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 KiShore & Darrell Brown welcomed their 3<sup>rd</sup> son Xandin Reece Brown to the world 7lbs 3oz healthy bouncing baby boy. Proud parents Mom & Dad took Xandin home to meet his older brothers Camdin & Landin. Everything was going great until Mom took Xandin for his 1 month check-up. Due to Xandin fast breathing they sent him to a radiologist which he was diagnosed with viral bronchitis. KiShore started the prescribed breathing treatments as instructed by the doctors but she noticed the next morning Xandin’s breathing did not improve & his scrotum was swollen. After calling there pediatrician off to Cook’s ER room Mom & Xandin went, this was the 30<sup>th</sup> of December. After a series of tests & doctors consulting one another the ER cardiologist informed KiShore that Xandin has a hole in his heart & he will need surgery immediately; now they were being admitted to the cardiac ICU Xandin would not be going home anytime soon. Shocked, heartbroken over the news KiShore called her husband Darrell to come to the hospital. So many questions going through her mind, so many different emotions she was feeling, scared, sorrowful & even guilty. KiShore started to blame herself for Xandin’s illness during her pregnancy she prayed & prayed for a daughter now she wanted more than anything in the world was for her baby son Xandin to be healthy. Darrell rushed to his wife & son assuring her that this was not her fault that God is in control. After taking a tour of the pediatric ICU unit & witnessing the IV being placed in his son’s head this too was too much for Darrell to bare. For the next 3 days Darrell & KiShore prayed together & cried with friends and family. If it wasn’t for the Donald Lawrence station on Pandora KiShore would have lost her mind. Early January 3<sup>rd</sup> Darrell & KiShore went to Xandin room to pray over their son alone before the doctors, family or friends came up not knowing if Xandin was coming home with them or going home to be with the Lord. Xandin heart surgery took 5 hours & during this time a peace came over the loving parents for they humbled themselves & gave it all to God and God did answer their prayers. Today Xandin is healthy at home with his family & keeping his Mom on her toes with his strong lungs. Darrell & KiShore are so happy with all the support & love their GSMBC family showed them. Through prayers, scriptures & songs the Browns were reminded that every day God thinks about them, every hour God looks after them, every minute God cares for them & every second God loves them & You. Jeremiah 31:3

BY: Cherri Moore

# Recipe For a Great Marriage

Harry & I have been married for 61 years & this is my recipe for a great marriage & my prayer is that it will help you in yours.

**I. Love & Commitment** Love is what binds us to each other, however, love alone is not enough for a relationship to stay strong and survive for a long time. For this purpose commitment is even more important. Love is the foundation but commitment is the house we build on that foundation. Commitment means that we decided to stay together no matter what in sickness or health, through good times or bad times, through those times when we didn't feel so loving and even when we didn't like one another, yes there will be times like this. When both partners are committed to the relationship and willing to do whatever it takes to solve the problems, then everything especially happiness is possible. **II. Friendship & Quality Time** Friendship is what helps you keep going even when love temporarily weakens. When you and your spouse are friends, you accept and respect each other, enjoy each others company, like to spend time together, talk to each other, share interests, values, inspirations & hopes. When you and your spouse support each other and are genuinely happy when the other partner is successful. **III. Intimacy** is what separates your marriage from all other relationships. Intimacy means relating to each other with closeness that includes emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual aspects. True intimacy; also, includes being vulnerable with each other without fear of being hurt or rejected. It is also true for the sexual part of your relationship which can develop together with the deepening of trust and closeness in other areas. **IV. Fidelity, Trust & Honesty** You must have true intimacy it is impossible without fidelity. Fidelity is not just sexual faithfulness it also includes not going outside of the marriage for emotional connection. Honesty is very important in building trust. **V. Effective Communication** It's not just words that we say to each other, but also our facial expressions, tone of voice, gestures, and even our actions. It is very important to learn how to express your feelings, thoughts, desires, and needs in non-accusing non-judgmental ways. Active listening is an awesome skill to obtain in your marriage you will be able to understand each other beyond words. **VI. Successful Conflict Resolution and Fair Fighting** Conflicts that are handled well are those where there is an overall tendency to resolve the conflict and solve problems in way that is mutually respectful and satisfying for both you and your spouse. **VII. Random Acts of Kindness & Mutual Support** "It is the little things that matter." My grandmother belief was, that everything that we put our soul energy and time into grows. The same is true for LOVE. When we demonstrate good will toward each other and show that we care in a small but thoughtful ways by complimenting them on things they do, expressing gratitude and appreciation, giving little gifts, taking them out, supporting each other in their aspirations and projects. Our love grows and gets stronger then love becomes a conscious and intentional "joint venture". **VIII. Responsibility for one's Own Life** Some of our younger peoples enter into relationships with the hope that their partner will make them complete and happy. It's an impossible task to be someone's everything. Ultimately, nobody can make you happy only we ourselves can learn to be happy. Happiness might include your own growth and development, our own friendships and interests with others besides your spouse, and sometimes being able to take care of your own needs. It's very important to pay attention to what we ourselves bring into a marriage, instead of trying to change your spouse. **IX. Personal Space** is very important because this is where we retreat to rejuvenate, to recharge, and even rekindle our love for each other. Some people spend so much time together that their love suffocates. **X. Humor** means different things to different people (of course) but in general I'm talking about learning to laugh together & laugh at each other. Sharing a similar sense of humor and finding something to laugh about.

By Walta Wilson





**Hank Aaron** (February 5, 1934- Henry Louis Aaron, nicknamed "Hammer" or "Hammerin' Hank," is a retired American Major League Baseball right fielder who serves as the senior vice president of the Atlanta Braves. Aaron held the MLB record for career home runs for 33 years, and he still holds several MLB offensive records.



**Percy Lavon Julian** (April 11, 1899 – April 19, 1975) was a research chemist and a pioneer in the chemical synthesis of medicinal drugs from plants. His work laid the foundation for the steroid drug industry's production of cortisone, other corticosteroids, and birth control pills.



**Clara McBride Hale** (April 1, 1905 – December 18, 1992), also known as Mother Hale, was an American humanitarian who founded the Hale House Center, a home for unwanted children and children who were born



**Maggie Lena Walker** (July 15, 1864 – December 15, 1934) was an African-American teacher and businesswoman. Walker was the first African American woman to charter a bank and serve as its president in the United States. As a leader, she achieved successes with the vision to make tangible improvements in the way of life for African Americans and women. Disabled by paralysis and limited to a wheelchair later in life, Walker also



## BLACK HISTORY TRIVA

1. Who was the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court?
2. Rosa Parks, who sparked the Civil Rights Movement when she refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man, did what for a living?
3. In 1939, Hattie McDaniel was the first African American to win an Academy Award. Which category did she win?
4. Pioneering medical research Dr. Charles Drew made ground-breaking improvements in blood storage and developed the blood bank for what humanitarian organization?
5. Carol Moseley Braun became the first black woman elected to what governing body?
  1. Thurgood Marshall
  2. Seamstress
  3. Best supporting actress
  4. American red Cross
  5. The US Senate

# New Year New You...

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Have we ever truly considered that God really love us and has an awesome plan for our lives? What I mean is do we transfer what we know about God and the bible into personal practical daily applications. We see that this was a problem for the wisest man ever, King Solomon, having received the wisdom from God to rule the nation but yet not applying Gods rule to his family life and all other areas of his life. We can all identify with King Solomon if we are honest but we also have the opportunity to repent and allow God to be Savior and Lord of our lives. Wisdom is both the ability to discern what is best and the strength of character to act upon that knowledge and only God by His Spirit can inform us and empower us along life's journey.

Matthew 6:33, Proverbs 16.33

Consider A New Year Resolution That Aligns With Gods Plan

## Ministries That Need Help

### Youth Department

Min. Starr

### Sunday School

Deacon Belvin

### Youth Choir

Netia Tunson

### Mission

Delores Wallace

### Ushers

Shirley Smiley

## Outreach Ministry

### Purse Drive



Fashion For Faith

01/19-02/16

Feed My Sheep  
03/01-4/05



One Man's Treasure  
Pants

Drive 05/03-06/07

# Support Local Business Owners



Aja Dahling Cake  
Asia Thompson  
682-970-9501

M/B Remodeling  
Mike Belvin  
817-932-587

Fly By Hawk  
Photography  
KiShun Hawkins  
817-602-2589

Cozy Home Christian Childcare  
Drea McNeil  
817-877-6326

Master Hair Stylist  
Antoinette Tealer  
817-681-7676

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**SUNDAY:** 8:30AM Minister's Meeting (Quarterly, 4<sup>th</sup>)  
9:30AM Sunday School  
9:30AM New Member Orientation  
11:00AM Morning Worship Service

**MONDAY:** 6:30PM Instruments of Praise Dance  
7:00PM Youth Choir Rehearsal  
7:00PM Deacons/Board of Directors (1<sup>st</sup>)  
7:00PM Deaconess & Minister's Wives (1<sup>st</sup>)  
7:00PM Young Adult Ministry (4<sup>th</sup>)  
7:00PM Youth Department Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)

**TUESDAY:** 6:00PM Mercy Team (4<sup>th</sup>)  
6:00PM Mime Practice (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)  
6:30PM Drill Team Practice (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)  
7:00PM Bible Study  
7:30PM Male Chorus Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY:** 6:30PM Mid-Week Worship Service  
7:30PM Mass Choir Rehearsal  
7:30PM Nurse's Guild (4<sup>th</sup>)

**THURSDAY:** Church is closed

**FRIDAY:** Church is closed

**SATURDAY:** 10:30AM Youth Ushers (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
11:30AM Senior Ushers (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
11:00AM Senior Mission (2<sup>nd</sup>)

## *A sweet recipe for your Sweetie*

“Pink Fluff”

2 Whip cream (12oz containers)  
1 Lucky leaf cherry pie filling 21oz can  
2 Condense sweeten milk (14.5oz cans)

Fruit Cocktail 2 cans  
Pecan Pieces 1/2 cup  
Coconut Flakes 1/2 cup  
Marshmallows 1 bag

In large bowl mix whip cream, condense milk, can of cherries, drained fruit cocktail together. Next after all is mix together stir in pecans pieces, coconut & marshmallows as desired. Refrigerate serve cool for a sweet refreshing desert yum. Recipe submitted

by: First Lady Verillian Thompson