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Church
Calendar

Sunday
Bible School
10: a.m.

Worship
Services
11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

Thursday
Bible Classes
7:00 p.m.

RADIO PROGRAM
Sunday at 2:30 pm
WMCA 570 AM

A Friendly,

Christ-Centered,

Bible-Believing

Church.

In Gear With The Minister

REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEBODY'S HAND

Dr. Luke in the third gospel book records Jesus' visit to His hometown of Nazareth. By now, the news had spread widely about the miracle-worker from Nazareth; so His family, friends and neighbors were anxious to see and hear him. It was our Lord's custom to attend public worship, He made his way on the Sabbath to the place of prayer. Jesus was asked to read the Scripture text and to give a sermon. The passage He read was Isaiah 61:1,2, and He selected it as His text. The Jewish rabbis interpreted this passage to refer to the Messiah and the people in the synagogue knew it. You can imagine how shocked they were when Jesus boldly said that it was written about Him and that He had come to usher in the "acceptable year of the Lord." Jesus applied all of this to His own ministry, not in a political or economic sense but in a physical and spiritual sense. He had certainly brought Good News of salvation to bankrupt sinners and healing to brokenhearted and rejected people. He had delivered many from disease. Indeed it was a spiritual "Year of Jubilee" for the nation of Israel.

At first, they admired the way He taught, but it didn't take long for their admiration to turn into antagonism. Why? Because Jesus began to remind them of God's goodness to the Gentiles. This message was a blow to the proud Jewish exclusiveness of their congregation. Imagine this hometown boy saying that the Jews had to receive Gentiles. The congregation was so angry, they took action to kill Jesus. Let me sound my trumpet, in spite of their unbelief in Nazareth, the Scriptures declared that Jesus of Nazareth is God's Only Begotten Son, the Messiah, and the Savior of the world. These people who rejected Him, will one day be judged by Him and receive the vengeance of our God. John 12:48

TODAY'S CHURCH IS CHALLENGED TO REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEBODY'S HAND THROUGH EVANGELISM.

The most important work of the church is soul-winning. Soul-winning is God's No. 1 Business. The Lord said, **God has anointed him to preach the gospel to the poor. and God has sent him to heal the broken hearted.**

Luke 4:18 Jesus said, **For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.** Luke 19:10

Charlie McClendon says, it is the church's duty to save souls and to keep souls saved. He is right.

Proverb 11:30 says, **He that winneth souls is wise. Why is he wise?** He is arresting a stream of evil influence, turning back a human spirit from a downward direction to a direction to a heavenward direction. He is originating a stream of holy and helpful influence which will bring unimaginable good. He is wise because he is rescuing the perishing and caring for the dying.

IF EACH CHRISTIAN AT CLINTON AVENUE WERE CAPTIVATED BY OUR THEME: REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEBODY'S HAND IN 2012, we will baptize 100 persons in 2012. Say amen, if you can. If more of us were propelled by the spirit of our theme, our Bible School and Bible classes would be overflowing, our Sunday night service would equal the Sunday morning in attendance, more Christians would visit the sick, more Christians would be soul-winners and support our Gospel Meetings, more Christians would give as the Lord has prospered them, thus surpassing every financial goal, and more Christians would love one another, forgive one another, and encourage one another. Now if you have gone out of business, you ought to take down your sign.

The year of 2011 is almost gone. As I reminisce its startling events, I know that I know that the Lord has been good, extremely good to this congregation. **God has smiled on us!** The year of 2011 was another great year. At this writing in 2011, we have **baptized 35 persons thus far. Praise the Lord for those persons.** I must salute you as a great church and commend you for your support to the church program in 2011, but we must move a little higher. **REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEBODY'S HAND 2012!** There are still some uncharted seas before us, some mountains to be conquered and some rivers that we must cross. We are still working on getting a church building in Jersey City. We are still working on training and developing men to be qualified elders and deacons at Clinton Avenue, and still trying to turn this city up-side-down for the Lord. Every member of Clinton Avenue needs to join together in words and deeds in implementing our challenging theme: **REACH OUR AND TOUCH SOMEBODY'S HAND IN 2012!** May this congregation be strength to those who are weak, hope to those who are in despair, and company to those who are lonely, peace to those who are confused, and salvation to those who are lost in the world's jungle of sin.

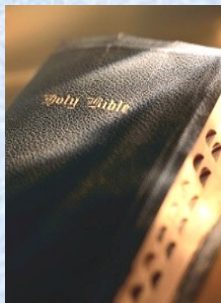


THE FOODBANK ITEM IS A CAN OF CORN FOR THIS MONTH.

OUR 2012 CHURCH THEME....

REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEBODY'S HAND!

Luke 4:17-20



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SICK LIST AT HOME Edna Wiley, Rosalie Naylor, Catherine Taylor, Rosa Martin, Arizona Greenlee — 2 Smalley Terrace, Irvington, NJ, Edith Ward, Denise Henderson, Sandra Lawton, Christine Chester, Charles Graves, Ruth Adams, Barbara Gardner

HOSPITALS— **Laura Wilson**—Ramapa Regional Hospital, 301 Sismoc Avenue, Wycliffe, NJ; **Mamie Greenwood** —South Mountain Rehabilitation Center, Vauxhall, NJ; **Celia Robinson**—Harbor View Center, 178 Ogden Ave., Jersey City, NJ, 201 963-1800; **Flint McCray**—University Hospital, Newark, NJ

SICK VISITATION Group 1: B. Wesley, W. Gardner, C. & C. Ward, C. Holly

28th ANNUAL WINTER WEEKEND IN HUNTINGTON, NY The date is **January 6-8, 2012.**

The theme is: **I Once Was Blind...John 9:25.** The speaker will be **brother Xerxes M. Snell**, and the cost is \$40.00. There will be speeches, a Bible Quiz, fun crafts, and group singing. **The Newark Youth Ministry** plans to take a group of kids to attend this event. We will be leaving the church Saturday morning, January 7, 2012, at 8:00am and returning on Sunday, January 8, 2012, at 6:00pm. The cost to attend will be \$78 per person. The cost includes: Registration for winter weekend, hotel stay for one night, transportation, and lunch for Saturday and Sunday. Registration and hotel is non-refundable once mailed in!! Seating is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis with **MONEY!** **Payments can be made to sister Connie Smith.**

THE WILLING WORKERS FOR SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Will meet **Sunday, January 1, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.** and every sister is urged to be present for this important meeting. Sister Iris Kuku

RESTORED LAST SUNDAY S. Whitaker, Jr., C. Holley, R. Richardson, Y. Lewis, V. Hardaway, L. Godbold and R. Wilson were restored. W. Gardner, M. Graves, K. Williams, Sharon Carter, G. Butler, T. O'Neal, R. Eady and N. Brewer requested prayer.

RESPONSES FOR 2011 35 Baptized, 400 Restored/Requested Prayers; 12 Placed Memberships

THE LADIES PRAYER MEETING/BIBLE CLASS Will meet **Saturday, January 14, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.** **Sister Felicia Mensah** is the teacher. Every sister is encouraged to be present.



THE MINISTER AND LEADERSHIP OF THE NEWARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

PERSONAL WORK SUNDAY WILL BE SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2012.

THE NEXT YOUTH DEVOTIONAL Will be **Friday, January 27, 2012, at 7 p.m.** Every youth is encouraged to be present. **Brother Terrance Wood** is in charge.

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WELCOME HOME FORMER MEMBERS! It was super wonderful having with us last Sunday: **Daphne Moses**, Dallas, TX; **Josephine Samuel's son**, Winston-Salem, NC, **Exora Bey Brown and her husband**, Tampa, FL, **Kevin Best**, Oakland, CA, **Michael Graves**, Atlanta, GA and **the Clifton Thomas Family** of Newark.

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

	A.M.	P.M.
INVOCATION	J. Scott	
SONG DIRECTOR	L. Foreman	W. Gardner
SCRIPTURE	P. Taylor	R.C. Jackson
PRAYER	W. Paton	K. Williams
SERMON	E. Lawton	E. Lawton
LORD'S SUPPER	R.C. Jackson	T. Wood
NARRATIVE	P. Taylor	
1-C. Ward, 2-Cu. Smith, 3-A. Burch, 4-S. Johnson, 5-A. Shipman, 6-H. Blanding		
FRONT RIGHT PEWS --E. Mitchell, I. Pernell, W. Paton, M. Cole		
FRONT LEFT PEWS —J. Benyarko, E. Mensah, J. Toney, K. Williams		
REAR RIGHT PEWS —T. Best, C. Gadson		
REAR LEFT PEWS —Ant. Hart, O. Coney.		
ELEVATOR --B. Shipman		
NIGHT SERVERS --K. Williams, M Canady, S. Carter, T. Wood		
OFFERING	R.C. Jackson	T. Wood
ANNOUNCEMENTS	N. Bourne	Cu. Smith
BENEDICTION	M. Canady	W. Paton
USHERS	J. Benyarko	W. Paton
INSIDE USHERS	B. Johnson	N. Bourne
OVERFLOW AUD. USHERS	G. Hunt	M. Coleman
	W. Paton	D. Kahiga

COMING EVENTS

68th ANNUAL NATIONAL LECTURESHIP WILL BE IN LOUISVILLE, KY. The date **April 3-8, 2012** at the **Hyatt Regency Louisville Hotel.** The theme is, **The Gospel, God's Connecting Power. Room Reservation at the Hyatt is \$110.00 per room, and the lecture-ship reservation is \$165.00 per person.** For additional information, check out the **website, www.68thnationallectureship.com.** **Brother Kenneth E. Flemings, Sr.** is the host director.

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