



**In Gear With
 The Minister**

THE POVERTY OF THE CHURCH



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**Church
 Calendar**

**Sunday
 Bible School
 10:00 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.

The Bible is the best book in the world. The Bible is settled in its source, sure in its promise, satisfying in its contents, guaranteed in its guidance and sanctifying in its influence. To this book I go for a message, Matthew 9:37 says, **THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW. THE POVERTY OF THE CHURCH,** I hear someone saying, brother preacher, I dare you to talk about poverty because we live in the richest country that civilization has ever known. This is the day of plush houses, with plush carpet so thick you can hardly walk on it, sleek, stereophonic, air-conditioned cars, and plastic money to buy whatever our hearts desire. I hear somebody else saying, brother preacher, the church has more members than ever before, the church is taking up more money than it ever did before, we have better and larger church buildings with padded-cushioned pews, air-conditioning, computers and fax machines. Don't talk to us about the poverty of the church, talk to us about the accomplishments of the church.

THE HARVEST IS PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW. Jesus saw the need for workers and the church needs workers today. Jesus saw the worst kind of poverty; poverty that food stamps cannot help, poverty that welfare cannot help, poverty that urban renewal cannot help...the poverty of the church--**NO LABORERS TO DO THE WORK.** This is not a shortage of money, intelligence, of members, but a shortage of laborers. In the church today, there is a great shortage of men, preachers, elders, deacons, teachers, song leaders, personal workers. Loose living brings about the poverty of the church. In spite of the poverty of the church, my mind is made up that I am going to stay with Christ and his glorious church.

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JERSEY CITY BIBLE CLASS

Will meet **this Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** All members who live in Jersey



THE EXCITING ENCHANTERS' 44th ANNUAL CONCERT

The date is **Saturday, October 28, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** The admission is free but a free will contribution will be taken up. **Their guest choral groups will be Redeemed, Tri-State and The Easternaires—Alumni, Tri-State Area.** Everyone is encouraged to attend. **Brother Willie Ben Johnson** is the director. Get ready for a great time in the Lord.

You see, **earth has no poverty to equate to the spiritual poverty.** As long as

THE WIDOWS' LUNCHEON The date is **THIS Sunday, October 8, 2017. at 2:00 p.m. at the Ramada Plaza Hotel,** Newark Airport. Today is a special day for the widows. This luncheon is designed to encourage them. The honorees are the following widows: Dorothy Blanding, Voncile Wesley, Evelyn Manuel, Alandis Borders, Mary Hill, Rosa Chislum, Gwendolyn Thomas, Patricia Shipman, Bernice Barnes, Sylvia Vonce, Celia Robinson, Bettie Wright, Minnie Walker, Mabel Nowell, Ann Moses, Josephine Samuel, Earleen Butler, Delores Richardson, Blanche Mitchell, Hazel Brown, Mattie Butler, Doretha Wesley, Doris Fleming, and Ruth Shipman. The widows' dinners will be complimentary, but **the cost is \$26.00 for non-widows.** The Theme is: **God's Promises For Today's Widows—1 Kings 17:7-24.** **Sister Felicia Mensah** will be the keynote speaker. Every sister is encouraged to attend this luncheon. Please register with **Mikki Taylor or Henrietta Green.** This is sponsored by **the Ladies Bible Class and sister Mikki Taylor is in charge.**



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



SICK LIST AT HOME Donald Worth, Arizona Greenlee, Jearleen Richardson; Harriett Green; Robert Williams; Curlie Hooper

HOSPITALS **Edna Wiley**—Hamilton Park Health Care Facility, 525 Monmouth St. Jersey City, NJ; **Catherine Taylor**—White House Nursing Home, 560 Berkley Ave., Orange, NJ; **Mamie Greenwood, Emma Waller, Lucille Fraser**—South Mountain Reh. Center, Vauxhall, NJ; **Bertha Kornegay**—Boniventure Nursing Home, 655 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, NJ; **Brunish Best**—Waterview Center, 536 Ridge Road, Cedar Grove, NJ; **Annie King**—New Visita Nursing, 300 Broadway, Newark, NJ; **Rosalie Naylor**—Cornell Hall Reh. Center, 234 Chestnut St., Union, NJ; **Juanita Lane**—Beth Israel Hospital, Newark, NJ

SICK VISITATION Group 4: S. Trent, I. Kuku, J. Johnson

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CLOTHING GIVE AWAY This congregation will be distributing free clothing for men, women and children to help meet a need in our community. **The date is Saturday, October 28, 2017, starting at 9:00 a.m.** Each member is urged to bring some clean and usable clothing and place them in the boxes in the vestibule. **Sister Henrietta Green** is in charge of the **Benevolence Ministry.**

LADIES' DAY PROGRAM IN BURLINGTON, NJ The date is **Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 9 am to 2 pm** and will be held at the **North Clinton Avenue congregation** in Trenton, NJ. The theme will be **Christian Relationships** and the **guest speakers will be Gia Gilbert, Philadelphia, PA and Iris Kuku, Newark, NJ.** **Brother Chris Turner** is the minister of the **Sunset Road congregation.**

MINISTERS' CLASS Will meet **Friday, October 13, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.** **Brother Lawton** is the teacher.

RESPONSES FROM SUNDAY Harvey Jones and Audrey Williams were restored. L. Butler, G. Jackson, G. McIver, B. Butler, S. Brewer and C. Campbell requested prayer.

RESPONSES FOR 2017 10 Baptized, 325 Restored/Prayer Requests, 4 Placed Membership

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THE PRISON MINISTRY IS SUNDAY, October 22, 2017 AT 6:00 p.m. Those who are involved in this ministry are urged to be on time. **Brother Brain Coleman** will be speaking. **Brother Brian Coleman** is in charge.

THE AREA-WIDE SINGING FELLOWSHIP Will be on **Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at Harlem church** where **Dr. O. J. Shabazz** is the minister.

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WELCOME VISITORS, WE ARE SUPER DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY, DO COME AGAIN SOON. THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE THIS PLACE!

ORDER OF WORSHIP **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017**

	A.M.	P.M.
INVOCATION	M. Graves	And. Hart
SONG DIRECTOR	And. Hart	T. Wood
SCRIPTURE	B. Coleman	R. Johnson
PRAYER	T. Wood	E. Mensah
SERMON	E. Lawton	E. Mitchell
LORD'S SUPPER	M. Graves	
NARRATIVE	P. Taylor	
1-C. Ward, 2-Q. Ford 3-R. Shipman 4-S. Toney, 5-E. Mitchell 6-P. Taylor		
FRONT RIGHT PEWS	Z. Peterson, B. Coleman, W. Paton	
FRONT LEFT PEWS	K. Williams, E. Mensah, G. Jones, M. Canady	
REAR RIGHT PEWS	W. Wright, C. Holley	REAR LEFT PEWS —W. Paton, A. Hart, Jr.
ELEVATOR	B. Shipman	NIGHT SERVERS --B. Johnson, M. Canady, S. Carter, Q. Ford
OFFERING	M. Graves	E. Mitchell
ANNOUNCEMENTS	N. Bourne	T. Wood
BENEDICTION	P. Taylor	K. Williams
USHERS	W. Gardner	P. Taylor
INSIDE USHERS	W. Wright	N. Bourne
OVERFLOW AUD. USHERS	G. Hunt	T. Wood
	M. Coleman	Z. Peterson

COMING EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING IN TRENTON, NJ The date is **October 8-13, 2017 with brother Howard Wright**, Atlanta, GA, as the guest minister. Dinner will be served on Sunday, October 8th. The week night services will be at 7:30 p.m. **Brother Clarence Matthews, Sr.** is the host minister of the Trenton church.

YOUTH DEVOTIONAL Will be **Friday, October 28, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** Every youth is encouraged to be present. **Brother Terrance Wood** is in charge.

OUR CHURCH THEME FOR 2017:

TOO BLESSED TO BE STRESSED
1 Cor. 10:13

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE—newarkchurchofchrist.org
YOU WILL FIND IT INFORMATIVE AND INSPIRATIONAL. TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT IT.