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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.**

## **In Gear With The Minister**

# **THE OFFENSE OF THE CROSS**

**At the heart and center of the Christian religion stands one symbol, a cross.** For the cross, men and women have given their all and all and even their very lives. To most people the cross is dear, it is on our church buildings, Bibles, dashboards and some wear them around their necks. All though it has been through the centuries an object of devotion and reverence; but neither poetry, nor art, gold, jewelry, can disguise the fact that the crucifixion was a dreadful form of execution. Yes, the Lamb of God was nailed to the cross for you and for me. Listen to Paul in I Cor. 1:23, **"But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness."** To the philosophical Greeks the cross was merely incomprehensible. That men should be saved by it was preposterous; that men should preach it, sheer foolishness. To the religious Jews, a crucified Messiah was scandalous; giving a universal invitation was an attack upon their privileged security. **THEY WERE OFFENDED BY THE CROSS.**

**WHY WAS THE CROSS AN OFFENSE?** It condemns the world and sets forth an imperative ideal. (Matt. 16:24) The Roman Centurion, King Herod, Caiaphas Pontius Pilate, and Judas were condemned by the cross.

**RELIGIOUS PEOPLE TODAY ARE OFFENDED BY THE CROSS.** At the cross the Old Testament was taken out of the way. **The Law of Moses died when Jesus died on the cross. (Col. 2:14)** People get offended when you tell them that they are not to follow the Old Testament. because they know that the Sabbath Day was under the Law. David used instrumental music, and an eye for an eye were taught under it. When you tell them that we are to follow the New

Testament; many get offended.

## **THE TEACHING OF THE CROSS SAYS THAT THE DAYS OF MIRACLES HAVE CEASED.**

Fake-healers are going around deceiving people. Many people have given their life's earnings to fake-healers for holy water, blessed water, holy cloth, etc. The use of miracles in the early church was temporary. (I Cor. 13:8-10)

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## **SENIOR CITIZENS' DINNER**

The date is next **Sunday, April 22, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at the Ramada Plaza Hotel.** You must be 60 years old in order to attend.

Please give your name to **sister Tonya Jones** or brother Eugene Lawton in order to attend.

## **CONGREGATIONAL SINGING PRACTICE**

The date is **Sunday, April 29, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. and brother Andre Hart** will be in charge. Plan to come for this important event.

**BROTHER EMMANUEL MENSAH WILL PREACH HERE THIS SUNDAY NIGHT.** Every member is encouraged to be present to hear this man of God.

## **THE 50th REUNION NORTHEASTERN YOUTH CONFERENCE WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST—1 BAPTISM ON SUNDAY.**

It was a most historic weekend, over 1,000 young people and adults from 30 congregations and 7 states converged in Newark to attend one of our greatest **Northeastern Youth Conferences, April 6-8, 2018.** **Brother Orpheus Heyward**, Atlanta, GA, preached Sunday morning of the Youth Conference and did an outstanding job. One young lady was baptized, oh Praise His Holy Name. On Friday, some 600 person were present for the basketball games and witnessed **Newark defeat Rochester to become our 2018 champions. New Haven, CT was the Best Cheerleaders of 2018.** Saturday was filled with speeches by youth, classes were taught by **brother J. K. Hamilton**, Dallas, TX, and **brother Chris Landrum**, Dayton, OH. **Brother David Wilson**, Brooklyn, NY, gave a very inspiring and interesting sermon. **Jadin Cross** of Newark gave the Welcome Address, **Andre Hart, Jr.** of Newark and **Nia NCross** spoke as youth from Clinton Avenue. Congratulations to **Sabastian Davis**, Milton, MA and **Charity Joseph**, Brooklyn, NY, - Nostrand who were selected as during the pageant. It was super exciting to see so many young people in the worship service last Sunday and to witness one baptism. **Brother Lawton** was honored with plaques and a appreciation contribution for 50 years serving as the director of the NEYC. I want to thank everyone who helped to make this conference a great success.

Dr. Eugene Lawton, Minister



**THE FOODBANK ITEM IS A CAN OF GREEN BEANS FOR THIS MONTH.**

**THE NEXT YOUTH DEVOTIONAL** Will be **Friday, April 27, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.** Every youth is encouraged to be present to share in fun, fellowship, and an inspirational message. **Brother Terrance Wood** is in charge.

**LADIES' LUNCHEON IN TRENTON, NJ** The date is **Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** The theme is **Old Fashion Faith; Getting Us Through Modern Times.** (Hebrews 11:6) The speakers will be **Telita Williams, Berkeley, SC** and **Nakia Wood, Newark, NJ.** **Brother Clarence Matthews** is the host minister.

**BROOKLYN'S 29TH ANNUAL LADIES' DAY** is this **Saturday, April 21st, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.** The theme is **Ladies, Get Out The Boat And Walk In Faith,** Matthew 14:29-31. The speakers will be **sisters Geannetta Bennett, Hartford, CT** and **Denise West, Mount Vernon, NY.** The donation is \$30.00 for adults, \$20.00 for children 12 years and under and this will be at the **Top Civic Center Banquet Hall, 1098 Utica Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11203.**

**THE PRISON MINISTRY IS NEXT SUNDAY, April 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** Those who are involved in this ministry are encouraged to be present. **Brother Brian Coleman** is in charge.

**THE JOHNSON SINGERS IN 22nd ANNUAL GOSPEL CONCERT** The date is **Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 7 pm** at the Newark church. Their guest choral groups will be **Majestic Sounds, Brooklyn, NY** and **The Exciting Enchanters, Newark, NJ.** The admission is free but a free-will contribution will be taken up. Everyone is encouraged to attend this concert.



**SICK LIST AT HOME** Donald Worth, Arizona Greenlee, Jearleen Richardson; Harriett Green; Juanita Lane; Constance Shipman

**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—**South Mountain Reh. Center, Vauxhall, NJ; **Brunish Best —**Waterview Center, 536 Ridge Road, Cedar Grove, NJ; **Bertha Komegay—**Brother Bonaventure Nursing Home, 655 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, NJ; **Annie King—**New Vista Nursing, 300 Broadway, Newark, NJ; **Rosalie Naylor—**Cornell Hall Reh. Center, 234 Chestnut St., Union, NJ; **Bernice Barnes—**Alaris At Belgrove+, 195 Belgrove Dr., Kearny, NJ; **Celia Robinson—**Bayonne Medical Center, 29 E 29th St, Bayonne, NJ; **Rita Arbuckle—**Overlook Hospital, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit, NJ

**SICK VISITATION Group 3:** R.\* & A. Johnson, W. & C. Patton, V. Francis, R. Green



**OUR 2018 CHURCH THEME...**

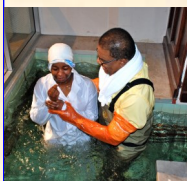
**SHARING THE JOY OF THE LORD!**

**Neh. 8:10, John 15:11**

**YOU COME AND BRING SOMEONE TO BIBLE SCHOOL!**

**Our Goal: 250 In Bible School Every Sunday.**

**EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD NEED TO STUDY GOD'S WORD.**



**ONE BAPTIZED LAST SUNDAY** Welcome to **Michelle Stagers, Hamden, CT,** who was baptized during the 50th Reunion Northeastern Youth Conference. Welcome to **Shadira Telemaque, 145 Sunset Avenue, Newark, NJ 07106—973 551-5015,** who placed her membership with us from Dominica. T. Betts, D. Lewis, J. Robinson and J. Reeves were restored.

**RESPONSES FOR 2018** 8 Baptized, 93 Restorations/Prayer Requests

**REVIVAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON, DC** The date is **April 29, - May 2, 2018** with **brother Leu Gilbert, Philadelphia, PA,** as the guest minister. Dinner will be served on Sunday, April 29th. Brother Christopher Bradley is the minister of the 13th Street congregation.

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

**EVERY CHRISTIAN OUT TO BE A SOUL-WINNER FOR JESUS! ARE Y O U?**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

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

## COMING EVENTS

**NATIONAL LECTURESHIP WILL BE IN GREENSBORO, NC** The date is **May 19-24, 2018** at the **Koury Convention Center of the Sheraton at Four Seasons**. **Brother Jefferson Caruthers** of Winston-Salem is the host minister. Visit [www.cocnl2018.com](http://www.cocnl2018.com) for more information.

**CHURCH LIBRARY** *Is open every Sunday for 20 minutes immediately after 11:00 a.m. service.*

**EVERY MEMBER AT CLINTON AVENUE CONGREGATION SHOULD tell SOMEBODY ABOUT OUR WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAM.**

**Every Sunday on WMCA,**

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE—[newarkchurchofchrist.org](http://newarkchurchofchrist.org)  
YOU WILL FIND IT INFORMATIVE AND INSPIRATIONAL. TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT IT.**