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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 POVERTY OF THE 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.

You see, **earth has no poverty to equate to the spiritual poverty.** As long as my Lord gives me strength, I must tell men and women that Jesus said, **MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE...** As long as the Lord gives me a voice, I must sound my trumpet and tell my brothers and sisters that it is better to have a starved stomach, than a starved soul. As long as Jesus is my Leaning Post, I've got to tell the world; take the world, but give me Jesus. Even though your mink coat is so

long and heavy until you can barely walk, I must talk about the poverty 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.  
Eugene Lawton



**HARVEST TIME IS HERE!** During the last two months of the year, this is **HARVEST TIME FOR SOULS.** Our goal is 50 baptisms for the year and we are trying to reach that goal. **Let us work harder during Harvest Time in order to reach our goal.**

**SHARING THE JOY OF THE LORD!**  
Neh. 8:10, John 15:11

**EASTERNNAIRES' ANNUAL END OF THE YEAR PROGRAM** The date is **this Saturday, December 15, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Newark Church of Christ.** Sister Dorothy Wells is the founder and directress. **You must be present to hear some 100 young people praise God in Gospel Singing.** The admission is free, but a free-will contribution will be taken up. Some of our young people will be participating.



**OUR NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE** Will be **Monday, December 31st, at 7:00 p.m.** Plan to attend the last service of the year. **Our Choral Groups will be singing and our minister will have a special evangelistic sermon, so bring a friend or a relative who is not a Christian.** We want to baptize some souls during the last service of the year. Refreshments will be served; **sister Evelyn Manuel is in charge, see her or sister Rovena Rodgers to make a donation.** Your must be present for an uplifting time.



**THE FOODBANK ITEMS ARE RICE, CEREAL, MACARONI, ETC. FOR THIS MONTH.**



**SICK LIST AT HOME** Donald Worth, Arizona Greenlee, Harriett Green, Juanita Lane, Bernice Barnes, Jearleen Richardson, Rita Arbuckle, Alanis Borders

**34th ANNUAL WINTER WEEKEND** The date is **December 8-9, 2018** and the theme is "**Christ Forever**". **Brother Franklin Reed III**, Far Rockaway, NY is the guest speaker. This is for youth **ages 13 to 22 years old**. The cost is \$35.00 per person and the deadline was November 24th. The Hampton Inn, Commack, NY is the host hotel at \$119.00 per night. This will be at the **Huntington Church of Christ, Huntington, NY**.



**GETTING FOOD BASKET READY**

The **Benevolence Ministry** is getting ready to distribute food baskets to needy families on **THIS Saturday, December 8, 2018, and your cooperation is needed**. Each member is urged to bring canned meats, canned vegetables, rice, pasta, cereal, cake mix, icing, etc. immediately. We need the names of needy families: name, address (with apartment number), phone number and family size. We would like to know if the family can pick up the food basket at the church on that Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. **Please give this data to sister Henrietta Green**, the chairperson of our Food Benevolence Ministry.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** Will be **Sunday, December 23, 2018**, after the morning service. Every member is urged to take advantage of this blood pressure check. **Sister Ondra Hart** is the chairperson of the First Aid Ministry.

**BROTHER R. C. JACKSON IS PREACHING THIS SUNDAY NIGHT.** Every member is encouraged to be present to hear this man of God.



**END OF THE YEAR FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** The date is **Saturday, December 23, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** in the Church Dining Hall. A delicious, deluxe breakfast will be served. **The men of this congregation are responsible for paying \$10.00 for the food. Please see Andre Hart or Terrance Wood with your donation.** We will have an uplifting message for the family, family activates and games. Come out and break bread and fellowship with other families. **Brother Terrance Wood** is in charge.

**ANNUAL MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING** will be **THIS Saturday, December 16th, at 2:00 p.m.** Every brother is urged to be present.

**ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING** Will be **NEXT Sunday, December 17th**, after the morning service. Every member is urged to be present for this important meeting. The minister.

**RESPONSES ON LAST SUNDAY** H. Brown, R. Richardson, L. Reeves, and T. Carter were restored. E. Butler, B. Butler, Sharon Carter, V. Hardaway and M. Taylor requested prayer.

**RESPONSES FOR 2018** 18 Baptized, 418 Restorations/Prayer Requests, 2 Placed Memberships

**CONDOLENCE** We extend condolence to **Stanley, Sharon and Terrance Carter and Family** is the loss of **their father, brother Willie Carter**, who departed this life on November 24, 2018 and was funeralized on December 1, 2018. Let us pray for this family.

**THE CHRISTIAN ECHOES 19th ANNUAL CONCERT** The date is **THIS Saturday, December 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Northshore church, Staten Island, NY**. The guest groups will be **Legacy** from Philadelphia, PA, and **Joyful Noise**, Trenton, NJ. **Brother Willie Lee** is the host minister.

**\$31,000.00 WAS GIVEN THE SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE IN 2018.** We commend **sister Iris Kuku, the SWCC Willing Workers and all supporters for a job well done in raising money for SWCC**. This is our highest amount and you are to be commended. May the good Lord continue to smile upon you. The Minister

**THE NORTHEASTERN LADIES RETREAT WILL NOT BE IN 2019.** The Wyndam Hotel in Gettysburg, PA did not have our dates available as we originally thought. **The 41st Northeastern Ladies Retreat will be June 5-7, 2020.** (Email from Stephanie Keith, August 24, 2018)

**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 OUGHT TO BE A SOUL-WINNER FOR JESUS! ARE Y O U?**

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP** **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018**

**INVOCATION**

**SONG DIRECTOR**

**SCRIPTURE**

**PRAYER**

**SERMON**

**LORD'S SUPPER**

**NARRATIVE**

1-W. Paton, 2-L. Arias, 3-M. Canady, 4-S. Johnson, 5-E. Mitchell, 6-E. Mensah **FRONT RIGHT PEWS**--S. Carter, K. Williams, D. Lacey, M. Graves **FRONT LEFT PEWS**—S. Carter, E. Mensah, A. Hart, Jr., M. Canady **REAR RIGHT PEWS**—P. Taylor **REAR LEFT PEWS**—S. Toney, B. Shipman **ELEVATOR**--S. Toney **NIGHT SERVERS**--S. Carter, Q. Ford, G. Jones, W. Paton

**OFFERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

**USHERS**

**INSIDE USHERS**

**OVERFLOW AUD. USHERS**

**A. M.**

B. Coleman

And. Hart

E. Mitchell

W. Paton

E. Lawton

T. Wood

P. Taylor

**P.M.**

A. Hart

B. Coleman

T. Wood

R. Jackson

E. Mitchell

T. Wood

M. Graves

W. Wright

Z. Peterson

N. Bourne

G. Hunt

W. Paton

E. Mitchell

Z. Peterson

L. Arias

R. Johnson

B. Coleman

M. Coleman

Z. Peterson

## **COMING EVENTS**

**NATIONAL LECTURESHIP WILL BE IN ST. LOUIS, MO.** The date is **April 20-25, 2019 at the Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel, St. Louis, MO.** **Brother Jefferson Caruthers** of Winston-Salem is the host minister. Visit [www.cocnl2018.com](http://www.cocnl2018.com) for more information.

**THE PRISON MINISTRY** Will be **Sunday, December 23, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.** All members who are involved are encouraged to be present. **Brother Brian Coleman** is in charge.

**THE AREA-WIDE SINGING FELLOWSHIP** Will be **Sunday, December 16, 2018 in Staten Island, NY at 3:00 p.m.** Everyone is encouraged to attend to hear some great gospel singing. **Brother Willie Lee** is the minister.

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YOU WILL FIND IT INFORMATIVE AND INSPIRATIONAL. TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT IT.**