

Greater News



Have a Blessed Christmas

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is here again. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, I want to thank every member of Greater Pentecostal for your love and support to this ministry and the Hicks Family. You have truly been a blessing to this ministry and we are grateful to be a part of your life.

I know this has been a trying time for some of you and your families. However, I am so proud of the way in which many of you dealt with the storms in your life. You didn't give up on God and you didn't give up on your church family. Together, we made it through. Many of you lost your jobs this year, but many of you found another job or were called back to your old job. Many of you had family issues and financial issues. But you kept the faith through it all and I want you to

know that the best is yet to come in your life. Your storm is getting ready to pass over!

As you celebrate Christmas, be mindful that **Jesus is the reason for the season**. This is NOT the season to get in debt! Stay focused this Christmas season. Yes, I know the advertisements and SALES are all around you. But ask yourself this question: **"do I really NEED that item, or is that just something I WANT?"** If you don't need it, don't buy it...EVEN if it is on SALE...50% off. If you have to charge it to a credit card, that already has a balance that you can't pay off, you will end up paying a lot more for that item (through interest) than the sale price. Be smart! Don't allow the enemy to get you in over your head. Sales are great, if you have the cash and need it.

I hope to see all of you at our New Year's Eve Celebration on Dec

31st. As many of you know, **our New Year's Eve Celebration is just that...a CELEBRATION**. Come out and help us magnify the Lord as we welcome in the New Year. **Our celebration will start at 9 PM and last until a few minutes after Midnight**. Also, don't forget that we will start our Consecration 2010 on 1 Jan 2009. So eat all the sweets you can on Dec 31st, because our first fast item is **"No Sweets" starting Jan 1st**. On January 1st we will give you your new **Consecration 2010 Prayer Journal**. It will be different from the ones you have received in the past five years, so you want to make sure you are here to get your copy before they are all gone.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and may you have a blessed 2010!

Pastor Herman Hicks



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Congratulations GP Scholars

GP Scholars
(Middle & High School)



Students with a 3.0 GPA or better received a monetary gift of \$25; 4.0 received \$50

GP Scholars
(Elementary School)



Each student received a certificate.





GP Women's Day Service November 2009



Speaker: Mother Callie Smith
International COGIC Young Women
Christian Council President



GP Women's Choir singing to the
Glory of God

The True Meaning Of Christmas

*Jesus Christ was born this day
So many years before
He came a servant to the lost
Though he was Lord of Lords
We celebrate this joyous time
Reflecting on His birth*

*Not born in a mansion, but a stable
As if He had no worth
He came so He could identify
With the human heart of man
And gave His life as a sacrifice
Offering a better plan
A plan that reconciles us back
To our loving Father God*



*Bringing hope and redemption from
Sin's ruling iron rod
For this is the only reason that we
Should celebrate this day
To become focused on anything else
Would take the meaning away
So let's arise with joy in our hearts
And share it with everyone*

*The meaning of Christmas will always be
The birth of Jesus – God's son*

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We have prepared our homes and church for Christmas, Lord. Now help us prepare our hearts.



Your Credit Report

If my life was a credit report and I was trying to obtain salvation, based on my score I wouldn't get it.

My history shows that I've been delinquent in praise, past due in prayer, my worship has been in collections and I've missed a few payments (tithes) or only paid half (you know how we put \$20 in the basket and feel like we've done God a favor).

Not to mention that my debt (sin) to income (blessings) ratio is too high.

BUT I thank God that I was able to file bankruptcy (repentance) and it cleared me of all of my debt (sin). Now I have a co-signer (Jesus) whose score is FLAWLESS... Not one blemish (sin) on his report.

So now... I QUALIFY for EVERYTHING! Most importantly I've inherited eternal life and I didn't have to put one penny down.

Author unknown

The Birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:39-80)

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

- "And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe **(WEPT, LEAPED)** in her womb." LUKE 1:41 **TRUE OR FALSE**
- "Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." LUKE 1:45 **TRUE OR FALSE**
- Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a daughter. LUKE 1:57 **TRUE OR FALSE**
- "...they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. And his mother answered and said, 'No; he shall be called John.'" LUKE 1:59-60 **TRUE OR FALSE**
- And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, "His name is Zacharias." And they all marveled. LUKE 1:63 **TRUE OR FALSE**
- "Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue **(LOOSED, TIED)**, and he spoke, praising God." LUKE 1:64 **TRUE OR FALSE**
- "Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit..." LUKE 1:67 **TRUE OR FALSE**
- "So the child grew and became **(STRONG, WEAK)** in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel." LUKE 1:80

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CONSECRATION 2010

30 DAYS OF FASTING AND PRAYING

Do you have a Prayer need?
Have you been praying and it seems like your prayers are not being answered?
Let us touch and agree with you!

JANUARY 1ST - 30TH / NIGHTLY PRAYER
FROM 6:30PM TO 7:30PM

POWERFUL PRAYER AND ANOINTING

RECEIVE A FREE CONSECRATION 2010 PRAYER JOURNAL WHEN YOU ATTEND PRAYER ON JAN 1ST AT 6:30 PM
RECEIVE FREE BOTTLE OF ANOINTING OIL (WITH A MUSTARD SEED) ON THE LAST NIGHT OF PRAYER (JAN 30TH)

COME AS YOU ARE, AS YOU SEEK THE LORD WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART. (DRESS CASUAL)

CALL (316)262-7155 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR VISIT US AT OUR WEBSITE

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Just for KIDS

SPECIAL VISITORS

Matthew 2 tells of visitors who traveled to worship Jesus. Read that story, or see if you can answer the questions below from memory. Use the compass guide to fill in the correct answers.

- Who was king during the time of Jesus' birth? _____ (ESE)
- Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews? _____ (WNN)
- How was King Herod feeling about Jesus' birth? _____ (NE)
- Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? _____ (SW)
- In what city would Christ be born? _____ (SE)
- King Herod lied to the wise men and told them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? _____ (NW)
- What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? _____ (E)
- When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? _____ (S)
- Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His _____ (N)
- What did the Magi do first before they worshiped the child? _____ (W)
- Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus. _____ (SSW)
 _____ (NNW) _____ (WSW)
- These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as ... _____ (NNE)
- What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A _____ (ENE)
- The Magi had to return to their country by another _____ (SSE)

Answers: 1. Herod, 2. Magi, 3. disturbed, 4. Micah, 5. Bethlehem, 6. worship, 7. star, 8. overjoyed, 9. mother, Mary, 10. bow down, 11. gold, incense, myrrh, 12. gifts, 13. dream, 14. route

BIRTHDAYS

Tre'zjohn Evans	12/16
Tylecia Zachry	12/16
Keyrra Wright	12/17
Andrew Freeman Jr.	12/18
Joshua Hoy	12/18
Damauri Parker	12/19
Ernestine Freeman	12/20
Lakeeta Mahan	12/20
Austin Bland	12/21
Israel Norwood	12/21
Eboni Armstrong	12/22
Tione' Bobo	12/22
Keiana Mahan	12/27
Leon Dukes	12/28
Are'menta Burton	01/01
Alonzo Franklin	01/01
Teresa Jefferson	01/04
Larry Totten	01/05
Lisa Totten	01/05
Min Curtis Carthen	01/08
Nina Mitchell	01/09
Vergie Brown	01/10
Verl Ramsey	01/10
Kyzah Davis	01/10
Jasmine Moore	01/11
Saquayia Henderson	01/12
Carrie Banks	01/13
Jonathan Humphrey Jr	01/13
Sondra Thomas	01/13
Latonya Brown	01/13
Jacqueline Brown	01/14
Shakur Reed	01/14
Sammy Ward	01/14
Wesley Collins	01/15
Jeanene Dixon	01/16
Mother Betty Gettis	01/16

ANNIVERSARIES

Anthony & Ursala Bowie	December 16th
Melvin & Are'menta Burton	December 23rd
Todd & Catherine Coley	December 27th

Amidst the giving of gifts, the excitement of children and the cooking of traditional dinners, it is easy to miss "the reason for the season", the birth of God's son, Jesus Christ.

From the staff of Greater News Newsletter Merry Christmas and have a blessed New Year!