



# TEMPLE TALK



## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:

Praise The Lord and greetings to all of my brothers and sisters! I indeed greet you in the matchless name of Jesus Christ! As we approach a new year and a time in our lives that we've never experienced before, I am encouraging each of us to take advantage of the opportunity to approach God's throne even more in 2017. While it may be true for you that drawing closer to God is an ever present thought and goal. I submit to you that we all should make it a priority to seek the face of God and not simply the hand of God. To approach His throne denotes that we are seeking His counsel, His wisdom, His provision, His presence, His attributes, and most of all His will for our lives. I am making a commitment to my God, my family and my ministry that I will approach God's throne on behalf of everything that I deem valuable and significant in my life in 2017.

Peace and Blessings,  
District Elder T. Marc Gandy

## JANUARY'S SPIRITUAL THEME

Praise the Lord to the Miracle Temple Family and the people of God everywhere. I greet you in the Matchless Name of Jesus! Our Spiritual Theme for January is, "Basic Pentecostal Doctrine".

So many believers, young and old, have questions concerning what it is we believe. For the next several weeks we will begin a new series that addresses these concerns. I encourage you to take notes and perhaps even use a journal to chronicle your findings as we delve into our Great Doctrine.

We would love to see you in class at The Miracle Temple. If you are unable to attend the bible study, we have made it available on Facebook Live or you are welcome to call in on our conference line and listen in (605)475-3200 access code 943444# at 7:00pm.

## A Year of Time..... Steven B. Cloud

...Though even thinking on the subject of time may prove discomforting, it is not a bad idea—especially at the beginning of a new year.

As we look into 2017, we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life.

The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak—every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day.

Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on.

And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God.

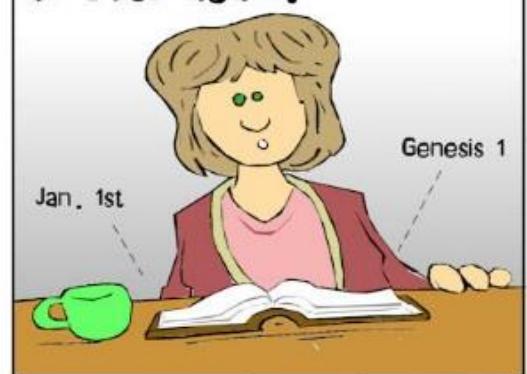
The New Year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 PARIS GRAVELY
- REBECCA TURNER-BLAIR
- 1/4 VERONICA GANDY
- 1/5 REGINALD GRAVELY
- ELAINE SWEET
- 1/8 LAURIE GANDY
- KEOSHEANI KNOWLES
- 1/9 KYLIE DEVERNY
- 1/15 PAULA DIAS
- 1/16 CLAUDETTE BRYDIE
- 1/18 MONICA GREEN
- 1/19 ANTHONY MCCRARY, JR
- 1/20 FERN GANDY
- 1/24 CHYENNE HILL
- 1/29 TAMMI DAVIDSON
- LEMONT SWEET
- 1/30 JENNIFER J. JACKSON
- 1/31 DERIA HOSKIN
- 1/31 BRITTANY KING

### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

WO.. this is like DEJA-VU  
all over again.



The time honored but much maligned  
New Years Resolution to read through  
the Bible in one year begins.. AGAIN!



THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE FEBRUARY 2017 ISSUE OF TEMPLE TALK IS SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>; PLEASE DELIVER TO PASTOR GANDY NO LATER THAN THAT DATE. THANK YOU.