



TEMPLE TALK®

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR JANUARY

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 2021 is, "Joy of the Journey". As we prepare to embark on this journey called 2021, it is important that we apply the proper perspective. If we are not careful, we will become bitter and not better because of past hurt, past failure, and past disappointment. What we have got to bear in mind is the fact that what we had to go through was a part of the making of who we are presently. Although it may not have felt good while we were experiencing it, we are better because of the lessons it taught us. I am a firm believer in trusting the process, it is our journey of discovery. One writer, the Apostle James advises the believer to "count it all joy!" The reason he could make such a conflicting statement is explained in the following passage of scripture. You can count it joy because it produces faith which produces patience which produces perfection. So, as not to give all of the answers here, let me encourage you to tune in to our weekly bible study.

To learn more join us Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

Please invite friends and family to experience our midweek service and bible study. Also, did you know that you can donate to our ministry using Cash App? Our information is \$MiracleTempleAPC

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:

Praise the Lord to the Miracle Temple Family and the people of God everywhere. I greet you all in the Matchless Name of Jesus Christ! Every year about this time I think about a new year with another year's experience under my belt as the Senior Pastor. This being no different allow me to share some of the things that I have learned. I have learned that what we know will help us to build upon what we have been taught. In other words, the foundation of our future growth will determine the measure to which we will either excel or remain as we currently are. I have learned that every day is a gift and must be opened to experience all the possibilities. We can either take advantage of the opportunities or we can lament over what we allowed to slip away. I have learned that even though we may not be in control of the outcome, we are supposed to participate with input. Let me put it like this, do nothing and accept it, or do something and add to the final outcome. I have learned in my 14 years as the Senior Pastor that what I lack in ability causes me to strive to be led by the Spirit, because it is the empowerment for my life. You do not have to know everything, but you do need to know who does. I will trust in The Lord!

Until our next communication,
Pastor T Marc Gandy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1/1 Paris Gravely & Rebecca Turner-Blair

1/5 Reginald Gravely

1/8 1st Lady Laurie Gandy & Keoshiani Knowles

1/9 Kylie Deverny

1/15 Paula Dias

1/16 Claudette Brydie

1/18 Moni Green

1/20 Linda Gibbs

1/29 Tammi Davidson

1/30 Jennifer Jackson



A Year of Time

Steven B. Cloud (re-printed from January 2017, edited)

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

As we look into 2021, 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?