



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?



February'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 February 2021 is "Contagious Christianity". The purpose for this study is to help us become better in our evangelism ministry. Whether you know it or not, the moment you gave your life to Christ, you signed up to be a minister of evangelism. None of the disciples had experience in soul winning before Jesus took them under His tutelage. They were all skilled in other areas, but it was Jesus who told the fishermen, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Matt 4:19. (CSB)

Jesus gave all who would follow him a new job description and a commission, in Acts 1:8, he told them you will be my witnesses! A witness shares what it is that they have seen, heard, or know by personal presence and perception. So, it is your testimony as His witness that carries much weight and can be very persuasive and even influential in the decision of a potential convert.

It is my firm belief that we can all stand to benefit from a refresher course in evangelism. It doesn't matter how long you've been on the Lord's side, as long as you have a made-up mind to receive instruction and are willing to sharpen a skillset that may not have been fully utilized. Who's with me?

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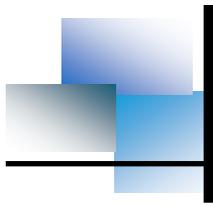
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Lord, I may not know about tomorrow, I may not know what the day has in store for me, but You Lord know all things. So, I will trust you. I will lean on you for understanding and believe that it will all make sense after a while. This journey of ours is filled with swift transition. We don't know what will happen from day to day, but we can rest assured that God, our Heavenly Father is with us every step of the way. As saints of God, we have the comfort in knowing that we are never alone on our journey. So, let me offer this word of encouragement as it is recorded in the book of Romans 8:28 (KJV) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.

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The deadline for submissions to the March 2021 issue of TEMPLE TALK is Sunday, February 21st 2021 (all formats, email or written). Please submit to Pastor Gandy first for approval before the deadline.



FEBRUARY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Happy Birthday Joyce Penn	4	5 Happy Birthday Zetta Russell	6
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21 Happy Birthday Ellen Gandy	22	23 Happy Birthday Jackie Gandy & Lin Johnson	24	25	26	27

Don't Mess With Mom or Dad

Submitted by Sister Jackie Gandy (Author Unknown)

My son came home from high school one day with a smirk upon his face. He decided he was smart enough to put me in my place...

"Guess what I learned in Civics II,
that's taught by Mr. Wright?
It's all about the laws today,
'The Children's Bill of Rights'

It says I need not clean my room,
Don't have to cut my hair,
No one can tell me what to think,
Or speak or what to wear.

I have freedom from religion,
And regardless what you say,
I don't need to bow my head,
And I sure don't have to pray.

I can wear earrings if I want,
And pierce my tongue and nose.
I can read and watch what I like,
Get tattoos from head to toe.

And if you ever spank me,
I'll charge you with a crime.
I'll back up all my charges,
With the marks on my behind.

Don't you ever touch me,
My body's only for my use,
Not for your hugs and kisses,
That's just more child abuse.

Don't preach about your morals,
Like your Mama did to you.
That's nothing more than mind control,
And it's illegal too!

Mom, I have these children's rights,
So you can't influence me,
Or I'll call Children's Services Division,
Better known as C.S.D."

Of course my first instinct was
To toss him out the door.
But the chance to teach him a lesson
Made me think a little more.

I mulled it over carefully,
I couldn't let this go.
A smile crept upon my face,
He's messing with pro.

Next day I took him shopping
At the local Goodwill Store.
I told him "Pick out all you want,
There's shirts and pants galore.

I've called and checked with C.S.D.
Who said they didn't care
If I bought you K-mart shoes
Instead of those Nike Airs.

I've cancelled that appointment
To take your driver's test.
The C.S.D. is unconcerned
So I'll decide what's best."

I said, "No time to stop and eat,
Or pick up stuff to munch,
And tomorrow you can start to learn
To make your own sack lunch.

Just save the raging appetite,
And wait till dinnertime.
We're having liver and onions,
A favorite dish of mine."

He asked, "Can I please rent a movie,
To watch on my VCR?"
"Sorry, but I sold your TV,
For new tires for my car.

I also rented out your room,
You'll take the couch instead.
The C.S.D. requires
Just a roof over your head.

Your clothing won't be trendy now,
And I'll choose what we eat.
That allowance that you used to get,
Will buy me something neat.

I'm selling off your jet ski,
Dirt bike and roller blades.
Check out the 'Parents Bill of Rights'
It's in effect today!

Hey hot shot, are you crying?
Why are you on your knees?
Are you asking God to help you out,
Instead of C.S.D.?



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The February Pastor's Pen will remain through the month of March as it ties into our Spiritual Theme for this month.

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SPIRITUAL THEME FOR MARCH:

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 March 2021 is Trusting the Process. In the book of Proverbs 3:5 the people of God are admonished to "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." When our position in God is clear we can declare like Job; "But he knoweth the way that I take: [when] he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Another bible version says, Yet he knows the way I have taken; when he has tested me, I will emerge as pure gold. Job 23:10 (CVB)

It is certain that the process of our lives or the journey that we take to reach our destination; though it may not be clear to us, God has a plan for our lives. It is up to each one of us to embrace the plan of God and submit to His will for us. It may not seem to make the walk easier for you, but it will prove to be the best road to travel. Will we encounter difficulties along the way? Absolutely, but He will carry us through the difficult times if we keep an attitude of total submission to His will.

There have been books, songs, and articles written concerning trusting the process. I wrote my dissertation on the subject of trusting the process. The thing that we must remember is that God is in control of the outcome. Our input determines our level of participation in our outcome. Please join us weekly as we explore the process.

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Communion Schedule

First Quarter

MARCH 7

Second Quarter

MAY 2

Third Quarter

JULY 4

Fourth Quarter

DECEMBER 5

Please keep this schedule as a reminder of communion services as well as a reminder to be spiritually prepared to receive the Lord's Supper.

Meaning of Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter that begins the Holy Week. It is the day that we remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered Jerusalem as Savior and King. As Jesus rode a donkey into the town of Jerusalem a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. The hundreds of people shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/3 Gerri Marshall

3/5 Nyja Gravely

3/8 Calvin King, Jr.

3/11 Imogene Harris
Ruby Gandy
Deborah Evans

3/13 Elijah Johnson

3/14 Marva Percy
Adam Green

3/15 Rachell Berry

3/16 Michael Reddrick

3/18 Terance Orme, ESQ

3/21 Lisa Green
Christian Brown
Calvin Brown, Jr.

3/22 Carmelita Jones

3/31 Arisha Green-Dean

REMEMBER THESE DATES!

Spring forward



3/14 Daylight Saving Time Begins



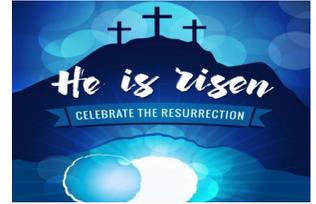
3/28 Palm Sunday

Did You Know?

Patrick is not really a Saint with a capital S, having never been officially canonized by Rome. And Patrick could not have driven the snakes out of Ireland because there were never any snakes there to begin with!



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SPIRITUAL THEME FOR APRIL

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 April 2021 is The Life and Times of Jesus Christ. We will be exploring the Man and the Legend. HISTory! I am getting excited just writing about it for this newsletter! Saints and friends we are going in for this one! I plan to use several resources in addition to The Holy Bible. One book that I will be introducing us to is written by one of our Apostolic Literary Geniuses, Dr. Johnny James, entitled JESUS The Ultimate Ology. By the time we wind down on the fourth week I think we will be fully submerged in the Jesus-ology.

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! We have entered into the Spring season, a time when blossoms bloom, birds sing, flowers grow, and all is well in the world. It all sounds so poetic, doesn't it? While most of this is true, the reality is that all is not well in the world. There is so much wrong that needs to be fixed. There is injustice, inequality, mistreatment of certain people based on their skin color, or their ethnicity, or their economic status. While the rich continue to get richer, the poor continue to remain poor. Educational opportunities are for the privileged and the elite of society, while the underserved and underrepresented are expected to accept the crumbs from the master's table. Sometimes I just wish the people in power would decide to do something about the disparities that exist between people of color and people of privilege. We do believe that a change is coming, but how long will we have to wait to see it? Will it be in my lifetime, or my grandchildren's lifetime? In order for us to see the change that we want to see, we are going to have to be the change! Let's form co-ops to grow our own community gardens, let's invest in our neighborhoods, let's police our own communities, let's educate our own children, let's empower the next generation by teaching them values and strategies that build wealth and health, not just the outward appearance of affluence. There was a time in history when the black church was a respected institution. A place where black neighborhoods were represented by black owned businesses. The market, the produce stand, the dry cleaners, the funeral home, the barbershop, the beauty parlor, the tailor shop, the dressmaker, etc. We don't have to go back to the way we were, I'll just settle for the way we can be.

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E + R = O

by Elder Calvin Brown, Sr. (Associate Pastor)

It has often been quoted that each of us have the ability to chart our own destiny and put into motion the course of direction we should take to reach our desired destination in life. For some it might be the desire to go to college and further their education, for others it may be a longing to get married, have children, and play a vital role in the development of the community in which they live. Regardless of the aspirations, hopes, and dreams that we strive for in our life's pursuits, there is one biblical principle/formula that can assist us in successfully accomplishing the task we have set before us. The biblical principle/formula I am talking about is $E + R = O$. This formula declares that (The Event + My Response = Will Always Dictate the Outcome) As a young man newly married, and taking on the responsibilities of fatherhood, and the many challenges that come with providing for a family seeking to meet the financial, emotional, and at times spiritual needs within the household, I realized that I needed a deeper understanding of how to apply God's word to my life in responding to the day to day struggles and situations that inevitably I would encounter. It was in seeking the Lord that one day while at my job that he gave me this formula $E + R = O$. The Lord impressed upon me that life itself is comprised of a series of (Events) and circumstances that which for the most part we will never have control of. The (Event) may be the death of a loved one, a failed relationship or marriage that went terribly wrong, the lost of a job, more bills than income, diagnosis of a terminal disease, a wayward child or close family member falling victim to drug or alcohol addiction, childhood mental or physical abuse, false accusations or lies directed at your Christian character, living through a pandemic, and the list goes on and on. But regardless of the (Event) no matter what it might be, the Lord has given his people the ability to dictate the outcome of every situation in their lives by trusting, believing, and allowing our actions to align with what the Word of God would instruct us to do. The following scriptures and many more support this statement; Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 118:5, Psalm 9:10, Isaiah 26:3, Romans 8:28, Psalm 40:4-5, Jeremiah 17:7-8, John 14:1, Isaiah 40:31, Psalm 46:10 Someone in the world coined the phrase several years ago WWJD (WHAT WOULD JESUS DO). These letters WWJD were posted on billboards, printed on t-shirts, and repeated by countless preachers in pulpits all over the world. The answer to this question is that (Jesus would do what his Word told us to do). No matter what you might be facing on today or how challenging the (Event) might be, know that it is (Your Response) in trusting God's Word that is going to dictate the (Outcome) and by faith you are already an overcomer and victorious in Jesus Christ.

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APRIL 2021

				1 Don't Be Fooled	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter Sunday	5	6	7	8	9	10
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April Birthdays:

4/2 Charles Green Sr, 4/2 Sharon Penn, 4/3 Faye Jinks, 4/3 Stephanie Pushia, 4/4 Audrey Findley,
4/12 Asst. Assoc. Pas. Calvin Brown Sr, 4/14 Lynette Randle, 4/21 Jourdan Jackson

April Wedding Anniversaries:

4/2 Betty & Jimmie Pugh, 4/11 Ellen & Sterling August 4/24 Bonnie & Michael Reddrick



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SPIRITUAL THEME FOR MAY

Praise the Lord to the Miracle Temple Family and the people of God everywhere. I greet you in the Matchless Name of Jesus! We are continuing the series for the month of May 2021, entitled, "About That Life". We will continue the review of the book of 1st John during the next several weeks in an attempt to explain what this Jesus Life is really all about. You really don't want to miss these!

Here is an excerpt from one of the lessons:

"The word anti-Christ simply means "an opponent of the Messiah". Basically, John is telling us that anyone who opposes Jesus is an anti-Christ, which means they are serving the purposes of the Devil. What does that mean in real life? Well, whenever we choose to, "love the world" more than we love Jesus we are cooperating with the Devil, which makes us anti-Christ. What does it mean to "love the world?" Let me give you an example: The Apostle John was the disciple whom Jesus loved (see John 21:7). John was the writer of one of the four gospels (John) as well as 1, 2 and 3 John."

Obviously we are looking at the book of 1 John for the next few weeks. So let's ask ourselves a question, "Why is this book written?"

These questions will be answered in class, see you at The Miracle Temple. If you are unable to view the bible study on Facebook Live you are welcome to call in on our conference line at 7:00pm and listen in. (605)475-3200 access code 943444#

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:

The Authority Of God

Until we as the Body of Christ understand Spiritual Authority and the Authority of God, we will not operate in the fullness of our calling. God has set up authority in the church so that we will function in order and in power. Every family, business, organization, governmental agency and ruling body has to have a structure in place to support it's purpose. The church is no different in fact the church is the model for every other structure in the earth. God, as our sovereign authority has set things in order for the success and victory of the church. Even though we are under the constant attack and influence of Satan to overthrow and corrupt our ranks. We must hold fast to the confession of our faith (Hebrews 10:23). The Authority of God is the power that has been vested in us to carry out His will in the earth. Let us subject ourselves to the Authority of God.

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MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 *Happy Anniversary* Nick & Karla Weller	3 *Happy Birthday* April Brown	4 *Happy Birthday* Terrence Turner-Blair	5 *Happy Birthday* Vicki Moore	6 *Happy Birthday* Sterling August, Jr Sydney Phillips	7 *Happy Birthday* Betty Hoskin	8
9 Mother's Day *Happy Birthday* Brianna Anderson Steven Green	10 *Happy Birthday* Shayla Holmes	11	12	13 *Happy Birthday* Christopher Rowe	14	15 *Happy Birthday* Richard Brown
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 *Happy Birthday* Pastor T Marc Gandy Marshia Pushia	25	26	27	28 *Happy Birthday* Alexis Harris	29
30	31					

The Proverbs 31 Woman

A woman of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.

She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.

She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.



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Praise the Lord to the Miracle Temple Family and the people of God everywhere. I greet you in the Matchless Name of Jesus! We are starting a new series for the month of June 2021, entitled, "Armor of God". We will begin with an introduction to the book of Ephesians during the next several weeks. The apostle Paul, its author is laying the foundation and setting in order the early church at Ephesus. You really don't want to miss this month's lessons! We will explore the need of this epistle.

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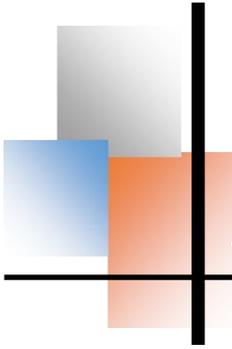
FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

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! Jesus is a Healer! In case you don't know, ask me. On the Friday before Mother's Day my wife Laurie suffered a mild or "mini" stroke. She recognized what was happening and was able to alert her mother, as I was not at home at the time. After the 911 call was made, I was contacted to return home ASAP! Thanks to our first responders we made it to the E.R. in time for them to aggressively treat the symptoms. After some time in E.R., Laurie's condition improved dramatically. All of the tests that were run, the CT scan, EKG, and BP readings were pretty normal. The treatment she received for the next 3 days was exceptional, from E.R. to I.C.U. to the main floor and finally released to go home. I know that the Lord has had a hand in her speedy recovery. For whatever reason it had to happen God is getting the Glory out of this. We are thankful to God, our Miracle Temple Church, NCDC/PAW Bishops, Pastors and Auxiliaries, to our family and friends. Your prayers and concern have not gone unnoticed. The most recent test showed no sign of a past stroke.

We are expecting and believing God for complete and total healing. Jehovah-Rapha "The Lord that Healeth Thee" Exodus15:26.

Until our next communication,
Pastor T Marc Gandy

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!



JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Barbara Gravely	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Nicholas Weller
13 Dr. Lelia Edwards	14	15	16	17 Paul Evans	18 Genesis Johnson	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Dorothy Hunt-Williams	30			



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TEMPLE TALK®

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR JULY

Praise The Lord to the Miracle Temple Church Family and to the people of God everywhere! I greet you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Our Spiritual Theme for the month of July is “The Beauty of Holiness.”

Four times in the Old Testament the reference is made of the beauty of holiness, twice in the book of I and II Chronicles, and twice in the book of Psalms. With each reference it brings a clear message that as the people of God, worship and praise and glory are to be offered to God. Holiness is a standard and a requirement for all who serve the Lord God! This series is designed to bring clarity and focus to us as believers that we owe God a sacrifice for His holiness.

Please join us at 7:00pm every Wednesday evening, on our Miracle Temple FB Page, my personal FB Page, or our conference line: (605) 475-3200 access code 943444# to engage in the Word of God with us. Invite a friend, and as always be prepared to take notes and ask questions. Until our next communication.

Best regards,
Dr. T. Marc Gandy, Senior Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN

Praise the Lord to the Miracle Temple Church family and the people of God everywhere! I greet you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am extremely pleased and excited to announce our plans to return to our sanctuary for in person worship beginning on July 11, 2021.

During the past 15 months we have been able to engage with our congregation and our online members via Facebook, You Tube, our Conference Line, and our Instagram followers but now in addition to all of those platforms we will once again be able to have a face to face presence.

We have been diligently working with our Re-Entry Team (RET) to ensure a safe and inviting Worship Experience for everyone. In addition we have been making necessary improvements and upgrades to our facility. Please come out and bring a friend to be a part of this grand occasion.

Best Regards,
Dr. T. Marc Gandy, Senior Pastor

The Beauty of Holiness

The Bible says, “Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness” (Ps. 29: 2, 1 Chron. 16: 29; Ps. 96: 9).

There’s something beautiful about holiness. Holiness is the most beautiful thing in the world and in Heaven. It’s beautiful in the way it came from God to man through His Son Jesus Christ.

This beauty comes to a person when they repent of their sins and trust Christ as their Savior. They have then been given beauty for ashes (Is. 61: 3). There would be no holiness in the world had it not been for Jesus Christ, the Holy Son of God, and the work of the Holy Spirit.

What’s beautiful about holiness is the way it beautifies the soul and life of those who possess it. Holiness is beautiful because it is a reflection of the life of Christ. And God desires the beauty of His Son Jesus to be seen in all His children.

Our text tells us that we are to worship God in the “beauty of holiness.”

If something is beautiful, it’s desirable and accepted.

To be beautiful before God, and our worship to be accepted by Him, we must clothe ourselves with the holiness and beauty of Jesus Christ (Eph. 5: 26, 27). Jesus’ beauty is perfect because His holiness is perfect.

It is coming before God in worship and standing before Him in the beauty of Christ’ holiness that makes our worship acceptable to Him.

And without Christ holiness our worship is rejected.

The world gives attention to outer beauty which is as a flower that fades away. God gives attention to inner beauty which lasts for eternity.

God sees holiness as the beautiful thing it is, because it came about through a person who died to their own will in order to do His holy will, to honor and glorify Him, and to possess the same beauty and likeness of His Son Jesus Christ.

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

July 1st / Serena Brown

July 5th / Amiyah Jones-Hampton

July 5th / William Jackson, Jr

July 8th / L’Oreal Brown

July 9th / Azsurde Blackwell

July 11th / Bonnie Reddrick

July 13th / Tanicha Jones

July 16th / Davin Wallace

July 25th / Camnyn Carson

July 29th / Harrison Green

July 29th / Frances Gandy

JULY ANIVERSARYS:

July 17th

Dr T. Marc & Lady Laurie Gandy

July 29th

Tanya & Jesse Weller

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TEMPLE TALK®

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR AUGUST

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 August 2021 is “Back to school.” For the next few weeks, we will be using a teaching series that is inspired by The Holy Ghost for The Church. There are countless scriptures about teaching, being taught and the need for a Christian Education. We are never too young nor are we too old to learn.

Join us virtually every Wednesday during the month of August for our Bible Study. Please feel free to invite a friend or family member to be our guest for our live worship on Sundays as well.

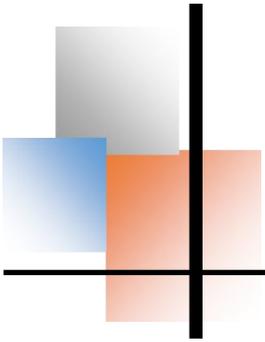
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FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN:

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! By the time this newsletter is published we will have just finished with the 106th Annual Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. Summer Virtual Convention. When I say that it was phenomenal, that is an understatement. From the pre-convention prayers, chats, and planning to the actual execution I must give kudos to the team. If you missed any parts of the Convention, there is good news. You can visit the website or the Facebook page and view all or portions of the services. I personally enjoyed the praise and worship services featuring Pastor Tim Slaughter, Jason Clayborn and The Atmosphere Changers, Lena Byrd Miles, JJ Hairston & Youthful Praise, and others. The preaching was anointed. Evang. Krista Tyson, Bishop Michael Hannah, Sr., Bishop Carolyn D. Showell, Pastor Christopher Foster, and Bishop Marvin L. Sapp. And, let me not forget to mention the 1,000 people praying featuring Bishop Clifton Jones! So, if you have the time to view any or all of the services, please feel free to log in and also your financial support is greatly appreciated.

Until our next communication,
Dr. T. Marc Gandy, Senior Pastor

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!



AUGUST 2021

1	2 Terrill Orme	3	4	5	6	7 Betty McGee
8	9 Betty Pugh	10	11	12	13 Diane Holmes William (Bill) Wall	14
15	16	17 Gloria Jackson	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Justin Mims	26 Deidre Pugh	27	28
29	30	31 Patricia Tidwell				



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TEMPLE TALK

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR SEPTEMBER

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 September 2021 is "Matters of The Heart." Join us virtually every Wednesday during the month of September for our Bible Study.

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September 2021

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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BIRTHDAYS

5th

Tamar Evans

6th

Joshua Anderson

11th

Jaylen Smalls

19th

Zaire Jasine Bullock

23rd

Sister Kim Brooks

Sister Tanya Weller

26th

Paris Yarborough

27th

Lauren green

28th

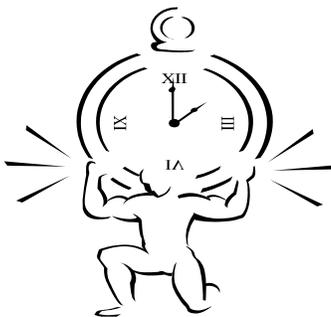
Corlis Green

29th

Leonard Harris

30th

Mianique Reddrick



The deadline for Submissions to the October issue of Temple Talk is Sunday, September 26th, please submit your item to Pastor Gandy for approval before that date.



TEMPLE TALK®



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:

Matthew 16:19 Unlocking The Power

Matthew 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. In order to understand the Power we have been granted in this verse we must first attempt to clarify what this verse doesn't mean. This verse is not giving us license to arbitrarily speak things that are not biblical and expect them to work simply because we are the people of God. And neither does it mean that we have been given the authority to place ourselves in violation of God's word. The context of this verse must be examined if the meaning of binding and loosing is to be discovered. In verses 13-15, Jesus inquired of His disciples concerning other's opinions as it pertained to His identity. After a few responses Jesus inquired of the disciples who they thought He was. Simon Peter answered saying, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (v. 16). Jesus responded to Peter's confession by promising him the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Jesus continued to say, "And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (v. 16:19). The authority to bind and loose was inextricably joined with the possession of the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Those keys belonged to the kingdom and allowed entrance into it just as keys belong to a door and allow one to unlock it, thereby allowing entrance into the particular locale. Peter received the keys by believing and confessing Jesus to be the Messiah, the Son of God. "Indeed, the confession of Jesus as the Messiah is the key to entrance into the kingdom." The keys of the kingdom were given to Peter based upon his confession of Jesus to be the Christ. With the keys, Peter then possessed the authority to bind and loose. It would seem likely that all those who confess Jesus to be the Son of God would also be given the same authority since it was predicated on and derivative from the confession of Jesus to be the Son of God. In this instance Peter was the only one given the authority because he was the only one who made the confession. The apparent limitation is expanded in Matthew 18:15-20 where Jesus again gives the authority to bind and loose as it pertains to church discipline. Here Jesus gave this authority to the corporate church, not just Peter, or any other individual. The authority to bind and loose, then, is given to individual believers as well as the corporate church, based upon their confession of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Peter was given the authority to bar entrance into, or allow entrance into the kingdom based upon one's confession of faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Peter did just that throughout his ministry. He allowed entrance into the kingdom to the 3,000 on the Day of Pentecost who believed his message (Acts 2:38-41), and to Cornelius' household because of their faith (Acts 10). Further he barred access into the kingdom to the Jewish leaders (Acts 3) and Simon the sorcerer (Acts 8) because of their unbelief and impure hearts. The phrases "shall be bound in heaven" (estai dedemenon) and "shall be loosed in heaven" (estai lelumenon) are perfect passive participles in the Greek text. The fact that these verbs are passive in voice indicates that those who are indicated by who are to receive the action, not participate in the action. As we shall see momentarily, it is God who delivers the action. Forgiving sin is a divine prerogative of the which man has no part (Psalm 130:3-4; Mark 2:5-12), so Jesus could not have meant here that we arbitrarily forgive the sins of some and not others. Jesus was giving the church the authority to pronounce forgiven those whom the Father had already forgiven in heaven because of their faith in Christ and repentance, and to retain the sins of those whom the Father has retained because of their unbelief and lack of repentance. Again, it is pronouncing in the present the divine initiative from heaven already settled in the past. The authority of the church is not to decide what to do and then have God back up their decision. The authority of the church is to carry out the will and decisions of God upon earth as they have been established in heaven. This is in perfect accord with the way Jesus instructed us to pray: "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). In conclusion, we unlock the power once we have received the keys of the kingdom. And the power that we received was the Gift Of The Holy Ghost! This empowers us to carry out the mandate of God in the earth. The power that we have as believers is to do the will of God!

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR OCTOBER

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 October 2021 is, "Matters of The Heart." Join us virtually every Wednesday during the month of October for our Bible Study. If you are unable to access the Bible Study during the livestream you may call our conference line at 7:00pm and listen in. (605) 475-3200 access code 943444#

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October's Birthdays

10/08 Jesse Dean, Jr. 10/17 Carla Kendall
10/20 Prince Smalls

10/05 Corlis and Charles Green, Sr.

10/22 April and Calvin Brown, Sr.



"It's easier to be God's messengers thanks to extended cell phone coverage."



National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Here are 3 facts to know about breast cancer:

1. Genetics, lack of physical activity, poor diet, high amounts of smoking/drinking, and obesity are high risk factors of getting breast cancer.
2. It's a disease that can be best treated if detected at an early stage!
3. In addition to self-check care, there are many ways to detect it early: schedule a physician's exam, mammogram, ultrasound, MRI, or a biopsy.

Breast cancer is a disease that affects all of us and we hope this information is helpful.



TEMPLE TALK®

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! The month of November is upon us and two thoughts come to mind. The first thought is concerning gratitude. As we take the time to reflect the past year, the gains and the losses, the joy and the pain, we certainly have a lot to be thankful for. I am grateful to God that the losses I had to endure did not break me but served to strengthen my relationship with The Lord. I am grateful that the losses served as lessons. I am grateful that I am able to stand on the Word of God and I know that He does give me joy that the world can't give neither can it be taken away from me. The second thing that comes to mind is just how close we are to the end of the year 2021. If you're like me then perhaps you had some goals set that you wanted to accomplish by the year's end. Or maybe there were some places you wanted to visit this year. The good news is that you still have time. There is time left for you to wrap up that project, complete that assignment or go see a sight that you have been longing to see. God is amazing in that He gives us the ability to do what it is that drives us, things that we are passionate about. I plan to be busy this month but not for the sake of being busy. I plan to tie up some loose ends, and even tackle some of my long overdue projects. Remember you still have time if you start now!



Until our next communication,
Pastor T Marc Gandy

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR NOVEMBER

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 November 2021 is "A New Identity." Join us virtually every Wednesday during the month of November for our Bible Study at 7pm. If you are unable to access the Bible Study during the livestream, you can call our conference line: (605) 475-3200 access code 943444#, and listen in.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 MARK GREEN	2 DAYA WALLACE	3	4	5	6
7	8 DANIEL GREEN	9	10 JAMES JONES III & SAM CHASE	11 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY PAUL & DEBORAH EVANS	12 AaLIYAH JONES	13
14 JONATHON PHILLIPS	15 BENJAMIN GREEN	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 ROSALIND ELBECK				

Announcements:

- Beginning Sunday, November 14th — Sunday School will no longer be held on our Conference Line. To join the Zoom from your phone, [call 1\(408\) 638-0968](tel:14086380968) Meeting ID: [6427083450](https://us02zoom.us/j/6427083450) Numerical Passcode: [940713#](https://us02zoom.us/j/6427083450?pwd=940713#) or click this link from your mobile device: [HERE](#)
- November 11th – 13th: Northern California District Council (Virtually) on Facebook Live

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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!

As the year comes to a close, we have had to deal with a lot. If I was to unwrap all that I have personally had to contend with it would probably take several installments. Suffice it to say that there have been challenges and there have been successes in my personal and private life. God who is faithful has carried me through the challenging times and escorted me through the triumphal times.

Jesus said in His word, "I will never leave you nor will I forsake you." So, it's clear to me that it's been God all the time. We just celebrated Thanksgiving and we had the opportunity to share in what we are truly thankful for. Now, I would like to focus my attention on how I can be a better steward of the things that God has given to me. My health and strength are not something that I want to take for granted. I want to acknowledge that it is God who gives me strength and allows me to be healthy. I also want to show my appreciation by sharing these gifts & saying "yes" to The Lord whenever I am called upon.

In the season that we are in now it's easy to talk about *self-care* and concentrating on my needs and wants, and while I support the idea of making sure I am okay, I don't ever want to be selfish with the gift that God has given to me. I am after all a servant of The Lord, first and foremost. Let us remember the attitude of Jesus when he declared in the book of John in two different citings, "I must work the works of him that sent me."

Until our next communication,

Pastor T. Marc Gandy



SPIRITUAL THEME FOR DECEMBER

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 December 2021 is **“Strong Finish.”** We will be examining the characters in the Bible who have impacted the Kingdom of God and have left an indelible mark in our minds of their determination and true grit.

Join us virtually every Wednesday during the month of December for our Bible Study. If you are unable to access the Bible Study during the livestream you may call our conference line at 7:00pm (PDT) and listen in. (605) 475-3200 Access code 943444#

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End of the Year
PRAYER &
FAST SCHEDULE

CORPORATE PRAYER
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH || 5:30 AM

CORPORATE FAST
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH || 12AM - 12PM

Prayer Points

- That God reveal His Plans for Miracle Temple
- Acceptance of the plan of God for Miracle Temple
- Unity & Love to prevail
- The shift that is about to take place
- Resources that are needed to bring the plans to fruition
- Continue to lift Pastor Gandy up in prayer

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Happy Birthday Lillian Green	3	4 Happy Birthday Michelle Nealy
5 	6	7	8 Happy Birthday Anthony Wong Jr.	9	10	11
12	13 Happy Birthday James Jones & Jesse D. Weller <i>Happy Anniversary</i> Carmalita & James Jones	14	15	16	17 Happy Birthday Jessica Dean	18
19	20 Happy Birthday Gloria Waters	21	22	23	24	25 Happy Birthday Vernon Gandy II
26	27 Happy Birthday Jamario Jackson	28	29 <i>Happy Anniversary</i> Barbara & Reginald Gravely	30	31	

