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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.



There are two words that every believer should be ready to embrace as often as necessary. These two words are Yes Lord. If you have ever felt the spirit of God impressing upon you to do something, you are not alone. Often times God will unction us to move in a new direction or stretch out in an unfamiliar area. Our first mind may be to just ignore Him. Today I want to encourage you to answer God's call with Yes Lord!

I have literally heard the voice of God telling me His will for me. I recall one such instance that was the most prolific time of my life. The time when God called me to the ministry. I have shared my testimony before but I feel led to tell it again. For me, even as a young boy I was told that I would be a minister like my father. At that time I wouldn't even give it a thought because I was so young and it just didn't seem real to me. Many years later and what seems like a lifetime, I recall all those times that God was using people to speak into my life. I even recall being told by more than one of the saints that I was going to be the pastor of Miracle Temple, and this was before I had ever accepted my call to ministry.

Pastor's Pen continued...

For weeks prior to my call to ministry things were happening in my life that were preparing me for this special encounter with God. Things that caused me to lean and depend solely on Him. Well fast forward to the day that I said "Yes Lord". This particular Sunday morning I was sitting in Sunday School and I was enjoying the lesson. I couldn't tell you the subject of the lesson that day but whatever it was God used it to get my attention. I felt a shift in my spirit like nothing I'd felt before. What I mean by that is it was as if something in my body was literally being removed. I believe it was is fear! God was preparing my heart to say "Yes Lord". It was then that the Lord told me to stand up and acknowledge my call to preach the Gospel, and I said "Yes Lord"! I stood up and declared that I have accepted my call to the ministry and the whole Sunday School rejoiced with me. It was as if a burden had been lifted off of my spirit. I hadn't rehearsed it, my response was just as natural as if my father had given me an instruction and I said okay! I believe that there may be someone reading this today that God is calling to a higher calling. Don't allow the moment to pass as just a thought in your mind. Listen carefully and you too will hear the voice of God. Your answer should be "Yes Lord"!

Until our next communication,

Dr. T. Marc Gandy

Pastor T. Marc Gandy, Ph.D.



SPIRITUAL GREEN THUMB

Our Spiritual Theme for August 2023 is a continuation of, "The Sower, The Soil, and The Seed!"

3 For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. (Jeremiah 4:3)

Truth be told, too many people are living uncultivated lives where righteousness is all but choked out. It is time for us to let true repentance break up the hardened heart of fruitlessness so that the seed of The Word of Life can be sown and grow free without the interruption of worldly cares. This will be our focus during our Midweek Bible Study.

So please join us virtually every Wednesday in the month of August for our Midweek Service and 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. +1 (605) 475-3200; Access Code 943444#

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Back-to-School Blessing

Sunday, August 13 at 12:00 pm || MTAPC Main Sanctuary

Pastor Gandy and Clergy will pronounce a blessing over those returning back to school, those working in the school districts, and the school year.

Community Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway

Saturday, August 19 at 11:00 am - 1:00 pm || MTAPC Fellowship Hall

Miracle Temple APC will be distributing backpacks to those of our church and community members in need of a backpack for the upcoming school year. We thank our community partners for their assistance in this annual effort.

Children, Youth, & Young Adults' Prayer Service

Friday, August 25th at 7:00 pm || MTAPC Sanctuary

In times like these, more than ever, we need to apply the Blood of Jesus and cover our young people in prayer. The youth are our present & future!

Health & Wellness . August Challenge Colorful Plate

The best way to get all of the vitamins, minerals and nutrients you need is to eat a variety of colorful fruits and veggies. Add color to your plate each day with the five main color groups.



CELEBRATION CORNER

BIRTHDAYS.

- 06. Breauna Bozeman
- 07. Kimberly McGee
- 09. Betty Pugh
- **11.** Elijah Daniels
- 13. Diane Holmes
- **13.** William "Bill" Wall

- **17.** Gloria Jackson
- 24. Nina-Jade Weller
- 25. Justin Mims
- 26. Deidra Pugh
- 31. Patricia Tidwell



Church Outing

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 . 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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MONDAYS 5:30 am / Prayer line 7:00 pm / Prayer line

WEDNESDAYS: 5:30 am / Prayer line 7:00 pm / Bible Study

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