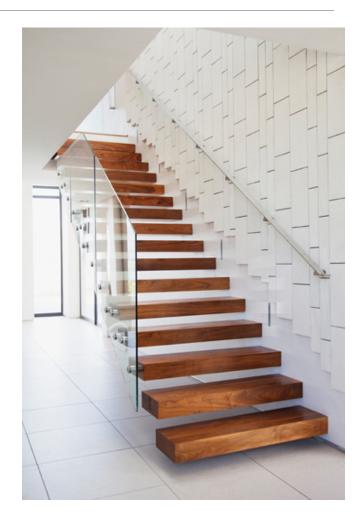


# March 2021 Newsletter

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A Message From Pastor C. Y. Dozier:

## Dearest Beloved Brothers and Sisters.

Jesus went into the wilderness, lead up by the Spirit, to be tempted by the devil Matthew 4:1).

First He fasted for 40 days and 40 and was completely hungry Him. Jesus resisted every offer, and which endured all temptation, pain, injustice and abandonment, even to and praying in His wilderness, miracles, which included healing, casting out demons, teaching and commemorate Jesus' passion, affords the church a time of love, mercy and grace. Jesus how to love and minister to others. Cross (1Peter 2:24). He reconciled

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nights. When Jesus finished fasting (physically), the devil tempted left the wilderness with power suffering, betrayal, disappointment, the death of the Cross. After fasting Jesus began His ministry of deliverance, raising the dead, preaching. During Lent, we suffering and fasting. Lent season corporate reflection on Jesus' showed us how to resist evil and Our sins died with Him on the us to the Father (Colossians

2:13-14). Therefore, we, who believe, should not die, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

Hardly will anyone lay his or her life down, even for a good person, but Jesus gave His life for you and me, even while we were yet sinners. (Romans 5:7-8). Let us fast and pray during this Lent season, with as much power and discipline as God gives us to do so. In addition, my friends, be mindful that Jesus told His disciples that some kinds of demons "require fasting and praying." (Mark 9:29) Fasting and praying helps us to resist evil.

Fast and pray through your wilderness of trials, tribulations, poverty, rejection, disappointment, deceptions, betrayals, sickness, death, dying, mourning, loss, grief and other life conditions. Fasting and praying gives spiritual strength, which manifests in spiritual fruit - fruit of the Spirit (Philippians 4:6-7). When we go through our wilderness, with prayer and fasting, our insight (how we view what God is doing with us), and our outlook (how we view the world as it relates to God), we are kept and preserved by the fruit of the Spirit: faith, gentleness, goodness, joy, love, meekness, patience, peace, and self control. Although tangible and physical conditions may not always change, prayer always changes things. For example, the peace that follow prayer and fasting, allows us to accept things we can not change, such as death, loss and grief. Faith, as another example, gives us enduring hope even when it physically seems impossible (Hebrews 11:1).

In addition, fasting and praying is a way of submitting or surrendering to God. It draws us closer to God. God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). Fasting and praying are the ultimate spiritual approaches to God. When we draw near to God, He draws near to us. When we humble (submit/surrender) ourselves to God, He gives us power to resist the devil (evil); he (the devil) flees! (James 4:7-8)

## **Current Events**

We made it through another great month thanks to the grace of God. The church had many meaningful and much needed services in the month. To start, we had a very impactful Black History service. Members showed up in African attire and there were history facts and poems, and beautiful performances. We also had a special red and white service which was coined the *Love Service*. I enjoyed hearing the Word being brought by Deacon Belford this month. He spoke with conviction and brought the truth with Scriptures.

#### Covid-19

the cases nation-wide have gone down. Vaccines are being offered to whomever wants to take it. The virus is being monitored closely by experts. The Democrats are also waiting for an agreement on the latest Covid-19 relief bill proposed by President Joe Biden. The bill is made to respond to families in the country in need of aid.

## Happy Birthday To:

Amaya P. 4th	Aliya P. 5th	Jacquis J. 6th	Nickia B. 8th
Serenity E. 12th	Britney M. 15th	Trevor G. 15th	Gabriel B. 16th
Dajon L. 18th	Jasmine B. 19th	Anthony P. 22nd	Leilani M, 23rd
Derrick H. 24th	Latosha L. 31st		