

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 17-20--
Praise, Wor-
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erance Camp
Meeting
- July 22-Salute
to Seniors
- July 23-30—
East Coast
Crusade.
- August 1-4
Teamwork
Conference @
Mt. Calvary
- August 12—
Leadership
Training Class

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Pearls from the Pulpit



Apostle Larry T. Barnett, Sr.

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ!

How badly do you want to be in the will of God and possess every promise He has for your life? In order to go in and occupy the blessings that God has for you, **"There is a Lot in your life that needs to go!"** In the Old Testament book of Genesis 13 we find the story of Abram and his nephew Lot, whose blessings had become so abundant until the land could no longer contain them both. In Genesis 13:6 the Word of God says, **"And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together."** Wow — Talk about being prosperous and walking in the "Overflow" of God's blessings! Although it is clear that Abram, whose name would later be changed to Abraham, is prosperous, there were still other blessings that he was not able to receive because of the hindrance posed

by Lot. Spiritually speaking Lot represents those things that interfere with the perfect plan that God has for our lives. Lot is indicative of carnality. Even though they were forced to separate because of their vast herds, it is interesting to note that Lot chose to, **"...pitch his tent toward Sodom."** The people of Sodom and Gomorrah were known to be perverse and carnal in every way. No spiritual minded God centered individual in his/her right mind would ever want to be exposed to the wickedness of these two cities that were ear marked by God for utter destruction, yet Lot had no problem in doing so.

There are times when the blessings that God would bestow upon us are held up by people and things that are not a part of His plan. When our cup is full of unnecessary items, there is little to no room for those things that are essential and beneficial. It is impossible to walk in the benefits of the Kingdom when our flesh loves the things of this world more than our spirit loves God. The Lord is

calling and has always called for a separation of his people from the things of this world. Consequently it is critical that we divest ourselves of everything and everyone that will impede the blessings that God has for us. In other words, **"There's a Lot in your life that needs to go!"**

Sadly many people who regularly attend religious services don't want to separate themselves from the things of the world. Rather than yielding to the Word and the Will of God far too many Christians want to justify ungodly behavior, inappropriate relationships, and spiritual wickedness under the guise or excuse of, *"Ain't nobody perfect."* While it is certainly true that we have yet to reach perfection, we are required to walk in holiness and righteousness. **"There's a Lot in your life that needs to go!"** Don't try to justify it, don't sanitize it, and don't make excuses just get rid of it.

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Models at the Black History Program



Min. Valley presenting award to Apostle & First Lady Barnett



Karah, Praise Dance Group



Black History Program by Carolyn Dumas

SJPWC celebrated Black History month with a very special program entitled, "Let's Talk Black History, The Dream is Real". Worship service was lead by Ministers DeBran and Hope Sudduth. Mistress of Ceremony was Min. Betty Jo Barnett and later in the program Bro. James and Min. Joann Pink followed. Sis. Esther Mead offered a presentation entitled "Who am I and What Have I Done." Others on program included Evangelist Bobbie Hollis; Min. Valencia Clark; Evangelist Alene Reed; God's Design; the Praise group Karah and a solo was offered by Sis. Monisha Stacy.

There was an awesome performance written by Sis. Gloria Bellamy entitled "What If There Were No Black People."



The Fireside Chat was especially inspiring to witness.



The "chat" included 4 senior members of SJPWC. They were Elder Burdis Barnett, Bro. Milton and Sis. Rube Barnett and Mother Lexie Pige. They discussed the changes in the world since their childhoods.

There was also a fashion show featuring ethnic and the latest in formal wear. Those who modeled were: Sis. Peoria Tucker; Minister Margaret Bingham; Sis Ruby Howell; Sis. Carolyn Dumas; Sis Glenda Campbell and Sis. Catherine Taylor.

Our program featured a skit that included portrayals of famous men our history. The portrayals were as follows: President Barack Obama was played by Min. Fabian Churchill; Min. Creflo Dollar; played by Min. Ramone Stacy; Dr. Jessie L. O. Webb by Bro. Kenny Grundy; Bishop Ronnie Webb by Bro. Joe Basden; Dr. Martin Luther King by Bro. Sean Barnett; Apostle Larry T. Barnett; by Min. Caleb Barnett.



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Finally, awards were presented to Dean and Rev. Alice Rogan; Dr. Jessie L. O. Webb and Bishop Ronnie Webb.

Final remarks were made by Apostle Larry T. Barnett.

Program Chair Min. Thelma Valley is to be commended for this year's great production.

Youth Explosion by Kiara Frison

With the challenge for each SJPWC member to contribute \$1,000.00 in April to help pay off the church building, many of the young people wanted to participate in the Completion of the Facility. The majority of young people in the congregation are without jobs and have no income of their own and wondered what they could do to help. Sisters Shari and Kiara Frison

came up with the idea to host a Youth Explosion on Saturday, March 10, 2012, and donate the proceeds toward paying off the building.

The Explosion turned out to be a great success. Young people from area churches came out to show the many talents that the Lord has given to them. We were blessed to see anointed rap-

pers, singers, praise dancers, and even a puppet show. Brother Joe Basden was the Master of Ceremony and the preached Word was spoken through Minister Elzie Flenard, Minister Ramon Stacy and Minister Fabian Churchill. No one left without being blessed that night. SJPWC youth did an outstanding job. The SJPWC family is very proud!

Pearls from the Pulpit

by Apostle Larry T. Barnett



In order to appreciate how Abram inadvertently blocked the completeness of his blessings it is necessary to look at the original instructions that were given to him by God. In Genesis 12:1 the Bible says, **“Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee.”** Nowhere in God’s instructions did He tell Abram to take Lot with him. As a matter of fact the Lord said, **“...get thee...from thy kindred.”** When we alter the instructions of God we risk

forfeiting or delaying the blessings and promises of our Father. While we admire the love and devotion that Abram had for his deceased brother’s son, it is important that we understand that not everyone who starts with us will finish with us. Some people are in our lives only for a specified season or period of time; when that time is over it is imperative that we move forward in the will of God.

Before God can bless you like He wants to there are some things, people, habits, situations, and circumstances that simply have to go. **There’s a Lot in your life that needs to go!**

The revelation that God ultimately wanted to share with His friend Abram is not presented until *The Lot in his life was gone*. **“And the Lord said**

unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward.” There are some things that you will never see or have until you separate yourself from **the Lot in your life**. When Lot is removed Abram looks in every direction including the east where his nephew went, and God said it’s all yours! **There is a Lot in your life that needs to go!**

What’s separating you from the blessings and promises that God has reserved for you? Is the divine revelation that God has for you being held up? In this year of divine order it’s time for you to order **every Lot in your life to be gone in Jesus name!**

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Birthday Celebration

by Carolyn Dumas

SJPWC members, family and friends celebrated Apostle Larry T. Barnett’s birthday on February 2 although his birthday was on January 30. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal prepared at SJPWC.



Apostle Barnett at dinner celebration. Seated beside him is his father, Elder Burdis Barnett and his wife, Betty Jo.

Pictured below, Apostle Barnett, (center) receives well wishes from his brother, Anthony and sister-in-law, Janet.





Candlelight ceremony by SJPWC
Prep Academy Students

*“Apostle Barnett
taught us that what
the world calls
“Easter” believers
know to be
Resurrection”*



Sister Breanna Richmond
performing dramatic
oration

Just For Me by Minister Valencia Clark

Celebration of the Ministry of Jesus, the Christ

A special thanks to every participant that made this year's tribute to the Lord's Sacrifice on The Cross a success. On Good Friday, April 6, 2012, St. John Praise and Worship Center (SJPWC) celebrated the ministry of Jesus Christ. SJPWC's **JUST FOR ME** celebration was a reminder as to the power of the Resurrection of the Lord in the lives of today's Believers. The event was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Sister Barbara McElmurry remarked, “The program was good...it was really good. Everybody did a great job” This was the sentiment of many regarding the evening.

JUST FOR ME commenced with a light ceremony presented by SJPWC's Preparatory Academy (SJPWC Prep). The students performed the simple ceremony to Donnie McClurkin's song, *Just for Me*. The crux of the song (and of the evening) was for Believers to apply Christ's accomplishment on The Cross and His subsequent Resurrection to themselves on an individual level, instead of solely on a corporate level. In other words, take what Jesus did personally! Various SJPWC Prep Academy students had recitations. Recitations consisted of Scripture and poems alike. Additionally, members of the SJPWC congregation performed

beautiful poem recitations. One of which being Mother Clarissa Henry. Mother Henry read the poem, “What if Christ Had Come Down from the Cross”. Her reading was one of the many highlights of the evening. Participants not only performed work written by others, but Sister Breanna Richmond performed a dramatic oration that she wrote herself. The talent at SJPWC is incredible!

SJPWC's performing arts ministry played an important role in the evening with performances by INVULNERABLE CHOZEN, GOD'S DESIGN, AND KARAH to name a few. Additionally, an original play written by yours truly was performed, entitled **REAL TALK**. The basis of the play is the realities of the consequences of poor decision making and how it can affect one's life. Also, the play is about how only a heart turned to the Lord can offer the peace that we humans seek. Min. Ramon Stacy remarked during his message, “If you remember one thing from tonight, remember that you always have a choice. And that your decisions affect your life.” In addition to Min. Stacy, Min. Thelma Valley and Min. Hope Sudduth ministered powerfully to the people of God. Min. Vivaca Clark, as well as Bro. and Sis. Steve Earle gave stirring testimonies about

the victories that Christ has worked in their lives! Hallelujah! The evening was concluded with communion administered by the Honorable Apostle Larry T. Barnett, Sr. Apostle Barnett, always Kingdom minded, reminded those in attendance that the word *Easter* only appears in the Scriptures once and that it is actually pagan in nature and in its agenda. Apostle Barnett taught us (yet again) that what the world calls “Easter,” Believers know to be Resurrection. Look at your imaginary neighbor and say, “Thank God for proper teaching!” Hallelujah! To get more teaching on this subject, I strongly suggest you begin to attend Bible Study on Thursday nights at 7 p.m.

SJPWC's 2012 Resurrection Celebration was fruitful as well as entertaining. To God be the Glory for the ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus, The Christ! A special thanks to all that participated. You did a great job in Jesus' Name!



The Cast of Real Talk

Week of Refreshing

by Minister Valencia Clark

Great Expectations! We are not talking about the great American literary work, but about the theme for SJPWC's annual Week of Refreshing. Apostle Barnett announced to the congregants and attendees to "Expect the Great!" as a result of this annual spiritual feast. God certainly met our expectations and, as Deacon E. Tucker would say, "What a time...what a time...what a time!"

The week kicked off with a



truly *rhema* word from the Lord by Pastor Connie Wright entitled, "The Anointing of Increase" on Sunday, April 15, 2012. God used Pastor Wright to **confirm** so much of what Apostle Barnett has been teaching, it was uncanny. And it went "uphill" from there! Pastor Jamie Jones **exploded** on the enemy on Monday, April 16, 2012 as he ministered the message, "A Bad Situation with Good Results" Pastor Jones was transparent when he spoke of the need for more discipline and order in the church. He gave God the glory for the apostolic mantle on Apostle Barnett. Pastor Jones stated



(paraphrase), "He (Apostle Barnett) has rebuked me, and helped me..and I needed it..." Wow! Thank God for men of God that are willing to be corrected, and that know that they don't know everything! God has truly blessed Pastor Jones to be in another dimension with regard to the Word of the Lord coming out of his mouth. Hallelujah!

Tuesday night Pastor Ruby Washington delivered a thought provoking message called, "Strongholds" The woman of God literally "walked" us through the Word of God. She applied Scripture to various specific sin areas and character problems ranging from fornication to overeating. "Everybody don't have thyroid problems! It's not steroids, it's STIR FRY!" Although she used humor to make this "hard" Word palatable, the Word she preached penetrated our hearts and challenged us to do better.

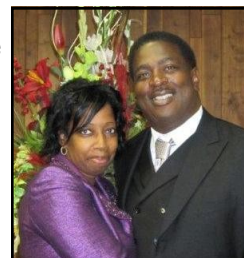


The Kingdom of God truly was presented to us on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 as Pastor Earl Grissom articulately preached a message entitled, "Thirsty, but Drinking from the Wrong Well!" All of the speakers preached a relevant and powerful word: However, this was the message that resonated



the most in my spirit all week long. The man of God truly preached from a Kingdom paradigm (mindset) and it was obvious the Lord had been "downloading" some incredible revelation into the man of God's spirit. Pastor Grissom skillfully presented the Gospel as a means of achieving satisfaction, contentment, and victory in all and with all other phenomenon in our life. We all must recognize that the gospel (exclusively) is able to bring a complete and thorough victory into our lives! Hallelujah!

Thursday night brought an illustration so powerful and rhema, it **literally** changed the atmosphere in the room. Pastor Gregory Eichelberger preached a message called, "Lord, I Refuse to Worship the Image, When I Can Have the Real Thing!" This message was 21st century in its



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FOUR FOLD VISION

1. COMPLETION OF THE FACILITY/OUTREACH

A debt-free ministry that reaches out to the uttermost parts of the earth. In addition to personal evangelism in our individual lives, we hold "TAKIN IT TO THE STREETS" campaigns as the Holy Spirit leads. Additionally, we currently minister in East Africa, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in crusades, every other year. We look forward to expanding the Kingdom of God with souls won for Jesus!

2. SJPWC PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A private, Christian school serving students enrolled in Pre-K through 8th grade .

3. RESURRECTION HOUSE

A 90-day post treatment facility designed to resurrect adults whose lives have been shattered by the spirit of addiction. This is not simply for chemically dependent individuals, but for ALL FORMS OF BONDAGES.

4. ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

A center where the elderly will be cared for with dignity and respect by loving, patient, Christian staff.

"We walk by faith, not by sight"



Week of Refreshing by Min. Valencia Clark (continued from page 5)

content and scope. It also was anointed from the beginning to the end. If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to purchase the DVD sets from the Week of Refreshing (2012) if only to get the powerful illustration used by the man of God during this message. Only one word to describe it: INCREDIBLE. It's amazing how humans have a tendency to want to substitute counterfeits for REAL THING that is found exclusively in Christ. Pastor Eichelberger showed us that God "ain't having it!"

The Honorable Bishop Ron Webb ended the week with a message entitled, "Lord, Thank you for Divine Connections" Bishop Webb walked us through the Word of God with his unique brand of

anointing, revelation, and "realness".

As is his custom, the Bishop challenged us to grow up and to be mindful of those with whom we associate. Bishop was an incredible blessing to the Week of Refreshing, and we thank God for him and his ministry!

Well folks, there you have it. A synopsis of St. John Praise and Worship Center's 2012 Week of Refreshing. It was powerful time with some powerful preachers facilitated by a powerful God. I'm grateful that Apostle Barnett was led of the Holy Spirit to start our



Week of Refreshing several years ago.

The Bible teaches us in Romans 10:17 (KJV) that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Apostle Barnett gave me some revelation recently in Leadership Class when he stated the following, "Hearing is a continuous process." So, take some time to hear....and hear.....and hear....and continue to hear.....and then, incorporate these revelations from these messages into your personal paradigm (mindset). Once your mind changes, your life changes.

As Apostle Barnett would say..."Stay Blessed By the Best!"