

A Fresh Word

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends:

I am amazed at how many "Christians" fail to recognize the uniqueness of their situation — that they are never truly alone in any situation.

At any point, they have the privilege of handing over to someone else whatever is causing them sorrow — pain, financial stress, illness, laziness, horniness, talking too much, etc.

This person is patiently waiting for them to reach out. The problem most of the time is that "Christians" are overlooking the source of immediate help for a flesh and blood helper of limited capacity.

They are looking for someone they can see versus the invisible, invincible, immovable Jesus Christ whose Spirit resides in each Christian. *Christ in us the hope of glory.* "In" is the operative word. When you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, He became a part of you. He truly lives in you.

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'I WANT PEOPLE TO BE ALL THEY CAN BE'

New Associate Minister

RIGHT: Evangelist Frankie Delois Bell (right) joins Pastor James L. Henley, Jr. in greeting Sis. Lisa Anderson and her daughter, Sis. Relessia Anderson, (left) on June 14, 2009.

BELOW: Evangelist Bell has been married to Bro. Larry Bell for more than 30 years. They have three daughters, one son, one granddaughter and two grandsons. She has worked at the University of Mississippi Medical Center for 25 years. She has been serving as the supervisor of clinic operations at the Pain Management Center for seven years.



Bringing a "heart and compassion for marriages and families," Evangelist Frankie Delois Bell has become the first associate minister at Fresh Start Christian Church.

Bell will preach during the second service on fourth Sundays and every fifth Sunday. She said she was "led by the Spirit" to unite with Fresh Start.

"I hope to be involved in the grass roots of ministry," said Bell, who became a licensed minister in 2003 at Friendship Baptist Church in Jackson. "I want to get involved in the couples ministry, but I also want to participate with ministry as a whole."

Bell is no stranger to Fresh Start. She first preached at the church in 2007. She also has taught Bible study and ministered at LIGHTS (Ladies, Illustrating Grace, Hope, Truth and Strength).

Bell is active in prison ministry and heads two women's ministries.

She teaches anger management to women in the Flowood Restitution Center on Highway 80 East at 6:30 p.m. every second Sunday.

"I want them to have life more abundantly," said Bell, who had begun serving at the satellite facility as a men-

tor in 2003 before she began ministering there in 2007. "They made the wrong decisions, but they are paying their dues and serving their time. When they get out, they can start fresh."

Bell began Total You Ministry in October 2002. It is based on I Peter 3:3-4 and focuses on "releasing the inner beauty while revealing the outer beauty," she said. "Women need not be concerned about outer adornment but the hidden things of the heart."

Ladies of Grace Ministry is based on II Peter 3:18 and is a part of Hope Springs Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, where Bell was a member for about five years before uniting with Fresh Start. "I want people to be all they can be, and sometimes we as women put on makeup, get a new dress and get our hair done and instantly feel good," Bell explained, "but that doesn't last."

Bell added that people must practice letting go, forgetting things of the past and pressing forward toward the mark. "We can get past our past regardless of what it was or how detrimental it was. We can do all things through Christ. Just having a foundation — strong family ties and church ties — helps you move forward."



Fresh Start Christian Church

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Worship Services/Children's Church
 Sundays, 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
 3rd Sundays, 5 p.m.
 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays (under age 13)

Prayer Services
 1st Mondays, 6 p.m.

Aerobics
 Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.
 Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Bible Study
 Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Praise Team Practice
 Thursdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Third Friday/Fourth Friday
 Third Friday/Fun Night, 6-8:30 p.m. (ages 5-13)
 4th Friday/Teen Night, 6-8:30 p.m.
 (ages 13 and up, MUST arrive before 6:10 p.m.)

M.A.D.E. Men
(Making A Difference Everyday)
 1st Saturdays, 7 a.m.

Self-Defense
 Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.

Children's Choir Practice
 Saturdays, 10 a.m.

Dance Ministry Practice
 Saturdays, 11 a.m.

Angel Food Ministries
 (Call church to order and for pickup info)

**LIGHTS (Ladies Illustrating Grace,
 Hope, Truth & Strength)/
 Couples Ministry/Singles Ministry**
 (Meeting dates and times vary)

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NEW ELDERS — FOSTER, HOUSEWORTH



Pastor James L. Henley, Jr. recently introduced two new elders to Fresh Start Christian Church. **Elder Casteal Foster** (third from left) was officially welcomed June 7, 2009, and **Elder Lisa Houseworth** (fourth from left) was officially welcomed June 14, 2009.

Elders are responsible for assisting the pastor and church administrator in managing church affairs. Others include (from left) **Elder Curtis Wilson**, **Elder Annie Williams**, **Elder Denny Teague** and **Elder Ronnie Webster**.

HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE GRADUATES

(From left) **Sis. Elizabeth Williams** recently earned a B.S. degree in criminal justice from Jackson State University. She plans to attend graduate school at JSU. **Sis. Constance Lowe** graduated from Madison Central High School. She plans to attend Hinds Community College. **Sis. Robbie Hooker** graduated from Byram Christian Academy. She plans to attend Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston. **Sis. Aftan Henley** earned a second B.S. degree in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of Mississippi. She is pursuing a doctorate in pharmacy at the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy.



FINANCIAL TIPS: FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

Q. Do I have a right to know what's in my report?

A. You have the right to know what's in your report, but you have to ask for the information.

Q. Is there a charge for my report?

A. Under the Free File Disclosure Rule of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACT Act), the nationwide consumer reporting companies — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion — are required to provide you with a free copy of your credit report once every 12 months, if you ask for it.

Q. How do I order my free report?

A. www.annualcreditreport.com, 1-877-322-8228, or complete an annual credit report form and mail to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

Q. What information do I have to provide to get my free report?

A. Name, address, Social Security number, date of birth.

Q. Are there other situations where I might be eligible for a free report?

A. Yes, such as being denied for a loan or credit.

Q. What is a credit score, and how does it affect my ability to get credit?

A. Credit scoring is a system creditors use to help determine whether to give you credit, and how much to charge you for it. You can get your credit score from all three credit companies, but you would have to pay a fee. Equifax: 1-800-685-1111; Experian: 1-888-397-3742; TransUnion: 1-800-916-8800.

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What He needs from you is permission to access all parts of your life. The access comes as we renew our minds and begin to stand on the Word of God in those difficult and seemingly impossible situations. As we prepare for the second half of 2009, I challenge you to just sit still and trust in Christ within you, the hope of glory, the next time you think you need another physical body to provide a helping hand. When you do, you'll find a whole new glorious world waiting for you that is greater than you ever could have imagined. I look forward to seeing you every Sunday and Wednesday from this point forward.

Rev. James L. Henley, Jr., Pastor

Family Focus



THE GILLESPIES

Sis. Jasmine Cornelius and **Bro. Charles Gillespie** are married with three children, **Charles, 2, Celis, 3, and Jaidah, 5.** They began attending Fresh Start in July 2008.

Charles, a Mound Bayou native, is a security guard at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. Jasmine, a Jackson native, is a file clerk with the Chapter 13 U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee's Office.

WHY THEY ATTEND FRESH START:

Charles likes the environment and the way the pastor breaks everything down so he can understand it. Jasmine likes the fact that she can praise God without having to worry about her children. Fresh Start provides child care during worship services and Bible study. "I've never been to a church that actually made me want to change," Jasmine said.



THE RANKINS

Bro. David Anthony Rankin, Sr., a native of Magee, is the father of **Annah, 2,** and **David, Jr., 9,** a fourth-grader at Boyd Elementary School who was recently baptized at Fresh Start.

David, Sr. works full-time at Siemens and part-time at the Chapter 13 U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee's Office. He started attending Fresh Start more than a year ago.

WHY THEY ATTEND FRESH START:

"When I first started coming to Fresh Start, I wanted to be somewhere where I could be spiritually, mentally, socially, physically and financially prosperous — somewhere where my son and I could be together as a family. I like the activities and how the people accepted me. I like the way the members reach out to the children in the community. It's like a family here. It's just so warm and welcoming. I like the way everyone shows love and gives love, and cares for and shares with each other."



THE ANDERSONS

Sis. Lisa Anderson, a native of Greenville, is the mother of three children: **Rodney, 19, Relessia, 14,** a 10th-grader at Murrah High School, and **Asya, 9,** a fourth-grader at Boyd Elementary School.

Lisa is a student at Antonelli College. The Anderson family lives in Jackson and has been attending Fresh Start for seven months.

WHY THEY ATTEND FRESH START:

Lisa: "Fresh Start is a family-based church. The people here are so friendly and down to earth. Also, I enjoy being in the house of God where my children can grow and participate."

Relessia: "What I like about Fresh Start Christian Church is that everybody is so easy to get along with and nice. I also like that they have fun activities for us to do."

Asya: "I like Fresh Start because it gives me a fresh start. It's teaching me more about the Lord."



Jaidan Cornelius, Cels Gillespie, Siyanna Gullory

2nd Annual Church Picnic



Hailey Barber, Monica Williams, Kayla Oatis

BY MONICA WILLIAMS

Fresh Start Christian Church held its annual picnic on June 6, 2009. The picnic was outside in front of the church. We served grilled hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad and chips. There were a lot of activities held at the picnic. We had horse rides, a space jump for the little children, the three-on-three basketball tournament, volleyball, kickball and so much more.

Pastor James L. Henley, Jr.'s team, Team 5, won the three-on-three basketball tournament. There were five teams in all. Team 1: Andre Funches, Gaarmel Funches, Casteal Foster, Valerie Foster and Aisha McKnight. Team 2: Joe Graham, Lisa Houseworth, Kenosha Williams and Breanne Miller. Team 3: Charles Gillespie, David Rankin, Jeremy Yowk and Abe Wallace. Team 4: Jordan Henley, Janice Okeke, Cortney Bell and Jermale Williams. Team 5: Rev. James L. Henley, Jr., Kendrick Gaddy, Joseph "Smoke-LeBron" Gary and Johnny "Dwight Howard" Harvey.

People really enjoyed the picnic so much that some people didn't even want to leave. Come out next year to this family fun-filled event that any one can enjoy.



Mike Barber



Elder Ronnie Webster



Joel Henley, Jalen Houseworth, Jeesa Williams



Kaylan Brown, Fay Brown



Joe Graham, Elder Casteal Foster



Elder Denny Teague



THE WINNING TEAM: Kendrick Gaddy, Pastor James L. Henley, Jr., Joseph "Smoke-LeBron" Gary, Johnny "Dwight Howard" Harvey

SPECIAL THANKS:

Monica Williams, Kayla Oatis and Relessia Anderson for their assistance with this newsletter.

If you would like Fresh Start Christian Church event photos sent to you, please e-mail dennyandriva@yahoo.com.



Elder Lisa Houseworth, Gaarmel Funches (front)



Making Christ Visible

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

—Romans 10:9 (NIV)