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WHAT WE PROCLAIM

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THE GREAT COMMISSION

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The Great Commission

Matt 28: 16-20 NLT

16. "Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17. When they saw him, they worshiped him-but some of them doubted! 18. Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.""

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10-11 NRSV



From the Directors Desk Reverend Patricia A. Bufford BUFFALO DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF EVANGELISM

Well, it's officially summertime, and the sun is shining in Buffalo, and that's a big deal. Because in a few months, we know that fall and winter will be knocking on the door. Nevertheless, while we are in summer mode, many of us recently celebrated Juneteenth and the 4th of July so let's continue to take advantage of the sunny days ahead. There are events all across the city and you also can go to the park, swimming, and spend sometime at one of the city's many festivals. And let's not forget revives, gospel fest, summer vacations, family reunions, school reunions, etc. These are great opportunities to evangelize and share our faith. Let's be safe and enjoy!

To each of you reading this newsletter, we greet you in Jesus's name. From the Buffalo District Evangelism Department, we want to thank those who read our first newsletter, "The Proclaimer". This second newsletter is kicking off a new conference year 2023- 2024 and we are grateful and humbled to our esteemed Bishop Dennis V. Proctor and Missionary Supervisor Mrs. D. Diane Proctor for reappointing yours truly the District Director of Evangelism for the "Brave Buffalo District". I want to take this opportunity to Thank each of the district's local Church Evangelism Presidents for their steadfast support and participation. I look forward to working with each of you in this new year. I also want to thank Presiding Elder Rev. Kevin D. Coakley for his support and leadership.

This summer, I challenge each of you reading this newsletter to reach out and share Christ with others. Try to offer Christ and do it in some way by thought words or deeds. As technology advances, we as the church must advance in ways to communicate the gospel in more innovative, creative ways. Luke 10:2 NLT, These were his instructions to them: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields. As Christian disciples, we should use every opportunity to evangelize as laborers wherever we go. We have a responsibility by the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20 to, 19. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit 20. and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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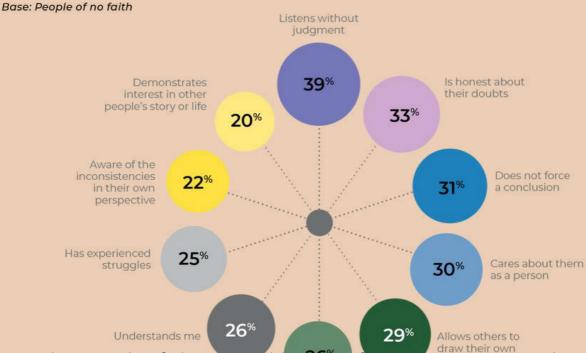
Below you will find excerpts, statistics, and data. Source: Barna Group An article written in the Barna Group Research - Gloo on July 5th, 2023, states - what non-Christians are looking for in spiritual conversations with Christians. The top thing people look for in a conversation with a Christian is that they "listen without judgment." People of no faith are also hoping for honesty about questions and doubts, and they don't want forced conclusions. The best learning environment, they express, is one marked by care and consideration. Below you will find statistics and data. Source: Barna Group

39% of non-Christians would be interested in learning from a Christian who listens without judgement

Imagine a Christian you would be interested in learning from. Which of the following characteristics would you use to describe them?



Select all that apply.



26% Like good stewards of the ma...rold serve one another with whatever gift each of you has receive noever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

n=440 U.S. teens and adults of no faith, December estar 24210-11 NRSV Only the top 10 responses are shown.



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ABOUT US



What is EVANGELISM – as a noun; The Good Message, as a verb; Proclaiming the Good Message.

Evangelism is only Evangelism when the Good Message of Jesus Christ is being imitated and communicated to other people. At the heart of that Good Message about Christ is helping people understand what Christ did to made salvation available to all of us.

And what we must do to make Salvation available to ourselves...to receive what Christ has to offer us....
There are many definitions for Evangelism

The Gospel and the Ministry of that Gospel is Proclaiming the Good News....

By Bishop Dr. Darryl B. Starnes



Evangelism is Changing the World by Sharing our Faith...

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EVANGELIZING FAMILY THROUGH CELEBRATING THE PAST (LEADING THE WAY)



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Mrs. Anita Garner

The month of May for my family, is travel time. This year we were excited to celebrate graduations and birthdays. We gave God glory for the pleasure of being able to celebrate two graduations, and three birthdays In Atlanta Georgia, and one birthday in Birmingham Alabama.

My great niece Cierra Currin, daughter of Stephen Currin graduated from Spellman College. My granddaughter Jaliya Yarborough graduated from 8th grade and will be entering High School.

My daughter Aliya Garner, grandson Franklin J. Tate IV, and Johann Yarborough, all celebrated birthdays in Atlanta. Then it was off to Birmingham Ala, to surprise my Goddaughter, Erica Barnes at her birthday celebration. This reunion brought much joy to us all. There was lots of laughter and "happy" tears.

While in Birmingham, Franklin suggested we visited the Birmingham Civil Rights Museum because he wanted to see Mrs. Rosa Parks sitting in front of the bus, which he'd seen a picture of on social media. This help me understand some good can come to children from social media.

When we parked outside the museum and got out of the car, I noticed the 16th Street Baptist Church, directly across the street. It wasn't open for touring at the time, but the outside had just as much history to glean from. While touring the museum, it was very hard for them to understand why we as a people were treated that way. I explained to them that we were not looked upon as equals by most, and the civil rights movement was our way of standing up, demanding our rightful place on God's earth and reminding our opposers that according to their constitution, all men and women were created equal, with certain inalienable rights. I also explained they were learning the history of what has happened in the past, and I was being reminded and at times reliving some of the things I had gone through in the past. This brought about more tears, that were not so happy. To God be the glory for all He is doing.

EVANGELIZING FAMILY THROUGH CELEBRATING THE PAST (LEADING THE WAY)



September 15,1963, Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, Cynthia Wesley. The Four Little Girls, killed in the bombing at the 16th Street Baptist Church, where twenty others were injured in a clear act of racial hatred. The church was a key civil rights meeting place and had been a target of frequent bomb threats. We also learned Johnny Robinson, a 16 year old teen was shot by police, Virgil Ware, a 13 year old teen, was killed outside the city by a white teen while riding on the handlebars of his older brother's bike, both were also killed that day, September 15, 1963.

On another corner of this historic block, we toured Kelly Ingram Park. Where violence raised a nationwide public outcry in May of the same year, when Birmingham police and firemen attacked mostly children and high school student civil rights demonstrators with nightsticks, dogs and fire hoses. The park served as a central staging ground for large scale demonstrations during the movement. It is now the setting of several pieces of sculpture related to the movement.

While at Kelly Ingram Park, my granddaughter, Christine Tate was compelled to give after reading the sign: "Prostrate Cancer Please Help" held by a man sitting in the park. I told her some give some of what they have, God bless you for giving all you had.











Evangelizing Family through Celebrating the Past (Leading the Way)

As we were about to leave the park, a woman from the Mayor's office approached us and informed us of up and coming celebrations to commentate the 60 years that has passed since September 15, 1963. She asked to interview each of us to see how we felt about what happened to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley.

I encouraged my children that even though what we as a people go through may be painful at times to look back on, it doesn't negate the fact that it happens. So let us march on in Jesus' name until victory is won. Anita Garner

Proverbs 22:66
Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

The Aftermath of the 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing Brought more violence and death. Johnnie Robinson, 16vo,

was shot by police for throwing stones at moving cars. Virgi
Ware, 13yo, on a bicycle, was shot by a white man on a
motor scooter.









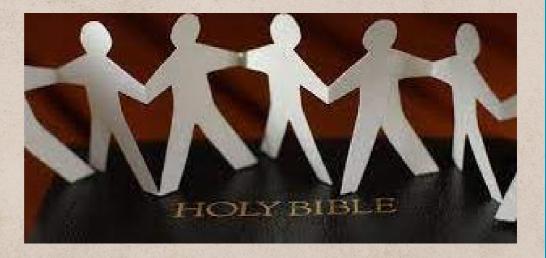






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"A Kind Gesture "



Mrs. Sharon Turner-Smith

Blackwell Chapel AME Zion Church, adopted one of Jamestown, NY Public schools. Every year Blackwell Chapel congregants join together in raising funds to support children attending the Love elementary public school. Our church family donate needed items such as socks, T-shirts, and pajamas to underprivileged kids. This year Blackwell Chapel, AME Zion church family decided to join together, by donating a ton of T-shirts of all sizes and colors. This is an act to promote unity as we continue to display our love to the School and the community. The Bible encourages giving that is done voluntarily, and with the right motive. It shows that such giving benefits not only the recipient, but also the giver.

"A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal."

Proverbs 19:17 He who is gracious and lends a hand to the poor lends to the Lord, and the Lord will repay him for his good deeds. Amen.





" REACHING THE MASSES "





Rev. Diane Holt

In light of the Worldwide/"National USA" formula shortages, many moms/parenting individuals are attempting to be creative in the way they feed their infants. Unfortunately, some of those ways are not always in the best nutritional interest for infants.

Our position remains unchanged, we believe and promote "Breast is Best", however, we understand that there are a plethora of reasons that individuals cannot breastfeed.

Formula choice should be made in solidarity by the parent, parent surrogate, pediatrician /healthcare provider responsible for said infant and not government/WIC regulatory contracts.

Our EFB Emergency Formula Bank is off and running, servicing those who are in need of our assistance.



" REACHING THE MASSES " CON'T

We're working diligently to reach the masses. Our upcoming Billboard will highlight us as "Buffalo's Eastside Ellis Island".Lamar Billboards are currently creating a community outreach advertising Billboard for Durham's Maternal Stress Stress Zone. The first billboard will go up on Michigan Avenue and Broadway, on July 3, 2023. The 2 alternating billboards will go up shortly thereafter, their locations to be announced.

As an Outreach Maternal support/services health agency, we continue to work with agencies and individuals living North, South, East and West, within the USA. This has assisted us in receiving Public Service announcements which support Durham's Maternal Stress Free Zion's community outreach efforts in Maternal Health namely from: Mike Hill and Jacque Reid.

Mike Hill is an actor, television and radio personality. He hosted the Mike and Donny Show on Fox Soul. As well Mike hosted Fox, Sports Net in NYC before joining ESPN, he has served as a sports anchor at KXAS-TV IN Dallas, Texas. He co-hosts a morning show Start Your Day With Sharon and Mike with Sharon Reed on the Black News Channel.

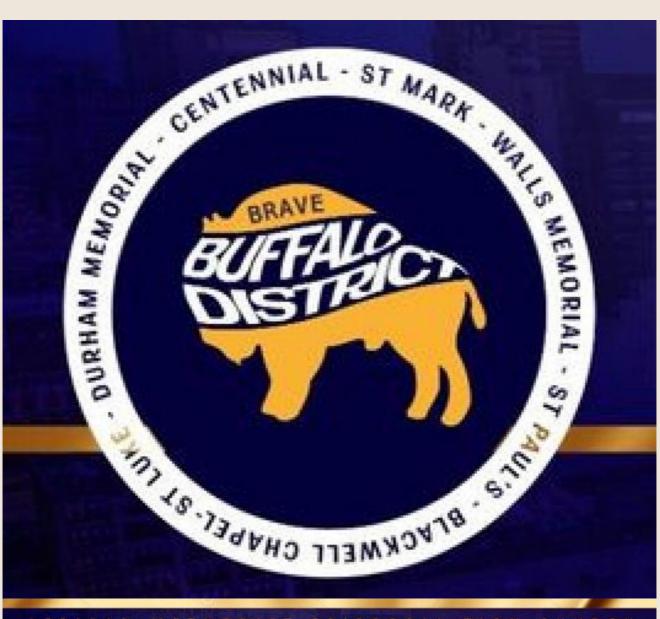
Jacque Reid is an American television and radio personality and journalist. She was the lead news anchor of The BET Nightly News. She hosted Her Story on the Tom Joyner Radio Show. Jacque co-hosted NBC New York affiliate show New York Live and guest-hosted on The View , prior to joining NBC 4 New York. She currently works out of Atlanta Georgia.

A local rapper is creating beats for advertising a community outreach rap commercial for us to reach moms in the community.

On May 24 we hosted our 1st Community Stakeholders Dinner/Board Meeting, 25 were in attendance. This meeting birth forth marvelous outcomes and additional wonderful things are expected to com

Rev. Diann Holt, CEO Director Durham's Maternal Stress Free Zone





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The Evangelism Aspect of the Holy Communion





Rev. Margie Graham

The Lord's supper is an act of God directed toward humans. It is also an act that originated two thousand years ago at a supper in Jerusalem. The Lord's supper is often called, "Holy Communion," a coming together of bread with body, wine with blood, God with creatures and believers with one another.

The Holy Communions serves to lift a person beyond mere me-ness. Communion is a good time to express to one another a prayer that asks for the blessing of peace from Jesus.

St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church carries the mission of Holy Sacrament to the sick and shut-in members

of the church. This takes place once a month in their homes. During this important time, Holy Communion is shared with persons confined to their homes. They are given the bread which signifies Jesus broken body, and the wine which signifies Jesus spilled blood. A total of thirteen members received the Sacrament during the month of May. Following the administration of the Holy Communion, members are given a good news tract entitled, "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." A prayer of peace is prayed for the members at the close of the Holy Sacrament.

1 COR 11: 23-26

Pothis in Remembrance of Me

Pre-Pentecost Prayer Study

Rev. Lorrett Lewis - Brooks



Pre-Pentecost Prayer Study

Every Friday in the month of May the Western New York Conference came together for a Pre-Pentecost prayer study: Going Behind the Veil in Prayer. During this study all were encouraged to move beyond the outer court and grow in intimate fellowship with God. This is possible because relating to Him in prayer is our birthright as adopted sons of the Father. Going behind the veil is communing with God at the deepest level, a level in God that goes beyond religious experience. It's more than being deeply touched during a high point in a service during worship, it's a supernatural lifestyle and not a one-time event.

Week 1 – May 5th: To begin the prayer study we look at scriptures that revealed the truth about who we are in Christ, who God created us to be and how He wants us to live. Participants were encouraged to proclaim out loud what these scriptures revealed about their identity.



An hour-long prayer wheel was introduced to assist in exploring different aspects of prayer and extending the time we spend praying. The hour was broken down into twelve 5 minute segments.

Before launching into intercession for others, corporate prayer, or even personal prayer, participates were presented with a "Spiritual Checklist". The following questions were asked:

- 1. Have I confessed all known sin?
- 2. Are all my relationships with others made right?
- 3. Are you seeking to glorify God above all things?
- 4. Are you depending on the Holy Spirt for guidance?
- 5. Are you trusting God in spite of what se

Pre-Pentecost Prayer Study - Con't

Week 2 – May 12th: We are invited into companionship and participation with God. There are two sides to prayer – there is fellowship prayer, then there is participation with God. God has purposes in which He wants us to partner with Him. He's looking for people who are willing to give themselves to the spiritual labor of prayer.

God invites each one of us as children of God into the very counsels of the Godhead. The Holy Spirit is living in us and willing us to move in to a place where we sit down in the very presence of the Father and of the Son and we engage in counsel with them. Lord, what will You have me to do? Lord, I need You every moment of this day, I can't make it without You.

Because God has raised us up together with Jesus Christ, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, we do not grapple hand to hand with demons in the earth realm – we exercise authority over them from our seat of authority in Christ Jesus in the third heaven. We do not meet the enemy in his own territory but rather we deal with him from a place far above his activity.



How to Grow in Faith:

- 1. Ask God to increase your faith.
- 2. Focus on obeying God.
- 3. Spend time reading and hearing God's word.
- 4. Spend time with other believers.
- 5. pend time in fervent prayer.

Week 3 – May 19th: The relationship of faith to prayer. Biblically, faith is considered a belief and trust in God based on evidence but without total proof. Faith holds a common theme: trust. To have faith means to have trust. It doesn't end at trust. Rather, trusting the Word of God is an act of faith. By putting our complete trust in God, like Abraham did, we can better align our actions with God's commandments. Therefore, having faith is a twofold process: trust and action.



Week 4 – May 26th: All joined in a powerful Spirit filled time praise and worship to our great God. The Holy Ghost truly showed up and showed out. What a mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God. Participants lingered on the Zoom line well past the closing of the session. Praise God.

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Rev. Patricia A. Bufford, Facilitator



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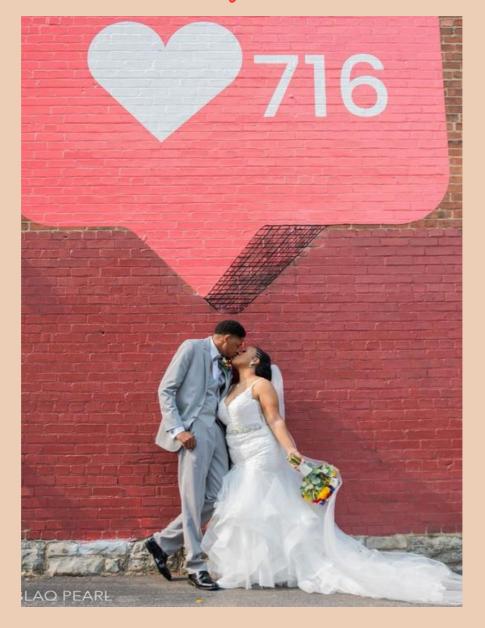
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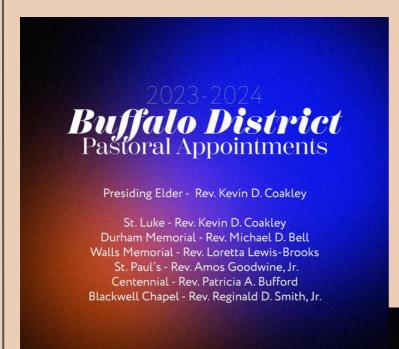
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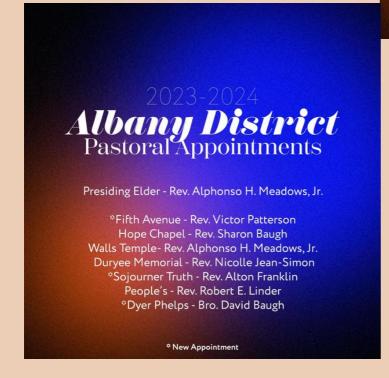
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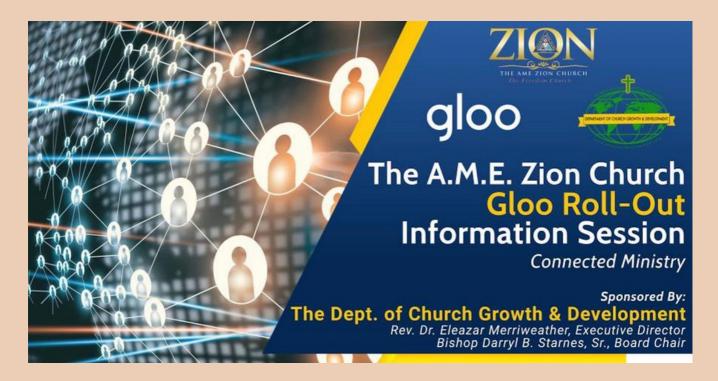
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People are searching online every day for answers to their biggest questions—and for help with their greatest needs. We call these people Explorers.

The campaigns are uniquely designed to connect with these Explorers, and position your church to provide the answers. Media is run locally 24/7 through channels like Facebook, Instagram, Google and others—to help people understand that churches care, and that yours is here to help. This means you'll see a variety of Explorers who are eager to connect.

Campaigns are cooperatively funded with contributions from donors, and grow with every new church that joins.

People encounter a message of hope & an invitation to connect

We want Explorers to know that churches care about them as a whole person, which is why our outreach campaigns focus on a variety of areas of health and well-being.

Every piece of content, quiz, video, and image is built to help online Explorers receive a message of hope, and an invitation to connect with your church.

Topics include areas like relationships, marriage, loneliness, faith, anxiety, and many others.



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We introduce them to you so you can do what you do best

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We give you everything including all kinds of resources to help you engage them well.

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Therefore, go make Disciples of all nations, Matt 28:19a



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