

# The Remnant

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## The Bishop's Pen

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***Praise the inimitable, auspicious, and Holy name of Jesus!***

***The year, 2023, has begun with momentum and fervor that is providing the impetus for a great move of God in our midst. More than anything else, we yearn for God's authentic presence among us.***

***There are a few things we can do to ensure His abiding presence.***

- ***A love for God***
- ***A love for people***
- ***Repentance that is signified by accompanying fruit***
- ***Prayer that keeps us in a place of humility***
- ***Obedience to every Word that proceeds out of His mouth.***

***Each of us is accountable before God to do our part to reach the lost which is the gist of the great comMISSION. I look forward to walking with you into new territory to the glory of God, this year.***

***In Jesus' Service***



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## **WE ARE THE REMNANT**

2CHR30:1-11

We are The Remnant holding on to the old ways of the church in a new world. We are The Remnant still believing that without holiness no man shall see God. We are The Remnant and we still believe in all night prayer, fasting and lingering in the presence of the Lord for as long as His presence is manifest in a service. We are The Remnant and we still believe that Jesus is coming back for a church without spot or wrinkle, but holy and without blemish (Eph 5:27).

Hezekiah began his reign over Judah and Jerusalem when he was 25 years old. He inherited a broken and backslidden kingdom. They were in a disobedient state where the wrath of the Lord was upon them. But Hezekiah was not like his father Ahaz who walked in the wicked ways of Israel. He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father had done. At the counsel of his princes and all the congregation in Jerusalem, Hezekiah decided to keep the Passover which had not been done in a very long time. But they were in such a backslidden state that they had to delay the Passover because not even the priests were sanctified.

So, Hezekiah established a decree and made a proclamation throughout all Israel inviting them to come to Jerusalem to keep the Passover once again. In his decree, he said return to the Lord and he will return to The Remnant of you. Don't be like your fathers and brethren that trespassed against God. Don't be stiff-necked like your fathers, but yield yourselves unto God. Sadly, many of them laughed him to scorn. NEVERTHELESS, divers of Asher and Mannaseh and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem. The bible doesn't specify how many, but The Remnant of them returned to the old ways of their fathers where their God was the Lord and Him only. They returned to a place of sanctifying themselves before the Lord and offering sacrifices before him. They returned to a place where the Lord had pre-eminence in their lives and where he fought their battles and kept their enemies at bay. Like Asher, Mannaseh and Zebulun, we humble ourselves and embrace the old ways of the saints that have gone before us. Where others laugh and scoff at the old ways, we say "Yes Lord" to your will and to your way. We opt out of church as usual and church that entertains. Our hearts cry is Lord take us back to the old landmarks where your church had power and your glory rested upon us. We are The Remnant.

# Loving and Living

## The Maxwells



We introduce to some and present to others, Joseph and Shelia Maxwell. These two were raised in Tennessee. Joseph in Nashville, and Shelia in Clarksville, just under an hour away from each other. Joseph was raised in church from a toddler. He received the Holy Ghost at the age of seven at Christ Temple Apostolic Church in Old Hickory, TN. In her youth, Shelia went to all types of churches. She believed in God and was baptized in a Baptist church. It was in her early twenties when she surrendered to

God, and received the Holy Ghost in 1993 at Grace Apostolic Church in Nashville. This is where she learned about the Apostolic doctrine and being baptized in the name of Jesus.

The couple has been together for 31.5 years, with 29 of those years being in marriage. They have three grown children: Montell, age 38; Mareesa, age 29; and Maurice, age 27. These three are part of their most prized possession, which is family; including their grandchildren. Joseph considers owning a business one of his greatest accomplishments, and achieving his degree is on his bucket list. Shelia would like to earn her PhD, and get some traveling in. Her desired travel destinations include Jerusalem, Bora Bora and Ghana to name a few. Joseph and Shelia hold fast to Philippians 4:13 and Psalm 51, respectively, as mantras for their lives.

The couple's idea of a perfect weekend involves lounging around the house, although Shelia adds this would be after it has been cleaned. Additionally, Joseph enjoys working in the yard. Interesting facts about these two: Joseph has the unique ability to relate to any one, and Shelia is an identical twin. These two are most thankful for family, having the Holy Ghost and salvation. The Maxwells credit God for leading them to Infinity Church both in 2011 and 2016. Their membership spans 7 years collectively and counting.

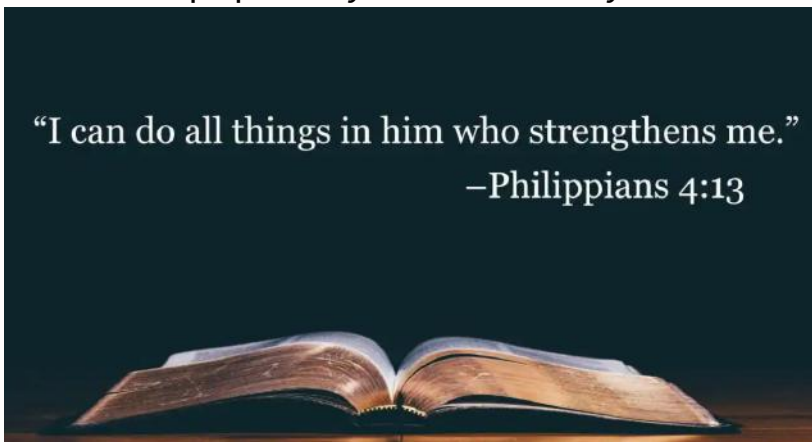
"I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

–Philippians 4:13



"Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within me."

Psalms 51:10 (KJV)





# Meet the Shepherds



With just one conversation, you know instantly that the Shepherds are a fun loving family that like to laugh and have a good time. They are a family that prioritizes the most important thing in life, quality time with one another. Family time means carving out time to check in with each other, to celebrate, encourage and just enjoy one another. The fruit of their commitment to one another is evidenced in

their great accomplishments. LaTonya and Jamario Shepherd have been married 25 years (this year). He retired from the military after 20 years of service and now works for the Dept of the Air Force. Tonya is working on her Doctorate in Nursing Practice in pursuit of a career as a Chief Nurse Executive (CNE). Jamario enjoys sports and LaTonya enjoys the water (beach) but most of all spending time together as a family.

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*"I love how he loves God and it makes me love Bishop more".*

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Their children are also making their mark on the world. Jamireus, the oldest of the bunch, completed her undergraduate degree in nursing and is currently in school to obtain her graduate degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She enjoys reading, writing and running. Tamaryen, the middle daughter will graduate in only two semesters with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering/Cybersecurity from the Univ of Texas San Antonio. She enjoys singing, photography and watching movies. Jamariah is in the 8th grade and is currently writing her first book . She enjoys writing, drawing and singing.

The Shepherds attribute much of their success in life and in relationships to their connection to Bishop August. They came to the ministry in 2003 when they were invited by Terry and Loretta Godbolt whom they knew when they lived in Georgia. The service was unlike anything they had ever experienced and the presence of God was so indescribable that they knew they didn't need to look any further for a church home. In 2005, they received orders to relocate to Washington State. Since then, the military has taken them all over the world, but no matter where they went, they always stayed connected. They currently live in San Antonio, Texas and continue to be faithful and committed members of the Infinity Nation that love God, their Bishop and the Infinity family.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Jer 29:11

## Single, saved, and living life



Introducing **Ginger Allen**; she is a native of Gulfport, MS, who loves refurbishing furniture, researching, and traveling. In fact, Ginger's bucket list is full of her travel plans, such as a cross-country train tour of Europe and visiting the Greek Islands. She's been a part of our family since 2014 upon returning home from Nashville or, as she says, " I moved back home and visited several churches and noticed they were missing something, truth. I knew there had to be more to God than I was being taught. So when I came to Greater Grace, now Infinity, I was drawn to the teaching because I had never heard a sermon that wasn't the TRUTH preached by Da Bishop. I knew I was in the Right place."

Introducing **Theresa McKenzie**; her hobbies include traveling, watching inspirational videos, and home renovation shows. In addition, Theresa says, "Traveling allows me the opportunity to experience different cultures and ways of life. " Her most prized possession is her new book, "Depression Among African Americans: How the Church Can Help." However, Theresa considers her greatest accomplishment to be the day she came into the revelation of who Jesus is. She says, " Her life has never been the same." Theresa learned of Infinity Church through Sobrina Pratt. After attending a few services, she joined the family. To conclude, Theresa's mantra was passed down from her Dad; "anything you need to know is in the word of God."



**Mr. Melvin Torrence** is an avid swimmer and billiards player from Chicago. Unfortunately, one of his most prized possessions was a quilt hand-made by his great-grandmother that had been lost over the years. Mr. Torrence had the benefit of being a part of a 55-year friendship with his childhood friend Robert Hendrix before losing his friend to Cancer. This loss gave him a new appreciation for life. He counts giving his life to Christ as his greatest accomplishment, leading to his greatest passion, worshiping and serving the Lord. One can find the guiding mantra for his life in Psalms 23, which happens to be his favorite scripture. He became a part of the Infinity family through his daughter Sider Atterberry.

## Torch Bearers

Meet **Bobbie Burrowes**, from Preston, MS. She describes the catalyst of her salvation story, standing on the shore in Norfolk, VA, experiencing a low point in her life, she was praying and crying out to God. God's presence came upon her as a cleansing, healing spirit and changed her. He became more real to her that night than He had ever before. After retiring from the Navy, she returned to MS with her two sons and one daughter. She heard Bishop preaching on the radio and visited the church. It was everything she was looking for and her children urged her to join. She has been a member for 20 years. She loves to read, walk, and travel. Taking care of children is her passion which she turned into a business, as the owner of All God's Children Learning Center. Her sage advice is to put God first in everything and to have an intimate relationship with God, which consists of reading the Bible, praying and talking to God.





# *Infinity in Action Service is key*



*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord"*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58








AND LET US CONSIDER HOW TO STIR UP ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS, NOT NEGLECTING TO MEET TOGETHER, AS IS THE HABIT OF SOME, BUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER, AND ALL THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY DRAWING NEAR.

HEBREWS 10:24-25

 Bible Study Tools







# Highlights



We celebrate the retirement of Chief Yeoman Sharmaine Cornwall-Philip, USN following 24 years of Naval Service. Congratulations!

#HolyGhostGirl 🔥🔥🔥

Hallelujah! @Ji'Kayla B was baptized in JESUS' NAME and filled with the HOLY GHOST Sunday! We are excited to see what God is doing in your life, Ji'Kayla. Let's run hard after him. I love you!



Congratulations Journey August and Mason Brave! Way to represent God's Kingdom and your families!!! We're soooo proud of you 🙌❤️🙏🏠🎉🎊🎈



But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us. 2 Cor 4:7





# "It's Ours For The Taking"

To take means to get into one's hands or one's possession, power, or control; to seize or capture; to physically grasp or grip; to catch or attack through the effect of a sudden force or influence; to receive into one's body as by swallowing, drinking, or inhaling. So, what is yours for the Taking? You may ask, and the answer is simple; whatever we ask is in accord with God's Will. After Jesus cursed the fig tree in Mark 11:22-24, he told his disciples to "Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them!"

I have found that one of the biggest hindrances to NOT having the things I ask God for is my very own unbelief, to which I often pray. Mark 9:24, "Lord, I Believe; Help Thou mine Unbelief!"

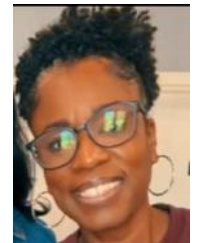
This is the suitable time for us to put into daily practice what Paul encourages us to do in Philippians 4:9 AMP, "The Things that we have learned and received and Seen in me, Practice These Things in DAILY LIFE, and the God Who is the Source of Peace and Well-Being Will be with you!"

As believers, we have access to so much, and it truly Is Ours for the Taking; we have to grab hold and take God at his word, believing, trust, obeying, and activating the faith of God to take, possess, seize, and receive the abundant blessings and promises of God!

Beloved Saints, God's rest, yoke, peace, refuge, and promises are ALL "Ours For The Taking."



## Becoming Extraordinary and Undergoing Transformation Incorporating Faith Understanding and Love FAITH

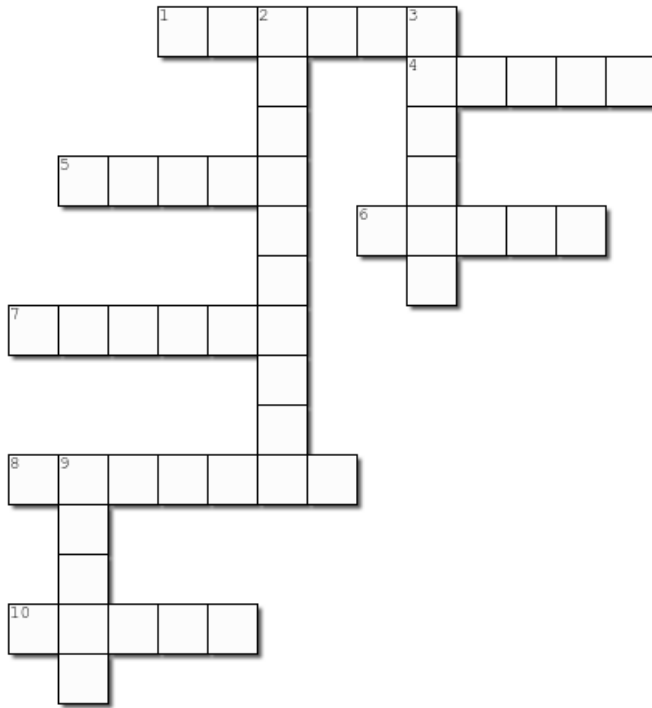


Faith and believing is the beginning of any journey. Whether it's a spiritual journey that leads to peace, joy, and righteousness in the Holy Ghost or a journey to the store to buy milk, the first step in reaching your final destination is to first believe that you can get there. So, what is faith then? The bible teaches that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb 11:1). Simply put, it's having confidence for things you hope for when there's no visible evidence that it is even possible. For a long time, I didn't believe that I could be emotionally whole. I settled for being "better than I used to be". But God had so much more in store. Before you begin the journey of healing, you need to understand that complete healing is possible. God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds (Ps 147:3). He takes care of the pain and the scars. No matter what you've been through or how difficult it seems, you can be whole, only believe.

We practice faith every day without even realizing it. When you sit in a chair, you have faith that the chair can hold your weight. When you drive across a bridge, you have faith that it won't collapse beneath you. When you go to the store to buy milk, you have faith that the store has milk. We sit in chairs, cross bridges and go to the store exercising faith in man-made process. How can we have faith in those things and not trust God? It is because, there is nothing in us believing against those things. There aren't voices telling us, the chair is going to break, or the bridge is going to collapse or there is no milk at the store. If you are to operate in the faith necessary to heal, you must silence the voices that speak against the word of God. That means meditating on what God says and rejecting all negative thoughts. It is the casting down of wicked imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. Faith is an action word. It is an internal struggle to allow the thing you're believing for to become your reality even believing against what you see. Faith is an action word and it is a battle that begins and ends in the mind.

# Abraham and Sarah

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner

## Across

1. What is the land God promised Abraham Gen 17:8
4. What is the name God chose for Abraham's son Gen 17:9
5. Where did God appear to Abraham Gen 18:1
6. What did God tell Abraham to number Gen 15:5
7. How did God first speak to Abraham Gen 15:1
8. What did Abraham do when the angel said he would have a son Gen 17:17
10. What is the name of Abraham's wife

## Down

2. How old was Abraham when God made a covenant with him Gen 17:1-2
3. How old was Sarah when God promised a son Gen 17:17
9. What was Abraham's name before God changed it Gen 17:5

# Upcoming Events

## April

- 7: Good Friday Service
- 9: Resurrection Sunday
- 15: IAAM Regional Fellowship
- 20-22: FYRE Youth Explosion
- 23: Infinity Skate Night

## May

- 1-5: Sabbath Week
- 14: Happy Mother's Day
- 14: Senior Recognition Sunday

## June

- 9: Infinity Family Game Night
- 10-11: Homecoming/Family & Friends Weekend
- 16-17: FYRE Lock-In
- 18: Happy Father's Day

## July

- 13-14: IAAM Annual Convention (Huntsville, AL)