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MAAAF Ministers & Youth Unity Meeting to Be Held in Utica NY

Christ Temple Church of the Apostolic Invites everyone to the Meeting. The Saints in Utica are working diligently to put together a great conference that will be a joy to everyone attending.

Schedule of Services

June 20-22, 2013; Where: 1505 Seymour Ave. Utica, NY 13502

9 AM Ministers Training
Instructor: Bishop DeVaughn
Pastor of Holy Ground
Apostolic Faith Church
Baltimore, MD

Youth Activities

7:30 PM Evangelistic Service



Chains are being broken!!

Praise the Lord in the precious name of Jesus Baltimore Holy Ground Apostolic Faith Church hosted 12th Annual Youth Rally. "Believing in the Impossible" What an experience! God blessed the saints every night. The spirit of reconciliation was free and burdens were lifted. Thursday night the word was brought by Min DeWayne Gamble, once a student of Min. DeVaughn, representing Holy Tabernacle Church of God in Baltimore. Min. Gamble gave his testimony of the change God made in his life, encouraging the young people listen to the voice of church elders. Voices of Holy Ground sang unto the Lord and guest speaker Min. Keith Reid of Bethlehem Temple Church in Lagrange, Georgia delivered Word of God. He was followed by Bishop Danny Speaks of Greater Bethlehem Temple Church in Philadelphia, Pa who gave a powerful call for prayer and deliverance. Saturday the fire of the Lord continued to burn as the Bringing Youth to Christ choir rocked the house with two songs. Min. Randall Mason of Detroit, MI preached a fresh word, followed by Minister Christian Smith of Roxboro, who came with instructions from the Lord for the saints not to depart from the faith. Elder Theodore Ferguson of Chase City, VA gave the alter call like only he could. Sunday, God blessed the people of God with an anointed word from Bishop Coslette Bryan, Pastor of Church of the Living God Apostolic in Detroit, MI. Service was followed by a special Mother's Day dinner. *Page 3. Baltimore Youth Rally*

What Is It To Be APOSTOLIC? Bishop B Williams

To be Apostolic is to fulfill the words of the Lord Jesus when he prayed to God, his Father as given to us in the Bible, in John 17th Chapter. Here Jesus prayed and thanked God, his Father for giving him the power to give eternal life to those that believe in the Father, who is the Only True God and in the Lord Jesus Christ, whom the Father sent.

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. John 17:1-3

Jesus, in his prayer acknowledges that the Apostles were given to him by God, his Father, and that the Apostles have done everything Jesus has asked them to do according to God's Word.

I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. John 17:6

Jesus goes on in his prayer to acknowledge that he gave his Apostles the words his Father gave him.

For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them*, John 17:8

Then, Jesus prayed for his Apostles. He did not pray for unbelievers, that is the whole world. Jesus understood God's salvation is for them that believe the words Jesus preached and taught, in this case, his Apostles.

I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them, which thou hast given me; for they are thine. John 17:9

In addition to Jesus praying for his Apostles, he went on to pray for another group of people.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us. John 17:20-21

Jesus prayed for everyone who believes the witness the Apostles give about Jesus. All who believe on Jesus do so, only when they believe what the Apostles preached and taught about Jesus. **No one else is included in Jesus' prayer.** The Apostle Peter put it like this:

Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he, which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. Acts 10:40-43

To be Apostolic one must believe the witness the Apostles gave concerning Jesus Christ. **All who believe on Jesus MUST believe on him according to the Apostles' words.** Jesus wrote nothing we have record of today. We only know about him through the Gospels and the other writings in the Bible. God's ordained plan is that we believe on Jesus by the Apostles' preaching and teaching. **There is no other way.**

So what did the Apostles preach? Here is just a small, but significant sample of their preaching.

Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, Acts 2:22-24

The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath Pilate, when he was determined to let *him* go. But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Act 3:13-15

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

When we, you and I, believe in Jesus, according to the Apostles, we believe:

- God sent the man, Jesus Christ into the world
- God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit
- God had Jesus crucified and slain
- God raised Jesus from the dead and glorified him
- God made Jesus Lord over all God's creation

Then, we are to follow the instructions given by the Apostles to those who believe.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call. Act 2:38-39

Then, those that believe on Jesus according to the Apostles' Word:

- Believe "Jesus Christ is the Son of God."
- Repent of their sins and are baptized in Jesus name.
- Receive the Holy Spirit, as in Acts 2nd Chapter.
- Live a life pleasing to God, in Christ Jesus.
- Meet together and with others that are Apostolic in belief, doctrine and practice.

That's What It Is To Be APOSTOLIC

Sierra Gospel Church Baptizes 7 Converts

Praise the Almighty GOD and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!! The Saints at Sierra Gospel Church under the leadership of our Shepherd, Elder Samuel J. Hairston, send greetings to all of the Saints of the Ministerial Alliance of the Apostolic Faith. We are continuing to press forward, contending for the faith, as we work toward the salvation of new souls and the growth of this ministry. We have been about our Father's business. We thank GOD for the seven souls that were baptized in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the remission of Sins.

In past months, our Pastor has placed much focus on the training and development of leaders as our ministerial staff at Sierra Gospel has continued to take part in quarterly training meetings with a focus on topics to include; *GOD's Expectations of his Leaders; Teamwork to the Glory of God; Leadership in the House of GOD, and Effective Ministry*. Our goal is to fashion ourselves to be more like our Master and Chief Apostle for the edification of this body.

We recently completed our first full school year of our Education Ministry led by Brother Damian and Sister Ana Best. Brother and Sister Best have given their time to assist our school children with varying areas of study. The program also provides incentives for the student(s) with the highest year end GPA.

Our Sisterhood recently facilitated an adult's night out, by which the couples of the church and single adults were able to get together for a formal evening of fellowship. We believe that bonds are strengthened by fellowship, even outside of the doors of the Church. We ask that all of the Saints keep us at Sierra Gospel in prayer as we continue in the work our Father has shown us to do. *God Bless!!!*

Pastor Samuel Hairston

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From The Holy Name Church of Jesus in Chase City, Virginia

Pastor Gladys Watson

On May 22nd Brother Dylan Harris graduated from 8th grade. He is the son of Minister Troy and Sister Gwen Harris

Calendar:

July 7th – Voices of Joy will be having their anniversary.

July 17th, 19th and 21st will be the Young Peoples Revival

October 2nd, 4th, and 6th will be our Annual Men & Women's Day

December 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th will be our 32nd Church Anniversary

Baltimore Youth Rally – Chains Are Broken!!

The atmosphere was set to receive blessings and breakthroughs all weekend. Many saints that came from far and near said that the rally rejuvenated them and that they enjoyed the fellowship. It was a great joy to see the young people exercise their spiritual gifts for Lord. Bishop Bryan shed tears of joy for the anointing that came on us. We will never forget this mighty move of God. Pray for us that we continue to do the will of God these last days. The Saints at Holy Ground will send out information early next year, so that Lord willing, more saints can be part of the Youth Rally next year.

Min. Vaughn DeVaughn Jr.
 Young People Chairman



The Saints in Baltimore Rejoicing in the Lord

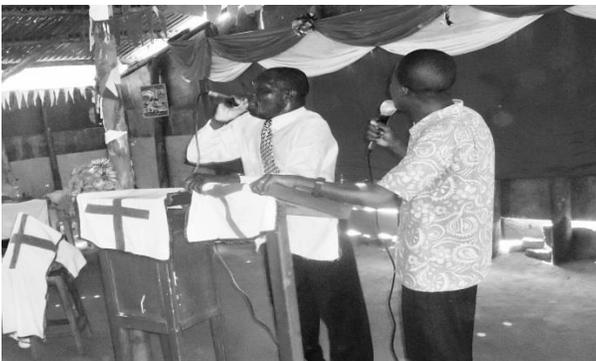
God Doing Great Things in Kakamega, Kenya

Our latest conference in the Kakamega Main Church during the month of April was well received. We appreciate the materials and all the support you gave us. The Lord God bless you, in Jesus name.



Our theme if you remember was concerning The fellowship with the Lord Jesus. It was received by all the members with all meekness. Our 15 Pastors from our churches attended, 10 Pastors from other churches attended. We had 60 general leaders attending and another 70 church members attended as well. All this was encouraging and we realized that people still need to be taught the more and are willing to know more about our fellowship in the Apostles' doctrine.

During the conference, 9 people received Christ, with us baptizing 12 adults in Jesus name. 10



children were dedicated to the Lord and 7 people were filled with the Holy Spirit.

We also had a feeding program during all these days. We accommodated those who came from far giving bus fares to those leaders who came from afar. All these things took place Bishop. We are believing God to do another meeting in one of our branches once again, so as to keep the teachings in people and get them well rooted in Christ. Also in our branches each church will have similar events. I will give you a report of all these when I can. I am trying to see how I can send you the photos my computer crashed down. I will do this as soon as I can. For now be blessed.

With Love in the Lord.
Bishop Samuel M. Nduku.
Mwangaza Missionary Fellowship
Kakamega, Kenya

Pastor Nduku is the founder of Mwangaza Missionary Fellowship, which currently consists of 15 Apostolic Churches in far west Kenya. This ministry is worthy of any and all financial support.

