

the Will

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Mark Your Calendar

All Month

Pastor Appreciation Month

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Communion Sunday

**We are going to see Sight
and Sound's production
of Jesus on June 2nd.
See Sis. Jeania for more
information.**

**Happy Birthday to all
those who celebrate in
October !**

**Interested in becoming a
member? Please see
Sis. Vanessa Hawkins!**

Pastor's Corner by Pastor Adgerson

The bible teaches us there is time for everything, a time to speak and a time to be silent. (Ecclesiastes 3:17, paraphrased). In the book "30 Days to Taming Your Tongue", by Deborah Smith Pegues, the author addresses things one should not say, and concludes with "the silent tongue". The author tells a hilarious story about a husband and wife giving each other the "silent treatment." One night the husband realized he needed his wife to wake him for an early meeting, but his pride would not let him break the silence. He decided he would write her a note to wake him at 5am. The next morning he awoke to find he was two hours late. He leaped out of bed to angrily confront his wife. He noticed a piece of paper on his night stand. The note read, "It's 5am, Wake up!"

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Pastor's Corner

We are taught that silence is golden, but talking is the only way to maintain an effective relationship. Nevertheless, we should remain silent when there is no valuable information to share. Remember what your mother told you, "If you can't say anything good about someone don't say anything!"

When Silence Is Not Golden!

There are times when we should not be silent, i.e., when one uses silence as a passive, retaliatory means of expressing his or her anger or displeasure with a situation. The bible says if you have a problem with your brother you should leave your offering

at the altar and address it with you brother. If it goes well, you have won a brother.

Silence is not golden when you allow it to make a decision on your behalf by default. Prayer was taken out of public school without a protest because the majority was silent. Your silence is construed as your consent.

The author concludes with a Japanese proverb "Silent worms dig holes in walls. To keep silent when one should be speaking is a sure way to dig holes in your relationship. Speak up when you should!"

I said to myself, "God will bring into judgment both the righteous and the wicked, for there will be a time for every activity, a time to judge every deed."

Ecclesiastes 3:17

REMINDER:

Please remember to download our App in the App Store or Google Play!

Member's Corner



This month, we shine the spotlight on Tameka Simmons. Tameka joined GWCC in early 2013. She is a wife to Michael and a mother to Precious. Tameka previously served on the finance team and as the Assistant Teacher for the Children's Sunday School along side her parents, Pastor and Sis. English. Tameka and her entire family are a blessing to the body of GWCC.

Who introduced you to Christ?

My parents introduced me to Christ while I was still in the womb. They made sure that I was immersed in the teachings of the bible and encouraged me to develop a personal relationship with God; to always know him for myself.

What do you do for a living?

Currently, I hold a position as a Jr. Human Resources Specialist at the Department of Transportation in D.C..

What are your hobbies?

I love to spend quality time with my family; playing board games, cards, traveling, etc. I also enjoy reading as a pastime.

What have you found most rewarding about being a member of GWCC?

I find the intimacy of the congregation at GWCC very rewarding. I've found that at a lot of mega churches the members aren't well acquainted with one another. At GWCC I've always felt the open arms of Pastor Adgerson who is never too busy for his flock.

What advice would you give a new Christian?

I would tell a new Christian to make sure they stay connected to their power source (Jesus Christ). Praying is essential, and the only way to get the answers to day-to-day problems, comfort, and peace you'll need.

Recipe Corner: Mason Jar Lid Cheesecake

INGREDIENTS

nonstick cooking spray
12 oz. cream cheese, softened to room temperature
1/2 c. sugar
2 large eggs
2 tbsp. sour cream
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
15 graham crackers, crushed
5 tbsp. melted butter
2 tbsp. brown sugar
pinch of kosher salt
Sliced strawberries, for garnish

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 325° and spray mason jar lids with nonstick cooking spray.

In a large bowl using a hand mixer, blend cream cheese, sugar, eggs, sour cream and vanilla until combined. Set aside.

Make the crust: Stir together graham crackers, butter, brown sugar and salt. Press into lids and bake for 8 minutes.

Divide cheesecake mixture amongst the crusts and bake for 15 to 18 minutes.

Let cool for 1 hour, then top with strawberries and serve.

In Touch Ministry

Uniting Belief and Behavior -Acts 24:14-16

If we understand that we are sinners saved by grace, we may find ourselves struggling with the idea of a “blameless conscience” (Acts 24:16). After all, we know our own hearts and motivations. Yet the apostle Paul found a way to ensure that his conscience commended rather than condemned him. What was his secret? Paying attention to his beliefs and his behavior.

In today’s passage, Paul pleaded his case before the Roman governor Felix, offering the consistency of his faith and behavior as evidence of innocence. His actions were determined by his convictions—namely, that he served the God of his fathers, and God would raise the dead to judgment. Together, these two firm beliefs helped him maintain a clear conscience.

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Weekly Activities

Morning Prayer Conference Call

Daily 7:00AM

Weekly Bible Study Conference Call

Wednesday 7:00-8:00p

Men’s Bible Study Conference Call

Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm

Conference Number:

712-775-7031 Access Code: 443-268-839

Women's Bible Study Conference Call

Monday 7:30-8:30pm

857-232-0158 Access Code 262390