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REVIEW

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST THE LORD

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From The Pastor's Desk

Happy New Year and welcome to another edition of the Church Of Jesus Christ The Lord Newsletter (CJCTL Review). We hope that 2019 will be your year of exponential victories and uncommon blessings.

This year is a momentous milestone in the Church of Jesus Christ the Lord (CJCTL) Ministry as we will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary. Forty is a significant biblical number, as it represents a period of testing and trials – a wilderness experience. Thus 2019 is CJCTL's year of coming out of its wilderness and stepping into its promise land. We expect a mighty move of God this year within the ministry and in the lives of our members and supporters.

We anticipate that you will be encouraged and inspired by this edition of CJCTL Review and you will partner with us in making 2019 an unforgettable and memorable year.

God Bless You & Enjoy Reading.

Bishop G. Sampson-lee



Events Update

26TH ANNUAL HOLY CONVOCATION "FORWARD STILL – NO RETREAT"



Convocation in June 2018 was AWESOME! Prolific and dynamic teachers taught in the day – Pastor M. Mitchell, Bishop A. Long and Minister M. Banks. Anointed and powerful preachers ministered each night under the unction of the Holy Ghost. They traversed the depth and breadth of the theme. Bishop B.C. Hibbert, Minister S. Smith, Elder R. Burchell and Bishop P. Pinnock

stirred our hearts each night and encouraged us to have 'blind faith' in God to believe that 'Yes We Can.' Jesus Christ our Great High Priest exemplified the theme in the Garden of Gethsemane. He pressed towards the cross and did not retreat. Thus we have no excuse – we must go forward in the name of Jesus Christ – **"Forward Still - No Retreat"**

4TH ANNUAL YOUTH RETREAT "POWER UP FOR JESUS"

The three-day retreat held in July at Refreshing Mountain PA was indeed refreshing and enlightening. The facilitators - Bishop G. Sampson-Lee, Elder U.

Henry and Elder A. Burke - expounded how one can achieve and maintain physical, mental and spiritual fitness.

The young people gained a wealth of knowledge and practical ways to maintain fitness in serving God. They were also able to form stronger bonds of friendships with each other that will last a lifetime.



Events Update Cont'd

39TH ANNUAL CHURCH ANNIVERSARY "IF GOD BE FOR US"



The illustrious and powerfully anointed Pastor J. McKenzie, blessed our souls during our Church Anniversary weekend in September. This year's church anniversary was very special as symbolically, it signified the last year of CJCTL's wilderness experience. With God on our side, we are bound to step into the promise land. Pastor McKenzie left no stones unturned, as she led the church deep into the Word. She emphasized that God is with us and He is positioning the CJCTL Ministry for purpose and for greatness. AMEN... It Is So!

2ND ANNUAL PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY "ANOINTED & APPOINTED BY GOD - FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"



Our Pastor's Anniversary and Appreciation Service was a grand affair. Bishop W. Peynado, Bishop E. N. Skyers and Elder J. Murray shared nuggets of wisdom as they ministered under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. "God will not leave us without a witness" and "He operates among the lilies." Likewise, "although you may be anointed for service, you must wait for the appointment." The celebration ended on a high note with the Pastoral Banquet at *The Bethwood*, where Minister M. Banks took us to another level. It was remarkable!

4TH ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE "I MUST SEE JESUS"



Our souls were richly blessed and empowered by anointed teachers and preachers who ministered on the theme "I Must SEE Jesus" during the recent Youth Conference. Pastor D. Mclean, the Workshop facilitator, was very dynamic and unique in her presentation. She encouraged the young people to be faithful and trust God. Minister A. Reid, Elder U. Henry and Elder A. Burke, also encouraged the young people to be resolute in seeking after Jesus as 'He is well able'. The conference was very uplifting and a tremendous blessing.

Youth Corner

BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT (B.I.G.) COMPETITION



After winning the New Jersey/ New York Regional chapter of the competition, Brother Antonio Williams went on to compete at the 2018 Blacks In Government (B.I.G.) 40th Annual National Training Institute Oratorical Competition (national finals), held in New Orleans, Louisiana from Aug. 13 – 16. After competing among experienced senior high school orators from various states in the U.S, Bro. Antonio was awarded the 4th place position. It was an awesome experience for him, under the tutelage of Bishop G. Sampson-Lee and Sis. M. Sampson-Anderson. He hopes to win the 2019 National Competition – we are confident that he will.

Congratulations Bro. Antonio Williams!
The CJCTL Family is Proud of You.

CJCTL CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2018



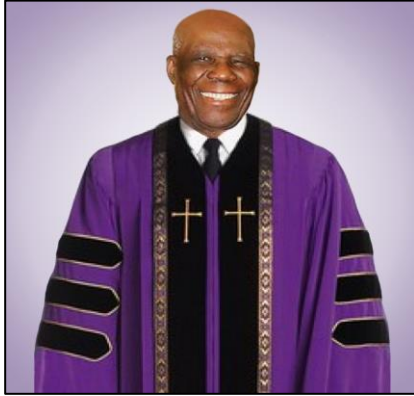
It was a night to remember as CJCTL talented young people ended the year on a high note with exceptional performances at the Annual Christmas Concert on December 30. The congregation saw performances from the talented casts of the play, the reincarnation of Miss Lou and other exceptionally talented poets, singers, actors and musicians. During the concert's intermission, the congregation was treated to sweet delicacies at the 'CJCTL Dollar Store'. It was a night of fun, food, fellowship and family.

Tribute to our late Founder & Presiding Bishop - Dr. Nicholas Bolton - "Behold the Man"

We wish to honor the memory of our late Presiding Bishop, who was called home on July 21, 2018 at the 'tender' age of 97.

It would take several books to begin to document the length, depth and breadth of the ministry of Bishop Nicholas Bolton, an Elder Statesman in the gospel, Pastor, Professor, Counselor, Mentor, Choir Director and Musician extraordinaire. He was a thoughtful husband, wonderful father to his children and grandfather to his great, great-great and great-great-great grand-children. Bishop Bolton was a lover of people at every level, great and small; he greeted and treated everyone with the same warmth, respect and compassion.

Bishop Bolton's portfolio of church leadership is exemplary and worthy to be emulated by many. The needs and priorities of the church and saints always came first. He made sure that the bills were paid and most of the income from the church was re-invested into the church for the growth and development of the ministry. It is no wonder that the Lord answered his prayers and provided a state-of-the-art sanctuary as a legacy and reward for his faithfulness. Like Isaiah who was called a "needle-eye" prophet, Bishop Bolton



possessed the distinct ability to look beyond the present and perceive the future with the precision of an expert marksman. As a visionary leader he understood that provision must be made to secure the future of the church before his departure. The scripture states "Where there is no vision the people perish..." (Prov. 29:18).

The Church of Jesus Christ the Lord is eternally grateful to God

for the gift of our great leader. The imprint of Bishop Bolton as a gifted Bible Teacher and College Professor has left an indelible mark on this ministry... his legacy will live on for generations to come.

Rest in Peace Bishop, We love you forever.

(Excerpt taken from the Home-going Service Journal for Bishop Nicholas Bolton DD, by Bishop Gale Sampson-Lee, MPH, Pastor)

The Spirit of Endurance

Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, former First Lady of the United States posits that "Life is what you make it. Always has been, always will be." The hand that life deals us is not necessarily what is important. How you deal with that hand – how well you endure the challenges you face determines your quality of life and the strength of your character. According to the Merriam Webster dictionary, endurance is "the ability to withstand hardship or adversity." Endurance involves turning the challenge into something good – turning the 'lemons into lemonade'.

I've had a few experiences where endurance improved the quality of my life. One such experience happened a few years ago when I began preparations for obtaining my Driver's License. After taking some driving lessons, I felt ready to take the driving test. The test was divided into three (3) sections – the written test which comprised of multiple choice questions; the yard test that includes the hill start, reverse and parallel parking; and the road test.

On the day of my test, I passed the written test. I also passed the hill start, but fail the reverse and the parallel parking – I was disappointed. Nevertheless, I took additional lessons and did the driving test again. This time, I passed the hill start (again) and the reverse, but failed the parallel parking – I was heartbroken. By this, I was being encouraged by close associates to 'buy my license' but I said "NO! I will drive for it."

On my third attempt, I passed all segments of the yard test. I was very happy as I thought the road test would be a breeze. However, I failed the road test and was shattered. By now, I felt tempted to really 'buy the license', but a friend of mine encouraged me not to and I am glad I yielded to her advice. I passed the driving test on my fourth attempt and felt a great sense of accomplishment when I held my driver's license for the 1st time. I am glad I endured the process.

The challenges of life will sometimes make us want to quit – to give up before reaching the finish line. But Ecclesiastes 9:11 tells us, "The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong".... and St. Matthew 24:13 completes it by saying "But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

Endure your process, it will be worth it!

Witnessers of the Faith - South Carolina

Upcoming Events

On November 23, a contingent of CJCTL members, led by Bishop Sampson-Lee, journeyed to South Carolina, to attend the 3rd Annual Church Anniversary of Witnessers of the Faith and support Pastor M. Mitchell – the founding Pastor of the church. Witnessers of the Faith is a branch church of CJCTL, which began over two (2) years ago, in response to the call of God on Pastor Mitchell’s life.

Since its inception, the church has experienced many difficulties, but through the support and guidance of Bishop Sampson-Lee and the tenacity of Pastor Mitchell, the church has been able to withstand and is moving forward with no retreat. Witnessers of the Faith has great potential and despite the challenges, we believe that God is setting the foundation to do a great and marvelous work in South Carolina, through Pastor Mitchell.

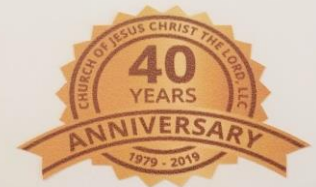
It is often said that success is like the Bamboo Tree and the story is told of a man who received two (2) sets of seeds (fern and bamboo), which he decided to plant. After nurturing both sets of seed over a period of time, the fern grew quickly, but there was no sign of growth from the bamboo. Nevertheless, the man continued to nurture the bamboo seeds though very discouraged at times, as the the first, second and third year there was no visible sign of growth. By the fifth year, when the man was just about to give up, a tiny bamboo sprout emerged from the earth and within six (6) months, it grew a hundred feet tall. During the period when there was no sign of outward growth, the tree was growing underground, developing a strong root system, to support and sustain its potential for outward growth during its lifetime.

So it is with us, at times we may be struggling with various issues while fasting and praying do not seem to make a difference. Nevertheless, do not give up as God is using those periods to build an enduring spirit within you. As the Lord told the prophet Habakkuk *“Write the vision and make it plain upon tables...For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come...”* (Hab. 2:2-3).

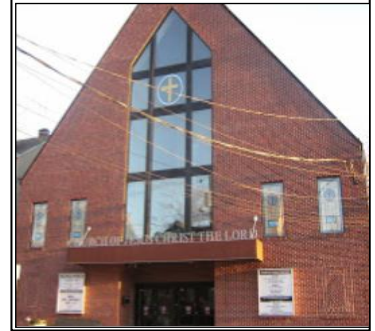


21 DAYS OF FASTING
JAN. 6 – 26, 2019

ANNUAL MISSIONS FUND
FEB. 16 – 17, 2019



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SEPT. 11 – 15, 2019



Season's Greetings

Did You Know

*Happy New Year &
Great Blessings for
2019!*

THE CJCTL FAMILY WISHES YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOD'S RICHEST AND CHOICEST BLESSINGS FOR 2019 AND BEYOND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING 2018 AND WE ANTICIPATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN 2019 AS WE ACCOMPLISH GREAT FEATS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD. **GOD BLESS YOU!**

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1. What is the name of Moses wife? (Exodus 2:21)
2. This harlot housed spies sent by Joshua to take the city of Jericho. (Joshua 2:1)
3. Who had incredible strength until his hair was cut off? (Judges 16:6)
4. Why did Joseph and Mary go to the city of David? (St. Luke 2:4-5)
5. With what did Mary wrap newborn Jesus? (Luke 2: 7)

Answers

1. Zipporah
2. Rahab
3. Samson
4. To pay taxes
5. Swaddling clothes

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