

# New Grace Temple Times



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***Our Prayer  
Focus  
the month of  
June is:  
"The Spirit of  
Unity"***

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## Pastoral Appreciation



### 21<sup>st</sup> Pastoral Anniversary: "Understanding the Shepherd's Heart"

Anniversaries are times to reflect back on what has taken place, not just in the previous years, but in time past as well. New Grace Temple Ministries gathered to celebrate Bishop Michael and Evangelist Barbara Cook on April 10-12, and on Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>. "It's such a blessing to see our leaders being celebrated" is what Sis. Alonda Crittenden stated, when asked about the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration. It is indeed an honor and privilege to recognize the works of love that they so freely give all year long. Our celebration began with a God inspired word from Bishop Terry McZeke, of Monument of Faith Christian Ministries. Bishop McZeke taught us from the scriptures while opening our understanding to the concept of a Shepherd's Heart. We received a revelatory word, in that the Pastor's job is to usher the body of Christ (Bride) to her bridegroom. Just as an upright husband cares for the needs of his wife, Christ in turn will always care for the things of his church. On our second night of service, we received an impartation of the word form Apostle Vivian Troy of Bethel Word Church. We were reminded, when the enemy wars in the minds of the people freely, oftentimes the results lead them away from the things of God. Just as the people no longer wanted Samuel to judge them but rather a king, we make our choices clear when we refuse to honor those who are assigned to watch for our souls. We continued on in celebration with a third night of service, where we were blessed to receive a word from Pastor Charles Wright of King of Kings World Outreach



### Order Of Service

Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning worship ..11:00 a.m  
Noonday Prayer..Wed .  
Bible Study ...Wed 7:00 p.m

### Radio Ministry

***Every Sunday at 2:00  
p.m. on WYNN  
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## Pastoral Anniversary Cont



Ministries. He began by ministering to us on how Bishop Cook sowed into the ministry of King of Kings before he even became formally introduced. Many times we encounter people, who after a brief moment of conversational exchange, feel a connection to them, as if we have known them in longevity. Part of operating with a Shepherd's heart is having a discerning heart. I have grown to understand, just as a good parent will do, our leaders will rebuke us when necessary but restore us always. While it's all love when they are pouring out upon us, should it be any less love when we are in need of correction? I've heard it asked by certain singing groups, "Can You Stand The Rain?" That's a question for us to take to heart. We concluded our 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration with a dynamic word from Pastor Teddy Williams of Paradise Kingdom Outreach Ministries. Though we have many instructors in the land, we have very few fathers. (1 Corinthians 4:15, KJV) We therefore are grateful to God for our Spiritual Father and Mother. Evangelist Cook has proven to be a vessel of steadfastness, as well as priceless virtue. (Proverbs 31:10-31, KJV) Many words of encouragement were offered to our leaders as well as a multitude of testimonies of their good works throughout the years. New Grace Temple Ministries salutes the ministry of Bishop Michael and Evangelist Barbara Cook on their 21<sup>st</sup> Pastoral Anniversary.

NGT Reporter Elder McMillian



## *Pulpit Anniversary*



New Grace Temple Ministries honored the Pulpit Committee on January 27, 2019. The Pulpit Committee have gone above and beyond catering to Bishop Cook, Evangelist Cook, ministers of NGT and guest speakers. The Pulpit Committee began back in 1998. Mother Bean is one of the first people to join the Pulpit Committee. Mother Bean stated "the Pulpit Committee in 1998 was called Pulpit Aide, and then Pulpit Ministry, and now Pulpit Committee. Her reason for joining was because she was appointed to do so." Mother Bean also stated "she joined because she knew Bishop Cook and Evangelist Cook were God-fearing people." She has been walking along side them for 21 years. She stated "the bible says know them that labor among you, 1 Thessalonians 5:12. Sister Pittman gave her experience which was that it was well put together! The Pulpit Committee is doing an excellent job! It was professionally put together and you can tell the Pulpit Committee put their all into it! The anniversary celebration of the Pulpit Committee began at 5:00pm, with New Grace Temple Ministries guest speaker, Pastor Brian McKnight from Monument of Faith Outreach Ministries in Latta, SC.

Pastor Brian McKnight preached from the book of Luke 4:18-20, with the title: "I am anointed for this." Pastor Brain McKnight gave a definition for anoint, which means to pour or smear. The Man of God researched and gave an example of a relationship between a Shepherd and his sheep, stating that if bugs or varies of things got on the sheep's wool it would get in their system and kill them. Pastor McKnight stated that to say this, "The anointing of God upon your life is the very thing protecting your life." My experience of the Pulpit Anniversary was the Pulpit Committee was able to orchestrate a memorable service. Mother Bean was asked what a successful Pulpit celebration looks like to her? She stated: "a collection of suggestions, making the right decision and let us not forget the first two important things, which are fasting and prayer." Mother Bean was asked what impact does the Pulpit Committee have on the church? Her final remarks were: "there must be a great impact to serve the Men and Women of God." Finishing up with stating "You must have the holy ghost to serve in order to have a great impact."

NGT Reporter  
Roshell Slater

## Family Conference

### “Reuniting the Family”

What comes to mind when you think about family? You think about a father, mother, children, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, grandparents, and in-laws. You think about heritage, lineage, past, present and future. You think about what unites the family such as love, honor, respect, humor, laughter, joy, peace, patience, and all the moral values that make up a family. Family is beautiful when it is united; however, family or the structure of family has been distorted or disrupted due to various reasons. There have been generational curses that have hovered over families for decades, even centuries; the family can not overcome until someone breaks the curse.

New Grace Temple held its Family Conference 2019 on February 7<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>. The family of NGT and each individual family was empowered, enhanced, and enriched. We called in some reinforcements; powerful men and women of God, to help encourage and edify us and to break up some of these barriers that has been holding our families down. We brought in Bishop Terry McZeke of Monument of Faith, Marion, SC on that Thursday night, who taught from the subject “Family Matters.” He told us that how we treat one another in the home shows how mature we are in our walk with God. The scripture says husbands love your wives as Christ loves the church. That Friday night we had Pastor Brian McKnight of Monument of Faith, Latta, SC who spoke from the subject, “Family Reunion.” He shared with us, one of the greatest things destroying the family is the spirit of division. He told us that division is not in the will of God, neither competition. We should be one in the family and one in the home. “Charity starts at home.” We held several clinical sessions from some of God’s best teachers on that Saturday. Apostle Vivian Troy of Bethel Word Ministries of Mullins, SC shared an elaborate teaching with the Ladies, while Pastor Anthony Howard broke bread with the Men of Grace. Then we had some of NGT finest, Elder Michael McMillian, Minister Sheera Myers, and Minister Quintin Jones, share amongst our youth; Bishop Cook ministered to seniors, 55 and up. The entire family was edified.

The conference was SUPERNATURAL!!!! It was exactly what we needed, and exactly when we needed it. The family or the institution of family has been ordained by God. Though times or situations may get gloomy or when the road gets rocky, remember God’s word still stands. Matthew 19:6 tells us, “What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.” If our family be joined to God, then nothing should separate us from HIM! I encourage every family to continue putting your trust in God.

Reporting,  
Deacon Davis



## Family and Friends Day



### Family & Friends Day

Reuniting the Family....1 Cor. 1:10

Praise the Lord NGT! We were blessed in this service to be accompanied by our friends and loved ones whom we cherish so dearly. We were given the opportunity to sit at the table and eat of the bread of heaven. This truly was a word for all; it definitely was needed in this season. Bless God that our Shepherd lays before the Lord and gives us what the Lord gives Him.

The message was brought forth by our very own Bishop M. Cook on Sunday, February 24, 2019, with the sermon titled "We are Family." The word was powerful and encouraging to many. Out of the book of Genesis 13:7-9 & 14:1-16....vs.8 **"And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren."** Not only is family solely by blood relation but of those who love and support you. When conflicts arise, it's a trick of the enemy to separate you and cut off communication. The enemy knows that when we come to a place of agreement, there is **POWER**. Family needs to stick together!

After receiving spiritual food, we headed to the fellowship hall for some natural food. NGT kitchen committee and volunteers, had prepared and served a meal and dessert that was absolutely delicious and overall satisfying. One of our visitors thought the food had been catered. Thank you, but no sir! We just have some amazing cooks in our ministry and we all thank God for that. **"J"**

We truly, truly enjoyed the love shown and the fellowship with Gods people.

"Awesome experience from the worship, to the word and to the food served after service" - **Destin F.**

"Oh it was wonderful. I enjoyed all of the singing, it was spacious and well decorated; felt like a home in the house of the Lord" - **Sequoyah M. (visitor)**

NGT Reporter

Ke'Aira Primes



## Singles Gathering



### Painting with Pride at New Grace Temple

The singles ministry had an outing at New Grace Temple on March 30<sup>th</sup>, where they fellowshiped and received a word from our very own Evangelist Cook. A friend of Sis. Tina Davis as well as Artist, Maria Grady instructed the singles on how to develop their own paintings. "It was a great fellowship, and we look forward to doing this event next year," stated Sis. Tina Davis who is the Assistant leader of the Singles of Grace ministry. The members were also shocked to witness the awesome artistic expressions of Evangelist Cook, who not only wears many hats but also encompasses many talents.

In many traditional church settings, there are major emphasis on being married, while being single can be seen as taboo. While marriage is honorable, those who wish to remain single are deserving of honor as well. The Apostle Paul states: "I would that all men were even as I myself;" it is not marital status but our right relationship that is to be preferred and honored. (1 Corinthians 7:7, 32, KJV). When you mix paint, food and fellowship they become instant ingredients for good laughs as well as lasting memories.

NGT Reporter Elder McMillian



## The Christian Chuckle!



## *Bishop's Corner*

*Bless you people of God;*

*My desire is for each of you to fast and pray for the Spirit of discernment; Jesus continued to tell his disciples, "it is for you to know." We should recognize the NATURE, the very essence of a thing; striving for insight and foresight; to know satan has come to steal, kill and destroy. Relationships, fellowships and families are on the brink of destruction, if we, the church don't come TOGETHER!!*

*God Bless you all  
Bishop M Cook*



### *Ask the Bishop*

*People of God there is an "Ask the Bishop" box in the vestibule area. You are encouraged to place your questions in the box. Your questions will be answered in the newsletter. You do not have to put your name on your question submission, only submit the question and remain anonymous. There will be slips provided at the welcome desk for your submissions.*

# Anniversaries



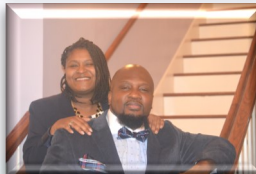
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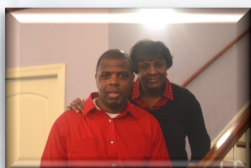
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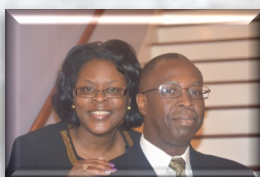
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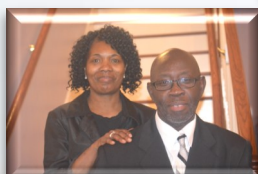
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