

NEW VISION IN THE CITY

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...Bringing the beauty of holiness into the city, while bringing the beauty for ashes out of the city...

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HE IS ARISEN!!



We are "praise fully" enjoying the season of resurrection and Pentecost. We moved our service to the street at 6:00 AM to lift up Jesus early in the morning. It was a chilly morning, but the fire in our belly and the peace of God that passes all understanding comforted us as we watched the Sunrise and exalted our Lord and Savior for His Resurrection.

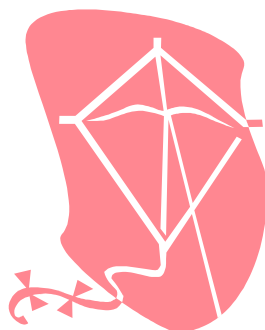
As we enter the summer months we will be getting ready for our summer outreaches including our Back to School Bash, Annual Conference, MINE, General Conference, as well as a host of other things.

MINISTERS AND LEADERS TRAINING

We are continuing our monthly ministers/leaders training sessions. We have at least 10 leaders and ministers

who attend these sessions. Starting in May we will be focusing on Discipleship of a Minister, Minister Etiquette, and Armourbearing. We had been working on church discipline, faithfulness and sermon preparation.

THE BBT HITS THE MONUMENT WITH KITES!



The Men's ministry "Brothers Bonding Together" spearheaded by Minister Charles Richburg and Minister Chris Watkins took kites to flight at the Monument on Saturday, April 14th. We were amazed that most of the men had never flown a kite before and really had wonderful time of Bonding and Fellowship. The intention is for the Men and Young men of our church to form relationships and receive mentorship from each other and the ministry is accomplishing its purpose. The brothers of New Vision in the City are developing a love and a trust of each other that

is reflective of that of Jonathon and David. Please keep the men and young men of NVIC in your prayers. Our desire is to begin to work on grants for mentoring young men and doing some preventative ministry to give our men in inner DC a greater life expectancy, a greater male image, and a New Vision for their lives.

SSSHHH! S.U.G.A.R.S. HAVE SECRET SISTERS!!!

The Women's Ministry of NVIC, the S.U.G.A.R.S. "Sisters Uplifting God and Relationships" have begun a secret sister ministry. Throughout the year the ladies have been given the names and likes/hobbies of a another sister in the church and on a monthly basis anonymously send gifts, cards and tokens of encouragement and love to each other. The women and young ladies love this and have a ball checking to see if their sister has left a gift. It is amazing to watch your sister enjoy something as simple as candles or socks or shower gel and testify about how it came right ON TIME and was a blessing We will disclose our identities at our Christmas exchange. The most significant part of the Secret Sisters is that we pray for one

another and as we share life stories, challenges and

testimonies, it is a blessing to know that there is at least one person who has committed themselves to care about, pray for and encourage ME!

Blessings to all the SUGARS as they continue to uplift God and relationships with their sisters.

DID YOU MISS THE PRAISE RALLY?

Wow! What a great time it is to get together as a district and praise Jesus. Pastor Kenny Martin of New Vision Fellowship was our speaker and encouraged us to look around and see the multiplicity of our Free Methodist Family! At least 10 nationalities were represented, 6 churches, dozens of age groups and all with one mind focused on Jesus! Pastors Al Bugos of Rockville FMC, Dan Norheim of Ft. Washington FMC, Doug Cross, Dick Dickenson and Will Shorb of Layhill FMC, Samuel Paul of Telegu FMC and Kurt Erhard of Spencerville FMC, OOPS! We almost forgot Pastor Tasha Hodgens of NVIC, FMC all represent our district and we had a wonderful time of food, fellowship, fun, testimony, pop up scripture quoting and lots and lots of PRAISE for Jesus! His name be exalted! We found out something very important that night – that our Free Methodist Family is larger than our local church and that we truly love one another despite our differences!

MISSION AFRICA



Special prayer is being requested by Pastor Tasha in the area of missions. She would like to join a mission team going to Kenya, Africa in June and is believing God for the support. Should the Lord put it on your heart to financially support her in this effort, please do not hesitate to send your donations to the church with Mission Africa in the memo segment. The needed financial commitment is approximately \$3600.00. Thank you in advance for any ways the Lord puts it on your heart to support. Thank you, Pastor Tasha

TESTIMONY

I delayed mailing out the newsletter although I didn't know why...for some reason I sensed that there was something else that needed to be included that I didn't have yet. I got a call from one of my members who stated that she loves church, and wants to come to bible study but she is afraid to walk home at night in the dark. She doesn't allow her kids to play outside and she NEVER feels safe. She has seen people killed right outside her apartment door, drugs are sold, used and even the smells reek into her house. She is praying for a new home that she and her husband and family can afford on his salary. I prayed with her and told her we would take her and her family home at night either in my car, the church van or one of the other member's cars. She said she would be there tonight. There

IS a need for ministry in DC, please help us continue to bring the gospel to the city. Blessings, Pastor Tasha

“He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will pay back what he has given.”

Proverbs 19:17

Did you know that rent in the inner city is \$750-\$1500.00 a month for a 2 bedroom apartment? Homes on our street are selling to the poor beginning in the high \$300,000's. Our church rent is \$1200.00 a month which is CHEAP! We need your support! Our immediate needs are for our van/transportation ministry (insurances, gas, and maintenance) and ministry to our youth. Remember that NVIC is a church plant in inner city DC and is dependent on the benevolence of the Saints.

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