

Clifton Avenue Church of God

Pastoral Ponderings

Praise the Lord!
Spring is here.
Sunshine, rain,
flowers, green grass; it
just lifts the spirit to
leave winter behind
and welcome a new
season. We have
undertaken our
season of fasting and
prayer through Focus
40; God wants to
renew His church for
this new effort and I
pray each and every
one of us is being
blessed. Be sure to
collect your packet
with new devotional
readings through April

10th. A final packet
will be prepared for the
final two weeks soon.
Easter is closing in
and I pray that our
hearts will be
energized by the
power of the
resurrection.

Our theme this month
is "Seeking God for
healing, forgiveness,
wisdom, and deliver-
ance and we will key
in on areas of our lives
where victory is
needed to overcome
some of the chal-
lenges we face.

I know you too have
been prayerfully con-
cerned about the dev-
astation in Japan. We
are going to be raising
up a love offering to
send for disaster relief
above and beyond our
regular giving. We will
close this offering on
the first Sunday of May.
Prayerfully consider
what you can contribute
to this cause for we
have brothers and sis-
ters in Japan who need
our help. EXPECT A
MIRACLE! Easter is
coming.

Love Pastor David

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Counseling Corner

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

(Read Judges 5:1-12)

There are times when chaos reigns in our life because others are not willing or able to fulfill their God-given roles. When this happens, we often suffer from lack of leadership and protection. We may feel frustrated and angry. The time of the judges was full of confusion for Israel. Instead of obeying God's law, "the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes" (17:6). They were oppressed by tyrants, one of whom was King Jabin of Hazor. The commander of the Canaanite army ruled by Jabin was Sisera, who "ruthlessly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years" (4:3). At this time God chose Deborah to be a judge. Her job was to decide the disputes of the people.

One day Deborah summoned a man named Barak and told him that God would use him to defeat the army of Sisera. "Barak told her, 'I will go, but only if you go with me.'"(4:8). So Deborah agreed to go along, but she said, "Since you have made this choice, you will receive no honor. For the LORD's victory over Sisera will be at the hands of a woman" (4:9). Barak lacked the faith to take on the responsibilities God had chosen him for. In the end, Sisera did die at the hands of a woman. In the victory song, Deborah was honored. They sang, "There were few people left in the villages of Israel-until Deborah arose as a mother for Israel" (5:7).

When others don't fulfill their rightful duties and roles, we have the option of finding a way to cope, with God's help, Deborah compensated for Barak's lack of faith. We don't have to endure the ongoing effects of other people's limitations. And we don't have to accept the painful circumstances that their weaknesses create.

Pastor Tina



Springfield House of Prayer

616 N. Limestone
Upper Level of Marriage
Resource Ctr.

Hours

Please contact Ben at
937-206-0124 or e-mail at

Couples Get Together....

TBA

Bring a dessert or drinks

Please RSVP @ the church: 324-5398/cacog1@aol.com

Kids Hope USA

What is KIDS HOPE USA?

KIDS HOPE USA churches give hope to child in public elementary schools through a relationship with a caring church member.

H: Helping to meet the emotional, social and academic needs of at-risk children by giving them a one-to-one relationship with a mentor from our church.

O: Owned by our church. This is our ministry to children and families in our neighborhood.

P: Prayer is the foundation for our work. A behind-the-scenes prayer partner from our church prays for each adult-child relationship.

E: Elementary school children are our focus. They need mentoring most because they are at that critical time when values are formed, self-esteem is developed, and critical academic skills must be acquired.



Let me close with a conversation I had with Damiaya, the 2nd grader I mentor at Lincoln.

“Miss Laura, I wish I was an alien.”

I had no idea what she was talking about so I asked, “Damiaya, why would you want to be an alien?”

Her response blessed my heart. “If I was an alien, we could start the year over again and we’d have more time to spend together.”

If you want more information on how you can get involved in Kids Hope USA, call me, email me or see me after church. You can also talk with Pastor David, Pastor Tina, Karen Birt or Kathy Mann. They are all mentoring a child at Lincoln. They would love to tell you their stories!

Hope,

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Clifton Ave. Programs

Pantry Outreach

Every 2nd & 3rd Saturday
 9:30am Breakfast
 10:00-11:30 Pantry

If you want to volunteer, contact
 Sis Debbie Hilliard

uniqueblessed@aol.com

(937) 324-1138

Crusaders

Wednesdays at Ark South
 3:30-6pm

A Meal & Message

Launching "Have a New Kid by
 Friday" on Feb. 17th

Celebrate Recovery

WEDNESDAYS from 6:30-8PM.
 God Loves You and so do I
 Pastor Tina

Sunday School: 9:30am

Sunday AM Worship: 10:30am

Children's Church during preaching
 (approx. 11:30)

Sunday Evening Prayer:

5:00-6:00pm

We are on the web....

www.cliftonavechog.org

"This is what
 the Lord
 Almighty
 says, 'Give
 careful thought
 to your ways.'"
 Haggai 1:7

Weeks	Tithes/Offerings	Needed	Attendance
02/27/11	\$1,171.10	\$2,660.00	n/a
03/06/11	\$3,077.25	\$2,660.00	53
03/13/11	\$1,232.64	\$2,660.00	54
03/20/11	\$2,314.05	\$2,660.00	65
Monthly Total (March.)	\$7,795.04	\$10,640.00	43 avg.
Prev. Month (Feb)	\$7,578.50	\$12,000.00	54.75 Avg.
Prev. Month (Jan)	\$8,029.51	\$12,000.00	54 Avg.



April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Betty Walters Bday</i>	2 <i>Kenneth & Sheila Applin Anniv</i>
3	4	5 N.A. 7-9pm	6 Crusaders at ARC South 3:30-6pm C.R. 6:30-8pm	7	8	9 Pantry: 930- Breakfast 10-11:30-Pantry
10	11 <i>George & Linda Crew: Anniv Kenneth Applin Bday</i>	12 N.A. 7-9pm	13 Crusaders at ARC South 3:30-6pm C.R. 6:30-8pm	14	15	16 Pantry: 930- Breakfast 10-11:30-Pantry
17 <i>Kathy Mann Bday</i>	18 <i>Donna Dawson Bday</i>	19 N.A. 7-9pm	20 Crusaders at ARC South 3:30-6pm C.R. 6:30-8pm	21	22	23
24	25	26 N.A. 7-9pm	27 Crusaders at ARC South 3:30-6pm C.R. 6:30-8pm	28	29	30