

Clifton Avenue Church of God

Pastoral Ponderings

Invest in “then” in 2010!

Happy New Year my beloved brothers and sisters. We embark on a new chapter of our journey together as we face the new year. I always ask the Lord to give me a theme so that we can together be focused on what God would have us do. I was thinking about the fact that today we need a Kingdom mentality more than ever. Many times we become frustrated when God does not reward us immediately as we exercise spiritual disciplines, (fasting, praying,

meditation, service, giving) because we are by nature impatient.

Jesus warned His disciples, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be” Matt. 6: 19-21.

In the new year we will begin with a heart check on true stewardship of our

gifts, talents and treasure as we seek to become a church that is not seeking immediate gratification but a church that is investing in our futures, while here on earth and with even greater expectation, in heaven.

So come on: You don't want to miss our series in January that breaks down our theme for 2010.

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Love & Prayers,
Pastor Dave

Counseling Corner The Road To Recovery

READ MATTHEW 14:23-33

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.

Having God deal with our defects can be frightening. We may stay trapped in destructive life patterns because we fear change. If we wait for all our fears to go away before we take steps, we will never make significant progress in recovery. Courage isn't the absence of fear. Courage means that we take advantage of the little strength we find within our self, that we find little ways to encourage our

self, and that we stubbornly stick to God's program for us. Courage doesn't mean being free of fear. It means finding enough strength to take the next step.

The disciples were terrified when they saw Jesus walk on water. “Then Peter called to him, ‘Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you by walking on water.’ ‘All right, come, Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he looked around at the high waves, he was terrified and began to sink. ‘Save me, Lord!’ he shouted. Instantly Jesus reached out his hand and grabbed him.

Peter gathered up enough courage to take one step and venture out into a new experience. When he got in over his head, he called out to Jesus and found the help he needed.

In this New Year...we only need to summon the courage to take the next step. This doesn't mean that we won't be afraid or don't need help. It does mean the with God's help, WE CAN MAKE IT! All we need is the courage to take just one more step.

YES U CAN IN 2010!

January

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Elders Meeting

Monday, January 11, 6:30pm

We are meeting again to get ready for the annual meeting.



To all those who made it possible... ..And thank you God for all the people who helped with the Christmas musical. It was great! I especially loved baby Jesus.



Couples Get Together at the Gibsons...

Saturday, January 9, 2010. 6pm



Crusaders Resumes Wednesday. January 13...



Super Bowl Party

February 1, kickoff time 6:20pm, Doors will be open by 5:50pm.

Admission is **2 cans of soup** which will go to our pantry.

Bring finger foods & soft drinks to share. Make sure to invite your friends and family for a "super" time together.



Church Office Will Be Closed December 24th thru January 4th!

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

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Crusaders

Starts Wed., Sept. 16th at 6pm.

Study for Transformational Change

Thursdays 4:00-5:00pm

A Meal & Message

Starts Sept. 10th

Thursdays 5:30-7:00pm

Free dinner, warm fellowship, a word of encouragement

Celebrate Recovery

Fridays 5:30-7:00pm

Get help/healing for Hang-ups, Habits, & Hurts

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

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Psalm 9: 1-2

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TEACHERS

January 3rd- Leigh & Linda

January 10th- TJ & Ashley

January 17th- Debbie H. & Martha

January 24th- Pastor Tina

Weeks	Tithes/Offerings	Needed	Attendance
11/29	\$1,683.77	\$3,250.00	65
12/6	\$2,420.72	\$3,250.00	125
12/13	\$2,086.79	\$3,250.00	58
12/20	\$1,441.73	\$3,250.00	89
Monthly Total	\$7,633.01	\$13,000.00	84 Avg.
Prev. Month (November)	\$7,257.93	\$13,000.00	65 Avg.
Prev. Month (October)	\$12,509.67	\$13,000.00	58 Avg.



January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed Until Jan. 4th	2
3	4 S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm	5 Narcotics Anonymous 7-8:30pm S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm	6 S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm	7 M&M: 5:30-7pm S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm	8 C.R.: 5:30-7pm	9 Pantry: 930-Breakfast 10-11:30-Pantry
10 Penny Gilliam Bday	11 S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm	12 Narcotics Anonymous 7-8:30pm S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm	13 Crusaders 6-7:15pm S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm	14 M&M: 5:30-7pm S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm	15 C.R.: 5:30-7pm S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm	16 Pantry: 930-Breakfast 10-11:30-Pantry
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24	25 Julie Trice Bday	26	27	28	29	30 Robert Kapp Bday
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