

Overseer's Desk



“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say Rejoice,” Philippians 4:4. These words may seem simple enough but yet they are some of the most difficult words to actualize. This is so easy to do when everything is fine and going our way. However when things change and all hell breaks loose and nothing seems to be as we desire and as we had planned, it becomes extremely difficult to execute these words.

It may surprise the saints to know that the author of these lines was sitting in a Roman jail when he penned these awe-inspiring words. He reminds us not to allow the pace and pressure of everyday life to squeeze the joy of the Lord out of us. Life may disappoint us on many levels however, the command remains *“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again”* Paul says *“Rejoice!”* (NIV).

Let us not forget as the representatives of Christ to Rejoice! May a spirit of true joy envelop and characterize our lives again! Rejoice in the Lord! We bind every spirit of depression in Jesus name. Rejoice!

Leadership Conference 2016

How inspiring it was again for almost 300 of our dynamic leaders from all across the Northeast Region to come together on October 15th for a time of instruction, fellowship, training and inspiration. Our special guest for this one-day session was Stephen Lentz of Lentz Law group who painstakingly stressed the need for all our churches to become incorporated as soon as possible. We were also particularly blessed by a word from Minister Evelyn Gardiner and an enlightening presentation by Minister Morais Cassell on

Ministering to Millennials. The pastors and ministry directors were also treated to a special luncheon hosted by Regional Overseer and Sister Chris in honor of Clergy Appreciation month. In all it was a most productive day, challenging our leaders to greater achievements and excellence.



Some facts about Millennial:

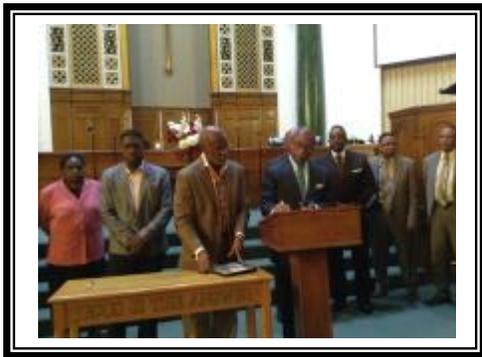
- Those born between 1977 and 1994
- They are tech-savvy
- They multitask – they talk, walk, listen to music, type, text, watch TV, and do homework all at the same time
- They are enormously clever and resourceful
- Some of them find anyone over 30 old, redundant and should be retired.
- Some of them are truly self-absorbed. It's as if their parents don't exist except when they need money and other things.
- Some of them live and breathe themselves and that keeps them very busy.

They are indeed unique and different yet we are specifically mandated by Scripture to win and disciple them. Will this Church rise to the challenge and effectively, purposefully harvest this young generation for the Master's cause. Honestly as we look at it we really don't have a choice. It's either we intentionally harvest them or risk quickly petering out as a church on the cutting edge. Let's do what it takes to reach them.



Generation Hope Foundation Inc

*One of the most memorable things occurring at the Leadership conference was the official re-launching of our Camp Initiative with the express purpose of developing and enhancing our Campsite into a multi-purpose Retreat & Conference Center. In an effort to do so, a new corporation was established with the church leasing the campgrounds to **Generation Hope Foundation Inc** for a number of years. As new efforts and endeavors are put forward we solicit and encourage the generous support of our members and friends. Let us rally together and accomplish great things for the Master and the next generation.*



Ladies Enrichment 2016 . . .

Has gone down in history as a most life – transforming event! What a celebration, as over 700 ladies gathered from across the Northeast Region and beyond to lift up the name of Jesus and to spiritually recharge themselves under the inspirational theme “Be Still and Know that I am God.” The singing was inspirational; the workshops were indeed informative and the preaching, life-changing. Sister Carneta Ferguson was mightily used of God to preach with great anointing. Pastor Sylvia Staten also preached with great grace. One

of the highlights of the Retreat was surprising our fearless Leader and Director Lona Beckford with a special time of recognition and appreciation. Her dynamic preaching and moderating of the retreat were exceptional. With eager hearts the ladies look forward to Retreat 2017 – In the resounding words of our Director we ask **“Are you with me?”**



Please Continue to Pray . . .

for Pastor Bolton Whyte and the saints at Love & Fellowship Christian Center as they mourn the passing of our beloved Pastor’s wife and Sister Ruthlin Whyte. She will be greatly missed!



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