



Sounding The Alarm

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Vision of NLWM

- To win the lost
- To teach the believer how to live by faith
- To teach the believer how to experience the overcoming victorious life

Mission of NLWM

NLWM was established to **teach** the uncompromising Word of God and to **proclaim** the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our goal is to **minister** by precept and example, teaching the body of Christ to **walk** in victory and to adopt a lifestyle that is irreproachable.

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FROM THE PASTOR



Pastor Jerry L. Baldwin

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matt. 6:14-15

Many believers prevent the blessings of God from manifesting in their lives because they have not learned to forgive. When people wrong them, they tend to want to get even, get revenge or just write them off. I want to encourage you to learn to forgive so you

Can receive the best from God.

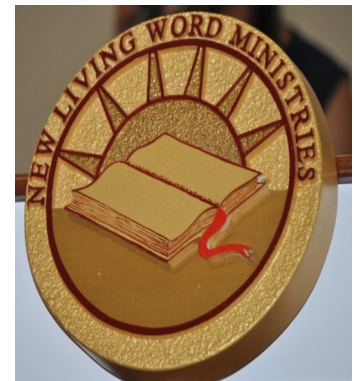
To forgive is to pardon for a mistake or wrongdoing. As long as you live, somebody will wrong you or make a mistake against you. To not forgive will prevent God from doing His part. You can't hide unforgiveness. Unforgiveness can be seen, can be heard, affects fellowship, relationships, marriages, prayer life, faith, giving, and prevent the blessings of God in your life.

It is a must that we learn to forgive. I suggest the following:

1. Forgive immediately
2. Forgive totally
3. Forgive always
4. Be reconciled

5. Be a blessing to the one that wronged you
6. Pray for them
7. Don't seek revenge

Our forgiving of others should be equal to God's forgiving us. Forgiveness demonstrates love for God and people. Purpose to learn to forgive.



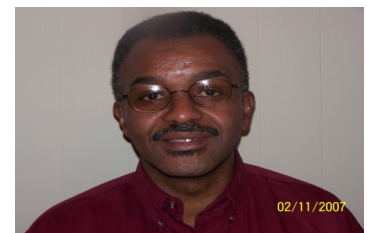
USHER MINISTRY

By: Kimberley Proctor

The NLW Usher Ministry continues to raise the bar when giving back to the community and supporting our young people. In August, we visited the local nursing homes and spent quality time with our young ushers. Thanks to Mrs. Johnnie Warren, we were able to bless the residents with cookies and good fellowship.

The quality time with our

young people included a Saturday activity which consisted of guest speakers, a mini workshop and Pizza. The speakers, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Black and Mr. Mims, enlightened the youth by giving them information about what to do and what not to do in order to be successful. After the guest speakers and the workshop, the ushers were treated to a day of pizza for all of their hard work. Way to go youth ushers!



Pictured: Andre Stringfellow-Usher
Ministry Leader

TESTIMONY: STAY IN THE GAME

By Shelton & Kia Richardson
Photos by: Juliet Baldwin

The enemy has been on a year long mission to attack the expansion of our family. We are pleased to proclaim that he was defeated and our family doubled in size. However, the journey to our victory was filled with ups and downs and we chose to share our story in order to bless and encourage someone else.

Our journey began in August of last year when we found out we were expecting our first child. A month later, our excitement was shattered when we lost our baby suddenly and without warning. Words can't express the hurt and sadness we felt. We decided to not let the enemy steal our joy and we trusted that God would give us a family soon. On Christmas day 2009, we discovered we were expecting a baby again! Once again, we were excited and overjoyed at the news. In January 2010, we found out we were blessed with not one but two babies on the way. God had truly shown himself mighty and was restoring us double for our trouble.

In February, many complications arose and our doctor told us that we were threatening to lose our babies again and Kia was placed on bed rest. We prayed and trusted that God would cover the babies in the womb and things got better

and from March through May the babies were thriving. One thing the enemy wants us to do is to get in a comfort zone and feel good about things going so well; because then he can catch us off guard and have a better chance at stripping us of our confidence and our faith. This is exactly what he attempted to do with us on June 1st when complications arose again and we had to pack up and move to Shreveport. Kia was eventually admitted to the hospital on strict bed rest for two months.

The enemy is clever and strategic with his attacks. He saw that the complications he brought in February were not enough to shake our faith, so he chose to attack us at our foundation by keeping Kia away from being able to attend church and receive the Word. He knew that church was her place of refuge. But he also attacked by trying to keep us a part from one another and this is why it is so important to have the Word hidden in your heart. When you carry the Word in you, it doesn't matter if you have to be absent for a while from your church family or from your spouse. By the way, God made it possible for us to be together every day in spite of the distance.

On July 19th, the doctors decided the babies needed to be delivered even though they were not due until September 7th. The enemy struck again! Shelton was in a serious accident and totaled his vehicle on the way to the hospital for the delivery. Once again, God

arose in the midst and Shelton walked away unharmed. But the enemy struck yet again! Kia had inexplicable complications a day after delivery and had to be transferred to another division of the hospital to be stabilized. And again, God arose and 7 days later she was released but the babies had to remain in the neonatal ICU.

We spent many weeks traveling between Ruston and Shreveport to be with our babies and we were finally told they would be released. Excitedly we began to tell people they were coming home. The day before their scheduled release an issue arose with one of the babies and the doctors said they could not release them. Another disappointment but nonetheless we chose to trust God would correct the problem. Indeed, he did and on August 22nd we brought our beautiful babies home and both babies are healthy and doing well.

We want to encourage you, as you go through trials in your life, hang in there and let God work it out for your good. We were tired, drained, and exhausted but we chose to stay in the game because we knew the end of the story from the beginning. We knew that in the end we would win! So we encourage you to give your all to stay in the game in spite of what comes up because God is always the star player on your team and will lead you to a victory, if you don't give up!



Pictured above: Kia holding Baby Willie Shelton "Dru" at the hospital and below "Dru" taking a nap during service on 8/29/10.



Pictured above Shelton holding Baby Jari at the hospital and below Baby Jari Lael taking a nap during service on 8/29



MARRIAGE MINISTRY



By Dwight & Rixie Thompson-
Marriage Ministry leaders
Photos By: Juliet Baldwin

This month's topic for Marriage Ministry was entitled: "Privacy – Stop Snooping Around and Mind Your Own Business". One of the biggest mistakes you can make in a marriage relationship is snooping. Many of us are guilty of it. According to an Oxford University study on married couples, nearly a quarter of all spouses admit to snooping on their partner's e-mails and text messages to make sure they are not cheating on them.

More than one in ten people admitted to monitoring the websites their partners visited, with many fearing that the internet could lead to "online infidelity". Some spouses have been suspicious of their partner's activities and have resorted to digging through the personal items of their spouse trying to find proof that the suspicions they feel are true.

During Pastor Baldwin's teaching, he pointed out four primary reasons why spouse spy on their spouse: 1) suspicious of infidelity, 2) insecurity of self, 3) distrust in your spouse, and 4) irrational jealousy.

If you feel like your spouse is hiding something, you should talk to them about it, rather than snooping. Snooping can be incredibly destructive to a marriage relationship. Snoop-

ing can be incredibly destructive to a marriage relationship. Snooping undermines TRUST and makes a husband and wife feel like they are strangers to each other. Instead of snooping, couples should create a lifestyle of respect for each other, honesty, good communication skills, and practicing unconditional love for each other. In a healthy marriage, couples should create an environment where there are no big secrets. The highlight of the night was when married couples took the stage with live drama performance entitled "Stop Snooping Around & Mind Your Own Business".

The Marriage Ministry would like to welcome newlyweds Richard and Lawanda Wright; and Freddie and Bernice Buggs.



Pictured Top- Tanjaneka participates in a skit snooping through her husband's e-mails. Middle- Jonathan (suspicious) and Simon (hurt) snoops through their wives private box. Pictured below- Newlyweds Richard and Lawanda Wright.

EASTSIDE OUTREACH MINISTRY

By: Shameka Johnson & Marissa Theus

Summer is coming to an end and the Outreach Ministry is steadily moving forward displaying God's love and will to our community. For the month of August, Outreach continued to deliver the awesome word of God, which was delivered by ministry leader, Brother James Hardy. The ministry also provided groceries, clothes for those in need and to top off the nights, everyone is served a hot meal.

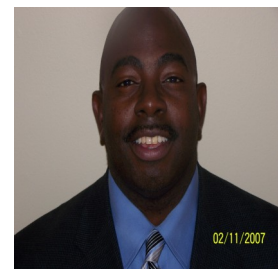
We, at the Outreach Ministry would like to remind every-

one that Fall is rapidly approaching, and warmer clothing will be needed for various age groups, especially in all sizes for the men. We are encouraging you to aid us in these efforts. Also, we invite you to participate in our weekly celebrations with our community, not only for the services we provide but to draw believers to the word and will of the Lord.

Many times we say "I will", "I might", "I thought about it", but let's start this season off by saying...I will put someone else before me, my immediate family, and friends. Challenge

yourself this season to do more for someone else than you did the season or even the day before. So why not sow a seed on good ground here at the Outreach Ministry with your time, donations, talents, or whatever the Lord leads you to do.

We want to thank you all in advance for all you plan to do this season. And would like to leave you with this: "The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself." --Proverbs 11:25



Pictured: James Hardy-
Outreach Ministry Leader

Come grow with us!

Sunday

Prayer - 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship - 10a.m

Wednesday

Men's Ministry 5:30p.m.
 Men's Prayer 6:30 p.m.
 Women's Ministry-6:15 p.m.
 Women's Prayer - 5:30 p.m.
 Bible Study- 7:00 p.m.
 College Ministry- 8:00 p.m.

Thursday

Jonesboro Outreach Ministry - 6:30p.m.

Friday

Eastside Outreach Ministry- 7:00p.m.

Saturday

Prayer - 9:00 a.m.
 Walk for Life - 9:30 a.m.

Van Ministry

Pick-up/drop off services available

Contact the church at 255-0270

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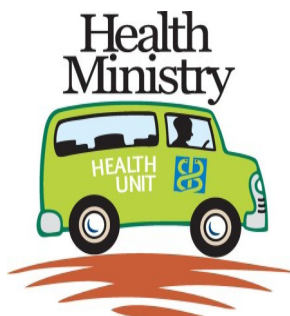


****REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR PASTOR, LEADERS, THE SICK, THE BEREAVED, and those serving in the MILITARY****



Congratulations

- Sharon Jackson–Best of the Delta (Fitness Trainer)
- Alexis Osborne–Accepted at LSU for the Fall semester.
- Nichole Brown–New Job (Ruston Elementary)
- Cornelius Dunnaway/Cody Gahagan/Bridney Love/Linda Mims– New Job (NLW School)
- Rachel Wilson and Boyce Gray–Engaged
- Deborah Robinson and Tony Lewis–Engaged
- Bryan Butler– Accepted at Texas College in Tyler, TX (1st NLW High school graduate)



As we near the end of the Dynamic Duo Fitness Challenge, we had six couples to participate in the August Weigh-in. Maintaining first place is Andre and Pam Stringfellow. Moving up to second place is Larry and Kim Proctor and the dark horse contender for third place is Lorenza and Renee Baker. Total pounds lost during this weigh in were nearly 90 pounds. Stay tuned for the winners to be announced after the September 26th final full comprehensive weigh-in.



Pictured: Dr. Proctor, Health and Wellness Ministry Leader, announces the winners of the August Dynamic Duo weigh-in.