
PEACE PIPELINE

*Our Motto: "This is the place where love reigns supreme,
God's love to us and our love to one another."*

February 2009

Black History Month 2009

Do Not Give Up!

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV)

I am writing this Black History Month article several days prior to the observation of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the inauguration of the first African American, Barack Obama, to the highest political office in the USA. As I seek to press forward with February thoughts my mind is continually pulled back to these two January events that will have passed by the time you read this. I believe I am pulled by these events for significant reasons that have direct application to Black History Month and the words of Paul above when he encourages us as the people of God to... "not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Black History month normally has its focus upon the past works and achievements of African Americans. To do this is always right and proper, yet I believe that it is equally important to consider not only what has been done in the past but to also consider what God is calling us to be and do in this time of history.

As I learn more about the life of Barack Obama, I am fascinated by his life journey. For easily his journey and story could have taken a different twist and direction - with a totally different ending. And when you consider the factors and reality of his life a different ending for many would have been predictable and normal. For Barack you have a child who was the product of a broken home, a biracial child, who often had to live with his grandparents, and a father who for the most part was always absent. Yet,

at each step of the way he never gave up. I am sure there were times when he was tired, frustrated, and just worn-out, but he kept going, he kept right on "doing good." And because of God's providence at work in his life he is continuing a legacy of helping and serving others.

I believe his life and the life of another man who was born into questionable circumstances provide us with hope and encouragement. Jesus, whose life too faced amazing odds that really were against him, yet each step of the way God was with him.

I want to encourage each of us to not grow weary in doing good, for I believe God desires for each of us to be an instrument and servant to bring about greater good in the life of people who are hurting and need encouragement. These are tough times that we live in. But our history shows us that we have a very tough God who is able to do amazing things through his people who remain faithful and allow God to show up through the gifts and abilities that he gives each of us. It is my prayer that history will tell the story not only about Dr. King and President Obama, I pray that history talks about ordinary people like you and me who were moved by this moment in history to take up the mantle of love and service. Pause for a moment, place your name on the blank below and complete the sentence regarding what God did through you in this century. Through _____ God did...
Pastor Wiggins

News From the Singles Ministry

The members of the Singles Ministry, under the direction of Thelma Mackel, Chairperson, met in the New Ministry Building on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 6:00 pm to wrap Christmas gifts purchased by the Singles Ministry members for the residents at Grant Park Nursing Home. There were nine (9) members present. Pastor Wiggins stopped by and was quickly put to work wrapping a gift. He did a very good job.

While wrapping, we enjoyed the CD music from the National Christian Choir provided by Shirley Shorter, good conversation, fellowship, and of course very good food and beverages. The whole evening was exciting and fun filled.

Some of the gifts that were purchased were: sweat suits, sweaters, house dresses, hoodies, watches, jewelry, purses, socks, handkerchiefs, gloves, scarves, hats, lap robes, and other items.

On Friday, December 19, 2008, four of the Singles members braved the cold, windy and very rainy day to deliver the gifts to the residents on floors five (5) and three (3). The residents and the employees were very appreciative and many of them were able to give us big smiles and say thank you.

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First Communion

Several of our young people received their first communion in January after attending first communion classes taught by me. They are: Jarrel Bailey, Michael Ford, Jr., Devin Lattimore, Taylor Reeder, Malachi Woodruff, and Lamont Young. We will publish each of their essays on the topic of what they learned in their first communion class in the Pipeline newsletter.

Pastor Wiggins

First Communion Essay: What is Holy Communion?

The Eucharist, also called Holy Communion or Lord's Supper and other names, is a Christian Sacrament commemorating, by consecrating bread and wine, the Last Supper, the final meal that Jesus Christ shared with his disciples before his arrest, and eventual crucifixion, when he gave them bread saying, "This is my body," and wine saying, "This is my blood."

There are different interpretations of the significance of the Eucharist, but "there is more of a consensus among Christians about the meaning of the Eucharist than would appear from the confessional debates over the sacramental presence, the effects of the Eucharist, and the proper auspices under which it may be celebrated.

The phrase "the Eucharist" may refer not only to the sacrament but also to the bread and wine used in the sacrament and, in this sense, communicants may speak of "receiving the Eucharist," rather than "celebrating the Eucharist."

Communion is the sacrament established by the Lord Jesus during His last Passover meal with the disciples. "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he break it, and said, take, eat. This is my body, which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the New Testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." (1st Corinthians 11:23-24)

When we partake in Communion, we are in fellowship with Christ Jesus. In John 6:53-56 we read the Words of Jesus and He is saying that by partaking in Communion we are in a fellowship that allows God to impart His very life on us. We first say a prayer asking for forgiveness and making things right between our self and the Father. We say a prayer of thanksgiving for the giving that Christ already did for us with His life. The bread or wafer and juice or wine is the body and blood of the Lord. By our partaking of this sacrament, we join with one another and with Christ in the fullness of life that has been promised to us.

Jarrel Bailey

A Show of Faith

Dear Pastor Wiggins and Members of the Congregation:

This letter is to thank you and your entire congregation for your outpouring of love and generosity towards me on Christmas Day 2005. If you recall, I attended services that day as a guest of my Aunt Thelma, and when you asked who would give their last dime to the church as a show of faith, I came forward with my last \$10. You took that \$10, and in turn replaced it with a \$50 bill. You then asked your congregation who would stand with you in faith, and give what they could to help me. Astonishingly, the flood gates opened, and so much money came forth that I couldn't hold it all, so my Aunt offered her hat! When totaled later, the church had given a little over \$700! Never before had I bore witness to the truth of God's Word like that! I was still so broken on that day since I'd just lost my husband and children to carbon monoxide poisoning only five months earlier, but I was truly touched by what all of you did for me in the name of God, as it allowed me to still see the beauty that dwells within this world.

I've had many struggles since that day, but many blessings as well. I give all Praise to God above. I want you all to know that today I am in my 2nd year of college as I attend DeVry Online University in pursuit of my BBA; I became engaged as of December 2007 to my very best friend and soul mate; my fiancé and I were blessed with a newer vehicle in June 2008 (after the hand of God shielded us during a near fatal auto accident when the right front wheel on his van nearly came off on an expressway. When we pulled over we discovered the wheel was literally hanging by a thread of metal as the wheel itself was very bent. It was a real-life reminder that God is with us and watches over us); and both of us became first-time homeowners as of October 2008. Thank you for all that you all do to promote God's abiding love. Please know that what you all did for me that day served to strengthen my faith in God. As a result, I will remain forever touched by that love, and will never forget what you all did for me. As a further show of faith and thanks, please accept the enclosed check for \$800 as my love offering to Peace Lutheran Church.

**Warmest Regards,
Adrian Wiley**

(Note: Ms. Wiley is the niece of Mrs. Thelma Mackel.)

SICK AND SHUT INS

Please remember our members below in prayer and send them a card:



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

Brittney Edmonds	1
Nathan Edmonds	1
Krystal Hunter	1
Corey Blocker	2
Craig Bryce	2
Kathleen Jackson	3
Gloria Jones	3
Marie-Claude Shorter	3
Madeline Nowlin	4
Niceal Boykin	7
Nicolas Boykin	7
Diane Mansfield	7
Lynda Bowles	8
Ashley Camp	8
Paris Brown	9
Myanna Ross	11
Devon Johnson	12
Epiphany Smith	12
Bradley Edge	13
Vivienne Morgan	14
Ashley Williams	15
Cedric Williams	15
Christopher Bernard	16
Donna Greene	16
Darryl Greene	17

Walter Person, Jr.	17
Naevon Boykins	18
Barrington Barnes	20
Cheyenne Johson-Harris	20
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Melvin Coleman	25
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If you ever want to feel the true meaning of Christmas or just a clean refreshing feeling of pure joy, try personally giving a gift to someone sick, shut-in, or less fortunate than you are.

The Singles Ministry invites all single adult members, male and female, of PLC to join our ministry and enjoy the fun, fellowship, and planning we do to bring a ray of sunshine to someone else, if only for a moment. You won't regret it.

Remember, only what you do for Christ will last.
Submitted by Romaine B. Peters, Singles Ministry

Vision: Compelled by the Holy Spirit and the WORD we exist to be a growing and maturing church and community for spiritual empowerment, transformation, and the renewal of God's people. (Revised January 4, 2007)

Rev. James Wiggins, Jr., Pastor

Cora Boone, Church Administrator

Georgetta Watts, Assistant to the Pastor

Sunday School: 9:30 am; Adult Bible Class:
9:45 am

Worship Services: 8:00 am and 11:15 am

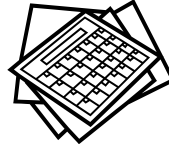
Fifth Sunday Unity Service: 11:15 am

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UPCOMING EVENTS



February 14: Valentine's Day

February 15: Pastor Wiggins' 11th Anniversary

February 21: Congregation Meeting,
registration 8:30, meeting 9:00

February 25: Ash Wednesday

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