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Being God's People in God's World



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Giving

"Start where you are,"

It's a phrase derivative often used to encourage those of us who have been putting off grandiose dreams and ambitions because we believe that our current state in life has somehow limited our ability to achieve.

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." - Arthur Ashe

This quote from Tennis Legend Arthur Ashe, seems fitting in a time when people tend to spend their time wishing their lives were different; and then use those wishes as excuses for failing to take action –

if only I had a different job
if only I had more money
if only I *wasn't* married
if only I had married someone else
If only I *were* married
if only I didn't have children
...and the list goes on.

On Giving

The Truth is, you don't have to be a multi-millionaire to be a philanthropist.

And if you're waiting to get more money before you start giving - you're only fooling yourself.

A giver will always give.
Whether a giver has \$1 or \$1 billion or 1 hour of their time - a giver will always find a way to give because that's what givers do - they give.

Unfortunately, in a society where we are often focused on building a name for ourselves, or busying ourselves with increasing our status in life, or achieving a certain dollar amount in our bank accounts, giving right where we are often fails to make our priority list.

Too often we are more concerned with becoming KNOWN than actually being GENEROUS, right where we are.

Or we're so busy complaining we forget that one of the greatest ways to practice the art of gratitude is to help and serve others.

Because -

While we may be struggling to keep the lights on in our homes, there are those who have no place to call home.

While we may not be able to eat at our favorite restaurants every week, there are children who haven't eaten in 24 hours, if not longer.

While we see going to church every Sunday as too cumbersome, there are those who are dying for their faith and living with the threat of death every day.

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HARVEST PRESENTATIONS THEME

HEALTHY LIVING HEALTHY GIVING HEALTHY HARVEST

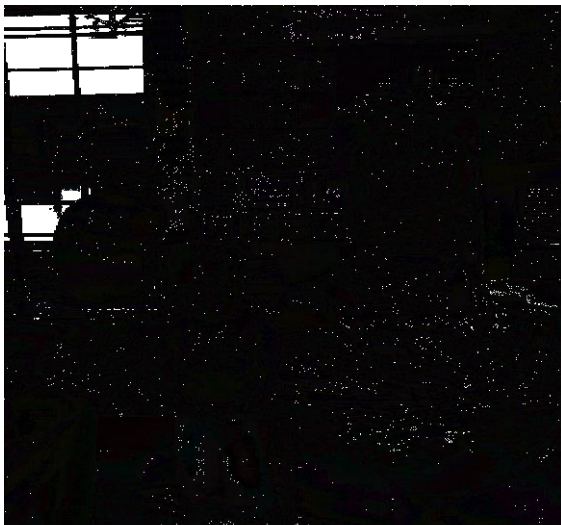
The Harvest Ingathering's theme brought out the creativity and talent from members of the six classes. They had attractive and informative exhibits on the different food groups – each class focused on a specific group.



Rev. Bernard McDonald delivered the message on Harvest Sunday



Class 4 display on Carbohydrates



Master Brown patiently awaits a taste of the goodies on display at Class 2 corner on Legumes and Nuts



Class 4 members being presented with the winner's prize for the most creative display.



Class 5 presented a skit on Animal Protein.



The Youth Fellowship Executive making their pledge

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If you're only about building your empire and getting this "paper" (or "coin"), then giving may not *seem* very appealing to you.

There's not very much room for generosity when we are blinded by our own selfish ambitions. Nevertheless, GIVING is one of the most important things we can do.

AND IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE YOU ARE IN LIFE, YOU CAN GIVE WHERE YOU ARE.

It's so easy to say you support a cause, or you believe in an organization, or even that you want to help expand the reach of God's Kingdom and the Good News; it's another thing entirely to actually direct your time, efforts, and money into these areas.

As the old saying goes, "Put your money [or your time for that matter] where your mouth is."

Here are 5 reasons you should give

1. YOU WERE *CREATED* TO GIVE.

You're not here to take up space. You're not here to just eat, sleep, work, and die. There is more to life, and more to YOUR Life.

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Bedside Baptist

I went to Bedside Baptist
Because it was near to me
The dress code was flexible
And parking and seating were free

The leader and preacher were easy to hear
The songs and the scriptures were well projected
Livestream attendees like me were noted to be there
Yet I felt a void unexpected

I couldn't welcome those who were new
Nor hug the one who was grieving
I wasn't there to shake Pastor's hand
At the chapel door as I was leaving

My tithe and my offering stayed in my purse
I was more distracted though awake
But what to me felt even worse
In communion I didn't partake

Then it suddenly dawned on me
While there was a special opportunity
For those who were very ill or across the sea
To be part of the online church community
The benefits of being present physically
Were to me now more apparent
Accountability, support, mission and ministry
Corporate Worship, testimony and mutual encouragement

So if you're feeling lonely and disconnected
Or sense your faith outlook getting bleak
Confess, get motivated and better protected
Commit to fellowship at least once a week

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Celebrating excellence

We celebrate with our Youths and Young Adults as they achieved and excelled

The Youth Fellowship saluted their heroines, Sister Kelly Griffith and Dr. Jean Rose for their leadership and their continued support .

Dr. Rose is the Deacon with responsibilities for the Youth Department and Sister Griffith served as President of the Youth Fellowship from October 2012 to September 2014.

A Scholarship Award for Sis. Jodian Henry



Sis. Louise Graham made a presentation to Dea. Rose on behalf of the Youth Fellowship



Members of HECoin looked on as Jodi was presented with the scholarship award

The Mr. Colin Jarrett of the Health Education and Counselling Insurance (HECoin) presented a scholarship award to Sis. Jodian Henry.

This award will allow Jodian to pursue an International Certificate course in Food and Beverage Services.



The graduates shared a moment with Rev. Trevor Edwards from l-r Dr. Annabell Robinson, Ms. Tru-sha Dixon, Dr. Jean Rose, Ms. Tamar Henry and Dr. Shari Griffith



Do you remember Chevonne Dyer, Sister Inez Kerr's grandson? He now lives in Barbados and is doing well in academics and sports.

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You are here, on this earth, at this particular moment in time, because you have something unique to contribute.

You are not here by mistake. You are God's gift to the world around you, a gift created to keep on giving.

2. You've been on the receiving end of giving.

All of us, at some time or another, have been on the receiving end of someone else's generosity.

Whether it was a few extra dollars or a moment of someone's time because we needed someone to talk to, we've all found ourselves in need and had those needs met by someone around us.

Giving allows you to be that someone to the people in need around you - whether those people are in your community or continents away.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. -[Acts 20:35](#)

3. GIVING PERFECTS THE ART OF GRATITUDE

Cultivating a heart of gratitude seems to be a dying art these days. Many of us complain without even thinking about it - griping has become an involuntary reflex when things don't go according to plan. But through the act of giving - whether we give of our money or our time - we can acknowledge all the good in our lives and realize our lives are not as bad as we once thought. The fact that we can spare a moment for a friend in need or for the child in need of a mentor, or even that we have money to give, is proof that we have more than enough to be thankful for.

4. Giving can shift your perspective from poverty to abundance.

"The hand of the giver is always on top."

If you feel like you are always the one in need, I challenge you to give to someone (or an organization that helps people) with an even greater need.

In doing so, a mental shift will take place. You will change your perspective from a **poverty** mindset (*gimme - "I'm in need"*) to an **abundance** mindset (*giving - "I have more than enough"*). What you think matters.

Instead of focusing on your current lack of means and deficiencies, **GIVE and focus on the areas of abundance in your life**. You may not be rich in money, but you can give of your time. You may not have the time to spare but you can give money to those who are able to affect change using such resources.

5. You can never out give God.

You have been created in the image of The Ultimate Giver - GOD.

The ONE who gives life, and offers to give it more abundantly through Christ. The Giver of every good and perfect gift. The ONE who by His grace gives to both the just and the unjust.

Try as you may, you will never be able to out give GOD. When we seek to meet the needs of others our own needs will be met with abundance from The Ultimate Giver. This abundance may come in many forms (love, joy, peace, and yes sometimes financial blessings) but one thing is certain, it will come.

Give and it will be given to you... - [Luke 6:38](#)

There is no better time than the present to be a GIVER.

Give where you are. Give what you have. Give what you can - because your generosity and contributions matter and will reverberate through time for years to come.

Thank you for giving.

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Cara is our guest writer, niece of Sis. Donna Fray



Bebito Mitchell shows off his certificate of Achievement with Dea. Joye Levermore

Cell Group #4

We started meeting as a group in early 2015. Although few in numbers, we are committed to sharing and being supportive of each other. We meet on the third Saturday of each month at 4:00pm as it is most convenient to all members.

We discuss the bible, share triumphs as well as challenges. In September 2015, we presented at bible study. We looked at the life of Peter, his background, his profession, his walk with Christ and his personality. It was a soul searching topic as in looking at Peter's life we could see a little of Peter in all of us. This is also the reminder that God is a God of second chances.

On December 19, 2015, we met at Gloria's in Port Royal to fellowship and share. It was an enjoyable experience in a different environment. It is our hope for 2016 to reach out to others who are unable to meet and expand on our activities. We look forward to greater things in 2016 with God as our guide.

Bible Quiz

1. Which man wore camel's hair and ate locusts?
2. How many books are there in the New Testament?
3. How old was Joseph when he received his coat of many colours?
4. What was taken out of the angel's hand?
5. The angel of the Lord encamps around whom?
6. Who was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary?
7. During the time around the birth of Jesus, which angel appeared to Mary?
8. Which Psalm gives a first person account of the crucifixion?

Recipe for Happiness

By Deb Dykes

- 2 heaping cups of patience
- 1 heart, full of love
- 2 handfuls of generosity
- plenty of faith
- 1 handful of understanding
- dash of laughter
- generous sprinkle of kindness

Combine patience, love and generosity with understanding. Add a dash of laughter and sprinkle generously with kindness. Add plenty of faith and mix well. Spread over a period of a lifetime. Serve everyone you meet.



- Answers
1. John the Baptist
 2. 27
 3. 17
 4. Scroll
 5. Those who fear him
 6. Azor
 7. Gabriel
 8. Psalm 117