

THESSALONIA WORSHIP CENTER: OCTOBER 2022

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GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT TWC!



WELCOME TO OUR TWC RECAP!

The month of October has been a busy one at TWC! There is so much that God is doing at our church. Between the Word, events, and other happenings in our church community, our hope is that this monthly recap will help us look back at all of the great things God is doing and saying in our congregation. The monthly TWC recap will include pictures from our events, a summary of the month's sermons, and a list of people in our church family to keep in our prayers. If there are things happening in your ministry, do not hesitate to contact us to include it in the month's recap! **Welcome to the first issue!**

PASTOR'S APPRECIATION MONTH - MONTH OF OCTOBER

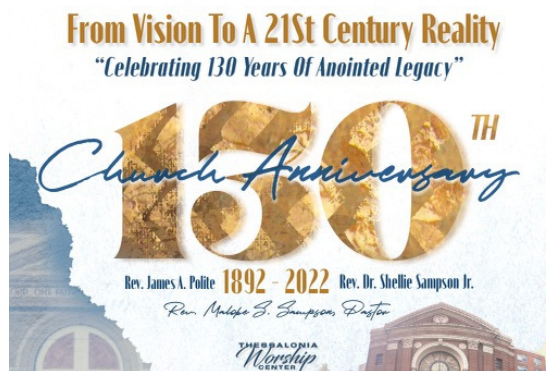
Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. 1 Timothy 5:17. We have a Pastor who truly loves the Word of God and the people of God. It takes time, resources, energy, and sacrifice to lead a congregation and Pastor does it with all that he has. During the month of October, we take an opportunity to acknowledge and doubly honor the many sacrifices Pastor Malobe makes for the TWC community as a called and chosen pastor of our church. He's not just a pastor - he's a counselor, teacher, mentor, father, brother, and friend to many! We should all appreciate or learn to appreciate our Pastors or Leaders and encourage them as much as they encourage each of us. **Happy Pastor's Appreciation Month to Pastor Malobe!**



THESSALONIA TURNS 130!

We started the month of October celebrating our 130th church anniversary! We honored several members who have had an impact on our church during our 130 years - **Louise Dinkins (Usher Emeritus), George Crawford Sr. (Trustee), Vincent Mitchell (Trustee), Ashley Hamilton (Trustee/Assistant Treasurer), Deaconess Arlene McFadden, Isadora Manigault (Church Chaplain), Idella Hawkins (Scholarship Chairperson), and Deaconess Esther Godfrey.**

Additionally, we were honored by the Baptist Convention of New York as one of its founding members in the 1950's. We are a historic, spiritual leader in these times!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!! - SUNDAY, 10/8

Five new members were baptized and eleven new members received their right hand of fellowship on Sunday, 10/8. Hallelujah! What a way to celebrate our 130th church anniversary. Baptism represents the forgiveness and cleansing from sin that comes through faith in Jesus Christ. Congratulations to the following new baptized members of our congregation: **Flavellar Harris, Luis Felipe Romero, Jr., Luis Romero Sr, Alton Norris, Tonya Martin!** Here are the members who received their right hand of fellowship - **Roy Coleman, Berkeley Bellamy, Marilyn Cooper-Bellamy, Michael James, Rhonda James, Michelle Nuri , Dolly Rios, Vera Robinson, Troy Watson.** Welcome to new life in Christ and the TWC family!

THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY GOES TO MEGA CON - WEEK OF 10/3/22



The Children's Ministry attended the KIDZMATTER MegaCon conference, which has become the leading conference for those who minister to kids and families in the church. This year's theme was "Jesus period." KidzMatter MegaCon hosts over 2,000 children's ministry leaders for 3 days.

LEADERSHIP VISA MEETING - SATURDAY, 10/8

During our annual Leadership VISA Meeting - Part 2, Pastor reminded TWC leaders that faith comes from hearing and that God reveals Himself through speaking. Hearing from God is crucial when leading a ministry assignment. If we have a relationship with God, we can hear God often on the direction of our ministry. We must be willing to move things around to produce the vision, which includes moving the way we see our ministry and the way we see ourselves carrying out God's call in our lives. Pastor gave the leaders three words to shape and reflect on their approach to ministry - wonderful, worth, works. **Wonderful** - God fearfully and wonderfully made us. We carry the awe of God within us which makes us wonderful and gives us potential to create great, inspiring things. There is great, wonderful potential all around us and God sees the potential for people to be saved and lives to be changed. As a leader, do I see the world around me from a God/faith (awesome) perspective, or do I carry a limited perspective? How do I get my ministry culture to a wonderful perspective? **Worth** - There is purpose, worth, and value within the world where I live. There is a powerful work God has placed in me to complete. Because I am valuable to God, God has chosen me to complete a work. What is the powerful work that God expects me to do? **Works** - Since I am valuable to God and I am part of an environment of great potential, the works that I complete should be impactful and from a place of empowerment by God. Do the works that I produce reflect the value of the environment around me? I cannot condemn what I am part of.

GOVERNOR HOCHUL, DISTRICT ATTORNEY CLARK, AND BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT GIBSON VISIT TWC - SUNDAY, 10/9

Recently, God has sent our state and local political leaders into Thessalonica. This is a reflection of Thessalonica being a historic, impactful spiritual leader in the community and our political leaders can see our imprint! However, Pastor urges you to vote for the people who hold your biblical values. We are not loyal to any political party but instead we are committed to politicians who support the Church and a Biblical standard first. As Christians, we cannot support the murder of black and brown babies, the creation of a surveillance system over everything you do which takes away our privacy, or the promotion of gender confusion by redefining God's definition of male and female. We must protect our children from the political narrative that the Bible is false. Vote for those who most align with your biblical convictions! We must stop voting out of our traditional places which stand in contrast to our Christian beliefs! We must make a choice to use our vote to stay true to the Gospel or we risk being against Christ in our policy choices.



OCTOBER: EVENTS AT TWC

CHURCH VISIONARY MEETING - TUESDAY, 10/11

We reflected on the outcomes of 2022 while receiving the charge for the upcoming year ahead. During this meeting, Sis. Levora Lily-Elmore suggested that we do a bulletin and here it is!

SAM PRAYER - FRIDAY, 10/21

Every leader must have the same Kingdom mindset. God can't move the way he wants to if we have separate minds, or a competing mindset between flesh and spirit. Your mission should be concentrated and not diluted. A diluted mission is when you are not sure if you want to be sold out to your assignment or if you are not completely focused on what you say God has called you to do. If you understand your mission, it would help to keep you focused on your calling.

If you don't understand your value, you will allow your ego to feed you. If you don't understand that your value comes from God, your ego will feed you or you will get false value from other worldly sources. We have to set our mind right, in order to have the right mindset.

MEET AT 951 OPEN MIC NIGHT - FRIDAY, 10/21



We had a kick-off open-mic night filled with poetry, music, and comedy. This event was an opportunity to give artists, poets, and comedians an open, clean space to express themselves and show their God-given gifts. This event will happen quarterly - don't miss the next one!

WOMEN'S DAY CONFERENCE - SATURDAY, 10/22

We had a powerful women's conference discussing the theme "Rescued from Lost and Found". Session leaders explored the definition of a woman, what it means to be lost or to lose something of value, and the importance of being rescued and loved by God. More details are below!



OCTOBER: EVENTS AT TWC

PASTOR MALOBE HONORED AT BRONX FAITH LEADERS' LUNCHEON - WEDNESDAY, 10/26



Pastor Malobe received a Certificate of Honor at the Bronx Faith Leaders' Luncheon held at the Bronx Zoo Conservatory. Pastor was commended for his ministry and dedicated leadership in the Bronx.

WOMEN'S DAY CONFERENCE 2022: RESCUED FROM LOST AND FOUND - SATURDAY 10/22

We had a powerful women's conference discussing the theme "Rescued from Lost and Found" based on the Parable of the Woman with the Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-14). The conference began with a Welcome by First Lady Andria followed by devotion by our TWC worship team. The first session of the conference was entitled "Ain't I A Woman?", which was led by Minister Wyneisha Huntt and explored the Biblical definition of a Kingdom woman. Next, Minister Mayneiata Huntt led a session focused on the connection between losing something valuable and the emotions of grief. She asked women to reflect on the things that each hold as valuable (similar to the coin in scripture) and what are some things they are grieving over. Women powerfully shared things that they have regrettably lost and how they still need healing from God to deal with those lost things. This led to a powerful, prayerful moment where women expressed their grief and also gathered together to pray and uplift one another.

After lunch, the women attendees reconvened with a session by Evangelist Lisa Malone entitled "It's Time to Clean Up" with a focus on Luke 15:8. In this session, Evangelist Malone illustrated how the woman in Luke 15 understood the value of what she lost and was determined to find it using the tools that she had available to her to get the job done. The purpose of the session was to move the women to reflect on their personal value and to remind them that nothing is really lost. The women were also reminded that God is able to make all grace to abound towards them even when it seems tedious in the search. If you trust Him and follow His leading, then there's a celebration in the end.

WOMEN'S DAY CONFERENCE 2022: (CONTINUED)

Min. Patrice Shelby facilitated the final session that focused on Luke 15:9 entitled "Rejoice with Me!". In this session, Min. Patrice emphasized that when we recover the things we value, then that is a reason to rejoice. Especially when the recovery process required us to apply personal time and effort. We should have a community to call and celebrate with. She reminded the women that although we all lose things along the way, recovery with grace is available. It's important that we celebrate another person's blessing. Overall, the women attendees found the conference to be helpful and healing. We are looking forward to the next woman gathering soon!

WEEK OF PRAYER - WEEK OF 10/25

We had a powerful week of prayer, fasting, and learning how to change our diet. Through Pastor Malobe's teaching, we explored what it means to be changed by God when we are saved and how that is reflected in our pursuit of God in prayer!

Pastor taught us that there are three keys of all spiritual life:

1. Falling in love with God - Love of God and the things of God must be paramount in our lives.
2. Being in covenant with God - We must be in relationship with God to be in our divine spot.
3. Spiritual Warfare and Discernment - We fight in three places: fight over our faith externally and internally, fight through discerning God's direction for our lives, fight to stay on course and stay faithful to our assignment.

Take these three things away from this week:

1) The Totality of God's Word

2) After Fasting, focus on what goes into your "gut"

3) Cultivate powerful community! We need each other and we must change the way you phroneo (think).

OCTOBER: SERMON NOTES

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10/2/2022 -
"FROM VISION TO REALITY TO ESCHATOLOGY" | HEB. 2:1-4
PASTOR MALOBE SAMPSON

God chooses the appointed time for us out of purpose. God's hand is on the house and we know God is real. There are 3 things we need to hold on to: 1. **Seed** - making sure that generations to come are being brought up in the church; 2. **Evangelism** - witnessing and sharing the Gospel and having a testimony outside of the church doors; 3. **Value** - seeing ourselves as God sees us. When the church's value is low, people cannot see God. The church has to be able to look towards the end as well as the present. We are beings of eternity and we cannot get caught up in carnality.



10/9/2022 -
"FOR THIS CAUSE" | EPH. 3:14-21
PASTOR MALOBE SAMPSON

Every believer needs to have a reason why they do what they do. We're not doing things to please Pastor or other people but you have a reason that comes from Almighty God. There's got to be a reason, a cause, a purpose behind doing what we do. "For this cause" - "toutou charin". What is your reason for doing what you do? The devil is able to get us because we don't have a cause. We will fall prey to everything coming our way when we don't have a cause. God gives us a reason. We have to embody the reasoning of God and why He's placed us where He has placed us.



10/16/2022 -
"POWERFUL WOMEN SERVING AN ALL POWERFUL GOD" | JOHN 4:4-26
REV. CHRISTELLA WATTS

No boundaries can be set for powerful women. We belong to God, stop comparing yourself to the other people or to other women. You got to be so sustained that no matter what comes you could stand up firm. You got to know who you are in Christ don't wait on other people tell you who you are.



10/23/2022 -
"RESCUED FROM LOST AND FOUND" | LUKE 15
MIN. BONITA BYERSON

We need to find the things in our lives that has been lost. God says we must find which has been lost. In all of our loses, God must be in the heart of it in order for it to be found. We women are like the prodigal son we have lost some things but we must stick together and be unified to get through.



10/30/2022 - "HAVING A RAISED MIND" | COL. 3:1-6
PASTOR MALOBE SAMPSON

We are saved but yet everyday we are being saved. Everyday the devil is trying to get us. We need a high mind to have high thoughts and a high direction. God wants you to lift up the way you think and the way we exercise our mind (phroneo). Stop thinking low. Stop thinking beneath you or below you. But we have to get up, get up (sunegeiró) and completely be raised up in Christ! If we got up in Christ through salvation then GET UP in your thinking! God does not want the wrath on us He wants us to be free, He wants us to be where He is, so we have to cast the devil down. We have to make up our minds about what we're going to do. Will our mind be high or will it be low? We can't have two minds. God wants us to make up and raise our minds!

OCTOBER: SICK + SHUT IN

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SENIOR PEN PALS

Sis. Cora Mack

Rev. Gilder Anderson

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Sis. Idella Hawkins - Mount Vernon, NY

Sis. Hilda Lopez - Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, NYC

Sis. Roberta Smith Workmen's Circle Home Rehabilitation - 3155 Grace Ave., Bx.

Sis. Joyce Woodall Burke Rehabilitation and Rehab Facility - White Plains, NY

For contact information for our members, please contact the church office.

SICK & SHUT-IN

Bro. George Crawford

Deaconess Esther Godfrey

Sis. O'nita Butler

Bro Ashley Hamilton

Bro. Patrick Richardson

Bro. Jerry Spann

Sis. Essie Jones

Bro. Kevin Harden

Sis. Deborah Gilliard

Sis. Daisy Callahan

Sis. Lorraine Dixon

Sis. Sara Jones

Sis. Lillie Lawrence

Sis. Brenda Green

Sis. Annie Walker

Sis. Viola Washington

Sis. Mary Vines

GREEK WORDS TO KNOW

Toutou charin - for this cause

sunegeiró - get up, be raised

phroneo - exercise your mind

agape - unconditional love

agapeo - to set your affection on

katallasso - reconciliation

kletos - to be invited, appointed

anog - to be pliable, bend

sarx phroneo - the mind of the flesh

Pneuma phroneo - the mind of the Spirit

hupakoe - obedience

ginosko - to know through experience

HEBREW WORDS TO KNOW

bēriyth - covenant, to cut

Jehovah raah chaser - The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want (Psalms 23:1)

anag - soft, to bend, effeminate, luxurious, delicate, pliable

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