



A MAN OF VISION: Q&A WITH BISHOP CARL PIERCE, SR.

BY RACHEL MANN



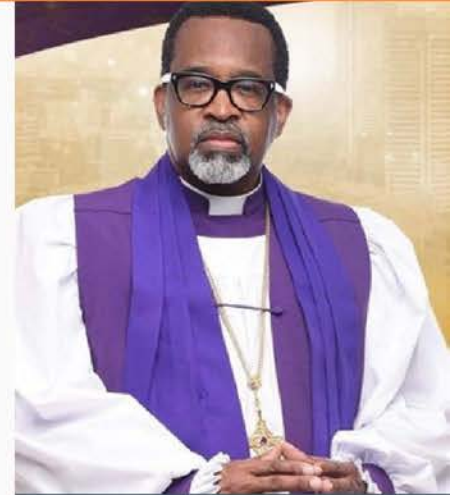
I was privileged with the opportunity to talk with Bishop Carl A. Pierce, Sr. about the vision that God gave him for Carter Memorial Church of Baltimore, our progress as a congregation in manifesting the vision, and what we must do to advance the mission of the church in our ever-changing world.

The question and challenge for Carter Memorial and all believers is, "How will we embrace change while trusting God and His plan for our lives?" Fortunately, Bishop Pierce knows the answer. The timing of our conversation was significant, because it truly showed the massive weight of responsibility that rests on his shoulders.

After a marathon of out-of-state conferences and meetings over the previous weeks, he returned Friday evening to Baltimore with a weekend schedule packed with hospital visits, meetings, luncheons and other ministry obligations. By the grace of God, he squeezed in a quick nap before transitioning to his greatest assignment; the weekly sermon. In the stillness of the night and often into the wee hours of the morning, he sits before God communing and preparing to share the word of God for Sunday morning. This is a normal schedule for Bishop Pierce—difficult, but normal.

The vision is great and the work is massive. "I don't sleep a lot," said Pierce. "But I ask the Lord to continue to strengthen me. So I don't burn out, you know?" Many parishioners could relate to the sentiment having experienced or currently experiencing burnout in their own lives. At this point, one doesn't necessarily question the vision, but how the work truly gets done.

"Bishop, I understand. We don't want you to burn out. This is why we as a church need to hear from you. We need to hear from you again about the vision. We need to know what we need to do to take the next steps to advance the mission of our church and the vision that God gave you. Be specific, so we know exactly what we must do to support you in this great work. To lift the burden and run the play." And so began our conversation...



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A MAN OF VISION: THE MINISTRY POST-PANDEMIC

BY RACHEL MANN

What is your vision for the ministry post-pandemic? How has it evolved? And what should we focus on?

BISHOP PIERCE: The vision for the ministry has not changed, because situations and circumstances do not necessarily change vision. However, our approach to the vision, or shall I say our vision-implementation however has to, at times, be tweaked in order to accommodate current trends. So whereas our motto of our being “A Great Place to Grow through Worship and the Word” remains. The description of who we are remains; that of being a body of believers that seeks to advance the Kingdom of God through worship, evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, and service. Whereas our mission of advancing the Kingdom of God by preparing and equipping believers for service to mankind has not changed. We remain called to evangelize the lost, teach and promote the way of Holiness, and minister healing and hope to a despairing people. And all of these God-given mandates remained the vision of the ministry to be a City of Refuge and a Haven of Deliverance; a place where people can find love, help, hope, forgiveness, guidance, and encouragement.

Post-pandemic, our approach towards how we do what we do has to be strengthened to accommodate what has become a post-pandemic mindset, in that the response of people to church in general is not necessarily what it once was. Even the mindset of individuals who were significant in the life of the church pre-pandemic is not necessarily the same post-pandemic, in that there are those who have decided that what was the norm and was their modus operandi pre-pandemic, is not necessarily kosher post-pandemic. The church doesn't necessarily look like it did pre-pandemic. Thus, we are seeing new and different congregants in the house. At the same time the virtual environment has expanded. Embracing a mixture of in-person and virtual has allowed the church to grow by leaps and bounds.

How we minister and do ministry in a post-pandemic season is significant to the effectiveness of ministry going forward. Therefore, much consideration has gone into “the how to's” of our remaining relevant to the day, but remaining true to our calling. It has never been mine to compete with what others are doing. In fact, my focus has never been on what somebody else is doing or even to attempt to copy what someone else is doing because vision does not come from eyeballing the doings of others, but vision comes from God.



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A MAN OF VISION: BRIDGING THE GAP FOR GREATER IMPACT

BY RACHEL MANN

What is your assessment on how we are doing, as a church, to bridge the gap?

BISHOP PIERCE: I think it goes without saying that we can always do better. And to say that we are totally where I believe we have the potential to be would not be a truthful statement. But I am convinced that we have what it takes within the ranks of our ministry to be all that God has called us to be.

My assessment from a pastoral perspective is (I suppose) different from that of what possibly an onlooker or even a member of the congregation would assess, because I am privy as leader to the behind-the-scenes workings of the church. And while we have never been a bragging ministry of what we do and how we impact lives, I see the impact that we make on so many fronts that codifies the ministry as the institution that it is in the community.

I am proud of the work of the ministry. I am proud of the respect we have garnered in the community, and I'm so godly-proud to be the pastor of Carter Memorial Church, the fourth in succession. And as we continue the work from before, it shall continue to be the mantra of my tenure as pastor to leave the ministry better than it was when I came. And so "good, better, best, I will never let it rest, until our good is better, and our better is best."

What skills, changes and tactics do you encourage us to embrace or strengthen in order to increase our reach and impact?

BISHOP PIERCE: A greater love of God. A greater commitment to the work of the Lord. A greater passion for ministry and the saving of souls. And as it relates to skillset, as well as ministry, I am convinced that we have within us (within the ranks of the ministry) the necessary skillset and talent. But what is lacking amongst many today is commitment to the work of the Lord. Time, talent and possessions have always been key to ministry work. But then those are merely components of increasing reach and impact. The greater component is the Spirit of God. Not by power, nor by might, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Thus, for a greater reach and impact in the portion of the Lord's vineyard that we have been called to, we must employ and seek the Spirit of God the more in order to do the work of ministry to His glory and His honor.



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BISHOP PIERCE (Cont.): My encouragement to the people of God today is that we not be enticed by world systems, nor by the distractions of grass that seems greener on the other side that leads one away from what God has called them to. I encourage the Saints to be diligent; to be innovative in their thinking, and to be open to a level of greater exploits that impacts lives and brings glory to the name of the Lord.

A tactic for effective ministry today is "all hands on deck." Realizing that the greater the commitment to the task, the more effective we can become. I encourage our congregants to bring their ideas and suggestions for ministry; let's talk about it, and let's see how what has been dropped in your spirit fits into the total scheme of what God has given as vision for the ministry.

What are you excited most about in this season?

BISHOP PIERCE: In this season of my life approaching my 70th birthday, I am so overwhelmingly excited about life and living it more abundantly. My enthusiasm and excitement is at an all-time high at the mere thought that God would make choice of me and avail to me platforms that I never thought imaginable. But then too that He would sustain me and equip me to do what He has called me to do. I'm excited about the opportunity to be used by God to impact lives for abundant living. And that is now not just in the church, but through the many avenues and venues He has availed to me. My prayer to God is that He will keep me healthy; that He would keep my mind alert, and that I would be a living epistle and example of godly character and integrity that pleases Him.





CARTER CONNECTION

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2023

A MAN OF VISION: THE WORK CONTINUES

BY RACHEL MANN

The year is almost over, but the work continues. What would you want us to achieve as a church and as individuals by 2024? Give specifics. Tell us how we can support the vision God gave you.

BISHOP PIERCE: Having now sat in the seat of Senior Pastor for what will be 24 years next July, I am proud to say that we have experienced many great successes, great joyful times and indeed many great accomplishments have been realized. And to God be the glory for the great things He has done.

- I ask that members of the ministry become a part of the **ENGAGERS MINISTRY**. Members and attenders who engage in ways beyond church attendance. Engagement can happen in many ways, but is usually showcased in people who serve, give, and are part of a community group who invite their friends. If they are four for four, they are generally deeply engaged, and ultimately, if you have a healthy church, they are also transformed.

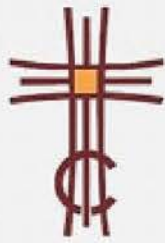
- As I have said on numerous occasions, we must move beyond being merely an event church to that of being a continually ministry-minded people. And thus, it is my desire, that when people are appointed to positions and given responsibility, that they will serve in those areas to the best of their ability without the need to be micromanaged.

- We are in a time of refueling; a time of refreshing and the readjusting of attitudes and doings that are but obstacles to our movement forward. I call for a spiritual realigning of both our natural and spiritual priorities, and for an availing of ourselves to a greater level of accountability to both God and then to the area of ministry to which all have been called.

- I call for a greater level of stewardship and spirituality amongst the people of God, asking that all that are a part of the ministry aid in the sustaining of it.

- Furthermore, let us get back to the fundamentals of holiness; of a saved and sanctified life in Christ Jesus. Let's get back to fasting and praying and seeking the face of God. Studying His Word; being diligent in Bible Study. And then let us continue to break the huddle and run plays that will render us winners for the sake of the Kingdom.





A MAN OF VISION: THE WORK CONTINUES

BY RACHEL MANN

BISHOP PIERCE (CONT.):

- I call for a cease fire of negativism; a cease fire on complaining spirits; a moratorium of nonsupport of the ministry, and any and all of those things that may be amongst us that's so distasteful to both God and man. Realizing that our integrity will either lift us to that new place in God or will pull us down to the place of our displeasure to Him.
- Let us walk in sanctification, and be the people that God has called us to be. I charge you as God is taking us to another level in Him that we leave behind the baggage of that that is displeasing to Him. So I ask that every member of our church, that you handle your business as a child of God. And that God be glorified in your walk with Him.

Any final words you'd like to share with us?

I encourage all to grab hold of the vision, and let's move forward to the glory and honor of God. Let no individual attempt to hold us back when God is bidding us full throttle forward thrust, because where we are headed, God has been there and called it His desire for us. So let us (as a ministry) press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, that our Great God may be glorified as we are edified, as we expand kingdom work for the cause of Christ in the earth.



"The Work continues...grab hold of the vision, and let's move forward..."

BISHOP CARL PIERCE, SR.





HEAD TO TOE PRAYER SERIES

BY EVANG. KAY N. HARDING



Are we trusting God with our whole heart? What does it mean to trust God with our whole heart? The Hebrew word for "heart" is leb, meaning "inner man, mind, will, [and] heart." "Are you restless, worrying, or doubting? Are you stress eating, not eating, experiencing headaches or migraines? If you are not diagnosed with a physical illness, you may be experiencing a spiritual heart issue of not trusting God with your whole heart. Let's do a spiritual

heart check. In this series, we will focus our attention on examining our heart to determine if we have a heart of trust. As we take this journey, let's consider the following scriptures to help us focus our reflections and prayer:

Proverbs 3:5 states "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding ..." Psalms 37: 3-7, in relevant part exclaims, "Trust in the Lord, ...Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. ...Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret ..."

Dear Father,

I thank you that you have given us an opportunity to boldly approach Your Throne. I ask that you forgive us of any sins that we have committed. I ask that you forgive us for doubting your Word. Forgive us for not trusting you with all of our heart. Forgive us for leaning to our own understanding. Forgive us for not wholeheartedly relying and trusting that you do all things well. Forgive us for not relying upon your Word that declares that "all things work together for good." Help us to trust you according to Psalms 37. Help us to trust you no matter what challenges we face and no matter what it looks like. Help us to surrender our wills, lives, goals, ambitions, and desires to you. Let our will align with your will for our lives. Help us to examine our hearts to ensure that you are pleased with us. Lord, you cannot lie and you said that you would bring it [our goals, dreams, deliverance, or healing] to pass, if we delight [surrender, commit, dedicate] ourselves to holy living. Help us to patiently wait for the manifestation of your blessings as we strive to walk upright before you. We trust that victory, deliverance, comfort, and healing is imminent. Jehovah Shalom, give us peace, relaxation, and rest from anxiety, grief, and stress. Amen.

This quarter, you are encouraged to continue to find additional scriptures on trusting God. Memorize and pray those scriptures over yourself, family, others, and your situations. Consider listening to the song entitled "I Will Trust My Savior Jesus" by clicking on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GB9eXtwfAAg>. Next quarter, we'll focus on another part of the body in our journey through the Head to Toe Prayer Series.



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding..."

PROVERBS 3:5





“WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?”

ELD. RODNEY MARTIN



If you're like me, the mere mention of these few words transports you back in time about 30 years to weekdays afternoons. You see, that was the catch phrase of Mr. Rogers, an iconic figure in the childhood of most of us that are a part of Generation X. Mr. Rogers created an imaginary neighborhood via television and invited us every day into his neighborhood by asking the question “won't you be my neighbor?” Mr. Rogers' neighborhood was a fun place where people seemed to be happy all the

time. In addition, Mr. Rogers' warm and inviting personality made you want to be a part of that neighborhood.

I see this same principle in the scripture in the biblical story found in a portion of Luke Chapter 10. In this story, Jesus is teaching an important lesson on discipleship and equipping the hearers to go out and spread the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. While he's teaching, he's challenged by a lawyer who was an expert in the Mosaic Law. This lawyer asks Jesus a simple question about what steps he must take to inherit eternal life. Jesus, being fully aware of the motive behind the question, responds to this question with another question “What does the law say”? Jesus understood in this moment that the obsession of the Judaizers with keeping the law would prompt him to respond in a certain way. The man responded with the correct answer according to the Law, but he took it a step further. Obviously, the prospect of loving your neighbor as yourself was a little troubling for him so he was looking for a more specific definition of just who this “neighbor” is.

Jesus responds to this question by telling the parable of the Good Samaritan. In this story, a certain man headed from Jerusalem to Jericho happened to encounter some robbers who beat him, took his possessions, and left him for dead. While laying in this state, two people (a priest and a Levite) encounter this man separately, but neither one of them attempts to help him. It is not a position of proximity, but rather a position of the heart. This Samaritan took the hurting man, bound up his wounds, brought him to a place of safety, and went in his own pocket to ensure the injured man got the necessary medical care he needed.

In this holiday season, let us find ourselves patterning our behavior after this Samaritan man. Our world is filled with struggling, hurting people who need to know that they are loved, cared for, and valuable to God. Let us not be so consumed with turkey and dressing and fancy presents that we fail to walk out our commission as the body of Christ. Wherever we are and whenever we can, we should shew forth the love of Christ with those who need it most. This is our command. This is our charge. Volunteer at a soup kitchen. Serve meals to the homeless. Donate to your local charity. Why? Because these are our neighbors, and the love of Christ COMPELS us to do so!



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FALL WELLNESS TIPS FOR A BETTER SEASON

BY NICOLE LAW



Fall time is here along with flu season, the end of daylight savings time, and busy schedules. Here are some tips to prepare and better yourself for the season.

Get a Check-Up - Now is a great time to get a check-up with your doctor to ensure you are healthy and up-to-date with any vaccines or shots. Flu season is here and with the return of certain Covid-strains, it may be a good time to keep you and your family protected.

Prepare for the End of Daylight Savings Time - Fall brings wonderful sights and cooling weather. It is also when we say goodbye to Daylight Savings Time. Daylight Savings Time will end on Sunday, November 5th. Be prepared for darker drives on evening commutes and outings. Practice safety, use discernment, and be observant on rides and when out and about. Be hospitable and help those who may need more assistance during this time. Be mindful of your mental health and seek out help when needed.

Busy Schedules - With the Fall season and the school year starting, school sports and activities are back in session. With Thanksgiving around the corner, this time could be busy for many families and individuals. While it is important to be involved and active, remember to take some time for yourself both spiritually and mentally. You cannot give to others what you don't have in yourself. While you practice hospitality, remember to stay faithful in prayer, take mental breaks, and exercise. Take time to recoup and refill in between work, school, and the various fall activities planned. Having a "better" you will provide the strength and motivation to continue to share with the Lord's people.



"Take time to recoup and refill....Having a 'better' you will provide strength...."

NICOLE LAW





ABC Engagement

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY IN CRISIS: FOOD DESERT (PART II)

BY SHARON LAW

On July 26th, the Associated Black Charities hosted a Community Conversation at the University of Maryland Community Engagement Center, with the purpose to engage residents around the concerns and opportunities in their communities. City Council President, Nick Mosby was among those attending to hear the concerns of the Poppleton residents.

As of the date of this publication, one of the most pressing and daunting issues for residents of Poppleton, Hollins Roundhouse, Mount Claire and Pigtown community is not having a viable grocery store offering fresh produce, meat, and groceries. The anticipated "Spring of 2023" grand opening of Market Gourmet on Schroeder Street has been delayed again. A concerned resident from Hollins Roundhouse addressed Mosby about the food insecurity, or areas lacking in fresh food, impairing the health of not only the Poppleton neighborhood, but the broader Southwest Baltimore community as a whole. He asked Mosby where the city was in locating a new grocery store for the area. The city council president explained that he is working with the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development for the agency's request for proposals (RFPs) to include community market analyses. This would enable projects to be awarded based on the immediate needs of the community. He also stated, "It's one thing to put out an RFP that specifically ties down the needs and assessment of a community, and you get nothing back, but we have to at least try to see if there are capable developers out there that are willing to go after and address the needs of our community."

"There is a greater disparity of health concerns, especially in the Black and Brown neighborhoods with diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity...Not having a good source of grocery stores or fresh goods increases that exponentially." Howard Hughes

What are your thoughts on this crisis? How can we make a difference in the Year of "BETTER"?



"There is a greater disparity of health concerns, especially in the black and brown neighborhoods..."

HOWARD HUGHES





SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY IN CRISIS: FOOD DESERT (PART II)

BY SHARON LAW



The Giving Season December 2023: Angel Tree - Project Harvest - Hope for the Homeless

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree - Strengthening Bonds Supporting Families

Sharing the love of Jesus Christ and giving gifts to children on behalf of their mom or dad who is incarcerated is what Angel Tree is about. Entering our 19th year, we look forward to welcoming families to the Living Room for a grand celebration. Angel Tree gift tags will be available soon. When you make your list, check it twice and add one or two Angel Tree gift tags! For more information visit Prisonfellowship.org/Angel Tree

Project Harvest - Recognizing an increased need between Thanksgiving and Christmas to provide perishable and non-perishable food items to families in our community, Project Harvest was birthed as an extension of the Carter Memorial food pantry ministry nearly 25 years ago. Your monetary donations along with Maryland Food Bank and local groceries have provided generous meals to families in the Poppleton community.

Hope for the Homeless - A warm coat will make a difference in the life of a homeless person". Each year the Evangelism Ministry sponsors "Hope for the Homeless" Coat & Toiletry drive. This much-anticipated event garners gently used dry cleaned or new coats, hats & gloves for adults and children, and toiletries.

If you would like to volunteer or share your thoughts and ideas, email sharon.law@cartermemorial.org. Let's continue the "Giving Season" tradition and make this a banner year!



Please Consider Donating
a \$25 donation towards a
Project Harvest gift basket
or an Angel Tree gift for a child
whose parent is incarcerated

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SHARON LAW



PASTORAL APPRECIATION

23 Years of Dedicated Service

We celebrate and honor our leader and visionary, Bishop Carl Pierce, Sr., who leads with Godly wisdom and a spirit of humility. He is consistent and selfless, has great compassion for the oppressed, endurance and steadfastness through times of uncertainty, and the wisdom and patience for a mission greater than himself.

Bishop Pierce is truly a servant leader who often asks, "What can I do to assist you?" In these trying times, Bishop Pierce exemplifies a leader with character, integrity, resilience, models excellence in ministry, and with quiet strength he endures difficulties while leading us forward. He often comforts the hopeless, and reassures those who seek a different path by introducing them to Christ, the answer to mankind's woes.

Pastor, Thank You for all you do!

"...And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding (Jeremiah 3:15)."





CARTER FAMILY TRIBUTES



Mother Cynthia McIver

I Had to stop my Pastor to get a quick pic in St Louis at the Holy Convocation November 2014. So honored that he stopped to say Hello. I do appreciate you. Pastor, a man of integrity, much wisdom, and so much more I could say. Continue your walk for even GREATER blessings.



Mother Margaret Brewer

Blessings to you Bishop Pierce for being an exceptional and anointed leader. I am soooooo glad God gave you as my pastor. May He continue to keep you.





CARTER FAMILY TRIBUTES



Mother Daisy Alleyne

Congratulations Bishop Pierce on your 23rd Pastoral Anniversary. You have been an outstanding example of "A Man after the Heart of God" always offering a kind word of encouragement, preaching the word of God that edifies the Saints, and praying without ceasing. I have been a recipient of those prayers and God has answered again and again. To God Be The Glory for the great things He has done and will continue to do through you and the Carter Memorial Church ministry.





CARTER FAMILY TRIBUTES



Mother Agnes Baker

Bishop, "Thank You" for being such a great leader. Your leadership has been an example of living a Holy life of faith. You are a blessing to our church and the community, always making a difference in our lives. Thank you for being a Pastor of integrity. We appreciate your ministry, your dedication, visionary leadership, wisdom, love, kindness, and your prayers daily, Blessings to you and your family.



Mother Annie Worsham

Bishop, you are a Pastor that is committed to serve and devoted to giving in a spirit of kindness, no matter where you go. Your thoughtful words and actions are truly a blessing to us all. We are so grateful for your consistent labor of love, ongoing prayers, patience, and the many sacrifices you make to care for those you shepherd. We will continue to lift your arms and cover you in prayer as you move us forward in the vision God has given unto you for His people. May His blessing and favor overwhelm you!



CARTER FAMILY TRIBUTES



Deacon Alvis & Mother Durleen Gunn

Bishop Pierce, my wife and I would like to congratulate you on 23 years of leadership at Carter Memorial Church of Baltimore. We are honored to call you "Pastor," but we also consider you a friend. Words cannot express what you mean to my family. Your love and compassion is always displayed by your presence when it is needed the most. You are a Pastor who cares about the souls of those he shepards, and has a heart for people. You are the epitome of a "Servant-Leader!"

We appreciate you, and support you whole heartedly in your vision for ministry. You are continually in our hearts and prayers, and we look forward to the great things God will manifest through your life for the Kingdom.





CARTER FAMILY TRIBUTES



Elder James Devin & Cherise Roberts

"You are stronger than you think.
More capable than you imagine."
- Robin Sharma.

Bishop your unwavering faith and dedication to the body of Christ is a true source of inspiration. Your guidance and compassion make a positive difference in the lives of many. Keep shining your light brightly, for you are a beacon of hope and love in our community. Of faith. Your work is deeply appreciated.



Evangelist Beverly Wilson

Thank you for constantly sowing the Word of God into our lives. May God continue to favor you with much peace and many blessings to come your way!



CARTER FAMILY TRIBUTES



Evangelist Kendra Brown

Bishop Pierce is what I refer to as a leader's leader. A man of integrity, he is highly regarded by leaders in Christendom and beyond. He is dedicated, loves his church, loves his people, and serves with excellence. He holds many roles but he always ensures that he is there for Carter Memorial. Everywhere I go, people ask me whether I attend Bishop Pierce's church. I say yes and they share how they have watched him through the years and listened to his teachings. Bishop, you are a tremendous leader. We are proud of you and pray God's continued blessings in your life.



CARTER FAMILY TRIBUTES



Michael & Alvita Hickson

Bishop Pierce, we wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation for your incredible stewardship, love, and guidance that you so generously offer to all of us in the congregation.

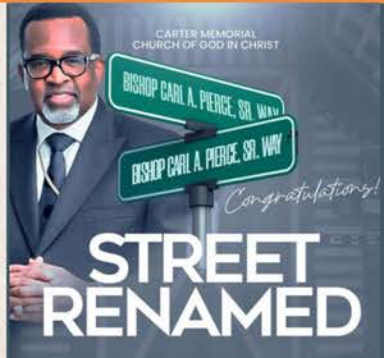
Your teachings and sermons have not only enriched our spiritual lives, but also fortified our character. We are grateful for your unwavering commitment to the spiritual and emotional well-being of every member of your flock. Your deep care for the people that God has entrusted to you is truly inspiring.

The way you live your life, with remarkable integrity and commitment to the Word of God, serves as a role model for all of us. We can't thank you enough for the love, the understanding and the spiritual guidance you have provided us through the years.

We pray that the Lord continues to empower you with wisdom and health to carry on his mission on Earth. Please know that you are always in our prayers, and we are eternally thankful for having a Pastor as wonderful as you to guide us in our spiritual journey.



FROM FAYETTE STREET TO.....
BISHOP CARL A. PIERCE, SR WAY



Congratulations!



CARTER MEMORIAL YOUTH DEPARTMENT

BY ELD. DEVIN ROBERTS

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Children's Church is a Sunday worship experience that meets the needs and interests of the Kingdom youth. The worship experience is vibrant, inclusive, engaging, and relevant to youth.



WHAT'S NEXT?

We are continuing to learn about the life of Jesus Christ and His ministry by exploring The New Testament in Chronological order.

Unit 2 will discuss the following topics:

- *Jesus and the Four Fisherman*
- *Jesus Selecting His Disciples*
- *The Sermon on the Mount*
- *Jesus Teaching Through Parables*

NEW TESTAMENT TABLE TALK S

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ... Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 5:3-10

WEEK 6

BIBLE VERSE:
Read all the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-10. What does the verse mean to you?

BOOK OF THE BIBLE:
Luke, a medical doctor, wrote the third gospel. Why is it important to know Jesus as a perfect man free of sin?

BIBLE STORY: FIRST MIRACLE
Jesus showed He understood man's needs in this story. Talk about it then discuss how He knows our needs today.

Important Dates:

- Oct. 8th - *Children's Church Resumes*
- Oct. 22nd - *Children's Church*
- Oct. 29th - *5th Sunday/Fall Activities*
- **Saturday, Oct. 21st - *Pumpkin Patch Trip***
- *Nov. 12th - Children's Church*
- **THANKSGIVING BREAK:
Nov. 26th**
- *Dec. 3rd - Children's Church*
- *Dec. 10th - Christmas Cantata*
- **WINTER BREAK:
Dec. 24th - Jan. 28th**

Bible Memory Verse:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.... Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." -Matthew 5:3-10



YOUTH CHURCH IS IN SESSION

TEEN'S CHURCH (AGES 12-17)
1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS

CHILDREN'S AND TODDLER'S CHURCH (AGES 3-11)
2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS

(SCAN QR CODE)
TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD
AND JOIN US ON FACEBOOK



*For more information,
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Sis. Lanette Henderson*





CHILDREN'S CHURCH RECAP



- Carter Memorial Church of
Baltimore Elder Devin Roberts, *Youth
Pastor*

YOUTH SUMMIT

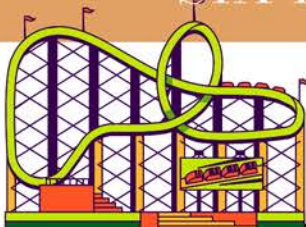


Every year, we welcome our young people back from their summer break and vacation with a spirit-filled weekend of fun!

We started with taking a church trip to Six Flags and ended with hearing my mighty word from our Youth Pastor.

We had an amazing time fellowshiping with one another and also receiving the encouragement we need to succeed this school year.

SIX FLAGS



UPCOMING MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARTER HARVEST CAMPAIGN



The Evangelism Department is sponsoring its annual "Hope for the Homeless" Coat & Toiletries Drive.

Hope for the Homeless Coat Bin will be located in the Church lobby or to schedule a drop off, contact the church office at 410-752-6123 and dial 2.

Please Consider Donating
a \$25 donation towards a
Project Harvest gift basket
or an Angel Tree gift for a child
whose parent is incarcerated



UPCOMING MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS




CARTER MEMORIAL CHURCH

ANNUAL
THANKSGIVING
MESSAGE

Thursday, 11/23 @ 10AM

BISHOP CARL A. PIERCE, SR., PASTOR



MARYLAND CENTRAL

Leadership
SUMMIT
2023

7-9
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King/Double Bed
\$129

Visit:
<https://fbgy/1201>
or scan the code to
reserve your room
by November 7.

Jurisdictional Prelate
Bishop Carl A. Pierce, Sr.

Supervisor, Department of Women
Mother Melody Whitley

Hilton Garden Inn Solomon's Island, MD
13100 Dowell Road, Dowell, MD 20629



Live Stream

BIBLE
STUDY

WEDNESDAYS 7:00PM EST

LIVE ON

Carter Memorial Church

SINGLE'S MINISTRY

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED MY SERVANT...?

BY VASHAWN MCDUGALD



Are you being considered, tried, tested or suffering? Trusting in God during your season of difficulty, whatever that difficult season may be, is often a time simply to draw closer to Him. Exercising your faith by trusting God's will for your life. Is it easy? No. Does He provide during the suffering? Yes.

So how does one suffer well in any circumstance? There is much written on what our understanding of suffering should be. The Apostle Peter reminds us, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy (1 Peter 4:12-13)." So as a 'partaker of Christ', namely a Christian, my suffering shall reveal His glory. His divine will in His divine time, whether now or in eternity.

Oftentimes we try to process the why. Why the diagnosis? Why am I still single? Why the violation of trust? The why's of life can be endless. However, we are called to "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths (Prov 3:5-6)." In spite of my circumstances, and in spite of my desire to process the reason, if I could just acknowledge Him, He promises to direct my path. He promises to reveal His glory...our suffering becomes our place of preparation.

Don't misappropriate the preparation season saints. Pray, fast, and seek God's face. Don't be distracted by the sufferings of the flesh. Suffering is a call to intimacy with Christ. Paul reminds us to reflect on the purposes of when we are going through a rough time; "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto His death. If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead (Phil 3:10-11)." Walking through hard things with the Lord results in resurrection back to life from the dead. It is God's invitation to get to know Him better, taking our minds off of the suffering and connecting with Him through the process.



**"...Rejoice,
inasmuch as ye
are partakers
of Christ's
sufferings..."**

VASHAWN MCDUGALD





CARTER WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Mother Annie Worsham, Director



WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES, CIRCLES & UNITS

The Women's Department consists of auxiliaries, circles and units for the purpose of ministering to women through a host of ongoing ministries that edify and enhance the spiritual and natural well being of all women to fulfill God's directives for their lives:

- * Young Women's Christian Council (YWCC)
- * Christian Women's Council (CWC)
- * Elders, Ministers and Deacons Wives
- * Business & Professional Women's Federation
- * The Mother's Board

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES & EVENTS:

- * Weekly Prayer Call (Lead by the Mother's Board)

When: Every Wednesday at 12 Noon
Dial In: (667) 770-1523
PIN: 737082

- * Fireside Chat - Various topics of discussion to meet the natural and spiritual needs of women through conversation.

When: Every 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm
Location: Virtual Platform

- * Annual Women Destined to Perform Conference

When: TBD 2024

- * **Book Club** - Comprised of a diverse group of women (young and seasoned), who not only love to read, but enjoy connecting with other women to impact lives and grow together through Christian-based books.

When: Every 1st Saturday of each month at 3:00 pm
Location: Virtual Platform

- * **Mother's Care Ministry** - A ministry within the Women's Department that provides loving care to our seasoned mothers through planned outings and fun activities, an Annual Mother's Day Brunch, and being the model example of discipleship through care and support,



CARTER WOMEN IN MINISTRY BOOK CLUB



You are cordially invited to join the Carter Women In Ministry Book Club, comprised of a diverse group of women (young and seasoned), who not only love to read, but enjoy connecting with other women to impact lives and grow together through Christian-based books. Our book club theme is, "Women Impacting Women for Abundant Living." Our goal is ministry through reading and conversation to be healthy and whole women for Kingdom assignments.

Every 1st Saturday of the month at 3:00 pm, the book club engages in deep dive conversations about the selected book for the month. Beginning in January 2024, our next reading selection is "Grace in Deep Waters" by Vicki Kemp. This reading will walk us through a deeper level in our grace journey with courage to allow God to transform our lives into beauty for ashes... "Like the night-quiet, solemn, and calm, grace has a way of peeking through and casting peace in the place of chaos. Grace has a way of showing up just in time to save you from what could be death."

There is freedom and deliverance happening during the book club sessions - - you don't want to miss these life changing discussions geared towards making us BETTER! We welcome Christian-based titles for review and approval for our future readings.

For more information and to register for the book club, please contact the Carter Women In Ministry team via email on CWIMbookclub@gmail.com, or team member Nikki Younger at Bookclubnikki@gmail.com. We look forward to connecting with you...We are *Women Impacting Women for Abundant Living!*

Together
We Can!

VICKI L. KEMP
Bestselling Author of
BETTER THAN YESTERDAY

GRACE
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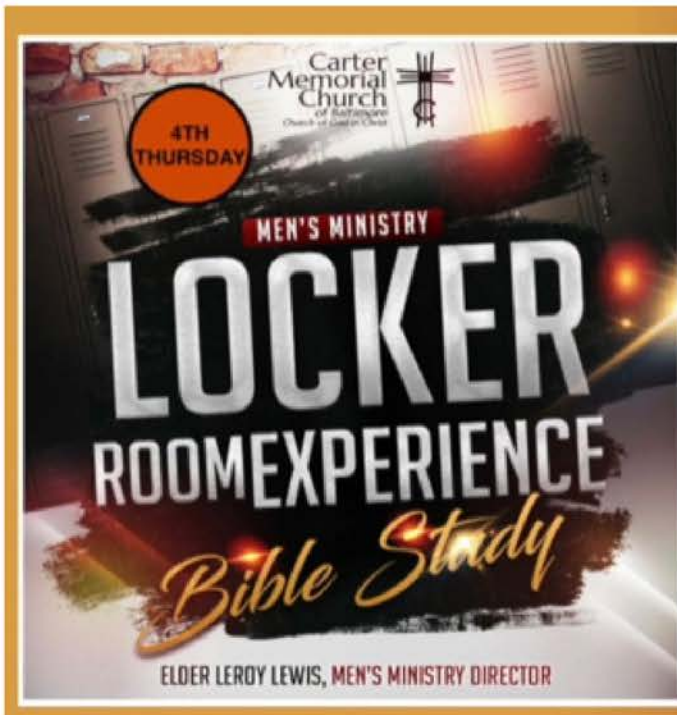
AUTHOR VICKI KEMP



CARTER MEN'S MINISTRY



"Men's Locker Room" conversations inspire and challenge men for Kingdom assignments every 4th Thursday @ 7:00 pm.



MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP'S PRAYER CALL

Join Bishop Carl Pierce, Sr., for a refreshing start to your day with prayer.

WHEN: Every Monday

TIME: 6:00 am EST

DIAL: (717) 401-9985 Access Code: 5905#

WEEKDAY SERVICES



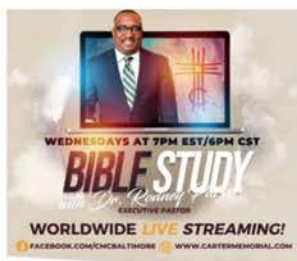
Join the Carter Memorial Church family in the Virtual Living Room for Worship and the Word every Sunday at 10:00 am EST.

www.Facebook.com/CMCbaltimore
or www.cartermemorial.com



The time to unite in prayer is now. Join us in bombarding Heaven every Monday at 7:00 pm and Wednesday at 12:00 pm EST.

DIAL: (667) 770-1523
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Join us for mid-week Bible study every Wednesday at 7:00 pm EST.

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FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS

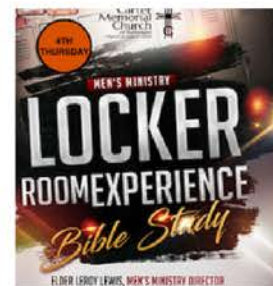


For an engaging discussion in the Word of God, join our Sunday school on "Saturday" at 6:00 pm EST.

[SS Registration](#)



"Women's Fireside Chat," a time for the Women's Ministry to connect every 4th Thursday @ 7:00 pm.



"Men's Locker Room" conversations inspire and challenge men for Kingdom assignments every 4th Thursday @ 7:00 pm.



Children's Church (ages 3-11) meets every 2nd & 3rd Sunday in lower sanctuary.

Teen Church (ages 12-18) meets every 1st & 4th Sunday in lower sanctuary.

Toddlers (ages 3-4) will meet in the conference room.

CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES

Experiencing mental, emotional, or physical abuse? Need assistance in creating a safety plan? Need protection from an abuser for yourself, children, or vulnerable adult? Experiencing domestic violence? Need to speak with an expert? Need counseling for issues of domestic violence or other issues. Below are some resources:



Free Legal Services

- ✓ **HOUSE OF RUTH MARYLAND**
Services to victims of domestic violence
410-889-RUTH (7884) – 24-hour Hotline
888-880-RUTH (7884) – 24-hour Legal Line
www.hruth.org/get-help/legal-services
- ✓ **MULTI-ETHNIC DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT**
410-396-3294
- ✓ **NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE**
800-799-7233
- ✓ **PROTECTION ORDER ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION PROJECT (POARP)**
www.wlcmd.org/how-we-help/protection-order-advocacy-and-representation-project-poarp
410-321-1041
- ✓ **SEXUAL ASSAULT LEGAL INSTITUTE (SALI)**
300-565-2277 or 877-496-7254 (SALI)
www.mcasa.org/survivors/sali

Reduced Rate Legal Services

- ✓ **CIVIL JUSTICE, INC. - 410-706-0174**
or <http://civiljusticenetwork.org>

**INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.**
Bishop J. Drew Sheard - Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle

Mother
Barbara McCoo Lewis
General Supervisor



*"Come to Me, all who are weary
and heavy-laden, and I will give
you rest. Take My yoke upon you
and learn from Me, for I am gentle
and humble in heart, and you will
find rest for your souls."
- Matthew 11:28-29*

Supervisor
Romanetha Stallworth
Kentucky First Jurisdiction
Coordinator

CONCERNED CRUSADERS HOTLINE

1-800-210-6609

**MONDAY - SATURDAY
10:00AM - 10:00PM EST**

The Concerned Crusaders Hotline is a safe place for women who are experiencing emotional distress, self-harming behaviors, struggles with gender identity, addicted to substances, suicidal thoughts, and any challenge that is causing pain and despair.

You will be connected to spirit-filled Mothers in Zion, prayer warriors, and licensed clinicians who will respond without judgment and empathy. We are here to extend support, love, and prayer.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

