

T.W.O.G.C. NEWSLETTER

April 2010

Upcoming Events!!!

New Moon
4/14 @ 6pm

Feast of Unleavened Bread
3/30 - 4/5

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to hear the Trumpets

Giving YAH the Praise

I have always known the truth. Now it is more so walking into it. Having a leader that exemplifies the doctrine is priceless. **Bro. Taurin**

Birthdays

TWOGC would like to remember all the saints who celebrated their birthday in the month of March:

Sis. Meghan | Sis. Bostic |
Allie | Bro. Ivory | Bro.
Keith

May YAH continue to bless you all with many more years, according to His will.

T.W.O.G.C. Welcomes

To The Family:

Bro. Taurin, Sis. Gabriele,
Bro. McClover, Bro. Greg,
Bro. James & Bro. Lionel

Home:

Bro. Duval, Sis. Chanel, Bro.
Dannie & Sis. Sandy

STAND THEREFORE...

Growing up my twin brother and I had a close relationship before we joined the church. We enjoyed the same sports, friends and wore similar clothing. He was the first to come across Pastor Smith and was excited to see and hear a Pastor cutting down on sin and standing on the wall. He then drove down to be baptized and join the church. A short while after being pricked and God having removed the scales from my eyes, I joined the church. Once we became members, our relationship grew stronger, we were then able to add the spiritual bond to the existing natural bond that we shared.



The Perkins Family

Months later, situations and relationships changed. After my mother-in-law and father-in-law departed from the church, and my twin brother, brother-in-law were removed from the church it felt like a domino effect, and it was a difficult time for me. Nevertheless, we had a lot of support from the members of the church, which strengthened us. I sit back and think about the decisions my family made, although, difficult to understand, at the end of the day, my primary concern is Donte's soul salvation. I still communicate with them outside of the church because they are family. This is often difficult at times because I want to speak uplifting things to them, but reality sets in that we are no longer of the same fold.

As for me [Sister CC], my relationship with my brother was very close but now it is distant. He made his decision and chose his road and in turn I chose my road. We continue to keep in touch; however there is a stark difference in the way we communicate. I love my parents however, they began making comments and remarks regarding Pastor Smith and the church. They said "I was brainwashed, he's just a man, and Pastor Smith does not run our lives". I ceased communication with them for a few weeks in order to allow them to understand that I was serious and would not continue to entertain their comments. Eventually, it sunk in with them and the negative comments stopped. Even though my parents and brother left, leaving for me was never an option. I knew for myself that the word was true and my loyalty was never to my family, but to the will of the Lord.

While dealing with the departure and removal of my twin brother and in-laws, my father passed away. I never thought his passing would affect me to the extent that it did because we did not have a close relationship. However, when I think about judgment coming after death and knowing the type of lifestyle he had, it hit me because I know that hell shall be his portion. This situation allowed me to consider my life and gird up my loins and stand to fight the good fight to see Yah in peace.

I always tell my wife that we have to worry about our own village, run our own race and not allow outside influences and situations to overcome us. Keeping the Word of Yah close to us and allowing the scripture to comfort us got us through the situations and relationship changes within our families. Sometimes I would consider Job and what he endured throughout his journey, how he almost lost everything but kept the faith. While going through I always try to focus on the end result which is remembering that we have already won the battle. Although I (Bro Donte) have suffered through all of these situations, God still lets me know that I can still be saved and to not let the trials and tribulations around me affect my walk.

These situations have certainly taught us not to love anyone so much because at any given time they could be moved. Through it all continue to stand and trust in the Lord!

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