



LEARNING TO DEVELOP THE SKILL OF IGNORING

"And before he had finished speaking, people arrived from Jairus' house and pushed through the crowd to give Jairus the news: "There's no need to trouble the master any longer—your daughter has died." But Jesus refused to listen to what they were told and said to the Jewish official, "Don't yield to fear. All you need to do is to keep on believing." Mark 5:35, 36 (TPT)

I have learned over the years that the skill set of learning to ignore the negative things that come to your mind must be practiced and developed. If you do not, you will lack the tools it takes to accomplish difficult, complex goals. Focus on desired outcomes; don't pay attention to words, thoughts, and anything that slows you down, kills confidence, drains your energy, and gives you the temptation to quit. The enemy is very good at getting messages to you to buffet you, stop you, discourage you. Practice ignoring and not paying attention to the drama. God has to work through you to accomplish his dreams. Put this tool of "ignoring" words that go against desired outcomes. In Mark 5:35,36, Jesus was on his way to heal Jairus' daughter. On the way, negative words against desired outcomes kept trying to infiltrate the mind of Jesus and Jairus. Jesus, having mastered the skill of "ignoring" the negative messages from the enemy, admonished Jairus to not yield to fear, but to keep his desired outcomes in front of him. Jairus did it! His daughter was healed. We need to develop this skill set. When you hear words of destruction, divorce, etc., get the help you need and hit the ignore button. Focus on your godly desires.

by Bishop Larry Mack

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POET'S CORNER Worship Moves the Room

Are you looking for a change?
Do you feel as if as soon as your breakthrough
nears it slips out of range?
Allow your worship to shift your atmosphere
Usher God's presence in and allow Him to come
near
The presence can break chains, open doors,
make you whole again
If your lonely, it will surround you like a best
friend
Worship Him, praise Him, thank Him
When all hope was gone
He gave you the extra nudge to move along
Your praise and your worship is your power
Make it a habit to thank him every hour
He's been too good
He helps us figure out things, we would've never
understood
The worship does things, you'll never
comprehend
Give your all in your worship to no end
It pleases God when you present your best
praise
He's ecstatic when that's how we begin to start
our days
Giving Him all the honor, glory and praise!!!

by Sister D'aira Lewis



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: Minister Brenda Hailey

Minister Brenda Hailey and husband, Elder Michael Hailey, Sr. connected with Bishop Mack nearly 10 years ago, when they saw an ad for a Bible Study in the local paper. They started attending and absolutely loved the revelation that Pastor shared from the Word. When Pastor decided it was time to launch Greater Dreams Church, Toledo, the Haileys joined him and offered to do whatever needed to be done to help build the church.

Minister Brenda was able to serve in this capacity because the Lord had been preparing her from a young age. She was only five years old when she decided it was time to go to the altar. Her Godmother prayed with her that day and chuckled when young Brenda said, "I want to be a real Christian."

Fast forward a few decades and that same young girl became a licensed and ordained minister, served as an Ohio State Peace Officer, worked as a Mediator for Lucas County Court of Common Pleas, and led the African American Healthy Marriage Initiative program in five cities in Ohio.

But in the midst of developing her ministry gifts and raising a family, Minister Brenda faced one of the greatest challenges of her life. In March 2012, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She and Elder Mike had just joined Greater Dreams in August of 2011. "Those messages that he preached from the winter to the spring are the messages that increased my faith," she said. "He was saying 'blow the Word on it.' The surgeons told my family that I was blowing my breath on my body and saying, 'blow the Word on it' while I was under anesthesia." The Word, prayer, and fasting brought Minister Brenda through victoriously.

Currently, Minister Brenda serves as the church administrator (Toledo), new members/discipleship coordinator, intercessory prayer team member, and women's ministry team member. Her passion is to pray for and witness to others about the love of God and to see discipleship be a part of every Christian's life.

Minister Brenda is looking forward to finishing her bachelor's degree at Vision Bible College and Seminary, with a focus on Family Life Ministry and Discipleship. "Family Life and Discipleship are my key areas of study, and I am writing two curriculums: Marriage and Discipleship. We are launching an independent ministry that strengthens churches in this area. Mike and I are a Kingdom couple who are excited about living in God's purposes for our lives. A year and a half ago we didn't know the journey and the road that God was taking us on."

Minister Brenda and Elder Mike Hailey, Sr. have been married for 31 years and reside in Toledo, Ohio. They have two children; Ebone' Joy Johnson and Michael Hailey Jr. They proudly have three grandchildren too.

by Sister Jacqueline Robinson



THANKFUL FOR:

I am thankful to God for saving me. I can't imagine life without Christ! I am grateful for my husband and the beautiful family he has given me.

JUST FOR FUN:

Road trips with my husband, play dates with my four-year-old granddaughter, walking, discovering Eagle's nest along the Lake Erie Coast, shopping and gardening.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

Learn to love others for who God made them to be. They are special, just like you.

**Favorite scripture "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."
Matthew 6:33 NIV**



Sending Prayers For Our Graduates: Seize the day and the Moment

"I'm glad from the inside out, ecstatic; I've pitched my tent in the land of hope." Acts 2:26 THE MESSAGE

Dear God in heaven we are particularly thankful for the years of study that you have afforded us. Thank you, God for charging us and making us achievers when we didn't see it in ourselves. Thank you, God as we go about the task of leadership today. For our tomorrow trainers Lord God, as our training continues forever and ever, and with you Lord God all things are possible. We seize the moment because of You in these things we pray. AMEN



by Dr. Thea Hines

GDC Grab and Go Community Lunch Program



The program began in March. The purpose of the "Grab and Go Lunch Program" is to provide the residents of the local community with a fresh lunch free of charge. "Grab and Go" has provided lunches to nearby senior citizens, large families, and the homeless. We also have the opportunity to pray for others; tell people about God and invite them to our dynamic church!

The program is run by 24 dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers that either pack and prep on Mondays or serve on Tuesdays from noon until 1:00 pm.

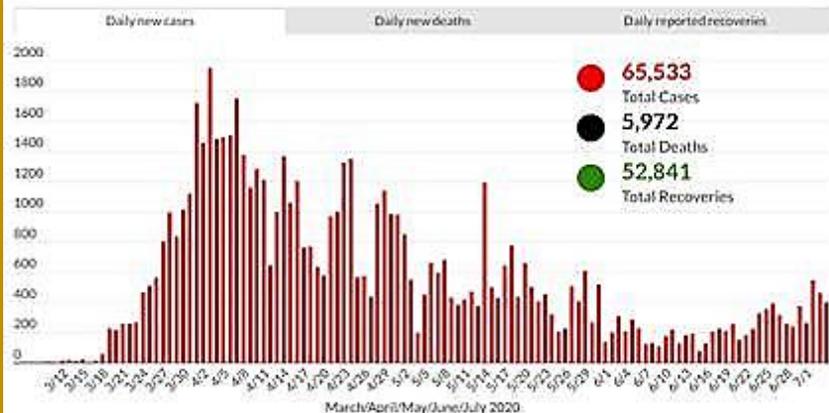
So far, we have given out over 760 free lunches! All the food and supplies have been donated by church members and friends. Without their generosity, this program could not thrive. Special thanks to all the members and friends for supporting our worthy outreach ministry!

Please contact Sister Dea Mason, (734) 578-5443 for additional information about contributing or participating.



Face Mask Wearing Guidelines: The COVID Care Ministry continues to require all attendees to wear face masks, even if fully vaccinated, until 70% of membership is fully vaccinated. Please notify Minister Deidre Bess of your vaccination status so she can accurately monitor our progress. COVID screening questions at building entrances and Social Distancing seating in the main sanctuary will be maintained in addition to liberal hand sanitizing.

Michigan COVID-19 data





Larry & Royce
Mack

Worship & Picnic @ Goudy Park

Annual Picnic

Sunday August 7, 2021

11am-3pm

Bouncy House, Food,
Music, Games, Giveaways



2021-2022

*Student Registration
&
Orientation*

August 21, 2021, Noon to 3 PM,
Michigan Campus

Graduations:

- Micaiah S. Mack – Washtenau Community College – Associates in Arts – Liberal Arts Transfer
- Minister Carl & Jacqueline Robinson's son, Seth St. Pierre, University of Michigan – Penny Stamps School of Arts & Design

Birthdays:

Carman McLaurin- 8/4, June Jackson- 8/4, Bonnie Thompson- 8/7, Carl Robinson- 8/7, Marcellus King- 8/11 (Age 13), Mark Batie Jr. - 8/16 (Age 12), Sammy Mallett- 8/13 (Toledo), Dean Thompson- 8/19 (Age 10), DarQuan Garth- 8/22 (Toledo), Blake Kersey- 8/30

Anniversaries:

Ron & Deaconess Teri Williams- 8/5 (38 Years),
Carl & Melanie Kersey- 8/11 (31 Years)

