



PRAYER

- ✓ Sis. Niecy Baldwin and Veronica Lewis' cousin, Melvin Williams passed.
- ✓ Sis. Geneva Bost
- ✓ Sis. Jerri Badger, Sis. Judy Thomas and Pastor Childs' cousin, Bobby McCloud, passed. Also, their brother-in-law, and father of Hymon Bradshaw and Tiasha Johnson, Hymon Bradshaw, Sr., passed
- ✓ Rebecca Martin's father, James Bernard Martin, passed. The Service is at Golden Gate Funeral Home. The Visitation is October 30th at 2:30 p.m., and the Service is October 31st at 11 a.m.
- ✓ Sis. Nina Hooker's brother, Henry Griffin passed. The Service is at Pitts Mortuary on November 2nd. The Visitation is from 10:00, and the Service is at 11:00 a.m.
- ✓ Sis. Virginia Moody's brother, Alvin Beamon Jr., passed. The Service is at Wisconsin Memorial Park on October 27th. The Visitation is from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and the Service is at Noon.
- ✓ Sis. Maridells Shaw's sister, Rosie Lee Lindsey, passed.
- ✓ Sis. Virginia Shaw's father, Ernest Shaw, passed.
- ✓ Bro. John Lewis' nephew, Marvin Kerr, passed.
- ✓ Sis. Freddie Delaney's grandson, Rashad, Passed
- ✓ Sis. Marquala Ellison's cousin, Dorinda Boston, passed
- ✓ Bro. Edward Berry's nephew, Marshall Augestine, passed
- ✓ Sis. Patina Lawson's cousin passed
- ✓ Family of Sis. Eva Ellis who passed
- ✓ Sis. Regina Rozier, and her friend, Truna
- ✓ Eloise (From Sis. Regina Lewis)
- ✓ Prima Triplette
- ✓ Sis. Arrila Eversley
- ✓ Sis. Judy Thomas, and Sis. Paula Baker
- ✓ Sister Nather Roby
- ✓ Bishop Lawrence Kirby
- ✓ Jones / Wright Families
- ✓ The Bible Study Prayer List
- ✓ Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church Family
- ✓ Families affected by the Hurricanes, storms, flood, and the fires out west
- ✓ Healthcare Workers / First Responders / Essential Workers / Those infected and affected by the Coronavirus
- ✓ Sis. Marilyn Byrd's cousin, Arriona Davis
- ✓ Sis. Pauline Cross
- ✓ Bro. Casey Perine, Chris Perine and their mother, Shirley
- ✓ Sis. Hale and Mother Loper
- ✓ Our children and their educational needs
- ✓ Brother John Reid's sister
- ✓ 6 year old Alonzo
- ✓ McCoy family
- ✓ Peace in our streets
- ✓ Sis. Ebone Jackson

CHURCH MEETING

Church meeting will be held on Saturday, November 7, at 1pm. In order to participate in the meeting you must register with your name, email address or phone number. Please call the church office. Only those who are registered will receive the Zoom link information. If you have questions, please call the office, to get the correct information.

OCTOBER MEMORY VERSE

¹⁹ They will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you. For I am with you," says the Lord, "to deliver you."
Jeremiah 1:19

OCTOBER MEDITATION QUOTE

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

"If you hear the dogs, keep going. If you see the torches in the woods, keep going. If there's shouting after you, keep going. Don't ever stop. Keep going. If you want a taste of freedom, keep going."

Harriet Tubman



HOW DO I VOTE? A PRAYERFUL, INTENTIONAL AND HOLISTIC CONSIDERATION

This year's election has been so politically charged that in some environments the determination of whether one is a democrat or republican is based upon whether one wears a mask or not. Further, it is quite interesting how religion has also made its way into the political fray and being used to determine if you believe in God or not.

As such, I am amazed at the number evangelicals who have placed their support behind the current president, Donald Trump. These are the same Evangelicals who would consider themselves to be God fearing, church going, Bible believing, Spirit led, born again Christians. Those who, in any other setting, would denounce lying, cheating, fornicating, cursing, immorality, greed, vulgarity, arrogance, factiousness and the like. To witness their lockstep, energetic and passion filled support of someone who fully embodies lying, cheating, fornicating, cursing, immorality, greed, vulgarity, arrogance, factiousness and the like is surprising.

Some have offered feeble excuses for their support of the president with statements like, "We are electing a president, not a pastor" and "He is our Commander in Chief not our Pastor in Chief." As these statements may be factual at their foundation, they are not practical in their practice. Should not the President of the United States be held to a high standard of ethics? Should not the President of the United States be a model for morality? Should not the President of the United States be considered an example to the nation of honor and integrity? Should not the President of the United States be someone that children and youth, Christian and not, look to and aspire to be like?

I cannot understand the motivations behind their thinking and actions when they can justify fully supporting a president who displays the most vile and the most debase actions and attitudes imaginable without offering one word of critique, while being the same ones who sharply criticized President Obama because he wore a tan suit. Do you understand it?

Notwithstanding all of this, there is a belief in some evangelical circles that God personally placed Donald Trump in the presidency. Therefore, if you support God, you must support Trump. Similarly, a vote against Trump is a vote against God. Yes, you heard that correctly. They actually believe that a vote against Trump is a vote against God.

Additionally, to sustain his messianic standing among Evangelicals, Trump, in his transactional milieu, has embraced the two-point, Conservative platform of anti-abortion and anti-homosexuality. Conservatives tend highlight and elevate these two sins as if they were the only sins that God dislikes.

Interestingly, this two-point, Conservative platform has even attracted some Black Evangelicals to the Trump train tragedy. A Black pastor, justifying his support for this two-point, Conservative platform and Conservative candidates shared with me, "I cannot vote for a man who would support abortion." Let us explore this position a bit deeper.

Conservatives generally tend to be Pro-Life. That is, they are against abortion and believe that all pregnancies should be continued to full term and the babies born into this world. Additionally, Conservatives generally tend to be against social policies that affect and influence the lives of children once they are born into this world. Consequently, they support life before the child is born, however, after the child is born, the child is on her own.

Progressives generally tend to be Pro-Choice. That is, they support abortion and a woman's right to choose if she will permit her pregnancy to continue to full term and have her baby born into this world. Additionally, Progressives generally tend to support social policies that affect and influence the lives of children once they are born into this world. Consequently, they do not support life before the child is born, however, after the child is born, they will support him.

Honestly, many of us do not fit neatly in neither the Conservative nor the Progressive camps. Many of us generally tend to be morally conservative and socially progressive. Therefore, we support life before the child is born and we support life after the child is born. My prayer is that we do not get caught up in the surface level, narrowly focused, guilt ridden views and instead, prayerfully, intentionally and holistically consider who is best to serve this country as president.

ELECTION WORKERS!

The City of Milwaukee Election Commission is looking for hardworking citizens that have a dedication to democracy and protecting voter rights to work at the polls.

Election Inspector

Election Inspectors play a vital role at voting sites. They work directly with voters and assist them in any of the following capacities:

- Check-in registered voters and provide the voters with a ballot and voter number.
- Register qualified individuals to vote who are new voters or have an address or name change.
- Handle the voting machine to verify ballots are accepted and give out "I Voted" stickers.

Election Inspectors are paid \$230 (hazard pay increase for 2020 Fall Elections) for a full-day shift and are required to attend one paid training class (\$21.75) or retraining (\$15.00). To receive training class payment, you are required to work on Election Day. Lunch and dinner breaks are allowed for full-day shift workers. A full-day shift is 6:00 a.m. to close of the voting site.

Chief Inspector

Chief Inspectors manage the voting site and ensure all operating procedures are followed. Chiefs are also responsible for completing Election Day documentation, reconciling voter numbers and ballots, and resolving voter concerns.

Chief Inspectors are paid \$325 (hazard pay increase for 2020 Fall Elections) and must work a full-day shift. An additional \$25 is included for attending the mandatory training class. To receive training class payment, Chiefs are required to work on Election Day for the full-day shift. A full-day shift is 6:00 a.m. to close of the voting site. Lunch and dinner breaks are allowed.

Bilingual Election Inspector

The Election Commission is in need of additional bilingual (fluent in English/Spanish or English/Hmong speaking) poll workers.

The experiences at the polls are highly rewarding, challenging, interesting and personally satisfying. Many of the City's Election Inspectors have worked in these positions for 15 to 40 years. We hope that you will consider contributing your time to strong elections in Milwaukee.

ABSENTEE VOTING

- ✓ **ABSENTEE VOTING:** <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/VoteAbsentee>
- ✓ **WHERE TO APPLY FOR ABSENTEE:** Online
- ✓ **DEADLINE TO REQUEST APPLICATION:** Oct. 29, 5 p.m.
- ✓ **EARLY INPERSON VOTING DATE:** Oct. 20 Received
- ✓ **MAIL BALLOT DEADLINE:** Nov. 3, 8 p.m

Test Up MKE

Test Up MKE is a new website launched to provide the latest COVID-19 information and testing access. This site provides easy access to information on the effects of the pandemic on groups disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 such as essential workers, immigrants and BIPOC communities. The website is available in English, Spanish, Hmong, Arabic and Burmese. It also has an accessibility feature for those with hearing, visual and other special needs.



BIBLE STUDY

- ✓ Facilitated by Pastor Childs --- Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
- ✓ Facilitated by Sis. Davis (for women) --- Monday at 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ Facilitated by Deacon Cocroft --- Tuesday at Noon

CALL-IN PRAYER

- ✓ Mondays at 5:45-6:00 p.m. /// Wednesdays at 5:45-6:00 p.m. and /// Saturdays at 10:15-10:30 a.m.

CHURCH SCHOOL

- ✓ Please check the website for the Church School Class Schedule

CENSUS

- ✓ If you have not done so already, please make sure that you complete your 2020 Census

BE SAFE, BE SMART, BE SERIOUS

I remain prayerful for your safety and security and remain available to you to listen and share regarding your needs and concerns. Please call me, text me (414-852-4010) and/or email me pilgrimrestpastorchilds@gmail.com so we can talk out and talk through anything and everything that you may be going through or need assistance

We love you, Pastor Martin and Sister Thresessa Childs