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“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.” *Psalm 1:3*



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The Thought of the Month: “Serving the Lord will Pay Off”

The Word of God exhorts us to serve God faithfully while we have the opportunity. What we do with our time on earth matters. Our service to God will be remembered and rewarded. The following verses of scripture give us some insight as to the value God places on our service to Him.

“For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the Saints and do minister.” **(Heb. 6:10).**

“His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.” **(Matt. 25:23).**

God is our witness, and our record is on high, Saints, let us continue to serve (with the fire and love of Jesus) in the good times and in the bad times. “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should

shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” **(Pet.2:9).**

Yes, serving the Lord will pay off. For further edification, read the following scriptures: **Malachi 3:14-18, I Thess. 4:16-17 and Rev. 22:1-21.**

Sis. Betty McNeal





Oh, what peace we often forfeit. Oh, what needless pains we bear, all because we do not carry, everything to God in

The Rivers of Water Church is a missionary church with a world vision.



*“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.”
Isaiah 41:10*

Special Prayer

- Pastor Robert Drake II
- and Family
- Missionaries at ROW
- Haiti Mission
- Pastor David Mugalú
- Uganda Mission
- Nigeria Mission
- Camille Carroll
- Sis. Rosie Drake
- Sis. Kimela Johnson
- Sis. Alice Sullivan
- Sis. Brenda Sumrall
- Bro. Terence Sumrall
- Sis. Annie Wells



*“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”
Heb 4:16*

Pray on Saints!

Word of Encouragement: “Be Strong and Courageous”

**“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”
Joshua 1:9**

The Bible speaks of an “accepted time”. Today is the day of salvation. In these last days we still have places to go,

people to see and work to do for the Lord (missions). Jesus loves people more than anything. The Bible instructs believers to, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.” (Prov. 3:5). We must remember we are not alone, He will go before us and He will never leave us.

In this world, we will face life’s disappointments, pain, suffering, failure and loneliness. Saints, let’s keep reading, believing and doing what the Word says. “These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33).
Sis. Tabitha Hines



Happy Birthday

- ◆ Arthur Parker 06
- ◆ Faye Davis 09
- ◆ Ericka Sandle 13
- ◆ Laura Sanchez 13
- ◆ Niesha Oliphant 14
- ◆ Gylesa Sanders 27
- ◆ Shauntey Smith 29

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

- Allen & Cheryl Harrison 16
- Todd & Hollie Robinson 27
- Kerry & Anjelica Carroll 29

Happy Anniversary

Note of Thanks

Is the giving of thanks a part of our daily lives? It should be. Yes, dear Saints of God. Our God commands us to give thanks. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;" **(Eph. 5:20)**.

The Free Dictionary defines thanks as "An expression of appreciation or gratitude or an acknowledgement of services or favors given. We must not forget that the Lord Jesus accomplished **everything** for us, He gave us salvation. He is worthy of our thanksgiving at this

time and for all times. "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." **(Phil. 4:6)**.

Sis. Barbara Goss

Youth Corner

Hello Saints, it is truly a blessing to write the Youth Corner article this month. As a Sunday School teacher, I see almost every Sunday how much our babies are retaining what they have learned in class (like sponges). I'm especially happy we are back to our regular Sunday School schedule so that they can learn the truth about WHO JESUS IS.

I'm truly grateful to be able to serve here at the Rivers of Water Church on various teams and to teach Sunday School to the next generation.

I want to encourage the youth to continue to be a light in this world, especially in these last days when other people our age need to hear the truth. Our lives are changing, and the world is changing around us, but we can al-

ways count on Jesus. He never fails.

I thank God for what He is doing in our fellowship and the revival He is sending. I pray that we, as the Body of Christ, will continue this journey together, doing God's Will and becoming stronger.

Sis. Avri Johnson

"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

I Thess. 5:16-18



"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Matthew 5:16



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“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

Colossians 3:15-17

