## Fifth Ward Missionary Baptist Church

Staying CONNECTED

## **January**

2022 HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Church Family,

As we begin the new year 2022, our goal is to provide opportunities for growth and encouragement. Though confronted with life challenges and difficulties, we have the assurance God will never forsake or leave us. Let us continually interlock our prayers, hearts and thoughts in faith knowing God hears and cares.

#### I Press

"My glory and the One who lifts up my head". Ps 3:3

#### WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU FEEL DOWN

When Elijah was at his lowest point, God told him these three important things:

(1) Spend more time with God. "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord" (1 Ki 19:1 1 NKJV). That was where God spoke to him in "a still small voice" (v. 12 NKJV). The word "still" teaches us that instead of always working for God, we need to spend time with Him. If you don't, you will run on empty, and get nowhere. When David was feeling down, he wrote: "Many are saying... 'God won't rescue him.' But, Lord, you are my shield, my wonderful God who gives me courage. I will pray to the Lord and he will answer me" (Ps 3:2-4 NCV). (2) Stop trying to do it all yourself. That's the fast route to depression. Leadership isn't just about getting the job done; it's about developing others and getting it done through them. Elijah wasn't alone. God told him, "I have reserved seven thousand in Israel...whose knees have not bowed to Baal" (1 Ki 19: 18 NKJV). Don't just operate—learn to cooperate! (3) Realize your assignment isn't over. God showed Elijah there were still kings to anoint, battles to win, and a successor to be prepared. Need a reason to get out of bed in the morning? God will give you one! When "down," He doesn't get mad at you. On the contrary, His Word says, "He will not break the bruised reed, nor quench the dimly burning flame. He will encourage the fainthearted, those tempted to despair" (Isa 42:3 TLB). That's the loving-kindness of God!



Each year the King Center in Atlanta, Georgia leads the way in a nationwide commemoration acknowledging the life and legacy of the well known Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. With January 17th quickly approaching, the Staying Connected staff is both excited and proud to announce and host our first virtual presentation.

This commemoration will be available for viewing on Facebook at 8:00am.

Guests for the occasion include:

Pastor Charles W. Radford,

Mayor Joe Pitts, NAACP President Jimmie Garland and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga, Candy Johnson.

Following the event, there will be a Virtual MLK march and musical presentations.

Please join us as we celebrate this memorable historical event.

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Deepak Chopra once said "the past is history; the future is a mystery and this moment is a gift. That is way this moment is called "the present".

Acceptance of "whatever" seems to be the mindset of today's society and seemingly being passed along to our youth and young adults.

Can we afford to be so nonchalant about the gifts given us by our Creator? Freedom, equality, the pursuit of happiness? Can we afford to stand fast in the belief that "what will be will be? As we pause on January 17th, let us remind ourselves and others, whether young or old, of the hard-fought and painful battles lost and won by those who dared to dream.





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#### **Bible Messages for You**

from the: New International Version

Bored? Tired of watching TV? Try opening your Bible on a daily basis to search, read and meditate upon the "WORD".

Below you will find Bible topics and related scriptures. Feel free to jot down your thoughts, notes or messages as you **STOP! DROP! AND READ!** 

#### **ASSURANCE**

Hebrews 14:1 Romans 8:38-39 John 10:27-29 Isaiah 54:10 2 Timothy 1:12

BELIEF John 3:16 Romans 10:9-10

BLESSINGS

Romans 10:12-13

James 1:17

Matthew 5:3

Matthew 25:40

Luke14:13-14



# FWMBC Our Weekly Studies, Programs and Outreach

Adopt-A Child:
Young Adult
Ministry/ Church Sponsorship
(Donations are welcome throughout the month via Givelify)

<u>Tithes & Offerings Drive-by</u> (1st & 3rd Sundays) (11:00 am-12:30)

Young Adult Zoom
Bible Study
(1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:45pm)

Women's Ministry (Monthly, 2nd Monday, 6:00-6:30pm) Via Zoom Bible Study Wednesdays-6:30pm (Facebook.com)

Join Us In Prayer Mondays, 7:30 am Wednesdays, 6pm Dial: 1 978 990-5000 Access Code: 666114#

Youth Dept. Zoom
Bible Study
(Wednesdays 7:15pm)

Men's Ministry
Monthly, 3rd
Saturday,
10:00-11:00am
Dial: 1 701 799 9709



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