



# The City Temple Times

## *Spared by a* **DENIAL**

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During a youth workshop I instructed with Mrs. Stacey Johnson, we led a discussion with our young attendees on spiritual growth and the power of prayer. We discussed how it can seem that God is ignoring our prayers or our conditions; which can often leave us feeling that He does not love or care about us at all. I shared with the group how, as a teen, I felt awkward and lonely. Many of my friends and classmates were dating and the guys I liked never showed me any interest. I would pray and pray for God to change their minds. When it didn't happen, I felt betrayed by God and let down by His promises.

However, as a young adult, when I look back over that time, I can clearly see how God expressed His love for me. Many of those young men I went to school with are either drug dealers (or users), have criminal records, and/or multiple children by multiple women. As fragile and naïve as I was in my youth, my life could have ended up drastically different—and even tragic—had God allowed me to have my way.

Maturity, experience, and my developing a relationship with God have taught me to be grateful for the denial of things I once desired. Thank God, that in His omnis-

cience, He can see not only the beginning, but the end as well. He does not have to guess the outcome; and like a loving parent, He tries to shield us from as much unnecessary trauma and pain as He can.

My message to all youth is do not discount your relationship with God or His loyalty to you when it seems you have received a denial. The Master has a "Master Plan" for you and your life; and as your Father, it is His obligation to take care of and protect you. Do not fret over the lack of attention you may receive from boys or girls. To all graduating students, don't lose faith in yourself or God if you didn't get accepted in the school you pursued. Don't lose any sleep over having been turned down for what seemed like a dream job. Trust God, and believe Paul when he said, "All things work together for good to those who love God." Work on being the best you that you can be and gain confidence from knowing you put forth your best effort.

Have there been recent denials in your life that caused you to be upset or disappointed in God? If so, can you remember any other times in your life that you wanted something only to find yourself spared by a denial?

# ministries in motion

## upcoming events

### 2011 CHURCH-WIDE INSTITUTE

Our very own first lady, Min. Patricia Yeargin will facilitate this year's Church-wide Institute. The theme is: "Listening Hearts – Spiritual Discernment." The objectives are to understand what spiritual discernment means; to understand that every person has a calling from God; to equip persons with the ability to discern God's calling upon their lives; and to understand the importance of the faith community in discerning God's call. The institute will be held on two separate dates – June 4 and June 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on each day. Lunch will be provided.

### FREE GED PREP CLASSES

The W.W. Payne Outreach Center in partnership with Baltimore City Community College is sponsoring free GED preparation classes. Morning classes will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Evening classes will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All classes will be held in the W.W. Payne Center located on 317 Dolphin Street. Initial meetings for the evening and morning classes will be held on July 5 at 5:30 p.m. and July 6 at 9 a.m. respectively. Please contact Pat Payne at (410) 292-7864 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mon. – Fri. for more information.

### DRUMS TALKING

The Black History and Culture Committee presents Drums Talking: A Musical Journey with percussionist Dexter Dixon featuring Majenta Thomas and Brian G. Taltoan. Join us on Sunday, June 12 at 4 p.m. for

this musical delight! A freewill offering will be collected.

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be held on Sunday, July 10 this year. All graduates who wish to participate should submit the tear-off in the bulletin to Min. Michelle Hamiel or Min. Pat Yeargin along with a photo by Sunday, June 12. Congratulations, graduates! Your City Temple family is proud of you!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will begin on July 11 – 16 from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. nightly. A light meal will be served each evening. Devotions will begin at 6:30 pm. Members wanting to serve in any capacity should fill out the tear off in the Sunday bulletin and return it to any Christian Education Ministry member.

### ARTSCAPE TO ORGANSCAPE 2011

ArtScape to OrganScape 2011 will be held at The City Temple of Baltimore (Baptist) Church on July 16 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. This year, featured organists from the Mt. Royal-Bolton Hill Community will be performing on our very own historic William W. Payne "Memorial" 144 rank pipe organ. So come support this event sponsored by the Perpetual Organ Sub-committee of the Culture and Fine Arts Ministry. You will find yourself blessed and happy that you did!

### 2011 CHURCH-WIDE OUTING

The 2011 Church-wide Outing is scheduled for Sunday, July 17 at Druid Hill Park from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. This annual event is not one you'll want to miss!

There will be games and activities for all ages to enjoy, along with great food, dancing, and much more! Come on out sporting your best "City Temple" gear and have yourself a great time!

### MARKET DAY

If you enjoy good, healthy, great tasting food at great prices, then Market Day is just for you! Remember to place your orders each month and enjoy the benefits of Market Day while providing a great service to the church through this fundraising event!

### SINGERS WANTED

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing (Psalm 100:2). The Temple Choir is recruiting new voices. We trace our origin to the Upper Room and specialize in singing anthems, hymns, and spirituals. The Temple Choir sings on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Rehearsals are held on the preceding Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and lasts about an hour and a half. No experience is necessary to join, and men and women are welcome. If you like to sign traditional church music and have the desire to be a part of the music ministry, please join. For more information, please contact Karen McCoy, Group Leader, at (410) 788-1082, Veida Harris, Co-Group Leader, or Dr. Kenneth Dean, Minister of Music.



# kid's fun page

games, puzzles & trivia

## Fruit of the Spirit / Noah's Ark

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FAITH

LOVE

GENTLENESS

MEEKNESS

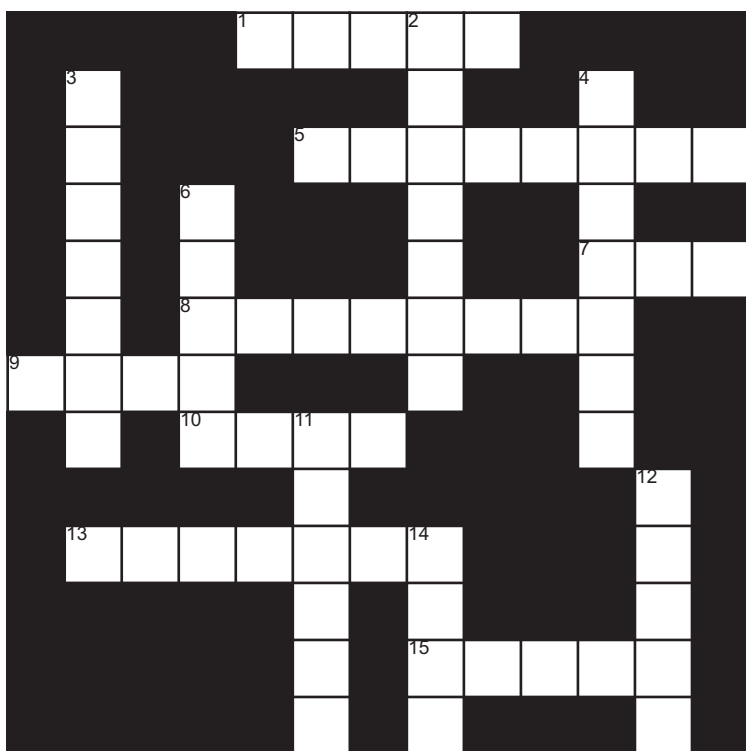
GOODNESS

PEACE

JOY

TEMPERANCE

LONGSUFFERING



### ACROSS

- 1 Noah found \_\_\_ in the eyes of the Lord. (Gen 6:8)
- 5 God made a \_\_\_ with Noah after the flood (Gen. 9:9)
- 7 Second son of Noah (Gen. 7:13)
- 8 God caused the flood because the earth was filled with \_\_\_ (Gen. 6:13)
- 9 The last bird Noah sent out to search for dry land (Gen. 8:10)
- 10 God asked \_\_\_ to build an ark (Gen. 6:14)
- 13 Noah brought all the \_\_\_ into the ark two by two (Gen. 6:20)
- 15 How many people were board the ark? (Gen. 7:13)

### DOWN

- 2 The waters \_\_\_ all the mountains in the world (Gen. 7:20)
- 3 God put a \_\_\_ in the clouds as a sign of no more floods (Gen. 9:13)
- 4 Third son of Noah (Gen. 7:13)
- 6 The first bird Noah sent out to search for dry land
- 11 The ark came to rest on the mountains of \_\_\_ (Gen. 8:4)
- 12 How many days did it rain during the flood? (Gen. 7:17)
- 14 First son of Noah (Gen. 7:13)

Fruit of the Spirit

G E N T L E N E S S N L E  
 L O N G S U F F E R I N G  
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 T E M P E R A N C E S S G  
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Noah's Ark

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**June**

- Curley Brown
- Gladys Smith
- Hazel Cullings Johnson
- Lawrence A. Williams
- Monifa Brooks
- Tara Stevens
- Kim Pettigrew
- Lauretta Fallin
- Tyrek Robinson
- Dylan Anderson
- Marguerite Ford-Lacy
- Shanay Wallace
- Patricia Yeargin
- Vera Lovick

**July**

- Donna Cooper
- Geraldine P. White
- Gloria Jean Baylor-Cook
- Gloria Carroll
- Gloria House Catlett
- Phyllis Hall
- Jermari Young
- Bessie Mae Gray
- Brenda McDougal
- Anajahsia Handy
- Mary Leach
- Rodney Thompson

- Dorothy Lawson
- Norma Young

**August**

- April Jones
- Bobbie J. Hargrove
- Davina Morton
- Deborah Anderson
- Geraldine Davis
- Gregory E. Reed
- Hallie Tucker
- Marian Brown
- Maxine Anne Boyd
- Nadena W. Holden
- Rebecca Pettaway
- Samuel Rather
- Vanessa Coates
- Vonda Reed
- William E. Stewart
- Joyce Campbell
- Lennard Jackson
- Shirley Hughes
- Claude Spivey
- Chianti Jackson Harpool
- Oradale Knight
- Tracie Carter
- Regina Stevenson
- Tracey Cheeks
- Annette D. Hart
- Bernadette Edwards

**PUBLICATION DEADLINES**

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