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TEACHERS NEWSLETTER



Teacher Calendar For 2010

Saturday, January 23, 2010

Teacher's Workshop
9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Teacher's Meeting
9:00 am to 11 am

Saturday, May 15, 2010

Teacher's Workshop
9 am to 12 noon

Saturday, July 17, 2010

Teacher's Meeting
9 am to 11 am

Saturday, September 18, 2010

Teacher's Workshop
9 am to 12 noon

Saturday, November 16, 2010

Teacher's Meeting
9 am to 11 am

Always Abound!

Do you get tired?
Discouraged? Bummed out?
Of course. All of us do
sometimes. Here's a scripture
that you may meditate on
when you feel overworked and
underappreciated:

*"Therefore, my beloved
brethren, be ye steadfast,
unmovable, always abounding
in the work of the Lord,
forasmuch as ye know that
your labor is not in vain in the
Lord. -- 1 Corinthians 15:58
(KJV)"*

Dear Fellow Christians,

First I commend you for your dedication as teachers during the past year and for your endurance and long suffering during the transition period from Madison Park and moving into the new building. For all those who were able to teach and attend Bible classes, Sunday worship services, we made tremendous impact on the different classes and programs and it was all because of your efforts. Kudos to everyone!

While we maintained the continuity of our educational program in 2009, I've observed some habits emerging that must be broken, such as extreme tardiness, flagrant absenteeism, and for some, inconsistent attendance in Bible classes and worship services. There are many excuses to justify behaviors but now is the time to make our service in God's Kingdom a priority. In 2010 let us recommit to our profession as teachers. (Phil.3:12-14).

In our teachings for 2010, we need to adopt Southside's Motto: Experience a LIFE Designed by God.

Love: Love is the very nature of God (1 Jn. 4:8;16). It is referred to as the greatest of the Christian virtues (1 Cor. 13:13). *To make our dedication to our vocation complete, we must love the Word, love our students, and make the necessary sacrifices to fulfill our duties because love is expressed by the services that we render towards fellow men.*

Inheritance: Through the redemptive work of Christ, we became sons and daughters of God by adoption and fellow heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:17; Gal. 4:7). As a guarantee of this "eternal inheritance" (Heb. 9:15), Christ has given to us the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:14). This inheritance is the Kingdom of God with all its blessings (Matt. 25:34; 1 Cor. 6:9; Gal. 5:21). *We must teach the power and gift of a Christian's inheritance to our students.*

Forgiveness: Christ teaches that forgiveness is a duty and no limit should be set to the extent of forgiveness (Luke 17:4). An unforgiving spirit is a sin (Matt. 18:34; 35; (Luk. 15:28-30). *We must forgive because it helps the work of the ministry by removing the impediments that sap our energy to do God's work.*

Encouragement: Teachers must involve themselves in the ministry of other teachers with encouragement, (Acts 14:22). *Close associations with fellow workers gives us strength.*

We must move forward and not retreat.

In Christian Love, Brother Olabamiji Idowu Sr.

Diversity in the Church

"God must love variety. Even plants of the same species are different--some tall, some leafy, others with a profusion of flowers. He is not the God of an assembly line creation, but One who loves and appreciates the differences."

"God loves variety. All His plants are different. That's the way He likes it. God made us this way and loves us for our uniqueness. He created our uniqueness for His own purposes."

"We are God's garden, the planting of the Lord. Singly we are unique flowers, together a garden."

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson



How Can I Be A Better Bible School Teacher?

Every Bible school teacher must be a Christian and not just a church member (1 Tim 4:12, II Tim 2:2)

If one does not know the way, that person is unprepared to teach others. If one knows and will not walk in the way, that person is unworthy to lead (Rom 6:4, II Cor 5:17).

Teaching God's word is more important than any other profession. What happens if we do not teach truth? (John 8:32).

Good teachers do not ask what does that verse mean to you, *but what is God saying to you?* (1 Cor 2:1-5).

A Christian teacher is well prepared when entering the classroom. Appropriate study, meditation, prayer, lesson plans, visual aids, and other preparations have been made.

A standard for myself as a teacher should be as follows:

1. Regular attendance at worship and bible classes.
2. Be on time (10 minutes before class time).
3. Preparation at least two hours per week.
4. Active spiritual life (prayer, devotionals, and fellowship gatherings).
5. Professional growth by attending teacher's meetings, workshops, seminars, reading books on teaching and attending workshops.
6. Know your pupils—visit in the home.
7. Improve student attendance.
8. Help pupils in worship—reverence and good examples.
9. Encourage class participation.
10. Encourage students to participate in Christian service.
11. Influence the lives of pupils.
12. Set standards for your own life, be consistent with scriptures and strive to meet them.

PRIORITIES

"I don't have time." Well, that's not quite true. We have 24 hours every day, and we pretty much have a free reign on how we make use of our time. It's a matter of how we spend our time., and everybody does make that choice; by the end of the day, you have decided how to spend 24 hours. How do you make that choice? What priorities do you choose?



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shop this Saturday, **January 23, 2010**
starting at 9 am sharp!

