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TEACHERS NEWSLETTER



Teacher Calendar For 2011

Saturday, January 15, 2011

Teacher's Meeting
9:00 am to 11:00 am

Saturday, March 19, 2011

Teacher's Workshop
9:00 am to 12 noon

Saturday, May 21, 2011

Teacher's Meeting
9:00 am to 11:00 am

Saturday, July 16, 2011

Teacher's Workshop
9:00 am to 12 noon

Saturday, September 17, 2011

Teacher's Meeting
9:00 am to 11:00 am

Saturday, November 19, 2011

Teacher's Workshop
9:00 am to 12 noon

Attendance Sheets

I have a new system on the computer that calculates the attendance month by month so I will be handing out and picking up attendance sheets monthly. Please work with me to make sure attendance is taken every week and turned in to me at the end of the month.

In Christian Love,
Tresvan O'Neal

Thank You Very Much For All That You Do!!

Dear Fellow Christians,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. On behalf of the Education Department at Southside, I want to wish you and your loved ones a Happy New Year and that abundance of blessings will come your way from our Father who is able to do more and above what we ask of Him! Eph.3:20

We commend your efforts for making the teaching program the best it has always been. Your heartfelt commitment to serving others, your ingenuity, your caring for our students have definitely shown in the progress we have made thus far. We want to let you know that what you do, matters!

In 2011, we encourage continued dedication to strive for high classroom standards and excellence in teaching and that we continue to focus on attracting more people than ever into our classrooms and worship services. As such, your input in all areas of curricula are encouraged and welcomed. We want you to influence the channels through our challenges in a positive way. Thank you for all that you do!

Finally, our first teacher's meeting for the year is scheduled for Saturday, January 15, 2011, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. At the meeting there will be discussions pertaining to our curricula in order to make our operations more efficient and your input and ideas are needed to help propel us forward and beyond. We will also discuss classroom staffing, review schedules for Sunday School and Children's Bible Hour. There's a lot to discuss so we encourage all teachers to attend.

In Christian Love, Brother Olabamiji M. Idowu

Life is a Balancing Act

Do you often feel like a tightrope walker trying to keep your balance in today's fast-paced world? Daily, do you spend quality time with the Lord in prayer, meditation and study? Balance requires making choices and having the willingness to change what isn't working. Balance helps us to be more productive for the Lord.

Rate Your Routine

- You use at least 20 minutes every day to unwind.
- You are in control of your to-do list, not the other way around.
- You are organized with realistic and attainable goals.
- You exercise at least 30 minutes most days and have a physically active lifestyle.
- You sleep 7-8 hours per night and rarely have trouble sleeping.
- You avoid bringing work home.
- You take time for healthy home cooked meals and snacks.
- You do something each week that you especially enjoy.



Food For Thought

In Paul's First Letter to Timothy, he gave him quite a list of subjects to teach, including: exposure of false doctrines, myths and genealogies; law; sound doctrine; the glorious Gospel; mercy; truth; dedication; prayer; harmony; women's dress and appearance; marriage and dietary practices; qualifications for leaders; conduct; relationships with fellow Christians; treatment of widows; ways to select elders; contentment; righteousness; faith; love; endurance; hope in God; and doing good. In looking over this exhaustive list, Paul was concerned with communicating doctrine, mercy, commitment, conduct, truths, plus a whole new way of life. As teachers we should strive to instruct in a way that touches the entire person; to shape beliefs, attitudes, values, and behavior that are according to God's will.

Get Creative! - Ideas from Noris Daniel presentation 11-13-10

- Ask open-ended questions
- Conduct case studies
- Make small group assignments
- Show clips, documentaries that impact church today
- Have students share what they've learned today
- Have students find scriptures to support their understanding
- Bring resource books and different translations of the Bible
- Listen, Pray, Act!

Enthusiastic Teachers!

As we rejoice in the Lord and seek not to quench the Spirit we will be enthusiastic! There are three types of people in the world, energy-givers, energy-wasters, and energy-takers. God not only loves cheerful "givers" of our finances—but also our energy.

Energy-Giver

- Helps others
- Says kind words
- Smiles
- Shares with others
- Stands for what is right
- Tells the truth, even when difficult

Enthusiasm is being an "Energy-Giver" in every area of life.

Everyone loves and respects an energy-giver. These are the people who never need to be reminded of their work. They volunteer to do tasks others would resist. Energy givers maintain a good attitude while they work. A giver of energy gives energy. Energy-takers and energy-wasters, on the other hand, are the ones who float through life without contributing much to anyone's goals but their own.

Ask daily, "Am I giving or taking energy?"

Excerpts from the Teacher's Workshop 11-13-10 presentation on "Enthusiasm" by Sister Marta Idowu

I Want To Be Like You—By Joanna Fuchs

Thank you, teacher,
for being my life's role model.
When I consider all you've taught me
and reflect on the kind of person you are,
I want to be like you—
smart, interesting and engaging,
positive, confident, yet unpretentious.
I want to be like you—
well-informed and easy to understand,
thinking with your heart as well as your head,
gently nudging us to do our best,
with sensitivity and insight.
I want to be like you—
giving your time, energy and talent
to ensure the brightest possible future
for each of us.
Thank you, teacher
For giving me a goal to shoot for:
I want to be like you!



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Don't forget to attend the teachers meeting this Saturday, January 15, 2011 starting at 9 am sharp!

