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## Speak Up!

God, the creator of all things,  
 sent His son, Jesus Christ, to die  
 in our place for our sins because  
 He loved us more than anything  
 else. He did this so that we  
 could have everlasting life with  
 him, if we believe and accept  
 Jesus Christ as our Lord and  
 savior. If you are a Christian  
 and you believe that, then that  
 means that it's your job to tell  
 others that same message. It's  
 called the great commission (Mt  
 28:16-20). Standing up for Jesus  
 means that you have to defend,

explain, and reason with "all nations," and *apolo-*  
*getics* is the theological discipline that defends the  
 truth of this Christian message.

Don't get scared, this isn't a seminary master the-  
 sis about all aspects of apologetics, rather an ex-  
 planation of why you need to know what it is and  
 how it's your responsibility to be a Christian  
 apologist. In the New Testament the word *apolo-*  
*gia* usually referred to an individual's defense of  
 their conduct, which was sometimes against legal  
 charges (see Acts 22:1, 24:10). However in Acts  
 Paul defends himself by defending his message, in  
 Philippians 1:16-17 the original Greek text *apolo-*  
*gia* specifically refers to the gospel. See, even then  
 there was a need for Christians to put up a defense.  
 1 Peter 3:15 says "...Sanctify the Lord God in your  
 hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to  
 every man that asketh you a reason of the hope  
 that is in you..." The world is full of people who  
 don't know Jesus, so when you witness to them,  
 this scripture says that you need to have something  
 to say when they ask you questions. Remember  
 that sometimes people will genuinely have ques-  
 tions about your faith, and some will ask you ques-

## TAKE A STAND!



tions just to try and trip you up.  
 Use discernment, and ask the Lord  
 to give you the words to say when  
 it's time to preach the Gospel.

There are several different  
 "arguments" that can be used in  
 different ways. The Cosmological  
 Argument says that anything that  
 exists has to have had a cause, and  
 since the universe exists it had to  
 have what is referred to as a "first  
 cause," since the big bang theory  
 does not address the origin of the  
 initial condition of the universe  
 (void) - it is not a sufficient argu-

ment for the creation of the universe. Theoretical  
 arguments like this one force you to confront some  
 basic truths that we take for granted every day, and  
 help show you that all of God's creations point  
 back to Him.

I think that the Prophetic Argument is probably  
 the most compelling because only God knows the  
 future, and every prophecy written in the Bible has  
 either come to pass or will do so in the future. The  
 prophecies about Jesus are hard to ignore even by  
 the most hard-nosed skeptic; relating to his ances-  
 tral line, birthplace, virgin birth, miracles, manner  
 of death, and resurrection. Even the timing of the  
 Messiah in years and in relation to events is pre-  
 dicted! There are a lot of other areas like moral  
 apologetics, which was well illustrated by Jona-  
 than Edwards' famous sermon "Sinners in the  
 Hands of an Angry God" (Google that if you have  
 never heard of it). There are also Doctrinal Apolo-  
 getics, which defend doctrines like the trinity, Phi-  
 losophical Apologetics, and Biblical Apologetics,  
 which defend the historicity and inerrancy of the  
 Bible.

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*“America is hurting and we’ve got the medicine, the prescription, line upon line, precept upon precept.”*

## The Spotlight

### Sr. Pastor Lincoln Corbin

What kind of Word will you offer in times of storm?

Too often we as believers do anything but believe God at his Word! Many of us offer half-hearted prayers and listless praise and worship in His presence. Our motivation has been in our finances and jobs. Our hope has been in President Obama and our quickening has been in a stimulus package.

We have forsaken the Word of the Lord and have prescribed to every word that has come from CNN, FOX NEWS, and HEADLINE NEWS.

Doom and gloom spoken from our local news anchors and negative saints has prophesied deep into our inner thoughts until we are afraid to come to church much let alone give in the house of God.

Boy, I thought you knew this is a walk of Faith!

We walk by faith, fight by faith, speak by faith, hear by faith, see by faith and yes, live by faith.

Oh, we of little faith. Jesus slept during the storm!

We stand by the water cooler at work and agree with the way those who have no faith or Godly hope depict our future and our destiny. Instead of standing by, it’s time to cross on over to the other shore.

If the world ever needed a word, it’s now— a word of salvation, healing, and deliverance. If we don’t speak it, who will?

A word of hope, not a despairing or despondent word, or a desperate word, I said a Word of hope. A Godly word that will cause folks to live and not die.

I know this is a newsletter column and I should be speaking voluminous words of rapturous delight and soothing tones and here I’m preaching, just messing

up your coffee break, I know, I know, but someone has got to say it.

Wake up! It is what we have died and been born again for. Ministry! It is off and jumping. America is hurting and we’ve got the medicine, the prescription, line upon line, precept upon precept.

Your neighbor is hurting, your co worker is hurting, your family is hurting, and your church is hurting. Stand up and deliver!

Now is not the time to draw back. God says he gets no pleasure in that. This is not the time to stop seeking God or delaying in giving your time, talent, treasures or tithing to the kingdom of God.

Now I ask you again, what kind of Word do you have in times of storm?

-Sr. Pastor Lincoln Corbin

## A Word From the Editor

Cesar Sjogren

**We want to hear from YOU! Let your voice be heard and respond to this question at [thelightpost.mlc@gmail.com](mailto:thelightpost.mlc@gmail.com) !!**

**“Do you feel comforted by the new stimulus package that has just passed?”**

**Please send your responses in by March 28th, don’t forget to include your city and state.**

## News & Tidbits...

Daylight Saving Time is March 8th, so don't forget to set your clock ahead.

Co-Pastor Leasa will be celebrating her 46th birthday on the 21st. Praise the Lord!!

Marvelous Light is coming to the final weeks leading up to our big move! A special basket has been set up for anyone who would like to give towards the financing of the move. We are looking for God to move in a mighty way! Our goal is \$10,000 by March 27th.

This month we are starting a "Ask the Readers" section for you the reader to speak up and be heard. Please write us at:

**thelightpost.mlc@gmail.com.**

Don't forget to visit our website at **www.mlcmedia.wordpress.com.**

You don't have to worry about missing what was preached during Sunday's service; because you can take home the message with you! The Marvelous Light Church CD ministry has all the messages for sale. This is a great way to keep the word fresh in your memory & it also makes great gifts for friends & loved ones! Remember, faith comes by hearing

& hearing by the word of God! For more information and a list of messages ask for Sis. Cheyenne Nixon.

Congratulations to Sis. Quenise Beckford on her new home. May God continue to bless you.

The Marriage Ministry had started a new and powerful series called Fireproof. Come out on March 20th and hear exciting ways to fireproof your marriage. All married and engaged couples are welcome.

## Christian News Around The World

### James Dobson Resigns

Conservative evangelical leader James Dobson has resigned as chairman of Focus on the Family but will continue to play a prominent role at the organization he founded more than three decades ago, The Associated Press has learned. Dobson notified the board of his decision Wednesday, and the 950 employees of the Colorado Springs, Colo.-based ministry were informed Friday morning at a monthly worship service, said Jim Daly, the group's president and chief executive officer. Dobson, 72, will continue to host Focus on the Family's flagship radio program, write a monthly newsletter and speak out on moral issues, Daly said.

Dobson's resignation as board chairman "lessens his administrative burden" and is the latest step in a succession plan, the group said. Dobson began relinquishing control six years ago by stepping down as president and CEO. "One of the common errors of founder-presidents is to hold to the reins of leadership too long, thereby preventing the next generation from being prepared for executive authority," Dobson said in a statement. "... Though letting go is difficult after three decades of intensive labor, it is the wise thing to do."

While Focus on the Family emphasizes that it devotes most of its resources to offering parenting and marriage advice, it is

best known for promoting conservative moral stands in politics. Dobson has a devoted following. His radio broadcast reaches an estimated 1.5 million U.S. listeners daily. [www.thedenverchannel.com](http://www.thedenverchannel.com)

### Story of King David Sets Base for New NBC Series

A modern-day retelling of the biblical story of King David will be premiering on NBC next month as a network television series.

"Kings," created by Michael Green ("Heroes," "Everwood"), centers on the drama surrounding David Shepherd, a young soldier in the war-torn country of Gilboa, who will rise to fame after inspiring the nation through his fearless rescue of the king's son. Amid Shepherd's thrust toward destiny and peace for the kingdom, however, the country's power players will go to great lengths to see him fall, blurring the line between his allies and enemies.

The series is expected to draw the religious and the non-religious – the latter because of epic style and dramatic feel, and the former because it is expected to stick closely to the Old Testament, which Green says provides enough material to shape at least several seasons. Show airs on Sunday, Mar. 15, at 8 p.m. ET. [www.christianpost.com](http://www.christianpost.com)

### Israel threatens painful response to Gaza rockets

Jerusalem's Prime Minister Ehud Olmert threatened a painful response to Palestinian rocket fire menacing southern Israel, suggesting Sunday that the blistering offensive against Gaza Strip militants fell short of its goals.

The prospect of heightened hostilities in Hamas-ruled Gaza cast a pall over a week of crucial diplomatic activity, including an international conference designed to drum up billions of dollars to rebuild the heavily damaged territory. With a new Israeli government to take office within weeks, however, it wasn't clear how sweeping the country's response to the rockets would be. More than 110 rockets and mortar shells have exploded in Israel in the six weeks since it ended its air and ground onslaught against Gaza, which was meant to end the rocket threat and stanch the flow of arms into Gaza. On Sunday, Olmert told Gaza's Islamic militant rulers to expect a severe response if the attacks don't stop. The rockets "will be answered with a painful, harsh, strong and uncompromising response from the security forces," Olmert said at the start of the weekly Cabinet meeting. There was no comment from Hamas or other Gaza militant groups.

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## Healthy Choices 101 by Brandie Wooding

The term healthy is synonymous with the words vigor, wholeness, good health, and well-being just to name a few. How many of us sit down and actually assess our level of health and wellness? Am I healthy? Do I receive adequate amounts of rest? Do I subscribe to an adequate diet? Am I as physically active as I should be? With the hustle and bustle of everyday life, it can be easy to not only forget these concepts, but to also very well neglect ourselves. One must realize that being healthy is a choice, and we have the power to make the right choice.

In terms of living a healthy lifestyle the first step is consuming the proper diet. Each person must be sure to eat the right balance of foods from each food group. Consuming foods from each one of the food groups will ensure that we receive the correct vitamins and minerals that we need. Our diet plays a major role in how we look and how we feel. Foods high in saturated fats can affect heart function, increase cholesterol levels, and cause

weight gain. Whereas consuming healthier alternatives such as fruits and vegetables promote adequate immune function. Eating proteins such as chicken and fish facilitate hair and nail growth. Consuming low fat dairy products strengthens bones and decreases the risk of fractures.

Secondly, physical activity is a must. It can be as simple as taking a walk, riding a bike, or taking the steps instead of the elevator. The benefits of regular exercise include decreasing the risk of hypertension, diabetes, osteoporosis, kidney failure, and other diseases. Exercise promotes muscle strength, releases certain endorphins that can make you feel better about yourself, and decreases body weight. A good rule of thumb for the average adult is to exercise at least three times a week for 20 minutes. Make the time you are worth it!

Thirdly, adequate amounts of rest are paramount to productivity. The average individual needs between 7-8 hours of rest per night. Slacking on your sleep can have negative affects on your mood and your

immune system. Those who do not receive adequate amounts of rest are more prone to become sick and find it harder to fight off certain illnesses. Rest stabilizes your mind, rejuvenates your cells, and increases the quality of your life. So hit snooze and relax.

Fourthly, soda is not an option. Though to some it is much more tantalizing to have a cold glass of root beer, water carries with it many more health benefits. Consuming 8-10 glasses of water per day actually filters toxins that tend to build up in the body. Unlike sugary soda and other caffeine filled beverages, water does not affect your blood sugar or increase your heart rate. Water also can do wonders for your skin. Adequate hydration assures a more youthful appearance and delays the process of aging.

So with this in mind, remember you have the power to make healthier choices because you are worth it.

-Deaconess Brandie Wooding

## Put the “ME” Back in Resume! by Atnre Alleyne

*“With a copycat objective statement what you are really saying is that you haven’t thought through what your career purpose is and thus your objective is to get ANY job as quickly as possible.”*

You are looking for a more suitable place of employment. You want to work somewhere that doesn’t just pay the bills--you want to advance your career. You are looking for a job that is tailor-made for you. Well you can start taking some positive steps in this direction by putting together a resume that is tailor-made for you.

Put the “me” back in your resume. Although I’m sure you love Microsoft office for the many resume templates that they provide, you need to consider whether or not these templates are best for you. Think about how many other people have access to Microsoft’s array of resume templates and then think about how easy it is for a Human Resources

manager to recognize a Microsoft-made resume when they see one. I’ve seen so many resumes with the same standard “objective” statement. With a copycat objective statement what you are really saying is that you haven’t thought through what your career purpose is and thus your objective is to get ANY job as quickly as possible.

Your resume should be designed in manner that will make you look interesting and appealing. Many people begin their resumes with an “Educational Background” without considering whether or not that is their strongest attribute. If you have professional experience but lack educational credentials, consider scrapping the educational section altogether. If you do choose to in-

clude it, put it closer to the end of the resume.

Your resume should be designed logically. If you’ve worked somewhere for three years and worked somewhere else for three months, it is likely not logical to devote the same amount of attention (number of words, space on the page) to both positions. Skilled resume reviewers will be able to read through the fluff that you have added to your three month work to make it comparable with your three year work. If something is first on your resume, you are saying that it is most important. If you are creating a bulleted list to describe your work at a company, make sure that your list is organized by order of importance. *Continued on pg. 7*



## Upcoming Events

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Tuesdays @ 7p.m** - Prayer and Bible Study

**2nd and 4th Saturdays @ 12p.m** - Men's Witnessing

**Friday March 6th @ 8p.m** – W.O.V.E.N women's ministry and Mighty Men of MLC ministry.

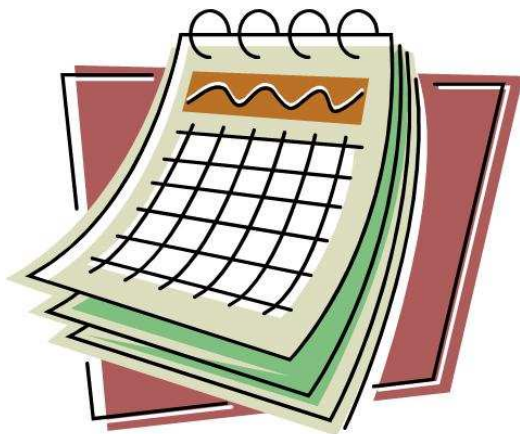
**Friday March 13th @ 8p.m**- Friday Night Service. The speaker will be Min. Drake Corbin.

**Friday March 20th @ 8p.m** - Marriage Ministry discussing Fire Proof Series.

**Saturday March 21st - PASTOR LEASA CORBIN'S BIRTHDAY!!!**

**Friday March 27th @ 8p.m** - Friday Night Service. The speaker will be Evang. Maxine Williams.

**Sunday March 29th @ 4 PM** - Fellowship at Gate to Heaven in Philadelphia. Pastor Leasa Corbin will be speaking.



## Cooking With the Sisters



### Kendra Hall & Shaniqua Leggett

*Cooking with the sisters is our monthly recipe column from the sisters at Marvelous Light made famous by their delicious dishes!*

### Slow Cooker Upside-Down Chicken Pot Pie



No, you don't have to turn your slow cooker upside down to enjoy this savory pot pie. Pop biscuits in the oven about 30 minutes before it's done, then serve the chicken mixture over the biscuits. Bottoms up!

Prep Time: 10 min

Total Time: 10 hours 25 min

Makes: 8 servings (3/4 cup each)

1 1/4 pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs  
1 tablespoon instant chopped onion  
1 dried bay leaf  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1 jar (18 oz) chicken gravy  
2 medium celery stalks, cut into 1/2-inch slices  
2 1/4 cups Original Bisquick® mix  
2/3 cup milk  
1 bag (12 oz) Green Giant® Valley Fresh Steamers™ frozen mixed vegetables

1. Place chicken in 3 1/2- to 4-quart slow cooker. Top with onion, bay leaf, pepper and gravy. Place celery on gravy.
2. Cover and cook on Low heat setting 8 to 10 hours.
3. About 30 minutes before serving, make and bake 8 biscuits using Bisquick mix and milk as directed on package.
4. Meanwhile, gently stir frozen vegetables into chicken mixture. Increase heat setting to High. Cover and cook 15 minutes. Remove bay leaf.
5. For each serving, split biscuit and place in soup bowl or tart pan. Spoon about 3/4 cup chicken mixture on top of biscuit.

## Now That's Funny !



**“The 1st value meal”**

## SUDOKU! (Difficulty: Easy)

### How to Play Sudoku

It's simple, and there is *no math involved!*  
 Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order, Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order,  
 Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9

		3			2	4		
7			5			2		1
	2			4				9
			8				2	
		9	6		3	1		
	1				5			
1				6			5	
6		7			8			4
		2	1			6		

## Light Bites

### Deacon Atnre Alleyne

It was extremely difficult to choose a sermon to discuss for this month's edition of the Light Post. There were just too many great sermons that were preached at Marvelous Light Church during the month of February to choose from. Let's start with Pastor Lincoln's "The Mission" sermon on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. "The Mission" reminded us that we will only bring God glory to the degree that we finish the work that He has given us. Pastor Lincoln stressed the importance of making disciples and challenged us to consider what we're actually doing to bring God glory. Then we had Pastor Leasa's "Handling the Promised Land Victories" on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. This sermon was Pastor Leasa's follow up to her earlier message on

*"Entering the Promised Land Lifestyle."* Here she

discussed how we should best conduct ourselves as God presents new opportunities to us.

After much deliberation, however, I decided that a review of Pastor Lincoln's recent sermon "We Need a Word from the Lord" was in order. Unless you have been hiding under a rock, you probably have been hearing a lot about economic distress, instability, insecurity, and tragedy. If you're not careful, it's likely that your outlook will be shaped by all of the distressing information that you have been hearing. Pastor's message encouraged us, however, to let our outlook be shaped by God's Word.

In Jeremiah 28, Jeremiah had a Word from God and was therefore not confused about what was go-

ing on in his environment. There were others (Hananiah) that spoke false prophecies that were designed to make people feel good about their situation. In times like these, we need neither feel good messages nor extreme pessimism. We need a Word from God that will allow us to make sense of what is going on around us. We need a Word that will allow us to be confident and hopeful about God's plan for our lives. We need a "worshipping Word" that will allow us to worship God at all times; a "healing Word" that will remind us that our healing does not center on the government's healthcare plan; and a "Word of triumph" to remind us that whatever challenges confront us, we will overcome.

-Deacon Atnre Alleyne



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## Resume cont.

Your resume should be designed honestly and honorably. You should never lie on your resume but you should also not include information that represents you poorly. If there were tasks that you performed at a place of employment (copying files; picking up, opening, and distributing mail; watering the company potted plants) that were so easy that a caveman can do them—leave them out of your resume. If there were other tasks that you performed that seemed boring and insignificant but

were the major part of your work-load; think about how those tasks fit the bigger picture within the company. Your role might have been just to do all of the tedious and mind-numbing work to enable others to do their job with no complications. Rather than listing all of your tasks, you could just write "provided administrative support."

Lastly, take time to think about some of the extra-curricular activities that you participate in and consider adding them to

your resume. Some of the activities that you do (play in a basketball league, for example) might tell your prospective employer that you have teamwork skills. Other activities might simply let your future employer know that you are an interesting and well-rounded person. In the end, you may be an extremely interesting person, but until you put the "me" back into your resume, it's likely that potential employers will never know.

-Deacon Atnre Alleyne

## Speak Up cont.

Most importantly, use the Bible to empower yourself. Read Malachi 3:8, and find out why the Bible says we should tithe. Read Corinthians 7:2, and 6:18 to see what God says about premarital sex and adultery. Read Hebrews 4:12 to see what God says about how powerful the

Word is. Read "The Case for Christ" by Lee Strobel for scientific, archeological, and medical evidence of the authenticity of the four gospels, and further proof of Jesus' death and resurrection. Apologetics not only open the eyes of unbelievers, they also encourage and strengthen the resolve

of the saints. Study God's Word, the more you do the more equipped you are to engage the world with His truth and take a stand for Jesus!

-Cesar Sjogren

## Look Up and Live

### Pastor Leasa Corbin



*“Just as we make plans for life there are many directions we can take but God gives us one accurate way for answers, and that is through Jesus Christ.”*

Do you like what you hear? Jesus is the answer.

One day as I was preparing for a math test the instructor informed me that there were many methods I could use to get the right answer. It really made me feel good to hear that. I took the quickest and best method to my entire mathematical situation. Similarly, as we make plans for life there are many directions we can take but God gives us one accurate way for answers. That way is through Jesus Christ.

What some people might do instead of going to God for answers is use other methods for the solutions. Jesus said in St. John 14:6 that “...I am the way, the truth, and the life.” No one comes to the Father except through him. The book of Psalms 1:1 says “*blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly...*” Some might feel that they don’t need any help at all, but Proverb 12:15 states, “*The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that listen unto counsel is wise.*” In the fifth chapter of Acts the disciples were accused of spreading the gospel in Jerusalem. They were asked ‘didn’t we command you not to teach in Jesus Christ name?’ They answered back ‘we would rather obey God than man,’ then explained

why and witnessed that Jesus Christ is the way. The Bible speaks of the angry opposition who were cut to the heart and infuriated with the answer. They sought counsel to kill the disciples. A wise person in the crowd named Gamaliel stood up and commanded they take heed not to harm the disciples and wait to see if the word stands true. When we consult the Lord in prayer and submit to His will the response may be no, yes, later, repent, or go in peace and trust me. Will you like what you hear? It will be the truth the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. God’s answer doesn’t contradict His Word. We may not like what we hear sometimes in a sermon, a God sent friend, or in prayer. Know that when our will is submissive to Jesus Christ’s way, the Holy Spirit strengthens us, enables us to obey and gives us peace. Jesus is the answer!

*-Pastor Leasa Corbin*

**Special thanks to Brandie Wooding for your special contribution this month! We also welcome Cheyenne Nixon to the Light Post as the new Comic Artist!**

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#### SERVICE TIMES

Prayer– 9 AM Sun & 7 PM Tues

Sunday School– 9:45 AM

Morning Service– 11:00

Tues Prayer & Bible Study– 7:00-9:30PM