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### The Importance of Mothers & Spiritual Mothers

When we think of a mother we tend to imagine someone who is nurturing, caring, compassionate, loving, and giving. For some we can recall our mother as the one who nurtured our wounds as children, and somehow made them all better. For most our mother was the one who nursed us back to health when we were sick. It was our mother who at times sat down and talked to us about life's lessons and things to come as we matured. Whatever the case mothers do come in many shapes, sizes, colors, and strengths.

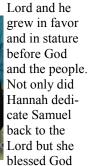
A spiritual mother is one who possesses all of the aforementioned characteristics and more. She knows her place in God, her marriage, her home, and even society. She is meek in nature but

full of power and bathed in wisdom. She possesses an air about her that causes her to strut not with arrogance but with confidence. She is not defined by what people think of her but by the ability that she possesses to influence all who are around her. She can discern her atmosphere and she knows how to pray not only for herself but those around her. Proverbs 31 talks explicitly about a virtuous woman, "for her price is far above rubies".

Sarai (Sarah) was a strong spiritual mother. She was the epitome of strength, beauty, and wisdom. When her husband Abraham lied about her identity, stating that she was his sister instead, she demonstrated obedience to her husband. She had insight into her husband's fear and she humbled herself before him. She knew who she was in spite of what Abraham called her. Later God changed her name and she became the mother of many nations.

It was her womb that birthed the promised heir. The Bible says in 1 Peter, "Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham calling him lord; whose daughters you are, as long as you de well, and are not afraid with any amazement."

Hannah was another who did not give up despite the fact that her womb was barren. She cried before the Lord while she refrained from eating (fasted) and God instantly spoke to her through the priest Eli. He blessed her womb and she gave birth to Samuel. Then she dedicated Samuel back to the





through worship.

The wisdom of Abigail prevented the death of her foolish husband Nabal. Her wisdom also calmed the rage of David who was determined to shed blood. She had vision and insight into who David was and where he was going. She had an anointing in her that was able to speak to David and get him lined back up with his destiny. Later he remembered this awesome woman and he married her.

Today as we look around it seems that the term spiritual mothers is something of the past. It takes wisdom to see that there are mothers among us. In our reach are women like Pastor Leasa Corbin who can teach us how to be good wives, loving mothers, virtuous women, and pioneers in ministry. She not only communicates this through her words, but

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### The Spotlight

#### Sr. Pastor Lincoln Corbin

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the eye as to what springs up in revelation.

means, fount of a calf and the other means, mighty flow of God's heavenly river which flows from the throne of Heaven and is made available for all mankind. Jesus stated if we would thirst after Him

then he would provide rivers of living water that would gush from us. This mighty river brings life to all it encounters, to every dry place and dead area. If we would allow the Word to flow from us not primarily for the tangible things but rather for the spiritual things, souls for Christ would abound.

Our churches, temples, tabernacles, and worship centers would benefit greatly from the flow of God's river. It is time to pray for the reviving waters of God to wash over us, our families and our houses of worship. It is time for a Holy manifestation of the washing of God's Word.

I challenge you as the prophet Ezekiel was challenged: Swim in the flow. Sr. Pastor Lincoln Corbin

#### A Thousand Cubits More

In Ezekiel 47:1-12 the Lord shows the prophet a mighty river of salvation flowing. It starts at the threshold of the door of the Holy Temple, and then passes by the altar before becoming ankle deep, a thousand cubits out.

As the angel of the Lord bids Ezekiel to follow the flow at one thousand cubit increments, it becomes increasing harder and harder to navigate the rising waters. First to the ankles, then to the knees, then to the loins and eventually it becomes a mighty fount of two calves. The word fount in the river that seems unreachable, unattainable Hebrew speaks of insight associated with and impossible to cross.

The angel causes the prophet to see fisher- This spiritual seeing leads from one pormen, not casting lines into the water but tion (En-gedi) to a double portion (En-

### A Word From the Editor

#### **Bro. Cesar Sjogren**



God bless you all, my dear readers! This is a great time of year for so many reasons. The weather is

finally taking a turn for the better and we can finally feel traces of the coming summer months ahead. Also, if you haven't read the front page yet, it is the month of Mothers Day as well! Personally for me it is a special Mothers day because it is the first one where my own wife is a mother herself. For all you new mothers out there it must be an awesome life cycle to bring

life into this world, years after you yourself were birthed. No matter what the circumstances were: married, divorced, baby daddy/mama drama- children are still a miracle from God Himself. My parents visited our house a few days ago and my mom pointed out that the chances for conception are incredibly stacked—the odds are definitely against those poor sperm cells, but God can do anything and work any miracle- and you are one yourself! So this month, take some time to remember your mother for putting up with your David-Beckham soccer kicks to the gut, the years of diaper changes before you gained control of your bladder, and the

gray hairs you may or may not have caused during teenage years (or in my case, from ages 0-18). Raising children is a labor of love, and by God it is a FULL TIME JOB! I want to give props to all the stay at home moms who take special care to raise their kids right (and the daddies that work to make sure its possible). I also want to say congratulations to the moms who give 110% at work and then come home and still make time for family. However you juggle your lives mothers-The Light Post salutes you, enjoy your day in the sun!

-Bro. Cesar Sjogren

### Spiritual Mothers cont.

through her experiences and her lifestyle. She can minister to us from the wisdom of someone who was single to someone who is married. We have the privilege to sit at her feet and learn from the challenges that she faced to the victories that God has awarded her with.

We can tap into the endurance of Mom Ida who can teach us everything from country cooking to shopping with wisdom. She can teach us how to raise children from the standpoint of being a single parent. After all her life's challenges she is still serving in the house of the Lord. We can glean from Mother Corbin who can talk to us about raising not only Godly children but successful children just like our very own Pastor Lincoln Corbin. Lastly, we

can sit and converse with Mother Grace who has been married more than half of her life. She has endured everything from setbacks to sickness.

The Bible says in Titus 2:3, "likewise the aged women. . . that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children. . . "So if the Bible mentions this one thing, then we know that there is much to be gained from these spiritual mothers. So this Mother's Day lets celebrate all of our mothers because they are women of virtue, women of strength, and women who are victorious.

-Deaconess Brandie Wooding

### Jesus, Accountant by A. Alleyne

thought that it would be interesting to see what Jesus can tell us about being good accountants. Whether or not we have a CPA behind our names—or a passion for number crunching—it's crucial that we maintain a good account of the many things that God has entrusted us with (money, family, leadership responsibilities, etc). Taking good inventory is a key element of good accounting. As you plan for your ministry or personal development it is necessary for you to review your inventory.

the popular prodigal son parable. I will give you the story in short form, but you definitely should read it when you get the chance— Luke 15:11-32. One of a man's two sons asks him to give him his inheritance in advance. The son then travels abroad and wastes all of his money. After almost starving to death, the son (now termed the prodigal or wasteful son) comes to his senses. He returns home ashamed, hoping for his father's mercy. To his amazement his father embraces him with love and celebrates his return. Now here's what this parable tells us in terms of accounting and inventory-taking.

**Know what you have:** If there was one thing the "prodigal son" did correctly it was that he knew what was his. He knew that there was money that his dad had saved and knew how to access it when he wanted it. We need to know what resources are avail-

In light of the recent tax filing deadline (April 15<sup>th</sup>) and the sea- able to us and how to access them if we desire to be successful in son where the population is in an accounting frenzy, I thought our endeavors. A lot of this awareness and knowledge is a prodthat this piece on accounting and inventory would be timely. In uct of good research but it is also the result of good organization. Laurie Beth Jones' book, Jesus, CEO, Jones looks to Jesus' min- I am a Microsoft Excel maniac so I suggest you create Excel istry for key lessons for visionary leadership. In that same spirit, I spreadsheets to organize your inventory. However, it is best to

find whatever system of organization that works best for you.

Know the worth of what you have: Like the prodigal son, if you know what you have and do not know what it is worth, you will likely waste it. You can waste it proactivelydeplete it completely or misuse it—or you can waste it passively by not using it at all. I'll laugh at myself for a moment to illustrate this point. After a lecture given by a business person that I admire (Dr. Randal Pinkett), I had the opportunity to speak with him briefly. I

Many principles of accounting can be drawn from Jesus' use of asked him for some advice about one of my business ventures and he replied, "I really don't know much about that line of business." Of course he didn't! Fortunately, I had a few more minutes with him and was able to seek information from him in an area where he would be most valuable to me. But this blunder was a result of disorganization and lack of research.

> We need to give huge consideration to our networks and our people resources when taking inventory. Each of our friends and family members has unique gifts and talents that allow them to contribute to our lives in different ways. The challenge, then, is to have a complete awareness of what (and who) you have and how they add value. The Bible noted that when the prodigal son "came to himself" he realized what was really available to him and returned home to access it.

Now let's join him in the "coming to ourselves" process.



### **Upcoming Events**

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Sunday, May 3** @ 4:00pm - Fellowship with Pastor Ronald King at Marvelous Light Church

Friday, May 8th @ 8:00pm - Fellowship with Apostle Veronica Pollard at Marvelous Light Church

Saturday, May 9th @ 7:30pm - Never Could Have Made It Without Mom - A Tribute To All Mothers. Featuring Yolanda Adams, Marvin Sapp, Ricky Dillard and New G. Liacouras Center in Philadelphia, PA 1776 N Broad St19122. Cost\$65.00 - \$85.00

Sunday, May 10th - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Friday, May 15th @ 8pm - Marriage Ministry for all married and engaged couples.

Friday, May 22nd @ 8pm - Friday Night Service. Speaker will be Minister Faisal Clelland.

May 31st @ 7:00pm - Sanctus Real Concert at Clearview Regional HS - Mullica Hill, NJ. For more info 856-478-0090

Saturday, June 27 @ 7:00 - 9:00pm - A Night of Bowling at Laurel Lanes on Route 73 in Maple Shade, NJ. Tickets Price \$20.00

includes Pizza, Soda & Shoes, 2 hours of bowling Proceeds go to MLC Building Fundraiser. Info call Church 856-461-0600 or Deacon Alleyne email- mlcoc@aol.com or atnre.alleyne@gmail.com,

### **News & Tidbits**

Happy Mothers Day People of God!!

It's not to late to celebrate with us. The MLC anniversary services are still going on.

"Saved" the Mixtape is almost ready. To get a copy please contact Bro. Lincoln Jr at lincolncorbinjr@yahoo.com

Deacon Kevin and Evangelist Maxine are dedicating their son Kevin Jr on May 23rd at 11am. Congratulations little KJ!

Get your grills ready because May 25th is Memorial Day!





### Christian News Around The World

## **Portrait**

Artist Michael D'Antuono was planning to unveil "The Truth" — a portrait of President Obama wearing a crown of thorns and

holding his hands in crucifix form tomorrow in New York's Union Square to commemorate Obama's 100th day in office, but decided to cancel after receiving thousands of angry emails about the portrait's religious overtones.

The portrait, which shows Obama lifting a dark veil to reveal (or hide) the presi-

dential seal, was not meant to offend Christians or make light of their beliefs, D'Antuono told Mark Hemingway of National Review Online. He explains: The idea of the piece, or the reaction that

I'd hoped for, was to highlight our nation's deep partisan divide and how our interpretation of the truth is really prejudiced by our political perspective and I think that to a large degree we are being manipulated by the media. I miss the old day when we just have the facts. Now we have pundits and spin and strategists. I just thought that through that painting people would see different things. The right and the left would have different interpretations of it based on their political lens. But I have to admit I was very surprised that instead of that I got thousands of email[s] complaining on the religious front. And that was not my intent at all. I wanted to create a dialog politically but not religiously. I didn't mean to make fun of anybody's religion; maybe I did so naively but I didn't mean it that way. In the bible Jesus is The Truth and comparing Obama that way isn't something I meant to do at all.

www.christianitytoday.com

#### Swine Flu May Prompt DR Mobilization

Alpharetta, GA. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Disaster Relief network could be de-

NYC Artist Cancels Ohama-as-Jesus ployed if the Mexican swine flu epidemic escalates to the pandemic stage.

> "Now is the time for Southern Baptists and churches to prepare," said Mickey Caison. team leader for the North American Mis-

> > sion Board's adult volunteer mobilization team in Alpharetta, Ga.

On Wednesday, April 29, the World Health Organization was reporting that nine countries had officially reported

148 cases of swine flu, with 26 in Mexico, including seven deaths, and 91 in the United States, with one death. According to various media reports, cases of swine flu have been confirmed in 10 states, with "probable" cases in several other states while, globally, it has been confirmed in New Zealand, Great Britain, Canada, Scotland, Spain, Israel, Austria and Germany.

The World Health Organization has raised its Pandemic Alert to Phase 5 (Phase 6 is the highest) which it describes as "a strong signal that a pandemic is imminent and that the time to finalize the organization, communica-

tion, and implementation of the planned mitigation measures is short."

Caison, a longtime disaster relief expert within the SBC, said Southern Baptist Disaster Relief trained volunteers, numbering 90,000 across the country, and NAMB staff could be asked to serve in several ways if the flu continues to spread. www.bpnews.net

#### Florida Could Issue Jesus, Cross **License Plates**

Tallahassee- If you want Jesus on your

license plate, the Florida Senate is looking out for you.

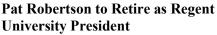
Religious specialty plates offered by Sen. Ronda Storms, R-Valrico, and Sen. Gary Siplin, D-Orlando, made it onto a bill Friday even though many members had not seen images of those plates and none were produced for the debate. Siplin didn't mince words when asked what his "Trinity" plate looks like, saying: "It has a picture of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

It, along with a "Preserving the Past" plate offered by Siplin, would benefit the Toomey Foundation for the Natural Sciences. Storms' "I Believe" plate would benefit Faith in Teaching, an Orlando company that funds faith-based programs at schools. The design features a cross over a stained-glass window.

Several members had concerns about approving plates they had not seen. And one questioned using religious symbols at all. "The issue is whether the state of Florida ought to be producing license plates with religious images on them," said Sen. Ted Deutch, D-Boca Raton, "and I don't believe that we should."

> Before the day was over, the Anti-Defamation League and the ACLU registered opposition, and across the hall in the House, proposals for the same plates were withdrawn from legislation. Florida has more than 100

specialty plates with several new ones proposed this year. www.miamiherald.com



Virginia - Religious broadcaster Pat Robertson is retiring as Regent University's president on July 1, 2010."Our mission remains steadfast: to train Christian leaders who serve with excellence in every area of their lives," Robertson said. Robertson, creator of the Christian Broadcasting Network and a pioneer of the evangelical political movement, founded the



### **Christian News Around The World**

the university in 1978. He remains the host and public face of "The 700 Club," CBN's signature daily program blending news and a talk-show format. *hamptonroads.com* 

#### Rededication of the USA to God

Americans are rededicating the USA to God on May 7th to find God's help with the national crisis."God wants us to come to Him and to hope in His mercy - He will help the USA", says Pastor Steve Krotoski of Pray Daily America.

A special rededication prayer has been written and is included as part of many National Day of Prayer gatherings this May 7th. The free, color prayer handout is available to download and print at <a href="https://www.PrayDailyAmerica.com/rededicate.html">www.PrayDailyAmerica.com/rededicate.html</a>.

www.christiannewswire.com

#### Faith Fighter' Game Goes Offline After Protest

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia – The creator of the Faith Fighter online game allowing players to stage fights involving Jesus, Mohammed and other prophets said on Tuesday it has withdrawn the game after a Muslim protest.

The game is "incendiary in its content and offensive to Muslims and Christians," a spokesman for the Jeddahbased Islamophobia Observatory of the Organization of the Islamic Conference said.

Italian game publisher Molleindustria said on its

website: "Today after an official statement from the Organization of Islamic Conference we decided to remove the game Faith Fighter from our site."

The Observatory spokesman said the game would serve no other purpose than to incite intolerance. He called on the game's internet host to take "immediate action" by withdrawing it from the web.

Molleindustria said Faith Fighter was meant to be a game against intolerance that

used over-the-top irony and a cartoonish style.

"Faith Fighter depicted in a mildly politi-

cally incorrect way all the major religions, as a response to the one-way Islamophobic satire of the Danish Mohammed cartoons. www.canada.com

#### Parental Rights Already Being Lost

Supporters of a plan to amend the U.S. Constitution to include parental

rights are warning moms and dads across the United States they already are losing their rights to make decisions regarding their children's health, education, welfare, finances, sex education, access to abortion and even leisure time.

"The erosion is upon us," said Michael Farris, founder of the Home School Legal Defense Association, a college and a church and now a dedicated leader in the effort to change the U.S. Constitution through the amendment process to restore and protect parental rights. Eighty years ago, the amendment website notes, "the Supreme Court declared that 'the child is

not the mere creature of the State; those who nurture him and direct his destiny have the right, coupled with the high duty, to recognize and prepare him for additional obligations." However, according to Farris, a survey last

year of state and federal appellate court rulings found "the vast majority of the court decisions refused to acknowledge traditional parental rights are fundamental rights."

The problem, says Farris, is the growing reach of domestic and international government into decisions about health, education, discipline and other issues that for millennia have been made by parents. In one recent case in the South, the parents of

a 13-year-old juvenile were refused access to his medical records because the doctor decided against including the parents in the

discussion.

According to Farris, the parents could only be granted access to their son's medical records with their son's permission. "The Supreme Court has so muddied the waters ... the growing practice is to treat parenting as a government privilege," he said. www.worldnetdaily.com

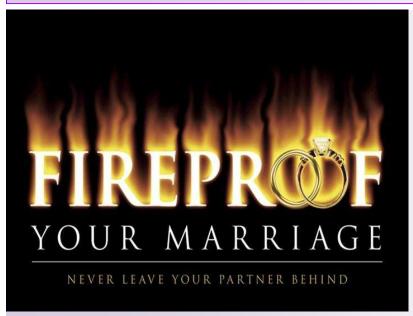


#### Three Christians Killed, Two Others Wounded in Kirkuk, Iraq

On April 26, three Christians were killed and two others wounded in Kirkuk, Iraq, according to CNN.com. Local police in southern Kirkuk told CNN attackers slit the throats of a Christian woman and her daughter-in-law, killing them both. Meanwhile in a nearby neighborhood gunmen attacked another Christian family shooting the father and his three sons. One of the sons died instantly and the others were wounded.

This incident is the latest in a series of attacks on Christians that have occurred in Iraq in recent years. In October 2008, more than seven Christians were killed and more than 200 families displaced. The Christian community in Iraq is estimated to be 3 percent of Irag's 26 million people, or about 800,000. Since 2003. Christian leaders, churches and businesses in Iraq have been targeted by Islamic extremists. As a result, many believers have fled. The Voice of the Martyrs encourages you to pray for these families as they mourn their loss and for healing for those injured. VOM supports persecuted believers in Iraq and in 2008 responded with 300 Action Packs to help persecuted and displaced believers in Mosul. Ask God to protect believers in Iraq as they risk all for their faith. www.freerepublic.com

### **Advertisements for May**



Friday, May 15th @ 8pm - Marriage Ministry for all married and engaged couples. We are doing the dynamic Fireproof Series. Please join us for spiritual wisdom and helpful advice on marriage. This is a free event so see you there.

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# **A 1000 Words**



MLC's New School Mother's



Mother Corbin



Our Spiritual Mother Pastor Leasa

H A P P Y

M O T H E R S

D A Y



Mother to Be



Mother Ida



Our Spiritual Mother Pastor Leasa



### **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 recipes!

### **Chipotle Shrimp**

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with this spicy shrimp dish that's quick, easy to make and full of flavor!!! "This is a quick and easy dish of shrimp sautéed in a spicy sauce of butter, garlic, Worcestershire sauce, red wine, and chipotle chilies. Serve over steamed rice."

PREP TIME

COOK TIME 30 Min

READY IN 45 Min



#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup uncooked long grain white rice
- 2 cups water
- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup dry red wine
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons minced chipotle peppers in adobo sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 pounds medium shrimp peeled and deveined

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Place the rice and water in a medium saucepan, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover, and cook 20 minutes, or until rice is tender and water is absorbed.

Melt the butter in a skillet over medium heat. Stir in the garlic, and cook about 30 seconds. Stir in the red wine, Worcestershire sauce, chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, and salt. Mix in the shrimp, and cook 5 minutes, or until opaque. Serve over the cooked rice.

### **Healthy Choices 101**

### Posting from American Diabetes Association www.diabetes.org

Diabetes is a disease in which the body insulin, the hormone that "unlocks" the when a person's blood glucose levels are energy needed for daily life. The cause of tes have type 1 diabetes. diabetes continues to be a mystery, although both genetics and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles.

There are 23.6 million children and adults in the United States, or 7.8% of the population, who have diabetes. While an estimated 17.9 million have been diagnosed with diabetes, unfortunately, 5.7 million people (or nearly one quarter) are unaware that they have the disease.

In order to determine whether or not a patient has pre-diabetes or diabetes, health care providers conduct a Fasting Plasma Glucose Test (FPG) or an Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (OGTT). Either test can be used to diagnose pre-diabetes or diabetes. The American Diabetes Association recommends the FPG because it is easier, faster, and less expensive to perform.

With the FPG test, a fasting blood glucose level between 100 and 125 mg/dl signals pre-diabetes. A person with a fasting blood glucose level of 126 mg/dl or higher has Gestational diabetes diabetes.

In the OGTT test, a person's blood glucose level is measured after a fast and two hours after drinking a glucose-rich beverage. If the two-hour blood glucose level is between 140 and 199 mg/dl, the person tested has pre-diabetes. If the two-hour higher, the person tested has diabetes.

#### **Major Types of Diabetes**

#### Type 1 diabetes

Results from the body's failure to produce

does not produce or properly use insulin. cells of the body, allowing glucose to enter higher than normal but not high enough for Insulin is a hormone that is needed to con- and fuel them. It is estimated that 5-10% of a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes. There are 57 vert sugar, starches and other food into Americans who are diagnosed with diabe- million Americans who have pre-diabetes,



#### **Type 2 diabetes**

Results from insulin resistance (a condition in which the body fails to properly use insulin), combined with relative insulin deficiency. Most Americans who are diagnosed with diabetes have type 2 diabetes.

Gestational diabetes starts when your body is not able to make and use all the insulin it needs for pregnancy. Without enough insulin, glucose cannot leave the blood and be changed to energy. Glucose builds up in the blood to high levels. This is called hyperglycemia blood glucose level is at 200 mg/dl or Immediately after pregnancy, 5% to 10% of women with gestational diabetes are found to have diabetes, usually, type 2.

#### **Pre-diabetes**

Pre-diabetes is a condition that occurs

in addition to the 23.6 million with diabe-

In centers that focus on diabetes care, health care professionals often already work as a team. Sometimes, your primary diabetes doctor (internist, family practice doctor, or endocrinologist) will refer you to other health care providers in the same clinic or a building nearby. Or you may need to work with your doctor to build a health care team, adding members as the need arises. Who do you need on your team?

#### You

You are the most important member of your health care team. After all, you are the one who is affected by diabetes and cares for it every day. Only you know how you feel and what you're willing and able to do. You do the exercise. You make and eat the foods on your meal plan. You take the medicine or inject the insulin. You check your blood sugar (glucose) levels and keep track of the results. And of course, you are the first to notice any problems. Your health care team depends on you to talk to them honestly and to tell them how you feel.

### The Primary Care Provider

The Primary Care Provider, who may be a primary care or family practice physician, is who you see for general checkups and when you get sick. A doctor with special training (and usually certification) in diseases such as diabetes is called an endocrinologist. If you do not see an endocrinologist, look for a primary doctor, family practice doctor or an internist who has cared for many people with diabetes. Your primary care doctor may also be the one who refers you to specialists or other team members.

### **Healthy Choices**

#### Nurse Educator

A nurse educator or diabetes nurse practitioner is a registered nurse (RN) with special training and background in caring for and teaching people with diabetes. Many are certified in the field of diabetes. Some may have a master's degree. Nurse educators often help you learn the day-to-day aspects of diabetes self-care.

#### **Registered Dietitian**

A registered dietitian (RD) is trained in nutrition and has passed a national exam. An RD may also have a master's degree or may be a Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE). You want to be sure to work with an RD who has training and experience with diabetes. If your doctor does not work with a dietitian, ask him to refer you to one.

#### **Eye Doctor**

This doctor is another key member of your health care team, because diabetes can affect the blood vessels in the eyes. When eye problems are caught early, there are very good treatments.

The eye doctor will be either an ophthalmologist or an optometrist.

The American Diabetes Association guidelines say you should see your eye doctor at least once a year. These checkups are the best way to detect diabetic eve disease. Your eye doctor will check for any changes in your eyes. If there are changes, the doctor will treat the problem or refer you to another doctor with special training in that area. Be sure your eye doctor is familiar with how to spot and treat diabetic eye disease.

#### **Podiatrist**

This health professional is trained to treat feet and problems of the lower legs. Podiatrists have a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) degree from a college of podiatry. Dentist They have also done a residency (hospital training) in podiatry.

CHECKLIST



Diabetes makes you prone to poor blood flow and nerve damage in the lower legs. You may get infections more often. Sores, even small ones, can quickly turn into serious problems. Any foot sore or callus needs to checked by your primary care doctor or a podiatrist. Do not try to fix

these yourself, because you could cause an infection. But do inspect your feet daily for signs of trouble.

People with diabetes are at somewhat greater risk for gum disease. The excess blood sugar in your mouth makes it a good home for bacteria, which leads to infection. See your dentist every six months. Be sure to tell your dentist that you have diabetes.

Exercise Physiologist

Exercise plays a major role in your diabetes care, no matter which type of diabetes vou have. Exercise can help lower blood sugar, help your body better use insulin, and help control your weight. It can also improve your blood fat levels, reduce stress, and improve your overall fitness level. Even if you have diabetic complications, ask your doctor about safe exercises you can do.

The best person to help you and your doctor plan your fitness program is someone trained in the scientific basis of exercise. Your doctor can help you look for someone with a master's or doctoral degree in exercise physiology or for a licensed health care professional who has graduate training in exercise physiology. Certification from the American College of Sports Medicine is another sign that the person has the basic skills needed to plan a safe, effective exercise program. Always get your doctor's approval for any exercise program.

### **Now That's Funny!**

Balaam & his donkey





### **Light Bites**

#### Deacon Atnre Alleyne

Peter probably picked the proper prayer ure was not Peter's end. It was simply a His strength, partner! Say that ten times fast. Tongue small part of a bigger process. twisters aside, in Luke 22:32, Jesus said to

restorative power and our need to "strengthen our brethren."

"But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you" (Mark 16:7). After Jesus' resurrection, when he appeared to the women at the tomb he told them to go and inform the disciples-and Peter. Pastor Lincoln's sermon investigated Jesus' singling out of Peter in this verse. There was so much more to Jesus' words—"and Peter"—than meets the eye. Peter was the disciple who had the revelation that Jesus Christ

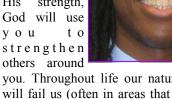
ter's relied on his physical strength when state. he cut Malchus' ear off in defense of Jesus (John 18:10). His toughness and perceived Pastor Lincoln's sermon encouraged us to

Peter: "But I have prayed for thee, that thy If we recall Jesus' words to Peter in Luke strengthen faith fail not: and when thou art converted, 22:32, Jesus had prayed that Peter's faith others around strengthen thy brethren." How great it is to and strength would be restored. Whereas you. Throughout life our natural strength have Jesus Christ praying for your strength Peter used to rely on his own strength, he will fail us (often in areas that we considand confirming your eventual restoration. would now rely on God's power. Thus, ered to be our greatest strengths) but God's During Pastor Lincoln Corbin's Easter after Jesus' resurrection, his special call— strength never fails. We should be confimorning sermon—"And Peter"—he "and Peter"—was indication of Peter's dent that God will restore and empower us preached a powerful message about God's restoration. After Peter failed in his area of divinely. In these challenging times we

was the "Son of the living God" (Mt. greatest strength and was restored by Jesus 16:16). Peter was the "rock" upon which Christ, Jesus had a special role for him. Jesus would build His church (Mt. 16:18). His role was to "strengthen his brethren." It was this same Peter, however, who Jesus' words "and Peter" were proof of failed in his area of greatest strength. Pe- Peter's special worth in his newly restored

strength eventually failed him when he consider "and (your name here)." You are denied Jesus three times. Fortunately, fail- important to God. After you've received

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need to understand that our resources and abilities are not our salvation or solution. God is our source and sustenance and His power never wanes. Now let's take this understanding and encourage our friends and family members with it.

-Deacon Atnre Alleyne

### **Look Up and Live**

#### Pastor Leasa Corbin



"...the Psalmist David refused to allow himself to be agitated and disturbed over what people said about him during his sickness."

#### There's nothing like peace

We don't have to tolerate anxiety or worry. As far off because of his illness. David knew some you lay down at night and awake to a new day, even sought to take his life. They spoke misfix your mind on Jehovah- Shalom, the "God of chievous things and imagined evil all day. Yet, Peace." Know that Jesus Christ left his dying His mind was fixed on the God of his salvation, legacy of peace for you.

mation, coming from various sources and many back in Psalm the 38th chapter. There's nothing different categories. For instance, we are facing *like* peace, thinking on the right things, brings different challenges in the world such as our peace. economic crisis, the United States at war in Iraq Know that we can take a stand against fear and and Afghanistan, and the Swine Flu outbreak, anxiety. Even as the Psalmist David refused to These can cause our mind to be in an uproar. I allow himself to be agitated and disturbed over believe God knew about all the challenges in what people said about him during his sickness. life that we must face in the world today.

my peace I give unto you: not as the world We can fix our mind on peace by meditating on giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be praise worthy things and practice living as troubled, neither let it be afraid." This is Jesus Christ lived. Fix you mind on Him and you'll Christ's dying legacy of peace. He it left for us, see there's nothing like peace. Read Philippians His last and best. In times of crisis many men 4:8. and women of old in the Bible put their hope and trust in God and He instilled comfort and -Pastor Leasa Corbin

The Psalmist David prayed for healing and for-

giveness of his sins as he suffered in his body. He spoke of how he was alone and people stood the God of hope and peace. David silenced the Every day we receive and see all sorts of infor- negativity in his ears and gave no arguments

I encourage you to believe and receive God's St. John 14:27 reads "Peace I leave with you, legacy of stillness, tranquility, reconciliation.

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