

SOJOURNER

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A yellow backpack is shown on the left, partially open, revealing a blue folder, a white watercolor palette, and a pencil case. To the right, a stack of five books is on a wooden surface, with a single orange resting on top of the books. The background is a textured, dark green wall.

**Welcome back
to school kids!**

Words From *The Editor*



Loving Greetings to My Spiritual Family,

It is with deepest praise that I give honor to our Lord and Savior for His love, grace, and mercy. I am thankful for being alive and well, and for once again having the opportunity to submit another Sojourner newsletter. I hope and pray that you are eagerly staying connected to our God's unchanging hands, as well as, to your spiritual family. It is a time for us to persevere for it says in Romans 8:38-39, " For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord". This means COVID-19, financial difficulties, issues with children or families, job lost, or bereavement, can't keep us from our God's love, anointings or blessings. It is truly a time for us to know, believe, and act upon the Words of God. So with continued prayers for each other, our families, friends, neighbors, world situations, and ourselves we lift our voices individually and collectively to our Heavenly Father, Jehovah through His Son Jesus Christ, and in union with the Holy Spirit consistently, for we must NEVER Give Up!

To God Be The Glory Always!

**SUBMITTED BY ANNA MARIE BAITY
SOUTH EAST ATLANTA SDB CHURCH**

1 To the regions beyond I must go, I must go
Where the story has never been told;
To the millions that never have heard of His love,
I must tell the sweet story of old.
Chorus
To the regions beyond I must go, I must go,
Till the world, all the world, His salvation shall know.
2 To the hardest of places He calls me to go,
Never thinking of comfort or ease;
The world may pronounce me a dreamer, a fool,
Enough if the Master I please.
(Chorus)



Sometimes "the hardest of places He calls us to go" is for our bodies to remain right where they are but for our prayers to go to the regions beyond, to wing their way to heaven as we intercede on behalf of our family members, acquaintances and neighbors who do not know Him. He is calling us to "go" out of our comfort zone and "tell the sweet story of old" of Jesus' love for mankind.

A number of us recently attended a virtual conference where we were reminded that the church's primary mission is to bring the lost to know Jesus and that a powerful first step in doing this is to seek God's intervention to break down every resistance and barrier to this happening, by praying.

I extend to you the challenge that I accepted to think of 3 people I know or who I am acquainted with who do not know Jesus. Then you can write their names on your prayer list and ensure that you pray for these persons every day. Also, pray for the Holy Spirit to show you how to witness to them and what you should say at that time. Should you ring their door bell and leave them some groceries or should you give them a call and ask how they are coping, then offer to pray with them. There are several possibilities even at this time of heeding safety precautions. As you have your quiet times with God, listen to what He is speaking into your spirit and have an openness to obey His leading.

Praying for and with the unsaved then needs to be followed with sharing our stories of our journey to knowing Jesus. This opens the door to sharing the gospel with them. It is important to reflect the light of Jesus, that is, to ensure that we live what we believe but they cannot come to know God just by noticing the difference in us. We must tell them about Jesus.

For some of us Jesus' command in Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world," may mean simply praying for the lost among the people we know and then stepping out of our comfort zone to share the gospel. It is sometimes hardest to witness to those we know but that is the most effective means of ministry. Are you willing to say, "Here am I. Send me".

Joy in the Journey

By David and Brenda Johnson

When inside a dark room that has a stained glass window, there is joy in seeing sunlight pierce through the glass. Believers, while traveling through this earth, encounter darkness, and it is the light of God that can create joy even in the darkness. James wrote, "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:2-4).

Preparation to make a journey is very important for anyone traveling, especially when there is darkness. The Israelites were to prepare their hearts so they would be faithful to God during their journey on this earth. The Bible says, "That they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments, and not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not prepare its heart and whose spirit was not faithful to God" (Psalm 78:7-8). In preparing their hearts, they were to teach the next generation (Psalm 78:5-6) so their children would be faithful to God and prepare their hearts for the journey.

Jesus, in His journey, was faithful to His Father. He prepared His heart for the joy to come and the cost of remaining faithful. The shame He endured by dying on a cross for those who believe in Him did not cause Him to lose His joy in serving others in love. "Therefore . . . let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility



by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart" (Hebrews 12:1-3). After Jesus ascended into Heaven and the Holy Spirit came, the Apostles were given orders by the Council (Acts 4:17) to not continue teaching in Jesus' name (Acts 5:28). The Council had the Apostles flogged and again ordered them not to speak in Jesus' name (Acts 5:40). "So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ" (Acts 5:41-42). Let us be faithful to God, prepare our hearts with His word, and teach the next generation to prepare their hearts. When our eyes are on Jesus, the Light of the world, then there is joy in the journey, even when surrounded by darkness.

VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP

CAMP

2020



The lessons were great, kudos to Pastors McCall, Samuels, and Campbell the DSC teachers. They illuminated the theme "Be an Example". Lessons included people who set examples in the Bible, the Ten Commandments, and how and why we can be examples.

The camp Praise and Worship team, teachers, counselors, and campers all took turns skillfully portraying the theme verse in evening devotions, the morning circle gathering, and Praise the Lord sessions. The campers looked on steadfastly with glowing eyes of interest; their demeanor suggested hunger and desire for more. But what would camp be without fun and games? Courtesy of the arts and craft team, team builders, and our jeopardy personnel the youths were thoroughly entertained. Even concert night went way beyond the scheduled cut-off time and still they wanted more. The spirit of God was evident. It gelled us together as a team and humbled us to acknowledge that He is surely bigger than our ups and downs.

Indeed all aspects of Deep South Camp 2020 reflected the mission of the camp and the overall theme for the year. In my humble opinion camp was an extraordinary huge success, thanks be to God.

If the theme, "Be an Example" was to be seriously embraced by all campers, along with the counselors, then the correct spiritual tone and preparation needed to be established from the very thought of a virtual camp. With the mission of Deep South Camp (DSC) "To foster an enriched personal relationship with God, through Jesus Christ", the DSC committee accepted and embraced that Godliness, demands our time and effort. So with months of preparation and the enthusiasm of all DSC workers everyone assumed their roles and off we went into uncharted waters.

A total of 42 campers, ages 6-19, left camp super saturated with pride from being part of history (the first virtual DSC ever). COVID-19 Pandemic where? Not here! The current pandemic sweeping the world pales in significance when compared to the joys derived from the slew of constant interactive activities that started at 10am and ended at 3pm each day via the zoom platform.



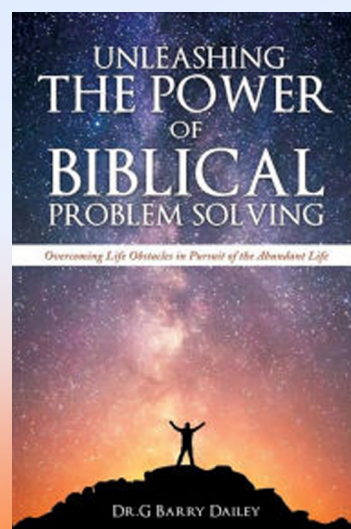
ARE YOU A BIBLICAL PROBLEM SOLVER?

DR. G. BARRY DAILEY, PASTOR

Do you see problems as God sees them and solve them God's way? As Biblical Problem Solvers, we must never lose sight of our true identity. If we have a clear, faithful understanding of our identity which rests upon the person of Christ in us and who we are in Him, then no problem in this world is too big to successfully tackle. Our Christ-centered identity is the foundation of victory!

In the fourth chapter of Matthew, an account of the temptation of Jesus is given. It is important to note the first attack of the adversary is hidden in the challenge where he questions the identity of Jesus; "If You are the son of God, command that these stones become bread" (Matthew 4:3). John identified Jesus as Messiah and felt unworthy to baptize Him. God Himself declared Jesus to be His son in whom He is well pleased (see Matthew 3:13-17). So, why would Satan start his attack by saying, "If you are the son of God?" This question targets the legitimacy of Christ's ministry. Without a legitimate identity, there would be no basis or authority to minister as Messiah. We read how Jesus defeats the enemy using the Word. As Jesus is declared to be the Word (John 1), He establishes His identity and authority which forms the basis of triumphant ministry.

Likewise, we as biblical problem solvers must know who we are and to Whom we belong. Thus, we can claim all rights and privileges pertaining to our identity in Christ. One such right is knowing that "All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose (Rom 8:28)". Therefore, in the face of problems, we need not worry. If God is got it mapped out, it's all good!





A GOD- BLESSED FOOD PANTRY REPORT

SOUTH EAST ATLANTA SDB CHURCH

The SEASDB food pantry began in 2013 with a mere donation of bread and bagels received from a member of the church. As a result of this kind act of sharing and breaking bread, the food pantry was birth. Since then the food pantry has provided weekly food support to individuals and families in the Henry County community and its surroundings on a weekly basis.

The pantry operates 2 days per week on Wednesdays and Sundays and distributes between 10 - 12,000 lbs. of food monthly while serving over 350 families. Most Sundays the pantry can serve anywhere from 45-60 individuals/families, with boxes weighing at least 35-40lbs consisting of healthy nutritious fresh fruits, vegetables, and other foods.

Since its inception the FP has been blessed to retain a modular storage unit for the purpose of storing all donated food received as well as a box truck for the purpose of transporting food to the church. Over the years the SEA Food Pantry has been blessed to have forged strong partnerships with food supply chains.

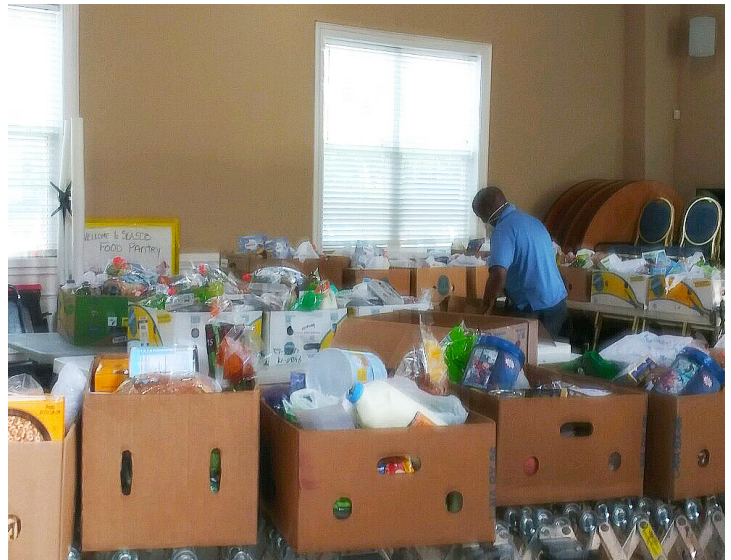
The following chains listed below have partnered with us to receive both weekly and monthly donations to distribute to the community:

1. Atlanta Food Bank
2. Trader Joe's
3. Midwest Food Bank
4. Southern Crescent Ministry
5. Heavens Gateway Ministry
6. United Food Source Ministry

The Food Pantry is staffed by a number of dedicated and self-less women who show up week after week to provide this service to those in need. There are 4 teams of volunteers that are responsible for the smooth running of the pantry and these volunteers are all members of the church's Women's Ministry (Vessels of Honor/V.O.H.). The following women are the team Leads for this Ministry:

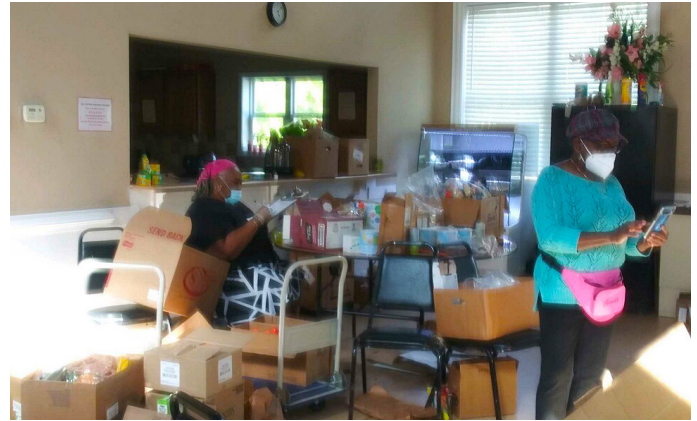
Deac. Gaye Dailey
Sis Ailene Gordon
Sis Sandra Angus
Sis Janet Henry-James.

We thank God for all of our volunteers, some of whom are the men of the church's Men's Ministry as well as individuals from the larger community that have benefitted from the pantry and have had a desire to give back to the church. We thank God for them and for their willingness to serve those in need.



The pantry now works closely with the Evangelistic Outreach Ministry headed by Pastor Barry Dailey and Deaconess Heather "Rose" Muschette. During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, the church's Outreach ministry in conjunction with the FP ministry is currently providing hot meals to those in need in the Atlanta community.

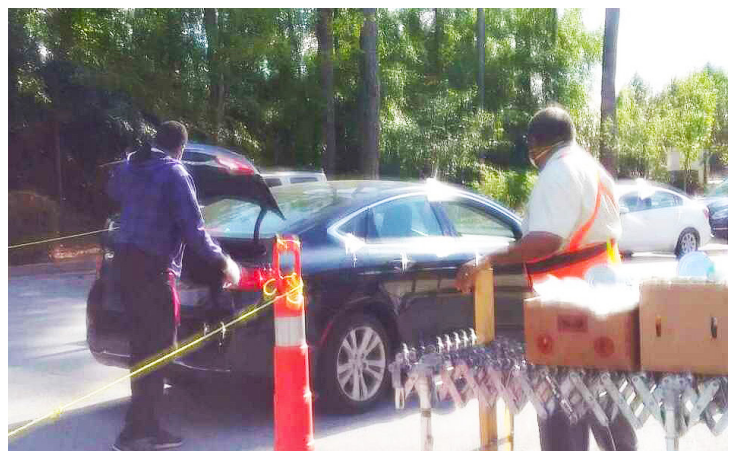
By Sister Paulette Campbell-Haase, Coordinator



The Food Pantry has outgrown its current space, and as a result the church will be looking at feasible ways of expanding our storage space to best meet the needs of the community especially during this time of crisis. This is a good problem to have as it shows us God's abundance and blessing on the church and this Ministry as we continue to serve his people.

As with any venture or mission, funds are always necessary to meet the general upkeep as well as any anticipated expansion and growth. The food pantry is no different. As we look ahead we pray for God's guidance in steering the path for this growth. The members of the Food Pantry Ministry continue to ask for your prayers for its members and partners as they provide support to this community by remaining faithful to the Mission of the church which is to SERVE.

Food Pantry Distribution



2020 GENERAL GOSPEL FEET 5K

During Conference 2020, I took part for the first time in the Gospel Feet 5k. This year there were options. In addition to runners and walkers, swimmers were also allowed to take part. Basically, anyone who could run, walk, hop, swim, or crawl through 5 kilometers was able to register. And you could space out your 5K through the week. There were 114 registrants who made the 5K trek. For all you other wannabes, I am putting you on notice. If you can't run, you can swim. Oh yeah, I intend to push the Missionary Society to make swimming future Gospel Feet 5K races a permanent opportunity. After all, just like in running, feet are used in swimming.

My interest in swimming was rekindled thanks to Deep South Camp needing a lifeguard. When I committed to lifeguard duties, on staff, at Deep South Camp, I could barely swim one lap (that's only 50-yards). I persevered and made it through the lifeguard class in 2019 and my passion for swimming was rekindled. I can testify with full authority that running does not prepare a person for swimming; a different set of muscles are used. Aerobic ability is tremendously improved and new muscle tone develops. The health benefits from swimming are well worth the effort. So, hopefully there will be a few others that will join my swim team for the 2021 Gospel Feet 5K.

2 hours, 17 minutes was my total swim time over three days doing about 1630 meters per day.

Whatever you do, do well. Ecclesiastes 9:10

Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3

Many thanks to everyone who cheered me on and for supporting our SDB Missionary Society.



Children's–Youth Corner

VIRTUAL LEARNING

(HOME & AT SCHOOL)

By Sis Anna Marie Baity

Learn
as a
Team



Recipe's

CHEF'S CORNER



Lemon Butter Fish

INGREDIENTS

- 1 stick butter
- 3 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp black pepper
- 2 medium fish fillets
- 3 tbsp flour
- 3 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tsp chopped parsley

1. Place butter in skillet and cook until lightly browned in color.
 2. Transfer to a bowl, then add lemon juice, 1tsp salt and 1 tsp pepper. Set aside.
 3. Season fillets with 1tsp salt and 1 tsp black pepper. Lightly coat with flour.
 4. Fry with vegetable oil until brown and crispy on both sides.
 5. Remove from skillet. Pour browned butter over fish while still hot.
 6. Garnish with chopped parsley.
- Serve with fresh Oven Roasted Summer Vegetables or Garden Salad

By *Sis Janet*

South East Atlanta

Recipe's

CHEF'S CORNER

Oven Roasted Summer Vegetables

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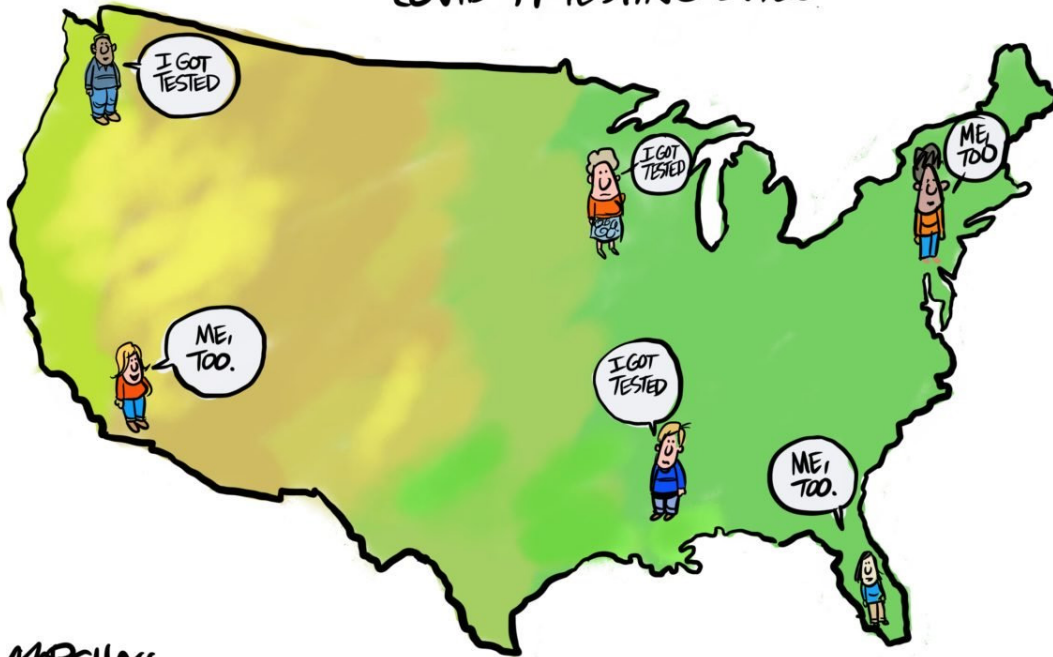
4 oz. Broccoli florets
3 oz. Cubed fresh carrots
3 oz. Fresh asparagus
3 oz. Fresh cauliflower
3 oz. Fresh green beans
1 small red onion...cubed
1 small bell pepper...cubed
3 oz. Olive oil
2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. garlic powder
2 tsp. onion powder
2 tsp. black pepper
2 oz. balsamic vinegar
2 tbsp. grated parmesan cheese



Set oven at 400 degrees
Clean, wash and dry vegetables. Place on sheet pan. Pour olive oil to coat vegetables. Add onion powder, garlic powder, and black pepper and toss. Place sheet pan in oven. Roast for 10 to 12 minutes or until vegetables are tender and slightly browned. Remove from oven and place on serving platter. Sprinkle balsamic vinegar over vegetables followed by parmesan cheese. Serve with fish or chicken.

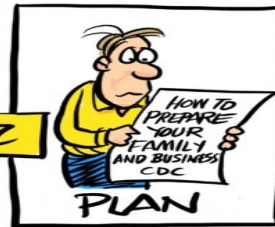
By *Sis Janet*
South East Atlanta

SOCIAL DISTANCING COVID-19-TESTING STYLE



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HOW WILL YOU RESPOND to COVID-19?

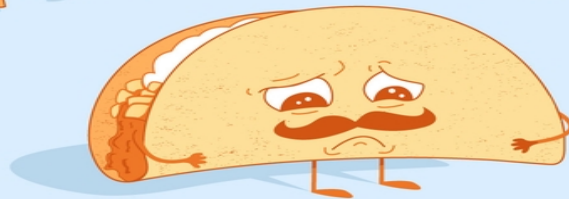


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