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Happy New Year to Our Paths Crossed Family!

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SISTERS, LET'S WALK TOGETHER!

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Welcome Back and Happy New Year! The last time we were together in October, we were unpacking our favorite cardigan sweaters.

Today, for many of us, we are embracing the cold winter chill, and if you're like my brother, you're shoveling snow from your drive-way.

One thing that is certain is that time waits for no man. I recall as a little girl hearing my grandmother say, "The

older you get, the more conscientious you become of your days." A simple statement, but true in it's own right.

Because time is constantly moving, it's crucial to take advantage of every waking moment. So often, especially as women, we waste precious time holding on to unpleasant memories and experiences.

In 2009, make a personal commitment to release those from your past that may have mistreated or taken advantage of your kindness. Why continue to hold yourself in bondage, while others have moved on with their lives? Starting today, begin walking out your destiny.

This is the time of year everyone focuses on mak-

ing New Year resolutions. So often, we start out full of energy and committed to seeing a change in our weight, finances, or to give up a terrible habit.

All of these changes are positive, however, we experience challenges to maintain along the way. My words to you are to focus on Matthew 6:33, like never before. Make God and your service to God a top priority. Get busy working for the kingdom of God.

So often, we focus on improving our physical man (i.e., clothes, shoes, hair) while our spirit man starves for attention. Invest time by praying, fasting, and developing your skills and talents. Remember, our focus is on eternity, and not just the here and now. God wants to walk with you. Will you walk with Him? Selah!

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Congratulations to PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

On January 20, 2009, the world will celebrate the inauguration of President Barack Obama, as he is sworn into office as the first African American President of the United States of America.

"Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Our First Family

Foundational Scripture



But see ye first the kingdom of God and it's righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33





"Let's Walk Together"

"Women from all Walks of Life Called to World-wide Ministry."



Acts 1:8

Conference Speakers

Min. Soundra Simpson

Apostle Bettie A. Clay

Apostle Dorothy Matthews

"Calling all Leaders!"

Paths Crossed Vision Statement

Paths Crossed Network Ministries is a Bible based ministry of excellence designed to encourage women from all walks of life to evangelize, edify, and equip the whole person to serve their community and to reach the world for Jesus Christ. We are compassionate in our love, excellent in our service, holy in our living, and reverence God in our worship.

Evangelize

To teach and preach the un-compromised Word of God so the lost will be saved, the sick healed, and those who are bound set free. To see women come into the knowledge of the truth by continuously growing in a place of spiritual maturity. To teach and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in the four corners of the world through every technological media available to man.

Edify

To encourage and embrace women of all cultural backgrounds and personal experiences in order to bring total healing to the spirit, soul, and body. To encourage women to live their absolute best lives with the primary purpose of being effective in building the Kingdom of God.

Equip

To serve as a training ground in helping to educate and properly instruct women to teach and preach the Word of God with accuracy as revealed in the holy scriptures as inspired by the Holy Ghost.

2009 Paths Crossed Calendar 2009

January 31, Service

"Redeeming the Time"

Dr. Ernest L. Jackson - Pastor

On Earth as it is in Heaven Min

Charlotte - 6:00 PM

February 28, Service

"Prophecy"

Prophet Joe Howard - Pastor

Rock of the Kingdom Church

Charlotte - 6:00 PM

March 21, Service

"Stir Up the Gift"

Apostle Dr. Ann Jackson

Pastor

Living Waters Christian Min

Charlotte - 6:00 PM

2009 Paths Crossed Leadership Conference 2009

Paths Crossed Network Ministries will host its' first Leadership Conference on June 27, 2009. Come and experience a day of worship and fellowship with experienced Leaders who will share life changing testimonies to help you succeed in ministry. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend this all day conference in Charlotte.

Topics will include: Creating and Building Ministry Relationships, Building a Ministry on Fasting and Praying, and Becoming Ethical Leaders. Early Bird registration is \$15. Following early registration the cost is \$20 per person. Registration fee includes meeting materials and dinner.

"LEADERSTransitioning for Kingdom Business."

PATHS CROSSED BRIDGE PROGRAM

BRIDGE

“Building Relationships, Inspiring, and Developing Generational Entrepreneurs”



Paths Crossed Interviews Pastor Tia Lynch

LEADERS, I know many of you maybe thinking, oh no, another program. But, what I have discovered over the years, whether through observation or participation is that we, as Leaders have opportunities when it come to building our ministries and supporting ministries other than our own. There *appears* to be a great divide within the walls of Christendom between mega ministries and smaller ministries within our communities. I cannot say whether the intent is purposeful, however, it's effects are very impactful.

What I have also discovered is that many of our smaller ministries have visions and excellent ideas that will help meet the needs of women,

resources that are not always available to smaller ministries (i.e. time, money, volunteers, and facilities).

Paths Crossed (BRIDGE) program is multi-purpose with a primary goal of developing and maintaining healthy Christian relationships. In addition, to provide a communications channel to introduce ministry leaders within our surrounding communities, to create an environment where ministers can develop leadership skills, and lastly, to provide a professional business environment where ministers can learn the principles of business (i.e. banking, investing, marketing) in order to grow and maintain healthy and productive churches and community programs.



Pastor Tia C. Lynch

“Refuge House of God Deliverance Ministries, is a small ministry with a big vision.”

Refuge House of God Deliverance Ministries vision is to see lost souls saved and to empower those that are already saved to continue to excel in their Christian walk. Our ultimate goal is to equip mankind to be

ready when Jesus returns. Our ministry is a five-fold ministry-gifted church where the power of God is flowing and lives are being changed and delivered. We believe in pure praise and worship, the power of

prayer, sound teaching and preaching of the Word of God. We believe in allowing God to have his way. We stand on the scripture, “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty”!

LEADERSHIP

“The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not a bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly.”

By: Jim Rohn

“As a new pastor, I feel my biggest challenge is building the ministry. When I say building ministry, I mean getting people to the ministry and also having the manpower and finances to bring the vision into fruition. We believe God is going to send in laborers that want to see souls saved, delivered and set free. Until that time, we

will be found still working and on our post. Interested ministry partners are needed to help with outreach ministry and various community events (i.e. back to school drive, youth empowerment and intervention programs). Also, interested ministry partners may consider sowing financially into Refuge to help further strengthen the vision and

mission of the church and community.”

For more information, please visit Pastor Lynch at:

www.refugehouseofgod.org

Sunday Worship—11:00 AM

Church Location

1331 Oakdale Rd., Charlotte, NC 28216 (Woodmen of the World Building).

Mailing Address

5207 Grays Ridge Drive
Charlotte, NC 28269



Min. Soundra R. Simpson - Editor

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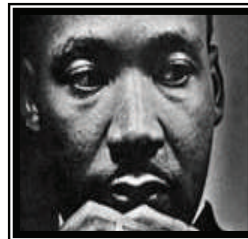


Let them praise His name in the dance.—Psalm 149:3

Do you have a passion for demonstrating your adoration to God through praise dancing? Paths Crossed is now taking applications for its Praise and Worship Dance team. Previous dance experience preferred, but not required. Ages 11 to 17. Must have reliable transportation. If interested, please call 704.392.6887 or send an email to SoundraS01@aol.com. Dance rehearsal begins soon, so hurry!



Happy Birthday to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Sunrise
January 15, 1929

Sunset
April 4, 1968



Please email your favorite book to: SoundraS01@aol.com

THE BOOK EXCHANGE.....

One of my favorite past times is reading a really good book. Whenever I come across a good inspirational read, I like to share it with others that they maybe encouraged. Enjoy this passage from our author of the month.

Book: SHINE (5 Empowering Principles for a Rewarding Life)
Author: Kris Den Besten
Book Store: The Bible Factory Outlet, Concord Mills Mall - 704.979.1040
Cost: \$5

God isn't looking for people who just show up. He's looking for those He can count on to build His kingdom and make Him known throughout all the earth. He wants us to honor Him in all we do. God's spirit dwells in the faithful and empowers them to accomplish His purposes.

Servanthood stimulates our hearts while it adjust our focus. A heart of servanthood is clearly committed to caring for the welfare and serving for the benefit of others. Through fostering a heart of servanthood, we begin to understand that our acts of service become a blessing to others.

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LEADERSHIP 101 & MINISTRY

Leadership 101 & Being a Servant Leader

"Leaders, Transitioning for Kingdom Business."

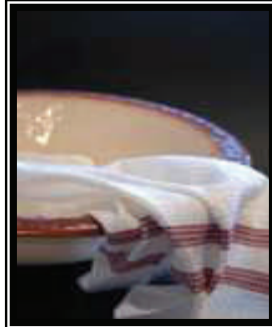
By: Min. Soundra Simpson

Acts 1:8

Servant - A subject, assistant, person under tribute, bondsman or slave. By right of purchase, pledge of indebtedness, or indenture.

If there is anything the Body of Christ must understand, it is the honor and glory that is attached to being a servant in the kingdom of God. As Leaders, we must be careful and remain focused on the importance of serving verses being served.

For it is within our service unto others that growth and promotion come. It is through serving others



Philippians 2:5-7

that God teaches discipline, faithfulness, and accountability, not only to Himself, but also to those that have rule over our souls.

As Leaders, it is very easy for each of us to hear what God says, and begin to run with *our* vision. But shouldn't we be just as eager to support the vision that has been given to our set man or woman of God?

If we are to experience the fullness of God, then it becomes vital to understand kingdom order.

Kingdom structure simply denotes the order in which godly reverence is given within the house of God and within our families. If a wife has a difficult time honoring her husband, then how can she effectively honor God? The ultimate impact is the gradual destruction of home life where division is created and blessings are hindered. The same negative impact affects the church when we fail to honor and reverence with a servant's spirit of humility.

We can expect the blessings of God to literally overtake us when we not only hear what our Leaders say, but when we begin to act immediately in obedience.

Of course, you may not understand all that is being asked of you in exchange for service. However, keep in mind that you are not only reverencing your set man (woman) of God, but you are honoring God that lives on the inside of your Leader. In the kingdom, accountability runs horizontal and vertical and there is no way of getting around what God has called each of us to do.

It is an honor to serve and to serve with a spirit of unquestionable excellence. You and I have been hand-picked by God to aide and to assist in this earth realm. Will you commit in 2009, to serve God and your Leader like never before? I charge each of you to learn the heart-beat of your Leader, so that before he or she asks, it's already done.

PATHS CROSSED JANUARY SERVICE REMINDER

"Redeeming the Time"

Saturday, January 31, 2009

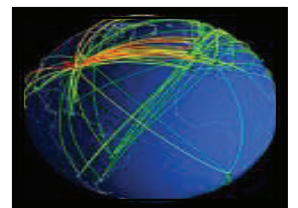
6:00 P.M.

Dr. Ernest L. Jackson - Pastor

On Earth as it is in Heaven Ministries

Charlotte, N.C.

Service Held: 9135 Eventine Court, Charlotte



COMING SOON!!

www.pathscrossednetwork.org

Sharing My Journal - Min. Soundra's Notes

1. Regardless of the type of stone (i.e. diamond, ruby, or sapphire) or its place of origin, I could literally see the consistency of God in the stone's formation, whether the stone was found in Africa, Asia, Europe or the United States.
2. Man can duplicate, but he cannot create. Only God is credited with the original pattern of everything that exist today.
3. There are specific qualities that a stone must have in order to be classified as a gemstone.
4. You must know who you are (I Peter 1:9) in God.

**Scripture References: I Peter 1:9
Galatians 5:22 & I Peter 1:7**

Min. Soundra preached the December Paths Crossed service, "A Jewel in His Crown." Here are a few notes to add to your ministry journal.



5. It takes a well trained eye to identify genuine gemstones from fake stones. Some gemstones look good to the naked eye, but it's what's on the inside that determines it's value.
6. It takes time for a stone to become a precious gemstone. Stones are formed after being exposed to fire, radiation, waxing, oiling, cutting, and polishing (I Peter 1:7).
7. Not only should we focus on and desire the external shine, but we should desire the makings of the internal composites (Galatians 5:22).
8. A cubic zirconium is purposely manufactured to imitate other gemstones. A cubic zirconium has the look of the original, but does not posses the chemical or physical characteristics of the real stone.

Down South Cooking....."It's Something to Talk About"

Saucy Maple Country-Style Ribs

- 1 1/2 lbs country-style boneless pork ribs
- 1/3 cup maple syrup
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp dried minced or fresh onion
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon

- 1/4 tsp ginger
- 1/4 tsp allspice
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- Dash of pepper

Cooking Directions:

Place pork in the crock pot. Combine remaining ingredients: pour over pork. Cover and cook on low for 7 to 9 hours. Or, cook slowly on the grill. **Makes 4 servings

Happy Birthday

Sis. Brianna Walls
(January 3rd)



Sis. Janelle Simpson
(January 20th)



Happy 39TH

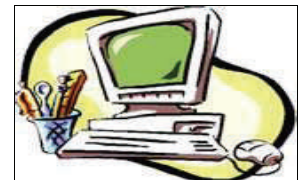
Wedding Anniversary

Deacon & Min. Katrina Miller

Thursday, February 12th

We Want to Hear From You.....

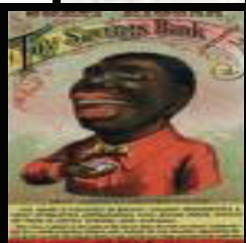
Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to continue your journey with Paths Crossed Network Ministries. We pray you read something that blessed and encouraged you to keep on keeping on!!! If you would like more information regarding our ministry, or if you have comments to share, please send an email or write to: Paths Crossed Network Ministries, P.O. Box 36681, Charlotte, NC 28236 , SoundraS01@aol.com or call (704) 392.6887.



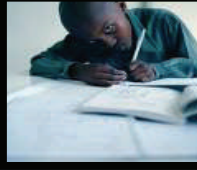
2009.... HONORING OUR HERITGAGE.....2009



"Everybody Help Somebody."



"We Shall Overcome!!!"



"I will trust in the LORD... until I die."



"This is our story...This is our song."

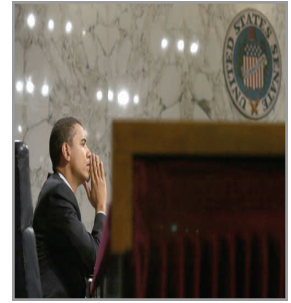


AMERICA HAS SPOKEN2008 Election Results

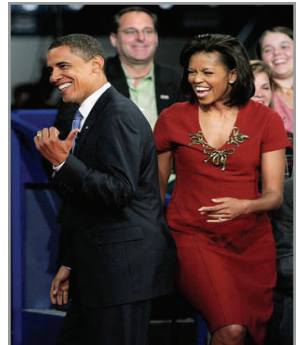
"Portraits of an African American Leader - President Barack Obama"



"I am still overwhelmed by having our first African American President. All along, I was hopeful, but yet doubtful. Having our first Black President has made me sit up and take a closer look at what's going on in our country. I will be praying for our President and his family". Destiny, 27



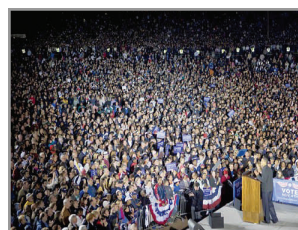
"If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible, who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time, who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer."



"This is our time, to put our people back to work and open doors of opportunity for our kids; to restore prosperity and promote the cause of peace; to reclaim the American dream and reaffirm that fundamental truth, that, out of many, we are one; that while we breathe, we hope. And where we are met with cynicism and doubts and those who tell us that we can't, we will respond with that timeless creed that sums up the spirit of a people: Yes, we can."



"There is no, doubt about it, this is a time and season that has been ordained by God. And because this is a God thing, there is nothing nobody can do about President Obama assuming the highest position in the land. It's his time to lead, and our time to come together and cover him in prayer". Deborah, 42



"Seeing President Obama winning the election was simply amazing! People from around the world joined America in celebrating it's first Black President. It's obvious President Obama has not only what America needs, but what people from different races, age groups, and backgrounds need. I'm looking forward to seeing our President lead this country. Patel, 50

