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Sisters, Let's Walk Together !!!

Foundational Scriptures

Genesis 26:12

Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him.

Malachi 3:8

Will a man rob God? yet you have robbed me! But you say, in what way have ye robbed you? In tithes and offerings.

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you.

By: Min. Soundra R. Simpson

WELCOME to Paths Crossed Network Ministries, Inc! I'm so delighted God has allowed our paths to cross. Isn't technology a wonderful way to connect with people from around the world?



As you can see, my name is Min. Soundra R. Simpson and I'm the Founder and President of Paths Crossed Network Ministries in Charlotte, North Carolina. This October marks our third year anniversary, and we're excited about what God is yet going to do for his people.

Paths Crossed is a non-profit organization that has been called and anointed by God to minister to women (men & children) from all walks of life. Pain, hurt and disappointments cross all boundaries and have no limitations. Our aim is to see God's people saved, healed, delivered and set-free.

The purpose of this publication is to first encourage you to keep on keeping on! Also, to communicate scheduled events and to share information that will help encourage you continue in your journey with family, friends, business and ministry partners. More importantly, that your walk will be complete in Jesus Christ. -Selah

Trusting God in the Midst of Famine

By: Min. Soundra R. Simpson

There's no question about it, times are tough. I don't care how you try to slice or dice it, everybody is feeling a squeeze in their wallets. We're experiencing pain at the gas pumps, groceries have escalated at least 20%, and medical expenses, even for the insured are costly.

Regardless of what's going on within our country, we, the Body of Christ can rest in God knowing that He is faithful to perform His word. Meditate on our foundational scriptures and continue paying your tithes and offerings (*especially during hard times*). When we are faithful to the things of God, He is faithful to everything that concerns you and I. Remember, in this year 2008, we will reap a return on every seed sown. Heaven and earth will surely pass away, but the word of God is eternal and shall surely come to past. Remember, there is absolutely nothing too hard for our God.

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“Women From all Walks of Life Called to World-wide Ministry.”

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PATHS CROSSED JULY SERVICE

Please come help Min. Soundra celebrate her birthday and be blessed by the preached word of God!!



Topic: “When God Says Wait”

Rev. Stephanie Ford

Word of Life Christian Center Ministries

Bennettsville, South Carolina

Saturday, July 26, 2008

5:00 PM

For more information & directions, please call
704.392.6887

Attire is Saturday Casual

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 you maybe encouraged. Enjoy this passage from our author of the month.

Recommended Book: The Power of Being a Woman

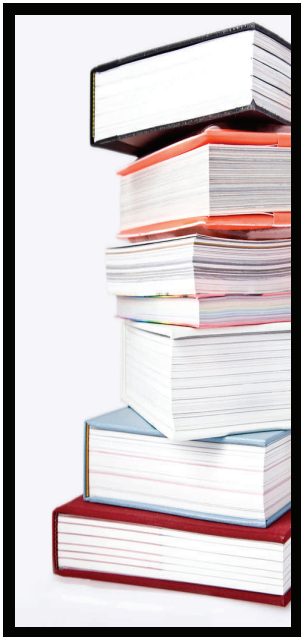
Author, Michelle McKinney Hammond

“Women have felt devalued and powerless. This causes them to embrace the modern-day opinion that they must operate by male standards in order to gain respect in the world. But the real tragedy is that the transition back to being a soft woman after leaving the hardness of the boardroom becomes more and more difficult. It is safe to say many have lost their way back to femininity. Oh, the backlash this creates in male/female relationships! The anxiety it causes in the spirit of women who can’t quite put their finger on what is wrong! It’s truly overwhelming. *The Power of Being a Woman* is a journey back to the basics to reclaim the pieces of self that countless women have lost in the struggle to validate their own self worth.”

Please email your favorite book to:

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Book Store: The Bible Factory Outlet, Concord Mills Mall, 704.979.1040— \$5



LEADERSHIP 101 & MINISTRY

“Leading God’s People From the Frontline.”

By: Min. Soundra R. Simpson

Passion is a key element in being successful and leading God’s people from the frontline. Regardless of your assignment, passion will always determine whether you contribute 150%, or if you will do just enough to get by. For someone who travels extensively in attending various services, conferences and special events; it becomes obvious from the moment you enter the room whether a *spirit of excellence* is in operation. Passion and excellence are identical twins and you will never see one without the other.

Excellence is always evident in one’s attitude, program execution, structure and available resources. Passion and excellence will demand that you do your absolute best with what you have; and without making excuses. My mother was notorious for saying, *“take care of what you have, and keep it clean until you can do better.”* I can honestly say, I’ve relied on those words of wisdom more times than I care to remember.

A big budget and a nonchalant attitude will always spell disaster. What a refreshing experience to be greeted by a warm smile and a sincere hug? Have you ever attended an event and they were still preparing upon your arrival? Passion places you in a position where you are always prepared because you thoroughly enjoy what you know God has called you to do. Likewise, it causes you to constantly give birth to new ideas and concepts for improving the process.

As a word of caution, do yourself a favor and avoid those who do not have passion for your common interests. Why? Because people with passion will always find a way to get their assignment done better, faster, and more energetically than those that lack passion for your assignment. This might sting...but you can do without the added weight. The one benefit of operating and establishing ministry upon passion is that your name goes before you in establishing credibility for not being a mega ministry, but one that represents the Kingdom of God with excellence. I’ve had the honor of attending events with less than 20 people, and it being well orchestrated from the beginning to end.

II Timothy 2:15, says, “Study to show thyself approved.” Whatever your assignment, (and please understand there are no, small jobs in God’s army) take time to study in becoming a connoisseur in understanding your assignment from every possible angle. It is our responsibility to become the master of our ministries. After all, it’s when we recognize that every single thing that we do is ministry unto the Lord. Operate within the boundaries of your assignment, and there you will operate with passion, and remember, a spirit of excellence always accompanies passion.

“Running to Win...An Athlete Speaks Out”

By: Candra B. Walls



Hi, my name is Candra Brianna Walls and the two things that I like to do is cheerleading and running track. Although I enjoy cheerleading, my favorite sport is competing in track and field events. What I like most about track is the fun of competing with other kids my age from different states. This year, I ran cross country track for my school and participated with Charlotte Flight AAU Track team.

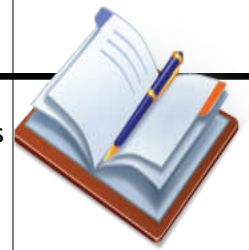
What I dislike least about track was having to run in the hot sun, and then having to wait for hours before my next event. This caused me to become stiff before running, which usually affected how I placed in my heat (*a heat is the age group that you compete against*). Although I was never hurt, it is common for others to fall while running. I remember seeing one of my teammates fall over the hurdles, but she got up and kept running and won the race. What an athlete?

My favorite race was competing in the 4X100 Relay because I have the responsibility of holding the baton tightly before passing to my teammate. Also, it’s a team event where if one wins, we all win and receive a ribbon! Being the fourth leg or the last person to run gives you more responsibility because you’re the person who has to cross the finish line for victory.

Lastly, what I do before every race is pray that I will finish well and not come in last. I never experienced coming in last, and usually placed second or third in my events. To prepare, I practice daily with my team during track season and practice on my own by walking and running around my neighborhood. I really love track and would like to compete someday on the college level. Who knows maybe one day I will compete in the US Olympics! Keep praying & keep watching!

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Sharing My Journal—*Pastor's Notes*



Every journey, regardless of your destination requires that you keep a personal journal. How priceless to invest a few moments of your day to record your life events. I promise in the days, months and even years ahead, these same words will encourage and bless you. I would like to share a few notes taken during our monthly June Paths Cross service with Pastor Michael Winters. **Seed** - (Hebrew / *zeh'rah*) means sowing; seedtime; harvest; offspring; descendants; and/or posterity. In other contexts this word represents an entire crop or harvest. **Topic: Stewardship: "Give and it Shall Be Given Unto You"**

1. In order to do anything great for God, we must first be willing to be a servant.
2. As long as the earth remains, there will always be seedtime and harvest time. Giving is a requirement, it is not optional and it is not going away.
3. Everything we give to God, He always return by meeting our needs.
4. We must understand the importance of planting seeds. There will never be a harvest without a seed.
5. Giving to God keeps us in a position to always be blessed by God.
6. A strong anointing is always attached to strong giving.
7. Never judge a man's harvest until you know the seeds he has sown.
8. Tough times are perfect times to give to the kingdom of God. The person Who does not understand giving will keep the little they have.
9. The favor of God will always precede your seed, because your giving gets God's attention. Your seed will go before you and do what you cannot do in the natural.
10. Never just put your seed in the ground, give your seed a name in what you need God to do specifically for you.



June Guest Speaker

Pastor Michael Winters

Arena of Faith

Christian Center

Charlotte, North Carolina

www.arenaoffaith.org

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

Oven-Fried Garlic Chicken

Ingredients:

- 2/3 cup bread crumbs
- 2/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 5 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 chicken (3 pounds), cut up

Cooking Directions:

Preheat oven to 350. In a shallow bowl, blend together bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese, parsley, salt, and pepper.

In a small saucepan, heat butter and garlic over very low heat until butter melts. Remove from heat. Brush chicken pieces with garlic butter, then roll in bread crumb mixture to coat.

Place chicken skin side up on a large foil-lined baking sheet. Mix together any remaining crumb mixture and butter and sprinkle over chicken and bake 1 hour.

****Add your favorite vegetable and a fresh garden salad.....delicious!



Laying Foundation for Healthy Relationships

Building healthy relationships is paramount not only for ministry, but for every area of our lives. I love interacting with those in my spiritual circles, however, I have learned the importance of gleaning information and networking with others that have experience in areas where I'm not well versed. Networking has unlimited benefits for the greater good of a common cause which always point back to Jesus Christ.

The establishment of healthy relationships must have qualifiers that govern the parameters in which the relationship will operate. I think we can all agree that every relationship must be established upon a measure of trust to ensuring the success of each other. It's important to be in relationship with those that you have found to be credible over a period of time. Credibility brings balance to a relationship with each person having the right objectives and motives for a win-win attitude. Winning should never be one sided when more than one person is involved.

Teamwork is highly effective when decisions are made collectively and responsibilities are delegated evenly among those involved. You will see the greatest results when delegating responsibilities based upon skills, talents and abilities. For example, if Mary isn't good with math, never assign her to the finance committee. In doing so this will only cause her to become frustrated and quickly become disinterested. Secondly, teamwork is effective because you have an opportunity to leverage best practices from each other. Believe it or not, everybody has something worthy to contribute. As Leaders, we must be willing to listen to the ideas and suggestions of others.

Being free to effectively communicate without negative recourse is essential. One of the things that I teach those around me, is to carefully position your words to build up and to inspire. We all know the rule, "it's not what you say, but how you say it" that's makes all the difference. When working in a team environment, it's important to establish a communication hierarchy. Your team will find this process useful during the decision making process. The communication process may conclude all decisions will be decided upon by the Board of Directors. It is a good practice within any organization to establish a well defined and effective communication approach. It not only helps alleviate miscommunications and misdirected information to creating an environment where everyone clearly understands the rules and their level of accountability. In conclusion, establishing the right foundation from the beginning lays the groundwork for thriving and healthy relationships well into the future.

Min. Brenda Jackson

Topic: "Wisdom"

On Earth as it is in Heaven Min.

Saturday, August 30, 2008

5:00 PM



Co-pastor Angenetta McLeod
Topic: "Ever Increasing Faith"

House of Prayer of Miracles IV

Decatur, Georgia

Saturday, September 20, 2008

5:00 P.M.

"Women from all walks of life called to world-wide ministry."

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A special thank you to Charlene and Brianna for their contributions to our first edition of Journey. Seeds sown!

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to begin this 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.



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