

Joyful Word!



Saved to Go and Share the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Love

– Children's Ministry

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In Children's Church Ministry, led by Sis. Murray Morris, Sis. Marjorie Robinson, and team, the theme for this past year's Children's Day was "Giving God Our Best" and continuing to do so wherever we may go because He deserves nothing less. After months of preparation, the children gave God the glory and praise He deserved through an electrifying performance, using what they had learned in Children's Church.

This was followed by a powerful and impactful sermon given to us by God through our very own Minister Dwight Williams. He encouraged the children to not only give God their best in church, but to continue doing so even when they think no one is watching.

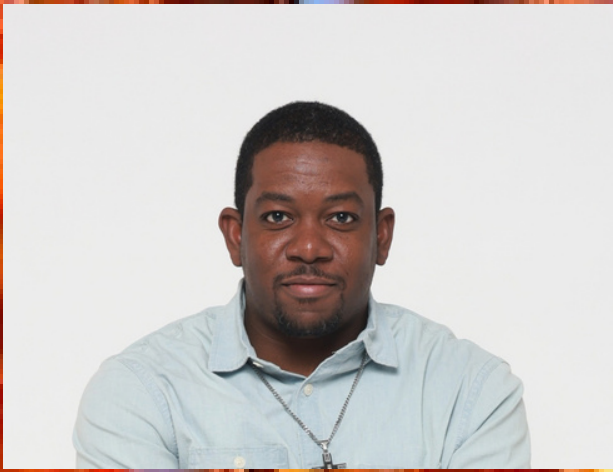
Since Children's Day, Pastor Clifton McDowell Sr. has begun a series titled "Saved to Go..." The purpose of this series is to help us, as true believers and followers of Christ, understand why God has chosen us and the purpose and mission He has given us until He returns. God has equipped us with gifts, talents, and tools to go into the world, spread the Gospel, and make disciples who will make disciples. With its relaunch in October of this year, the new theme for Children's Church will be "Saved to Go and Share the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Love."

"The aim is to help the children understand that Jesus saved us for a reason. Through creative and engaging lessons, they will explore God's wonderful plan for His children and teach them how they can share the love of Jesus with others.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." — John 3:16–17

Everybody ought to know who JESUS is! It is our job to tell others about His love and be a witness for Christ wherever we go. This is part of the Great Commission and our faith journey with Him. Matthew 28:18–20 tells us to "Go and make disciples," while Acts 1:8 reminds us that through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are to be Christ's witnesses. The desire is that the children and teachers will get excited to GO AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST—at home, at school, in the schoolyard, on the sports field, in the neighborhood, and everywhere we go.

What they learn in Children's Church should not stay within the four walls of the church. We are equipped to carry Christ's love and message with us wherever God sends us.



Saved to Go

WRITTEN BY: MINISTER DWIGHT WILLIAMS

I have come to understand that Jesus did not save me to sit. He saved me not just for me, but to carry His light wherever I go. My life has purpose, my testimony has power, and my gifts are tools God can use for His glory. And the same is true for you. You are not forgotten, unqualified, or without purpose. God has placed something valuable within you. Your story can encourage someone, your kindness can restore hope, and your faith can point others to Christ. Do not allow fear, failure, or opinions of others to silence what God has placed within you. Take the next step, even when you cannot see the road. Like Abraham, obey God's call and go where He sends you, trusting Him even when the destination is unknown. So, rise with courage, serve with love, and go boldly. We are saved to go!

Saving Souls Through Worship One Song At A Time

WRITTEN BY: GABRIELLE HUGGINS

God's grace and salvation is the foundation of worship. The purpose of the music ministry is to invite people to experience God's presence and allow Him to change our hearts. Worship on a Sunday morning is not just about leading a congregation into song. It is more than putting on a performance or having the best singers on the pulpit. It is about welcoming God's presence into the atmosphere and creating opportunities for people to encounter Him before the sermon is brought forth. Through music, we are able to express our gratitude, love, and give God the praise He is due. We worship because He has already saved and redeemed us. For the music ministry, "Saved to Go" means not only do we lead people in songs, but we lead them toward a life that glorifies God after the music ends, and raising up more generations of disciples.

Prayer

REV. CHARAS EBRON

Dear God,
Thank You for this new day.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord ,
And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
Psalm 92:1

I am in awe of Your beautiful creation... The Sun
that shines so bright, the clouds that bring rain,
the wind that comes to refresh, the bumblebee
that flies in spite of being too big and heavy for
those little wings, the lightning bugs that flicker
at night and send children chasing through the
yard, the crickets that chirp, the frogs and birds
that sing, the oceans that roar, the mountains so
tall,

the ant that is so busy, and so much more of Your
beautiful creation, including all of the beautiful
children, teens and adults that I will see today.
God, You are awesome and You are good.

Thank You for happy memories, and even the sad
ones, for they have helped to shape me and to
increase my gratitude, trust and dependence on
You.

With love and faith, I pray this in the strong name
of Jesus, Amen.

Fall Health & Wellness Corner

WRITTEN BY: CAMILLE CUNNINGHAM

As the leaves begin to change and
temperatures cool, fall offers an
excellent opportunity to prioritize
health and well-being. 🍂 Maintaining
healthy habits can help us remain
active, resilient, and prepared to enjoy
the season with family, friends, and
our community. ❤️

This fall, check your blood pressure
regularly and follow your healthcare
provider's recommendations. Staying
current on recommended influenza
and COVID-19 vaccinations can also
help protect you and those around
you. 💉 Choose nutritious foods, stay
well hydrated, and incorporate
regular physical activity into your
routine, even as daylight hours
decrease. 🍎🥕🧘

Mental health is equally important.
Make time for rest, manage stress,
maintain meaningful connections,
and seek professional support when
needed. As cold weather approaches,
dress appropriately and take added
precautions when spending time
outdoors. 🧣🍁

Let's make this fall a season of
informed health decisions, renewed
energy, and continued commitment
to personal well-being. 🍂❤️ Your
health matters!



Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28

The year 2020 was really hard for a lot of people. We were stuck indoors for weeks. We couldn't see our friends or hug our nanas or papas. We missed birthday parties and vacations. And for some of us, we lost people we loved.

That's enough to make even the strongest person in the world miserable. That sadness sometimes feels like a burden on our shoulders or a weight on our chest. It can be hard to express with words the things we feel.

Just as you can talk to your parents when you're feeling down, God wants us to go to Him when we feel that way as well. He understands. Even if you're just sitting quietly and thinking about all the stuff going on inside you, your thoughts, your sighs, and even your tears are like a special language that God understands.

Go to Him and He will help carry those gloomy thoughts and feelings. Father, I feel very _____ right now. I don't have all the words to say it, but I know you understand and love me. Help me find peace.
Amen.

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PROVIDED BY: DAVID
CUNNINGHAM

New Excuse: I was on my way to church and was almost there when I looked on my cell phone and it says "NO SERVICE" ... So, I turned around and went home.

Announcements

October 4th - Seniors' Day
October 24th - October 25th - Pastoral
Anniversary
November 26th - Morning Thanksgiving
Service
Prayer call 7:10-7:45pm every Tuesday