

Missionary Newsletter

GREATER EMMANUEL TEMPLE CHURCH



HOME MISSION

GETC OUTREACH

The Greater Emmanuel Temple (GETC) missionaries with the generosity of the members of Greater Emmanuel Temple and others were able to bless so many over the last three months.

Food was donated to the local Food Bank and clothing, household goods and other items to Goodwill. Members of the church and community received pampers, household items, and clothing. Many thanks to our donating partner Mitzvah Circle as well.

Missionaries volunteered at food bank drives and clothing closets.

Transportation was provided for those who needed a ride to church or other appointments.

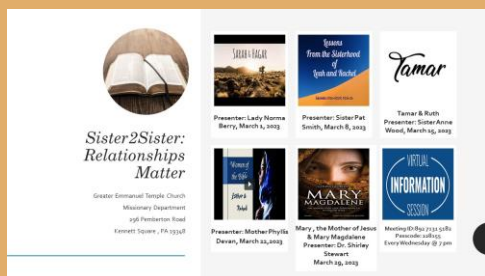
Gas cards and food boxes were given to help members of the church and community.

Kudos to one of our missionaries (who wishes to remain anonymous) who donated \$200 to a Kennett Square, PA family that had a family member with devastating health challenge; that posed a great hardship on the entire family. GETC missionaries also gave a monetary donation to support an elementary student to get sneakers; so, he could

participate with other students on a local team. His parents could not afford the sneakers.

GETC Missionaries participated in and or spearheaded several projects.

- ❖ In March, we held a Sister2Sister weekly series to highlight real life lessons we could learn from women in the bible.
- ❖ Dr. Stewart participated in the International Women's Council (IWC) Outreach for souls at the Youth Congress in Baltimore in April. Backpacks of toiletries and snacks were distributed to all in need.



Dr. Stewart lined up for the IWC march to the park in Baltimore. She also obtained

handouts for women and girls on various topics such as depression and handling various forms of abuse for distribution.



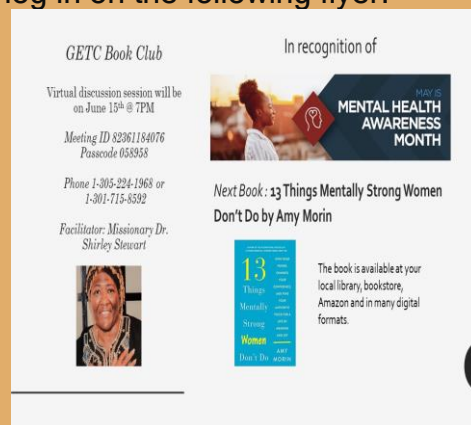
Dr. Stewart works with the Social Justice team of the IWC and was appointed acting Parliamentarian of the IWC in April. Please keep her in your prayers.

Missionary Lineada Smith will reach a milestone on June 4th. She will be 65. Her favorite phrase is "Go Big or Go Home!" The GETC Missionaries and the church plan to recognize her birthday and all her hard work and dedication to so many in and out of the church at a luncheon on Saturday, June 3rd at Cheddars Restaurant in Newark, Delaware.



We were delighted to initiate a Book Club at GETC. Dr. Shirley Stewart, is the facilitator for the follow up discussions. Our first book was ***The Deborah Anointing by Michele***

McClain-Walters. The second book received fantastic reviews from everyone in the club- ***Fervent by Priscilla Shirer***. Presently, we are reading ***13 Things Mentally Strong Women Don't Do by Amy Morin***. There is sure to be good discussion on this book. Feel free to join us for the hot topics on June 15th at 7 PM. Information for log in on the following flyer.



The GETC Missionaries sponsored Spruce Up the Church Day. Many thanks to the members who help weed out the flower beds around the church. The missionary department donated annuals and perennials to beautify the grounds. Some of the missionaries planted flowers under the church sign and in the flower beds. Looking forward to seeing the gorgeous array of colors!



Congratulations to Missionary Beverly Glasco who was inducted in the 2023 International Missionary Department COOLJC's Apostolic Gallery of Excellent Services on May 20, 2023 for over forty-five years of missionary service.



Sister Glasco, aka Sister Bev, always compliments others. We, the GETC Missionary Department are so proud of you!

YALE UNIVERSITY BOUND!

Congratulations to Jr. Missionary Kristina Washington! She will be starting her internship at Yale University -Child Study Center in July. This will bring Sister Washington one more step closer to her Ph. D. in Psychology. She will do her internship in the Trauma Unit. Please keep her in your prayers. We, GETC Missionaries, are so proud of your accomplishments!





GLOBAL MISSIONS

The missionaries continue to support Upendo, our global mission focus, in collaboration with the Upendo United Foundation Inc., which is a non-profit 501(C) 3 organization. Regina Reithii started this foundation to support an orphanage in Kenya which helps 135 children ranging in age from 3 months to 24 years old. Upendo means "love" in Swahili. Feel free to visit the website to learn more www.upendounitedfoundation.org.

We donated approximately twenty-five boxes of pampers of assorted sizes for the orphanage as well as feminine items and clothing for the staff and students. Moreover, we gave a monetary donation towards the shipping cost of items to Kenya.

If the Lord tarries, October 18-28, 2023, Regina Reithii plans to take supporters, who want to see the global mission work firsthand on a trip to Kenya. Please contact her via the foundation website or via phone at 302-510-2049.

If you would like to support our Missionary Department, please send your tax-deductible contributions to Greater Emmanuel Temple Church, 296 Pemberton Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348. Donations can also be sent via Cash App at \$SAS2036 or \$GETCpa - Please note Missionary Donation.

Don't Talk About IT! Get Involved!

Our missionaries sent out cards and letters, make phone calls, send emails, post encouraging words on Facebook and other social media outlets. Our missionary president, Dr. Stewart, also posts Words of Encouragement on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and shares inspirational quotes and devotionals with the missionaries and others via text or an email. Missionary Beverly Glasco posts Monday Messages of Encouragement via text as well. In addition, many missionaries participate in ZOOM, YouTube, Facebook Live and other platforms for church services, bible studies and prayer meetings.



REST

Rest is defined as “cease work or movement in order to relax, refresh oneself or recover strength.” God wants His missionaries to do His work, witness to others, heal those in need; but He knows these fleshly bodies need to recover after work.

I had to do a five-minute presentation on the topic “rest” for my Mission I class through the Church of Christ Bible Institute. I had to include elements of what I gleaned from the class during the semester about its relevance to mission work. I surmised that God is concerned about his disciples and is aware of their need for “rest”. I referenced the following scriptures: Genesis 2: 2-3; Exodus 20:8-10; Exodus 23:11; Luke 5:15-16; Mark 6:30-32 and Matthew 11:28-30 as instances where Jesus himself set aside time to rest and encouraged His disciples to do the same. As a missionary, it is absolutely vital to take time to recharge for the next mission God has planned on this earthly journey!

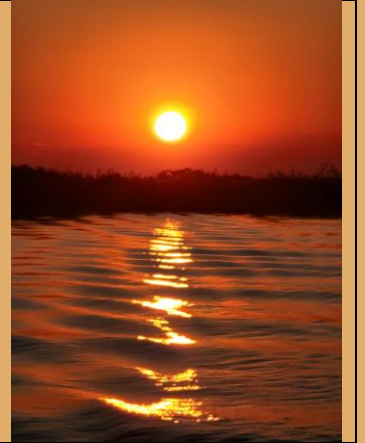
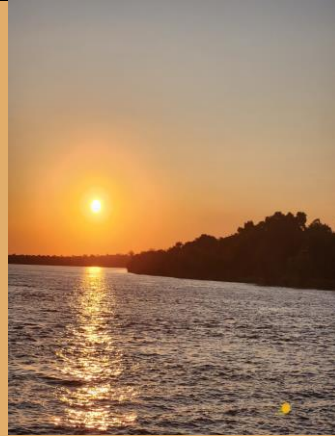
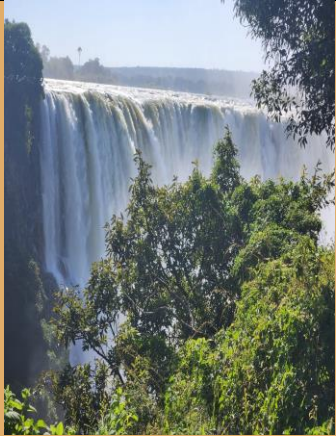
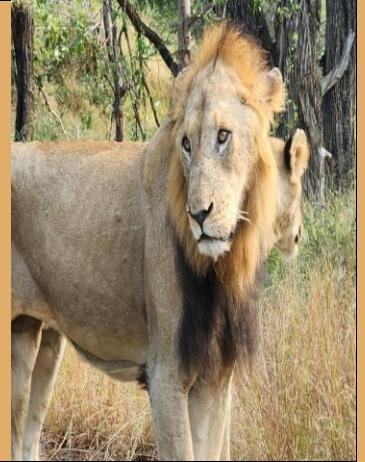
Towards that end, I had the privilege to take an awesome trip to southern Africa. I visited South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Eswatini (formerly Swaziland). God has marvelous wonders to see in this world. I was blessed to take part in multiple safaris and marvel at the ‘Big Five’- lions, rhinos, water buffaloes, leopards, and elephants. I will never forget the magnificent Victoria Waterfalls and the splendid sunset cruises on the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers.

I am eternally grateful to God for the opportunity to travel! Every time I travel, I realize that so may don’t have a fraction of the worldly stuff we have here in the United States but that doesn’t stop them from worshipping and praising God! God is truly omnipresent and omniscient!!

Below are photos from my 16-day trip!

Submitted by Missionary Dr. Shirley Stewart





THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH

Think of a time you said something you regret or were the target of undeserved gossip. Now, reflect on a situation where you encouraged a friend who was hurting, or felt the life-giving effects of someone else's words.

Words matter. Your words matter. And, God has given you the freedom to choose how you use them.

Are you using your words to tear down or build up? To provoke destruction or stimulate restoration? Do your words stir up drama or encourage peace?

"What you say flows from what is in your heart," Jesus explained in Luke 6:45.

Fruit reveals the health of a tree, just as a tongue reveals what is happening in the heart.

Most of us want to use our words for good and not for harm ... we don't want to be unkind or critical. But James 3 tells us that the tongue is unstable and cannot seem to be tamed.

So, what can we do? Is there a way to control it?

Self-control is a fruit the Holy Spirit produces in us, which means we can't manufacture controlling our tongues on our own. But we do have a part to play in the process: we need to stick close to Jesus.

When we read His Word, seek His face, and walk in His ways (no matter how many times we mess up and have to begin again), love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control begin to grow in our lives. The biblical term is abiding staying, continuing, or remaining in Jesus' presence.

As we abide with Jesus, the Holy Spirit begins to curb the way we speak and change the way we act. When that happens, our words start to bring life and hope to the people around us.

So, this week, how will you use your words to bring healing and hope to people? If this isn't something you're used to doing, it's never too early to speak words that spark life in someone.

Article submitted by Missionary Terri Walker from *YouVersion Daily Devotions*.

ALL THINGS MENTAL HEALTH: GUN VIOLENCE

June is Gun Violence Awareness Month!

Gun Violence is a public health crisis within the United States of America. Guns are the leading cause of death among American children and teens. About 1 out of 10 gun deaths, involve youth who are 19 years old or younger. In adults, about half (54%) report that they or a family member has either been threatened, had a family member killed, or witnessed someone being shot. Children, adolescents, and adults impacted by gun violence may experience depression, anxiety, posttraumatic stress disorder, and sleep disruptions.

What can we do?

- Advocate for Gun Safety Laws
- Supporting research for gun violence prevention
- If a gun owner, keep your guns locked away and secure.
- Talk to children about the difference between violence in entertainment media and violence in real life.

34,000

people a year die as a result of gun violence



Two thirds by suicide



The rate of firearm related deaths in the U.S. is

10X
higher

than in other high-income countries

Research demonstrates



Children and youth have access at home to unlocked and loaded guns



Access to guns at home is associated with increased death and injury



Exposure to gun violence can negatively impact students' mental health, behavior, and learning



Gun laws that restrict access to high-powered weapons reduce gun related deaths

Citations at www.nasponline.org/nasp-resolution-prevent-gun-violence



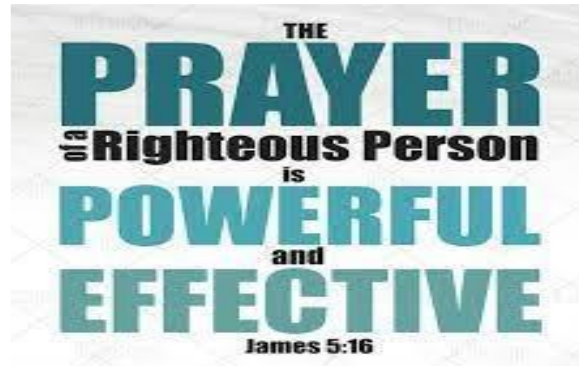
Guns have become the leading cause of death for children and adolescents in America.



In 2020, for the first time, gun-related deaths surpassed motor vehicle accidents as the top cause of death for those under 19 years old.

Upcoming Events

**THIRD SATURDAY
PRAYER**
JUNE 17, 2023
10- 12 NOON
FOCUS PRAYER
WILL BE FOR
ALL MEN AND
BOYS ;
ESPECIALLY
MEN IN
LEADERSHIP!



Greater Emmanuel Temple Church
Yard Sale
296 Pemberton Road
Kennett Square, PA 19348

Saturday, July 1, 2023 , 8-12 Noon
Rain Date July 8th

Table/Space is \$20.00.
Contact Sister Lisa Morris for more
information at
Aliciamorris415@yahoo.com.



Free Diapers



Appreciation/Memorial
Dinner Tickets are **now**
available on the church
website "Home" page.

*In Honor and Remembrance
of*

Apostle Bishop William F. Cramer

AUGUST 26, 2023 / 4PM-8PM

MENDENHALL INN

323 KENNETT PIKE, ROUTE 52

MENDENHALL, PA 19357

PRICE: \$75 (AGES 13 AND UP)

\$35 (AGES 12 AND UNDER)

FORMAL ATTIRE REQUIRED!



[ORDER TICKETS NOW!](#)

**Greater Emmanuel
Temple Church**

John 10:10

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.