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Pastor's Corner



I am very excited and can't stop praising God for this maiden issue of our Newsletter. Rejoice Bible Church endeavors to proclaim and teach the Word of God using various ways. We are introducing this newsletter as an instrument which will reach many people near and afar. We are committed to inform, update and educate our members and non-members about our programs and the Word of God. We also aim to lift each other up in various ways as we journey together in life as God's children.

We live in complex times where life sometimes throws challenges that lead to endless anxiety and can be stressful for most. Yet even in such situations we are reminded that our Father in Heaven has assured us of His love, compassion and protection. In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus tackles a very important issue that we suffer from and often deal with, namely "Worry". In this passage, He presents and outlines 6 principles worth noting about worrying:

1. Worry is unnecessary.

Even for the hardworking. Nobody works harder for a living than a bird, but birds do not worry. Yet the Heavenly Father looks after them. How much less should you worry?

2. Worry is useless.

Anxious care can not add a single hour to life. The past cannot be changed; the future cannot be charted. So worrying about them is useless and debilitating.

3. Worry is blind.

It refuses to learn the Lessons of God's providence taught us by the birds and flowers. Short-lived as they are, in their quiet dependence on their environment they display that 'peace' that should mark believers who know that behind their environment there is a loving heavenly Father.

4. Worry is essentially a failure to trust God:

For disciples to be of "little faith" (vv.30) hurts God greatly. It means we do not trust Him. It means that we do not put him first, but instead all these things (vv.33) come first. Our ambition or our goal as disciples must be to put God and His righteousness at the top of our list of priorities and we shall find that God takes care of the necessities of life.

5. Worry is Sin:

Worry is faith in fear, not faith in Jesus Christ. Fear is the rejection of faith! The Bible tells us that "God has not given us a spirit of fear but a spirit of power, of love and of sound mind or self discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7).

Rejoice! Revive! Reconcile! Repent! Renew! Release!



*“Don’t be anxious
about your health
because Jesus
Christ is still a
great Physician”*

6. Worry is a grievous killer:

Worry is the mother of cancer, heart diseases, high blood pressure, and ulcers. It is not what you are eating that kills you, it's what eating you.

Worry has sent very important people to the cemetery long before their time.

Paul wrote to the church of Philippi, in Philippians 4:11-13, "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength". In I Thessalonians 5:16, Paul says, "Be joyful always; pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus

Do not worry about tomorrow!

- Don't be anxious about your health because Jesus Christ is still the great physician.
- Don't be anxious about your finances because your Father in heaven is Jehovah Jireh, the Lord who supplies all your needs. Moses told the Israelites that "It is He who gives you power to get wealth" (Duet. 8:18)
- Don't be anxious about your children's future. Because king David said, "I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging for bread" (Psalm 37:25)

2nd Year Anniversary Conference

On April 3, 2012 we celebrated the second anniversary of our church, we are so grateful and thankful to God for his goodness mercy. For the INCREDIBLE Journey of our Church turning **2 years old**, Rejoice Bible Church was established in April 2011 by its founder Pastor Mazwe Majola and his wife Matshepo Majola. The first and opening service took place on the 3rd of April 2011. The church is based at Mofolo in Soweto, Gauteng province in South Africa. Pastor Mazwe Majola has been in the ministry for 15 years. He and his wife Matshepo Majola acceded to the call of God to start a ministry. The church started with 20 members, and now in less than two years the ministry has grown up to more than 200 members.

To celebrate the two years we had a 3 day conference which was AWE-SOME! Had an INCREDIBLE SERVICE lined up to kick off the birthday celebration. We opened our conference with Pastor Xola Nzo, Founder and Senior Pastor of Change Bible Church, then we had Dr. D. Khoza, Principal of the World Outreach Bible College and to wrap up our conference we had Apostle Peter Lenong of Grace Bible Church Kagiso.

To conclude the celebrations we were blessed by a Music Concert at our very own home featuring Rejoice; Makhosini Buhali; Molefi Mopelwa; Isaiah Mosehla, Zaza, etc. We were reminded of all of God's provisions that made everything possible, (some mentioned it was like 5 years already) and we find ourselves so thankful having seen our church community grow in size and faith in God through many salvation decisions and spiritual growth, and seeing excitement towards our vision. We all marveled at God's goodness, not only inviting us to co-labor with Him but also sharing in the partnership in the gospel.

We are so grateful and thankful to God for his goodness and mercy. We are thankful to our pastor, Mazwe Majola for his leadership and for the confidence that he has placed in us and the support which is ever present, always encouraging and giving us inspiration.

By Happy Maluleka



“Building Godly
Marriages”

Easter Convention

The AIM of our Easter Convention is to unconventionally remind each other year by year of the event, the meaning, and the implications of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. To understand Easter at its absolute essence, and then realize its widest ramifications. This is our annual WORKOUT of what is crucial to Christianity. There is nothing Satan would like better than for Christians to forget / be distracted from / ignore the meaning of Easter.

We started our celebration on a Thursday (Holy Thursday) with a holy communion to remember Jesus's last supper with his disciples. We had an amazing Friday in church that was jam packed! It was another great day with our Senior Pastor Mazwe Majola sharing in our morning services. Then just when you thought it couldn't get any better, we then wrapped up a great day in church with Matshepo Majola bringing a powerful message on the "Tension of what we experience and what God is able to do - God is good and his love endures forever.

What a beautiful Easter weekend we had as we reflected on our Savior Jesus Christ! We thank everyone who was involved in serving others; we truly represent the love of Jesus through our kindness & generosity of heart.

Remembering Jesus didn't die to make bad people good but to bring dead people to life! That means we have a lot to be thankful for... New life is ours because of our risen Savior.

Through all that happened in our services from the power of the cross & a time of communion at Good Friday, it was breathtaking! God the Father was glorified

By Happy Maluleka

Ministry Updates

Married Couple Ministry

Building Godly Marriages

A Rejoice Married Couples Ministry is a ministry which was design to bring revival in the marriages of RBC members and non RBC members. The primary objective of the ministry is to build Godly Marriages. Building a Godly marriage takes more than saying wedding vows and then living together. It takes determination and intentionality to actually live out and apply your wedding vows in your marriage. In the ministry we exchange marriages experiences in order to build one another.

The ministry started with a beautiful gala dinner in 2012 in February (the month of love) hosted by Rejoice Bible Church. In 2013, March a stupendous Gala dinner was hosted again to build Godly marriages. What an amazing night it was, an astounding speaker who spoke remarkably from the heart shared his life changing marital experience with the guests. The response from those who attended was encouraging. He left a mark never to be removed.

Prior to the Gala dinner a couple's picnic was organized in Mofolo Park, it too was a refreshing experience. Attendees of the picnic came to an agreement that gatherings of this nature must be organized from time to time. The couple's ministry is a surely growing ministry born out of the vision to build Godly Marriages.

By Z& P Mkhuma

Young Adults Ministry

Our hearts deepest longing is for God and Truth. In this day and age, too many hearts are preoccupied with the distractions of the world. The Young Adults as a whole go through so many trials and tribulations and the church is where one can shift their focus and find comfort.

We need to break through with the life-giving message of Jesus Christ. We believe that the Young Adults need to spend less time in the world and more time contemplating the things of God. Truth leads to sanity and clear thinking.

We strive to ensure that the love of God is evident in whatever we do as according to 1 Corinthians 13



Please meet the leaders of the above mentioned ministry; Nomcebo and Diketso.

YAM meets every second Sunday and last Sunday of the month where different activities take place i.e biblical debates, relationships, how to empower oneself as a young adult and we sometime have a speaker for a topic discussion

The current updates the YAM are involved in are the golf shirts which will be worn for the first time on Sunday June 16 and at other church sporting events

A picnic will take place at the end of May to strengthen relationships and get to know each other better;

We will be collecting unused winter clothes from one another and distributing same to the underprivileged in Soweto as part of the community work we do;

Our Soccer Team is also taking its shape. We had the first match which took place recently, the guys did very well; and

A Facebook account was created and a Whatsapp page for only – RBC Young Adults and they both aim at uplifting the young adults, where we chat about previous sermons, where anyone can ask a question regarding the word of God or life in general. It is merely designed to uplift one another when we are not together.

We will also be having our first Gala Dinner at the end of the year.

Our desire as the leaders of YAM is to see spiritual growth and unity among the Young Adults, to see the church grow not only in numbers but young adults being born of God and striving to please God and only Him.

ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD!

By Nomcebo & Diketso

Youth Ministry

RBC Youth usually referred to as **“YOUTH ON FIRE!!!!”** This youth ministry is devoted to building up youth who desire to have a deeper relationship with God and to live a life centered on Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 3:11) We desire to stay strong in this new relationship with Jesus by studying His Word verse by verse. The Bible is God’s love letter to us and it teaches us how to live a life that is pleasing to Him. This is why it’s been a wonderful challenging task with the memory verse that our Pastor Ps Mazwe Majola gives us on Sundays after every service. This task has made us go back home and re-read the memory verse meditate on it during the entire week. This Year as **YOUTH ON FIRE** we believe our father has been very gracious to us in revealing the talents that we were not even aware that we possess. God has given each of us a special gift/talent to serve others with and we desire to develop these gifts among the youth for the glory of God. The highlight of this year thus far is the formation of our Youth Choir. The Youth Choir blessed us for the very first time during our annual RBC birthday celebrations week. Everyone was just in awe of what our Heavenly Father is doing through these young people. The RBC Youth biggest desire is to follow the example of Jesus... He did not come to this earth to be served but to serve and to give His life for others. One of the songs that will forever reign in our hearts that the Youth performed was “Father whatever you do in this season please do not pass me by” We believe this desire will be granted by our Father in Jesus precious name.

Another Exciting connection that we have build as a Youth Ministry is our Personal Facebook account called “RBC Youth On Fire” a (closed) group on Facebook. Our youth can become a member and then will get all updates in their stream. Again, we are able to add events and stuff and enter into conversations. As their Leaders (Nkanyiso and myself) try and read most of their updates and we respond when appropriate. That way we have a pretty good idea what’s going on with ‘our’ youth. It helps us to pray for them specifically. Also, we get automatic notifications of birthdays (very handy!). And they know what’s going on in my life as well. I’ve always tried to live my life transparent, give them access to my life so they can see what being a Christian means in everyday life. Facebook has made that easier (they see what I write and share). We also have a Whatsapp account called “RBC Crew” which is equally amazing for those who do not have internet access on their cell phones to connect to Facebook.

CONNECTING... BUILDING...We desire to build unity among the youth. Jesus said that people would know you are my disciples by your love for one another. God not only wants us to connect with Him, but also with our peers. We do this by giving special time for fellowship at all our gatherings.
To God Be All The Glory

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