

## Remember . . .

The Federated Board meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 11 AM.

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday is Leadership Sunday.



The Women's Board requests \$5.00 each 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday from all women to cover expenses for guest speakers and meal preparation during Women's Board events. You may use your credit or debit card listed below in Payment Methods.

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday is Youth Sunday.

Pastor's Appreciation Day is every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

Missionary Sunday is every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

The School Supplies for Students collection is ongoing.  
Contact Rev. LaDonna Cartwright, Rev. Sharon Fisher, or  
Rev. Tammy Chestnut at 816-231-2829x702.

### Tithes and Offering Payment Methods

There are many ways to bless God with your tithes and offerings when you cannot get to church. At any time, day or night, you can:

- Text to give – text to 888-364-4483, and enter MSCC
- Use the MSCC App (download it at the Apple Store or Google Apps)
- Call the church, dial 816-231-2829, then 701, to contact a Trustee who can receive your offerings
- Use USPS to mail in your tithes and offerings
- Drop off your tithes and offerings by appointment

### Sunday School and Bible Study Opportunities

#### Sunday Mornings

Sunday Instruction 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship Broadcast 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

#### Tuesday Evenings

Bible Study, Rev. Ralph Taylor – 7:00 pm on Zoom

1-929-205-6099--meeting ID: 91727312074#

#### Wednesday Evenings

Bible Study, Rev. Dr. Virgil Brown -- 6:00-7:00 PM on Zoom:


Zoom Bible Study Every Two Weeks on Thursdays

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85851889947?pwd=98SA3NqfUCd8vorxiGB98o7NCKou62.1> Meeting ID: 858 5188 9947, Passcode: 637906

Scan to learn about and join MSCC at



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**Metropolitan Spiritual Church of Christ**

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CARTE POSTALE

**THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN  
CHRIST,  
HE IS A NEW CREATION.**

THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY;  
BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 ESV

Bishop James G. Bryant, Sr., Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Virgil Brown, Associate Pastor  
Bishop James D. Tindall, Sr., Pastor Emeritus



# PRAYER

## THE BELIEVER'S SECRET WEAPON

*Pray for Our Bereaved*

*Pray for Our Sick and Shut-Ins*

Sister Tina Tindall  
Rev. Dr. Virgil Brown  
Sis. Laurdes Young  
Brother Michael Hayes  
Sister Shirley Powell, mother of Virginia Jackson-Johnson  
Shawntele Gray, son of Sis. Sherry Paige  
Sis. Lonna Rea Tindall  
Sis. Judy Martin is continuing her recovery at home.  
Bro. Charles Ganaway  
Rev. John Thompson  
Bro. Drake Kettler  
Everlea Browson, niece of Rev. Margo Toombs  
Tameca Long-Collins, daughter of Sis. Jerri Lynn Harvey  
Sis. Shirley Jones, Jackson Creek Post Acute, 3980 S. Jackson Drive,  
Room 433, Independence, MO 64057  
Ms. Audrey Banks, cousin of Rev. Tammy Chestnut



Join The Prayer Phone Line 5:30 AM every morning. Add to your contacts list the Dial-in Number 1-712-832-7010. access code: 5107401#.

**FAITH**  
*is not believing that God can  
it is knowing that He will.*

## Special Events and Reminders

*Today is Friends and Family Sunday!*

**04/26 Today**

Worship with us in the sanctuary or online.  
Sunday School, "Preparing for Christ's Coming," Rev. Ralph Taylor  
Pulpit – Rev. Dr. Sharon Fisher

**04/19 Today**

Pastor Appreciation Day is every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

**04/29 Wednesday**

Intercessory Prayer Group, 4 PM. All are invited to attend.

**04/29 Wednesday**

Bible Study, open for all. 5:30 PM.

**04/30 Thursday**

Early Registration discount for the 2026 MSCC Congress ends.

**05/16 Saturday**

MSCC Sunnyday Sale, 9AM - 2 PM. (See details below). Fish dinners will be served.

**07/11 – 07/18 Saturday thru Saturday**

101th MSCC Congress, Mobile, Alabama.

### Happy Birthday

April

23

Judy Lovett (Denver, CO)

Richard McClure

24

Samantha Johnson

25

Myiah Tindall

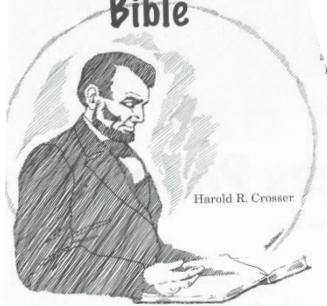
### In Memorial

George Stallings, Sr.

Norma Morgan

LOOK BACK AND  
**Thank God**  
LOOK FORWARD AND  
**Trust God**

## Lincoln and the Bible



(continued from last week ...)

"When any church will inscribe over its altar, as its sole qualification for membership, the Savior's condensed statement of the substance of both law and Gospel, 'Thou shalt love the lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and thy neighbor as thyself' that church will I join with all my heart and all my soul."

It was a hot day in August, 1858, when the first Lincoln-Douglas debate was held in Ottawa County, Illinois. When Abe rose to answer the "Little Giant" Stephen Douglas, the audience knew the reference as Lincoln shrugged his duster (outer coat) and commenced, "Hold my coat while I stone Stephen" (Acts 7:58, 59). It brought a chuckle from hundreds, and few were puzzled about Lincoln's meaning.

Of all the United States Presidents none have made greater use of the Bible than Abraham Lincoln. His own prose echoes scriptural cadences.

The recorded utterances and writings of Lincoln contain seventy-seven quotations and references from the Bible. His speeches lead the way, with conversation following closely. The Gospels and words of Jesus were favored, Genesis being second, and Exodus and Psalms in third place. One-third of the sixty-six books are referred to, sixteen of them in the Old Testament.

How, actually, did Lincoln gain this almost fabulous knowledge? Some of his contemporaries deride the idea that Lincoln spent much time with Holy Writ, while another says that he was "a great talker on the Scriptures" and read it often. A relative says Abe's father bought a Bible about 1818 or 1819. At Washington, John C. Nicolay, one of his secretaries, says he was "a constant reader of the Bible and [had] great faith in it."

It must be admitted that Lincoln's life included a time of doubt and agnosticism. He even wrote a broadside against the Bible and then repented and fed his unbelief to the fire. This was to cause him no little problem in his 1846 campaign for Congress against the Methodist circuit rider Peter Cartwright.

In a written statement the candidate was to admit not being a member of any church and a previous stout defender of the "Doctrine of Necessity" (Pigeon Creek was a "hardshell" Baptist church). But he disavowed being a scoffer at religion or eternal verities.

In his prairie years, Lawyer Lincoln was called to draw up a last will and testament for a dying lady. When he finished legal formalities, his client requested he read the Bible. To the surprise of all, Lincoln quoted the twenty-third Psalm and the beautiful words of Jesus, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:1, 2).

Then it is not strange that the "great commoner's" daily speech was salty with Bible quotations. One day when General McClellan was complaining about endless rain and mud that hindered troop movements, Lincoln told his secretary John Hay that the general forgot rain fell "on the just and on the unjust" (Matt. 5:45).



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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby accepted.

To \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The Church-Wide Sunnyday Sale is Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 9-2 pm. We will be passing out flyers/ postcards in the neighborhood on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am.**

**Thank you for your participation and support.**

**- The Hospitality Committee**

Sender's telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

**REMINDER:** Anyone interested in participating in the garage sale, please sign the sheet located in the lobby.

If you have any questions, please see Sis. Linda Waters or Sis. Sharon Ramsey of the Hospitality Committee.