

# A Slice of H.A.M.

Summer 2010

Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator

## Hierarchy of Love Deirdre Whitfield, MDiv., MSS



Maslow got it wrong! For as long as I can remember, I have always had this desire to know and understand God. But what I have come to understand is that God can not be understood from a physical realm. Even the disciples realized that Christ's power was not out of his own physical ability, but rather through his communion (interchange or sharing of thoughts or emotions), an intimate communication with God, expressed in what we know as prayer. Prayer is the highest exercise of man's spiritual nature. It is natural to the soul and is the highest expression of trust, submission, and union with God. God does not work out of the need to eat, drink or breathe, what Maslow calls basic needs. God works through his Word. Evil would have us believe that we need to have these basic needs met before we can get to the truth of God's Word, and the inner life and higher value of the spiritual relationship that God intended us to have with him. I am not trying to imply that Maslow was evil but rather point out how what was intended to be good in terms of human behavior can be twisted to satisfy our own selfish desires and ultimately separate us from God and his will.

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs is a pyramid wherein the bottom of which is the widest area, that represents the basic physiological needs of humans (food, water, air). Maslow suggests that until these basic needs are met we are unable to achieve pinnacle of the pyramid, which represents the higher level needs, which involve self actualization and desire to higher knowledge of things. I believe that while as children that is certainly true and it is the responsibility of the earthly parent to provide that basic need. But as the child becomes an adult there is a responsibility to teach and encourage the higher need, the need to be the Good Samaritan (neighbor), the need to regularly chose the better part (of Mary), and the need to love God and love neighbor as self (Deut. 4:10, Pro. 22:6). Paul wrote; "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways." (1Cor. 13:11) As children in the physical sense, the lower part of Maslow's hierarchy requires us to depend on other people, while the pinnacle of that pyramid requires us to depend on God. Additionally, the lower basic needs don't provide the kind of enduring satisfaction that nurtures us mentally, physically, emotionally or spiritually which higher level needs provide. Thus, the longer we hover like children in the physiological, the harder it becomes to reach the spiritual, because although temporary, the physiological feels good and satisfying to the point that we don't want to let it go, or we believe that if we let it go (or don't have these needs met), we believe that God has abandoned us. This is what evil wants us to believe! However the reality is that God does not abandon us. Rather we, hovering in the lower level of consciousness to basic physiological needs, abandon God.

The truth is that we are spiritual beings and from the beginning, humans were created to be in relationship with God. Our ability to be in relationship with him requires that we spend time in communion with him and in return we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit which represents the consciousness of God. It represents wisdom and discernment and enables us to act and respond with love and compassion for not only our own welfare but also for the welfare of others. While Maslow's hierarchy which begins with the self has been re-evaluated over the years, no other understanding of it is a substitute for the "one thing"; that of the need to know God, from which all other needs, physiological, mental, emotional, or spiritual are met. And from that "one thing" we create a Hierarchy of Love that begins with God; seeking Him diligently, loving Him continually, and serving neighbor as self.

**Enjoy your summer!**

## Summer Worship Schedule



Don't forget, for the month of August our two worship services are 8:00 and 9:30 AM!

**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**



Mark you calendars. Tell all your friends and family, Celebration Sunday is September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please join us as we joyously welcome the return to our regular schedule.



**Women's Day  
Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
Feeling the Spirit in 2010**



Women's Day Co-chairs Janis Moore & Udean Morris are pleased to announce that the Rev. Gloria Tucker will be guest speaker for ECW's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Day. Rev. Tucker is the Founder & Senior Pastor of the Christ International Church.

\*\*\*\*\*Reminders\*\*\*\*\*

If you haven't purchased an ad, please see Janis or Udean as soon as possible! Each member of ECW is asked to make a \$50.00 pledge in honor of Women's Day.

**Joint Theater Collaboration with Greater St. Matthew**



If you had the opportunity to attend the **ECW Block Party** in June you were treated to staged readings of works by new playwrights. These plays were developed in a workshop sponsored by The Greater St. Matthew Drama Ministry. The readings were so well received that people wanted to see them as fully executed plays. To that end, we are pleased to announce a joint project between Greater St. Matthew and Holy Apostles. **"Got To Be There"** and **"My Lord What a Morning"** will be performed at Greater St. Matthew on **October 30<sup>th</sup>**. HAM will produce **"First Fruits"** & **"The Disappointed Bride"** in the Spring.



**Money Counters  
August**



**8/1** Janis Moore, Udean Morris, Pat Peterson

**8/8** Everett Gillison, Boima Sonii, Bryon Golson

**8/15** Udean Morris, Adele Thomas

**8/22** Marit Anderson, Clare Nelson

**8/29** Angela Harris-Thompson, lola Harper, Janis Moore

**Transportation Ministry  
August**

*Bob Allen, Marit Anderson, Everett Gillison, Dereck Burchette & Janis Moore*



**8/1** Janis Moore 215-796-9119

**8/8** Marit Anderson 215-474-6663

**8/15** Bob Allen 215-471-9248

**8/22** Everett Gillison 215-473-0637

**8/29** Janis Moore 215-796-9119



**8/1** Rev. Whitfield

**8/8** Daughters of the King

**8/15** Brotherhood of St. Andrew

**8/22** ECW

**8/25** Roundtable

- 1 Olivia Gillison
- 3 Yvonne Samuels
- 5 Jeffrey Jacobs
- 12 Yvette Harris
- 13 Samantha Fowler, Joyce Maddy
- 14 Jasmin L. Timbers
- 17 Jeanette S. Gillison
- 20 Safa Browne
- 21 Myra Jacobs
- 22 Valerie Williams, Richard Wilson
- 28 Laura Williams
- 29 Udean Morris, Lola Harper, Andre Thomas



### **United Thank Offering Diocesan In-gathering By Harriet Logan**

Many years ago our Diocesan In-gathering was held on Ascension Day on the campus of Episcopal Academy with hundreds and hundreds of people of all ages attending. It was an impressive sight. It was also a time when the daily prayers of many people all over the country dropping coins into the little blue boxes netted over 3 million dollars to be used to meet the needs of Episcopalians in our country and around the world who needed support.

In recent years our Diocesan spring In-gathering had been held at The Cathedral with very little in attendance. But on May 15, 2010 the Saturday after Ascension Day the United Thank offering In-gathering was held at the Seaman's Church Institute with quite a few more people attending. It was a good sign of "Expanding the circle of thankful people".



### **Prayer Requests**

Special prayers are offered for Joseph Williams, Laura Williams & Juanita Carter as they recuperate from medical procedures...God's traveling mercies to Leslie Banks visiting Egypt gathering research for a new novel, Saudah Al Akbar spending her summer in Brazil and Udean Morris cruising on the azure waters of the Mediterranean. ...folks at HAM really get around!



**Prayer, It Works!**

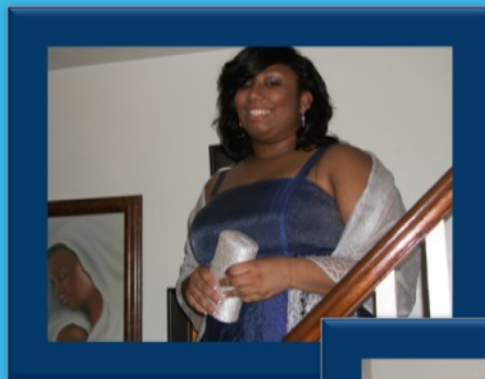
# SNAPSHOTS!



Counting our Blessings & UTO boxes!



Caribbean Sunday



Rev. Gloria Turner, Founder & Senior Pastor  
Christ International Church



Samantha's Prom!

PRESENTED AT THE 2010 GIRLS FRIENDLY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
IN ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA



**What GFS Has Done**

By Synae L. Allen

Holy Apostles and the Mediator, Philadelphia, PA

GFS/USA Youth Delegate

You see it's quite hard to do something you've never done before  
Try to put yourself out there to try something new  
But at the same time you're judged, played, watched and then some more  
Maybe changing with all surroundings but trying so hard to be just you

You're used to being loved at home  
But home is not the place you always are  
Never near but always far  
It's like shooting for the moon and not even landing among the stars

You're in a struggle to define the person you aim to become  
Seeing that it's easier to follow someone else  
Then realizing that in the entire world there are none

But then you find a place where you're loved no matter what  
A group that accepts your personality  
Encourages you to do the things you want to do  
Just you with confidentiality

A group of women who shows you that they care  
That they will always be there

So this is a way for me to step back and be real  
To say how I feel  
Confess what I've realized  
Well, God has always been a big part of my life and despite hard times  
I try to keep it that way  
Because he is thine

The Girls' Friendly Society has aided to making my life thus far a success  
And I thank all for that  
God Bless

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**Sunday**- Holy Eucharist Services: 8:00 AM Rite I • 9:30 AM Sung Mass  
**1st Tuesday**- Noonday Eucharist & Healing Service  
**3rd Tuesday**- Noonday Eucharist

## Anniversaries

8/22 Jeffrey & Myra Jacobs

## Memorials

8/9/1990	Lloyd Kay, Jr.	8/15/1993	Shannon Williams Monroe
8/14/1993	Hilda Louise Kelley	8/28/1993	Shayne Salvadore White
		8/12/1995	Betty Williams

## The Vestry

The Reverend Deirdre Whitfield, Priest-in-Charge

### 2011

Byron Golson, Director of Music  
Angela Harris-Thompson  
Patricia Peterson

### 2012

Clare Nelson  
Sonya Riggins Furlow, Evangelist  
Boima Sonii

### 2013

Everett Gillison  
Iola Harper  
Janis Moore