

# Ministry In Action

A Quarterly Newsletter Publication of Showers of Blessings Church of God In Christ

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Happy New Year

JESUS SHOW US THE WAY  
beginning a new year  
with a good guide on our side  
the star of Jesus  
which shows us safe roads  
fills our hearts with his grace  
best wishes for the new year

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## We Want To Hear From You!

*PLEASE Consider Helping With Our Question Of The Season Newsletter article.*

If you are or someone you know is willing to answer **one of the 2025 Questions of the Season**, then please send a 1-2 sentence response and photo by **Thursday, February 20, 2025** via email to [newsletter@sobcogic.org](mailto:newsletter@sobcogic.org)

The selected participants will have their names, submitted pictures and 1-2 sentence responses published in the newsletter.

### 2025 Questions Of The Season

1. How Do You Honor Your Mother?
2. What Inspires You About Pastor Darnell Thomas' Leadership?
3. How Does God Help You Reach Your School, Personal and/or Career Goals?
4. How Do You Keep Christ in Christmas During Your Christmas Celebrations and Activities?

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CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST'



**Dr. Darnell Thomas, Pastor**  
**Missionary Phyllis Thomas**  
**First Lady**

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*Join us for 10:00 a.m.*  
**Sunday Worship Service!**  
Life Changing, Encouraging,  
Uncompromising Teaching from  
the Word of God!

Livestream Available on  
YouTube,  
FACEBOOK – Darnell Thomas  
(Showers of Blessings) page and  
Sermons/Livestream Page at  
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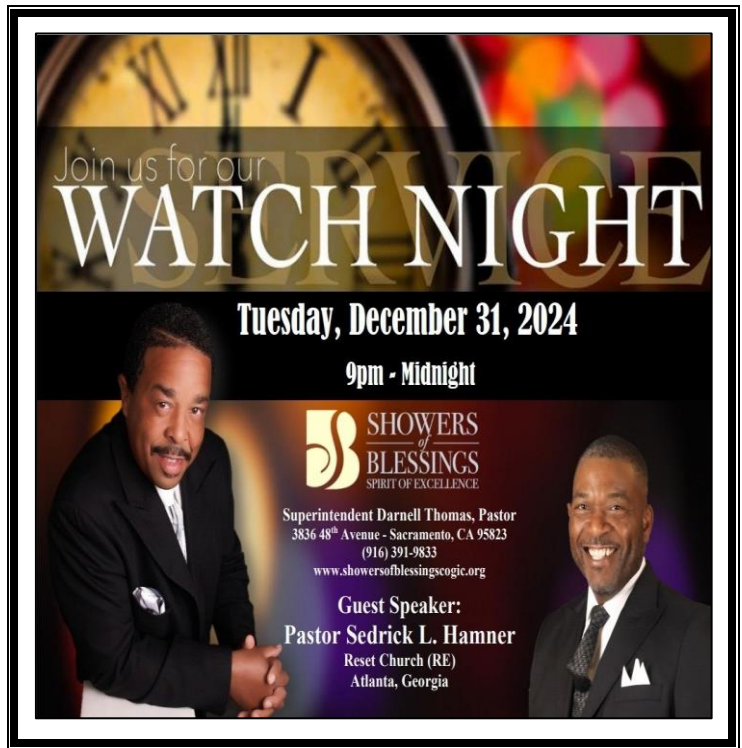
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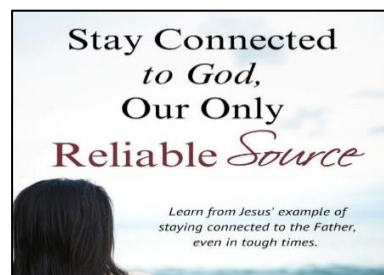


***Season's Greetings To All The New Showers Of Blessings Members!***

***We are so excited that you joined our family in 2024!***

***During this Christmas Season and the New Year to come, we are praying that you stay connected to Jesus our Lord, who is our source and portion now and forever!***

***Please plan to stay connected and involved in the ministries of Showers in 2025 because we know God has great things in store for you, according to Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."***



***Merry Christmas and May Your New Year Be Great!***  
***Dr. Donna Hammock, New Members Ministry***

# YOUTH MINISTRY

**To: Showers Youth**

*Wishing you a Christmas full of cherished moments, love, and the beauty of togetherness.*

*May the Spirit of Christmas bring you comfort, peace, and the strength to start a wonderful new year.*



**Sister Carlissa Jones  
Youth Department Director**

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*A Special Thank You To All Who Participated In And Supported Our 2024 Youth Christmas Program*

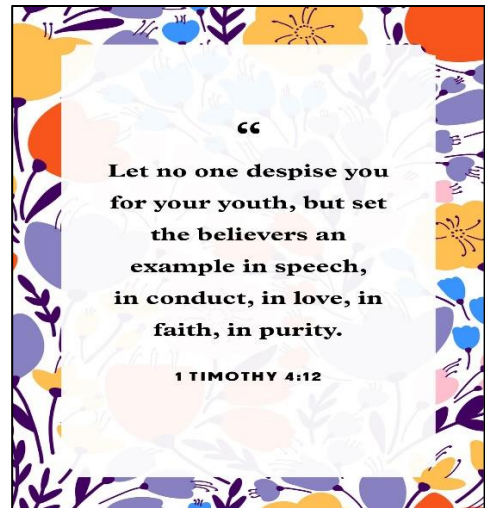
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**Youth Department  
"Christmas Program"**

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6*

**Friday, December 20, 2024  
7:00 p.m. (In the Sanctuary)**

For more information, please see Sister Carlissa Jones and Sister Tinita Richardson.  
Superintendent Darrell Thomas, Pastor





## THE GIFT OF GOD

*Missionary Phyllis Thomas*

*This article features excerpts from Your Personal Prayer Journal © 2001 by Phyllis Thomas*

### Scripture

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but shall have everlasting life. St. John 3:16

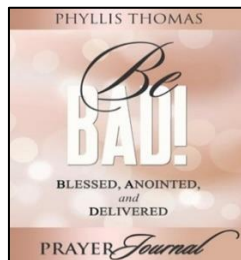
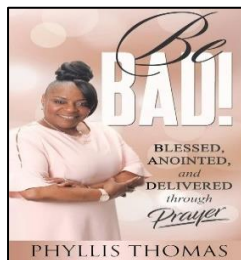
### Inspiration

When Jesus Christ the "Gift of God" came, He changed our destination from eternal condemnation, wrath, sorrow and damnation to eternal delight, bliss and fellowship.

### Your Daily Checklist

There is nothing that Satan can offer a sinner that can compare to what Christ offers His own. Jesus Christ gives rest, love, joy, peace, light, strength, freedom, help and victory to those that call upon His name.

- Did you think about the valuable "Gift of God" today?
- Did you read your Bible?
- Did you do something special for anyone?
- Did you ask God for forgiveness today?
- Did you pray for your family (natural and spiritual)?



6:00 a.m.  
**PRAYER**

"Pray without ceasing"  
1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV

Start your day off with  
an Hour of Power!  
Join us for 6 a.m. prayer.  
Monday-Friday in the Sanctuary.

For more information, please see Elder Michael Johnson, President or Sister Angella Leavy, Vice President.

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**Noon Day Prayer**

*Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks - for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18*

Join us for an Hour of Power!  
Monday - Friday at 12 noon  
in the Sanctuary.

For more information, please see Deacon Napoleon Crumb, President.

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**Missionary Circle Prayer Line**

"Early Will I Seek Thee" Psalm 63:1  
**Every Wednesday**  
5:00 a.m. to 5:30 a.m.

Phone Number: 1 (267) 807-9605  
Access Code: 183304

**Intercessory Prayer**

"Before God on Behalf of Others"

"Let's join together in Prayer"  
"Jesus is on the main line, tell Him what you want!"

Monday evenings at 8:00 p.m.  
Call: 267-807-9605  
Conference Code: #957288

For more information, please see Missionary Elaine Banks, President.

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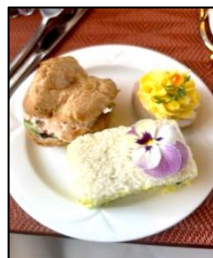
Ministry Spotlight! 

# Widows and Widowers Ministry



Dr. Flora Parker is President of the Widows and Widowers Ministry. She coordinates meetings, outings, resources and support for males and females who have lost their spouses. The Widows and Widowers Ministry also hosts special events enjoyed by all Showers Members, including the Annual Christmas Gala.

## The Widows And Widowers Ministry Recently Enjoyed A Trip To Napa Valley





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**CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING**

Wednesday  
January 15, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

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*Praise Him with the Tambour and Dance - Psalm 150:4*

**Praise In Motion**  
Adult Praise Dance Ministry  
Ages 18+

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All rehearsals are held at the  
Showers of Blessings Executive Plaza  
7100 Bowling Drive

For more information, please see Sister Tina Scurry, President.

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**MIME OF PRAISE**

"Ages 12 and Up"

If you would like to be a part of the Mime Ministry, please come to rehearsals every Thursday night from 6:30pm to 8pm at the Showers of Blessings Executive Plaza 7100 Bowling Drive.

For more information, please see Sister Elaine Fortson, Coordinator.

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**Men's Encouragement Committee**

**Breakfast Fellowship**

Come fellowship with the brothers of Showers of Blessings Church every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month.

Please meet us at  
Golden Coral Restaurant  
7700 West Stockton Blvd.

*Everyone is responsible for paying for their own meal.*

For more information, please see Elder Michael Johnson.

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**Homeless Committee Coin Drive**

EMPTY YOUR POCKETS, OR THE BOTTOM OF YOUR PURSE...

Coin buckets will be in the foyer every 2nd Sunday immediately following the 10am Worship service. All money raised will go toward purchasing needed items for the homeless.

For more information, please see Sister Pamela Hornback, President or Sister Nikki Henderson, Vice President.

CLEAN OUT YOUR CAR, THE COUCH AND YOUR COIN POCKET!

## The Men's Encouragement Committee



### Men Encouraging Men

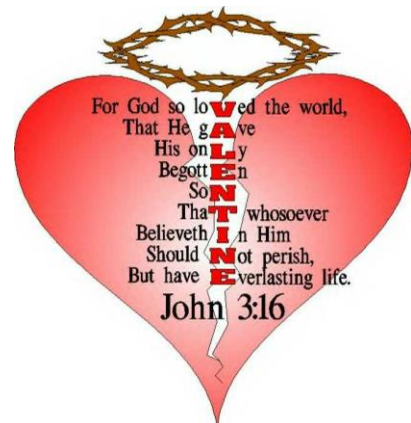
You may be in a tough time, but the enemy always fights you the hardest when he knows God has something great in store for you.

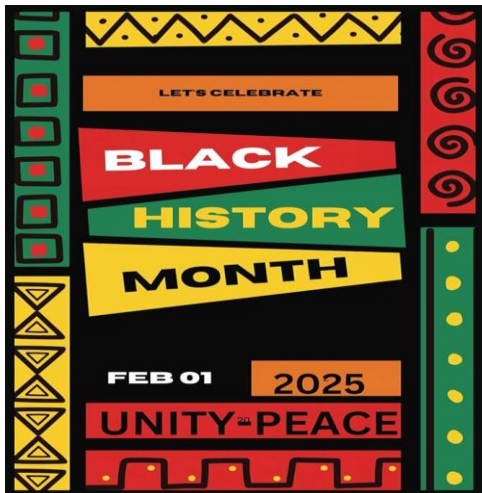
Trusting God completely means having faith that He know what is best for your life.

via LULUARA.COM

God is up to something. There is a reason why you went through what you went through. Trust the process. He's got you.

## Happy Valentine's Day





- Founded in 1915 by Carter G. Woodson
- It's celebrated in February because Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, both contributors to Black Independence, have their birthday in that month!

What can you do to celebrate Black History?

- Support Black-owned businesses
- Amplify Black voices
- Read books by Black Authors
- Watch movies about Black history

## ◆ Black ◆ History Month

### Timeline

<p>1793- RISE OF THE COTTON INDUSTRY</p>	<p>1831- ABOLITIONISM AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD</p>	<p>1926- CARTER G. WOODSON LAUNCHES BLACK HISTORY WEEK.</p>	<p>1964- CIVIL RIGHTS ACT CELEBRATED BY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.</p>	<p>1969- BLACK EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS AT KENT STATE PROPOSE BLACK HISTORY MONTH.</p>	<p>1976- BLACK HISTORY MONTH BECAME A NATIONAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION.</p>
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### Facts

- 134,567** Black-owned employer businesses in the United States in 2021.
- 1964** President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act.
- 3.2 MILLION** Black civilian military veterans in the United States nationwide in 2019.

Sources: history.com, census.org

**WEDNESDAYS**  
7PM

**WEEKLY  
BIBLE  
STUDY**

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### *In-Person Sunday School*

Sunday School will be held in the sanctuary every Sunday morning beginning  
**Sunday, January 5, 2025**  
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**Please join us and grow in God's word!**

For more information, please see  
Missionary Deborah Newsome, Sunday School Superintendent,  
or Elder Michael Johnson, Sr., Assistant Superintendent.

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## Children's Church

And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. *Isaiah 54:13*

Join the  
**C.R.E.W.**  
Children Readily Equipped with the Word of God

Children's Church is held every  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
for children ages 3 to 10 years old.

For more information, please see  
Sister Pamela Hornback  
Coordinator.