

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

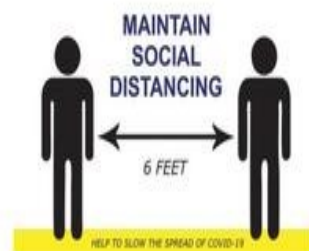
*while strictly adhering to:*

- ✓ Disinfection & Sanitation Precautions
- ✓ Temperature Checks
- ✓ Social Distancing
- ✓ Contact Tracing



*Please Wear Your Mask* **AT ALL TIMES**

- ✚ Sanitation Stations will be setup in Designated Areas
- ✚ Avoid touching your face whatsoever
- ✚ Frequently Wash & Sanitize Your Hands
- ✚ Please **Read ALL POSTED SIGNS** to provide direction to keep us all Safe & Well!



September,  
October &  
November 2020  
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## A 20/20 Vision in Year 2020

Greetings My Children,

It has been a long road, yet in every step of the way God has shown Himself faithful. If, you have allowed the Word of God to work in you in the midst of the Covid Pandemic, then you are still standing by God's grace being empowered by His Spirit. *"Now, thanks be to God, Who always leads us in triumph in Christ..." (2 Corinthians 2:14 NKJV)*

This trial, affliction, or battle in whatever form it is presenting itself goes deeper than a Covid Pandemic, adding to it the racial tension/ uprising, the political issues, etc. They are all spiritual! The root of all of this comes from the Kingdom of Darkness trying to overthrow the Kingdom of Light (the Kingdom of our God). The Word of God says, we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness in this world, spiritual wickedness in high places. Paul has directed us to stand then withstand putting on the whole armour of God in order to have victory in this battle, and in any other challenge we may be facing.

This time has been a separation of the Church (the Body of Christ) from the church (the building). For some there has probably been an identity crisis, for it was not the building that saves and sanctifies us but the Blood of Jesus Christ. Therefore, in coming back we are returning stronger, more focused, and dedicated in serving Him. For this world system has failed and the only thing that continues and remains solid and steadfast is Christ.

As we enter in on Sunday, September 6, we bring individually and collectively our praise, our worship, our thanksgiving, and our testimony to come together as a corporate body to declare in holy worship that our God truly reigns and His Son is living in us through His Spirit.

Praise God, all you peoples. Praise him everywhere and let everyone know you love him! There's no doubt about it; God holds our lives safely in his hands. He's the one who keeps us faithfully following him. O Lord, we have passed through your fire; like precious metal made pure, you've proved us, perfected us, and made us holy.

**Psalms 66:8-10 TPT**

*Apostle Jerome Nelson, Sr.*



## Welcome Back Vessel of Life Women Ministry

**Ps 122:1**

*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. KJV*

Halleluiah! Praise The Lord! Spirit of Life Ministries is returning to the sanctuary! I am so excited to see all of our church family. It's going to be difficult to refrain from hugging, as we are a loving, "hugging church," but we must obey the laws of the land (**Rom 13:1** *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. KJV*) and not tempt The Lord. (**Luke 4:12** *And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. KJV*)

### WELCOME BACK VESSELS OF LIFE WOMEN!!!

We look forward to the return of our connect classes and our bible study fellowships. However, we will have to wait until we get clearance to do so. Let us continue in prayer, personal study of the Word of God, evangelism and other works of the ministry until we all come into the unity of the faith in the bond of peace. I LOVE Y'ALL TO LIFE!!!

The Lord willing, SEE YOU SUNDAY!!!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

*Betty Barras Nelson,*

Co-Pastor

SPIRIT OF LIFE MINISTRIES

### WELCOME BACK FROM THE SLM ADMINISTRATION OFFICE !!

We sincerely praise God for each and every SLM Member,  
Family & Guest!

Our Primary Focus now, even more than before, is to [[ get and stay connected ]] to each and every one of "YOU" so we can lift you up and do our best to meet your Spiritual Needs well into the future!

Please join us in our efforts to elevate our  
communication and notifications by engaging in SLM Alert Media:

Simply visit our website at [www.SLM1.org](http://www.SLM1.org)

Click the Alert Media Link and enter your current  
contact information for our 2020 Database Update.

**It's that simple!**

We are striving to keep SLM Strong and Flourishing through this pandemic  
and any other circumstances, as we RENEW our Faith and Stand on  
God's Promises for us, "His Chosen People".

Many Blessings over Every Area of your LIFE!



Shonell Griffith,  
Administration Director

## List of Leaders and Volunteers

### Associate Pastors

Pastor Donald Thomas, Sr.  
Pastor Lela Hannibal  
Pastor Quinton Morris, Sr.  
Pastor Kelvin Ward  
Pastor Connie Francis  
Pastor Dennis Francis  
Pastor Bridgit White  
Pastor Anita Williams

### Elders

Elder George Paul  
Elder Wayland Hickman  
Elder Cameron Chenevert  
Elder Lee Boykin  
Elder James Wilson  
Elder David Dalcour  
Elder Anthony Garnett, Jr.

### Sanctuary Servants

Alclair White  
Sandra Pickens  
Mozel Phillips-Rettig  
Barbara Amos  
Charlene Espree  
Jerri Rogers  
Carol Little

### VAM

Rachael Drayton  
LaCarlos Francis  
Rose Mitchell  
Wanda Houston  
Kathy Stroud  
Reginald Blanks

### Leaders/Volunteers

Pamela Thomas  
Chryll Batiste  
Mona Alexander Lee  
Jackie Chartian  
Victoria Fernandez  
Yvette Donato  
Diedra Bates  
DaNisha Brown  
Candace Blanks  
Mona Johnson  
Danita Sands  
Kalyse Drayton





## Words of Exhortation

No matter what we face, remember God is **ALWAYS** in control. No matter what obstacles we come across, remember the race is not given to the swift nor to the strong, but to the one who endures to the very end. In every situation, remember God is always watching our response. Therefore, before we utter a word, say a prayer, or offer Him our praise and worship we must make sure our sound always brings God joy.

Be encouraged to keep your head up; be encouraged to walk by faith and not by sight. You are special to God and He knows everything we need, before we even ask. We are His and He is ours. We are His beloved!

*Diedra Bates,*  
Music Ministry



## Dancing through the Pandemic



Greetings from Jacquie Chartian,  
Dance Ministry Director

This pandemic has taught us that there is more in us than we realized. We have become teachers, principals, prayer warriors, worship leaders, pastors and evangelist in our homes (lol). It is time for us to Believe everything that we said we believed and told others that we believed. I know that the coronavirus is an Awakening and has caused us to look at the things we so took for granted. Like freely coming to a building to be encouraged and built up. I would like to encourage you with 3 words I heard during prayer, Redeem, Reflect and Remember. As dancers let us not miss out on this Great opportunity the Lord has given us! We should take our experience and Redeem the time to inspire people through movement to follow Jesus. The need is greater now. Let us not get so focused on what we cannot do but reflect on what we can do. The Lord has given us a platform through social media, in our home, backyard outside or whenever the opportunity presents itself. Let us reverse the order of what we use to do and Move (dance) like David we are carriers of the Lord's presence. Lastly, remember the Lord has been good during this Pandemic! He is still Blessing, still making provision, still healing, still making a way out of no way!

Go ahead and join me and take your Pandemic Praise Break and dance through the Pandemic!



## Greeting from Pastor Donald Thomas, Sr.

*"And we know that all things work together . . ." Romans 8:28*

Greetings Spirit of Life Ministries Family

It is with great joy and gladness of heart, that I write to all of you to express, the joy of our "Reopening".

I know that it has been a struggle for all of us, but God has brought us through. My prayer for you is good health and for your soul to prosper. Let me remind you that certain steps must be maintained to ensure a continuous fellowship at the church Please adhere to social distancing by applying proper hand sanitizer, and follow the Covid-19 protocol. There is

signage and personnel to assist you during and after the worship services. Hope to see you all soon. Be Blessed!



*Pastor Donald Thomas, Sr.,*  
Executive Senior Associate Pastor  
Spirit of Life Ministries

## Greeting from 212°F Ministry

From Pastor Quinton:

We pray all is well with you and your family during this time.

We as a Church family at Spirit of Life Ministries look forward to the time we can return to corporate worship as a body of believers.

However, we know there are measures that need to be taken to ensure a healthy environment for EVERYONE and especially our youth. During our first phase of reentry to our facility for Sunday services we will NOT be having our 212° Youth Church services for an undetermined period of time. We ask that all parents would keep their children alongside them during

worship service times. We ask that you do not allow your children to congregate in groups inside the SLM facility during this time.

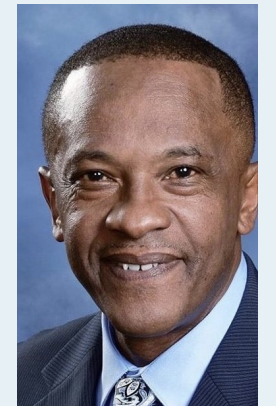
Our youth ministry leaders and teachers miss our kiddos dearly and we are eager to love on them all!

Health and safety is paramount and we plan to abide by all rules and regulations.

Love you to Life!



Quinton Morris, Sr. &  
Merediethe Morris



## To My SLM Brothers and Sisters:

During these strange times we Christians are protected by the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Stand fast and strong on the Word of GOD, Pray without ceasing, and encourage family and friends to have faith in our Almighty God.

Hebrews 11:1 – Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Romans 1:17 – For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith.

Love You To Life,  
Elder Paul George



## Prayer Ministry

Welcome back SLM,  
Gatekeepers + Gap  
Standers + Warriors =  
Intercessors Entering into  
His gates with thanksgiving  
and His courts with praise.  
Thankful of the partnership  
we have with Our LORD and  
Savior JESUS, and the HOLY  
SPIRIT in our lives through  
the prayers we offer up on  
behalf of others, whether at  
home during our personal  
prayer times, on the Prayer  
Line, Intercessory Prayer  
Meetings, Altar Prayers or  
any given Prayer time.

*Mona Alexander Lee,*  
Prayer Ministry Leader



## Spirit of Life Ministries Marriage Ministry “Building God’s Kingdom One Marriage at a Time”

Lee and I want you to know that we love you and we miss you very much and we’re looking forward to seeing you very soon.

**Remember until we meet again...In order for your marriage to be successful, everyone must be willing to change their beliefs, thoughts, opinions and behaviors.**

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

### Marriage Ministry Purpose & Vision

Is to promote unity within the sanctity of the marriage covenant. To teach each couple their respective roles, responsibilities and to give each instruction on living a life that glorifies God.

**A Kingdom Marriage** defined is a covenantal union between a man and a woman who commit themselves to function in unison under divine authority in order to replicate God’s image and expand His rule in the earth. Genesis 1:26-28 (NIV)

### Marriage CONNECT

Classes to resume once we’re able to meet safely in a classroom setting. Stay tuned for more details.

Location: Room 111

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

### Upcoming Topics:

- Blended Families
- Building a Kingdom Marriage
- Effective Communication “He Said/She Said”
- Effects of Divorce & Separation
- Forgiveness & Reconciliation
- Love & Respect
- Money Matters
- Resolving Conflict
- Roles & Responsibilities of the Husband & Wife
- Servant Leadership in Marriage
- The Power of Prayer in Marriage
- Unrealistic Expectation

**For At Risk Couples...If you desire Marriage Coaching please contact the Administrative Office at 713-455-5433 to schedule an appointment.**



Elder Lee and Minister Miracle Boykin,  
Marriage Ministry Leaders

## Unmarried & VAM Ministry



### Greetings from Complete-N-Christ Ministry

As we prepare for our long awaited return to worship corporately again, I just want to take time out to say I love and miss you all and cannot wait to see all of your beautiful faces. Though times right now may be filled with fears and uncertainties, we who are God's called out and chosen have nothing to fear and can put our hope, trust in the One who is Sovereign, in total control and holds our lives in His hand. I pray for your strength in the Lord and to hold fast to your faith though it is being tested. The Father wants you to press in and see this time in this pandemic as an opportunity to become even more intimate with Him and for some recommit to your relationship with your first love. So remember every promise He has made you and stand on His word and know that our God can do ANY and EVERYTHING but fail. Never forget that He loves you with an EVERLASTING and unconditional love. So I will leave you with these 7 nuggets from Daddy God to tuck away and hide in the secret pockets of your heart and know that you "beloved" are loved in every sense of the word because it is your inheritance and birthright.

SELAH  
SHALOM

- 1) Jeremiah 29:11
  - 2) 2 Timothy 1:7
  - 3) Ephesians 6:10
  - 4) Isaiah 54:17
  - 5) Philippians 4:4-8
  - 6) 1 Corinthians 2:9 and last but never least
  - 7) Isaiah 41:10.
- SEE YA SOON!!!

Thanks again,

*Rachael D. Drayton,*  
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## Welcome to Spirit of Life Ministries.

There are a few things that we would like to let you know to help you make the most of your experience. If at any time you have questions, please contact our **Visitors Ministry at (713) 455-5433 or email info@slm1.org.**

When you visit, be sure to complete an offering envelope, even if you don't give. We want the opportunity to meet and serve you.

### What to Wear

Members and visitors to our church who attend our Sunday morning services wear everything from casual to business casual to a suit. Those attending services other than Sunday morning are very relaxed and casually dressed. Nevertheless, come just as you are.

### What to Expect

Once you arrive, greeters will be readily available to help you and your family get settled in for an exciting visit. Activities are provided for children ages 4 years old through 6th grade, giving you the ability to attend both Worship and Bible Study.

### During the Worship

**Services,** you will be given an opportunity to complete an offering envelope and check the first time visitor's box. This will allow us to thank you for your visit.