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## “Love is Patient, Love is Kind”

By Peola Hicks

Everyone knows what love is. It's something like affection that we feel for others, right? Yet we say things like, “I love ice cream,” or “I love pizza,” etc. How is it that we can feel so emotional about something that will be consumed in a matter of minutes?

When we love one another it has to be more than just a feeling at any given moment. Feelings cannot be relied upon; they are often based on circumstances or conditions. People are too valuable to be subject to our emotional instability.

God, in His wisdom, knew that we needed to have a specific definition of love to guide our human interactions and relationships. His love for us is unconditional and beyond my ability to fully understand. His love is constant and demonstrative. It does not change when I don't live up to all that

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He has designed for me. In fact, the scriptures teach us that God's love is everlasting and has been expressed to the world through Jesus Christ. God's love is unconditional, and for that I am thankful.

Like the song says, "I want to know what love is," and to know when I fall short of the standard. What may seem like a simple answer is now defined and cannot be manipulated or contrived. It is defined by the One who is Love. A favorite reading at weddings – including my own wedding, although there have been times when I forget that I ever heard the scripture is I Corinthians 13. "Love is patient, love is kind, love thinks no evil, love keeps no record of wrong, love will last throughout eternity, it will never fail."

I don't have to wonder any longer what love is, but now I have to pray that I don't allow my feelings to dictate how I show love. Love is an active word, and is not just for marriage. It is for all of my relationships. There are different kinds of love, but the love expressed in I Corinthians can be demonstrated through my behavior toward others. It can be applied to relationships with family, colleagues, friends, and within the church.

I have to admit that a constant plea in my prayers is that I show God's love on a consistent basis. I know that I am not always on the mark, but at least I have no excuse for bad behavior. My prayer point is that we take some time to meditate on I Corinthians 13 and not think of it just as a wedding text; and second, that we measure our love by the way we act toward others over and above the way we feel. This is not to deny that we can have feelings of love for others, but it is to say that when we don't feel anything, we still know how to behave.

"Love is patient, love is kind" is easy to remember and can help to guide us when we are not feeling like we are able to love. We can show patience rather than irritability and kindness rather than rudeness. To help each of us come closer to doing what we know and not turning our backs on relationships that matter, we need to pray consistently.

## A Berry Sweet Reminder

**My goddaughter gave a valentine that turned out to be so much more – it was a reminder of God's love.**

By Cherie Leonardo, Bly, Oregon

I was up to my elbows in chocolate! My goddaughter, Shari, owns [The Berry Factory](#) in Sacramento, California, and her mother, Joan and I were helping with the Valentine's Day rush of 2010. We'd dipped hundreds of berries, arranged gift baskets and packaged orders to be shipped around the country.

By the end of the day Joan and I were exhausted. Shari didn't seem fazed. That's typical Shari. Even when things were hectic I'd seen her give away berries to everybody – parking attendants, mail carriers, hairdressers. "For me?" they'd say, bursting into a smile. As a thank you, Shari took us out for dinner. But there was a 45-minute wait at her favorite restaurant. "No big deal, there's another place just up the road," she said, driving us there. This time we walked right in. While the waitress took our drink orders Shari reached into her tote bag, pulling something out.

"I want you to have these," she said, handing the waitress a box of chocolate-dipped strawberries.

*Boy, will she love those berries!* I thought. But the waitress seemed startled. She barely squeaked out a "thank you" before grabbing the box and darting into the kitchen.

A few minutes later, the waitress returned with our ice teas. "I apologize," she said. "It's just ...my best friend and I had a pact to send each other something every Valentine's Day. She passed away last year and I didn't know how I'd get through this day without her. Then you handed me that box."

"I'm so sorry," said Shari. "It's not much, but I hope you can enjoy them."

"Oh, I will," the waitress said. "See, every year we always sent each other the same thing: a box of chocolate-dipped strawberries from our favorite store, The Berry Factory."

And the second is  
like unto it, Thou  
shalt love thy  
neighbor as thyself.

– Mark 12:31

# FEBRUARY KINGDOM SCHEDULE

## Scripture and Welcome

- 02/02 Bro. James Green, Sr. (Luke 14:22-25)  
Sis. Connie Payne (welcome)
- 02/09 Ashley Boothe (Matthew 22:35-38)  
Joydan Taylor (welcome)
- 02/16 Sis. Mary Diggs (John 14:21-24)  
Bro. John Lee (welcome)
- 02/23 Bro. Barry Nichols (Matthew 5:43-48)  
Sis. Elaine Nichols (welcome)

## Servant Leader Schedule

- 02/02 Sis. Turekia White  
02/09 Sis. Wendy Green  
02/16 Sis. Sylvia Gundy  
02/23 Sis. Phyllis Duck

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## Worship Leader Schedule

- 02/02 Elder Margaret Shivers-Thomas  
02/09 Sis. Ashley Boothe  
02/16 Elder Jamel Kinard  
02/23 MIT Cynthia Edwards

## February Door Opener

Bro. Earl Moton

## Communion Bowls

Sis. Sylvia Gundy  
Sis. Phyllis Duck



## February Teacher's Schedule

### ADULT TEACHERS

- 02-04 MIT Cynthia Edwards (2-09) | "Treat Everyone Equally" | James 2:1-13
- 02-11 Min. Edith Shivers (2-16) | "Show Your Faith by Your Works" | James 2:14-26
- 02-18 Sis. Wendy Green (2-23) | "Control Your Speech" | James 3:1-12
- 02-25 Sis. Lucy Watkins (3-02) | "An Eternal Kingdom" | 2 Samuel 7:4-16

### YOUTH TEACHERS

Elder Wayne Hatton/Bro. Earl Moton

Explanation of the lesson can be found on our website. [solomons-templechurch.org](http://solomons-templechurch.org)

Additional Study Help: [www.studylight.org](http://www.studylight.org) [www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com)

**Reminder:**  
*CID session*  
*every Tuesday*  
*night at*  
*6:30pm*

## **New To Solomon's Temple?**



First of all, **WELCOME!** We are so pleased that you have come to visit our church. Whether you are just inquiring about our church, a new visitor, or simply want to see if Solomon's Temple is the right fit for you and your family, we are grateful to have you among us. We hope you will find your spiritual home here. Here at Solomon's Temple, we offer many exciting ministries to assist in your daily walk.

Solomon's Temple holds New Disciple Orientation sessions that can provide information about our church, what we offer and what to expect from your church family. If you have any questions, please contact Brother James Green, Sr. or Sister Turekia White.

# February Birthdays

If your birthday is missing from the list or incorrect, let the office know.



*Anyone can catch your eye,  
but it takes someone special to  
catch your heart.*

*Anonymous*

*A life with love will have  
some thorns, but a life  
without love will have no  
roses.* *Anonymous*

*To the world, you may be  
one person, but to one person  
you may be the world.*

*Bill Wilson*



**Get Ready!!!!**

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



**March 5<sup>th</sup> -April 19<sup>th</sup>**



Rufus Boyce	Sat., 02/01
Robert White	Mon., 02/03
Mary Diggs	Wed., 02/05
James Green, Sr.	Wed., 02/05
Barry Nichols	Wed., 02/05
Ashley Boothe	Wed., 02/05
Joydan Taylor	Fri., 02/07
Willie B. Warren	Wed., 02/12
Jade Hunt	Thurs., 02/13
Elaine Nichols	Sat., 02/15
Doris Seaborne	Sat., 02/15
Jackie Ruffin	Sun., 02/16
John Lee	Sun., 02/16
Joyce Hagin	Wed., 02/19

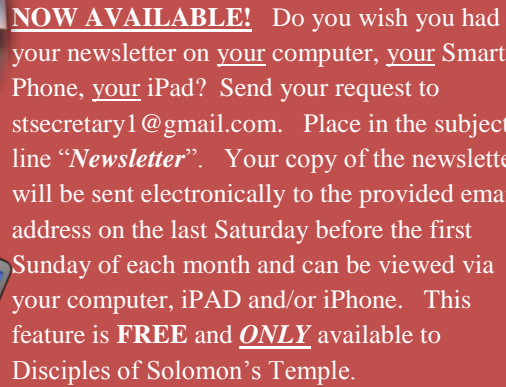
## Newsletter Submissions

Do you know someone who is doing great things in the community, school, or church? Nominate them to be the Outstanding Disciple of the Month. This person can be a youth or an adult.

Don't forget to recognize those celebrating an anniversary, graduation (from high school, college, or any other), or special occasion.

We also want to know about those who have made the honor roll. Let's not forget baby announcements, bible humor, or recipes.

If you have a story or idea that you would like to incorporate into the newsletter, forward the story to [stsecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:stsecretary1@gmail.com) or leave the idea on the secretary's desk.



**NOW AVAILABLE!** Do you wish you had your newsletter on your computer, your Smart Phone, your iPad? Send your request to [stsecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:stsecretary1@gmail.com). Place in the subject line "Newsletter". Your copy of the newsletter will be sent electronically to the provided email address on the last Saturday before the first Sunday of each month and can be viewed via your computer, iPad and/or iPhone. This feature is **FREE** and **ONLY** available to Disciples of Solomon's Temple.

The new email addresses for Pastor Shivers, Minister Shivers and the Church Administrator are listed below:

Pastor Shivers  
[kdserver2@yahoo.com](mailto:kdserver2@yahoo.com)  
Minister Shivers  
[esbornagain@gmail.com](mailto:esbornagain@gmail.com)  
Church Administrator  
[stsecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:stsecretary1@gmail.com)



Thank You.

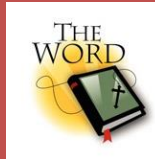
## SOLOMONITE SPOTLIGHT



### **February's Solomonite Spotlight is Bro. Terry & Sis. Tammy Rawls.**

Terry and Tammy exemplify what love is. "Love is not what it says but what it does". 1 Cor. 13:7, 13 says "love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." Terry and Tammy both serve on the Usher Ministry and Armour-bearer Ministry. They are the parents of LaQueshia, Tierra and Corey Rawls. **Solomon's Temple** would like to congratulate **Terry & Tammy** for being this month's "Solomonite Spotlight". **WE LOVE YOU!**

Will YOU be the Next "Solomonite of the Month"?



Saturday, February 22, 2014  
 5:00pm

### **Initial Sermon of MIT Bertram Blackwell**

*As you begin this new chapter in your life, may the Spirit of the Lord be your comfort, strength and guide.*

### **OUTREACH**

Solomon's Temple Outreach Ministry is in Full Effect! Please let us know if anyone is in the hospital, in-outpatient surgeries, and death in the family or any other life changing event (medical or death). We have "**Care Teams**" for each month that is willing and ready to contact you. We love our church family and we believe love is not what it says – it's what it does.

#### **FEBRUARY CARE TEAM**

Sis. Phyllis Duck  
 Sis. Alice Day  
 Sis. Hope Parker



Please let the Church Administrator know of any disciples' address, or phone number change!

**Thank You!**



Congratulations to **Terren Clarke** for making the "A" honor roll. Terren is a junior at Smithfield High School. He is the son of Tara Clarke and grandson of Ruby "Mae" Clarke. Way to go Terren!



# February



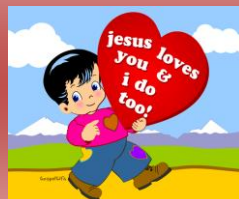
## schedule of events

**IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL INFORMATION TO BE ADDED TO THE TEMPLE NEWS FOR THE MONTH NEED TO BE GIVEN TO THE CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR NO LATER THAN THE 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
2/1/14	5:00pm	Bridge Ministry Chat and Chew Outing at the chapel
2/2/14		Ministry agendas are due
2/2/14	After service	Youth Praise Dance Ministry will meet with dancers and parents
2/2/14	After service	Tribe of Asher will meet
2/4/14	After Bible Study	Men's Ministry will have a short but important meeting
2/6/14	7:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
2/8/14	9:00am – 11:00am	Youth Praise Dance practice
2/8/14	5:00pm	50 States Rally service sponsored by the Women's Ministry
2/9/14	After service	Family and Friends Day committee will meet in Parlor A
2/13/14	6:00pm	Youth Ministry meeting with youth and parents
2/13/14	6:30pm	Youth Choir rehearsal
2/14/14	ALL DAY	Happy Anniversary Theodore & Sylvia Gundy
2/14/14	ALL DAY	Happy Anniversary Eric & Jackie Judkins
2/14/14	ALL DAY	Happy Valentine's Day
2/15/14	6:00pm	Valentine's Dinner at the chapel sponsored by the Men's Ministry
2/16/14	After service	Tribe of Levi will meet and Tribe of Issachar will meet
2/16/14	1:00pm	We will fellowship with Campbell's AME Church – Pastor Anniversary service
2/17/14	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Youth Praise Dance practice
2/18/14	7:00pm	Tuesday Touch – Bridge Ministry Young Adult Bible Study/Rap Session
2/20/14	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
2/20/14	7:00pm	Joyful Voices rehearsal
2/22/14	5:00pm	Initial Sermon of MIT Bertram Blackwell
2/23/14	After service	Tribe of Zebulum will meet and Tribe of Joseph will meet
2/23/14	ALL DAY	Happy Anniversary Stanley & Dorothy Robinson
2/25/14	6:00pm	Outreach Ministry meeting
2/27/14	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
2/27/14	7:00pm	Mass Choir rehearsal
2/28/14	7:00pm	Couples Ministry meeting

### Choir Rehearsal Schedule

**Thursday before 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**  
6:00pm – Praise Team  
7:00pm – Mass Choir



**Thursday before 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**  
7:00pm – Sons of Solomon

**Thursday before 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**  
6:30pm – Youth Choir



**Thursday before 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
6:00pm – Praise Team  
7:00pm – Joyful Voices

# February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1.</b> 5:00pm – Bridge Ministry Chat/Chew outing at the chapel Rufus Boyce
<b>2.</b> 2014 Agendas due Youth Praise Dance ministry will meet with dancers and parents and Tribe of Asher will meet	<b>3.</b> Robert White	<b>4.</b> 6:30pm - CID 7:15pm - Bible Study Men's Ministry will meet after Bible Study	<b>5.</b> Mary Diggs James Green, Sr. Barry Nichols Ashley Boothe	<b>6.</b> 7:00pm - Sons of Solomon rehearsal	<b>7.</b> Joydan Taylor	<b>8.</b> 9:00am – 11:00am Youth Praise Dance practice 5:00pm – 50 States Rally service
<b>9.</b> Family & Friends Day committee will meet in Parlor A	<b>10.</b>	<b>11.</b> 6:30pm - CID 7:15pm - Bible Study	<b>12.</b> Willie B. Warren	<b>13.</b> 6:00pm - Youth Ministry meeting with youth and parents 6:30pm - Youth Choir rehearsal Jade Hunt	<b>14.</b> <i>Happy Anniversary Theodore &amp; Sylvia Gandy and Eric &amp; Jackie Judkins</i> <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>	<b>15.</b> 6:00pm - Valentine's Dinner at the chapel Elaine Nichols Doris Seaborn
<b>16.</b> 1:00pm - We will fellowship with Campbell's AME Tribe of Levi & Tribe of Issachar will meet Jackie Ruffin John Lee	<b>17.</b> 6:00pm - 7:30pm Youth Praise Dance practice	<b>18.</b> 6:30pm - CID 7:15pm - Bible Study 7:00pm - Tuesday Touch Bridge Ministry Bible Study/Rap session	<b>19.</b> Joyce Hagim	<b>20.</b> 6:00pm - Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm - Joyful Voices rehearsal	<b>21.</b>	<b>22.</b> 5:00pm – Initial Sermon of MTT Bertram Blackwell
<b>23.</b> <i>Happy Anniversary Stanley &amp; Dorothy Robinson</i> Tribe of Zebulun & Tribe of Joseph will meet	<b>24.</b>	<b>25.</b> 6:00pm - Outreach Ministry meeting 6:30pm - CID 7:15pm - Bible Study	<b>26.</b>	<b>27.</b> 6:00pm - Praise Team rehearsal 7:00pm - Mass Choir rehearsal	<b>28.</b> 7:00pm - Couples Ministry meeting	

# 2013 Valentines Dinner



Rev. Dr. K. D. Shivers, Pastor  
Solomon's Temple Church  
12749 Courthouse Highway  
Smithfield, VA 23430

Master of Ceremony.....Bro. Brad Little  
 Invocation.....Bro. Ernest Ruffin  
 Opening Selection.....MIL Bertram Blackwell  
 Scripture Reading.....Bro. Donald Watkins  
 Welcome.....Bro. Earl Moton  
 Solo.....Bro. Brian Pinner  
 Psalm.....Elder Wayne Hatten  
 Grace.....Min. William Robinson

DINNER WILL BE SERVED  
 Music by Bro. Brian Pinner & JMT Ensemble

SHOWING OUR LOVE THROUGH SINGING  
 Remarks and Benediction.....Bro. Ernest Ruffin  
 Pastor K. D. Shivers

Menu  
 Savory Tossed Salad, Pastranata Roast Beef & Potatoes,  
 Fantasy Fried Chicken, Breathless Baked Chicken,  
 Manish Macaroni & Cheese, Selective Stuffed Beans,  
 Delicious Desserts, Tasting Ice Tea





# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Each year beginning on February 1, an entire month of events are planned nationwide honoring the history and contributions of African Americans.

The theme for Black History Month in 2014 is "Civil Rights in America" chronicling the important milestones by African-Americans and others in the battle for civil rights and equal treatment under the law.

150 years ago, on January 1, 1863, the [Emancipation Proclamation](#) set the United States on the path of ending slavery.

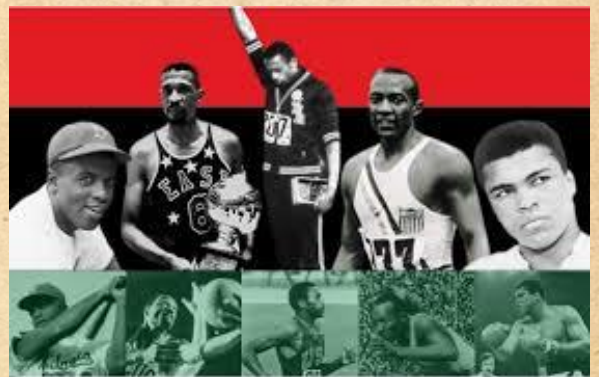
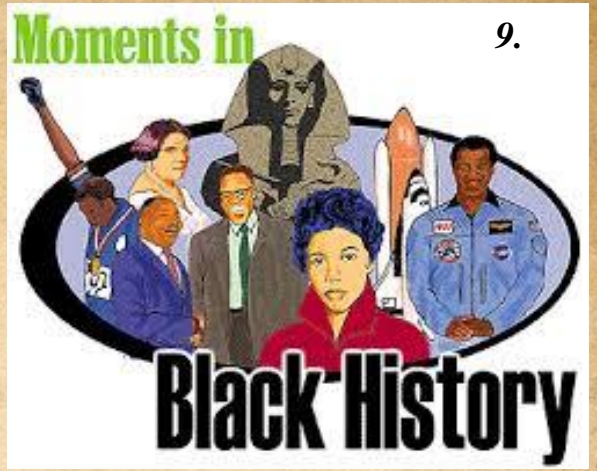
A century later, on August 27, 1963, hundreds of thousands of Americans, blacks and whites, joined the [March on Washington](#) to the memorial of Abraham Lincoln, the author of the Emancipation Proclamation, in pursuit of the ideal of equality of citizenship.

It was also on this occasion that Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous speech, "[I Have a Dream](#)".

Black History Month began in 1926 as part of an initiative by writer and educator Dr. Carter G. Woodson who launched [Negro History Week](#) in 1926.

Woodson proclaimed that Negro History Week should always occur in the second week of February —between the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

Since 1976, every American president has proclaimed February as Black History Month. Today, other countries such as Canada and the United Kingdom also devote an entire month to celebrating black history.



**1 John 4:7-8**  
*Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ushers Continental Brunch
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Women's Ministry meeting
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday Service
8 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Praise Dance practice
9 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Pack the Pew Sunday
16 <sup>th</sup>	We will fellowship with St. Paul UCC – Family/Friends
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Women's Ministry Outing
31 <sup>st</sup>	Levite/AOS meetings

### APRIL

5 <sup>th</sup>	Bridge Min. Gospel Showcase
5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Praise Dance practice
9 <sup>th</sup>	Men & Women's meeting
12 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Day – Bridge Ministry
13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Week Revival
18 <sup>th</sup>	7 Last Statements of Christ
21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pastor Shivers in revival at Pilgrim Baptist Church
25 <sup>th</sup>	Couples Ministry meeting
27 <sup>th</sup>	We will fellowship with Swan's Point Baptist Church

### MAY

2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Women's Retreat/Conference
4 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Appreciation Day
10 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Praise Dance practice
11 <sup>th</sup>	Women's/Mother's Day
16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bridge Ministry Conference
18 <sup>th</sup>	Ministry Day
19 <sup>th</sup>	Levite/AOS meetings
31 <sup>st</sup>	Youth Benefit Concert

### JUNE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Min. Shivers preach at Shiloh Baptist Church
6 <sup>th</sup>	Men & Women's Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Conference
7 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Praise Dance practice
8 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Day
15 <sup>th</sup>	Men's/Father's Day
21 <sup>st</sup>	Bridge/Youth Ministry trip to King's Dominion
28 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Praise Dance Car Wash and Bake Sale
28 <sup>th</sup>	Couples Outing

### JULY

4 <sup>th</sup>	Independence Day
12 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Praise Dance practice
14 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Shivers' Birthday
14 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor/Min. Shivers anniversary
19 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Praise Dance Workshop & Celebration Service
27 <sup>th</sup>	Family/Friends Day
28 <sup>th</sup>	Levite/AOS meetings

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December 6, 2013  
Daily Bread

We serve a God of abundance who is consistently "more than enough." We can see God's generous nature in the way He loves His children.

In Psalm 103, David lists the many benefits our Father bestows on us. Verse 4 says that He redeems our life from destruction and crowns us with lovingkindness and tender mercies.

The apostle Paul reminds us that God "has blessed us with every spiritual blessing" and "is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 1:3; 3:20).

Because of His great love, we are called children of God (1 John 3:1), and His grace gives us "sufficiency in all things" that we "may have an abundance for every good work" (2 Cor. 9:8).

God's love and grace, spilled over into our lives, enables us to share them with others. The God of power and provision is always the God of "more than enough!"

**We always have enough when God is our supply.**

## **Bible Verse of the Month**

**"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."  
John 3:16 (KJV)**