

Believers' Ministries 2014 At A Glance



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In keeping with the charter of the Believers' Ministries, Inc., our purpose is to expose people to the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ through educational, literary, and/or charitable activities; (lay counseling and referral services) and to carry the gospel into the entire world. This report captures information on events, activities, fellowships for the year 2014.

OUR MISSION

Our focus, purpose and mission is to “seek and to save that which was lost” to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, exhorting people to repent, believe, and obey the gospel.

OUR VISION

**“Reaching the Community with the Love of Christ”
One Person, One Family at a Time**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Service Times

Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

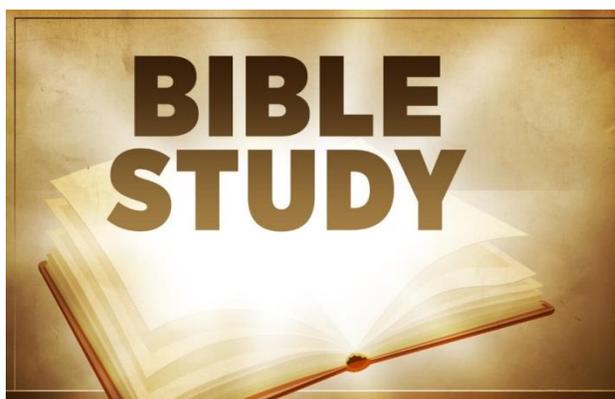
Children Church available (youth ages 5-12)

Bible Study – every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Our regular Bible Study classes are taught by Elder Marilyn Dawkins, Pastor of Believers' Ministries. In 2014 the following bible study series on "brokenness" was taught:

- Lesson 1 - The Path of The Cross
- Lesson 2 - The Endurance of Personal Trials
- Lesson 3 - Suffering on Behalf of Others
- Lesson 4 - Sharing in the Suffering of Christ
- Lesson 5 - God's Purpose in Trials and the Spiritual Promised Land
- Lesson 6 - Living in the Spirit, Walking in the Resurrection Life of Christ



MEDIA MINISTRY

This ministry works behind the scenes to make it possible to share the gospel message through amplified sound, recordings, and other forms of communication. They are responsible for all of the technical functions during worship services or other events. They tape and distribute audio or video recordings of the sermon. They perform sound checks with speakers and microphones. If PowerPoint or other media are used, they set up all of the necessary equipment and ensure that it runs smoothly.



Believers' Ministries Media Ministry is broken down into three categories:

- ✚ **Sound Ministry** - This ministry uses sound levels and audio mixes to enhance the ministry coming forth to the people.
- ✚ **CD and DVD Ministry** - This ministry makes CDs, DVDs and other materials (i.e. booklets) readily available for outreach.
- ✚ **Emerging Media Ministry** - This ministry seeks to impact others with the message using emerging technology; YouTube, Website, and other things as technology continues to evolve.

Spreading the Gospel

The following institutions received monthly messages from Believers' Ministries: Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville, Ohio, Franklin Pre-Release Center in Columbus, Ohio, Madison Correctional Institute, London Correctional Institute, both in London, Ohio, and Talbert House in Cincinnati, Ohio. The taped messages continue to go out to all four of the Alvis Houses in Columbus, Ohio.

**"Go ye into all the world,
and preach the gospel to every creature."
Mark 16:15**



Sermon Series

Believers' Ministries offers the opportunity for people to purchase DVDs and CDs. The following is a list of all the new messages series in 2014:

- **GOD IS ABLE (NEW EDITION)** - In this 3-part series, Elder Marilyn Dawkins teaches on how Daniel, Moses, and Abraham put their faith and trust in God. These lessons show us how we must put our faith and trust in God who is able to deliver us from all things, situations, circumstances, and problems that seem impossible.
- **DON'T STRESS** - Stress and worry have become a way life for many people. In this 3-part series, Elder Marilyn Dawkins teaches, how as Christians, we can have stress but not live stressed out. God wants to help us with our stress. If we trust the Lord to help us, we won't be stressed out. We are too blessed to be stressed.
- **VICTORY OVER EVERY OBSTACLE** – In this 2-part series, Elder Marilyn Dawkins teaches that God has already given us the victory; but, in order for us to be victorious there are some things we need to do. No matter what opposition or adversity comes our way, when we put our faith and confidence in God to deliver us, we can have victory over every obstacle.
- **BE WILLING TO TAKE THAT STEP** - In this 2-part series, Elder Marilyn Dawkins teaches our life in Christ is a journey. It is a journey where we learn to walk by faith and not by sight. God leads us one step at a time. Once God shows us the step we are to take, we must be willing to take that step in order to get to the place where God wants us to be.
- **CHOOSE TRUTH** - In this 2-part series, Elder Marilyn Dawkins teaches that in order to choose truth we must know what truth is. God's Word is truth. To know the truth, each one of must have established a personal initiate relationship with the truth who is Jesus. If we really know the truth and choose truth, we can be free from deception.
- **YOU ARE A WORK IN PROGRESS** - In this 2-part series, Elder Marilyn Dawkins teaches that God's ultimate goal is character development. Everyday God wants us to become a little more like Him. Developing Christ-like character is a process. There are no short cuts to spiritual maturity. We were created to become like Christ; taking on His values, attitude, and character. But it is a process. We are a work in process.
- **WE ARE WINNERS** - Everybody likes to win, but the question is what does it take to be a winner? In this 2-part series, Elder Marilyn Dawkins teaches that God has provided us with the winning strategy. We are winners—not in ourselves, but in Christ Jesus. We are destined to win through faith in Jesus Christ and we walk-out our victory day-to-day by faith in God's Word.
- **THE FUGITIVE** - Jonah was a Prophet – a fugitive on the run from God; but Jonah found out that escape from God was impossible. In this 2-part series, Elder Marilyn Dawkins discusses some of today's hideouts. No matter where you are or where you run to, God is already there. There is no hiding place from God.

PRISON MINISTRY

Believers' Ministries has connected with the Wise Men & Women of the Word United Outreach Ministry, under the direction of Mother Betty DaCons, as part of its prison outreach ministry. The prison ministry evangelistic teams minister to those who are incarcerated at various institutions throughout Ohio.

As part of the evangelistic team, Believers' Ministries took part in a 2-day revival services at Ohio Reformatory for Women (ORW) on March 22-23, 2014 and also attended religious services at London Correctional Institution on Friday, April 18, 2014 (Good Friday) for their traditional Seven Last Words.

Members of the prison ministry evangelistic team from Believers' Ministries are: Pastor and Elder Marilyn Dawkins, Minister Doreen Dawkins, Elder Mary Fadis-Batte, Sister Deborah Franklin, Sister Tracy Simmons, and Sister Mechelle Wilson.

On Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 11:45 a.m., everyone received the updated mandatory PREA Training. Our training took place at Franklin Pre-Release Center, 1900 Harmon Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Believers' Ministries have attended the following meetings regarding prison ministry business:

- Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. (Martin Luther King Library)
- Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. (Shephard Library)
- Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. (Martin Luther King Library)



CHILDREN MINISTRY



This outreach ministry is for children ages 3-8. Children have the opportunity to learn bible songs, scriptures and do various arts & crafts projects. The kick-off date was August 16, 2014. The children came together to practice on designated Saturday afternoons from 2:00-3:00 p.m. to practice for the Christmas Program held on December 21, 2014. Children learned to recite John 3:16 and Isaiah 9:6 and they also learned to sing “*Jesus Loves Me*” and “*This Little Light of Mine*”.

Christmas Program

On Sunday, December 21, 2014, Believers' Ministries had its Christmas Service. The congregation sang Christmas carols, Sister Tracy Simmons read the story of “The Candymaker.” The children came forth with their presentations. The children were presented with the following certificates by Sister Deborah Franklin, Children's Hour teacher:



- ✚ Kimmya Bennett - Perfect Attendance, and Outstanding Achievement
- ✚ Joshua Colbert - Participation
- ✚ Jayla Colbert - Participation
- ✚ Kiara Colbert - Participation



A special presentation was made to the parents by the Pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins:

- ✚ Sister Kina Colbert – for commitment and diligence in teaching her children scriptures
- ✚ Sister Shateka Simmons - for faithful commitment and diligence in teaching her daughter scriptures and songs for the program.



Elder Dawkins brought forth the Christmas message entitled, “The True Meaning of Christmas.” The scripture text came from Luke 2:11. The service was ended with everyone singing “Joy to the World.”

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



“5-Minutes of Faith” are weekly video segments highlighting sections of the message preached by our Pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins. Our focus, purpose



and mission is to “seek and to save that which was lost” to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, exhorting people to repent, believe, and obey the gospel.

These weekly messages can be viewed on the internet via YouTube and can be used as an outreach tool for witnessing and discipleship. Videos are uploaded weekly. Once a person subscribes they receive email notification of each video.

D&T Ministry - In 2014, Believers' Ministries extended their outreach ministry efforts to help those who are elderly or/and disabled. As part of this ministry, the goal was to provide outdoor yard services for those who are elderly or/and disabled. The services are FREE. The main goal is to be a blessing to someone. Two members, Minister Doreen Dawkins, and Sister Tracy Simmons volunteered their time and products to cut grass, pull weeds, shovel dirt, and do some painting for the elderly.



ACTIVITIES / EVENTS



Consecration Month

January 2014 was a month of consecration. This was a time for fasting and praying for revival and renewal in our own lives, in our families, in our churches, and in our nation. Fasting and prayer cleanses our hearts, renew our spirits, make us more obedient to God's will, open our eyes to see the world as it really is – lost and desperately in search of a Savior. The results from being in the holy presence of God – changed attitudes, changed relationships, changed hearts. Our Pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins, emphasized the importance of continuing to live a fasted life to the glory of God.



Palm Sunday Services

On Sunday, April 13, 2014, Believers' Ministries celebrated Palm Sunday. The sermon message was entitled, "Are You a True Follower of Jesus Christ?" The scripture text came from Luke 19:29-40. Elder Marilyn Dawkins, Pastor, taught on what it means to be a true follower of Jesus Christ. We must follow Jesus at all cost; remaining faithful and obedient to Him all the days of our life, so we can bring glory to His name. After services, palm leaves were distributed to everyone.



Resurrection Sunday Sunrise Service

On Sunday, April 20, 2014, Believers' Ministries held Sunrise Services at 6:00 a.m. to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our Pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins brought forth the message entitled "The Message of the Resurrection." Scripture text from John 11:25-26 and Revelations 1:18. As born again believers' we are reminded about what the resurrection means to us. As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection it's important to remember what this special day means to us each and every day. After service, everyone was invited to breakfast at Frisch's Big Boy, located at 3920 S. Hamilton Rd.



Sight & Sound Theatre - Moses

On Friday, May 2, 2014, members of Believers' Ministries took a trip to Lancaster, PA to see a production of Moses live on stage. The parting of the Red Sea, the Burning Bush, the Plagues, and the Ten Commandments came to life on the stage. After the show everyone went to dinner and the next day did some shopping before heading back home.



Mothers' Day

On Sunday, May 11, 2014, all the mothers of the church were acknowledged. They were given pink carnations and a Mother's Day prayers was read. Elder Marilyn Dawkins brought forth the message entitled "Faith That Perseveres" the Scripture text came from Matthew 15:21-28. Elder Dawkins spoke on how we shouldn't let anyone or anything stand in the way of us receiving from God. We are to persevere by faith by standing on the Word of God and waiting until our change comes.



Father's Day

On Sunday, June 15, 2014, the fathers of the church were acknowledged. They were given special gifts and "Five Facts for Fine Fathers" was read based on Proverbs 20:3-7. Elder Marilyn Dawkins brought forth the message entitled "Don't Lose Your Focus." The Scripture text came from Hebrews 12:2-3. Elder Dawkins spoke on how we must continually focus our attention on God's Word and put it into practice. We must stay committed to the purpose and call that God has on our life.

W.I.N.G.S 2014

On Saturday, June 7, 2014, members of Believers' Ministries attended a banquet for W.I.N.G.S (Women in New Growing Stages). The banquet was hosted by Born to Win Ministries, Pastor Karen Harrell. The guest speaker was Co-Pastor and First Lady Danielle Revish from Unity Temple Church of God in Christ. The theme was "We Submit, and Draw Nigh to Our God" scripture text James 4:7-8. Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner. It was a great evening of fellowship.

Membership Installation

On Sunday, October 19, 2014, Believers' Ministries held a New Member's Installation Service. Sister Shateka Simmons was installed as member and received a Certificate of Membership. Minister Deborah King, Bible Way Church, was installed as an associate member and received a Certificate of Associate Membership. They were both presented with certificates. Everyone read the Covenant Declaration and welcomed our new members into the Believers' Ministries family.

Membership



Membership Installation (continued)

Members of Believers' Ministries must accept Jesus Christ as his/her personal Lord and Savior and must be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, by immersion in water as confirmation for the remission of sins. They are required to complete Believers' I Course. An Associate Member holds membership at another assembly but chooses to participate in this fellowship on a consistent basis, by way of supporting the ministry financially and participating in worship services and other functions. "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." I Corinthians 12:27

Pastor Appreciation Day

October was Pastor Appreciation Month; Believers' Ministries church family recognized our pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins on Sunday, October 26, 2014. Believers' Ministries presented her with a planter. Each member had the opportunity to give her personal cards and gifts, and words of encouragement. We thank God for Elder Dawkins and her faithfulness and dedication to the work of the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13. It calls upon us to give back to our pastors because of all they have given and done for us. "And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love" (The Message).



50th Wedding Anniversary

Believers' Ministries congratulated our Pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins and her husband, Bro. Stanley Dawkins on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on September 26, 1964, and are the proud parents of daughter (Minister Doreen Dawkins), son (Mark Dawkins), daughter-in-law (Ingrid Dawkins), and grandparents of four grandchildren (Kyra, Kendra, Kori, and Mason). May God continue to bless their marriage with love, peace, and joy.



WOMEN OF PURPOSE FELLOWSHIP

Women of Purpose Fellowships are held quarterly on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. Guest speakers from various churches are invited to speak. These fellowships are for women only (over 18); no men or children. Women from various churches come together to hear the Word of God and fellowship in praise and worship.



❖ February 8, 2014 - Our guest speaker was Elder Cheryl Fields of Higher Ground Always Abounding Assemblies, Bishop Sherman S. Watkins is the pastor. The title of her message was "It's a New Season, It's a New Day." Elder Cheryl Fields spoke on the importance of prevailing prayer.

❖ May 24, 2014 - Our guest speaker was Pastor Karen Harrell of Born to Win Ministries. The title of her message was "Worship Will Defeat Your Enemy." Pastor Karen Harrell spoke on the power of praise and worship as a weapon that will defeat Satan. Scripture text came from 2 Chronicles 20: 14-18; 21-25 and I Corinthians 15:57.

❖ August 9, 2014 - Our guest speaker was Sister Charlene Wright of Bible Way Church. The title of her message was "The Divine Love." Sister Wright spoke as children of God, we are to abide in Christ's love to help us to show brotherly love for God's kingdom and His glory.



❖ November 22, 2014 - Our guest speaker was Lady Danielle Revise of Unity Temple Church of God in Christ. This was a special year-end celebration. This event was held at Blacklick Woods Golf Club banquet room. Elder Mary Fadis-Batte was the mistress of ceremony, we had a prize drawing, and everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch.

GUEST SPEAKERS

In 2014, the following individuals were guest speakers at Believers' Ministries during our regular Sunday morning worship services:



Elder Mary Fadis-Batté

On Sunday, February 9, 2014, Elder Mary Fadis-Batté of Eagle Rock Church, pastored by Les & Sheila Bowling, was the guest speaker. She brought forth the message from the scripture text Psalm 91:1. We were reminded about the importance of getting into the presence of God and remaining in His presence.

On Sunday, April 27, 2014, Elder Mary Fadis-Batté brought forth the message entitled "Life Abundant" the scripture text came from John 10:9-11 and Ephesians 3:17-20. As born-again believers, we can experience the abundant spiritual life God has given us.



Minister Doreen Dawkins

On Sunday, May 4, 2014, Minister Doreen Dawkins, of Rhema Christian Center, pastored by Lafayette Scales. She brought forth the message entitled "Do Your Part: Get Off and Stay Off the Pew" the scripture text came from I Peter 4:10. She brought forth the message on how many Christians don't use their gifts for the Lord. We were reminded that it's not too late, we still have the ability to change our actions and pursue to the talents and abilities that God has given us.

On Sunday, October 12, 2014, Minister Doreen Dawkins, brought forth the message "Are You Different?" the scripture text came from 2 Corinthians 5:17. As believers, our goal is to become more and more like Jesus. There should be a difference in our lives.

On Sunday, December 14, 2014, Minister Doreen Dawkins, brought forth the message "A Christmas Carol" the scripture text came from Galatians 6:10. The message was on using the gifts, talent and resources of what God has given us to positively impact others according to His will.



Minister Deborah King

On Sunday, September 7, 2014, Minister Deborah King of Bible Way Church was the guest speaker. She brought forth the message "First Things First" from the scripture text Matthew 6:33. Everything in life has its place. The question was asked; what are our priorities? What has first place in our life? As followers of Christ, we have to constantly seek the Lord. As kingdom citizens God has given us His Word. God wants us to seek Him.

On Sunday, November 9, 2014, Minister Deborah King brought forth the message "Holy Living in an Unholy World" from the scripture text I Peter 1:13-16. As believers, we serve a holy God. Holiness is a way of life. We live by God's standard which is His Word. God is calling us to be distinct from the world. We represent Him so we can be used for His glory.

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