

LIVING WATER

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Greetings

We invite you to The Well New Life Fellowship. We welcome you to enjoy freedom as you worship the Father with us. We are honored to have you. If we may be of service please feel free to contact us:

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Temporary Location:

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Our Mission:

To reach the lost, and those who are hurting, to come into the knowledge of God's love and power. Teach and equip new converts to become mature believers in their walk of faith, so that they become progressive in the way they serve in the kingdom of God.

Vision Statement:

To train and develop the body of Christ with wisdom, knowledge, and understanding so that they are "equipped to go," into the highways and hedges. To strengthen believers in their walk of faith, as they reach the lost and hurting for the Kingdom of God. To influence the lives of people to work in their full potential; and to use their God given abilities to impact communities, cities, and the world.

Slogan:

A Haven for Shelter and Protection where you are Developed to Excel living a Godly lifestyle. A place to, "Come and Drink Living Water from The Well!"





I would like to first thank you for receiving The Well New Life Fellowship "Living Water", Newsletter. I pray that you are blessed by the information, events, or any portion of this quarterly mailing. I believe your life will be impacted to reveal scriptural truth that will change your walk in Christ. It's our desire to service the body of Christ with inspiration, motivation, revelation, information, to get you to your ordained destination.

As you look back in time, things have changed and continue to move with us or without us. As believers in Christ, it is our duty and responsibility to be aware of the times. There are some things that we have no control over, but there are things we can control. Let's look at two words that cause people to miss out on God's best for their lives. Have you set down and looked over your past and said, 'what happen with the time or when is my season'. Been there and wore the T-Shirt. Some people say they have no control, but I want you to see things in a different perspective as we share these two important words to develop and empower your lifestyle in the kingdom.

Let's look at the word "time". As you know, we do not control it; but we can have a sense or knowledge of what time is it. As we share scripture, you will find out about the times we are in today. How you perceive it will determine where you are headed or where you are in the plan of God for your life. Why? We must take responsibility for our own actions in what has taken place in our lives. Scripture states that there is a Time & Season for everything under the sun. We must be aware of both in order to walk in the divine or perfect will of God for our lives.

With everything going on in your life, God still has control and wants you to know His plan is in motion; not because of you or your ways, but His divine will for your life. Whenever you find yourself in a crossroads that is the time to be patient and wait on God for further instructions, guidance, and wisdom before you fall off a cliff. The adversary or devil does not care about the steps you take in time or out of time. He only wants to destroy what God has planned for your life. Do not let "time" cause you to move out of God's will for your life and the lives of others.

Keys to know about Time:

- 1. **Patience** = Letting things (God) have it's perfect work (James 1:4)
- 2. *Trust* = Do not move before or after time; but in time, just as a soldier in the military. He must wait for his orders to be given before he/she take any action.
- 3. **Wisdom** = Seeing things in the right perspective; having insight on an issue in which you are unfamiliar.

(*Part 2*)

Now, look at the word "Season". In the earth, we can experience four seasons in one year's time; Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall. Each one has its purpose and reason. So does your life in Christ. Understand that without them, things that are necessary for man will not come to pass. Substances from the resources in the earth to live and survive on are within each season. Remember, you may like one better than the other, but it's necessary to have all four of the season. What you may consider good, may affect someone else's health or life because of the time of that season. Your season is not just about you and your family, but it should impact the Kingdom of God in the earth realm.

Let's take a look at each season and compare things that may be happening in your life that may not look good to you in that season.

Spring = beauty that come with the plants, flowers, greenery.

Summer = the warmest of the four seasons; where some desire to be on a beach or at the pool may enjoy this season.

Fall = change which cause trees to lose the form of beauty, but necessary to purge them for new growth. Remember, new life will be reproduced so man may utilize produce for nutrients through food.

Winter = this is a time to kill deadly insects and diseases in the air.

Keys to know about Seasons:

- 1. *Thankfulness* = In your 'seasons' keep a thankful spirit; the seasons that do not appeal to you, may be your purging to cause new growth to be exposed.
- 2. *Appreciation* = Honor at all times even when things may be difficult; remember to appreciate God for your past, present, and future. He's in control!
- 3. *Gratefulness* = It causes you to keep your sight in the right place or right order. To be grateful is to always be aware that it is working for your "good." Whatever It Is!
- 4. **Process** = Seasons come and go in a period of time; and change at the appropriate time, just like our life situations.

A Godly Thought: Only God is Perfect when a season arrives...

Touching Lives,

Thurman B. Graves, Sr.

2012 Highlights (January - June)

<u>RESTORATION CELEBRATION</u>: The Well New Life Fellowship celebrated its First Anniversary on Sunday, January 8, 2012, with special guest speaker Pastor Jerome Nelson (*Spirit of Life Ministries*). It was a joyous celebration of love and life. Testimonies were given regarding the faithfulness of God and how the ministry of The Well New Life Fellowship has been a blessing to its members and the community. All Praises be to God for an AWESOME year!



J.E.W.E.L. Luncheon: Just Excited Women Excelling in Love (*J.E.W.E.L.*) held its Second Annual J.E.W.E.L. Luncheon on Saturday, April 28, 2012. Elect Lady Wilma Graves was the special speaker for this year's event. Elect Lady encouraged us and expounded on this year's theme "Seeking the Creator." It was an amazing time of fun, fellowship and enlightenment. A great time was had by all in attendance.







<u>Children's Ministries</u>: The Children's Ministries celebrated one year of ministry on June 18, 2012. In celebration we enjoyed a *Fun Day in the Park* on Sunday, May 27, 2012. Our outing was held at Gene Green Park and the children enjoyed many activities (zip line, tug-o-war, bubbles, watched BMX bike racing competition, awesome skateboarders, bike riding trail and the highlight of the day was the splash park). It was a warm sunny day and the splash park was a welcomed activity. The parents joined it and had a relaxing time as well (basketball, dominoes and double dutch).







Y.P.G.P. Conference: Youth Possessing God's Power (Y.P.G.P.) held its First Annual Y.P.G.P. Conference on Friday, June 29, 2012 with special guest speaker Minister Winfred Darrell Garrett, II of *Zion Christian Center Outreach Church* (Houston, Texas) who expounded on this year's theme "Crossing the Line." The youth enjoyed fun and games, as well as special presentations (mime, praise dance and a dramatic skit). Their hearts were open to receive and all were blessed by the nights' events.







2012 Highlights (July - September)

Joint Service (Spirit of Life Ministries): We conducted a joint service with *Spirit of Life Ministries* on Sunday, July 8, 2012. Pastor Thurman B. Graves, Sr. delivered an insightful message entitled "ATM: Aim to Mature." The joint service included The Well New Life Fellowship members working along side the Spirit of Life Ministries members in their capacities as ushers, ministers, praise and worship; it was heart warming to see the blending of two ministries working in harmony and as one body. Pastor Graves gave a prophetic word to many in attendance and proclaimed blessings on 21 new businesses and inventions and ideas; to move forward with the dream; the time is NOW!







Re-Fire of the Holy Spirit (Apostle David Jones): Re-Fire of The Holy Spirit conference was held July 11-13, 2012 with special guest speaker Apostle David Jones (Rock Hill, South Carolina). Apostle Jones sounded the *call to repentance* and reminded us that we are truly in the last, last days; that we should be about our Father's business and to be ready for the *Day of the Lord* which is fast approaching. Many hearts were pierced with the message and many rededicated their lives to Christ! Praise be to God!







Empowerment Conference (Bishop R. Moten)/Family and Friend's Day: We began the Empowerment Conference (August 26-28, 2012) by observing our annual Family and Friend's Day. Bishop Moten ministered on the fact that Family matters to God. He spoke on the roles of each family unit, beginning with the children. Whatever direction they are going in is where we have trained them, so keep encouraging them by training them UP in the way they should go. Next, the role of the Mother, she may not be out front as much as the rest of the family, but if she has everything in the house that she needs, everybody's life will be comfortable, and things will remain in order. Finally, the role of the Father who is to set the greatest example for everyone. He puts family before everything: He loves his children, provides for them, teaches them, disciplines them and admonishes them highly - never putting them down. The following night Bishop Moten admonished us to catch on fire until everybody is coming to see why your fire is not going out. Trust God's voice when you can't see Him clearly. On the final night Bishop Moten stated that All of God I have seen is not all that He is; and everything that He has done is not all that He can do; but each of us have a defining moment. You will make the moment or the moment will make you. Your gift will put you in position to use your anointing, and before you know it, change has already come. Be empowered!







Just Excited Women Excelling in Love J.E.W.E.L.

Women's Ministry

Malachi 3:17 And they shall be mine, says the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spare his own son that serve Him.

Vision – To let women know that God has provided abundant life through Jesus Christ, and that they must choose to live a joyful, peaceful and successful life style. *Acts* 17:28a... for in Him we live, and move and have our being.

Objective: To teach women the benefits of living a just, exciting lifestyle and the benefits of excelling in love, in every area of their lives.

Fellowships will consist of:

Teaching the Word concerning the vision and objective of J.E.W.E.L.

Encourage women to find out what their purpose and destiny is if they are not sure.

Personal assignments to help the women achieve their visions, dreams and destiny.

Drama, special guest psalmists, teachers, poets and the five fold ministry gifts.

Exchanging recipes of favorite dishes.

Learn how to create an atmosphere of peace in your home and life.

Single women only.

Married women only.

Book Club

Accountability for one another

Health and Fitness

Fun and fellowship

Please note that these events may not take place in the order in which they are listed.

Men of Valor Enforced M.O.V.E.

Men's Ministry

Judges 6:12 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

"Putting on the Whole Armor"

Vision – To reach men and empower them to walk in their headship roles in life.

Objective: God has given man the guidelines and instructions to be the leader He created to replenish the earth.

Our purpose is to enhance the process in developing the man to their full potentials to impact their lives, homes, communities, workplace, church, and the world.

The mandate for M.O.V.E. is to touch four areas of the man:

Family Vision Scriptures & Principles Finances

God can change the lowest state of a man to become a mighty Man of Valor Enforced!

Our Statement of Faith

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe the Holy Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God.

We believe in the Genesis account of creation. We believe in the deity of Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory.

We believe that salvation is the free gift of God and is possessed by each individual who has, by faith, confessed Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God and received Him as Savior and Lord.

We believe salvation is a finished work because of Calvary and is received in three stages:

- 1. At the cross, the blood of Jesus Christ sets us forever free from the *penalty* of sin.
- 2. Through the living Jesus Christ working in His body members, He sets us free from the *power* of sin.
- 3. At His return, He will set us free from the *presence* of sin.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life with God forever and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation or eternal separation from God.

We believe "church" describes the "called-out people," baptized by the Holy Spirit to form the Body of Christ on earth today. We want to make it plain that we believe the "basic Christian community" *is* acting as the church, the body of Christ, and not just another opt-in program! The church does not have a membership; it has a body of members.

We believe in the present and living ministry of the Holy Spirit, who indwells and empowers every believing Christian for service. We believe in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, as in the Book of Acts church. He imparts spiritual gifts to all as He wills, so all will become agents of Jesus Christ's love and impart God's grace to others.

We believe the Great Commission is a calling upon all believers and that every member must be fully equipped and released to fulfill their calling in ministry. We believe this will be done most effectively in believers who love one another enough to make church life more than a weekly meeting.

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The Well New Life Fellowship "A Refreshing Haven"

Changing lives to fulfill the command of God; by teaching, preaching & training disciples to walk in understanding and wisdom, with a Spirit of excellence (Proverbs 17:27).

It is our desire to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with thousands of residents throughout the Channelview, Baytown, Humble, Pasadena, and Houston Metropolitan area.

It is our desire to welcome greater than 150 families into this fellowship of believers.

It is our desire to develop people in Christian maturity, through Bible studies and sound Bible-based teaching.

It is our desire to send out missionaries and empower every member to have a personal life style of mission work locally and internationally throughout the world. We each have an assignment on earth.

It is our desire to own at least 5 acres of land with building facilities to be remodeled or to build a Training Center, including, but not limited to a worship center, counseling center, prayer center, business office space for entrepreneurs, administrative and recreational center.

We agree with the vision as ONE MAN with ONE VOICE and we believe by faith, that this confession is a reality in our lives for today and future generations.

Let's join our "hearts, spirits and minds," to make an impact for the Kingdom of God.

Mark Your Calendar

- August 26–28 Empowerment Conference
- September 29 Elect Lady Birthday (Giving Honor)

October 7, 14, 21, 28 - Mission Sunday(s) (Sowing Seeds)

- October 30 Pastor & Elect Lady's 30th Anniversary
- November 11 Thanksgiving Feast
- November 18 December 16th
 Mission Outreach Christmas
 (Sowing Seeds)
- December 31 New Year's Eve Service (To Be Announced)

John 4:14

"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."





Come and Find Your Place at The Well

