

SKY News from on High

From the Pastor's Heart

To the Beloved SKY Fellowship
The Reverend Dr. Linda M. Smith



With God All Things Are Possible". Mark 10:27

May the God of all life sustain your soul and carry you forth into the higher place!

I am excited about our new strategic plan that as we roll out the plan and commit to the Lord it will happen. Let me restate our focus r which is fourfold:

- 1) Focusing on Youth ministry
- 2) Evangelizing our community
- 3) Building for the future to include a new building and expanded technology.
- 4) Connection and Solution - Outreach Center to focus more on serving the most vulnerable in our community.

INSPIRING THE SOUL BY Linda Williams

In life, we should acknowledge that we make every decision based on the information, emotions and experience that we have at the time we choose an action. The thing is, with those same emotions, experiences and information; we also form opinions, pass judgment and tell others how to do what is right even when we are not doing what we tell others. We operate by our own emotions, even those that may, now and then, avoid kindness and compassion. Take time to examine your own actions. For everything, you have done or said to hurt someone, for every time you did not listen when someone needed you to, apologize -- to yourself. Forgive yourself for the times when your emotions and ego did not allow you to hear the hurt of others. Recognizing when you need to heal allows you to help others heal. Commit yourself to live a life choosing compassion over callousness; empathy over apathy; understanding over unconcern, and watch your life change immeasurably for the better. Without God, we are lost. Without each other, we are waste the chance t to live fully human done in love,.....Linda Gayle (Williams)

SKY URBAN EMPOWERMENT and TRANSFORMATION CENTER

SKY CHURCH

Newsletter October-November 2017

You are essential in making this happen. . We are all servants of the Most High God and have been call to serve at this time.

As we enter into Stewardship month, think seriously about your commitment to the Kingdom by reflecting on the following questions:

- Did I give out of my Abundance?
- Did I give only the crumbs?
- Did I give with a cheerful heart?
- Did I serve willingly?
- Did I use the gifts that God has given me to advance the Kingdom and help to make people lives better?
- Was I only concerned about my well-being?

We are the hand and feet of Christ Jesus and how you respond to these questions, determine you commitment level to the Kingdom.

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Special points of interest:

Faith is the key that unlocks the door of Grace. Without Grace you cannot run the Race of Life.

Happenings and Connections at SKY

Calling all 40 and under - You are our next Leaders. You are being called.

How do you stay connected at SKY? How do you get involved? If you are interested in getting involved or have an idea, please bring it forth. Every idea is worth having a conversation about. If you would like to get involved with what is currently happening at SKY please see any ministry team Leader or Pastor. There are many opportunities to serve, and your input is welcome.

CELEBRATION

Christening and
Blessing
On Sunday, October
22, 2107
Nathaniel Robert
Gordon Jr.
son of
Nathaniel Robert
Gordon Sr & Urania
Shavonen Walker



RESTORED HOPE – RESTORATIVE RECONCILIATION CIRCLE CAFÉ

starts –1st Monday of each month
starting at 6:00pm. The first
session starts **Monday, November
6, 2017 @ 6:00pm. Please join
us and start your path of peace,
healing**

HELP WANTED

The harvest is vast, but the workers are
few. ...Matthew 9:37

We need volunteers to help with our
Sunday Morning Sunday School

***SKY Connection and Solution Life Center
Day of Hope – December 9, 2017***

Serving the Homeless and most Vulnerable in our Community –
Here is an opportunity for you to serve the community. Last year we served
over 350 care packages and this year we plan to double that. Our goal is to fill
backpacks with socks, hats, gloves, lotion, wash cloths, hand warmers,
deodorant, small Kleenex packs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, underwear and t-
Shirts (especially for men). These items can be for boys, girls, men and women
of all sizes. Please start to shop now! Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Celebrating our Young

We celebrate our Young people for
their wonderful focus this year. We
have been blessed by some amazing
young people and their willingness to
step up and be leaders in the church
and their community! There is more to
come. Encourage a young person the
next time you see them at church!
Every 4th Sunday you can celebrate the
accomplishments of young people.
Get the form fill it out and turn it into
Freddie Keyes or the Pastor! They are
available on the information desk.

Affirming my Inner Greatness

The world is a peaceful, Loving and
enjoyable place to live.
I AM at peace with my choices in Life.
I choose a peaceful and calm spirit.
I embrace my past and live with calm and
serenity.
I AM free to be me and express myself
openly.
I have a peaceful and calming heart and soul.
Everyone around me is at peace with each
other.
My environment is a garden of peace.
I rub elbows with peaceful people.
My environment is peaceful and quiet

Classes, Youth Talk It Out and
Outreach Ministry. What a great
opportunity to impact the lives of
young people for the future. You
can make a difference! Now is
your chance!

***If God has planted a
ministry on your heart,
please see the Pastor***

ASAP PRAYER MINISTRY
APONITED SPIRIT'S – ANOINTED PRAYERS

Prayer changes things. Psalm 65:24 (The Message)

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear and answer.

ASAP Prayer Team

Please call me if you are in need of prayer. Our Prayer Team:

Marilyn Crabtree	Evelyn Gordon	Freddie Keyes
Pastor Linda	Belinda Liley	
Shirley Young	Teresa Johnson	
Linda Williams	Mary Downs	

If you have special need for prayer, please call 425-221-1504.

It is a confidential line to the Pastor only.

**Restored Hope Community Spotlight –
I Survive by Dr. Linda M. Smith**

As we come to the end of October, I want to reflect on the impact of a very serious illness in our community and that is Domestic Violence. Domestic violence is defined as a pattern of behaviors designed to have power and control over another individual in an intimate relationship. Being a Domestic Violence Survivor, I know the personal impact it can have on you and your children. You help no one when you stay in those situations. There are many types to include Psychological Abuse; Economic Abuse; Sexual Abuse; Physical Abuse; Legal Abuse; Religious Abuse. Examples of these forms of behavior include: controlling tactics, isolation, threats of violence, using force during an argument or sex, blaming others for one's own problems and feelings, using children to gain power or control in a situation, erratic jealousy, misusing scripture to gain control and power, exercising a dual personality that creates fear and uncertainty and the list goes on. How does abuse affect me? If affects you in ways that you do not realize you have been scarred and wounded by the pain of this vicious act:

- 1) Feelings. Victims often feel angry, afraid, ashamed, guilty, embarrassed, confused and worthless. Many report feeling violated, dirty, vulnerable, and afraid to trust others. Depression is common and sometimes there is self-pity and self-blame.
- 2) Thinking. People who have been abused often have low self-concepts and think of themselves as being unattractive, incompetent, inadequate, and dependent and unwanted by others. Sometime they think they deserve to be abused.
- 3) Actions. Abuse sometimes leads victim to develop antisocial behavior, learning disabilities, interpersonal tensions, inefficiency in their work and other areas and tendency to sometime become violent and abusive. But there is help available for you. Talk to those you trust and who love you enough to tell you the truth. People like your Pastor, your Domestic Violence advocate in your area or call the Crisis Line. I survive and so can you. I offer you seven (7) steps to prepare yourself spiritually. How do I recover from abuse? How do I move past the past and into a new future?
 - 1) Stop blaming yourself
 - 2) Grant forgiveness
 - 3) Reclaim your personal power
 - 3) Learn to value and love yourself
 - 4) Discover your gifts and talents
 - 5) Use common sense to avoid Conflicts
 - 6) Finding and maintain future healthy relationships

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no account of wrongs. Love takes no pleasure in evil, but rejoices in the truth.... 1 Corinthians 13: 4-6

You deserve to be loved because God says so!



If you judge people, you have no time to love them...Mother Teresa

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Vision ©

To be the people of God united in Christ; empowered by the Holy Spirit; reaching and serving a culturally diverse community while upholding and living lives whose values are reflective of principles found in God's Holy Word!

Purpose

Our purpose is restoring lives, instilling spiritual values, creating new possibilities, transforming lives and empowering individuals and groups for service in the healing of humanity.

Mission

Being a spirit-led and purpose driven people empowered by the Holy Spirit who are one in Christ and who value the dignity and worth of each person believing that all persons are entitled to the gift of life. We seek to inspire and empower each person and groups to experience fully the gift of life as shaped by the spiritual principles and values of God. We seek through these principles and values in the ongoing work of RESTORE:

- **Restoring the Soul**
- **Engaging active Faith**
- **Strengthening Spiritual Power**
- **Transforming and renewing body, mind , spirit and soul**
- **Obeying the Spirit**
- **Reconciling and strengthening relationships**
- **Empowering to serve others**

Connection Corner- What's Happening at SKY Center and Church

Weekly Services:

Worship & Praise Service every Sunday at 9:45a.m.

Youth and Adult Learning Session every Sunday at 8:45a.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study -

The call in as follows:

Dial In number:

1-641-715—3580

Access Code: 927-743-541

Upcoming Event

Advent Worship – December 3 rd

Day of Hope-December 9th

Praise from the Soul Concert – April 28, 2018
(SKY OUTREACH FUND RAISER)

2017-2018 Leadership Team

The Reverend Dr. Linda Smith, Pastor
Marilyn Crabtree, Administrator
Freddie Keyes, Program and Project
Coordinator

Usher – Catherine Young
Evelyn Gordon and Shirley Young, Deacon
Worship Leaders – Mary Downs, Carl
Copeland, Ronald Preston Stephanie
Commandest, Denasa Gordon
Facilities and Maintenance – Carl Copeland
Announcements –

Freddie Keyes and Yolanda Marzest
Minister of Music,
Reginald Lucas

Praise and Worship Leaders –
Shirley Young, Stephanie Commandest
Communication & Music –
Ivory Ellison and Carl Copeman, Nyal Smith
Newsletter - Zenetta Young