



Pearlie Grove News

“One in the Spirit, One in the Lord”

by
Sister LaVonne McGee

It is written in Proverbs 27:17, “as one piece of iron sharpens another, so friends keep each other sharp”. At GPGMBC there are many different ministries to help us keep each other sharp. God has blessed us all differently; some were called to preach, teach, sing, encourage, advise, and etc. The calling in one person’s life can help to strengthen and support others. We all have different abilities, but our main goal is God and the advancement of His Kingdom through His Son, Jesus Christ.

At Greater Pearlie Grove MB Church (GPGMBC), a new ministry



has been developed to assist you in connecting with each other. The “Circle of 5 Ministry” is designed to assist members of GPGMBC in developing a close knit relationship with

the family unit of GPGMBC in a group of five (5). The ministry focuses on creating a connection and fostering accountability among one another. This ministry is opened to *all*...young or mature, male or female.

So as it is written in Hebrews 10:24-25, “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” Contact Sister Serena Johnson to learn more about GPGMBC’s “Circle of 5” ministry.

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Hebrews 10:24-25



A Virtuous Woman

PGP Featured Member: Sister Delores Vaughan

by Sis. LaVonne McGee

Bold, intelligent, graceful, confident, modest, kind, noble, strong in faith, fears the Lord, a singer, an overcomer, a servant, trustworthy, fruitful, a teacher, a prayer warrior, a daughter, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a friend, a warrior for the needy, and a member of Greater Pearlie Grove MB Church (GPGMBC)...all describes a *virtuous woman*, or we can call her by her name, Sister Delores Vaughan. Sis. Vaughan is spotlighted during this time because of her *virtuous woman* character. We hope you agree and congratulate Sis Vaughan on being spotlighted for this issue of GPGMBC Newsletter.

In 1999, Sis. Vaughan was one of the founders of the Linwood High School Alumni Association in which she has served as President from that time through the present. She is President of the Pine Homeowners Neighborhood Association and Vice President of Ward 2 Presidents Association. Sis. Vaughan has been married to Charlie Vaughan for forty-nine (49)



years and to this union, two daughters were born – La-Trinda and Brandi. The Vaughans loved their marriage vows and the commitment of marriage that they did it twice, once in Chicago and again in Mississippi. The Vaughans are also the proud grandparents of two (2) grandsons – Jaden and Jared and two (2) granddaughters - Kensley Blair and Kiley. Sis. Vaughan retired from the U.S. Postal Service after thirty-four (34) years of service. Bro. Vaughan worked with Bicker (Eaton) Aero Space a number of years before his employ-

ment ended due to disability. Bro. Vaughan presently teaches Heavy Duty Equipment classes part-time at Holmes Community College.

The Vaughans began attending GPGMBC after the church's official dedication and after receiving a warm reception from the GPGMBC Usher Ministry and the preaching of the Lord's word by Pastor Stephen Mason that followed. The Vaughan's transitioned their membership in 2012 and began serving vigorously in several ministries ... Jesus Using Sisters (JUS); In-Touch Ministry, JUS Praise Choir, Teacher for the Class of Wisdom, Combined Women's Christian Under Construction (CUC); Ministry Leader of Connect the DOTS Ministry; Marriage Made Better Ministry; Nursery Ministry; Boy Scouts Ministry; the BLOG Ministry; and GPGMBC Praise Choir. Sis. Vaughan and her family are true bookmarks for servants of the Lord at GPGMBC.



You're Worth the Wait

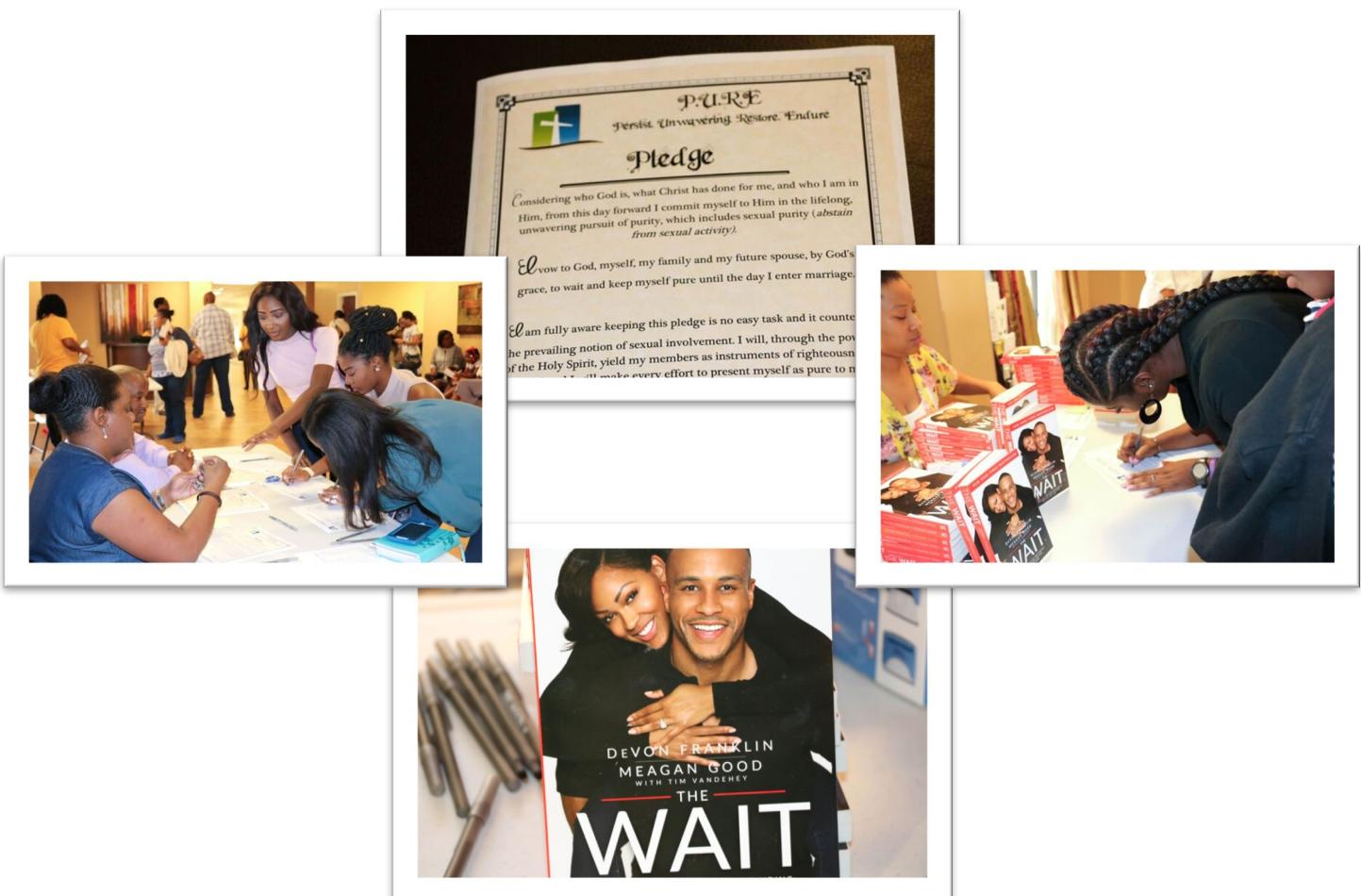
by Sis. Karla Edwards

On Virginity Sunday, Pastor Mason offered a gift to singles who were serious about their commitment of abstaining from sex until marriage. Singles were offered the *The Wait* by DeVon Franklin and Meagan Good. An open discussion of the book was held on September 22nd with Pastor Mason acting as facilitator.

The background scripture for the evening was I Thessalonians 4:3-4 (NIV), ³*It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;* ⁴*that each of you should learn to control your own*

body^[a] in a way that is holy and honorable., DeVon Franklin, a movie producer and pastor, and Meagan Good, a Hollywood actress, both made a vow to God to abstain from sex before they began dating. Franklin and Good explain that they wanted God's best for their lives, individually and collectively, and whatever God intended for them required patience. Through the book, they show how the wait is about putting aside distractions, using your God given gifts, and becoming the person God can trust to bless with great opportunities.

Pastor Mason asked everyone to personalize the wait. "You are worth the wait! It's what you think about yourself. (It's a) Spirit of confidence knowing that I'm wonderfully made", Mason says. Pastor Mason told the attendees that the sum total of life is what you think about yourself. Further discussion went into the attendees' thoughts on the cover, what other titles could be applied to the book, and what was gained from reading the book. An additional discussion to delve in the book further will be held on Friday October 13th.





Marriage Made Better Ministry: Couples Cruising for Christ

by Sis. Karla Edwards

Ahoy Everyone!! On Friday, September 22nd, The Marriage Made Better Ministry took a cruise around the Rez on the Friendship Boat. Our theme was "Couples Cruising for Christ". It was an ALL WHITE affair attended by over 40 GPG couples. We had a night of karaoke, a rendition of Boys to Men, and to top it all off D.J. Laptop, on the 1's and 2's, kept us dancing ALL night! The All White Affair cruise was the first of its kind, and we hope to

have many more events like this. Our ministry is about bringing married folks together and keeping them together by providing biblical tools and sharing ideas with one another. God ordained marriage, and what God has ordained is good! The Bible states in Proverbs 18:22 "Whoso findeth a wife, findeth a good thing and obtaineth favour of the LORD".

Fellowship, food, and fun were had by all! Couples in attendance ranged from 51 years of marriage to 5 years

of marriage. Not only did we dance the night away, but there were some valuable nuggets shared by some of our more seasoned couples to help our younger married couples.

The Friendship Boat docked at 10p.m. with the after party at the couples' respective homes. The Marriage Ministry wished all aboard well.

Until we meet again...Bon Voyage!





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Our Mission

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen

It is the desire of this local church to fulfill the job description that has been given to us in

Matthew 28:19-20.

“Where Our Mission is to Learn, Grow and Serve”



Learn.



Grow.



Serve.
