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MOTHER'S DAY IN AMERICA

*Oh Give Thanks Unto
the Lord! We are
Soaring to The Next
Dimension!*

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OUR MOTTO

"**FOREVER** changed as a result of every experience we have with God - **NEVER** to be the same again!"

OUR MISSION

Reaching People Where They Are And Receiving Them As They Are



In the United States **Mother's Day** was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic) as a day dedicated to peace. Ms. Howe would hold organized **Mother's Day** meetings in Boston, Massachusetts every year.

In 1907, Ana Jarvis, from Philadelphia, began a campaign to establish a national **Mother's Day**. Ms. Jarvis persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia to celebrate **Mother's Day** on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the 2nd Sunday of May. By the next year **Mother's Day** was also celebrated in Philadelphia.

Ms. Jarvis and her supporters began to write to ministers, businessman, and politicians in their quest to establish a national **Mother's Day**. It was successful, and by 1911 **Mother's Day** was celebrated in almost every state. President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming **Mother's Day** as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.

While many countries of the world celebrate their own **Mother's Day** at different times throughout the year, there are some countries such as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, and Belgium which also celebrate **Mother's Day** on the second Sunday of May.

**You are my mother and my friend,
Which is unusual.
Somehow our characters must blend:
Your wisdom and my will.**

**I turn, and you are there for me;
I speak, you understand.
I feel cared for, but also free;
You lead but don't command.**

**I'm fortunate that I was born
To someone just like you;
I love you, not just as my mom,
But for what you are and do
Happy Mother's Day!**



NXD's AWESOME ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!!

Next Dimension did it all in grand style for their 4th Anniversary this past month. You have got to see the video! (Get with me and I'll get you a hook-up!) Many thanks to Pastor Phillips, Sis. Romona Jackson and Min. Lionel Walker along with the entire NXD Choir, directors and partners who helped to make this 4th Anniversary celebration a success.

Friday night, April 21st.... WOW!!!! The choir was in form. We were sharp ya'll.. I hope you didn't miss it. NXD Sang, yes they did. That album is right around the corner. Not only did they blow but the outfits were "ALL THAT". The music was just divine. I know the Lord was pleased. It was not a show but a total celebration in thanksgiving to God. The TANGIBLE PRESENCE of the Lord was in the house. God moved with a sweetness that brought great deliverance to all that wanted it.

Saturday, April 22nd... we had renowned music Artist **JJ Hairston of Youthful Praise** and his awesome Section Leaders and Musician with us ALL day! God showed out! We had a wonderful time learning new songs and techniques for strengthening our voices and to sing with ease but with power. JJ Hairston took his time to teach us several of his recorded songs and that evening we had a power-packed concert!

It was the best anniversary yet! We thank JJ Hairston and his team for allowing God to use them in such a mighty and impacting way. We pray that as Next Dimension we left an indelible mark on their lives as well. Next Dimension is truly soaring and the beautiful thing about it is that it is all about God and Kingdom Expansion. We want to be and do all that God had destined for this Ministry, we choose to humble ourselves individually and as a Choir to the will of God.

Speak Lord...Speak to us...Then Lord...Speak through us!



APPRECIATION FOR PASTOR AND LADY

Appreciation Services Honoring Pastor George & Lady Michele Dix

Theme: "Leading The Way INTO The Next Dimension"

*Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,
Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out,
and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep
which have no shepherd.*

Numbers 27:16&17

Dates: June 3& 4, 2006

Saturday, June 3, 2006 Service Time: 6:30 PM

*Guest Speaker: Apostle Robbie G. Williams
World Wide Christian Ministry
Hawthorne, Florida*

Sunday, June 4, 2006 Service Time 11:30 AM

*Guest Speaker: Reverend Dr. Sherman Roberts
Pastor of Full Gospel Church of God by Faith
Wyandanch, New York
District Superintendent of the Northeastern New York
District Churches of God by Faith*



BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. What is the Greatest Commandment and where in the Bible is it found? **And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy might. Deuteronomy 6:5**
2. What was the name of Esther's husband? **His name was King Ahaserus (Xerxes). Esther 1:4**
3. Who was Eunice? **She was Timothy's Mother. II Tim. 1:5**
4. How many years did the Lord God give man to live upon the earth? **The Lord God gave man 120 years. Gen. 6:3**
5. What will be here as long as the Earth remains? **As long as the Earth remains there will be seedtime & harvest, cold & heat, Summer & Winter and day & night shall not cease. Gen. 8:22**

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Dance Rehearsals for
“*Small Blessings*” and the “*Anointed Angels*”
will be held on
Tuesday, May 23rd and 30th from 6PM—6:45PM.
What **Wonderful** dancers our children are!
Thank You!

April's Sunday Sermons Synopsis

“Disjointed In A Barren Land” (*Ezekiel 37:1-7*) **Parts 1-3**

Pastor Dix expressed that as believers we should have open ears to tune into what God has to say. When we don't hear what God is speaking to our hearts we are at risk of being in a barren land and living beneath God's promise. To experience bountiful blessings from God it is important that we ask ourselves a couple of questions to evaluate our Kingdom walk.

First, we should examine our sensitivity to God's voice by asking ourselves:

What is God's plan for me?

What is God preparing me for?

What is God waking me up to?

“The Advocate” (*John 14:15-18,26*)

Pastor Dix reminded us that it's one thing to come to church, it's another to have an experience with God. In this week's message, Pastor recalled Jesus' promise that upon returning to His Father, he would send us a comforter, a holy advocate, to protect and guide us through the trials of life. God loves us, and when we obey His commands, He will do anything we ask for in His name. It's critical that we obey God's commands. When we hear the Word of God, we need to apply that word to our lives.

Please visit the PASSAGE Website for Detailed Notes



HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS FOR MAY 2006

Thursday, May 4th—National Day of Prayer—The sanctuary will be open from 6:30AM—7PM for prayer

Thursday, May 4th—Knights of WAR meeting from 7PM—8:30PM

Thursday, May 4th—LOP Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall from 6PM—7PM

Friday, May 5th—Singles Ministry meeting @ 7:30PM in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 6th—LOP “For the Love of the Girls” Dinner at 5PM—the cost is \$10.00

Thursday, May 11th—Audio/Visual Training from 6PM—8PM

Thursday, May 11th—Young Ladies Installation Service from 7PM—8:30PM

Friday, May 12th—Marriage and Family Session @ 7PM

Saturday, May 13th—Clean-up Credit Workshop @ 9AM— Noon. Facilitators are Ray & Faye McKnight

Thursday, May 18th—LOP Women’s Conference Choir Rehearsal from 6PM—8PM

Monday, May 22nd—UF College Education Session from 4PM—5:30PM, facilitated by Sis. Cheryl Williams

Thursday, May 25th—LOP Women’s Fellowship from 6:30PM—8:30PM in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 26th—LOP “Sister Talk Book Club” will meet at Books-A-Million on 13th St. @ 6:30PM—7:30PM

Friday, May 26th & Saturday, May 27th—Alachua County High School Graduations

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