

FAMILY EMPHASIS MONTH

September 2011



- Special Wednesday Services
 - Sunday Bible Classes with a focus on the family
 - Sermon series with a focus on the family
 - Family Workshop
- Friday, September 9, 2011 – 7:00pm-9:30pm

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FAMILY EMPHASIS MONTH PRESENTERS

GREGORY BURTON



Gregory Burton was baptized into Christ in 1992. He is a Firefighter with the Boston Fire Department and City of Boston Mediator. As a mediator, Gregory works with employees from various city agencies helping them develop alternative dispute and conflict resolution.

An active member of the Church of Christ in Milton, Gregory is one of the instructors of the Adult Bible Class. He is married to Dora Burton and they have 3 children: Greg, Jr, who is in school at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Tamika, who is married to Vernon Shotwell Jr (both graduates of Harding University), and Alexandra, who is in high school. They have one grandchild, Vernon III. Gregory is two semesters from completing his BS degree in Management from Bridgewater State University having returned to school as an adult learner—in fact, in addition to Greg Jr and Alexandra, all of the remaining family members are currently in school as Dora is pursuing a degree in Culinary Science and Tamika a masters in Business. The family’s collective endeavors present ongoing opportunities for encouraging one another and family collaboration on projects. He will tell you himself that it has not been easy but it has been rewarding. Gregory is a Certified Instructor with Family Dynamics, a nonprofit marriage and family ministry. His training is designed to help churches and organizations take proactive steps to prevent marriages from reaching a state of distress and to revive those that are already in distress. Both he and Dora have conducted “His Needs/Her Needs” Marriage Enrichment Seminars. Gregory attributes the success of his marriage to Dora to recognizing that “we are on the same team.” His workshop will focus on **“The House the Lord Has Built For You” -Psalms 127:1**

JONATHAN CHARLEY



Jonathan Charley was baptized in 1990 and serves at the Youth Minister for the Church of Christ in Milton, MA. He is a graduate of Sunset International Bible Institute with a degree in Biblical Studies. Previously, Jonathan served as a co-minister for the Lawrence Church of Christ and it was during his tenure with this congregation that he was blessed to begin writing his first book entitled, *The Challenge to Be a Parent in a Discipline-Starved World: Lessons from the Prodigal Son*. His book focuses on the challenges parents have in raising children in a society where freedom of speech and choice challenge the respect and discipline children must demonstrate to their parents and those in authority. The book uses the story of the prodigal son as a

biblical backdrop for the message. It is available on Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. In 2010, Jonathan conducted a workshop in Long Island, NY based on the book and it was a huge success. He has been married to Georgia, who he says is a true virtuous woman and a dynamic woman of God, for 10 years and together they have two beautiful children, Emmanuel (6 yrs) and Anastajia (3 yrs).

MAURICE DAVIS



Maurice Davis, minister to the church of Christ in Milton, MA, obeyed the gospel in 1986 in Oklahoma City, OK. In 2002, he was ordained into the ministry at the Kashmere Gardens Church of Christ in Houston, TX. He served in full-time ministry there for nearly seven years before moving to the Boston area.

Born and raised in Mississippi, he graduated from HBCU Tougaloo College, and completed his graduate degree in Public Health-Health Administration from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in OKC. He has done additional studies with Greater Houston School of Biblical Studies, South Houston Bible Institute, International School of Christian Counselors, and Abilene Christian University. Maurice serves as a Board Member of the National Christian Education Association (CEA), an organization which exists to equip those involved in the teaching ministry to adults, youth, or children in the Churches of Christ.

Maurice has worn many hats in his ministry involvement over the years to include: Bible school teacher, Jail/Prison Minister, developer and leader of the Singles Ministry, youth worker, Assistant Minister, Interim Minister, Director of Education, Associate Minister, Couples Ministry Leader and Teacher, Church Administrator and spiritual counselor. All of these roles, including his counseling functions, have served to shape his spiritual sensitivity to family dynamics.

In contrast to his own personality, Maurice is married to an extroverted woman, Lynne Davis, who manages to blend her professional career as an educator and administrator with her roles as minister's wife, wife, mother, daughter and sister. They have one energetic and bright child, Sebastian Robert, who, Maurice says, "has more of Lynne's personality traits than his own."

Family Emphasis Month Lesson Series

Sunday 9/4/2011

Bible Classes -What Happened to the Traditional Family?

Morning Sermon** – God's Plan for the Family

Wednesday 9/7/2011

Bible Classes- Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage

Friday, 9/9/2011 7:00pm- 9:30pm

Family Workshop* - The House The Lord Has Built For You

Sunday 9/11/2011

Bible Classes ^ – Is It Important To Have a Man in the House?

Morning Sermon** – God's Plan for Husbands

Wednesday 9/14/2011

Bible Classes – Blended Families, Strategies for Success

Sunday 9/18/2011

Bible Classes – What is the Woman's Role in 2011

Morning Sermon** – God's Plan For Wives

Wednesday 9/21/2011

Bible Classes – God Loves the Single, Too

Sunday 9/25/2011

Bible Classes ^ – Are Your Children Growing in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord?

Morning Sermon** – God's Plan for Children

Wednesday 9/28/2011

Bible Classes – Lessons From the Bible on the Family

*Childcare Provided for Pre-School Ages - During the Workshop -

** Evening Worship will allow for a **Question and Answer** forum based on the sermon and subject in morning worship.

^ Remember on 9/11 and 9/25 - Women's and Men's 5:00pm Bible Classes