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### Vision 2020: Refocus, Reconnect, Rebuild and Rejoice!

Greenwood's mission in 2019, is the same, "Reaching the Lost and Teaching the Cross." But our vision has expanded: Vision 2020, "Refocus, Reconnect, Rebuild, and **Rejoice!**" is now in full effect. The Greenwood Vision 2020 is casted to prepare us to create relevant ministry and church renovations to better serve you and our community.

Dr. Charles Stanley said,
"Believers have a choice
about how they will respond to life's storms." If
we could, in the course of
life, choose how many
storms we would face,
that number would probably be zero.

Yet God, in His infinite wisdom, uses these times to shape us into His likeness so that we can grow from babies in Christ into



mature Christians, while He is already planning to turn difficulties into good. Romans 8:28 states, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

We have great hope, as we look forward to 2020 as a faith community. We must hold to our core Christian values and be committed to our vision 2020 for Greenwood, "Refocus, Reconnect, Rebuild, and Rejoice!"

We will have good days and we will have difficult days. The road before us will be rocky and difficult to travel at times. There will be days of gloom from unending rain but, His rays of sunlight will shine on us

and will bring us days of great joy.

Our hope, for the fu-

ture, is assured only, by

God's unending grace.
Let us stand firm on His promises as He pours
His love into each of our hearts. Let's work together, to glorify God with a spirit of humility, that will unify

In 2019, I believe that God has wonderful and unimaginable treasures stored up for us.

our faith community and

place our focus on the

building of His kingdom.

To reach our destination, we need only to follow Him, continually repent when we stumble and remain focused on our Vision 2020.

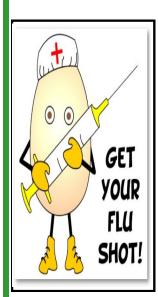
God's words are true, "Where there is no vision, the people perish, but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." Proverbs 29:18.

#### Greenwood "Reaching the Lost & Teaching the Cross"

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## Join the Mission "Reaching the Lost and Teaching the Cross"



#### Missionaries At Work, Serving the Community By Ruby Holeyfield

We, the Missionaries of Greenwood, remain cognizant of the teachings of Jesus Christ -to always remember and to bless the least of us-because of this, the work of the Missionaries is perpetual. In the month of September, we received a request from the Union Mission for men's underwear-stating that the need was critical. On October 6, we honored that request by donating twenty five multiple packs of men's underwear and seventeen packs of personal items for women.

We worked together, to build the harvest display in the entry way, for all to enjoy in November.

This year, we chose to repeat the shoe box project for Christmas, for the residence of the Union Mission. Each lady packed a shoe box with personal items and covered the boxes with Christmas wrap. The boxes were complimented with warm socks, donated by the Men's Ministry. On December 15, a

total of seventeen Christmas boxes were delivered to the Mission, cognizant that this could be the only gift they would receive at Christmas.

**OUR WORK CONTINUES.** 



#### Protect Yourself with an Influenza Vaccine By Ann Cobbs

Influenza (flu) can be a serious illness for young children, older adults, pregnant women and people with certain chronic conditions. It can even cause hospitalization and death.

Fortunately, there is a vaccine to help protect against this virus. The vaccine can be given once a year and is the best way to reduce the risk of getting and spreading the flu.

Key facts about the flu vaccine: Young children, especially those under 2 years old, adults 65 and older, pregnant women, nursing home residents and people with chronic health problems are at the highest risk for complications from the flu.

Everyone, 6 months old and above, should get the flu vaccine every year. Try to get it as soon as it becomes available. Although it is best to get it early, before the flu starts to spread in your community, getting it later, can still help you and is important for your health.

Babies under 6 months old should not get the flu vaccine.

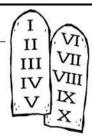
You can still get the flu even if you've been vaccinated—but you'll likely have a milder case.

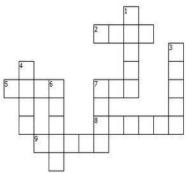
You cannot get the flu from the flu vaccine.

#### The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3







#### **ACROSS**

- 2. You shall not make for yourself an \_\_\_\_\_. (a false god)
- You shall have no other \_\_\_\_\_ before me.
- 7. You shall \_\_\_\_ commit adultery.
- 8. You shall not \_\_\_\_\_. (kill)
- You shall not give \_\_\_\_\_ testimony against your neighbor. (untrue)

#### DOWN

- You shall not \_\_\_\_\_. (to want something that belongs to another)
- \_\_\_\_\_your father and your mother.
- 4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it \_\_\_\_\_.
- You shall not \_\_\_\_\_. (to take what does not belong to you)
- You shall not misuse the \_\_\_\_ of the LORD your God.

FALSE	IDOL	STEAL	HONOR	MURDER
NAME	COVET	HOLY	NOT	GODS

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#### 1.6.2019 Vision 2020 Kick Off Dinner





# 1.19.2019 Leadership Training Facilitator: Bishop Sir Walter Mack Union Baptist Church Winston Salem, NC





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#### **Monthly Greenwood Updates**

- ⇒ February 9 Stewards Mtg. 8a/ Trustees 9a/ NED Gathering Saturday, Zion CME 9a/ Room In the INN 6p-6a
- ⇒ February 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- ⇒ February 15 Pastor Dykes' Birthday
- ⇒ February 16 Ministers Spouses Around the World Tea 3p

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**Were you There?** 



