



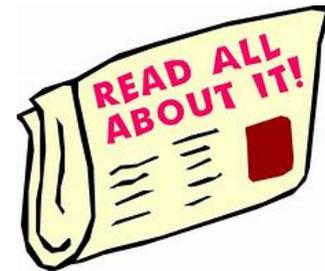
Brown Street

Church of God in Christ

October 2018 Newsletter

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SOUL GOAL



Brown Street COGIC has 1 primary goal! Souls! Souls! Souls! Reaching People for Christ and Having them make a decision to accept Jesus as their personal Savior is our TOP priority. Followed by mentoring them as they become disciples of Christ and grow in their Christian faith.

And today we are proud to announce that we together as a team have had 2 people accept Jesus as their personal Savior in one week! **LOOK AT GOD!** This shows that God is moving at Brown Street, and He is blessing our work! Nothing is more important than souls.

Only 42% of Christians have ever witnessed or shared the gospel with another person.

And only 28% of believers have ever led someone in the prayer of salvation. Isn't that heartbreaking? -Barna Stastics Group

In **Matthew 28:18-20** Jesus gives us 'The Great Commission':

¹⁸And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in

the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching 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."

Since Brown Streets #1 Goal is SOULS then **everyone in our congregation** needs to know how to lead someone to Christ. It's not just the Pastors job; it is EVERY Believers job! So just in case you do not know how to lead someone to Christ here are a few simple steps:

THE ROMANS ROAD

The Romans Road describes the only way to Heaven. Study it, memorize it, learn it, and follow it!

1. Everyone Needs Salvation

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

2. Jesus Died For Our Salvation

But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

3. Salvation Is A Gift

The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

4. We Are Saved By Grace

And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. (Romans 11:6)

5. Salvation Comes Through Faith

To him that ... believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. (Romans 4:5)

6. God Saves All Who Call Upon Him

Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13)
The Bible says there are 2 roads in life: One is the way to eternal joy in Heaven, and the other leads to eternal separation from God & punishment in Hell. Which road are you on?

(IDEA: To make sure you are ready to lead someone to Christ you can print the Roman Road out and keep in your Bible. Then when you meet someone who is ready to give their life to Christ, you are prepared!)

Upcoming Christmas Musical



**"A STAR
IS BORN!"**
December 16, 2018
6:00 PM
AN ORIGINAL MUSICAL
written by Rev. Daw Huddleston,
Deacon Tyrese Mercer, &
Deacon D.J. Carter



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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Sept 30, Sun, 4:00PM, **Annual Choir Day**

Nov 5, Fri, 9:00 AM-9:00 PM **12 Hour Prayer
Consecration. Come Expecting a Break
Through in Your Life!**

Nov 11, Sun, **Live Streaming National Convocation!**

Nov 11, Sun, Anyone who would like to **donate a Turkey** to families in need please fill out the form and give \$15 for each Turkey you would like to donate.

Nov 17, Sat, Noon to 3PM **Annual Community
Thanksgiving Dinner**

Nov 18, Sun, **CWC Women's Day**

Nov. 19, Mon, 6:00-7:00 PM, **Turkey Giveaway Pickup**

Nov.20, Tues, **Centennial Planning Committee Meeting**

Nov 25, Sun, **Youth Service**

Dec. 16, Sun, 6PM, **Christmas Musical "A Star is Born"**

What is a D.I.T.?



If you have been around Brown Street then you may have heard the leadership use the term, D.I.T. In fact, you have probably seen it in this very newsletter! But what does it mean? **D.I.T. stands for 'Deacon In Training'**. At the beginning of 2019 Pastor Day will be actively training several of the members in the congregation to be 'Future Deacons'. But in order to assist them in adjusting to their new role Pastor will be closely leading and training them as they learn to serve the Lord as a 'Future Deacon'.

Brown Street is moving forward! We are growing, and growing quickly so now is the time to recruit, educate, and equip our 'Future Deacons'. Pastor can not do everything, because he is only man, however as he imparts his experience and knowledge into these future deacons/deaconess' they will be able to have a active part as Brown Street grows. We ask you to prayerfully cover these 'Future Deacons' in prayer, and support and encourage them as they learn to serve the Lord in a new way at Brown Street. If you feel that God is calling you to become a D.I.T. please share this with Pastor Day.

Hallelujah Night Fall Festival Is a BIG Success



Hallelujah Night was a BIG Success! Lots of families and children came through our parking lot! Our Members shared the love of Christ, and the new children's programs with several families as they walked thru and lots of people were seriously interested in visiting Brown Street. **This was #1 a Evangelistic event geared to reach the surrounding community for Christ.** Special Thanks to the 5 people who decorated their trunks for the Trunk or Treat event. Your creativity was Amazing, and you did Brown Street proud!

"The event was Amazing, and God was present! It was wonderful to see the children enjoying the wiener roast, because most of them had NEVER been to a wiener roast before. It also was a powerful testimony to the surrounding community. They could hear the praise music filling the air with praises to our Lord. However, if we do this again next year it is my hope that we will have more participation from the Congregation for Trunk or Treat. We need everyone who has a trunk to participate and decorate it. I am so grateful for the 5 we have, but since this was a evangelistic event I was hoping to have more people participate. Our #1 goal at BSC is souls, so we needed as many people as we could have had out in the parking lot witnessing to the families and children as they visited us. However, I believe SO STRONGLY that God

has placed BSC to be a light in our community that I know next time will be a 'Home Run for Jesus'" -Rev. Dawn Huddleston

The evening was concluded as everyone sat on the hay bales surrounding the fire. Rev. Dawn led the group in prayer thanking the Lord for such a successful event, and praying for blessings and safety over the children of BSC. Next, the BSC children sang and danced before the Lord under the starry sky. Praises filled the air! The children sang: *Every Move I Make, Father Abraham, & I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy down in my heart!* Finally, Sister LeToya Wartenbe led us in a praise song.

After everyone left, Pastor Day, 1st Lady, Rev. Dawn, & D.I.T. Trent Huddleston cleaned up then stood around the fire thanking God for all the people who had come thru our event. We easily had between 75 & 80 people attend at various times. As D.I.T. Trent Huddleston put out the fire, we all watched the beautiful burning embers and talked about the amazing things God is doing at Brown Street, and how honored we all feel to be apart of this special ministry.

Special thanks to the Hallelujah Night planning team: LeToya Wartenbe, Joyce Logan, Rev. Dawn Huddleston, and First Lady Florence Day.

(Note: D.I.T.=Deacon in Training)





Team Work Will Make the Dream Work!



A few months ago our Leadership held a ribbon cutting. Each person in leadership held onto a red ribbon which represented the blood of Jesus which joins us all as brothers and sisters in Christ. The ribbon cutting was to launch our new webpage, but little did we know that God had so much more planned than that. God was launching a new Team Work

movement at Brown Street in order to prepare us for all the new growth we are experiencing. After Pastor Day cut the ribbon the Lord gave him the word, **"Team Work with Make God's Dream Work"**.

So what is 'The Dream?' Pastor & 1st Lady Day and several other members of the BSC leadership have been praying. Praying for a Change! Praying for a 'Fresh Spirit to fall on Brown Street' and unify the current church members while bringing in new members. For 3 years Pastor and 1st Lady along with the leadership have prayed and fasted for a New, Fresh Move of God to occur at Brown Street. **THREE YEARS OF PRAYER &**

FASTING!

So Pastor & 1st Lady's dream is: For Brown Street to be an Active and Thriving church that is reaching the lost, bringing in new disciples of Christ, and empowering current members to go deeper in their relationship with the Lord! And that mean 1 thing: CHANGE!

Now in the past year we can all clearly see how God is moving. *God is teaching our church how to work as a team.* Working together as a team was displayed for us by Jesus himself. He called and created a team when he called his disciples.

So how does a team work? In a team, everyone works together towards a common goal. A good team has a Leader, not a boss. A leader works together with the rest of the team to make decisions, while a boss just tells everyone what to do. Pastor Day is making a great effort to teach his leadership how follow the example of Christ by becoming a good team leader instead of being a boss. Let's look at some differences between the two, see if you can see a similarity in how Jesus led the disciples as He prepared them for ministry:

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN	
BOSS	LEADER
Demands	Coaches
Relies on Authority	Relies on Goodwill
Issues Ultimatums	Generates Enthusiasm
Says "I"	Says "We"
Uses People	Develops People
Takes Credit	Gives Credit
Places the Blame	Accepts Blame
Says "Go"	Says "Let's Go"
My way is the only way	Strength in Unity

Please pray for Pastor Day as He leads and teaches the leadership of Brown Street how to be a Great Team Leader, and empower their team just as Jesus did.

So How Can You Help?

#1: PARTICIPATE-Get involved! Don't just be a pew warmer! Put the spiritual gifts that God has given you to work for the Lord. If you are gifted in singing, join the Praise them. If you enjoy working with children, get involved as a Sunday school teacher. You might be thinking to yourself, *"But What if I Have a Spiritual Gift, but I'm Afraid Because I have Never Done it Before?"* Don't Worry! Pastor Day, and his leadership team with teach and mentor you. Jesus has done so much for you. Isn't it time you did something for Him?

#2: ATTEND THE MONTHLY PLANNING TEAM MEETING- The last Saturday of each month Pastor holds a Leadership Team Meeting. At this meeting everyone works together as a team to plan the upcoming services and events for that month. **Pastor Day WANTS YOUR IDEAS & PARTICIPATION.** As a member of Brown Street you have a voice, so please speak up and share your ideas and your gifts.

#3: VOLUNTEER- At the monthly planning team meeting Pastor is now inviting any and all members to participate in the weekly service. Each week at the meeting Pastor asks for volunteers to *Read a Scripture, *Pray, *Do the Welcome, *Read the Announcements and so on. If you come to this meeting just once a month please feel free to volunteer to do any of these parts of the service. This is a wonderful way to serve the Lord, and be actively involved in your church.

#4: COMMUNICATE- If you have a idea, suggestion, request, or want to volunteer please share them with Pastor Day. He wants your participation and ideas. JOIN THE TEAM, because as Pastor says, **"TEAM WORK WILL MAKE GOD'S DREAM WORK!"**

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY REPORT



This year marked the 18th Pastoral Anniversary celebrating the leadership of Pastor Wilbur & 1st Lady Florence Day! The month of October was marked by several special services which included attending a service at our sister church in Peoria, as well as a visit from our sister church, Miracle Temple, from right here in Springfield. Special thanks to those 2 sister churches for helping us honor our Pastor and 1st Lady. We had a wonderful worshipping with you.

The anniversary celebration culminated in a service on October 28th lead and organized by **Missionary Erma Norris**.

Missionary Norris did a wonderful job leading this celebration! And we thank her and appreciate all that she did to make this anniversary a special day honoring our Pastor & 1st Lady.

The celebration service began a worship song in which a young lady came forward and accepted Christ as her Savior. [What a amazing beginning to the celebration service!](#)

Next, Pastor & 1st Lady were escorted down the aisle by Mr. & Mrs. Logan and seated in special honored seating of wing back chairs with a beautiful bouquet of Christmas flowers placed on the table between them.

Next **Missionary Norris** and **D.I.T. DJ Carter** singing 'Give me my flowers' as flowers were presented and pinned on Pastor & 1st Lady. This was followed by several worship songs mixed with testimonies and congratulations to Pastor & 1st Lady spoken by various congregation members.

At the end of the service Rev. Dawn Huddleston played a special video song by Ray Boltz titled, 'Thank You for Giving to the Lord' as 28 of the children from children's church came forward and presented Pastor & 1st Lady with flowers. Each boy gave a flower to Pastor Day and Bowed before him to show respect and honor him, and each girl gave a flower to 1st Lady Day and curtsied before her to show respect and honor her. Then the children went back to their row and as a choir together sang the final chorus.

"Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am a life that was changed!
Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am so glad you gave"

As one church member said, "there was not one dry eye in the room". The special day was concluded with a meal at O'Charleys Restaurant. [\(See Video Here\)](#)



NEW CHURCH SIGN



A fundraiser has been created to purchase a New LED Church sign. The purpose of the sign is to be a constant reminder to the surrounding community that Brown Street is alive and well, and ready to receive them. Events will be displayed on the sign to increase participation and draw the community in to experience those events and experience God. Pastor Day is asking church members to consider making a pledge. Pastor Day said all should strive to turn in their donations by June 2019. Special thanks to all those members who have already turned in

their pledges to pastor. If you have not yet made a pledge to help BSC purchase the new sign, please see Pastor Day

[Donate to New Church Sign Now](#)

In Notes Section please write "Donation for Church Sign"

Social Media Report for October 2018



During the month of October the Brown Street Facebook Page received 340 "likes" and we are being followed by 346 people. Including several other churches & ministries.

This is a giant success!! We have received reports of people coming to visit Brown Street due to what they are seeing on Face Book and Instagram.

We have had 6 people contact the church thru the Face Book instant message system to request information so they can visit our church, or to schedule a ride in the van to services.

Our Social Media is getting the word out about Brown Street, our events, our services, and spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ! -1st Lady Day

In October we also implemented a new email system which helps us send out

event notices and a monthly newsletter to all congregation members.

Here's how you can help! If you know anyone who does not go to church anywhere else, and you would like to let them know about all God is doing at BSC just ask them for their email address and give it to Rev. Dawn Huddleston. Then she will add it to the church email list and they will start receiving our monthly newsletter and notices of upcoming events. Who knows? God may just use your friends email address to bring them to Brown Street, or lead them to salvation?

SEND YOURS OR A FRIEND EMAIL ADDRESS TO REV. DAWN: [Click Here!](#)
VISIT THE BROWN STREET COGIC WEBPAGE: [CLICK HERE!](#)



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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Unity Prayer 9:00 AM

Sunday School for All Ages 9:30 AM

Worship Service 11:00 AM

Children's Church 11:00 AM

TUESDAY

Noon Prayer 12:00 PM

Prayer 6:30 PM

Bible Band 6:45 PM

Ask the Pastor 7:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM

Need a Ride to Church? No Problem!



If you would like a ride to church on the church van all you have to do is call (217) 753-2030 and leave a voice mail with your name, and address. It's that simple, then our van will pick you up prior to Sunday School. Don't let the lack of transportation steal your blessing. Pick up the phone today, Brown Street is just a dial away!

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