

Mount Of God Tabernacle NEWSLETTER

July 12, 2024

"We believe that we are called to be a beacon of hope and a light in the darkness."

We are back again, MGT readers with the second quarterly newsletter on the recent events and activities that have taken place at Mount of God Tabernacle. Since our last newsletter, MGT-Dundalk has hosted a variety of events, including the women in a white banquet, the youth revival service, dancert, the men's walkathon, the MGT 14th-year church convention, and the opening of MGT-Bahamas! We hope your year continues to be great and filled with blessings!

Youth Revival

The Youth Revival Service for this year was held at MGT on April 12-14, 2024, with the theme, "Get Up," based on Mark 5:39-43, delivered by Pastor Mitsy Ann Irving. It was a dynamic event, emphasizing the importance of seeking God in a vibrant, Gospel-focused, Spirit-filled atmosphere. The service encouraged attendees to focus on God, walk in His ways, and strengthen their faith.

Friday night's service on April 12, 2024, marked the beginning of a significant event. Pastor Irving initiated the sermon with the words, "Stop rolling and get up." The main message focused on the all-powerful nature of God and the idea that we can overcome our challenges with His divine help. Our breakthroughs are only attainable when our hearts are steadfast in Him. Furthermore, it was highlighted that our breakthroughs can also serve as a source of assistance for others. This was exemplified in the scripture recounting when Jesus went to heal Jairus' daughter and while he was passing by a woman came and said, "If I could only touch the hem of His garment and I shall be well," receiving her breakthrough as well. Our breakthrough is in our faith. Like Jairus and Ezekial, we can accomplish anything through Christ's empowerment.

On Sunday, Pastor Misty Irving closed the youth revival service with a powerful message to the young people and the congregation, emphasizing the importance of rising with power. She reminded us that when Jesus rose from the dead, He did so with great power. Therefore, as we rise, we must also rise with that same power, as we have been given the authority to overcome challenges. "Behold I give to your power, to trample on scorpions and snakes." Pastor Irving also stressed the need to let go of negative emotions and to strive for peace and holiness to experience God's presence and to be able to see Him. She encouraged humility, self-reflection, and unity within the church, urging us to support and uplift one another rather than tearing each other down.

“Blessed are the pure in heart.” Are your garments spotless, are they white as snow, are they washed in the blood of the lamb? We need to rise and rise above the enemy.



Men's WALK-A- THON

Were you at the Men's walk- a-thon? It was a fantastic event.

The men's department held its first walkathon on April 13th, 2024. The walk allowed individuals to bond, build relationships, and unite together for a common goal. After the walk participants gathered to feast on authentic Jamaican food, which was quite tasty. Also, the men cooled down by playing games and uniting as one.

Women in White Banquet



On the

18th of May 2024, the Women's Department organized the Women in White Banquet. This gathering provided an opportunity for everyone to join together and enjoy food, music, and various other activities. The Women in White Banquet also highlighted the talent within MGT through live performances by the starlight dancers, the praise and worship team, and the musicians. Additionally, there were special performances by guest star Brother Mosses. The event was hosted by MGT administrative Bishop Steele, who successfully entertained the crowd and left them eager for more. It was truly a memorable occasion.

MGT 14th Annual Convention



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Convention of The Mount of God Tabernacle was held in Dundalk Baltimore from June 23-30th. The convention began and ended with sacramental worship and impactful sermons. The evening ceremonies recognized the significant achievements made over the past 14 years of dedicated preparation.

Bishop Martel Cole delivered a sermon on the theme, "The glory has departed from Israel (Bring back God's glory)" from 1 Samuel 4:12 and Ezekiel 9:3. He urged the congregation not to break their promise to God and stressed that God is the only provider. Bishop Cole emphasized the importance of not taking God's glory for granted, as it can leave us. He used examples from scripture, such as Eli and Samson, to illustrate this point. Bishop Cole also emphasized God's unwavering love and support, reminding the congregation that "the God we serve will never leave nor forsake us." Additionally, he encouraged the congregation to respond to challenges with kindness and love, reflecting the goodness of Jesus. Bishop Cole also reflected on the challenges, opportunities, and accomplishments of the past 14 years and the success that God has brought to the ministry.



We cannot get glory back if we have unforgiveness in our hearts. On June 27, 2024, MGT proceeded with its 14th-year convention, featuring another inspiring sermon by Pastor Allan Forrester. "God works in mysterious ways, performing His wonders." Eli's failure to judge Israel accordingly stemmed from his avoidance of his sons' wrongdoings. Pastor Forrester stressed the importance of church leaders handling God's work with care. Going against God's word

can lead to severe consequences, as seen in the examples of Eli and his sons. As ministers, it is crucial to fulfill our duties according to God's will, even if it means correcting those who are in the wrong. Failure to do so may result in God transferring His glory to someone else, as demonstrated when He stopped speaking to Eli and began communicating with Samuel instead. Just like Hannah dedicated Samuel to God after praying for a child, we must honor our commitments. Pastor Forrester was pleased to share this message with us.



On June 28, Pastor Hugh Johnson emphasized the importance of aligning oneself with God's unchanging standards and principles. He urged the congregation to prioritize repentance and seeking God, highlighting the significance of having a pure heart in spiritual practices. Pastor Johnson also encouraged the faithful to patiently wait for God's appointed time, emphasizing the transformative power of God's presence. It is important to recognize that the presence of God is what truly matters, not the physical ark. The presence of God was with Moses even without the ark of the covenant. Remember, God's presence is not limited to the walls of a church; it can be felt anywhere. Wherever the Lord's presence is, there is holiness. The glory of God has been revealed in various ways throughout history, even without the ark. By surrendering everything to God, no matter how small, He can work wonders. Just like the Egyptians, we must acknowledge that there is only one true God. The glory of God will be seen once again in Zion. What is needed is more of God in every aspect of our lives, for when He is at the center, His glory will shine through. When the family, church, and world align with God, His glory will be evident. There is no way around it, we cannot live according to our desires and still hope to witness the magnificence of God. When His glory descends upon Zion, even the most insignificant among us will radiate. Although the ark may have been taken, there is no need for concern as it ultimately belongs to God. So, when the enemy steals from you, do not fret, for God will replace it with something superior. Ultimately, everything is for His glory, as our Lord will not leave any void unfilled. Strive for His glory, for when it arrives, the church, the community, society, and the world will experience a revival.



The glory has indeed returned. The MGT 14th Annual Convention concluded on June 30th with Pastor Misty Ann Irving preaching about the restoration of glory following Pastor Ann Marie Powell's delivery of a remarkable sermon during our evening service.

Sunday morning was a time of worship, praise, and prophecy. Pastor Irving emphasized the importance of having the right people in a position for the glory of God to manifest. Those who make themselves vessels available to God are the ones who can carry His glory. It is crucial to seek the Lord's guidance in all that we do, ensuring that we are on the right path. The story of David and the Ark of the Covenant serves as a reminder that only certain individuals, such as the priests and Levites, are designated to carry out specific tasks. After the unfortunate incident with Uza, David realized his mistake and corrected it by involving the Levites in carrying the ark. Just as the anointing oil flows from the head of Aaron to his garments, there must be a proper alignment for the glory of God to manifest. If there is a breach in the spirit, it indicates that someone is not in the right position. Therefore, before the glory can return, we must purify ourselves because the presence of God is the essence of His glory. "Who can enter into His presence, he that has a clean hand and a pure heart, he that has not lifted his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully." In Psalm 15, it is mentioned who can enter the holy hill of God. It is crucial to approach God's presence with reverence and purity. We must not take the anointing of the Lord lightly or harm His prophets. When handling sacred objects like the ark of the covenants, it is essential to follow the guidance of church leaders who have consecrated themselves to God. To walk in the glory of God, one must have a deep relationship with Him, seeking His face above all else. Ultimately, we should seek the Lord's glory and embrace the transformation it brings. "The glory is back; it is not church as usual."

The MGT 14 Annual Convention concluded on Sunday evening with the topic, "Preparing for Glory." The glory of God needs to return to His house. We must feel the tangible presence of God in the House, as without His presence, the House of God is in disorder. It is important to remember that God is a God of order, decency, and principle. At times, we forget our place and who we are. When something is stuck, it needs a good shaking. It appears that the church needs a good shaking due to our behavior and attitudes. God must shake us up because of our actions. There needs to be cleansing, washing, and sanctification before we can experience a move of God. The church has allowed the world to influence and lead us for too long. In 1 Samuel 2-4, we get a clear understanding of the reason for the departure of God's glory from Israel. Eli's two sons, who committed terrible acts, did not know God and were permitted by their father to serve in the temple of God. Just as it was in the past, it is the same today. Those in leadership, or those whom God has placed in leadership, have turned their backs on the wrongdoings of the church. The church has come to a point where we would rather offend God than offend man. However, the Bible states, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach." The church has now

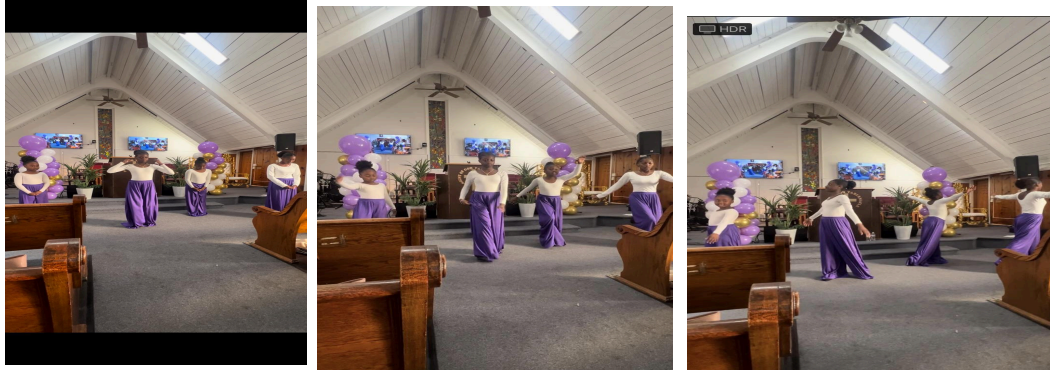
become a stage, where holiness has been disregarded and righteousness has been pushed aside. If we desire glory, then we must look to the early church. We must establish a standard in the church and the presence of God. We may put on a facade, but we must understand that although we may deceive ourselves and others, we cannot deceive God. Therefore, we must stop playing with God because we cannot endure His wrath. Throughout the week, we engage with various social media platforms, yet we often neglect our relationship with God. It is important to reflect on where our passion lies and what we are offering to God. While opinions may vary, it is crucial to remember that God's words remain steadfast. God is omnipotent and vigilant, never resting. As the Church of the living God, we must strive for more and not settle for the status of the world. By following God's guidance, we can rise above challenges and prosper. There is a depth in God that surpasses our current understanding. Just as Ezekiel and Isaiah experienced a powerful transformation through prophecy, we can expect a renewal. God will bring about a cleansing and restoration, leading to a revival of glory. However, this process may involve a period of cleansing and shaking.

Other Mentions:

- **Women's Missionary Department:** The women's missionary department is dedicated to addressing the needs of the city's homeless and hurting people. The newsletter team would like to

express our appreciation for their hard work and efforts to support homeless women to ensure they receive the necessary assistance.

- **Youth Department: Youth Department:** The Youth Department is dedicated to ending the cycle of hunger and homelessness. The newsletter team wishes to commend their appreciation for the youth's commitment to actively providing meals to those in need.
- **Dancert:**



MGT Dance Department hosted its annual dance on June 29, 2024, under the theme, “Arise with Grace.” Taken from Ephesians 2:8. Performances done by the Starlight Dance Ministry, guest performers: Judon Keldo and Nunagnon Houssa.

A big big thank you!