

TEMPLE TIMES

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TIERS OF LEADERSHIP

The following is a list of the people you should contact regarding scheduling meetings, requesting prayer or if you have questions etc.. Pastor and First Lady would like to thank you for following the *Order of The House*.

- Pastor Bridges.....MIT Tiversia Tennant
- Lady Bridges.....Sis. Ulrica Edwards
- Protocol.....MIT Kionna Stewart
- Ministerial Alliance...MIT Misty Holland
- Ushers Ministry.....Sis. Bridgette Bridges
- Deacons.....Deacon Johnny Jackson
- MOJ.....MIT Marvin Roberts
- WOP.....Lady B through Sis. Ulrica Edwards

** Please let us ALL be respectful of our Leaders time and go through the proper channels to contact them, regardless of who we are or what title we may carry, we should all remain mindful of the order that is already established and not ignore it by seeking the Man and Woman of God out in the Hallways asking to setup meetings.

Again Pastor and Lady B love you all very much and thank you for your support and attention in this area.

WHAT’S NEW?

Did you know that Praise Temple Ruston has a new website and an app for your tablets and phones? There are many things that The Temple will be upgrading over the coming months!

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to say a very BIG heartfelt WELCOME to all of our New Members who have recently joined PTR ! We encourage you to attend New members orientation (check for upcoming classes in the announcements, or ask Lady Bridges) as well as joining Sunday School Classes every Sunday at 9 AM.



Words From The Pastor

I am excited about what GOD has for PTR in this Year of Our Lord 2016. God has shown us that this year will be a “YEAR OF GOD-ORDAINED RELATIONSHIPS” (GODLY RELATIONSHIPS).

Many will experience Relationships that sticketh closer than a brother, like Jonathan and David (*1 Samuel 18:1*) or even like Ruth and Naomi (*Ruth 1:16*); Many will find their good thing as Solomon so eloquently put it; after all, BOAZ has been placed in your path.

While we watch and anticipate these God sent relationships that are being strategically placed around us, we readily embrace the uncanny level of GRACE that’s coming with it.

The mere fact we have not been preferred by Man is also a sign that the Favor of GOD is upon us, so we certainly can’t afford to be distracted or derailed any longer. Things that hindered us in 2015, have no authority over our lives in 2016; we have to have a new mindset to demand and take if necessary, everything that God intends for us to have. We must accept the fact that what GOD has for us is too much for Passive Christians to Possess.

I pray that GOD will release a Spiritual Boldness over our lives that will grant us the courage to chase hard after our destiny. It was Jarod Kintz who said, “When faced with two equally tough choices, most people choose the third choice: to not choose”. So I say to you, don’t neglect the hard road our destinies desire to travel, even if it leads us into the WILDERNESS.
Matthew 11:12, IT’S OUR TIME!



LADY B’s SPOT



Style? Dress code? What's appropriate?

Do you wake up Sunday morning and just stand staring in your closet trying to figure out WHAT to wear? Do you struggle with trying to figure out if it’s appropriate to wear to church? Do you even care?

Well Ladies I’m going to give you just a few tips and pointers!

First off, YESSS you should care. Why? Because Romans 12:1 teaches us that we should present our bodies as a living sacrifice. So if I’m presenting my body to God as a living sacrifice then I should care about not only what I’m taking in but also what I’m using to cover it. For example would you buy someone a new iPad as a gift but then just pick up the first piece of paper you see on the ground and wrap the iPad in it? Sometimes presentation can be everything.

Now, when you choose clothing to wear to church ask yourself this. Is this something that Im going to be pulling down or up every time I move, shift or bend over? Is this something that is going to make me look like I’m dressed for a night out with my “boo” or my “girls”? I know here at PTR we say come as you are, but truth be told ladies some of us are being a little to “free” when we come to church. I’m sorry but it has to be said. Skirts should be at knee level not mid to upper thigh and invest in a few lap scarves (Hint: They aren’t just for older ladies).

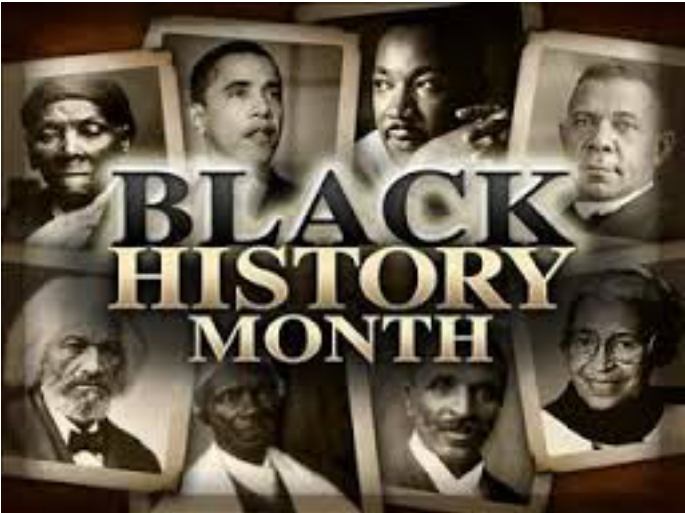
If you want to wear that new shirt with the plunging neckline be sure to wear a cami under it. I know, I know, we want to say “First Lady people should be paying attention to Pastor and not what Im wearing” and I completely agree. But everyone who comes is not always saved or even delivered and all eyes should not be on our attire, waiting to see if something is going to fall out. If you want to wear tights or tight skirts, then be sure to wear a long top to cover up your treasures. It boils down to RESPECT, for yourself, for those that came to WORSHIP, but most importantly RESPECT for the HOUSE of GOD! No one is saying you can't dress nice to come to church, but who said you had to be half naked or showing all your King’s treats to be considered as dressing nice?

~ LadyB~



Community News

February as we all know is Black History Month! Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of “Negro History Week” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrate black history.



•Did you know? The NAACP was founded on February 12, 1909, the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse F. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African

descent. Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

In the decades the followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week. By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses. President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” Since then, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme. The 2013 theme, At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington, marks the 150th and 50th anniversaries of two pivotal events in African-American history.

Courtesy of <http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

Feedback Alley

What are member’s saying about Praise Temple Ruston? How has it changed or impacted your life? Email us at ptrmedia1@gmail.com and let us know.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Holiness..... (Prov. 14:34)
- Commitment... (Col. 3:23)
- Stewardship.... (Prov. 11:24)

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Featured Member
Kelsey Kyser

This month, the bubbly 28 year old, Kelsey Kyser, that you can’t help but to love is our featured member. She is such a blessing to the ministry, always smiling and motivating others. Here are some random facts about her that you *may* or *may not* know.

- 1 I was Homecoming Queen of my high school.
- 2 I’m from Monroe, Michigan
- 3 I love football and basketball video games.
- 4 I write, rap, and produce music.
- 5 I consider myself to be the perfect pancake maker.
- 6 I hate milk with a passion, and by the grace of God I’ve never broken a bone!
- 7 I played year round basketball growing up.
- 8 Rance Allen is my uncle.
- 9 I love ALL things real estate, which led me to my investing business, RIPE ESTATES.
- 10 My friends tell me I’m pretty good at impersonations.
- 11 Proverbs is my favorite book of the bible.
- 12 I’m the most tomboyish, girly-girl you will ever meet.
- 13 My goal in life is to educate and create wealthy people, especially in the black community.
- 14 I can’t wait to be able to travel and eat in as many different countries as possible.
- 15 I’m good at math.
- 16 I’m always cold, so I wear layers of clothing, even in the summer.
- 17 My favorite color is red.
- 18 I prefer to wear earth tones.
- 19 I’m a professional hip hop dancer in my mind.
- 20 I want 4-6 kids, but I’ll take whatever God prefers.

We’re Moving Forward!

As Praise Temple Ruston has been experiencing expansion and overflow in this season, we have begun to see God’s great work manifest in the natural and in the spiritual realm. In moving forward, we must remember to not become complacent. To not forget those lessons that we learned. To gather all that knowledge and spiritual strength and take it out into the world and spread it to those who are in desperate need of hearing some hope. Acts 20:24 says, "But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God." So many times after we've matured or gone to newer levels we tend to forget that there are people who need us to reach out our hands and help them get to the point we are at. There are so many lost and confused souls in the world that need to hear, "God loves you, and cares for you. He died for your your sins so that you don’t have to walk around with heavy burdens, full of guilt and no hope"!

If you have or haven't heard, PTR is petitioning ALL of their members to join the the Soul Winning Evangelism Team. Because we are a church that swings on the hinges of love, we must take that love into places where love never seems to reside. We must take it to where abuse, drug addiction, and family curses have caused the people to curse love because the looks and feel of it is so foreign. This commission is not just for the leaders of PTR but everyone is needed. Let's be about our Father's business and go out and take the light to the those who need to see Jesus in a way that causes them to have an encounter that will forever change their life, resulting in them becoming believers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Written by: Taya Cooper

CHURCH FACTS

Praise Temple Ruston is committed to empowering it's community.

Praise Temple Ruston was established in 2004.

PTR spent it's first 3 years in a hotel for every service.

Praise Temple Ruston is a place where all can come and be restored.

FUN FACTS

The first people to ever see a rainbow were Noah and his sons. (Genesis 9:8,13)

There are only two books in the Bible named after women, Esther and Ruth.

About 50 Bibles are sold every minute.

The Bible, the worlds best-selling book, is also the worlds most shoplifted book.

BIBLE TRIVIA

How much longer did Job live after his sufferings?

Of what material was the ephod made that the child Samuel wore when he ministered before the Lord?

The mark of the beast will be applied to one of two sites in everyone's body. What are they?

Who was the King of Israel when Elijah was a prophet?

Do you have the answers?

See Pastor Bridges if you think you know!



ABRI'S CORNER

Forgiveness is Key

I can't tell you how many times I log on Facebook and see posts people write about how they just "won't forgive" certain issues or people. That really hurts my heart because as humans, we're called to Love others. And furthermore, as Christians, we're called to forgive as Christ has forgiven us. Harboring an unforgiving spirit can be taxing on our minds, bodies and souls. Christ died on the cross so that we may have salvation. This not only constitutes deliverance from God's wrath, but also prosperity, health and, my favorite, peace! It's hard to believe that peace can thrive in a place where there's no forgiveness. Amidst all the trials and tribulations we can't control, why not choose to manage an area that we have power over? Regulating forgiveness in our lives will bring us one step closer to living the lives we were designed to live. Show that unforgiving spirit who's boss!

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13

If there's a subject you'd like me to write about, e-mail me at abri.clough@gmail.com.

FOCUS

To focus means to direct one's attention on something. What we focus on tends to direct the choices we make in life, consuming our minds to the point it's the only thing we think about. We plan our entire life around it, immerse ourselves in its knowledge, and are surrounded by those who are fluent in it.

I believe that God wants us to focus on Him and Him alone. He has promised us some great things that deserve our attention, however, it's so easy to get distracted with everything else in life. Focusing on God allows us to be aligned with what's essential to reach our destiny. Within that alignment, we receive wisdom and direction to connect with the right people, take the right steps, and avoid those who aren't supposed to be in our lives.

God wants to get every promise to us, but it takes our focus to receive it. There will be times when the enemy tries to throw us off course, and if we're not focused on God and His promises, we can get caught up in the enemy's lies and what "reality" says. So today, if you've felt hopeless on what God promised you, or if you feel that you heard Him wrong, I encourage to re-shift your focus back on Him. Allow Him to restore your joy and your sight so you can see things from His perspective versus the "world's" point of view.

Written by: Kelsey Kyser

Revelation

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ABOMINATION	DEMONS	MAN	SIGNS
ABYSS	DOOM	MARK	SINS
AIR	EAGLE	MOON	SON
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ANGEL	ELUDE	OMEGA	SULFUR
ARMAGEDDON	FALSE	OX	SUN
BITTER	HAIL	PALE	THIRD
BLACK	HOLY	PEACE	TRIBULATION
BLOOD	HORSE	PROSTITUTE	WAR
BOOK OF LIFE	HOT	RED	WAS
COLD	IS	RESURRECTION	WHITE
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HOLY BIBLE

Devotional Thoughts on Relationships

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:2-3

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:13

Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heartland with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 22:37-39

Love one another deeply, from the heart.

1 Peter 1:22

Unlike jigsaw puzzles, people don't always fit together perfectly. Everyone's personality has unique ins and outs.

Some are busy, get-it-done types, for whom people are a means to an end. Others are more laid-back; they talk about getting something done, but never quite get to it. To them, people and relationships *are* the end.

When these two types get together, they can despair over the other's failure, blind to their own. Or they can see those conflicts as opportunities for their own growth.

In my family, cartoons help us celebrate our differences and help us be patient with one another. Any comic strip that hits home is clipped and posted on the refrigerator for laughs. Then I paste it in a notebook, kept with the family photo albums, for repeat laughs and long-term reminders of how human we all really are.

Jeanne Zornes

June 28th- July 1st, 2016



Adult Prices (Ages 25+)

- Registration: \$49.99
Late Registration (Mar 28th): \$79.99
Friday Family Day in the Park:
- Rickey Smiley & Friends Comedy Show: \$30.00
 - 1 Day Park Pass: \$102.00
 - 1 Day Park to Park (Hopper Pass): \$142.59

Young Adult college student (Ages 18-25)

- Registration:\$29.99
Late Registration(Mar 28th):\$59.99
Friday Family Day in the Park:
- Rickey Smiley & Friends Comedy Show: \$30.00
 - 1 Day Park Pass: \$102.00
 - 1 Day Park to Park (Hopper Pass): \$142.59

Youth (Ages 12-17)

- Registration: \$19.99
Late Registration(Mar 28th): \$39.99
Friday Family Day in the Park:
- Rickey Smiley & Friends Comedy Show: \$30.00
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 - 1 Day Park to Park (Hopper Pass): \$142.59

Children (Ages 0-11)

- Registration: FREE
Friday Family Day in the Park:
- Rickey Smiley & Friends Comedy Show: \$30.00
 - 1 Day Park Pass (Ages 3-9): \$97.00
 - 1 Day Park to Park (Hopper Pass) (Ages 3-9): \$137.74





LOVE and Worship

One of my favorite things about God is his creativity; he's the Supreme Artist. James 1:17 tells us that everything that is good and perfect comes from the Lord. That leads us to the gift and artistry of music that he has graced us with. Since it's the month of love, it's only befitting that we introduce you to some great songs that speak of God's undying love for us. I

Corinthians 13:13 states, "Now these 3 remain, faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love." These songs speak a catalytic truth that will awaken and free you to the rhythm of the Kingdom!



Set a Fire by Jesus Culture



Everlasting God..... by William Murphy III



You Still Love Me..... by Tasha Cobbs
Put a Praise On It..... by Tasha Cobbs feat. Kierra Sheard



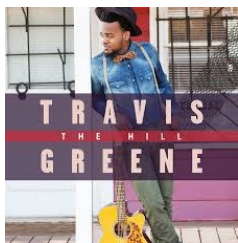
All for Me.....by James Fortune feat. Alexis Speight



Home..... by Bethel Music & Hunter GK Thompson



Have Your Way..... by Casey J feat. Jason Nelson



Love Me Too Much..... by Travis Greene



Worth..... by Anthony J. Brown



What Can I Do?..... by Tye Tribbett

By: Kionna Stewart

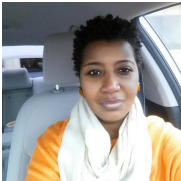
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When: February 28th, 2016
6pm -7pm
Where: 107 Love Avenue Ruston, LA 71235
Story Teller: Mark Pugh

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“Candles that are scented from heaven”

If you would like your business/service marketed in the next month's newsletter, please see First Lady Bridges after either high and holy service or bible study.

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"The church where the doors swing on the hinges of love"

**Pastor Cedric L. Bridges &
First Lady Tracy Bridges**

FEBRUARY 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Ulrica Edwards & Natasha Cooper Birthday	2 ShaRomdralyn Hill, Val Bridges & Cleo Reed Birthday	3	4 Bible Study 7:00pm	5	6 Nursing Home Ministry 2:00pm
7 Communion Sunday School 9:00am	8	9 Mr. & Mrs. Cleoties Reed Anniversary	10 Marvin Roberts Birthday	11 Bible Study 7:00pm	12	13 Nursing Home Ministry 2:00pm Couples Dinner 6:00pm
14 Sunday School 9:00am	15	16 Maisyn Roberts Birthday	17	18 Bible Study 7:00pm	19 Rachel Davis Birthday	20 Nursing Home Ministry 2:00pm
21 Jessica Wright Birthday Sunday School 9:00am	22 Zaria Burks Birthday	23	24	25 Bible Study 7:00pm	26	27 Nursing Home Ministry 2:00pm
28 T-Shirt Sunday Sunday School 9:00am	29					

Flashback of PTR Fun!

