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“Are you listening?”

By *Missionary Iris L. Jenkins, PhD*

Matthew 11:15 (KJV): He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

God is with us always and has promised to never leave us. He is ever mindful of us, concerned about the things that concern us. As believers, we know that we can go to God for anything. There is nothing too great nor small, nothing too simple nor complicated. God is willing and able to supply every need and to bring us to the point of victory regardless of the situation or circumstances. 1 John 5:14-15 says, **“¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have in him that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: ¹⁵And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”** The Bible is clear, when we ask God for things within His will, He hears, answers, and delivers. How wonderfully blessed we are!

Yet, we know that there are times when God hears and answers, but the deliverance requires something from us. Rather than dropping things into our hands, He provides instructions. *St. John chapter 9* records the story of Jesus healing a man who was blind from birth. He initially spat on the ground, made clay out of the spittle, and put it on the man’s eyes. Then He gave instructions. Jesus told the man to go wash himself in the pool of Siloam. When the man obeyed, He was healed. The healing didn’t come just because the man was in Jesus’ presence. He stood before Jesus blind. The healing didn’t come just from the touch of Jesus, because after Jesus put the clay on the man’s eyes he remained blind. The healing came when the blind man followed the instructions Jesus had given. He didn’t just hear Jesus, but he listened and had enough faith to obey.

Many of us have brought our concerns to God. We are standing before Him, holding the issue in our hands. We may have asked God to take it from us. We may have asked God to work on it for us. Yet, we find ourselves with the same condition, in the same situation. It’s not always that God is not working. Many times, He is responding with instructions. He’s telling us where we need to go, who we need to connect with, and what we need to do. We hear Him in the way that we hear background noise - cars going by outside, the sounds of other people talking in a restaurant, the music playing in the elevator. We hear Him, but we’re not listening. We’re not tuned in to the instructions He’s giving. We’re too caught up in what we want to do, our own plans and timelines. We are missing the message.

We have magnified things so intensely in the natural, that we’re unable to recognize the spiritual. God is speaking to us. We must make a conscious effort to listen, to hear in a way that allows us to take action. As believers, we have spiritual ears. Are you listening?

HONORING FIRST LADY JAQUELINE LEE COOLEY by Linda D. Wright

On June 28th, Women of Destiny Outreach Ministries honored our very own first Lady Jacqueline Lee Cooley, of United Temple Church of God of Christ.

Women of Destiny Outreach Ministry held there Annual Women Of Destiny Conference 2025, at Canaan Baptist Church of Christ on Carew Street in Springfield. The host for the event what Minister Maureen Brown and the message was Women of Power, Passion, and Praise. The Keynote speaker was Dr. Gerel A. Cloud, Ph.D. She gave a beautiful, God Filled message that all women could relate to.

First lady Jacqueline Lee Cooley, being one of many others nominated, accepted her beautiful award.

*We honor you, First Lady Jacqueline Lee Cooley, for all you do to help Pastor, CS Cooley; Holding up the arms. The work you do in the community, the Church, and the helping hand you lend to the members.
We Thank You*

Pastor Renzo's Report

Dear Dr. C. Steven Cooley and RGMS Board Members,

I am submitting my Monthly Ministry Report for May/June 2025. I've emailed my Ministry Cover Letter, Résumé Letters of Recommendation, and other documents to 1 more new pastor from Western New England and worldwide. As Evangelist and Revivalist from RGMS, I'm establishing contacts and sharing my vision of the urgent need for an NE churches to come together in fervent prayer for revival and evangelism. Having forged new relationships with 322 pastors since August 2020, our hope is to preach Revival, teach Christian History Seminars/tours together in New England after I secure enough commitments. On May 17th, I preached an evangelistic message, distributed Gospel of John booklets, Jesus Film DVD's, water and food, prayed for people while my son's BRKN band performed at the World's largest Pancake Breakfast in downtown Springfield, MA. Mayor Sarno recognized, appreciated, and agreed to having pictures taken with the band! On June 8th, my son Henry Talbot and I led worship at Greater Grace Church of CT in Enfield. Afterwards, I preached a Pentecost Sunday sermon entitled, "The Miraculous Birth of the Church" from Acts 2.

On June 7th, Pastors and Disciples from Pioneer Valley and I united in a very powerful prayer meeting for revival at Jubilee Family Outreach in West Springfield. On June 11th, I was invited by my friend Pastor David Levandusky of Living Waters AOG to come and share that I will be preaching and my son's BRKN band will be evangelizing in the Town commons of Greenfield, MA on Saturday June 28th. I preached on all of us being Ambassadors for Jesus from 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. On June 12th, I was interviewed by Pastor David Levandusky on their Christian radio, WLPV 97.3 FM and shared my conversion testimony, the ministry of BRKN band, and our desire to connect with Pioneer Valley churches as we evangelize Springfield, Greenfield, Amherst, Northampton, and Westfield and send people to their churches. On June 4th and 18th, I participated in a New England wide "Opening the Wells of Revival" Prayer

meeting at Ignite the Wind offices in Agawam, MA. We are preparing MA and CT believers to invite their friends to Evangelist Ted Shuttlesworth's outreach from June 20-26 under a 2000 seat tent at the Eastern States Colosseum. I have emailed over 57 churches to participate in this great evangelistic and discipleship outreach.

Weekly Event:

***Morning Bible Study Monday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30am
191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA, 01105***

Women's' Prayer with First Lady Cooley, Tuesdays 6-7pm, 191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA

Pastoral Bible Study with Pastor Cooley, Fridays, 191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA

Bible Study with Angie Brown, Wednesdays 6pm, 191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Miracles For America with Ted Shuttlesworth, Under the Tent, July 20-25, 2025
@7pm, Eastern States Exposition Center 1305 memorial Ave, West Springfield MA**

**TRUST JESUS UNITY SERVICE July 6, 2025 @6pm, 191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA
ALL ARE WELCOME, Please contact Pastor Cooley for more information.**