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GOD IS WORKING!"

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Deuteronomy 31:8 (KJV) **And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.*

At United Temple Church of God in Christ, we used to sing a song titled, "God is working". Some of the lyrics are:

*God is working. God is working. God is working even now.
Though we often don't know just how.
God is working. He's still working. God is working even now.*

We found such encouragement in those lyrics. It was a reminder for us that while we may not fully understand what God is doing, we can be confident that He is working on our behalf. It was a reminder that God has not forgotten us. He's not somewhere taking a break. He is always working for us. He is concerned about his children.

Many of us are facing challenges that have us wondering what God is doing. Even those with strong faith might find themselves asking, "How is God going to work this out? Where is He in all of this? Why has He allowed this?" We are people who are heavily influenced by what we see and hear. For this reason, we are reminded in God's Word that as believers we walk by faith and not by sight (**2 Corinthians 5:7**). It is not what we see happening around us that should be our focus. It is not the bad news we continually hear. Instead, our focus should be the good news of the Gospel and the promises that come with being God's children. God has promised to take care of us.

Psalms 103:1-2 (KJV) says, *"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name." Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:* This means that despite the turmoil and chaos around us, despite what is being said and done, there are two things that we must continue to do. We must continue to bless the Lord and we cannot forget His benefits.

What are His benefits? They are God's continual work for us! When we submit to God through His son Jesus Christ, we are enrolled in the benefit plan. This means that God now handles everything concerning us if we allow Him to. He shows us great mercy. He forgives us. He heals us. He demonstrates His love for us daily, providing for us and protecting us. He opens doors of opportunity for us and directs our paths. He heals us when we're sick and strengthens us along our way. He does so many things for us and yet, when we encounter challenges, we seem to forget that God is working!

Deuteronomy 31:8 tells us that it is God who goes before us and will be with us. He won't leave us nor forsake us. He won't fail us. While we are asleep, God continues working. While we aren't thinking about

Him, He's always thinking about us. He is FOR us! We don't need to fear nor be dismayed because if God is for us, who can be against us? (**Romans 8:31**). Our victory is secure in our God!

Difficulties will come, challenges will come, but they NEVER catch God by surprise. He's ALWAYS working for us. We may not see it. We may not understand it. We may wonder how God's going to do it, but one thing is certain...God IS going to take care of His children. He is working...even now!

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

I am submitting my Monthly Ministry Report for July/August 2025. I've emailed my Ministry Cover Letter, Résumé Letters of Recommendation and other documents to 2 more new Pastors from Western New England and worldwide. As an Evangelist and Revivalist from RGMS, I'm establishing contacts and sharing my vision of the urgent need for NE churches to come together in fervent prayer for revival and evangelism. Having forged new relationships with 325 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 July 24th, I attended a Mission Pioneer Valley Pastors Prayer meeting at Bethany AOG, in Agawam, MA. During fellowship there, Pastor Daniel Torres invited me to preach at his church on August 17th, at Springfield Wesleyan. August 2nd, I went to the Pioneer Valley Pastors & Leaders Prayer Meeting at Jubilee Family Outreach, W. Spilt, MA. I previously sent out 57 email invitations to MA & CT churches in May & June for Evangelist Ted Shuttlesworth's Meeting. We rejoiced in God for the souls saved and the commitments at Ted Shuttlesworth's Evangelistic 6 day Tent outreach held at the Eastern States Exposition. I ministered at the altar June 21st & 22nd. Over 39 churches collaborated during this incredible event.

On August 3rd and 10th, I visited the 1st Church of Blandford, MA. I've been invited to evangelize at the Blandford Fair at the end of August, and invited me to preach there Sept. 7th, also on August 7th, I ministered at WLCQ 99.7 FM Christian radio station in Agawam, MA taking phone calls and prayer requests. I had the great privilege of listening and encouraging several people from the Bible. On August 16th, I was invited to street preach and evangelize at the Free Sneaker Distribution at VOX church in Springfield, MA. Hoping to minister to the youth! On August 21st, Lord willing, I hope to pray and encourage Central High School students at the 99.7FM booth and afterwards at the Smead Arena at Blunt Park! On August 24th, I am scheduled to preach at Greater Grace Church of CT in Enfield.

I had the greatest privilege of serving Christ at RISE UP NEW ENGLAND offices in Agawam MA having served in various Board Meetings, with Pastor Reggie Cole and his son. Brian helped me to strategize how to invite all the pastors from Western MA, Northern CT, both Southern Vermont and Hampshire to be involved with Dr. Michael Youssef's evangelistic efforts in Springfield MA. I visited over 215 churches in New England, Lord, willing I hope to revisit these churches in the future and enlist them in future evangelistic endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Renzo Ventrice

Weekly Ongoing **Event:**

Holy Grounds Coffee House Morning Bible Study Monday & Thursday, 8:30am to 9:30am
191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA, 01105

Women's' Prayer with First Lady Cooley, Tuesdays 6pm-7pm

191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA

Inspiring Missionary, Angie Brown, Wednesdays 6pm,

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Bible Study with Pastoral Bible Study with Pastor Cooley, Fridays, 7pm -8pm

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UPCOMING EVENT:

18TH ANNUALL 50 HOLY WOMEN IN RED UNITED TEMPLE COGIC

HOSTED BY MOTHER BETTY WASHINGTON

191 WALNUT STREET SPRINGFIELD MA @ 1PM

Scripture of The Month:

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17 PRAY WITHOUT CEASING