

# THIS WEEK...

## NEW YOUTH MADE IN CHRIST NEWSLETTER



## BIG OR SMALL, I'LL GIVE IT ALL

### BREAKING THE HABIT CONCERT

Saturday, March 15, 2008, we had a celebration of GOD's love in our lives. The "Breaking the Habit" concert was filled with testimony, praise and GOD's word. We are not done. As we prepare for our Spring Retreat, "Everybody's Invited to the Circle", at Paradise Lake, we challenge you to be ready for the next wave. Each wave gets stronger and more intense. If you haven't visited yet, you should strongly consider it. GOD has a purpose for you. Let us help you discover what GOD has in store for your life. Many ministry opportunities are opening up and the Word of GOD is being shared to bring life eternal to those who don't know Christ as their Savior. Interested in making a difference. Break the habit of just going to church and become part of the living church GOD has purposed for you. Dare to serve. Become HIS friend. Seek the lost. Time is running out. We pray you will break those habits that keep you frustrated and stagnant. For in Jesus' name, you are a conqueror.

### THE WIDOW'S OFFERING & THE FRAGRANT ANOINTING

As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." (Luke 21: 1-4 NIV)

Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." (Luke 7: 36-48 NIV)

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## THIS CHURCH WAS MADE FOR **YOUTH!**

*“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”*

*2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)*

### 3 DAYS 3 NIGHTS

Matthew 27:27-31 (NIV) “Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.”



John 19:41-42 (NIV) “And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.”

John 20:1-2 (NIV) Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know



### LAMB SACRIFICE

Genesis 22:7-8 (NIV) Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

Exodus 12:7 (NIV) Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door frames of the houses where they eat the lambs.

Leviticus 14:25 (NIV) He shall slaughter the lamb for the guilt offering and take some of its blood and put it on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.

### BLOOD ATONEMENT

I Peter 1:18-19 (NIV) For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Ezekiel 43: 18-27 (NIV v. 20) “You are to take some of its blood and put it on the four horns of the altar and on the four corners of the upper ledge and all around the rim, and so purify the altar and make atonement for it.”

Romans 3: 21-26 “But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.”



### PRIEST’S SON

Leviticus 6:14-23 (NIV) “These are the regulations for the grain offering: Aaron’s sons are to bring it before the LORD, in front of the altar. The priest is to take a handful of fine flour and oil, together with all the incense on the grain offering, and burn the memorial portion on the altar as an aroma pleasing to the LORD. Aaron and his sons shall eat the rest of it, but it is to be eaten without yeast in a holy place; they are to eat it in the courtyard of the Tent of Meeting. It must not be baked with yeast; I have given it as their share of the offerings made to me by fire. Like the sin offering and the guilt offering, it is most holy. Any male descendant of Aaron may eat it. It is his regular share of the offerings made to the LORD by fire for the generations to come. Whatever touches them will become holy.’ The LORD also said to Moses, “This is the offering Aaron and his sons are to bring to the LORD on the day he is anointed: a tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a regular grain offering, half of it in the morning and half in the evening. Prepare it with oil on a griddle; bring it well-mixed and present the grain offering broken in pieces as an aroma pleasing to the LORD. The son who is to succeed him as anointed priest shall prepare it. It is the LORD’s regular share and is to be burned completely. Every grain offering of a priest shall be burned completely; it must not be eaten.”



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GOD Bless you!

## GETHSEMANE - THE OIL PRESS

In Matthew 26:36-45 tells us of when Jesus entered the garden called Gethsemane and prayed the night HE was betrayed. In Luke 22:39-46 we see that HIS prayer and anguish for the souls of the sinners was great that HE was sweating blood. What I really find interesting is the promise Jesus makes HIS disciples in John 14:26. Jesus tells them when HE leaves the Father will send the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit. So what does the garden called Gethsemane have to do with anything?

Gethsemane literally in Hebrew (gath-shemen) means 'oil press.' As you may know, olive oil was and is of extreme importance. It is used as a lubricant to shave, to lubricate and protect the skin, cure earaches, treat lice, soothe a sore throat, is high in antioxidants and offers protection against heart disease, can be used in cooking and can be used to protect and dress a wound. So how do you get this great olive oil? You have to put it through a press. Using the pressure of the press, you can extract the oil from the olive. Now, back to the garden.

Jesus is under pressure. HE promised the Holy Spirit would come after HE left. (**HOPE**) The apostles in the book of Acts receive the Holy Spirit and begin a mighty transformation that leads on the journey of a lifetime. They spread the Good News of Christ throughout the lands of the Jews. From Jerusalem to wherever they find Jews in Asia and Europe and maybe even parts farther away. In I Samuel 16 we find the Priest and Prophet Samuel anointing David with olive oil. The Spirit of the Lord was then upon David from then on. Isaiah 61:3 tells us of the "oil of gladness instead of mourning and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair." Psalm 23:5 tells us of the oil that is used to anoint the head. Psalm 133 tells us: "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore." The oil covers completely and the Lord blesses with **eternal life**.

Jesus is at a dinner thrown in HIS as explained in John 12:1-11 and Mark 14. Right before the triumphal entry (Palm Sunday) HE is anointed with a perfumed oil, nard. This perfume is also mentioned in the Song of Solomon 4. (**RELATIONSHIP**) It is fragrant and expensive. Yet Mary, Martha's sister, poured it out on Jesus' head and feet. When the people complained Jesus said "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial." (John 12:7 NIV) Imagine the scene. Smell the fragrance. Here Mary crying at Jesus feet. She wipes HIS feet with her tears and hair. The complaints begin and Jesus teaches. See how we as people would want to do things differently. We would have had Jesus anointing done at a great service with much pomp and flair. HE had a real anointing with love and devotion.

Jesus was pressed in the garden. HIS sacrifice is fragrant. HIS Spirit is poured out. HE had to go through the process to bring us hope, life eternal, a relationship and HIS Spirit. The garden seemed like a peaceful place to pray. The garden appeared to be serene. Yet what happened next changed all of history and the order of the universe. Time was split. Sins were forgiven. People were given the chance of a lifetime to know and have an intimate relationship with GOD Almighty through the sacrifice of HIS Son and the communion through HIS Holy Spirit. Jesus prayed to the Father, was pressed and gave us the Holy Spirit. Jesus gave it all.

If you would like for us to pray for you, please send your prayer request and/or praise to: [nymcmom@hotmail.com](mailto:nymcmom@hotmail.com).

We would like to hear from and/or have you visit us. If you are on a college campus in the NYC Metro area (NYC area, Northern NJ, Orange County NY) we could even come out to see you. We are very happy to visit college campuses and share the Word.

If you are studying in this area and would like to visit, we could make travel arrangements for you to come visit.  
**PEACE.**

## VISITING US

If you are in the area and would like to stop in, we meet at RVBC located at **150 Franklin Ave Oakland, NJ 07436**. We look forward to having you visit. If you are on a college campus in northeastern New Jersey, southwestern New York or in New York City and would like to visit, we are right off of Route 287. Just get off at the **Oakland Exit (58)**.

**From 287 North**, make a left at the light the end of the exit ramp. Stay on your left. Go to the next light and make another left. Go past another light and at the following light, turn right and go up the hill. The church is on the right.

Coming **from 287 South**, you can make a right at the light at the end of the exit ramp. At the next light make a right, stay to your right and go up the hill. The church is on the right.

Discipleship starts at 1 pm and the service generally starts at 2:05 and ends around 3:15 pm. Phone numbers are listed on page 5.

# EVERYONE'S INVITED TO THE CIRCLE SPRING RETREAT MAY 16-18 @ PARADISE LAKE

COST IS \$90 PER PERSON

TRANSPORTATION IS LIMITED

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT US AT [nymcmom@hotmail.com](mailto:nymcmom@hotmail.com)

We will examine the responsibility of evangelism to all people as we analyze the truth of Jesus' life and actions as HE interacted with people. These questions and more will be open for discussion:

Are we truly following HIS plan?

Are we avoiding those who are not like us?

How do we witness to those of different cultures and traditions?

Do we need to evangelize within the church?

What is the real plan of salvation?



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MAMA'S CHURCH”

## **WHEN WE DO STUFF..**

Every Sunday @ 1 pm – Discipleship  
Every Sunday @ 2 pm – Worship Service  
1st three Saturdays each month – Youth and  
College Ministries

All the time – Prayer, Praise, Supplication

Why?

Matthew 28: 18-20

Matthew 22: 36-40

Romans 15: 5-6

*NYMC exists to Nurture the hearts  
and souls of those who seek the true  
GOD and Yearn for HIS Salvation,  
to provide the opportunity for the  
hearts and souls to Mature by get-  
ting Involved in the family of GOD  
and Cry out in praise to the one true  
GOD.*

Nurture = Ministry  
Yearn = Evangelism  
Mature = Discipleship  
Involved = Fellowship  
Cry out = Worship

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Spanish translation available  
Mensaje disponible en español

## **NYMC MONTHLY BIRTHDAYS:**

### **March:**

**7: Efrain**  
**10: Roberto Gabriel**  
**25: Zaynah**

## **NYMC HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE MINISTRIES CALENDAR MARCH – APRIL 2008**

### **MARCH**

#### **CHRIST IN PROPHECY**

**SESSIONS: 1ST, 8TH & 15TH**

#### **We will explore:**

- The prophecies of Christ's life in the Old Testament
- Investigate how they came alive in the New Testament and our lives

### **APRIL**

#### **NEW COVENANT**

**SESSIONS: 5TH, 12TH & 19TH**

#### **We will:**

- Investigate the life of the early church under the New Covenant
- Study evangelistic methods used by the early church
- Apply Biblical strategies to our evangelistic efforts

### **CELL GROUPS**

**These groups will meet with leaders on the Saturdays not listed above. These dates are: March 29th and April 26th. Each group will determine the time and location. Ladies will meet with Sandra and Ruth while the men will meet with Roberto and Steven.**