

January 10, 2010

### Installation Service

Today we will install a group of hard working lead volunteers that assist the church in driving its ministry for the Lord. I want to express my personal and sincere thanks to each of them for their hard work and particularly for wearing many hats so we can continue to be an outstanding ministry for our Lord. Each volunteer, that includes each of you that serve in a strong supporting capacity, makes a huge difference in the outstanding ministry here at PCC.

Gyasi Cooper

Gyasi is the winner of the 2009 Cleveland Clinic Courage Award.

The Cleveland Clinic Sports Health Award is an honor given annually by the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission in collaboration with Cleveland Clinic Sports Health. It is awarded to the student athlete who has faced a medical challenge in his or her life and approached the situation with courage and determination to get back in the game.

Gyasi will receive the Courage Award at the Greater Cleveland Sports Award banquet on February 3, 2010, at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel. This event is the biggest Sports Show in northeast Ohio.

Tables to the benefit are \$7,500 for platinum; \$5,500 for gold; \$2,500 for silver or \$250 per individual ticket. The Golden Ticket raffle, which will award one lucky sports fan two Season Tickets to each of the Cleveland Cavaliers, Indians and Browns home games in 2010, is also now on sale. Only 300 tickets will be sold at \$100 each, with the winner to be announced at the Sports Awards. Tickets and additional information are available online at [Cleveland.com/sportsawards](http://Cleveland.com/sportsawards) or by calling GCSC at 216-621-0600. Proceeds from the event will help benefit the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission.

### MLK Events

There will be a number of events sponsored by Baldwin Wallace College in memory of Dr. King. I hope you will join me in supporting these upcoming events. We will announce these events today in worship and post them for your information and convenience. I plan to attend most of these events including Dr. Cornel West's visit and speaking engagement on Friday, January 22, 2010 and the traditional MLK Breakfast at the First Baptist Church on Monday. Please listen carefully for the announcement of these events today and see them posted within our facilities.

### Open Forum

On Saturday, January 16, at 4:00pm, we will gather here at the church to discuss potential opportunities for us to improve our ministry and outreach. Please get in to us your suggestions by next Sunday morning. At present we plan to update you on the restoration of the Youth Outreach Center the church purchased last June, plans for a youth choir, breakfast once a quarter to promote Sunday school, and others. We look to receive your input for the annual open forum. See you Saturday.

### Finances 2010

Just to remind you of what I said in my Christmas letter to you. We need you to help us. We need to know if you can commit to give us a little more each week or month throughout all of 2010. We need to know starting now so we can properly

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*Ephesians 4:12-13*



Pastor Leroy McCreary



plan for the rest of the year. So please put whatever additional amount you will be giving us in your weekly-offering envelopes. Again, any amount is deeply appreciated. Can you give just \$1.00 more each Sunday? Can you give \$5.00 more per week or per month? Whatever it is we need to get a feel for it right now. Thanks a lot. I'm counting on you to help us to keep going forward with this outstanding ministry for the Lord by paying off what is left on our new church building, paying for the newly acquired Youth Outreach Center that will enable us to better minister to our youth and children, and keep all of our church facilities looking great and deeply cared for. I thank you in advance for your strong support and I deeply value it and YOU!

### **Checking Up on our Sick and Shut-Ins**

The deacons and I are contacting our sick and shut-ins as well as those in our congregation that live alone. We want to make sure they have someone in their family or someone else who is checking on them daily during the inclement weather that we will undoubtedly continue to have in the next couple of months. Also, we are contacting members and friends whom we've not seen in worship lately. Please keep these efforts in your prayers and thoughts.

### **From the Missionary Field:**

Dear Praying Friends,

Again, may the Lord bless you abundantly during this New Year!  
THANK the Lord with us as we celebrated first Samuel's second birthday and for his joyful life!  
PRAY that his life may be totally consecrated to the Lord and His Kingdom.  
THANK the Lord for the family KOUASSI which whom we spent New Year's Eve. They are colleagues of mine at FATEAC and have a real servant heart.

PRAY for an intensive course that my supervisor and I are leading this week in methods in missiology. PRAY also for sustained health for our family and wisdom for me especially to manage all the responsibilities that need to be taken care of.

Peace and Joy in His service

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Health Reform Update- See information on the ushers' table

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S LESSON: January 11 through January 17, 2010**

Mon. Luke 5:27-32—A Physician Is Needed.  
Tues. Psalm 107:17-22—A Cry for Healing.  
Wed. 2 Kings 20:1-7—A Prayer for Healing.  
Thurs. Matthew 8:5-13—An Amazing Faith.  
Fri. Hosea 11:1-4—The Father's Loving Care.  
Sat. Matthew 10:1-8—Sent Out to Heal.  
Sun. Matthew 9:27-34; 11:2-6—Jesus' Healing Ministry.

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Key Verse: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. -- Matthew 11:5, *NIV*

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