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## THE PRAISE AND WORSHIP, C.O.G.I.C. Salutes:



"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" DEACON LEONARD SHILMIRE.

Saturday, April 08, 2023!

REMEMBERING EMERITUS  
FOUNDER PASTOR JAMES DAVIS,

APRIL 09, 1928—FEBRUARY 02, 2003.

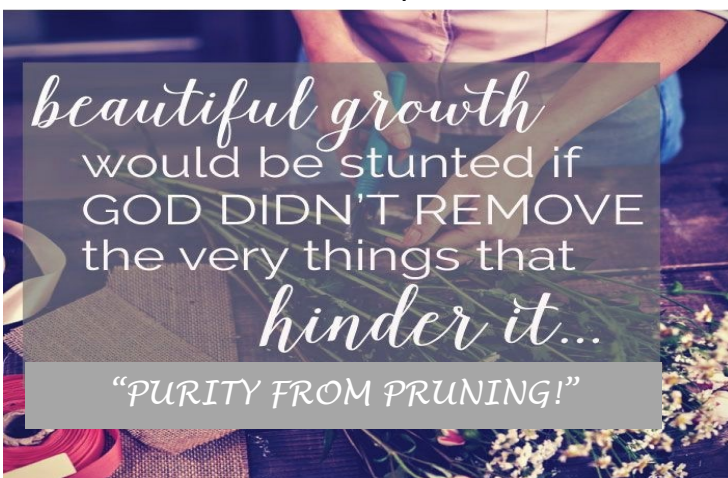
Support **M and M's** Fundraiser ▪ April 16th.

WHERE GOD GUIDES, GOD WILL PROVIDE

## THE DOOR POST SCRIPTURE:

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf." (Hebrews 6:19-20 NIV).

"THE MOTTO: "FAITH IT, 'TIL WE MAKE IT!"



THE DOOR POST James Davis EML Newsletter ▪ Sixth Year  
Jr. Mother Iris A. B. Barnett, BA, MS ▪ Curator

Our annual theme for 2023 is **PURITY!** Each month we will plunge deeper into what the BIBLE says about this. April is plunging deeper into **PURITY FROM PRUNING** Month: Purity cleansing is by God's **pruning**.

**GOOD PRUNING:** in our lives is because we are doing good and God wants better for us.

**PRUNING OR DISCIPLINE:** Let's understand the difference in pruning and discipline. Pruning is to help us **give over** an **aspect** of our life to God, and to be blessed in return by a greater blessing. *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."* ([John 15:1-3 KJV](#)). Discipline is to help us **give up** a **condition** of **sin** that we hold dear and to be blessed by the removal of this sinful condition in our life.

**WHETHER PRUNING OR DISCIPLINE:** rest assured that Jesus is in our corner and He will help us fight through it and win. He will show us how to win. It will require some deeper trust on our part. We will stand victorious if we allow Jesus to show us how to win! [[C Col. 3:23](#)].

**GOD'S DISCIPLINE:** is because we are doing something bad, and He wants better for us. *"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."* ([Hebrews 12:11](#)).

**SEEK TO KNOW:** what God is doing or saying to us. When we are going through a breaking experience, it's hard to know what God is asking us to **give up** or **give over**. We need to do an earnest evaluation of our lives to understand our reaction to God's intervention in our life.

**NO OBVIOUS SIN.** If this is the case, just **wait** on the Lord to complete **His** process in us. The key is to **trust** Him and **loosen** our grip. Then God replaces that which we have entrusted to Him with something of **far greater** value. [[C Luke 10:38-42](#)]. **PURITY** Require Pruning!

▪ CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME!

APRIL 2023

Elder Aaron Waffer • Librarian  
Library Hours: By Appointment Only.  
NEW Article Deadline: 3rd Sundays.



"PURITY BY PRUNING!"

Pastor Eugene Collins, III

"A STRONG PRUNED LIFE!"

\* **PRUNING ATTITUDE:**

Will we chose to trust our Father with His skillful pruning in our lives?

\* **POWERFUL TRUST:**

When we are being pruned, we are assured by God that it is temporary and it will add tremendous benefits to our lives. [C 1 Cor. 10:13].

\* **KEYS:** Be purified, be pruned:

1. By living a disciplined life. 2. By having direction. 3. By understanding the storms and learning from them. 4. By having courage. 5. By being optimistic. 6. By developing friendships with people who enrich our lives. When we do this, we chose to trust our Father with His skillful surgery in our lives, or will we fret like there is no rhyme or reason for our pain? [C Heb. 12:11].

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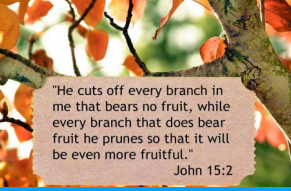
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# The Door Post

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THIS RESURRECTION SEASON ALLOW GOD'S PRUNING TO PURIFY!



Every experience is part of God's pruning process. You've been picked out to be picked on. He cuts off fruitless branches and prunes fruitful ones.

the third day He rose from the grave, the greatest triumph of all time. I want my response to be earnest, Resurrection Praise everyday of my life.

## PURITY FROM PRUNING!

## "THE DOOR POST"

## FEATURE ARTICAL

### "PURITY FROM PRUNING!"

By Miss'y. Vicki C. Davis Napper •

### "HE PRUNES BRANCHES!"

Just as a tree needs pruning, God can prune you. He prunes the "branches" of our lives. This pruning is not done to hurt us or punish us. Try to understand that this is a sure sign that your Father loves you. You don't have to be doing something wrong to be pruned. It's actually when you are doing things right that pruning may take place. So look, you are pruned if you do and pruned if you don't. You might as well deal with it and let God produce His fruit in you. But there is one sure thing: It's better to be cut back than to be cut off.

**HIS WORD IS ALIVE:** Hebrews 4:12: says that the Word of God

is "alive, active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, or joint and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intents of the heart."

**GOD'S WORD:** gives us the power to live a life that produces fruit. In conversion, He removes from us our guilt and condemnation [C Romans 8:1]. In time, He cuts away the habits that bind us [C 1 Peter 2:11]. God prunes away the old to invigorate, freshen, revive, and renew our lives [C Psalm 51:10; Isaiah 40:31].

**GOD CUTS AWAY:** from us some things that hurt at times. By beholding His Word, we are pruned, groomed, corrected and encouraged to be like Him.

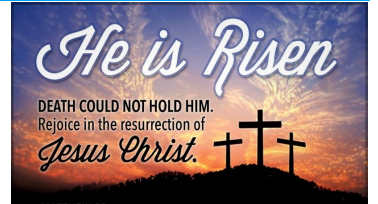
### CELEBRATION OF LIFE: BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- Elder Richard Hayes, 4/1
- Deacon Leonard Shelmire, 4/8
- Sister Anne Hayes, 4/8
- Founding Pastor James Davis, 4/9 RIP
- Sister Lauren Gates 4/13
- Deacon Glen Willis 4/28

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ALL WHO UNITED IN MARRIAGE IN THE MONTH OF APRIL!



WISHING ALL A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED SEASON  
Be Purified, Be Pruned.  
HAPPY RESURRECTION SEASON  
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**THINK IMAGE:** I once heard a callous boss say to his team, "I don't want to hear the labor pains. Just show me the baby." He had little regard for them, except what they would do for his purposes and his goals.

**THE TEAM FELT:** the same about him, His Legacy of pain and disgust followed him around until he died. He produced rotten and self-centered fruit during his life,

**PONDER THIS IMAGE:** The good news is our Heavenly Father is trying to prevent this from happening to us. This is why we are being pruned. It hurts! There will be fruit because of what God is doing with us now, and it will produce good fruit after. [C Jeremiah 29:11].