

Believers' Ministries 2023 At A Glance



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In keeping with the charter of the Believers' Ministries, Inc., our purpose is to expose people to the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ through educational, literary, and/or charitable activities; (lay counseling and referral services) and to carry the gospel into the entire world. This report captures information on events, activities, and fellowships for the year 2023.

OUR MISSION

Our focus, purpose and mission is to “seek and to save that which was lost” to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, exhorting people to repent, believe, and obey the gospel.

OUR VISION

**“Reaching the Community with the Love of Christ”
One Person, One Family at a Time**

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General Information

Service Times

Sunday Worship Service - 11:30 a.m. – as scheduled

Children Church available (youth ages 5-12) – as scheduled

Bible Study – as scheduled

Website



For more information about Believers' Ministries and upcoming events, visit our website at www.believersministries.net.

Social Media



Believers' Ministries has a Facebook page, Twitter, and Instagram accounts as ways for members and others to stay connected and informed of upcoming events and information about the ministry. To view posted photos and videos, just type in the search bar:

[believersministriesgahanna](https://www.facebook.com/believersministriesgahanna). You can also watch Believers' Ministries videos by going to

YouTube and typing in the search bar: [believersministriesgahanna](https://www.youtube.com/believersministriesgahanna). You can access Minister Doreen Dawkins' blog page at www.614whats2love.com or on your Facebook page by typing in the search engine [614Whats2Love.com](http://www.614whats2love.com) where Believers' Ministries' Women of Purpose Fellowships are featured.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus Pandemic)

Believers Ministries continues to implement safe social distancing guidelines when in service. Signage is posted indicating rules for social distancing. We ensure people adhere to using hand sanitizer and wearing a mask.



Consecration Month



January was a month of consecration. This was a time for fasting and praying for revival and renewal in our own lives, in our families, in our churches, and in our nation. Fasting and prayer cleanses our hearts, renews our spirits, makes us more obedient to God's will, opens our eyes to see the world as it really is – lost and desperately in search of a Savior. The results from being in the holy presence of God – changed attitudes, changed relationships, changed hearts. Our Pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins, emphasized the importance of continuing to live a fasted life to the glory of God.

Intercessory Prayer Services



Believers' Ministries continues to hold Intercessory Prayer services, as directed by Pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins. The prayer focus is travailing for souls to be saved and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Marriage Covenant Classes



Instructional classes on the marriage covenant are offered to members. Classes are taught by Elder Marilyn Dawkins, Pastor.

Worship With The Family

On the Sundays when there were no scheduled services at the Outreach Center, this was a time designated for families to worship together in their homes. Messages were available on the Believers' Ministries website for anyone to listen to the Word anytime by clicking on the websites weekly messages tab.

Spreading the Gospel

Believers' Ministries seeks to impact others with the message using emerging technology; Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, the website, and other methods as technology continues to evolve.

**"Go ye into all the world,
and preach the gospel to every creature."**

Media Ministry



Believers' Ministries Media Ministry works behind the scenes to make it possible to share the gospel message through amplified sound, recordings, and other forms of communication. The Media Ministry is responsible for all the technical functions during worship services or other events. The Media Ministry records and distributes audio or video recordings of the sermon.

Weekly Sermon Messages



Along with distributing weekly CDs and/or DVDs of sermon messages preached by Pastor, Elder Marilyn A. Dawkins, Believers' Ministries offers the opportunity to hear these messages via our website. Everyone was encouraged to view these messages from their computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone by following these steps:

- Access the internet and type in the search bar www.believersministries.net
- Believers' Ministries' website **Home page** will appear.
- Click on the **Weekly Message** menu tab at the top of the page.
- Click and view the recently posted messages.



Five Minutes of Faith



Another means of hearing the Word was through our Five Minutes of Faith posted on Believers' Ministries website. These are excerpts highlighting portions of the message preached by Pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins, and Minister Doreen Dawkins.

Everyone was encouraged to view these excerpts anytime (day or night) from their computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone by following these steps:

- Access the internet and type in the search bar www.believersministries.net
- Believers' Ministries' website **Home page** will appear.
- Click on the **5 Minutes of Faith** menu tab at the top of the page.
- Click and view 260 five-minute excerpts from various messages.

Believers' Ministries

Home Pastor **Five Minutes of Faith** Calendar of Events Women of Purpose Media Ministry

Reaching the Community with the Love of Christ

Click on each image to view 5 minute videos

 **Cut Out The Excuses: Rest in God**

 **What Is True Freedom?**

 **Be Committed To God**

 **True Success**

These excerpts can be shared with others and used as an outreach tool for witnessing and discipleship.

Palm Sunday



leaves.

On Sunday, April 2, 2023, Believers' Ministries held services on Palm Sunday. Pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins, brought forth the message entitled, "There Is A Cost." The scripture text was from Luke 19:29-40; and Matthew 16:24. In celebration of Palm Sunday, everyone was presented with palm

Resurrection Sunday



On Sunday, April 9, 2023, Believers' Ministries held services to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins brought forth the message entitled, "Because of The Resurrection We Have Victory!" The scripture text was from John 11:25-26 and Revelation 1:18. As born-again believers, we were reminded about what the resurrection means to us. As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, it's important to remember what this special day means to us each and every day.

Because of Jesus Christ's death on the Cross, we can know the joy of God's forgiveness for our sins. And through His Resurrection, we can have the assurance of everlasting life. So, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are grateful that Jesus lived and died to buy our pardon and there is an empty tomb in Jerusalem to prove our Saviour lives. We must remember that we serve a risen Saviour! Our God is not dead, He is alive forevermore!! So every day can be a day of Victory and a time of celebration and we can walk in the power of His Resurrection.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.

Because He lives, all fear is gone.

Because I know He holds the future.

And life is worth the living just because He lives.

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION!

Children's Church



Believers' Ministries Children's Church is open on Sunday whenever we have scheduled services. All children ages 5 to 12 years are welcome to attend. Children had the opportunity to learn about the Bible, Bible scriptures, and do various arts & crafts projects.

Children's Activity Day

On Saturday, June 10, 2023, and September 23, 2023, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., Believers' Ministries held their Children's Activity Day. The children enjoyed playing various games. Awards were given to the children. Afterwards, the children enjoyed pizza and snacks.



Women of Purpose Fellowships & Luncheons



Believers' Ministries Women of Purpose Fellowships and Luncheons were held at Blacklick Golf Course Banquet facility at 11:30 a.m. Believers' Ministries Women of Purpose focuses on bringing women together and providing opportunities for them to praise, worship and fellowship together. This ministry reaches women 18 and older to ensure that they are maturing in their faith and growing as women of God. Women from various churches came together to hear the Word of God and afterwards enjoyed fellowshiping with one another along with eating a delicious lunch.

The following is a list of guest speakers for 2023 Women of Purpose Fellowships:



Saturday, January 28, 2023

Guest Speaker: Evangelist Catherine Campbell
Church of Christ of the Apostolic Faith
Message Title: Not Listed



Saturday, April 15, 2023

Guest Speaker: Sister Florence Gammon
New Covenant Believers' Church
Message Title: What Happens When Women Pray



Saturday, July 22, 2023

Guest Speaker: Elder Sandra Davis
New Covenant Believers' Church
Message Title: How To Survive Challenging Times: Remain Connected



Women's Support Group



Scheduled meetings were held at the Outreach Center from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Elder Deborah King was the facilitator. These meetings are designed to provide opportunities for women to discuss issues; challenging them to comfort, support, encourage and strengthen each other; providing Christ-centered spiritual growth and encouragement.

Women's Fellowship Retreat



On Saturday, August 16, 2023, Believers' Ministries held a Women's Fellowship Retreat at Deer Creek Lodge & Conference Center. After opening in prayer, the morning session included a meet and greet, an icebreaker, along with praise and worship. Pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins brought forth the message entitled, *"How To Deal With Stress."* The scripture text was from Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV). After breaking for lunch, the women continued to fellowship with each other over lunch at the Rafter's Restaurant. The afternoon session continued with a time of sharing and overcoming testimonies, along with prayer.



59th Wedding Anniversary



Believers' Ministries acknowledged Pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins and her husband Brother Stanley Dawkins on celebrating their 59th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on September 26, 1964, and are the proud parents of daughter (Minister Doreen Dawkins), son (Mark Dawkins), daughter-in-law (Ingrid Dawkins), and proud grandparents of four grandchildren (Kyra, Kendra, Kori, and Mason). May God continue to bless their marriage with love, peace, and joy.

Pastor's Appreciation Day



October was Pastor's Appreciation Month. On Sunday, October 22, 2023, Believers' Ministries recognized and honored Pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins as well as her husband, Brother Stanley Dawkins. Everyone had the opportunity to individually express their love and appreciation through cards and gifts, as well as words of encouragement. Special presentations from the children included picture drawings and words of what Pastor Dawkins meant to them. We thank God for Elder Dawkins and her faithfulness and dedication to the work of the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 calls upon us to give back to our pastors because of all they have given and done for us.

"And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love" (The Message).

Team Building Events

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Believers' Ministries held a Team Building event at the Outreach Center. Minister Doreen Dawkins was the Facilitator. Everyone at the event learned 1) what defines a Team, 2) examples of teams in the Bible, 3) the difference between an effective and ineffective team, 4) obstacles to building an effective team, and 5) the qualities/characteristics of a good team member. Along with some team building activities, everyone enjoyed the fellowship and lunch afterwards.



Saturday, November 4, 2023

Believers' Ministries had another Team Building event at the Outreach Center. Minister Doreen Dawkins was the Facilitator. Everyone at the event learned about 1) emotional intelligence, 2) the four skills that make up emotional intelligence, 3) self-awareness strategies, and 3) self-management. Everyone enjoyed some team building activities, along with the fellowship and lunch afterwards.

Volunteer Appreciation

On Saturday, November 4, 2023, volunteers were recognized and acknowledged for their faithful commitment in volunteering their time and support to the work of Believers' Ministries. Each person was presented with a certificate and a special gift on behalf of Pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins.



Christmas Worship Service

On Sunday, December 9, 2023, Believers' Ministries held its Christmas worship services and fellowship dinner at the Blacklick Banquet Facility. Pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins brought forth the message entitled, "Jesus is the Greatest Gift." The scripture text was from Matthew 2:1-2; 8-11. The Children's Ministry did a presentation. Afterwards, members, family, and friends enjoyed the fellowship and a delicious meal. Before leaving, everyone received a Christmas packet.



Donations to the American Red Cross



Believers' Ministries gave a monetary contribution to the American Red Cross for Christmas. A check was sent to this charitable organization to help impact the lives of those in need.

Guest Speakers

Believers' Ministries had the following guest speakers in 2023 speak at its Sunday worship services.



Minister Doreen Dawkins

On Sunday, July 30, 2023, Believers' Ministries held its Sunday Worship Services at the Outreach Center. Our guest speaker was Minister Doreen Dawkins of Rhema Christian Center. The sermon message was entitled, "*The Refinishing Process*" sermon text taken from Jeremiah 20:11.



Elder Keith Fells

On Sunday, October 1, 2023, Believers' Ministries held its Sunday Worship Services and Fellowship Dinner at Blacklick Golf Course Banquet Facility. Our guest speaker was Elder Keith Fells of Greater Bethlehem Temple Church. The sermon message was entitled, "*The Mystery of His Will*" sermon text taken from Ephesians 1:9. There was a guest soloist, Sister Tiffany Pannel from Rehoboth Temple Church of Christ. Afterwards everyone enjoyed fellowship along with a delicious meal of Fried Chicken, Collard Greens, Potato Salad, Corn pudding, Cornbread, Assorted Cookies, Soda, Bottled Water, Juice for kids.

New Year's Eve Worship Service

Believers' Ministries held its end of the year worship service on Sunday, December 31, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at the Outreach Center. Pastor, Elder Marilyn Dawkins brought forth the message entitled, "*The Best Is Yet To Come*" scripture text *Ecclesiastes 3:1*. The Children's Ministry repeated their performance from the Christmas worship service.

Elder Marilyn Dawkins, Pastor

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