

# Church of God Single Adult Ministry Newsletter

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## NEWS...



## Single Adult/Young Adult Caribbean Cruise 2009

Plan to join us on November 2-7, 2009.

Registration late fee is waived until the second payment is due

Click here for more details: <http://singlesource.cc/cruise09.htm>

For more information about either of these events, please visit:  
[www.singlesource.cc](http://www.singlesource.cc) or call Jenny at: 423.478-7291

Look out for more information on a

Special Pre-Cruise Dinner, November 1, 2009.

## LIVE!....LEARN!....LEAD!

### One-Day Regional Training Events

Understanding and Developing Ministry to Young Adults  
and Single Adults

Saturday, October 24, 2009

Hosted by: International Praise Church of God,  
5071 Percival Road, Elgin, SC 29045  
803-788-1942 or Contact Carolyn Heuer – 893-955-0068

## HOLY LAND TOUR

*"JOURNEY THROUGH THE LAND OF ISRAEL"*

*Where Jesus our Single Lord and the apostle Paul  
the world*

*Greatest Singles Missionary Lived*

*10 Days Dan to Beer Shevah Itinerary*

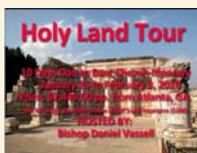
*January 25 to February 3, 2010*

**Price:** \$2,449.00 pp. from Atlanta, GA.

**Not Including:** tips (\$80), taxes (\$400\*)  
and insurance (\$200)

**HOSTED BY:**

**Bishop Daniel Vassell**



## ENCOURAGEMENT

Church of God International Single Adults

### **SINGLE PARENTING**

As single parents, we are tasked with setting the tone/standards for the emotional, psychological, developmental and spiritual well-being of our children; and while the task is daunting at times, our children's mental health (birth through the teen age years) rest securely on our shoulders. According to research, the parent-child relationship is crucial for the promotion of healthy child-development and trusting relationship.

Read more... Dr. Ruthlyn Webster

<http://www.singlesource.cc/pdf/SingleParenting.pdf>

### **Living the Abundant**

#### **Single Life**

What greater example of a person who was able to live an abundant single life than the Apostle Paul. In 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 7:1, Paul states, "For I would that all men were even as myself. But every man has his proper gift of God." From this passage of scripture we can clearly see that Paul recognized his singleness as a gift from God. Likewise, every single person that is in their season of singleness should value it as such. Read more...

Dr. Tara McIntosh...

<http://www.singlesource.cc/pdf/LIVINGTHEABUNDANTSINGLELIFE.pdf>

**HOW CAN I LONG  
TO BE MARRIED  
WITHOUT  
OBSESSING OVER IT?**

I suppose the dynamics of that question and its answer relate not just to marriage, but to almost any strong desire that you have, especially a desire relating to people.

So my mind broadens out from the marriage issue to ask, "Why do we obsess about anything? Why do we have overweening preoccupations with anything?"

The reason is because God and his Son don't have the place in our hearts that they should have. The human heart is a God-shaped vacuum--Pascal said that--and it's designed for God to fill. And if we have small views of God, and inadequate perceptions of his greatness and his glory and his love for us and his sufficiency for us, then there will be big cavernous places in our souls. And they will be churning out these desires that are just huge and controlling, whether it's a spouse or sexual things or money or praise of man or revenge.

A lot of people are just consumed. They can't seem to shake it. And I think the answer there is not so much, "Fight, fight, fight! Stop doing that! Stop doing that!" but rather, "Devote yourself to knowing and loving God. Immerse yourself in the Word." So when it comes to desiring a spouse you admit, "Of course, I'd like to be married. And Lord, would you work that? Would you do that?" And then you rest in him. Delight yourself in the Lord. Get all of your desires focused on him, and then those desires will be managed in such a way that in due season God will satisfy them. That's what we're doing for our Fighter Verse this week. "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart" ([Psalm 37:4](#)).

We were talking about that verse at our staff meeting the other day, in relation to marriage. And I forget who said it, but someone said that the problem is that we treat "Delight yourself in the Lord" like a tool. Like, "OK, I've done that. Why am I not married yet?" As though "Delight yourself in the Lord" is a quick little turn of the key, and you get what you want.

It isn't like that. Delighting yourself in the Lord is an all-consuming, day-by-day quest to bring all of our desires into that one great desire, so that he does satisfy.

So you walk into a group of people, and your mindset should be, "Lord, I'm just going to be there for others, like you've been there for me. I'm not going to look at every person as a candidate for doing for me what my cavernous needs require right now. You've met those needs. I'm going to be there for others. And you do what you want. I'll trust you."

So the answer is to get our orientation off of our needs and onto the needs of others, and that's only possible if God fills up that vacuum. Which means we should really devote ourselves to knowing him and being content in him.

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## Communicate:

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I don't know if it is my experience of being alone.  
Or maybe it is because my voice has not been heard, and I need to speak.  
Maybe it is that I have been downtrodden so much and need to assert myself.  
All I know is that I am my own stumbling block as I try to communicate.

I wonder if that is how Peter felt as he cuff off the guards ear.  
Was it a cry of frustration that the world could not hear?  
I know that I feel so lost and in fear;  
That is why I struggle to make my expressions clear.

It is time to dry the weeping eye,  
Close down the fountain that flows so heavily,  
So I take my thoughts captive with a sigh  
Then I stand tall, and begin to speak freely.

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