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ONE PEOPLE,
PURSUING THE
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**Blessings to all COOLJC leaders
and church families!**



Greetings from the International Sunday School Superintendent

Greetings,

We hope and pray you are in good health and in a right spirit with the Lord Jesus Christ. As we get back to our regular schedules from one of the most comprehensive Leadership Conference and spirit-filled iCongress, let us continue to move forward. I want to thank everybody for their input and assistance with our ISSA sessions. A special thanks to the ISSA staff/support group and scholars, iCongress President and staff, IABYPU President and staff for a well-organized iCongress. This has been a wonderful experience in the Lord Jesus Christ, working with auxiliaries in one church body.

The Sunday school sessions of the iCongress were executed with great precision and success in “Bridging the Gap,” Jesus for every generation, the Bible Bowl, and Oratorical competition. We are looking forward to our International Convocation in Orlando, Florida from July 26-30 with a similar fashion of activities generating a higher enthusiasm of learning and fellowship. I hope and pray every soul will have safe travels and joy in the Lord Jesus Christ as we prepare to come together once again.

May the love and peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Blessings,

Elder Charles E. Bright Jr.
ISSA Superintendent

*Behold, how good and how
pleasant it is for brethren to
dwell together in unity.
Psalm 133:1*

COOLJC Sunday School Abroad!

By Elder Tony Eichelberger

For
with God
nothing
shall be
impossible.
Luke 1:31

Greetings in the matchless name of Jesus Christ!

We know that the scriptures instruct us to give honor to whom honor is due; therefore, we honor our apostles, bishops, superintendents, teachers and students of our ISSA Sunday school auxiliary!

With that being said, I'd also like to honor a spotlight teacher this month for our COOLJC Abroad column. This young lady's name is Sister Jancita Wanjiku Kuria. She is a Sunday school teacher at Jesus Praise Tabernacle of Juba Kiambu County, Kenya, East Africa, where Simon Kimoni is pastor. Though she faces a myriad of challenges in order to bring the Sunday school lessons to her students, such as walking approximately 1 kilometer to and from the church in sometimes not so pleasant weather, according to her pastor, she is very diligent, faithful and skillful at interacting with her students.



The children that she teaches range from 3 to 12 years old. God has blessed her to not only be impactful in the church but also in the community. These Sunday school students come from very humble backgrounds with many social and economical challenges; however,



they can and do depend on their faithful Sunday school teacher sister Jancita to share a message of hope. Her main message to her students is to believe God and not look at the background they come from. But rather look toward the great future ahead of you believing that with God all things are possible!

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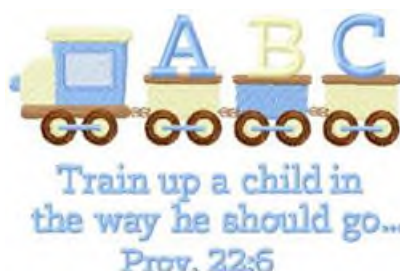
Mother Cheryl Antoine



Christian education seeks to teach children about the world God created, how our faith is woven into each area of learning, and how to find purpose and meaning through God's will for our life. The mission of Christians is that each student learn that their life is lived in communion with God and others. Our learning is spiritual, emotional and physical. Every child is unique, but every child is made in the image of God. The church is where God has designed that we fellowship and grow--it's a place of belonging. It is where there is mutual care, trust and respect.

Every teacher and those involved in the student (scholars) learning must first be a believer of the foundational principles.

- We believe that Jesus died for our sins and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures. I Corinthians 15:4
- And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles Doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and to prayer. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together and had all things in common. Acts 2:42-44



- We believe in repentance, baptism in water by immersion for the remission of sins, the infilling of the Holy Spirit by the signs of speaking in tongues, and the laying on of hands. Acts 2:38: Then Peter said, repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.



[Acts 19:6](#) - And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

[Acts 8:17](#) - Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

[Hebrews 6:2](#) - Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Jesus is servant leader and was an active participant. He taught and shared parables from all aspects of life. A teacher must believe in the Bible as foundational, and it is the formation to preserving God's people. The teacher (he or she) must inform, provide and stir up the minds of the students. Students must show changes in their lives. Thus, the life change comes from the work of the Spirit of God. All teachers should adopt "Jesus" model of teaching--it was a transaction between more than one person.

Teaching is more than talking; learning is more than listening. Teachers must create and manage the student's learning experiences, this will lead to better understanding and the applying of God's word. However, learning must begin at home.



Parents are the first teachers of their children. The bible stories should be read first to them. The Lord's prayer is among the foundation.

We should always consult him in prayer, speak with those that God has placed to be mentors, not folks we deem as such. You should not expect to make a good decision if you are not living according to the word and in the right relationship with Him. Teachers have an awesome responsibility, in helping shape the lives of the students (scholars).

God is the major premise of the lessons we teach in our textbook. He is whom we are learning and investigating. Unlike the secular world, we believe that in the beginning was God, and that he created everything. Education as noted in the Christian study library is more than training; it is the essential matter of enabling the student to attain a grasp of the real meaning of everything, the real meaning of God, mankind and the universe.

- Give instructions to a wise man, and he will be still wiser: teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. Psalm 119:66
- Proverbs 16:16 says that having wisdom and understanding is better than having silver or gold.
- Study hard and prove yourself. 2 Timothy 2:15 tells us that we should study and show God that we understand truth.



A Glimpse at The Beginning of The Oneness Apostolic Movement: April 1913

By Deacon Alexander C. Stewart



We often talk about the 1906 Azusa Street Revival, which became the impetus for the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements. At Azusa many received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues. This revival consisted of people from various ethnic groups and cultures. Many received their personal Pentecost. With this experience, many found a deeper relationship with God and greater illumination of His Word. It would be seven years after the beginning of the Azusa Street revival that the mode of water baptism would be questioned within Pentecostal ranks, and the revival of “The Name,” would take place.

In April 1913 at the Worldwide Pentecostal Camp Meeting held in Arroyo Seco, California, many were in attendance throughout the United States and several foreign countries. During the meeting, many received their spiritual baptism and divine healing. At the close of the meeting, a baptismal service was held. An evangelist, Robert McAlister from Canada, gave the sermon for the service. In his sermon, he casually mentioned that the apostles baptized in the name of Jesus Christ described in the Book of Acts and not in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Trying to preserve the unity of the Pentecostal movement, McAlister later stated that the Trinitarian formula was not wrong, but the apostles of Christ did not use that formula.

McAlister's comment caused discussion and study of the formula to be used. Why did the apostles not use the formula, Father, Son and Holy Ghost as outlined in Matthew 28:19? Some ministers prayed and studied looking for understanding. Frank Ewart was at the baptismal service and later questioned McAlister, who responded that the name used in Matthew 28:19 is Lord Jesus Christ. Ewart began his own study and received illumination of the name of Jesus Christ. He saw that in the name of Jesus was signs and wonders, in the name of Jesus people were saved. It is in the name of Jesus people receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He began to understand the wonderful Christ is in whom all the fullness of the Godhead dwells. He saw that the One Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost is Jesus Christ.

After a year of prayerful study, Ewart preached his first sermon on Acts 2:38 in Belvedere, California. After his sermon, he and his friend Glenn Cook baptized each other in the name Jesus Christ on April 15, 1914, with a Oneness understanding. Many would emulate them and be re-baptized. People would receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and they were baptized in Jesus Christ's name and others were healed from all types of illnesses. April 15, 1914 began a movement that split Pentecostalism into Trinitarian and Oneness groups.

As Charles Parham developed Pentecostal theology, William Seymour prorogated the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and Ewart developed Oneness theology. Ewart's periodical, "Meat in Due Season" helped to spread the Oneness Apostolic message and his evangelistic endeavors encouraged thousands to be re-baptized



in the name of the Lord Jesus. The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith historically traces its roots to the Azusa Street Revival, through the 1913 Worldwide Pentecostal Camp Meeting. The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ is Classical Pentecostal in experience, Oneness in theology and Holiness in ethos.

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ISSA during the 83RD International Congress



Elder Tony Eichelberger, our Moderator, taking the discussion to the next level in the 21st century



Oratorical Competition Judges for ISSA at 83rd iCongress



A generational panel “Bridging the Gap”



Kingdom Kids preparing to render a melody of songs in English and Spanish at the ISSA Bible Bowl Competition

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Oratorical Topics 2023

1. I am occupying my time wisely (Luke 19:13)
2. I belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 14:8)
3. I am Rapture Ready (Mark 13:33)
4. Power over the Tongue (Proverb 18:21)
5. Yes, Jesus Loves Me (John 15:9)

Judges

Sis Andrea Hamilton
Dr. SanSei Fowler
Elder Jason Myers
Brother Nyeerie Hale

Age Group Category

Pre-K 3-4 ages
Beginners 5-9 ages
Pre-Teens 10-12 ages
Teens 13-15 ages
Young Adults 16-19 ages
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Facilitators

Deacon Alexander Stewart
Mother Cheryl Antione.

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OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

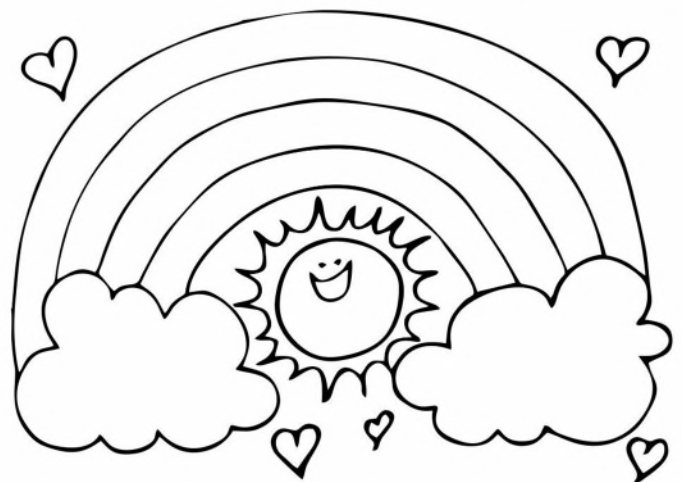
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God Loves Me

Who am I?

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|---|-------------|
| _____ 1. I did not want Jesus to wash my feet. | A) Jesus |
| _____ 2. I betrayed Jesus with a kiss. | B) Mary |
| _____ 3. I doubted Jesus' resurrection. | C) James |
| _____ 4. I was the Governor of Judea. | D) Thomas |
| _____ 5. Jesus Raised me from the grave. | E) Lazarus |
| _____ 6. I was released from prison Instead of Jesus. | F) Barabbas |
| _____ 7. I poured perfume on Jesus' feet. | G) Matthew |
| _____ 8. I was in the desert for 40 days. | H) Pilate |
| _____ 9. I was a tax collector. | I) Peter |
| _____ 10. I was the first disciple to be martyred. | J) Judas |



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

10	IMD Weeping Woman's Prayer (6:30a-7:00a) (641) 715-3580 [Access #547467426]
14	Happy Mother's Day
29	Memorial Day

JUNE

JULY

26-30	COOLJC Holy Convocation, Orlando, Florida



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Motto: “One Lord, One People Pursuing the Vision”

Theme: “Preparing God’s People Through the Word”

Vision: To be the model Apostolic Pentecostal Church
of the 21st Century

Isaiah 40:8

*The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God stands forever.*

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