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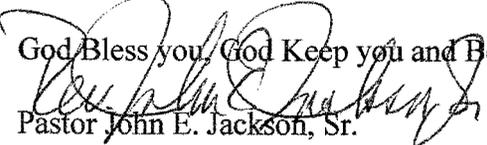
Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

I greet you once again in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I thank God for the revival that he sent us through the anointed preaching of one of God's finest, Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III. I thank God for the prayers that went up from the Church retreat leading up to the Revival. Those of you who stood faithfully on the wall ushered in the Holy Spirit of revival. I thank God that Trinity UCC-Gary is a working church. God's word and God's will is that his followers would be a working people to bring the Kingdom of heaven into the lives of the people in the community we serve. Beloved because of faithful followers in our congregation a mother has a home to stay in and her son is back in school. Because of the faithfulness of our members another mother recovering from an accident has hands to hold while her daughter is battling for her life in a hospital that does not seem to care. Beloved because of the love and commitment to Christ of one of our members consented to be a health advocate for one of our members so that he can get the best care possible. Beloved because of our congregation's commitment to Christ and his church this city has been blessed through worship, ministries from Somebody Else's Closet to the Soup Kitchen to Advocacy for Social Justice. To God be the Glory!

However there is so much more the Lord wants to do through us. We still have to build our new worship center by retiring the debt on this building. We still have to start our own credit union; we still have to start our own school; we still have to build a senior facility, we still have to provide computer equipment and other necessities for our people on the continent of Africa; we still need to build our mentoring, Recovery, HIV/AIDS and Prison ministries. We have work to do and it starts with you! We must do "out of the box" ministry in this technological age. We live in a time where an athlete can command the attention of an entire country on network television to see what Slave master he will choose to play for. He was not choosing to own a team, but to work for someone. He is a high paid slave but a slave nevertheless - By the way who did Lebron vote for for president? Right, you don't know, because he is not allowed to voice his opinion! All this while another Black man's death in Oakland, Oscar Grant was disrespected by a majority white jury (with no blacks) that let the officer off with involuntary manslaughter! We have to do the Lord's work as BP disrespects the lives of the 11 men who died and this country by putting money above life; We must do ministry in a community where gas station owners who don't look like us disrespect our children by displaying and selling drug paraphernalia! We have work to do beloved and it starts with you! We are a working church, not a sit back and see what happens kind of church! We are a working Church and that's the kind of Church the Lord loves. Beloved I have only required of you what the Lord requires of us all and that is to take his church out of the building to be a blessing!

God Bless you, God Keep you and Be Encouraged!


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