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**Generation Y: August Monday Meetings Information**

06/08/2012 - Fellowship: Special Guest - Pastor Chijioke

13/08/2012 - Home Time: Janelle's Place

20/08/2012 - Business/ Career Night: Mr Olu Amodeni - Item 7 Nottingham

27/08/2012 - August Bank Holiday: Alton towers/ Movie Night

For More Information call 07525187075 or speak to an Exec member today...

**GVM SCHOOL OF MINISTRY**

**2012-2013 SESSION**



This is to announce the commencement of the New Academic session of the School of Ministry.

Date: Tuesday 15th may 2012

Time: 7pm - 10pm

Cost: £100 (To cater for

Administration, Stationery and meals. Payment can be made in instalment).

For more information,

registration and application form,

please contact: Dr Joe Nipah on

07734957502 or Dr. Femi Fenojo on

07888742958.

**HOUSE FELLOWSHIP 19th Aug, 2012**

**THE PARABLES 3: Loving your neighbour *[Luke 10:25-37]***

At the ceremony to receive her Nobel Peace Prize, Mother Theresa, the ‘Saint of the gutters’ was asked, what can you do to promote world peace? Her answer was ‘Go and love your family’. She is also quoted as saying ‘I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love’. The absence of love for our neighbours is at the heart of the many ills and wickedness we see in our world today. Humanity has used barriers such as ethnicity, race and creed to perpetuate evil and to justify our lack of love for our neighbours. Jesus described loving our neighbours as the second greatest commandment; he demonstrated it by dying for humanity. In this lesson, we draw lessons from the parable of the Good Samaritan; and our objective is to gain more insight into what it means to love one’s neighbour. Like the law expert, many Christians accept that our quest for salvation involves loving God wholeheartedly; the challenge is that God expects our love for Him to be reflected in how we relate with the people around us (Vs 25-29).

The Jews despised and looked down on Samaritans because they had intermarried with pagans and were considered mixed race. There was racism and great enmity between them.

* **Against this background, discuss how the truth Jesus intended to convey in this parable (Vs 30-37) relates with His teachings in Matt 5:44-48.**
  + *Note: The Word neighbour in Hebrew means ‘someone you have an association with’. To the lawyer, this interpretation would have excluded Samaritans.*

The priest and the Levite could have had good reasons for behaving the way they did; but to Jesus, they simply did not care.

* **Identify situations where we need to exercise caution in our attempt to assist the needy and discuss ways by which we can demonstrate genuine love in such situations without putting ourselves at risk**

(Vs 37) Having made the point to the law expert, Jesus asked him to go and do likewise

* **In what ways can you personally or can we as a Christian body be more like the Samaritan in our communities?**
  + *Read also Matt 25:31-40*

**Conclusion**

By the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus defined a neighbour as anyone who has a need for which we have a supply. By the parable, Jesus is telling us to follow the Samaritan’s example in our own conduct; i.e. we show compassion and love to those we encounter in our everyday activities. We should love others regardless of their religion, race, social background, church denomination etc. The lack of love is easy to justify but it is never right. Jesus loved us while we were still sinners; we must not love only those we consider to be ‘ideal’ to receive our love.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This is to facilitate the logistics, create effective ©

planning and ensure a smooth operation within

the Church.

**GENERATION Y BUSINESS AND CAREER NIGHT**

This Monday: 20th August, 2012 Gen Y will be having

it's Business and Career Night.

Time will be 7:00PM.

Our Speaker is Mr. Olu Amodeni (Item7 Limited).

Topic: Liabilities Of Newness

Make every effort to attend and invite a friend.

You don't want to miss this. It promises to be amazing.

God Bless you and see you there...

**Children’s Church:**

- Parents are reminded to sign in their children at 11am and sign them out immediately after service.

- Children are not allowed to loiter around in or out of the church premises at anytime. It is the responsibility of parents to keep their children with them at ALL TIMES.

- The children church will not take children when it has reached full capacity/not enough teachers and helpers.

**DEDICATION:**

Child Dedication now holds every last Sunday of the Month at GVC Nottingham. House-Fellowship leaders should kindly pass this information to their members.

Thank you!

**Counselling Sessions With The Senior Pastor**

The Senior Pastor will be holding Counselling Sessions at the Church Office every Wednesday from 7pm. If you require a counselling appointment, please call the Church Office on 01159472486.

**FRIDAY PRAYERS (9PM – 12 MIDNIGHT):**

Be reminded that the Friday Prayers are held every week, unless otherwise announced.

Prayer Schedule:

* Group A (Prayers For Businesses)
* Group B (Prayers For Family /Relationship)
* Group C (Prayers For Healing /Deliverance)
* Group D (Prayers For Job /Immigration)

Please be informed, that the weekly Prayer Topics are just a guide, prayers do cover the whole aspect of the Ministry. Thank you!