

FREEDOM MINISTRIES CHURCH
Let Freedom Ring



Fall Festival
October 31 — 11am
Freedom Ministries Church

OCTOBER

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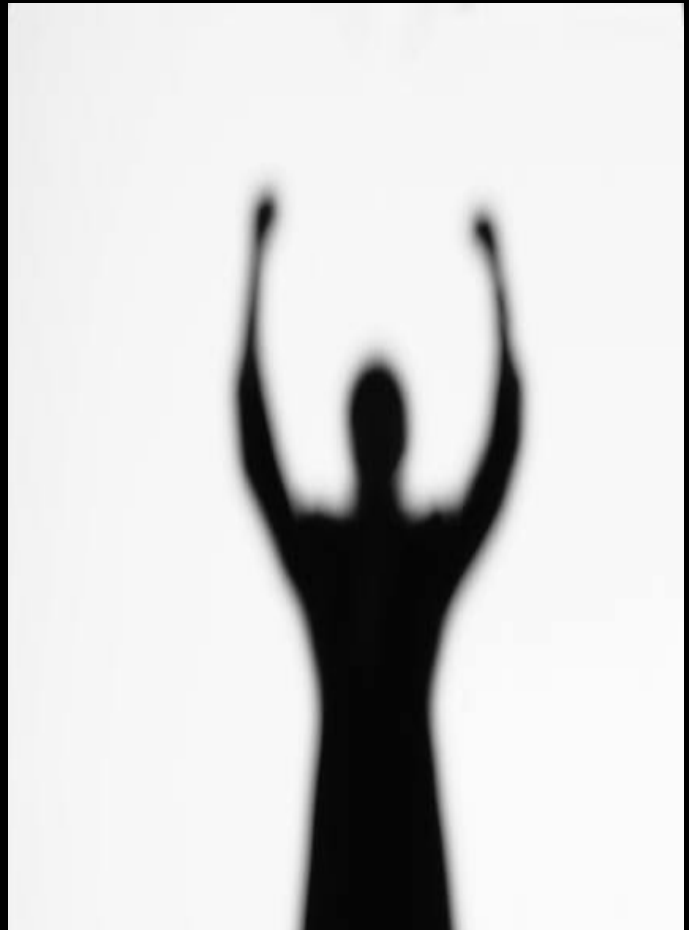
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
12:00 p.m. Sunday Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. Tuesday Shavah Prayer
7:00 p.m. Thursday Bible Study

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*Deadline to submit next articles:
Sunday, October 25th*



**Thursday Night
Bible Study**

***Boys to Men
Part 2***

(See attached October calendar)

From Pastor Filmore

Pastor Filmore was honored by giving the invocation at the swearing in of our new APD Chief of Police, Mike McKinley, at the ceremony held at Apopka's VFW. Ordained Cedric Thomas and Angie Thomas as Ministers of the Gospel at Freedom Ministries Church for the work done at the church and for their contribution to married couples in Black Love United where they encourage couples to put forth the effort to make their marriage work.

The Girley Law Firm won for their client, a discrimination Law Suit against the giant Walt Disney World. Praise be to God for His favor as the deck was stacked against the Girley Law Firm and their Hattian client. The jury delivered the verdict that they found Walt Disney World had discriminated against her because of her national heritage. Many suits had be waged against Walt Disney World and this is the first lost they endured in years. Because of the win, many requests are pouring into the Girley Law Firm. Let us keep Attorney Girley and his staff in prayer that he might walk in wisdom as he builds up his practice. Pastor Girley took a trip to California to handle a Veteran's Administration case. Thank God for Minister Paul and Libby Brown enjoying a well deserved vacation and before they left Minister Olivian Brown realigned herself with Freedom Ministries Church. We put our arms around our sister to welcome her back into the fold. Minister Filmore, with her husband, celebrated her 73rd birthday in Lansing, Michigan. Minister Melvin Birdsong and his wife Jean enjoyed a time with family in Jacksonville, Florida where they were able to relax for a bit. October 22-26, 2015, the Filmore's, Girley's, from Florida and California is scheduled to go on a Family Cruise. The Boys to Men that Minister Paul Brown taught during the Men's Retreat will be stretched out on Thursday nights October 8, 15, and 29. Minister Libby will assist him in his presentation. Come on out and gain valuable information that would help you with your family development. Come on out to help us celebrate our Fall Festival at 11am on the 31st of October. Many events are planned by Minister Birdsong and staff. God is allowing us to revisit our humble beginnings to re-ignite the love and passion that we had at the beginning. We are called to examine ourselves to see where we are and where we need to be, in God.

Freddie Filmore, Sr., Pastor



How Shall My Life Be Built?

by Pastor Freddie Filmore

Matthew 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: ²⁵And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. ²⁶And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: ²⁷And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. ²⁸And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: ²⁹For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes. Jesus is God's authority. Listen to Him.

The answer is that my life should be built on the Truth of God, a sure foundation. Before anything is built, it must have a blueprint. God has established a blueprint for our lives. Just as there are inspectors in any building project, God has established inspectors, (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers) to interpret the Word of God (the blueprint) to proclaim the unadulterated Truth of God that He wants us to live by. The prophet Isaiah said in Isaiah 30:19 **For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.** ²⁰And *though* the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: ²¹And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, *This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn*

to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. The bible is clear concerning the last days, men will turn against God and what He represent. As believers, they will also turn against you if you are committed to the doing of what the Word of God is saying. James 1:22 **But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.** God wants what is best for us and so should we. It is time to evaluate our walk with God and decree that my life will not be "*business as usual*". The prophet Isaiah states in Isaiah 55:3 **Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.** ⁴Behold, I have given him *for* a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. ⁵Behold, thou shalt call a nation *that* thou knowest not, and nations *that* knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee. ⁶Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: ⁷Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts *are not* your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. As predicted in scripture, in the last days men will be wiser and more wicked. Saints of God, when you see these things happening, stand in a Holy Place, the place where God is; and don't move until and unless God tells you. God has called us to right and righteousness. We can do it, make the choice to **live by God's blueprint for life.** Praise the Lord.

The Other 'F' Words

Minister Olivian Peterson-Brown

Have you ever turned on the television and gotten sick of the profanity and unnecessary vulgarity? Not that I think any vulgarity is necessary but sometimes they just seem to go over the top. It's gotten so bad that even some of the 'G' rated shows seem to have forgotten the protocol or description for their ratings. Anyway, I'm doing a series that involves some of the Other 'F' words. We should be safe and you won't have to cover your ears. I promise.

FRESH

Keep it fresh. Your bread. Your heart. Your perspective. Relying on yesterday's bread for today's needs isn't a wise thing to do. Yesterday's bread will most likely not be relevant nor sufficient for what we'll face today.

Having said that, I've found that this brings about a need in my life for daily study. I don't mean skimming the surface but rather requires serious digging in the Word, spending time with God, waiting to hear what He has to say, really working it all over, letting it settle in my mind and in my heart, then putting it into action. I must admit that I've not always been faithful to these principles and my life in the Spirit suffered during those tumultuous and, yes, sometimes even rebellious times. I suffered great loss and even retardation because of it.

Over time, you'd think that it would get better, right? Well, it should get better but it isn't an automatic thing just because of the passage of time. I was naively assuming that the 'mature' and 'seasoned' Christian just gets better with time. I made the mistake of believing gray hair (colored or not), bald heads, and wrinkles (with or without make-up) meant maturity in the realm of the Spirit. I made the same assumption and error in thinking when it came to myself.

The Other 'F' Words (Continued)

Minister Olivian Peterson-Brown

You see, unless a Christian makes a deliberate – on purpose- decision to change and grow, and then acts on that decision, nothing in that life will change, at least nothing positive or for the better. Positive change takes work. Forward moving actions that deliver positive change requires consistency, a willingness to be corrected, a submission to God (as well as others), a greater love for God than for self, and accepting the possibility of pain. It demands a selfless attitude and a heart for truth in the inward parts, even when we're alone.

Yesterday's bread, last year's bread, or even bread from a few years back won't cut it for what must be faced today. If all I have to sustain me is crumbs from better times or times when I felt useful and productive, it is definitely time for some fresh bread. It doesn't even have to be something new or different. God's Word is the key.

Just as our natural bodies require sustenance on a regular basis, the spirit man needs and deserves no less. In case you're having difficulty believing, take a look at someone who hasn't consumed any physical food in say a month or so. Got the picture? 'Nuff said. Psalm 63:1-8



Let's keep it fresh. Bread from last month was good for that time but to stay alive and well, we need fresh bread on a daily basis. Set aside a time, a place, and do it. Sometimes it may be 15 minutes. Other times it may be an hour and 15 minutes or longer but do it. You'll find that deliberate action will refresh and rejuvenate you in more ways than you can imagine.

GOD'S HAS THE FINAL SAY

by Pastor Freddie Filmore

Ecclesiastes 12:10 **The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and *that which was written was upright, even words of truth.*** ¹¹**The words of the wise *are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.*** ¹²**And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books *there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.*** ¹³**Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is the whole duty of man.*** ¹⁴**For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be good, or whether it be evil.***

How you live your life will ultimately be judged by God and it will be based in the obedience to the commandments that He has given as a guide for the believer's life. Right now Jesus is our advocate, our lawyer, one who pleads our case when we do wrong. However, there will come a time when He will change His clothing, change from lawyer to judge. Right now, whatever sin you and I commit, if we confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in our heart that God has raised Him from the grave, we shall be saved. Properly interpreted, no matter what the sin is and no matter how egregious the sin, if we confess it to God, He will forgive us our sin. This He will do as the Christ of our lives. Don't wait too late, when He changes and become the Judge. He alone has the final say because He knows that He gave to us every possible chance to get it right. This is how He puts it in Isaiah 1:10 **Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.** ¹¹**To what purpose *is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.*** ¹²**When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?** ¹³**Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.*** ¹⁴**Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them.*** ¹⁵**And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.** ¹⁶**Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;** ¹⁷**Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.** ¹⁸**Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.** ¹⁹**If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:** ²⁰**But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it.*** Saints of God, let us get it right while there is breathe in our bodies. We are to live to please God. We have the mind of Christ, let us live like it. Let us love what He loves and hate what He hates. He has given us His Holy Spirit to lead and guide us into all truth. We are without excuse.

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