

# WORD LIVING

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## OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to offer help to families with budgeting and planning. We assist families in obtaining knowledge and awareness of all human resources/ services available to them. We sponsor FREE seminars that coordinate various services to meet changing needs.

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## WELCOME TO WORD LIVING 2016

### “Challenge the Darkness” - Financial Wellness

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you, as we understand God’s remedies to poverty and how each remedy requires action from everyone. There is the need for unity and people working together in order to accomplish the goal.

Now, Satan would have us to believe that the very thought of people working together is an impossible action in this present time. Who and how will the current systems be changed to ensure the rights of all?

Well I just believe that the Bible is the word of truth, and what it says can be achieved through prayer, commitment, and obedience.

If the wall of Jericho fell down flat because the people obeyed God, and God has not changed, then justice, as God designed it to be can become a reality.

### JUSTICE:

The word justice is the process or result of using laws to fairly judge and punish crimes and criminals (Merriam Webster). However, justice, as it relates to poverty, is ensuring the rights of the poor to satisfy their needs.



**EXODUS 23:1-9** Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.<sup>2</sup> Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment: <sup>3</sup> Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause. <sup>4</sup> If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again. <sup>5</sup> If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him. <sup>6</sup> Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause. <sup>7</sup> Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked. <sup>8</sup> And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous. <sup>9</sup> Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. (KJV)

**NOTE:** The above verses contain laws concerning legal justice. These verses note how to love your neighbor as yourself, to be honest and fair with others, to avoid unkindness and injustice, and to respect one another, even our enemy and those who hate us. Our respond to all must be the same because this is the word of God to his children.



**Deuteronomy 11:19** Teach your children the ways of God ...when you are sitting at home, when you are walking, at bedtime, and when you get up in the morning.

**Deuteronomy 11:27-28** A blessing or a curse.

**Proverbs 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

**It is the ethics, morals, and values that weave its behaviors into the decisions that either offers justice as per God's word or seeks gain at the cost of others.**

**Ethics are learned behaviors and based on that training, it flows into the thought process of how we define justice. When the morals and values of the home are not based on obedience to God's word, the results are ungodly leaders, whose total thought process is self-centered. Training in the home is key.**



**The tragedies of history continues today. The spirit as well as the letter of the poverty laws were and still are systematically violated by society.**

**Proverbs 14:31 He that oppreseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor. Matthew 25:31–46 Jesus said in verse 40 - ...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.**

**Amos writes during the period of national optimism in Isreal. Business is booming yet below the surface, greed and injustice is growing. The judges took from the poor by extortion or the sin of oppression to enrich themselves. They took “bribes” from the rich to patronize and protect them in oppressing the poor. They turn aside the poor in the gate from their right to the court of judicature, (the place where the administration of justice should have taken place) but instead of that they perverted their judgment, and did them wrong.**

**Their sins were against their fellowman as well as against God. They were not honest. Their judgment tainted by the bribes of the rich. They oppressed the poor every chance they had. They were respecters of the rich more so than God.**

**And Amos prophesies – “ ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards but ye shall no drink wine from them.” Amos 5:11**

**According to the United Nations – Department of Economic and Social Affairs, there is a plan, “Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In that they envision a world free of poverty, universal literacy, justice, equality for all.**

**Has I continued reading I noted, “We, the Heads of State and Government and High Representatives” was missing the most important member’s name.**

**How can we have sustainability without including the creator of the universe?  
How can we have justice for all without the love of God in the lead role?**

**Man has walked outside of the boundary of God’s law for decades and many do not reverence his name. To achieve the goal is to follow the plan that our Lord set into motion for the beginning of time. If we fail to follow the perfect plan of God, we will fail to achieve the goal as he designed. We must stand for justice.**

**Gleaning – The Second Remedy Until next time his steward, Karen Cheathem**

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016

**March 11-12, 2016**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Retreat for Women and Teens**

**Southside Tabernacle Baptist Church**

**3647 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**

**St. Petersburg, FL 33712**

**Speaker:**

**Jodi Matthews, Detroit, MI**

**Financial Workshop:**

**Karen Cheatham**

**April 2, 2016**

**Annual Luncheon**

**Mt. Herman Zion Baptist Church**

**2400 Sanford Street**

**Muskegon Heights, MI 49444**

**Speaker:**

**Karen Cheatham**

**Saturday, April 23, 2016**

**TIME: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Muskegon Area Earth Fair Expo**

**Montague High School**

**4900 Stanton Blvd Montague, MI**

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***“Furthering Families in  
Financial Freedom”***

**Social Security—Benefits and Changes**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2016**

**10:00 a.m.—12 noon**

**Louis A. McMurray Conference & Transportation Center  
2624 Sherman and 6th Street Muskegon Hts., MI 49444**

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

**Mr. Marvin Harwell, Claims Representative  
Social Security Administration  
Muskegon Office**

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**Estate Planning**

**Saturday, October 15, 2016, 2016**

**10:00 a.m.—12 noon**

**Louis A. McMurray Conference & Transportation Center  
2624 Sherman and 6th Street Muskegon Hts., MI 49444**

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

**Attorney David Covell  
Law Office of David Covell, PLLC**