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A CALL TO  
THE  
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“ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I AM with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19,20 (NIV) ”

*Submitted by: Prophetess Linda McIver-Bradley*



**Book Club Pick**



**Deal With It!** by Paula White

**Book Club Location**

**Panera Breads**

3112 Fairlane Dr.  
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(Fairlane Drive Complex)

at corner of Southfield and Outer Drive  
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**Meet Thursday's**

February 8, 2007

thru

April 12, 2007

**6:00 pm -**

**7:30 pm**

Jesus left specific instructions to the church concerning their responsibility to become Disciples of Christ. You see it is not just enough to be saved by confession of your mouth. We must begin to move out of the confines of comfort and accept the call to discipleship. Today's church has become complacent in their demeanor and taken a comfortable position that it's okay just to worship and praise God within the safety and security of the sanctuary. We have sat too long all dressed up, full of ourselves, elusive of sin, medicated by much to do about nothing and forgotten our focus. Today's church has degenerated into a weakened state so much that our consideration for discipleship has become a method of thinking instead of a way of life.

**Death to old Things**

Jesus' great commission to believers was to come out of selves, deny the things that we call important to us, and make the ultimate sacrifice to surrender all for Christ.

**Luke 14: 27** says, **“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”** NIV What Jesus is actually saying again is you must first die to self in order to follow Him.

Death to your old habits and behaviors, death to your way of thinking and the old lifestyle that you once knew. This also means that you are willing to suffer pain, persecution, shame, heartache, loneliness, grief, and shame on behalf of Jesus Christ. The reproach we get from others is considered bearing ones cross. It is enduring rejection for righteousness sake. Bearing the burden of ones cross is exclusive also to the level of ministry that God has predestined for us. We are called to a lifetime of service, so let us **lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. (Hebrews 12:1b)** KJV Our one and only love is the love of Christ that exudes from every area of our being. To be a servant of God we must detach from this earthly realm and represent our place in the heaven lies.

**Sanctification**

Sanctification: is the act of setting apart for the purpose of consecration. Exodus 31:13 reads; **“You must observe my Sabbaths. This is the sign between me and you for the generation to come, so that ye may know that I AM the LORD, who makes you holy”**.

**Hebrews 2:11** (AMP) "For both He who sanctifies (making men holy) and those who are sanctified all have on (Father). For this reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren." We must, as Disciples of Christ become what we say we are. Holiness is being like God because He is holy. A right and intimate relationship reflects the closeness and sense of knowing that you belong to the Father and you are one with the Holy Spirit.

As followers of Christ we must realize it is ultimately our duty to tell somebody else. We are assigned by Jesus Himself to go and tell the good news of the gospel. This is the only purpose that is clearly spelled out for the believer in **Matthew 5:13, 14. We are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.** This world would be both tasteless and dark without the presence of the church operating as Jesus commanded, **"Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations."**

### Will you Hear the Call

For centuries God has been calling man to be used by Him for kingdom building. It is our mandate and responsibility to fulfill God's plan for our lives.

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# March

### **TEEN CONFERENCE**

March 17, 2007  
8:00 am – 3:00 pm @  
The First Congregational Church  
Age: 13- 18

# May

### **Women Workshop**

Spring Brunch "**Hattitude**" - Celebrating God's Virtuous Women!!  
May 5, 2007  
11:30 am @ Edsel & Eleanor Ford House