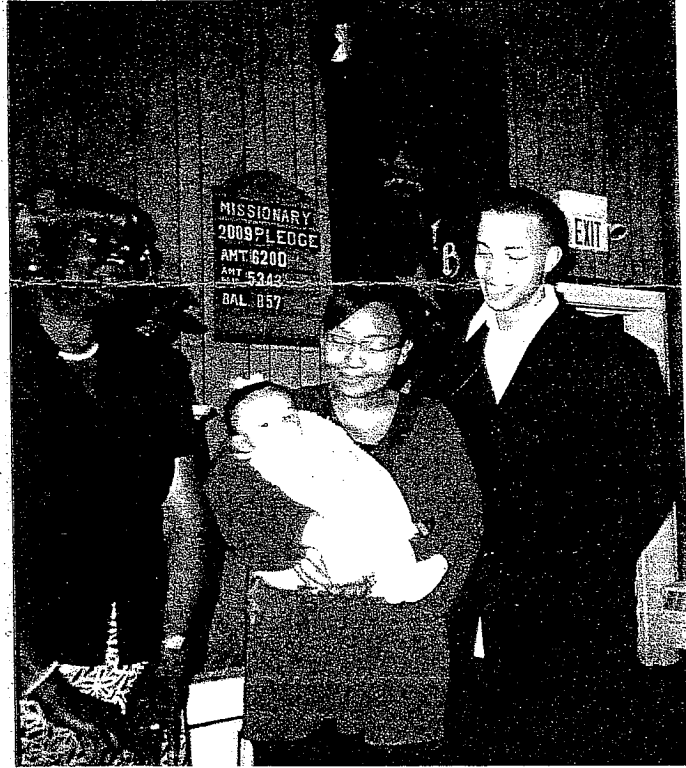


*I appreciate you so very much, and  
all your faithful support!*

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Cpl Bruce & Mrs. Garner, Jr. and Great Grandmother Essie Garner

## RUNNING TO WIN IN 2010!

“... let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus ...” Hebrews 12:1-2

What a joy to have been present at Union Avenue C&MA Church for the blessing of Cpl Bruce Garner's first child. His grandmother, Essie Garner, told me Bruce and his wife would bring their precious daughter on December 27<sup>th</sup> for this (Bruce now lives in SC) Bruce was in elementary school when I went forward at this church and agreed to be his prayer partner, at a special youth focus service Pastor Nathaniel Mason held. I have kept up with him - graduation from high

school, enlistment in the US Armed Services, marriage, and now fatherhood. As I witnessed this blessed occasion, I prayed "Lord, how wonderful it would be if every baby had three generations of Godly parents as this one does (parents, grandparents and great grandparents), and this host of God parents to help train them up in the way they should go! But, dear friend, most children don't. That's why the ministry you and I conduct is so very necessary. That's why I am Still **"Running to win in 2010!"** The children and parents, won to our Lord, are my joy and crown, as those, God used Paul to turn to Christ, were to him (Philippians 4:1). So, I'm praying and trusting our Lord to keep me with a single-eye focus on Him - on "that day" I'll see Him face-to-face (1 John 3:2). I don't want to let my mind become overwhelmed by the difficulties, heartaches and challenges I face "today". All of these will, one day, pass away (Matthews 24:35). I hope this is also the desire of your heart. This is the only true road to victory. Let nothing get you to stray from our Lord's straight and narrow path that leads to life (Mattherw 7:13-14).

All around you and me are people; children, parents, governmental officials, the rich, the famous, the ordinary people, our family members- many of whom are struggling as they go through this "valley of the shadow of death". Many are overwhelmed with doubts, fears, needs and heartaches. They need our Good Shepherd. They need you and me to reach out to them - offering them a piece of the Living Bread - a drink of the Living Water. Thank you for your prayers and continued support to me in this ministry. Can I still count on your faithful partnership with me as I continue to run in 2010? I hope so. Your prayers and gifts of help, help me to keep **"Running to win!"** Remember!

Thanks, dear friend, for continuing to stand with me in this ministry. Can I count on you in 2010 too? Remember, your tax-deductible gifts of help are made payable to: **Interlink Ministries.**

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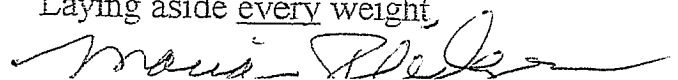
Enclose a note stating your gift is for the ministry of Marian Pledger. You'll receive a receipt you can use for tax purposes.

You keep praying and giving, and we'll keep **"Running to Win in 2010!"**

We're impacting the souls of children, parents, and our hurting world for Christ. We must not get weary in well-doing (Galatians 6:9).

Many are confused about the Cleveland Municipal School Districts (CMSD) "Transformation Plan". If you, and for any you know, who have children attending CMSD schools, are confused, contact me. I'd be happy to meet with them and share this plan. I'd be happy to share with parents on how they can help their individual children to raise their academic achievement level, too. Well, Right now, it's time for me to get my running shoes back on!

Laying aside every weight,



# RUNNING TO WIN IN 2010

## My Regular Weekly Schedule

- Sundays: 9:15 am Sunday School Teacher Peace Baptist Church  
11:00 am Visit supporting Churches  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 3:15 pm Missions Teacher for Cleveland Sunday School and BTU
- Mondays: 1<sup>st</sup> 12:00 pm Nottingham Baptist Church Senior Saints  
2<sup>nd</sup> 12:30 pm Pilgrim Luthern Brethern Church Prime Timers  
4-5 pm Bible Club - Friendly Inn
- Tuesdays: 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 am Attend School/Parent Organization (SPO) meetings at Daniel E. Morgan School  
1:00 pm Parma Hts Baptist Church - Bible Study  
3<sup>rd</sup> 12:00 pm Parma Hts Baptist Church Autumn Fellowship Luncheon  
4:30 pm Instructor at American Baptist College at  
to 8:40 Cleveland (For registration information for ABC at Cleveland, call: LaNita Brooks, 216 991-1364.
- 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm Friendly In<sup>c</sup>collaborative
- Wednesday: 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. 11<sup>15</sup> City Mission Mothers' Club, Bible Teacher with Mary Williams  
1<sup>st</sup> Wed. 9:45 am SPO at Fullerton School  
4-5 pm Bible Club at Friendly Inn  
6:00 pm Missions meeting and prayer at Peace Baptist Church (4<sup>th</sup> Wed. @ Bethesda B.C.)  
2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Bible Study Teacher at Mt Nebo Missionary Baptist Church
- Thursdays: 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 10:00am SPO at Paul Revere School  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Bible study at McGregor Home  
3<sup>rd</sup> 11:30 am Outreach luncheon at Good Hope Baptist Church  
4<sup>th</sup> Friendly Inn Central Collaborative meeting  
7:00 pm Instructor at Maranatha Bible Institute and College at Central Bible Baptist Church. For further info contact President, Dr. Benjamin Aden, (216) 561-5809

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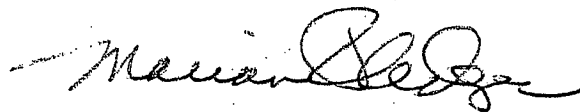
Fridays:	9:30 am	Meeting with Lydia Crowder of Child Evangelism Fellowship
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	SPO Officers meeting at Miles park School
	4-5:00 pm	Bible Club at Michael R. White School
	6:00 pm	Sunday School discussion Leader for Peace Baptist Church Sunday School Teachers
Saturdays:	9:30 am	Prayer at Mt Nebo Missionary Baptist Church
	4 <sup>th</sup> 12:00	Christian Education Seminar at Peace Baptist Church (Visit the sick and shut-in)
Sundays:	9:10 am	Peace Baptist Church, Sunday School teacher
	3 <sup>rd</sup> 3:15 pm	Missions class instructor for the Cleveland district Sunday School & BTU
		(See "Special Ministry commitments")

## *Life Is Like*

Life is like a relay race.  
 Every person has a leg to run.  
 Everyone has batons to pass,  
 Before his time on earth is done.

*"And the things that you have heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."*

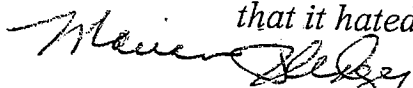
II TIMOTHY 2:2



## *Fruit*

Father, help me to so live my life,  
 That when my fruit the people see,  
 They'll glorify you in worshipful praise,  
 'Cause they'll see you reflected in me.

*"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you."*

 JOHN 15:18

## Special Ministry Commitments

### JANUARY

6	6-8pm	CMSD meeting at South High School
7	9-11am	CMSD meeting at East High School
10	4 pm	Installation Pastor Joseph Hopkins, Sr. at Open MBC
21	9:00 am	Attend Miles Park School SPO Special Meeting re: Ohio Achievement Test (OAT)
	4:30 pm	Attend Michael R. white School SPO Special Meeting re: OAT
22	10:00 am	SPO meeting at Paul Revere School
24	11:00 am	Participant at Charity Baptist Church for 3:30 pm Black History Day
28-31		Speaker for 'Cracked Pots' Bible study's Ladies Day, Spring City, TN (leaving Cleveland 11 pm, Jan 28 <sup>th</sup> )

### FEBRUARY

14	3:30 pm	Participant at Peace Baptist Church Black History Program
17	6-8:00 pm	Daniel E. Morgan School Family Night re: OAT
27		Northern Ohio Baptist District Women's Prayer Luncheon

### MARCH

1	Noon	Do presentation on Sharing my Ministry: "Running to Win in 2010" at Nottingham Baptist Church Senior Saints
5	9:00 am	SPO Board meeting at Miles Park School
5-7		Challenge Ministry Conference, Richmond, VA
12-14		Speaker at Churches of God's Women's Ministries Retreat, University of Findlay, Ohio
17	6:00 pm	Daniel E. Morgan School Family Night re: OAT

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19-21

Speaker for EMK Mission Circle at Metropolitan Baptist Church at Milwaukee, WI

APRIL

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Children's Band Ministry Canaan Missionary Baptist Church

30-May 1

UCW of West VA Conference, Charleston, WVA

JUNE

18-19

Believers' Chapel Ladies Luncheon, St Louis, MO

20-26

Instructor in National Baptist Congress - History Department, Houston, TX

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Ward 5, Family Festival at the Friendly Inn Settlement House

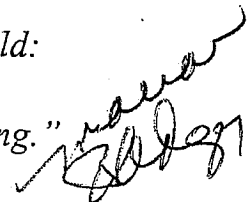
*My Reward*

"Well done thou good and faithful servant,"  
My Master may not say to me.  
For I've not been so very good,  
And often faithless I seem to be.

But peace will fill my soul,  
And rejoice I surely would,  
If He'd say of me what He said of Mary,  
"She hath done what she could."

*"She hath done what she could:  
she is come aforehand  
to anoint my body to the burying."*

MARK 14:8

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