

## From the Pen of the Pastor



February 1<sup>st</sup> is this weekend! January is gone. You have 31 fewer days to translate your 2009 resolutions into reality. This may not be much of a startling or stimulating fact to you; however, according to Benjamin Zander, author of **The Art of Possibility**, a person is far more likely to make changes in her/his life if s/he takes a small step towards making that change within 72 hours of making the resolution. After that, he argues, it becomes increasingly unlikely that any changes will be made.

How does **The Art of Possibility** pertain to your spiritual growth? Count the number of steps that have you taken to become the person that God created and called you to be? If the number of steps taken is fewer than you would like to admit, I invite you to borrow from the list below:

- Let the Holy Spirit convict, lead, and change you through **God Knows What You Need**, a new (3) three-part preaching-teaching series you and I will start today.
- Help us to make the love of Christ real to struggling families by placing your non-perishable food items in the boxes at the St. James and Lafayette Ave. entrances.
- Spread the word about the Frontliners (Men's Ministry) **Super Bowl Bash**, hosted on campus, this Sunday @ 6:30pm.
- Sign up for **Exiting Egypt: Breaking Financial Bondage**, a financial empowerment workshop on Sat., Feb. 7, 9am-4:30pm.
- Contact Pastor Newton ([snewton@ebc-ny.org](mailto:snewton@ebc-ny.org) or ext. 25) and join the Small Group Ministry if you wish to experience real and reliable, spiritual and social, relationships.
- Expand your social network and meet other singles at the **EBC Lounge: Anointed Introduction 2009** on Fri., Feb. 13, 8pm-12:30pm.
- Be present for **Pamela Holmes' first sermon** on Tues., Feb. 24, @7:30pm; **Ash Wednesday Service** (start of Lent: 40 days leading up to Easter) on Wed., Feb. 25, @ 7:30pm; &/or the **Black History Concert** on Fri., Feb. 27, @ 7:30pm.

I have outlined above some options. To be sure, you probably cannot do everything, but you should **try at least three (3) or four (4) new experiences**. Three, after all, is a good, biblical number; four is evocative of EBC's 4G's: **GATHER, GROW, GIVE, & GO!**

*Rev. Anthony L. Trufant, Senior Pastor*

## Special Announcements

**Volunteers Needed!** Are you looking to tithe your time or **GIVE** your services to the ministry? If so, we are in search for Reception Desk volunteers. To sign up, please leave your name and a contact number, on EBC Volunteer Hotline, Ext. 10.

Join Pastor Jones-Wilson and the Prime Time Ministry on Feb. 14 at 8:30 a.m. for Fellowship, Continental breakfast and at 11 a.m., a Black History celebration through Readings from a Collection of Essays written by some members of Prime Time Creative Writing Class and others, presented by NY Writers Coalition.

**Beginning immediately** all bulletin announcements must be emailed to [bulletins@ebc-ny.org](mailto:bulletins@ebc-ny.org) by Tue. at 5pm. Announcements received after the deadline will be included in the next week's bulletin.



## Week at a Glance

Date	Event	Time
Sun., Feb 1	Blended Worship Service	8:00AM
	Chosen Retreat Registration	9:00AM
	Contemporary Worship Service	10:00AM
	Seeker Sensitive Worship Service	Noon
	G.I.G.E.L. Frontliners' SuperBowl Bash	Noon 5:00PM
Mon., Feb 2	Tai Chi Class	10:30AM
	Gate Keeper Small Group	6:00PM
Tue., Feb 3	Sunday Worship Service Rebroadcast	Noon
	Youth Ministry Bible Study	6:30PM
	Old Testament Bible Study	7:00PM
	Mixed Adult Small Group	7:00PM
	AMACHI Mentoring Program	7:00PM
	Triumph Small Group	7:00PM
	Chosen Small Group	7:00PM
Wed., Feb 4	Tai Chi	10:00AM
	Chosen Remnant Small Group	Noon
	Older Adult Small Group	Noon
	Faith on Fire Small Group	7:00PM
	DDI - Women In the Word	7:00PM
	Men Only & Women Only Small Groups	7:00PM
	Children of the Living God Small Group	7:00PM
	Willing to Walk With God Small Group	7:30PM
	Wednesday Witnesses Small Group	7:30PM
	Warriors Who Wrestle Small Group	7:30PM
EBCInfo: How To Use the Website	7:30PM	
Thu., Feb 5	Prime Time Creative Writing Class #1	10:00AM
	Connection Remix Worship Service Rebroadcast	Noon
	Prime Time Creative Writing Class #2	12:30PM
	Intercessory Prayer Small Group	7:00PM
	Transforming Trust Small Group	7:00PM
Fri., Feb 6	Prime Time Exercise Class	10:00AM
	Girl Scouts Pre Valentine's Day Dance	7:00PM
	Boys To Men	7:00PM
	Teen Canteen	7:30PM
	20/30 Something Small Group	7:30PM
Sat., Feb 7	Financial Empowerment Workshops	8:30AM
	Purpose & Place Team Meeting	10:00AM
	DDI - Rededication & Reunion	10:30AM
	Deborah Small Group	1:00PM
	Ruth Small Group	3:30PM
	Connection Remix Worship Service	5:30PM

