

The Lamp Newsletter International



Walk with Me, Lord!



**Wanda J. Burnside,
Founder and Publisher**



Dear Readers,

When I was a child in Sunday school, I loved to receive “scripture cards” that looked a lot like the photo on the front cover of this newsletter. They were given to the little children instead of giving them, us, a Sunday school book. I loved them! They were the size of baseball cards.

Some of us little ones, under 5 years old, chewed on them or left them behind in their seat. Not me! I loved them! I saved everyone I received from my Sunday school teacher. However, Mama said I had too many of them so she gave them to neighbors, relatives or grown people that NEVER came to Sunday school! She said they might learn about the Lord...and give their life to Him.

Well, I learned something about JESUS, too. In fact, I learned a bunch of wonderful things about Him and the Bible. God had a hold of my heart and life at a young age.

Now, this picture makes me excited! I recall a “scripture card” that looked a lot just like this one. But, the amazing thing that I learned was...JESUS SHOWED UP and NOBODY knew who He was or is! WOW! Jesus was like an undercover spy! I mean...really!

He decided to walk along with His own disciples and ask them questions about what was going on in town! They didn’t even recognize Him! Jesus was cool...*is that what people still say?*

Do you remember this story? It is in Luke 24:13:35. I printed it out for you to read.

What I am so touched about is, Jesus questioned the men on the road. Jesus had already been beaten, hung on the cross, crucified, died, lay in the tomb and rose again. He also had ascended to His Father. Now, here Jesus was checking with His own people to hear for Himself what people were saying about these amazing and life-changing events.

Jesus wanted to know “what inquiring minds” were thinking about and talking about...for Himself. He wanted the inside scoop. Jesus was keeping it REAL.

Now, the men didn't even know it was JESUS! They talked about this and that on what happened in town. They said what they felt and how others were thinking. Jesus heard it all for Himself.

It was getting late that day, so the men invited Jesus to have supper at their house. He went and when He broke the BREAD...they knew...IT WAS JESUS! He had His own style and way of offering the BREAD...HIS BODY...to others...THEY KNEW THEN! Jesus broke the BREAD with them many times...and it was always a special...COMMUNION!

Well, let me tell you, I want Jesus to walk and talk with me. I want Him to show up and speak to me! I want Him to stay with me! I need Him to search my heart and listen to what I have to say. I NEED HIM NOW. I want Him to daily come to me.

I am desperate for HIM! My soul cries out, *“COME TO ME LORD! TALK TO ME! I NEED YOU!”*

Do you remember this old song, “Let's have a Little Talk with JESUS.” Here are a few lines of the song. Please sing it...I am sure that JESUS will show-up in your cry!

... I may have doubts and fears

My eyes be filled with tears
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night
I go to him in prayer
He knows my every care
And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right

... Now let us have a little talk with Jesus

Let us tell Him all about our troubles
He will hear our faintest cry
And He will answer by and by

... And when you feel a little prayer wheel turnin'

And you will know a little fire is burnin'
You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right



A Good Report from Staff Writer and Ministry Leader...

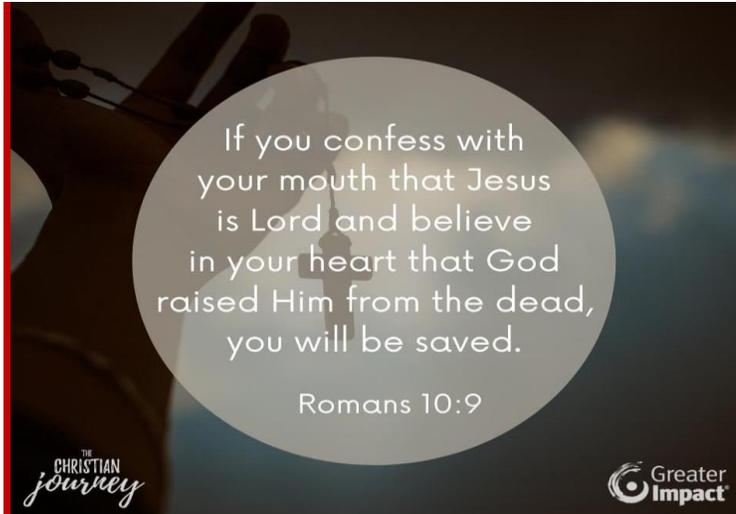
PASTOR SAMMY L. JACKSON



**COMING this Summer...2022! Plan now to attend:
"LET GOD IN" Street Revival in the Daytona, Florida area!**



Pictured here are some of the pastors and leaders who will be a part of the **"LET GOD IN" STREET REVIVAL**. They are ready to embrace their communities and asking people to turn their face back to God. We are so excited about the plan of God for this event. We give God all the glory and praise His Holy Name. **Submitted: Pastor Sammy L. Jackson**



THE COST

By Doris Homan

When we think of cost, we consider the value attached. A gift is more valuable (not just monetarily) because of the sacrifice, effort and meaning behind it. Therefore, the greater the sacrifice is the greater the value.

Abraham wouldn't allow any land be given to him without paying for it. (Genesis 23:13) King David said the same. He wouldn't bring a sacrifice to the Lord *"that costs me nothing."* (II Samuel 24:24) It is noteworthy to consider a gift having value due to the cost behind it.

Jesus talks about the high cost of following Him. This requires denying ourselves and taking up our cross. (Matthew 16:24) Put God first by denying your desires and will. Taking up our cross is the willingness to endure pain and to sacrifice for His sake. That may sound like we're getting the worst end of the deal, but it's exactly the opposite.

God rewards obedience and faithfulness. He promises the best to those who leave the choice with Him. He promises to reward us a hundred-fold for any sacrifice we make on His behalf and the Kingdom of God. Jesus said, *"Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake, but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age...and in the age to come, eternal life."* (Mark 10:29-30) We will never regret anything we sacrifice for Him because our earthly and heavenly rewards will outweigh them all!

God paid a high price for our redemption. We were bought with a price, the sacrifice and shed blood of His dear Son! (I Corinthians 6:20) It cost Jesus EVERYTHING to reconcile us to the Father and bring us into His kingdom.

There is a cost to us when we set aside our pride and humble ourselves (dying to self), whether that cost is for God or for another person....that remorse and godly sorrow over our sin, that apology, that making restitution. What makes that act of sacrifice so valuable is the cost to us.

Let's not be stiff-necked people, arrogant and proud but humble of heart and mind. Let's be willing to die to self (sacrifice our pride) and live for God and others.

Precious Memories and Tender Words...

My precious friends, Nancy and Barry Minsky, are gone on to their eternal home. However, I shall always remember these exceptional people of the Lord.

I miss talking to Nancy. I did a special story on them in 2021. They were great people in many ways.

Below is one of Nancy's encouraging emails that she sent to lift me up. I hope it is a blessing to you, too.



Thank you, Wanda. God allows the burdens. He allows the pain. He allows all which enters into the life of His children, for His glory alone. People watch us when we hurt, and they want to know if what we speak is how we live.

My dear husband, Barry, was the most Christ-like individual I have ever met in my travels around the world. That was in 27 years of USA Army service and extensive travel. Barry and I even went in a jeep, with a guide and driver, out in the Egyptian desert to see and walk on Mount Sinai. What a wonderful experience. Oh, many trips were like that. See, God provided all of this for us during those years.



Sandra Hickman
Australia Ministry Leader
And Staff Writer

The Specialist of Grace

“Amazing grace how sweet the sound...”

Oh the visual thought of the Captain standing alone with God on the deck of the slave ship, looking to the heavens singing from the deepest well of his heart, as the sweetest outpouring of God washed over him.

“To save a wretch like me...”

I imagine his tears. The burning truth stinging both his eyes and his heart. He had found God’s own heart in the brokenness of the injustice of life.

“I once was lost but now I'm found... “

I wonder if he had penned it in his heart beforehand, then sang it in the ‘moment’ on the deck.
Perhaps he was praying and the words became the song. I've often wondered about that.

“Twas blind but now I see...”

Ha! His eyes opened. The scales had fallen. Everything that he knew in his deepest innermost parts, was written on his heart by the Holy Spirit.
A masterpiece composed by the Master Himself.

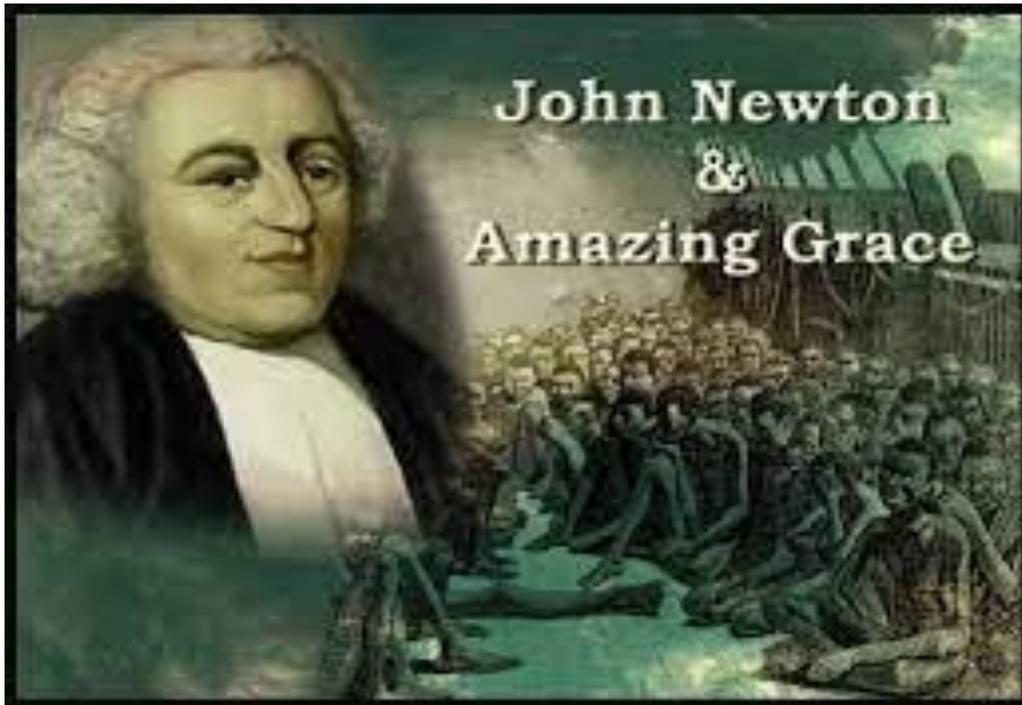
“Twas grace that caused my heart to sing...”

I imagine the voice of that dear man ringing out and echoing with emotions deeper than the darkest depths of the ocean. He was found under the grace of God, standing on the deck, with his ship’s cargo tearing at his heart as his spirit and soul surrendered to the Savior!

He knew he’d been in the presence of Jesus Himself.
For this very purpose the Christ of God had yielded to the cross!

Jesus — The Specialist Of Grace

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Help us to Help UKRAINE!

**Your donations will help us to purchase thick blankets
for the people of UKRAINE!**

Please STAND WITH US!

**WE want to help the hurting, suffering
and devastating men, women, boys and girls of
The Ukraine!**

The Lamp Newsletter will give your donation of \$20.00 for a blanket.



Our goal is to purchase 100 blankets for the people of Ukraine.

Please contact us for more information:

Wanda J. Burnside, Founder – Email: wvision@hotmail.com

PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

Thank You for Your Support!



Honorary Street sign named for the legendary gospel saxophonist, Dr. Vernard Johnson. The celebration was held on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 12:00 noon. Now, 2955 Cissna Street will also be known as Dr. Vernard Johnson Way in Kansas City, Kansas.

Vernard Johnson, who is first and foremost, a preacher of the gospel, has been acclaimed by world leaders and gospel music critics as “The Greatest Gospel Saxophonist In The World”. Johnson has played for Kings, Queens and Presidents of great nations and he has inspired thousands of musicians to play musical instruments.

Johnson (now a resident of Fort Worth, Texas) was born in Kansas City, Kansas. He suffered from severe asthma attacks. Despite insurmountable odds, he began playing the saxophone at age twelve. He suffered with chronic asthma for 17 years, but at age 17, while playing a song like “Amazing Grace”, God miraculously healed Vernard of asthma. He then vowed to play for God the rest of his life. His dedication and commitment to that vow for over 30 years has propelled him to the following accomplishments:

“ First and foremost, he is a preacher of the gospel and has preached in the pulpits of such pastors as the late Dr. E. V. Hill, Bishop Gilbert Patterson, Bishop Charles Blake, Bishop Chandler Owens and numerous others.

“ He has three earned degrees, and he is the first black to receive a doctorate degree in music from Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas (the largest seminary in the world).

“ He is a recording artist with 17 recordings to his credit on such labels as Savoy & Elektra Records.

He has performed before over 400 million people in America and foreign countries via his television, radio and personal appearances. Visit his website for more information: 3foldproductionsdotcom.



My Daddy, Elder Minor Palm, Jr.
February 5, 1926 – April 28, 2010



His Sister, Mrs. Katie Palm Holloway
April 14, 1932 – April 12, 2019

ALWAYS in OUR HEARTS



My father, Elder Minor Palm, Jr., was the oldest and only son born to his parents, Elder Minor Palm, Sr. and Missionary Marie Palm of Detroit, MI. He was born on February 5, 1926. Following his birth was his three sisters, Lorraine Palm Gardner, Mrs. Lillian Palm Johnson and their baby sister, Mrs. Katie Palm Holloway. Katie was born on April 14, 1932.

They were a loving, godly, caring, talented, gifted, and highly educated family. Each person was leaders and committed to be involved in the community, the church-The Church of God in Christ, Inc., and world missions. They made major contributions to build-up families, the work of the Church, and change lives on

every level.

My father was married for 54 years to my mother, Evangelist Willie Lee McCann Palm. They had three children, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. My Aunt Katie was married to Minister Isaac Holloway. They had three children and one grand-daughter.

My father and my Aunt Katie had a special respect for each other. He was loved and highly regarded as the oldest child in their family. Aunt Katie was dearly loved and always held in their hearts as the family's baby. So, through the years, until their deaths...they had that special loving bond...that was strong and so tender. Strangely, they share the same month, April, as the Homegoing time. Well, I guess it is not as strange...as it seems. –Wanda J. Burnside

**MOTHER JUNE WINTERS...
MOST BELOVED LIFETIME FAMILY FRIEND**

Celebrating The Life of



June Lucina (Graham) Winters

November 1, 1929 - January 24, 2022

Friday, February 4, 2022

9:00 AM Family Hour 9:30 AM Funeral Service

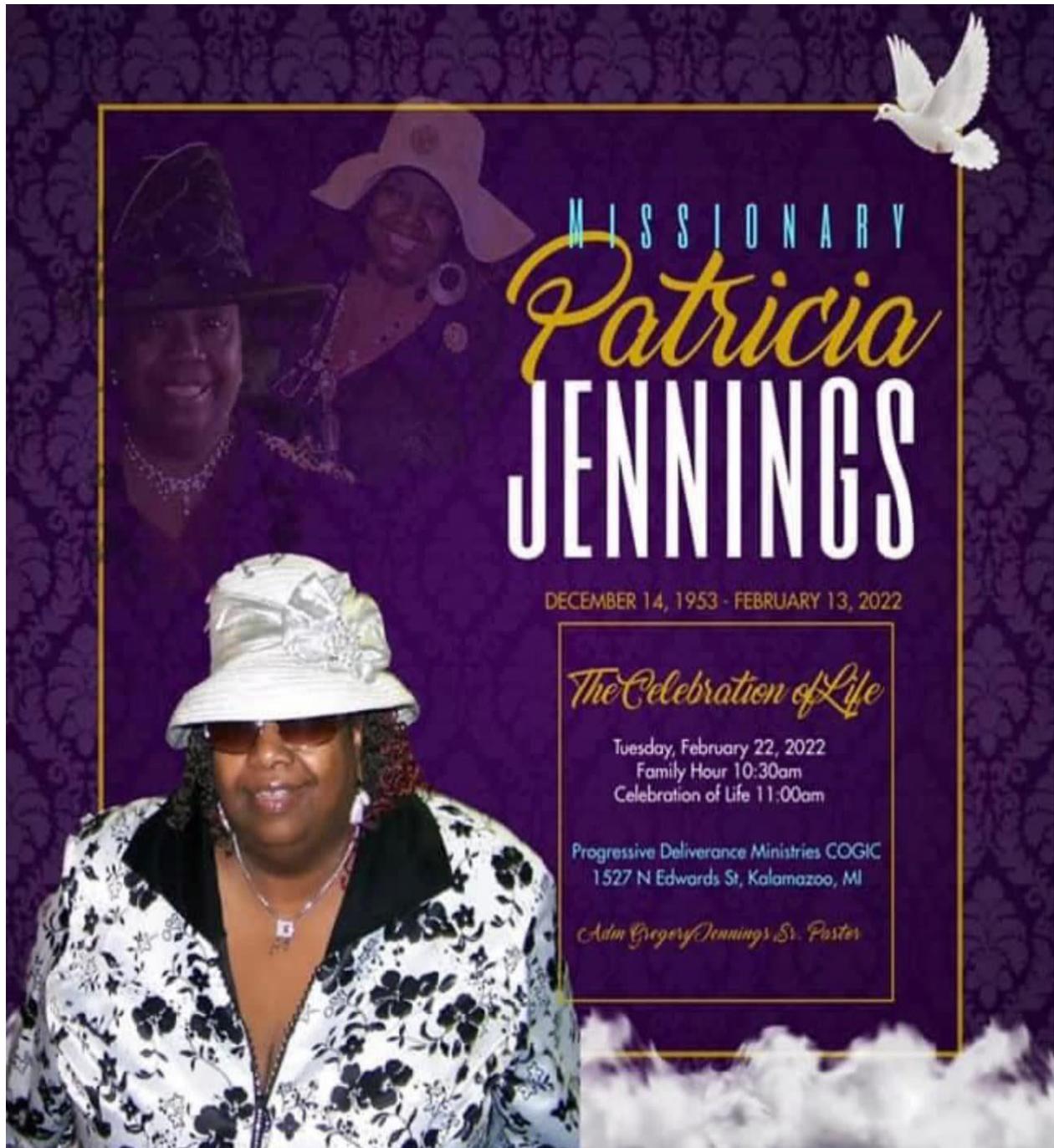
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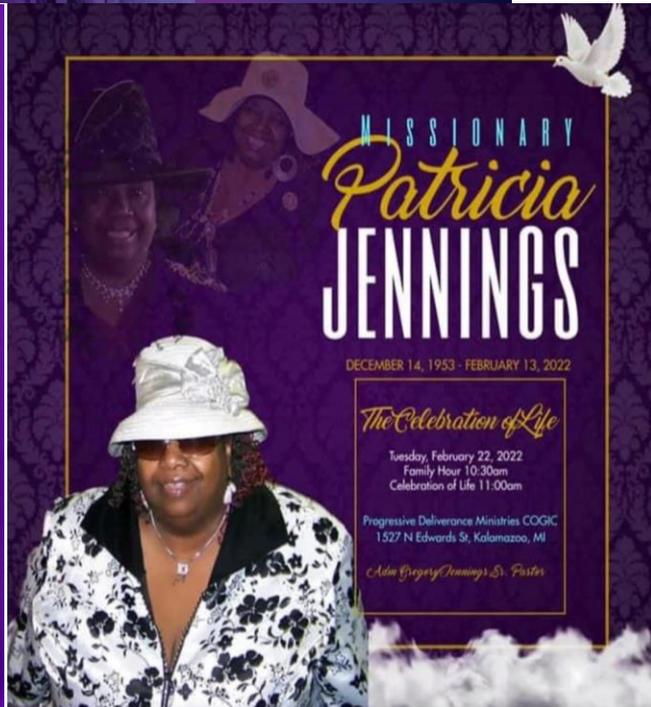
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MOTHER WINTERS was a faithful and precious member of Greater Miller Memorial Church of God in Christ in Warren, MI. She was married to Deacon Thomas Leslie Winters. They had children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Mother and Deacon Winters were exceptional in all that they did for the Lord, their family, and friends.

Evangelist Patricia Jennings was a mighty woman of God! She served the Lord in several ministries. She was a leader in church work, numerous ministries and various outreaches. Evangelist Jennings had one son, Mayor Antoine Jennings. He was married with children. Evangelist Jennings loved her son, grandchildren, her family and many friends. Her voice of preaching and singing will be greatly missed. **WHAT A PRECIOUS FRIEND!**



GOSPEL RECORDING STAR... Valyncia Jennings...Shares her loving feelings about her Dearly Beloved aunt, Evangelist Patricia Jennings...



Such a beautiful giving soul! That was Aunt Pat!
AUNT PAT this really hurts. I'll see you in the Morning! You are/were always supportive of all of your nieces and nephews. You were FEISTY, LOVING, CARING, Authentic, and a Beautiful Woman of GOD! You loved to fish, to sing, and loved music. More importantly you loved your family! You definitely were the most popular one of the Jennings crew... so many people knew you. You were the ultimate socialite. I LOVE YOU! YOU FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT! Now take your REST in Heaven!! Please Keep the entire Jennings Family In your PRAYERS, It's so Greatly Appreciated

In loving Memory of...

MS. KATIE LAIKLAM



I have a heart of gratitude for the former Copy Center Staff at Staples in Dearborn. Especially to: Ms. Sharonda Fitts, Ms. Katie Laiklam, Mr. Rashon Warren, Ms. Christina Caster and Mr. Jim McIntyre, manager. Through the years, 1990's to the present, I could depend on the men and women at this Staples location to do outstanding work on my printing and copying projects: poetry, writings, my family events, teaching career, and church business.

However, there was one person; Ms. Katie Laiklam, who always cared about all of the customers. She was professional, considerate, concerned, kind and proficient. Regardless of the pressures of the day and everybody wanting her to immediately give them her complete attention on what they needed done, she was warm and so courteous. Katie smiled and had a tender voice even when some of the customers were demanding and over-bearing.

Katie dealt fairly and efficiently with her customers, regardless of their level and status in business, industry, education, age, race, sex, religion, and economical class. God gave her eyes to see more than one can imagine. Her heart of compassion was always overflowing to touch others in a personal way. Katie knew how to manage her extremely busy schedules and routines to accommodate every customer who came to her for printing and other services.

I thank God for this angel, Ms. Katie Laiklam. For twenty years or more, whatever printing, copying, and business project that I came running to Katie to help me, she was willing to do all that she could to turn them into amazing productions. Katie knew what to do and how to turn around my work to make it look professional. And, this is what Katie did over and over again for me and her other customers, too.

Katie loved the Lord with all of her heart. She sought Him in prayer, worship, praise and living her life to give Him glory. Katie deeply cared about and loved her father, mother and family. The Staple manager, department offices, and staff were her family, too. She prayed for them and her customers. I know because she took me to pray with her over those who had needs, hurts, concerns, worries, and broken hearts. Katie did not gossip or speak badly about others.

God sent Katie to Staples to be a... blessing, encourager, helper and a lifter of heads. God used her to shine her light of love and kindness to bring hope and healing to those in despair. She really was special.

When I think of all of the people that Katie helped to achieve and reach their goals, finish their business deals, promote their plans, produce their printed projects, finish their reports, and present their dreams...

When I think of all the children, teenagers and young people she worked with to print their book reports, help them to make charts, graphics and displays...

When I think of all of the college students, professors, teachers, tutors, and more...

When I think of all of the legal documents, receipts, statements, and more...

When I think of all of the announcements, initiations, flyers, brochures, and more...

When I think of all of the newspapers, booklets, books, and newsletters...

When I think how Katie gave her time, advise, and services to make others shine and be successful... IT IS MAJOR!



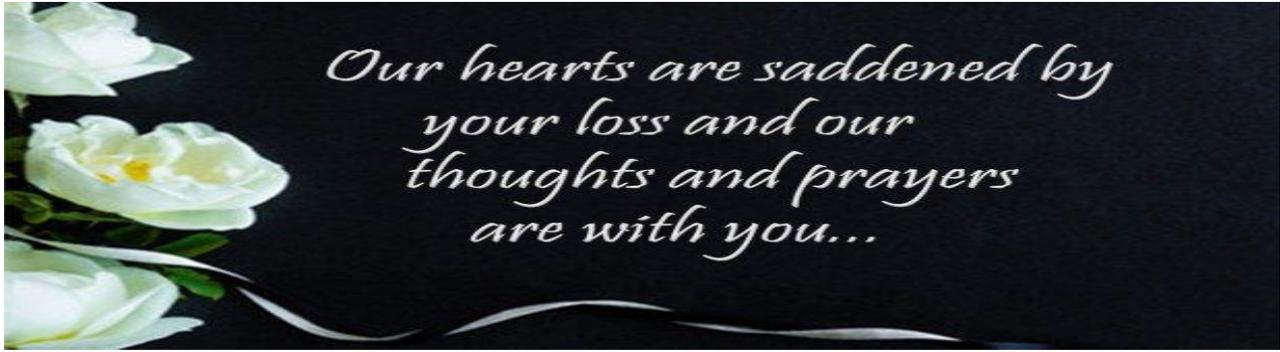
In 2008, when I wanted to print my first issue of my newsletter, THE LAMP NEWSLETTER, I called Staples and spoke to Katie in the Copy Center about it. She was excited for my new endeavor. She congratulated me and told me to bring in my draft. My husband, Simmie, drove me to Staples to meet with Katie; she was standing behind the counter, waiting for me with her big smile.

Katie listened to me explain what I wanted to do with my four-page newsletter at that time. I wanted it in printed in black and white. Katie told me not to worry. She assured me God is with me and all will go well.

Now, that was 14 years ago... I praise the Lord for how Katie took care of printing my issues of The Lamp for over 5 years and when I had special editions of it. She loved reading it. Katie supported my many other projects and reassured me that I could do what the Lord called me to do.

**Katie passed away on February 13, 2022.
She touched me...Katie was so caring...I shall never forget this beautiful, dedicated and special woman of God. Thank You, Lord! Katie was...Heaven-sent!**

-Wanda J. Burnside, Founder and Publisher



Adelia "Dede" Robertson, wife of Dr. M.G. "Pat" Robertson, founder of The Christian Broadcasting Network, has gone home to be with her Lord today, April 19, 2022. Always at her husband's side, Mrs. Robertson devoted herself to being a wife, mother, humanitarian, and professor.

Thank you for your prayers for the Robertson family and the ministry of CBN. Please visit our website, <https://go.cbn.com/ueuRw>, for further details.



Great Accomplishments! Outstanding!

*We praise the Lord for our Website
Manager...*

TEIRRANY BLEDSOE!

*God is blessing her in businesses and
many endeavors!*

CEO
Teirraney L.
BLEDSOE

WE EMPOWER INDIE ARTISTS TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL IN
Artistry, Ministry and Industry.

**BLESSED
SO RECORDS**

The graphic features a vintage-style microphone on the right side, set against a dark background with bokeh light effects. On the left, the text 'CEO Teirraney L. BLEDSOE' is displayed, with 'BLEDSOE' in large, textured gold letters. Below this, a tagline reads 'WE EMPOWER INDIE ARTISTS TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL IN Artistry, Ministry and Industry.' At the bottom left is a circular logo for 'Blessed So Records' with the tagline 'UNUSUALLY DIFFERENT'. To the right of the logo is a red banner with the text 'BLESSED SO RECORDS' in white.

Jordan L'Ecluse from Australia... Our Inspirational Poster

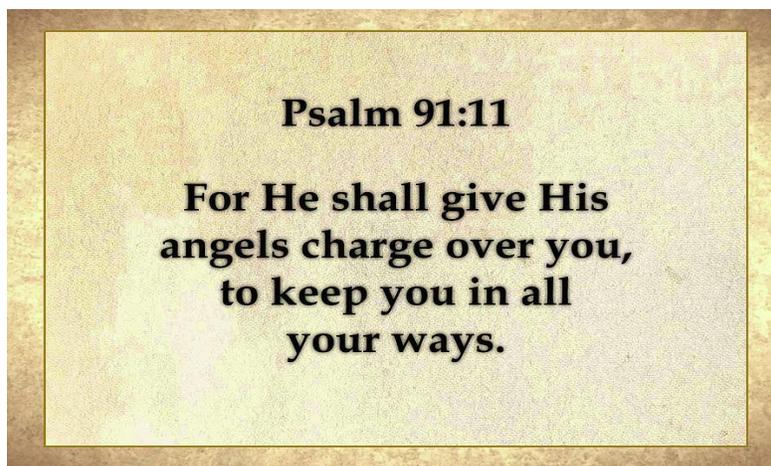


This photo drew a lot of attention when Jordan posted it on Facebook in 2015. I read the comments and everyone was cheering Jordan on for being so brave to put his arm in the mouth of a crocodile.

Well, this crocodile is not alive! It is preserved at a nature museum in Australia. I know visitors to the museum probably do the same thing when they see the crock.

Jordan's smile and calm deposition makes me think of Psalm 91. Can we be calm and at peace when we are confronted by terrible things and scary animals like snakes, scorpions, and other creepy animals?

GOD DOESN'T WANT US TO FEAR! He will protect us from harm and danger. He will take charge over what comes against us.



Psalm 91

**Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.**

**I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my
fortress,**

my God, in whom I trust.

**Surely he will save you
from the fowlers snare**

and from the deadly pestilence.

**He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.**

**You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,**

**nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.**

**A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.**

**You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.**

**If you say, The Lord is my refuge,
and you make the Most High your dwelling,**

no harm will overtake you,

no disaster will come near your tent.

**For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways**

they will lift you up in their hands,

**so that you will not strike your foot against a
stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the cobra

you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

**Because he loves me, says the Lord, I will rescue
him**

I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

He will call on me, and I will answer him

I will be with him in trouble,

I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.



Rededicated My Life to God

By **EVANGELIST KIZZY GRAY**

This holiday season I rededicated my life back to Christ. It's a renewed commitment to Intimacy.

I had a very tumultuous first quarter of the year! I was extremely distracted by stress, people and life's circumstances.

My health, biz, ministry and focus has taken a toll. I had to repent! I'm getting back into proper alignment with God. Getting my focus back. This is a course correction.

Every now and again it's important to Recalibrate to synchronize with God and your assignment in order to fulfill your purpose.

Sometimes it requires cutting off distractions. Removing toxicity. Negativity. Even your own stinking thinking!

Anything that pulls you out of

alignment and focus of what God is doing in you is a weight. Weights hold you back and are heavy burdens. Also, ANYTHING you put before God is an idol. (Career, Pursuits, Family, Self, Things etc.)

Lay aside every weight and sin that so easily besets you.
Turn back to God!
He Always has open arms.
He wants your focus, Intimacy, sanctity, communion and relationship to grow in Him.
God loves you so much!

[As the Lord tells us to "Lay aside, that is to put aside, cast away, every weight; stop and think, — what weight, burden, problem, hurt, bruise, pain, debt, habit, sin, addiction, bad memory, everything that is a weight on you. Now look, these things can so easily "beset you" causing sadness, depression and much more if we dwell on them. Jesus is always trying to help us, in fact, everything He did and does is for our good. This is why He tells us to lay them aside.

He said, "My yoke is easy, my burdens are light." He wants us to give Him our ugly, sad burdens and take up what He paid for as He went to the cross and what He paid for on the cross. Because He paid the price for everything we need; we can be yoked with Him and He will help us as we go through this life of trials and burdensome things. We don't have to bear anything alone anymore, He bore it for us if we just give it to Him. He never leaves us or forsakes us! ~

Jannie Linney]
HALLELUJAH

Congratulations!



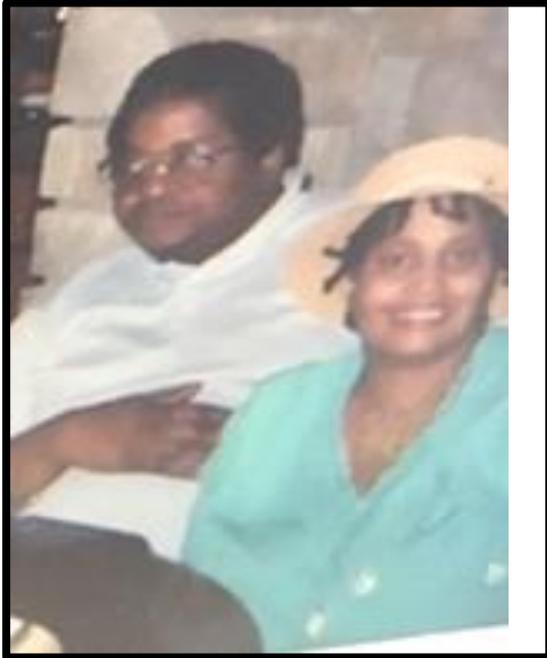
Ketanji Brown Jackson (born **Ketanji Onyika Brown**; [/kəˈtɑːndʒi/ kə-*TAHN-jee*](#); September 14, 1970)^[1] is an American attorney and jurist who has served as a [United States Circuit Judge](#) of the [United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit](#) since 2021.^[2] She is an [associate justice-designate of the Supreme Court of the United States](#). Jackson [received](#) Senate confirmation on April 7, 2022, with all members of the Democratic caucus and three Republicans voting in favor of the nomination and 47 Republicans voting against.^{[3][4]}

Born in [Washington, D.C.](#), and raised in [Miami, Florida](#), Jackson attended [Harvard University](#) for college and law school, where she served as an editor of the [Harvard Law Review](#). She began her legal career with three [clerkships](#), including one with [U.S. Supreme Court](#) Associate Justice [Stephen Breyer](#). Prior to her elevation to [the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit](#), she served as a [district judge](#) for the [United States District Court for the District of Columbia](#) from 2013 to 2021. Jackson was also vice chair of the [United States Sentencing Commission](#) from 2010 to 2014.^[5] Since 2016, she has been a member of the [Harvard Board of Overseers](#).

25th – Silver Wedding Anniversary

Stanford and Hope Holloway

1995 April 19, 2022



Congratulations, Dearest Cousins!

*25 years of happy married life
is not for everyone.*

*Only those who can
love truly and unconditionally
can achieve this milestone.*

*You two are one
of those rare people!*

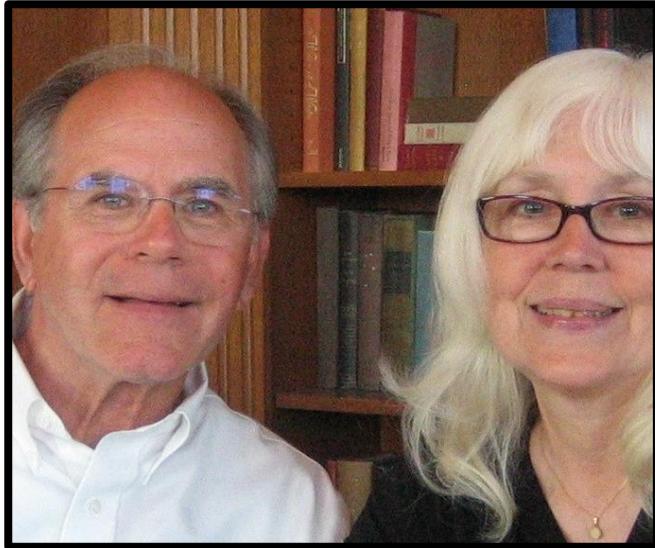
Happy Anniversary!



54th Wedding Anniversary

Bruce and Carolyn Toussaint

1968 April 20, 2022



FOREVER
Thankful
ALWAYS
Grateful
ABUNDANTLY
Blessed

Congratulations, Precious Friends!



YOUR Prayer Requests

We are praying for you!

**We receive many prayer requests from readers,
our family and friends, too.**

**If you want to leave your prayer with us,
please feel free to go to our website:**

www.thelampnewsletter.com.

We truly care about you and your concerns.

GOD CARES ABOUT YOU!





Ramelle T. Lee



You Can Defeat Goliath

Meditation Scripture: I Samuel 17:45 KJV

“Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comes to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou has defied.”

When God Almighty is on your side, no Goliath can stand against you. Never forget that you have been equipped by God to do wondrous exploits. He has given you the power to stand and fight the giant in your life.

First, you must have the faith to believe that God will be with you wherever you go. He will give you the ability to slay the giant, and you will not be harmed. Don't allow the spirit of fear to overshadow you when the situation looks hopeless. There is no such thing as fear setting in...when you understand that God is protecting you. He's giving you the courage to move out and face Goliath on his own turf.

Don't allow the devil to intimidate you and hold you back.

You may hear others say that there's no way you can win, but you need to stand up and be bold like David. Allow that victorious spirit to overtake you and give you the courage to step up to the front lines and meet Goliath face-to-face.

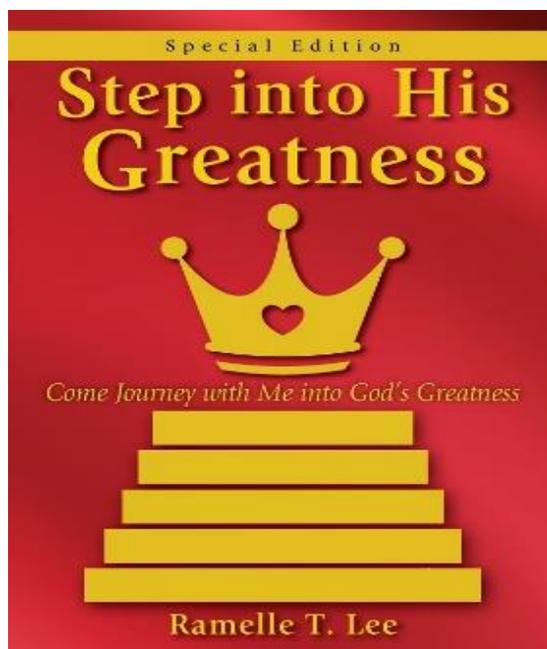
When you realize you have God Almighty right beside you, then nothing can stop you from succeeding. He has given you all the weapons you need to fight in this battle. He has prepared you well and given you the strength and courage you need to meet the challenge. Take the shield of faith and the Word of God with you and stand.

You already know you will win because God has delivered you many times before, and you know he will not deliver you into the hands of the giant. So, let Goliath boast and let him stand there laughing in your face. He will not have the last laugh. He will fall, just like you have proclaimed, because God Almighty will place a weapon in your hand to bring down the giant in your life.

Once you have conquered Goliath, those who have stood around and watched your bravery, will not believe their eyes. However, the evidence will be truly real when they see that Goliath has been defeated.

You brought down the giant because you never went to battle in your own strength. You allowed the Lord, God Almighty to stand with you. This makes all the difference in the world because when you have faith in God, you can stand tall and face any situation head-on. He will give you total victory and others around you will witness the power of the Almighty working in you!

Taken from my book, *Step into His Greatness*, pages 105-107.



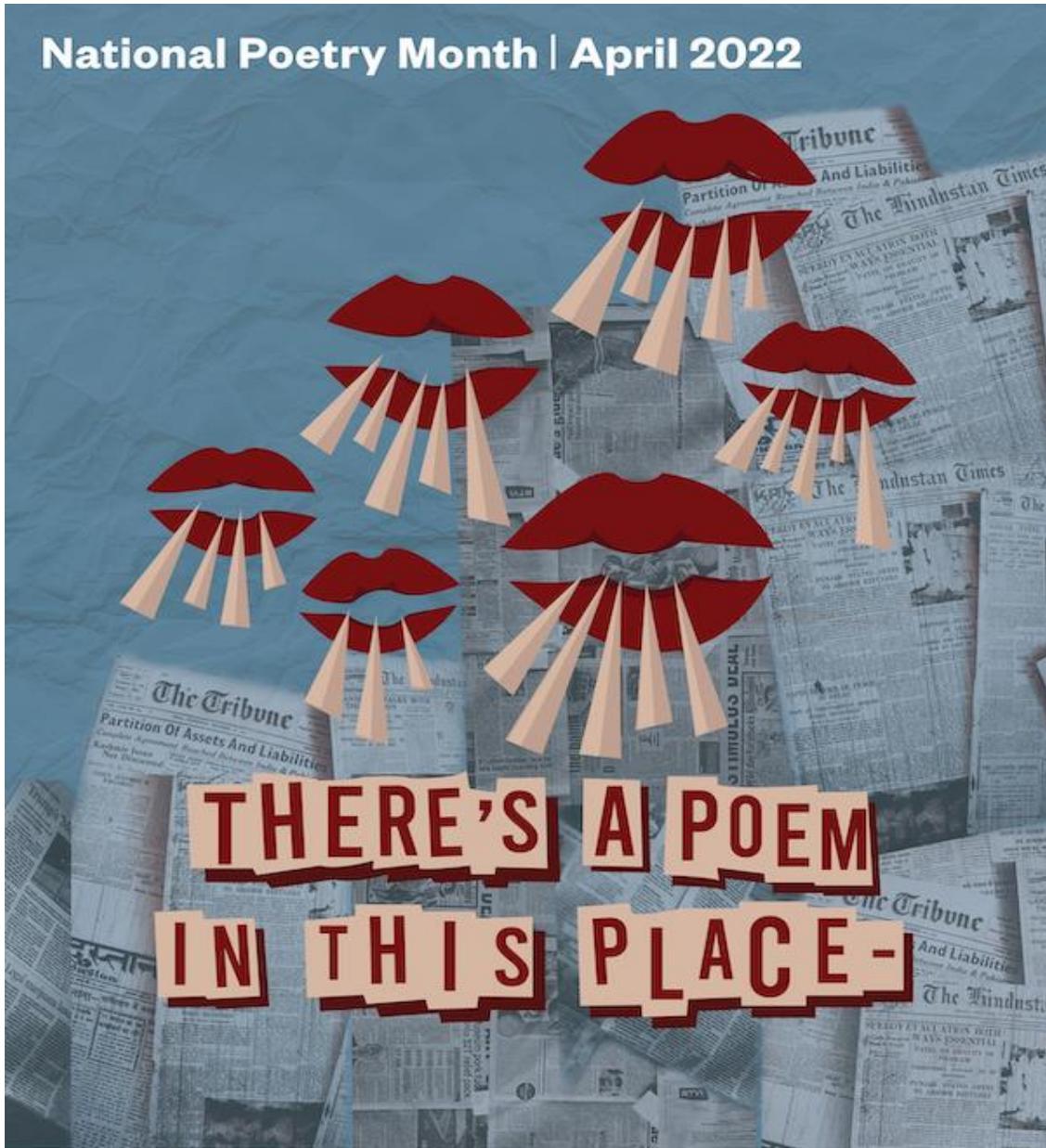
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With Sincere Gratitude to Ms. Winona L. Thomas

This 2022 National Poetry Month, I was tremendously honored to be selected and featured in AUTHORS on ARISE magazine. It is published in Kiras Publishing, LLC in Detroit, MI. Ms. Winona L. Thomas is the CEO/Founder.

Two of my poems, "Stand" and "Walk Away", were published in that issue. I praise God for this opportunity.

My heart is deeply touched. Ms. Thomas was a member of The Called and Ready Writers founded by Dr. Mary Darlene Edwards-Williams. When Ms. Thomas joined our guild, she was beginning to write. She had big dreams, plans and goals. She stayed humbled and years later, God truly has granted her amazing blessings! Ms. Thomas is doing mighty things.

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Multi-talented, Winona L. Thomas is a Certified Professional Coach, and is seen as one of Metropolitan Detroit's rare treasures. Kiras Publishing was birthed out of Winona's own personal struggle of trying to get her first book published, which almost played out in a courtroom drama. It is because of the challenges Winona faced as a first time author, she made a decision that no author should have to be discouraged during the publishing process because of someone else's lack of integrity when it comes to handling your book project.

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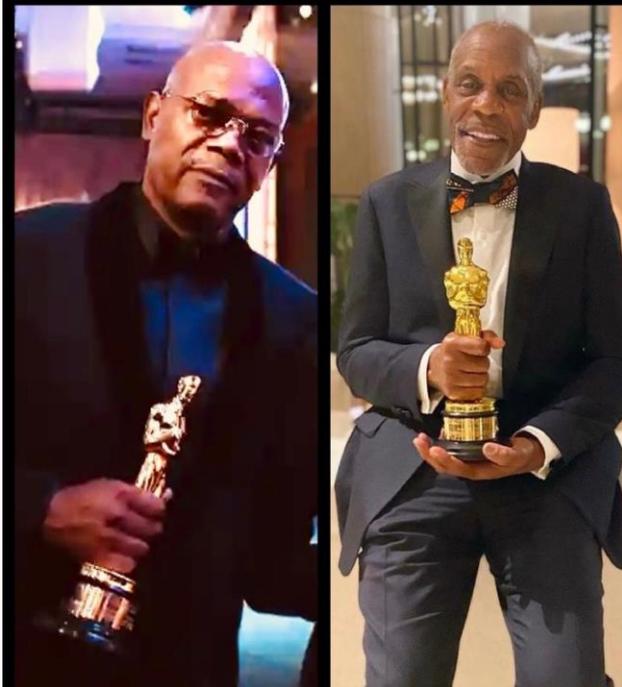
Spotlight on Special 2022 Oscar Winners!

Congratulations, Gentlemen...



Top:

Quest Love won for “Best Documentary.” The documentary focused on the 1969 “Harlem Cultural Festival” that lasted six weeks with iconic artist such as: Stevie Wonder, Mahalia Jackson, Nina Simone, Gladys Knight and the Pips & Sly and the Family Stone



Left:

Samuel Jackson won the “Lifetime Achievement” award—for his longevity and success in film. Glover appeared in 197 films that have grossed a record \$16.7 BILLION! He is in a class by himself.

Right:

Danny Glover won the “Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award” Honorary Oscar for his outstanding contributions to Humanitarian causes.

The SLAP!



On March 27, 2022, during the [live television](#) broadcast of the [94th Academy Awards](#), host [Chris Rock](#)'s comedic [monologue](#) included a joke about actress [Jada Pinkett Smith](#)'s shaved head, for which her husband [Will Smith](#) walked onstage and slapped Rock across the face. Pinkett Smith had shaved her head since 2021 due to [alopecia areata](#). Smith returned to his seat and shouted angry interjections at Rock that included profanity. Stunned, Rock briefly commented on the incident and continued the ceremony. Later that evening, Smith won the [Award for Best Actor](#). In his protracted acceptance speech, he apologized to the [Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences](#) and to other nominees, but not to Rock. The next day, Smith issued an apology to Rock and the Academy via [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

The audience was shocked by the incident, with some suspecting it was scripted. In the United States, most of the audio of the confrontation was muted by [broadcaster ABC](#) due to [federal censorship laws](#), but uncensored international footage quickly [went viral](#) with tens of millions of views. The incident prompted widespread outrage, commentary, and debate.

Smith resigned his Academy membership on April 1, 2022, facing a potential suspension or expulsion. The Academy then banned him from attending its events for ten years, effective April 8.

Readers, I would like your opinions, views and comments on what happened. It is extremely important to consider this shocking incident. Please send your remarks to me: Wanda J. Burnside, Founder/Publisher – Email: wtvision@hotmail.com .

Luke 24:13-35 English Standard Version

On the Road to Emmaus

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles^a from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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