

Blessed and Glorious Celebration of the...

The Lamp Newsletter International

14th Anniversary
2008-2022





The Holy Spirit



**Wanda J. Burnside
Founder and Publisher**



**Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr.
Manager**

Dear Readers,

Praise the Lord! . Yes, this is our 14th year of publishing THE LAMP NEWSLETTER INTERNATIONAL. God has been with us every step of the way. Thank You, Lord!

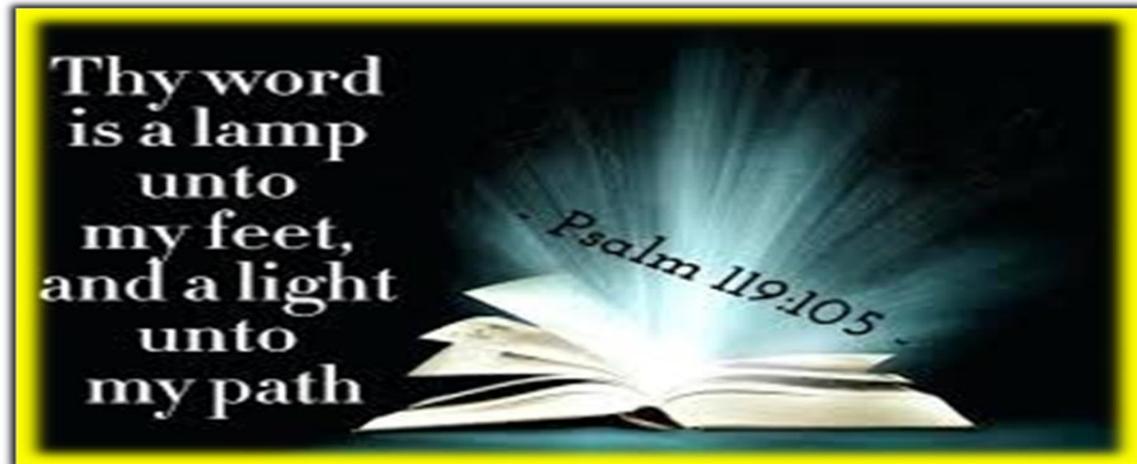
To my dear husband, Simmie, I love you! Thank you for forever helping me to fulfill my callings, missions and business undertakings. You are full of wisdom.

It is our goal to present newsletters that shed a light on current issues, major concerns, struggles, changes, crises, and what is happening in our world today. We strive to showcase what must be noted and put a spotlight on needs to be noticed. God has shown us and our anointed staff of writers how to speak truths through the poems, articles, devotionals, and messages we have written or presented.

Our newsletters highlight what is newsworthy and deserves to have attention. We bring our readers announcements, special reports, death notices, and we reflect upon people's accomplishments. We love to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, promotions, and graduations.

This newsletter will always be true to the Word of God. We depend on the Holy Spirit to direct and order our words. We must remain focused on God. Jesus our Lord and Savior is soon to return to this world. He is coming for those who are ready to leave here and live with Him.

Now, our main purpose and goal for continuing to bring this newsletter to you and our readers is to lead you to Jesus! Jesus is the answer to everything we, the people, are confronted with and handling within our lives. We must turn to Him for His help, strength, peace, joy, and redemption from sin.



The Staff of Writers

The Lord gave me an anointed and concerned staff of writers. They are all busy with their own ministries, businesses, church obligations, and various outreaches. Each writer is involved with their families and friends. They are caring and sensitive to the needs of others.

These writers are truly reliable and serious about what the goal, theme and center point of each issue of our newsletter. I am thankful for their spirit of unity to work together to complete the monthly due assignments and projects. I can count on them. That's because their main concern is listening to the voice of the Lord so that they follow His Will.

I love their personalities and attitudes. They are strong, bold and firm in their convictions in the Lord. I know how determined each person is to stay on target and focus, on their writing submissions. I appreciate their individual standards and commitment to study the Word of God and research their subject matter so that they can present the truth and facts.

When a writer or writers cannot submit their assignment, they immediately let me know. I appreciate this type of responsibility on the job. They have a high level of maturity.

We have built strong relationships and concerns for each other. Although we don't all live in the same city, state or country, we reach out and make connections. Our prayers and communications are nearly daily with one another. Praise God for this special friendship.

Dear Staff of Writers...I am thankful for your service, dedication and outstanding work. You are tremendous. I appreciate you with all of my heart. May God continue to bless you. I love you.

Thank You, Dedicated Staff Writers



Mrs. Michele Barnes
Detroit, MI



Author Ramelle T. Lee
Detroit, MI



Author Doris Homan
Port Charlotte, Florida



Evangelist Kizzy Staten-Gray
Richmond, Virginia



Pastor Sammy L. Jackson
Dayton Beach, Florida



Ms. Donna Ralynn Brooks
YOUTH LEADER—Detroit, MI



AUSTRALIA MINISTRY AND LEADER

Minister Sandra Hickman
Mandurah, Australia

Thank You, Our Special Staff

"Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe." 1 Timothy 4:12



**Mr. Levi Jenkins,
Grandson of Mrs. Michele Barnes.
Her Loyal Computer Technician
USA**



**Mr. Jordan L'Ecluse, of Australia
Inspirational Features
Grandson of Minister Sandra Hickman**

Our Professional Task Force.

I appreciate your skills, services and expertise. You help to upgrade and present The Lamp Newsletter International. You are devoted to making our work shine in the eyes of the public so that God will get the glory! You are a blessing! I sincerely depend on you for your professionalism, vast knowledge and superior skills. God bless you for your stellar services. You are much loved.



Dr. Mary Darlene Edwards- Williams,

THE EDITOR

Since the Beginning...14 Years of Service

Ann Arbor, MI



Mrs. Christine V. Mitchell,

**THE LAMP WEBSITE DESIGNER/TECH –
Former Website Manager**

The UK-London/England



Evangelist Teirany L. Bledsoe,

**Newly Appointed
THE LAMP WEBSITE MANAGER
and
ACCOUNTANT**

In Heartfelt Memories of My Dearly Beloved Daddy...

Elder Minor Palm, Jr.

February 5, 1926 – April 28, 2010



My dear Daddy lived alone for several years after my mother, his wife, died in 2002. He was able to do many things on his own and was still able to drive. However, I asked him to live with Simmie and me for closer attention and assistance in his daily care. Praise God, his health wasn't a major challenge. We were thankful he came and lived with us.

On October 8, 2008, Daddy was in our living room reading his Bible as he always did throughout the day. I told him that God spoke to me about writing a newsletter. He sat and listened as I told him about my encounter with the Lord that evening. Daddy rejoiced and clapped his hands in worship to the Lord. Daddy said, "*Wanda, do what the Lord told you to do.*" He continued smiling at me.

I am grateful for Daddy's encouragement and prayers that I have always received from him throughout my life.

Thank You.....OUR READERS!! We Sincerely Appreciate **YOU!**



Please continue reading our newsletters. We look forward to your feedback. Speak out and give us your point of view. You have a voice! We care about what means the most to you.



We hope to inspire you to consider what the Bible has to say concerning current things in life today. That is key and most important.





We write to express what is in our heart. We want to share what the Lord is saying to our readers and the world. It is our endeavor to be truthful. It is important to be honest and not cover-up those things that God is calling us to boldly speak on.



Life is full of challenges and difficult situations. But, we hope that our newsletter will help you through them. We pray God will give you His answers to what you must confront.



THANKS FOR READING THE LAMP NEWSLETTER INTERNATIONAL

Comments from some of my Staff Writers...



PLEASE KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS!



**Sandra Hickman,
The Staff Writer
And Ministry Leader in
Australia**

**Congratulations to our
Founder and Publisher
of the Lamp Newsletter International
— Mrs. Wanda J, Burnside —**

Dear Wanda, I thank God for the day when He instructed you to begin what has become a hugely successful Newsletter which has culminated in so many people all around the world being blessed by the vision that God gave you. I have witnessed the tireless work you have faithfully put into every edition. There have been numerous, seemingly countless submissions of articles, stories and poems bringing joy and hope to readers everywhere! We have seen editions which have been celebrations of joy... and then, the tough gritty editions which have addressed very serious subjects that have shaken us to the core of our very souls. In addition, so many milestones in people's lives with birthdays, baby birth announcements, weddings, anniversaries and graduations.... plus so much more, have brought acknowledgment and blessing. I've read heartfelt loving tributes to family members past and present. So many congratulatory acclamations for all kinds of achievements to so many people.... the Lamp has been, and still is a flame of light to all who read it.

I'm grateful for the introductions of people like myself and all other staff and writers to the Lamp over the years, as well as various guest writers who have added their own colour and life

to our editions. Our Lamp has been, and still is a flame of light to us all. The world needs “light” now more than ever. People are needing, craving, and hoping for good news! The Lamp brings a spotlight of love through words and illustrations in these current times of trials being faced on the global platform today.

I acknowledge the wonderful input of your dear husband and my friend Mr. Simmie Lee Burnside, Jnr., as Lamp Manager. He adds such faithful stalwart strength to the Newsletter. Also, to Doctor Mary Edwards-Williams, Editor, and Author Ramelle Lee who are both so instrumental in the work leading up to the production of every issue. I am grateful to be a part of the team.

On a personal note I cannot express enough how blessed I am to be involved with the Lamp Newsletter International, and also for the times when my own family members have featured in a variety of different ways. The Lamp is a “family” and all who have been a part of sharing in that, and who belong to this talented group of writers, poets and storytellers, have at times loved, laughed and cried together, we have prayed for one another on so many occasions.... just as a family should. I thank you Wanda, my dear friend and mentor for all the wonderful opportunities you have given to me personally in so very many ways. You have been there all the way through thick and thin! This Lamp Newsletter means so much to me. It has become a huge part of my life and the friendships I have made through the Lamp over the years are everlasting and eternal.

Over and above all, it must be said that the Lamp belongs to the Lord. I love and appreciate how it always honours and glorifies our precious Jesus, our wonderful Savior. If not for Him we would not be where we are today... joining hands and hearts across the world. It is because of Jesus that we are free to share the Good News of His love and Salvation for all. All glory and gratitude to our God! May the Holy Spirit continue to move in power and leadership over every future edition of the Lamp!

— Wanda, once again, a huge Congratulation on this occasion of fourteen amazing years of the ongoing work of the Lamp Newsletter International. I look forward to many more years participating in our newsletter, I will always pray for its long and great success —

*Always and forever,
Sandra x*



**Congratulations
from
Mrs. Michele Barnes,
USA Staff Writer/Cousin**

Dearest Wanda!

I am on the "battle-front" A soldier...in the army of the Lord.

Yes, I'm a soldier! I'm excited and ready to use my words to tell the amazing stories of "God's Grace and Mercy." I'm wounded, yet healing and continuing to fight the good fight.

We are "Survivors" of daily attacks of the devil trying to shut us up or steal our joy. But God said, "NO!" Thank you Jesus!

We live to continue our greatest work to: feed God's children hope and love with God's scriptures and promises. They are carried in our hearts and directing our paths...all the way! We must continue to press on and do what God wants!

Wanda, here's a great example of "nothing too hard for God" found in Jeremiah 32:17. Now that is with the strength to continue on while we rest.

I thank you for your leadership and being an example of endurance, which is an endless battle of fighting the good fight. The writers of The Lamp Newsletter International will forever know....yes, it can be done! For with God all things are possible! Mathews 19:26.

Love you Wanda, ♥
Michele

Wanda,

...I love reading the responses from our readers! I'm blessed to be one of the writers in this group of writers who are truly committed to serving the Lord.

Michele



**Expressions
From
Ramelle T. Lee,
USA Staff Writer
and Patriotic Reporter**

**Congratulations
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Dear Wanda,

As founder and publisher of the Lamp Newsletter International for 14 years, you have been a "Bright Light of Hope" to represent what God has placed on your heart to share with readers across this nation and the world.

How amazing to know that you have given me the opportunity to be among your staff of writers. I'm so humbled, honored and blessed to share what God has placed on my heart to our Lamp Newsletter readers.

It's extremely encouraging to me every issue to read every article and see how God speaks through the heart of our writers. I'm so grateful to know our Lamp Newsletter publications are spanning across the nation and the world. Browsing through our Lamp Newsletter website you can find encouraging responses from our readers. I'm thrilled to know we have ten years of archived issues of our Lamp Newsletter on-line. If you miss reading the current month's issue, you can always visit our website at this link: www.thelampnewsletter.com

Here's some of the ways that we are sharing and carrying for people through the issues of our Lamp Newsletter International:

- Sharing the love of Jesus Christ through our publications to all readers.
- Through powerful and anointed scriptures.
- Meaningful stories impacting our everyday lives.
- Articles that make you laugh, cry or bring you joy.
- Thought provoking poetry that draws you closer to God.
- Inspirational thoughts to increase and develop your faith.
- Outstanding achievements of people seen locally, nationally and globally.
- Powerful graphics showing positive and sensitive emotions to enhance every issue.
- Recognition of holidays, births, weddings, anniversaries, deaths and much, much, more.
- Memorable and personal stories written by our staff writers.

Yes, every issue of our Lamp Newsletter gives you and me the opportunity to pull ourselves away from the everyday moments of stress or worry. We can relax and switch our minds to focus on things to bring us hope, positive change or courage to face these challenging times.

Our writing staff is dedicated to represent our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What a wonderful opportunity we have to explore and share every publication of our Lamp Newsletter with our family, friends and others.

Fourteen years of speaking what's really on the heart of our founder and publisher, Mrs. Wanda J. Burnside has caused me to say, "Wanda, you deserve an academy award for your tremendous faith, dedication, and steadfast persistence to keep our Lamp Newsletter International alive. We all need encouragement, love, joy, peace and stability in our life. I'm thankful to God for blessing the Lamp Newsletter International for these 14 years of publication.

Glory to God for what He has done to ensure we all continue to press on and keep sharing what He desires us to write to address issues that affect us, challenge our lives and give us the opportunity to be strengthened in character.

In closing, this scripture fully expresses my thoughts about our 14th

Anniversary of the Lamp Newsletter International:



*"I will make you a LIGHT for the nations, that SALVATION may reach to the end of the earth."
(Isaiah 49:6)*

*Visit our website...
<http://www.thelampnewsletter.com>
There is much to offer there for you
To be BLESSED!*



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