

## THE LAMP NEWSLETTER INTERNATIONAL

***HELP! HELP ME!***





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



**Treasures, the Squirrel**

**Dear Readers,**

**I never thought the day would come when I would have a photo of a squirrel next to my photo in my newsletter or any place else next to me! Then, to think there he is on the front cover of the newsletter, too! No, I'm not nuts! Really, I'm not.**

**To feature a squirrel anywhere in my life means I am a TRADER! See, in 1950's-1970's, I grew up with pear trees and apple trees in the backyard of our big beautiful home in Detroit, Michigan. We had all kinds of fruits, flowers, and vegetables growing in our urban, intercity backyard! We had a grapevine, three pear trees and an apple tree with five different kinds of apples growing on those big branches. I know...that's strange. When we, Rodger, Regina and I, were told by our father that some man drafted the branches of that apple tree with other apple branches, they were wrapped-up and after a few seasons, the main tree accepted those branches...so, we had a miracle apple tree!**

**Anyway, the thing is, we had all of that fruit which attracted all kinds of birds, insects, bees, wasp, flies, grasshoppers, and...the peskiest squirrels! The squirrels showed up season after season and year after year in our bountiful backyard to feast and gorge off our fruits. They loved, loved, loved the pears! Nibble! Nibble! Crunch! Crunchy!**

**Mama loved fruits. She spent so much time cooking, canning, preserving, and baking pies, pear and apple pies. Daddy's and Rodger's job was picking pears and apples from those tall and bountiful trees. They climbed the tall ladders borrowed from grandfather, some uncles and a few neighbors. Mama, Regina and I, helped to pick-up the pears and apples off the blanket of leaves on the ground. Now, Mama enjoyed seeing the boxes and bushel baskets filled with the pears. Her plans were to give some away to many friends, relatives, neighbors**

and get busy with all of the cooking and baking projects she delighted doing...along with her daughters, Regina and I, as kitchen helpers.



Well, my brother Rodger, hated the squirrels! He spent most of his childhood and teenage years at war with the herds of pesky squirrels. He always was throwing rocks, sticks, stones and whatever at the hungriest squirrels perched on our pear trees and running through our yead! Rodger was faithful at trying to chase them away. Sadly, it never worked.

Now, when I got married to Simmie , fondly known as Dexter, I found out he hates squirrels, too. See, this was great for my brother Rodger. He now had a squirrel-chasing partner in his brother-in-law, Dexter. Those two were united against the squirrels! And, now after all those years, my husband continues to fuss about the squirrels and their crazy acts and tricks. So, I better not like them or feel sorry for the squirrels.

Anyway, the squirrel that travels on our fences, runs up our driveway, jumps around on our lawn, goes into our garbage dumpster and sits on the tree branch outside our kitchen's window nibbling on something, has become ... my friend! He shows up when 'mI cooking, washing dishes, and talking on the phone to my friend, Author Ramelle T. Lee! Yes, our staff writer here in The Lamp Newsletter. That squirrel is amazing because he is noisy! For real!

Ramelle and I have several outreach ministries. We are constantly on the phone and computer discussing plans about our next or current projects. Strangely, that squirrel shows up and sits on a low tree branch, nibbles on a treat and listens in to my conversation with Ramelle. He shows up time after time! Even when people come to our home to pick-up their various items from me and Ramelle for their ministries...that squirrel is sitting on our fence...looking and watching! It is so STRANGE!

So, I told Ramelle that we should call him, Treasures; after the name of our joint ministries, TREASURES FROM HEAVEN MINISTRIES. Ramelle agreed. So she is always excited when I shout out while we are talking on the phone, "HELLO, TREASURES!" That means out of nowhere...there that squirrel shows-up looking over at me.



Well, a few days ago, something happened so strangely. Simmie and I were eating lunch and we heard a loud noise coming from the streets in the front of our house. We stopped eating and listened. The noise got louder. Simmie pulled the kitchen curtains back and saw a big pit bull dog barking so loudly.



***“Hey! Come back here!” Shouted a man. “GET BACK HERE!”***

***“Who is that?” I asked putting down my sandwich. “Who is it?”***

Simmie kept looking out of the window with the end of the curtain in one hand and his sandwich in his other hand. ***“That dog...he is trying to get that dumb squirrel,”*** he so calmly said. Then he continued to eat his lunch.

***“What is happening...NOW?”*** I cried sitting on the other side of the table. ***“Is it Treasures? Where is he?”***

Simmie looked at me as if he could not believe that I cared about the squirrel. He sipped on his drink and said, ***“It looks like him...the dog is chasing him up and down the street. WOW! The dog nearly got him!”***

***“Him who?”*** I cried. ***“Treasures...our squirrel...Oh, Lord! Help! Help, Treasures!”*** I prayed.

***“Here he comes! That old squirrel is headed over here to our house! Would you look at that!,”*** laughed Simmie.

Treasures ran from the street, over to our house and down our driveway...then..he jumped on our fence and zoomed away in a flash!

***“WOW! THAT SQUIRREL CAN FLY!”*** Chuckled Simmie looking at me. ***“He got away! He’s gone now!”***

I shouted out, ***“PRAISE THE LORD! PRAISE THE LORD! THANK THE LORD!”***  
Simmie shook his head, got up from the table and removed his dishes.



I sat there with my hands raised in praise for...Treasures, our squirrel, SAFE ESCAPE from his enemy the pit bull!

Later that night when I was on Facebook Messenger, I told Ramelle all about it. She was shocked! But, we spent time rejoicing over Treasures...VICTORIOUS ESCAPE. Ramelle said Treasure was in danger, but he remembered where to run when he was in trouble.

**Do you? Where do you go in troubled times?**

EMERGENCY NUMBERS	
QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE	
Upset	John 14
Weak	Psalm 18:1-29
Lonely	Psalm 23
Sinned	Psalm 51
Worried	Matthew 8:19-31
Anxious	Philippians 4:4-9
Unhappy	Colossians 3:12-17
In danger	Psalm 91
Depressed	Psalm 27
Lack of Faith	Exodus 14
Need Courage	Joshua 1
Need Direction	Psalm 73:21-26
Seeking peace	Matthew 11:25-30
Leaving on a trip	Psalm 121
Struggling with loss	Luke 15
Struggling Financially	Psalm 37
Discouraged with work	Psalm 126



**Youth Staff Writer...**  
**DONNA RALYNN BROOKS**  
**of Detroit, MI**

## **SCRIPTURE FOCUS IS PURGE**

When we repent of our sins and ask God to come into our hearts we become purged. Our sins are forgiven and we become spiritually clean before God. According to Paul in the New Testament we can also purge ourselves! Consider the following words of Paul: *"If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work"* (2 Tim.2:21).

### **Psalm 51:7**

*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

### **2 Timothy 2:21**

*Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.*

### **1 John 1:7**

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

### **Romans 12:2**

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

**Draw closer and closer to GOD! Through repentance & FASTING!**

**Have a Blessed Day!**  
**Donna R. Brooks**



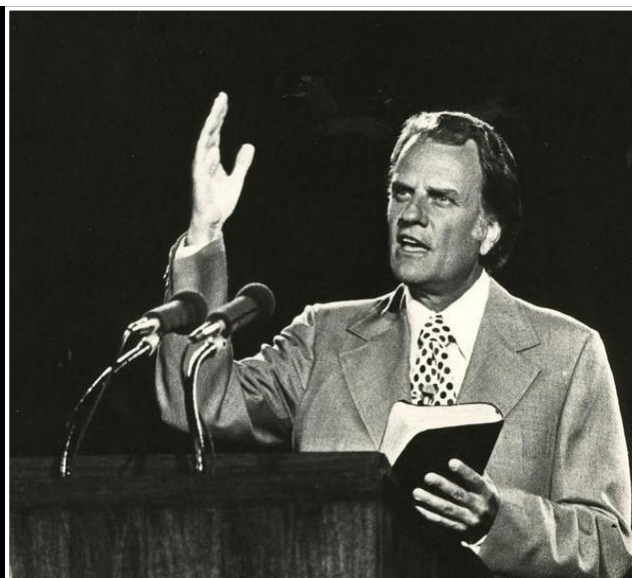


## Choose to be Blessed!

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**My Mother, Mrs. Lorraine Gardner**



**International Evangelist, Billy Graham**

### **By Michele Barnes**

When I was five years old, Momma didn't allow me or my siblings to watch anything on TV without her permission. Although the television had many choices, Momma always chose for us to be blessed by what we'd seen or heard or the TV would remain off!

Momma worked long hours during the daytime. We loved when she was home, sitting in her chair to watch an evening TV show with us. Often, Momma called-out to grandfather that the Billy Graham Crusade was coming on tonight! My brother, sister, and I rushed to sit close to Momma! There was no popcorn or telephone

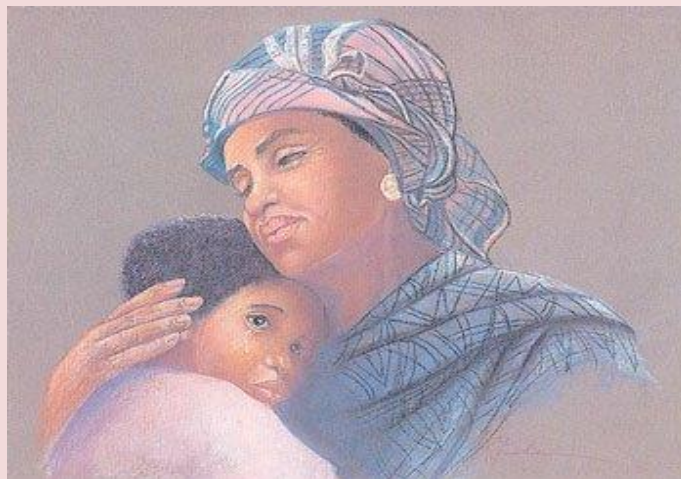
interruptions, as we sat together and listened to George Beverly Shea sing...*"How Great Thou Art!"* It was a favorite of my grandmother and mother! I listened to my Momma sing along. She had a lovely voice!

Evangelist Billy Graham prayed, and Momma reached out to lay her hand on each of our heads and prayed, too! Yes, every Billy Graham Crusade became a special TV moment and family time. I'll always remember how we prayed with Billy Graham. Grandfather had his blessed oil and anointed each of our heads! Although we all went to bed with oil dripping from our heads and teary eyes, we knew this had been a special night! We never passed seeing the Billy Graham Crusade on TV as a family.

There's a TV minister waiting to bless your family too!! Choose one and allow your family a time to pray, praise, and be blessed.....together!

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**Lay a praying hand on your sons and daughters!**







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**MINISTER TARSHA CAMPBELL is a productive, powerful and purposeful woman of God.** She is a leader who helps in the development of women to reach their godly calling. Minister Campbell generously shares information and tools to help advance women to reach their goals and purpose.

I am thankful to be a member in her “The Lamaze Group.” I asked her about her 10 priorities in life, here are her comments in relation to her divine purpose:

1. Love God with all my heart.
2. Seek His will concerning my life.
3. Follow His revealed will - obedience is important to me I want to please Him.
4. Honor & respect my husband. I can't expect God to bless me in all my obedience to Him if I dishonor and disrespect my husband.
5. Show honor and respect to others
6. Be faithful to fully walk out what The Father shows me about my divine purpose. Faith without works is dead.
7. Be adaptable and flexible to what I'm shown or instructed to do. How to carry things out can change but the vision still remains the same.
8. Never forget the power of personal intercession to break through to where I'm suppose be in a particular season.
9. Don't let fear, doubt or intimidated rule me.
10. Stay humble and depend heavily upon God's grace...I'm nothing without Him and His Holy Spirit guiding me.

# ***Congratulations...***



## **WHO IS LISA BRADLEY?**

Lisa Bradley resides in Bishopville, South Carolina. After graduating from Lee County public schools, she went on to receive an Associates Degree in Computer Technology from Sumter Area Tech, a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Morris College, and a Master's Degree from Webster University in Educational Technology.

Lisa is a contributing writer to the Growth Women's Business Networks Magazine and has authored such books as Expressions of the Heart Inspirational Poems, Be Encouraged Inspirational Poetry and God's World Poetry for Kids. Just to name a few.

She is married to Mathis Bradley and together they have one daughter.

## **MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT**

The most memorable moment in the program for me was completing my internship. First of all, I think having an opportunity to even do an internship is an amazing idea. Secondly, I love the fact that it gave me a chance to work on something I've wanted to do, create an online course. I have gained so much with doing the internship and it allowed me to immediately put into practice some of what I learned in the certification program, which was a great test in itself and a true testament to our instructor Sharon Jenkins. [#accpgraduation](#) [#ACCP](#) [#authorshelpingauthors](#) [#books Lisa Bradley](#)

# ***Congratulations...***



## **Journalism Professor Wins NABJ Journalism Educator of the Year Award**

*Dr. Sherri Williams, assistant professor in race, media and communication, received the award because of her teaching and partnerships with national media outlets that published her students' work and amplified their stories nationally. October 19, 2021*

**Dr. Sherri Williams**, a journalism professor in the School of Communication at American University, earned the 2021 Journalism Educator of the Year Award from the **National Association of Black Journalists**. Williams, the assistant professor in race, media and communication, received the award because of her teaching and partnerships with national media outlets that published her students' work and amplified their stories nationally.

Last year, Williams partnered with *The Nation* magazine for the **Vision 2020: Election Stories from the Next Generation** project. *The Nation* published 10 stories written by students in Williams' advanced-level Race, Ethnic and Community Reporting class about diverse young voters' presidential election concerns. Williams ushered the project through the pandemic and guided students to complete their stories and forge new paths while learning and reporting in a virtual environment.

"Dr. Williams stretches the boundaries of the classroom to include student work in the professional newsroom, covering some of the most important topics of the day," **Amy Eisman**, journalism division chair at AU, said in her nomination letter. "Williams works to create opportunities for journalism students that they don't always have. During a year when many plans fell through, Dr. Williams pressed forward so that her students could



still gain professional development from national editors and be published by a national media outlet.”

This year Williams collaborated [Teen Vogue](#) for the project [Racial Reckoning: A Year After a Movement Rocked the Nation](#). Williams’ students produced four stories about how young people were affected by the 2020 racial justice uprising. “From inside the classroom to her much-sought expertise outside, Dr. Williams has been a leading voice in the national conversation about society’s reckoning with racial injustice,” Eisman said.

NABJ’s Journalism Educator of the Year award recognizes the service, commitment and academic guidance of an outstanding journalism professor who helped to increase the number of Black journalists in newsrooms. Williams will receive the award on Dec. 4 during NABJ’s virtual awards ceremony when the organization will induct eight new members into its Hall of Fame and award 14 Special Honors to Black journalists and communicators from around the world. NABJ is one of the largest professional journalism associations in the country.

Williams is a long-time NABJ member and worked in service of the organization in various capacities during the last two decades. Shortly after the emergence of the #MeToo movement, Williams worked closely with former NABJ President Sarah Glover and developed the [NABJ Code of Conduct and Anti-Harassment Policy](#) to address inappropriate behavior at NABJ events and establish a system of consequences. Williams is a former NABJ chapter president in two cities (Jackson, Miss. and Columbus, Ohio). She was also an NABJ Student Multimedia Projects mentor and a former NABJ Ethel Payne Fellow. Williams recently became chair of the Washington Association of Black Journalists student engagement and early career development committee.

Williams, an award-winning journalist, was a newspaper reporter for a decade in three newsrooms including the Associated Press in Jackson, Mississippi. Williams, a native of Benton Harbor and Kalamazoo, Michigan, is a graduate of the historically Black college Jackson State University where she was a member of the NABJ college chapter. She earned masters and doctorate degrees at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

She still occasionally writes for national media outlets .

Note: Dr. Sherri Williams is our cousin! She is on Simmie Lee’s, my husband, side of the family. I am so proud of her.

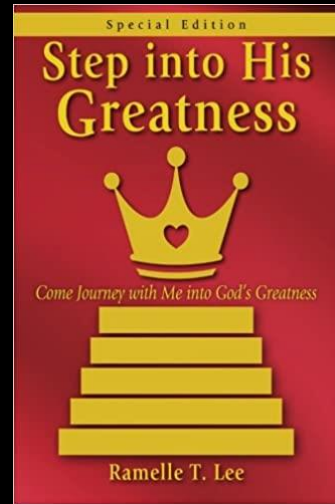
—Wanda J. Burnside



**Author Ramelle T. Lee**



**Dr. Sheary Darcus Johnson**



**Thank You,**

**Dr. Sheary Johnson, Coordinator  
The COGIC Women's Book Club**

**and  
Listeners.**

It was a great honor to be featured on this special event.

I will always remember this very memorable time.

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## **Why All the Suffering?**

**Doris Homan**

Author of, "The Christian Journey, Part I & II"

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**A very common question...**

***If there is a loving God, why does He allow suffering?***

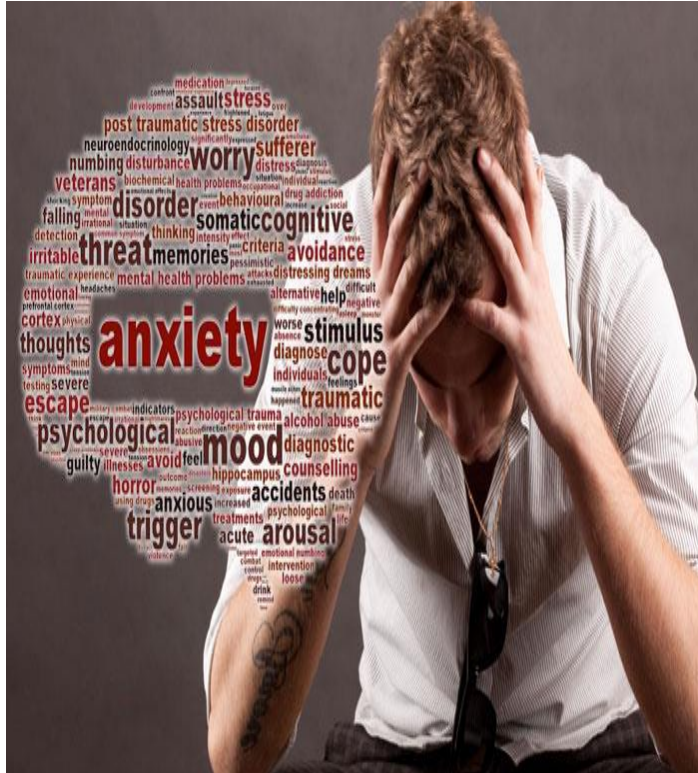
**Sometimes we suffer due to our own decisions and choices.**

**Sometimes we suffer due to others' sin towards us.**

Sometimes we suffer so our faith muscles are strengthened. We learn to let God comfort us and we learn to be compassionate and comfort others (2 Cor. 1:4). Our greatest ministry comes from our deepest pain and, in the process; we learn how God can be trusted and how to comfort others

Sometimes we suffer due to Satan's attacks. We have an enemy that is always seeking our harm. The Bible says he is always on the prowl, as a lion, looking to

devour. Those are some serious words. The enemy of our souls, the devil, is serious about destroying us. While our Good Shepherd, Jesus lays down His life for His sheep and looks only for their good, the enemy is a thief that only seeks to kill and destroy (John 10:10-12).



Sometimes we suffer due to living in a broken and fallen world. God created a perfect world with the beauty of nature with man and woman to oversee it but man decided to go his own way, do life as he pleased rebelling against his Creator. This active rebellion is what the Bible calls “sin.” There is also a passive indifference against God and His ways, that is sin also. Whether we want to do things our way or just live life with no regards for God THAT separates us from a holy God.

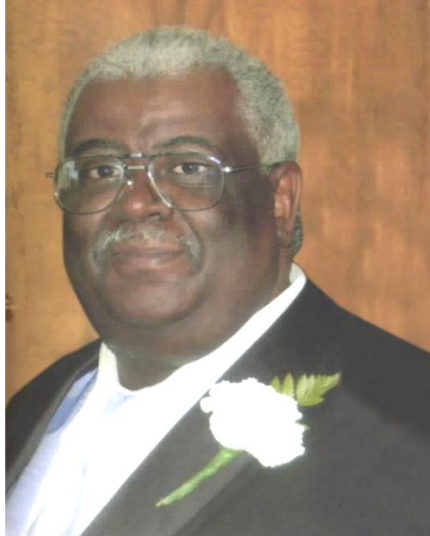
We now see nature in chaos; hurricanes, tsunami, earthquakes.

God’s perfect creation is not in the state He first created. Creation eagerly awaits for God to make things right again. It “groans” and suffers as with labor pains (Romans 8:22) and in the hope of being set free from the bondage to decay (Romans 8:21)

Jesus said He goes to prepare a place for us His children (John 14:2-3) and one day will return as He promised, and will make all things right again, both for mankind and nature. The perfect living conditions will be the norm; we will, live as we should, with purposeful work, creativity, and fulfillment. The Bible calls this the old will pass and there will be a new heaven and a new earth where things will be made right again. (2 Peter 3:13)

Where is your suffering today? How can knowing the truth about your suffering set you free from being frustrated, disillusioned and wanting to throw in the towel? How can knowing God's plans for your future in heaven give you hope to persevere?

**My Dearly Beloved Brother**  
**ELDER RODGER MINOR PALM**  
**October 25, 1951 – October 31, 2019**



# **A Godly Champion**

**PREACHER, LEADER, HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER,  
SON, BROTHER, AND MORE**

It is so difficult to write about someone who is so special in your life. For me, it is because I truly loved my one and only brother, Rodger. He was a gentleman, caring, kind and strong in character. He was humble, friendly, extremely wise and intelligent.

He grew-up in a godly household and was raised by our loving parents, Elder Minor Palm, Jr. and Evangelist Willie Lee McCann Palm. He adored his baby sister Regina and highly respected me, Wanda, his oldest sister.

His wife, Josefa Elaine, of over 40 years, dearly loved Rodger. They are the parents of three children: Jason (Stacey), Julian (Kai), and Jolayna. And the grandparents of three grandchildren: Ja'Den, Justus and Naomi. Rodger's family knew Rodger's prayers, sincere love and concerns were the glue that held their family circle together.

Now, Rodger loved his in-laws, aunts, uncles, grandparents, nieces, nephews, and cousins the same way, too. Rodger was the apple of their eyes...and they most definitely were the apple of his eyes. There was a special bond of love between them.

When anyone met Rodger, they knew that they could depend on him because he strived to be honest, dependable and helpful. He personally touched lives on his job, at his church, Greater Miller Memorial Church of God in Christ, in his community



and everywhere he reached out to others. He knew how to put a smile on others faces, give them his helping hand and give wise counsel. He wanted to make others better and prosperous in every area of their lives.

God blessed Rodger to be a great leader. His leadership abilities, skills and presence was honored and respected in every area of his life. This is because he cared about shaping others to move forward in whatever area of life they were called to work or perform. He made sure this happened with his employees and his gospel band, THE TESTAMONIALS. Rodger wanted them to have personal pride and abilities to function in the highest level of their dreams. He made them believe in excelling and accomplishing greater things in life.

When I prayed about what to write about concerning this time, Rodger's birthday on October 25 and his Homegoing date, October 31, which was two years ago... God told me that Rodger was a CHAMPION. WOW! I had some idea of what it means, but...when I googled the meaning or definition of it, I agreed that Rodger, my sweet and so missed brother WAS A CHAMPION!

*noun*

1. 1.

a person who has defeated or surpassed all rivals in a competition

2. a person who fights or argues for a cause or on behalf of someone else.

*verb*

1. support the cause of; defend,

There are more than "48" qualities/traits of a CHAMPION. Here are a few:

Hardworking.

- Mentally Tough.
- Overcome Adversity.
- Ability to Adapt.
- Ability to Compartmentalize Life.
- Have Character.
- Are Consistent.
- Demonstrate Courage.

Well, I know that Rodger would scold and fuss at me for putting this kind of light on him, but he was a champion. God told me to write this. I love you, Rodger...  
Your oldest sister,

Wanda

# Happy 79th Birthday

**DR. MARY DARLENE EDWARDS-WILLIAMS**

**Our Editor**

**God Bless You**



Dr. Williams has been the editor of The Lamp Newsletter International since my beginning in October 2008. She willingly wants to help me and now, the writing staff, to show our best work. Dr. Williams is concerned about what God has called us to do.

We are truly very blessed to have her outstanding services and professional writing guidance. Dr. Williams has a large heart to care about The Lamp Newsletter International because she is an ordained minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and promotes His Word. She wants Him lifted-up, too.

Her work and ministry covers other areas. God has given her tremendous visions and missions over 45 years in ministerial leadership. Dr. Williams' ministries are: the Founder of the Called and Ready Writers founded in 1999, the Founder of Widows with Wisdom founded in 2004, the Founder of Leaves of Gold Consultations founded in \_\_\_\_\_, and Medic Ministries. Dr. Williams is the former Co-founder of Joy of Jesus Ministries

This year, June 5, 2021, God blessed her to marry Dr. Calvin Edward Williams. Dr. Mary Williams is a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She is the author of numerous books.

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**DONNA R.BROOKS!**

You are truly a great blessing.

Thank you for your time and service to  
The Lamp Newsletter International. You  
are faithful and a wonderful staff  
member.

**WE LOVE YOU!**



# HAPPY BLESSED and GLORIOUS BIRTHDAY To My Darling **Mrs. Carolyn Reese Toussaint**

Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

Author, Poet, Bible Teacher, Women's Fellowship Leader, Proofreader, Crafter



Over 30 years ago, God brought to committed Christian writers and authors together at a Christian Writers Conference in Illinois. Well, the conference was well attended with writers and authors from across the United States and Canada. With all of the outstanding best-selling authors, noted speakers, and major publishing agents mixed in with the attendees, how did these two writers meet?

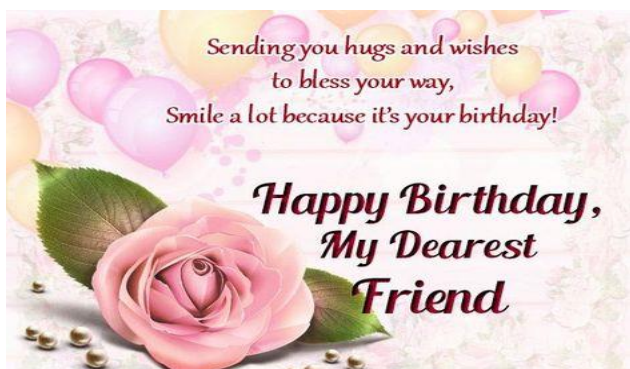
One is Caucasian and the other one is African-American...and after they noticed they were always in the same class, workshop, seminar, conference meeting, and in the dining room at the same time, they met. *"Hi, I am Carolyn Toussaint,"* she softly said. She then offered her hand to the African-American lady. *"Hi, I am Wanda Burnside,"* she said and shook Carolyn's hand. They chatted a few moments while standing off to the side of the room. They continued to talk and talk while people walked around them to leave for the break-time. Carolyn and Wanda sat down and continued to talk, laugh and giggle. That was it! And, from that time to now...their friendship is still loving, caring, sincere, tender and full of friendly deeds.

On the day we connected at the conference, Carolyn met my husband, Simmie, because he accompanied me to the conference. That evening, Wanda and Simmie invited Carolyn to have dinner with them in the restaurant of the conference hotel. Carolyn said that she wished her husband Bruce was there, too. However, he was at work.

That night, Carolyn called Bruce to come and meet us before the end of the conference. Bruce came in the morning and joined us for breakfast before our classes. He said, *"My treat this time!"* We all laughed..And he did pay for our full breakfast. Carolyn and I excused ourselves and went to the same seminar. Our husbands, Simmie and Bruce, sat there talking and laughing as though they knew each other for years!

So, that is how our long lasting friendship began. From then on, we came together as one family, knitted together in God's love, by His plans, and His precious hands. Bruce and Carolyn's children: Brian and Heather became our children, too. Not only them but their grandchildren, her Father Mr. Reese, a dear friend Anna, Carolyn Sisters: Bonnie and Connie, and their Brother Larry. Well, my family loved them, especially my Sister Regina, my Father Elder Minor Palm, Jr., Aunt Lillian and Cousin Darlene, too. Later, Dr. Williams, formerly Dr. Edwards, was added into their lives!

I am thankful that God united us. It's a miracle! We share our birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries, Thanksgivings, Christmases and every holiday together! Our home-baked goodies are sent to each other in the mail. We still send letters, cards and goodies in the mail to each other. We are there for each other in times of sickness, sorrows and deaths. We pray for each other and cry in each other's arms. Now that we are growing along in age, we cherish our times together more than ever. We thank the Lord for all He has given and done for us.



Wanda and Simmie (Dexter)



A portrait of Jimmy Carter, an elderly man with white hair, smiling broadly. He is wearing a dark suit, a light blue shirt, and a red tie. An American flag is visible in the background to the left.

**HAPPY 97TH BIRTHDAY,  
JIMMY CARTER!**

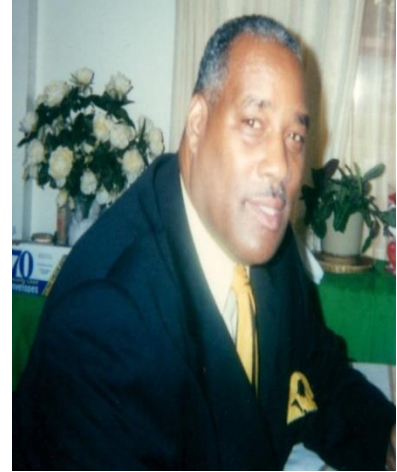
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## In Loving Memory of My...

Oldest brother, Andrew Lee and my Dad, Mr. Andrew Lee, Jr. ...

# My October Memories...A Time of Reflections...



**My beloved brother, Andrew Lee**, went Home to be with the Lord on October 27, 1975. He leaves to cherish his memory two adult daughters, Ms. Carmen Lee and Mrs. Brigitte Finn. He has four grandchildren: Andrea Lee, Nathan Ivey, Elizabeth Ivey and Joshua Ivey. I miss Andrew dearly.



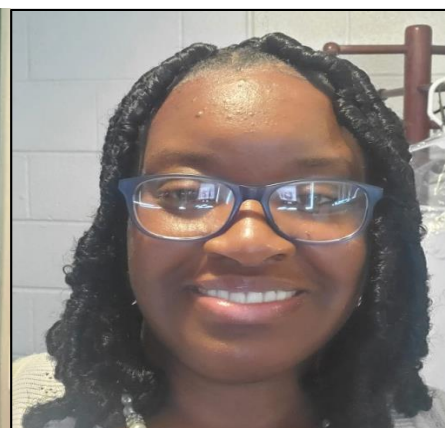
**My beloved dad, Mr. Andrew Lee Jr.**, went Home to be with the Lord on October 24, 1990. It is twenty-seven years later. In 2017, my **beloved mother, Mrs. Barbara Eddins Lee**, made her transition to heaven. My parents were married for forty-six years. They had three children, oldest son, Andrew and fraternal twins, **a son Reverend Lovell Lee (photo: top, right)** and me, Author Ramelle Lee their daughter.

*I praise God for this opportunity to honor their lives and memory. I will see my parents and two brothers again, in heaven. For now, I cherish their love and will always love*

*them, daughter and sister, Ramelle T. Lee.*



In Memory of  
**BISHOP WILLIE BERNARD TOONE,**  
Auxiliary Bishop  
Michigan Southwest Second Jurisdiction of the  
Church of God in Christ, Inc,  
and  
Beloved Pastor,  
Northend Church of God in Christ in Detroit, MI



Our Staff Youth Writer, MS. DONNA R. BROOKS (pictured above). is grieving the recent passing of her beloved pastor, BISHOP WILLIE BERNARD TOONE. Your prayers are needed for his wife, Mother Roberta Toone, their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and their entire family.

Please extend your prayers to his church, Northend Church of God in Christ. His members dearly

loved him. Also, please pray for the Second Jurisdiction of Southwest Michigan COGIC. Greater Miller Memorial COGIC are touched by his death because Bishop Toone served as their Assistant Pastor for many years. At that time, the late Bishop Earl Jerome Wright, Sr. was the pastor.



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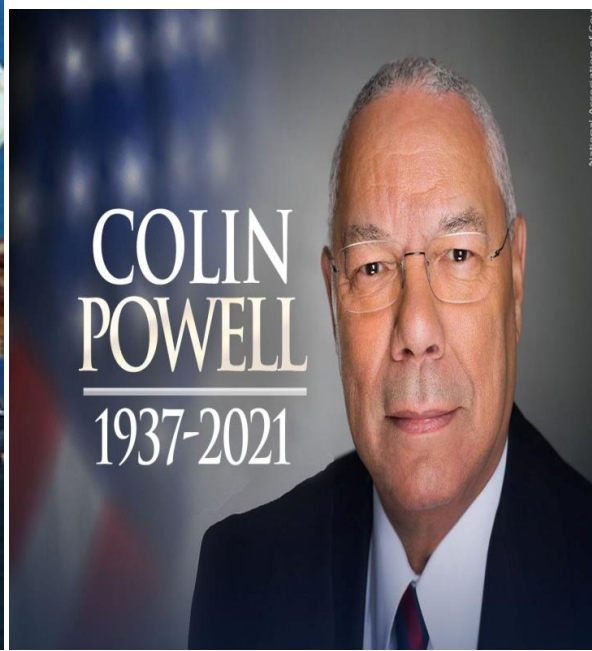
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# 65<sup>th</sup> United States Secretary of State

## the The First African-American Secretary of State



**Born: April 5, 1937, Harlem, New York, NY Died: October 18, 2021,** Colin Luther Powell ([/ˈkɒlɪn/ KOHL-in](#);<sup>[1]</sup> April 5, 1937 – October 18, 2021) was an American statesman, diplomat, and [four-star general](#) who served as the [65th United States secretary of state](#) from 2001 to 2005. He was the [first African-American secretary of state](#). He served as the 16th [United States national security advisor](#) from 1987 to 1989 and as the 12th [chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff](#) from 1989 to 1993.

Powell's last military assignment, from October 1989 to September 1993, was as Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, the highest military position in the [Department of Defense](#). During this time, he oversaw 28 crises, including the [invasion of Panama](#) in 1989 and [Operation Desert Storm](#) in the [Persian Gulf War](#) against Iraq in 1990–1991. He formulated the [Powell Doctrine](#), which limits American military action unless it satisfies criteria regarding American national security interests, overwhelming force, and widespread public support.<sup>[2]</sup>

He was the 65th United States Secretary of State, serving under Republican President [George W. Bush](#). As Secretary of State, Powell gave a speech before the United Nations regarding the [rationale for the Iraq War](#). He later admitted that the speech contained substantial inaccuracies. He was forced to resign after Bush was reelected in 2004.<sup>[3]</sup>

**For further information, please consult the internet.**



**Sandra Hickman**  
**Australia Ministry Leader**  
**And Staff Writer**



# **BAND-AIDS ON YOUR TOES**

God may have to step on your toes sometimes. But He does so with a soft gentle kiss. You may not feel the kiss....but it's there! When God steps on your toes it's to stop you from stepping somewhere—into something, that you will regret. Oh, how many times have we *all* done that? He hears the pitter-pattering of your heart. He knows your heart so well. He knows what's in it, and He knows it better than you do. You just thank Him that at least it's beating!

When your eyes run, He catches every tear. Every tiny sigh is saved in His heart. He stoops and scoops you up when you fall down. Even when you refused to be stopped by His tender-step upon your toes! You pulled your foot out from under His and went your own way. After all, you DO know what's best...don't you? Ahah, if only you had listened and felt the loving pressure of His weighty step, you wouldn't have felt the inevitable sting of falling.

**And yet, your Heavenly Father never tires of your mistakes. He never abandons you nor forsakes you from His presence. God never ceases to love you with the same passion of the Christ on the cross.... after all, that was *His own passion* on the cross for the whole world in each and every generation, throughout the whole expanse of time to see!**

Like many who have run this race before us, we all keep coming back time and again to our precious Savior with our contrite repentant hearts, prayer-clasped hands and Band-aids on our toes. Heads bowed hearts up and a promise to never do it again! Ever...and we all return. Jesus must smile broadly when He sees me returning— Band-aids and all! As the angels cry, "*She's here again!!*" He says, "*I told you she'd be back!!*"

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# Mr. Jordan L'Ecluse of Australia

*One of the grandsons of Sandra Hickman of Australia.*

*Sandra is the Staff Leader and Writer in Australia.*

**Looking at this photo of Jordan, God spoke to me about a very important scripture: Philippians 4:8 King James Version**

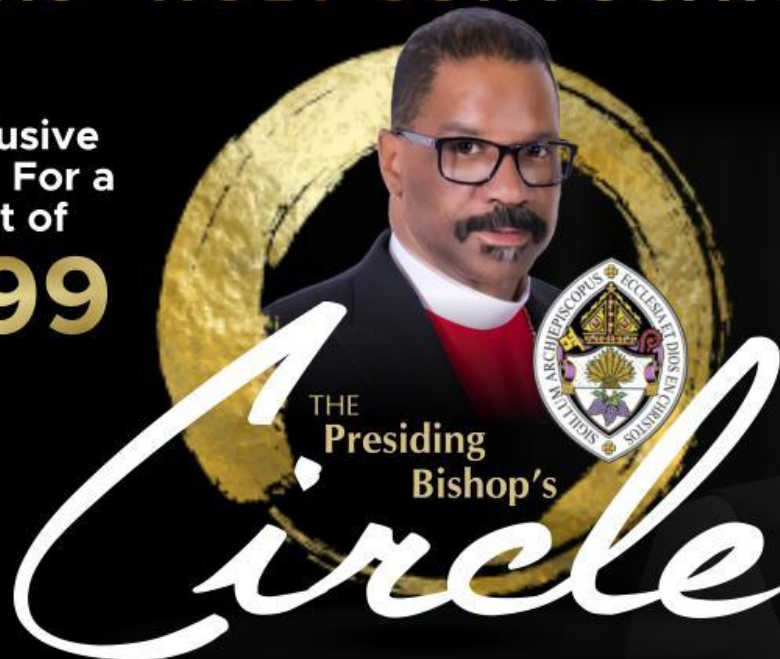


***<sup>8</sup>Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.***

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## A Prayer for Strength

Our Father,  
Sometimes the cares of the day  
seem to multiply, while the  
blessings fade so quickly.  
Our bodies grow tired  
and our minds even more tired.  
Jesus, help us.  
Give us the strength You've promised  
in Your Word.  
Give us the power  
to take the next step.  
Give us your grace...  
for we know that in our weaknesses  
YOUR STRENGTH is revealed.  
May we receive it today.  
Amen.

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