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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105 KJV).

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GOD'S MAN

by Wanda J. Burnside

You are GOD'S MAN!
Since the beginning of Creation,
You were the Holy Trinity's plan.
Yes, you are made in God's image!

You bring hope, honor and blessings
To your family
and each generation.
You are talented, intelligent,
and wise.
Let nothing stop your
Righteous determination!
Your godly love and
understanding
Can sooth, change, comfort,
and restore
so many situations.

You surrendered all for
true salvation.
And for this, God has given you,
New life and Divine revelation.

Remember,
God's breath flows through you!
You are GOD'S MAN.

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"And the Lord God formed man of dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul"
(Genesis 2:7(KJV)).





Father's Day Celebrations in Australia, the UK (London) and the United States of America

This newsletter, The Lamp Newsletter, has ministry offices in three countries: the USA, the UK, and Australia. It is a blessing to have this international relationship. I thank the Lord for the great opportunity to have ministry leaders and staff writers in these countries. It is a miracle to have an outstanding staff of anointed, creative, and prolific writers. They have a powerful voice in writing great stories, poems, articles, and touching reflections.

Therefore, it is essential to learn more and understand more about each other's countries, traditions, customs, and habits. This is important because it broadens our hearts and lives to be more sensitive to our fellowman. There are so many walls and borders in this life. As Christians, we must not let our differences separate us. Let us have a caring and loving heart. When we do, we will pray for each other and embrace others as our neighbor!

~Wanda J. Burnside, Founder and Publisher

Father's Day in Australia

Unlike in the US and several other countries where Father's Day is celebrated on the Third Sunday of June, Father's Day in Australia is celebrated on the first Sunday of September. Hence, the date of Father's Day is never fixed.

Father's Day celebration in Australia takes place in the same way as in several other countries around the world. Taking opportunity of the occasion, people express gratitude for fathers and thank them for all their care and support. Most often, children gift flowers, neckties, chocolates or other gifts to honor their dearest dad. Though the occasion is celebrated privately in households, several clubs, churches, and societies take initiative to organize special programmes to encourage and entertain people. Breakfast meetings for families are a common feature of Father's Day celebration in Australia. Various types of games and activities are organized in such Father's Day get-togethers to strengthen the bond of love between father and child.

Father's Day in the UK

Father's Day in the UK is celebrated in much the same way as it is celebrated in US. In the UK too, Father's Day festival is celebrated on the third Sunday of June and therefore the date of the festival is never fixed. People celebrate the occasion by honoring their father and expressing affection for them by presenting popular gifts like cards, flowers, chocolates and neckties. Little children often give handmade gifts to their dad.

Several clubs, schools and cultural societies in the United Kingdom organize Father's Day parties and get-togethers and provide people an opportunity to celebrate the day. Games and fun-filled events add joy to such celebrations.

It may also be noted that Father's Day festival has been commercialized in England to a great extent. Days before the festival marketers launch an aggressive advertising campaign to lure people, and cash in on the sentimental value of the occasion. Though critics are very much against rude commercialization, many people feel that marketing of the festival helps to create awareness about the day and therefore strengthen the bond of love shared between father and child.

Father's Day in the USA

Father's Day in the USA is celebrated with great enthusiasm and lots of fanfare on the third Sunday of June. Observing the day, people reflect on the invaluable role played by fathers in building the character of children and in the development of the nation. On Father's Day people honor their father and express gratitude for his love and affection. As a Father's Day tradition, people in the US also pay tribute to grandfather, stepfather, foster father, uncle or any other man who is like father.

History of Father's Day in the USA

Father's Day festivals as we celebrate today trace its history to United States of America. The idea of observing a day in honor of fathers was conceptualized by Ms Sonora Smart Dodd, a loving daughter from Spokane. It so happened that Sonora attended a Mother's Day Sermon in 1909 and she was struck with the noble idea that society must observe a day to honor the important contribution made by fathers in the raising of children. Encouraged by the love of her father, William Smart, a civil war veteran who single-handedly raised her along with her five siblings after the death of her mother, Sonora worked hard to make her concept a reality. The noble idea of celebrating Father's Day soon spread across the nation. Father's Day was recognized by a Joint Resolution of Congress in 1956. Finally, in 1972 President Nixon established Father's Day as a permanent national day of observance on the third Sunday of June.

Father's Day Celebrations in the USA

Father's Day celebrations in the USA take place with lots of gaiety and enthusiasm. The day is observed as a time for family reunions, as children who are staying away from families take time out to celebrate the day with their father. Indulging daddy with breakfast in bed and gifts like cards, flowers, chocolates and neckties is the traditional way of celebrating Father's Day in the USA.

The massive popularity of Father's Day Festivals has led to extensive commercialization of the occasion. Critics rue that rigorous marketing campaigns have spoiled the noble idea of honoring fathers on Father's Day as many observe the day by performing the mere formality of presenting gifts to dad. Others, however, see the positive side of commercialization and in fact it helps to raise awareness about the day and encourages children to honor their father.

Father's Day - History and Trivia

- Around 72% of Americans celebrate and acknowledge Father's Day.
- Do you know Father's Day acquired fourth position last year (nearly 95 million Fathers Day cards were given last year in the United States) as the most popular card-sending holiday, with an estimated \$100 million sales figure.
- According to a survey, sons and daughters send 50% of the Father's Day cards to their dads. Nearly 20 percent of Father's Day cards are purchased by wives for their husbands. That leaves 30 percent of the cards which go to grandfathers, sons, brothers, uncles and "someone special."
- Father's Day is not a modern invention. It was first celebrated by a Babylonian youth named Elmesu, who carved a Father's Day card out of clay, around 4,000 years ago. His special card was to wish his father good health and long life



Praying Power

by Ramelle T. Lee

Do you really want praying power?

Then stay on your knees.

Let your voice be heard in the heavens.

Watch the Holy Ghost swing into action.

Strongholds are coming down.

Believe God for your answer.

Faithfully wait on God to move.

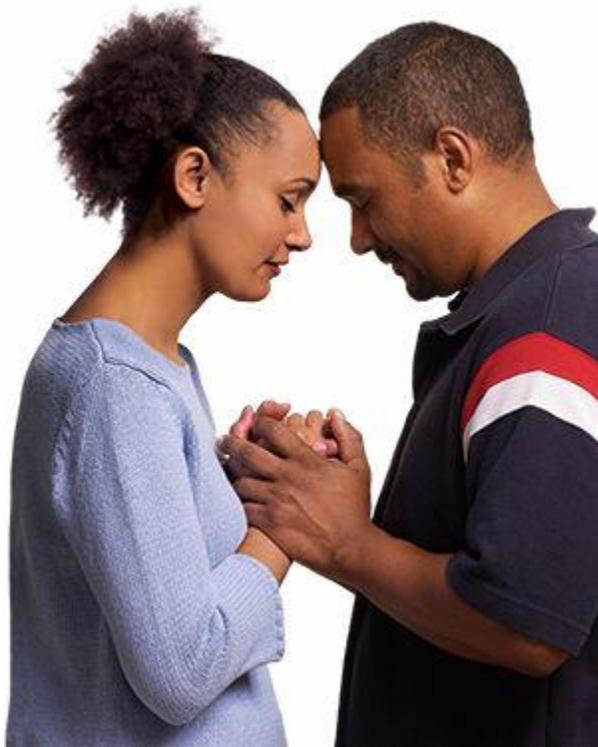
Receive your breakthrough like He promised.

*Standing firmly on His Word,
Let your prayer be heard on high.
God will give you praying power!
Believe it, receive it and walk in it!*

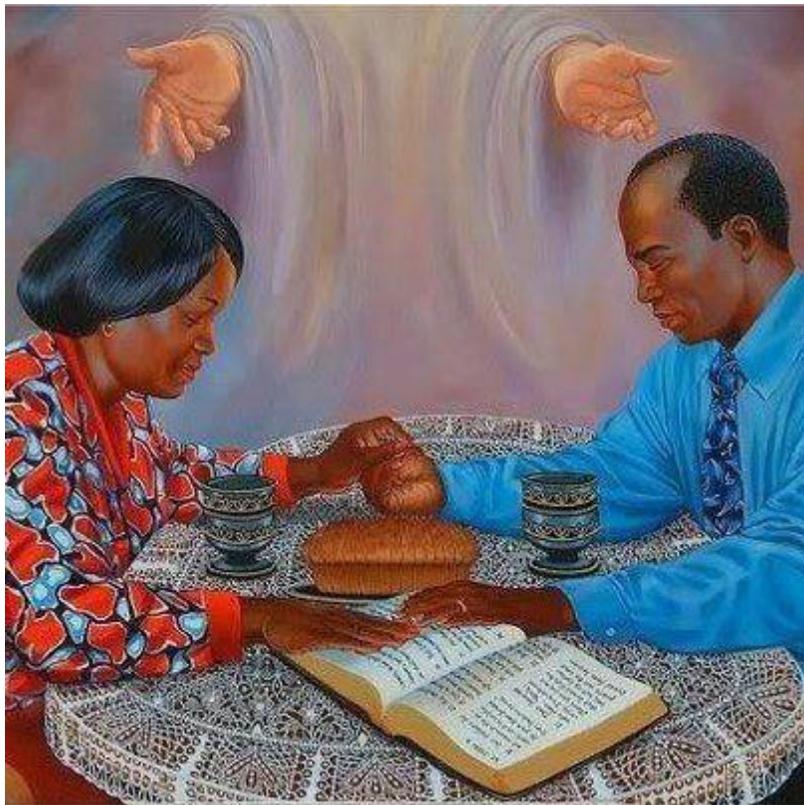
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*A special insight
from ~
Ms. Sandra Hickman
...the Australian
Ministry Leader
and Staff Writer*



The Victorious Calling-Home

- The day my Dad stepped into Eternity -

My Dad died between crisp white cotton sheets. However, the colour of the coverlet is a blur. I only remember the white sheets. They were like white sheets of paper with his whole life written on.... as though holding his story from beginning to life's-end in their white-cotton-crispness. It seemed they were hugging him like robes of righteousness. Yes, holding him....'til it was time, Time to let go. To flee this worn out old body which had run its race, sometimes in opposition to his spirit, but... his spirit won! **Thank You Jesus.**

It had been a tough run at times when religiosity had gotten in the way of true religion. Yes, God's true religion! That is, declaring that Jesus is the exclusive key to heaven's door. Jesus said, "**I AM the way the truth and the life!**"

Words leaping loudly off the pages to prove that there is a life after earthly death. The way of the Gospels is pure religion, undiluted and undefiled. It was poured out from the hearts of the New Testament scribes, who with mixed emotions of fainting-and-faith, staunchly found their own-way into '**The Way.**' Forever to be with the one true Master, Redeemer and Saviour.... their **Jesus!** There is only one way, and it is impeccably truthful.

My Dad chose this way, and Jesus received him. Heaven celebrates the victorious calling-home. Praise God!

Dad left on August 1st, 2016. It was just six and a half empty weeks before writing this article...(with tears are spilling). None of us, not Mum, myself nor my three sisters, were present at that irreplaceable, singular moment in time. God's gentle grace is oftentimes different to our expectations.

Perhaps our hearts had already said goodbye as Alzheimer's had covertly and systematically stolen Dad from us in so many ways. It wasn't how we planned it, but, God knows!

We adored this man with his great humour and giant-heart full of love. He was the backbone of our family, and now we felt such pain as though our backbone had been broken. Dad had led us with a loving Godly example. It was hard to let go, but I knew my Dad was pre-destined for a date with Jesus! He stepped into the glory-realms of impossible-to-imagine heavenly rapture to witness incomprehensible joy and peace. It's that unbreakable somewhere-over-the-rainbow promise of God, which we all yearn for when our time on this earth is up!

What joy to hear God's words, "Well done good and faithful servant." Oh, I am so thankful my darling Dad found himself seated in heavenly places and is reveling in that rainbow-coloured promise right now!

'Vale' to my Valedictorian of Dads'..... Colin Hickman ~

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Mr. Colin Hickman. Birthday 30th June.

(Born in 1932 - Died in 2016 at age 84)





*A message from
Ms. Sandra Hickman ...
Australian Ministry Leader
and Staff Writer*



He Was There ~ The Perfect Father

When you took your first breath as a brand new born-again baby Christian...

He saw your very first smile. The look on your face when you made the life-changing decision to accept His free offer of salvation, and the tears you cried. He was catching every tiny-baby teardrop. He was enamoured with you. Teetering on tiny tip-toes, your baby steps, as you began to walk with Him. Wobbly uneven steps at first, trembling with excitement at the thought of what lay beyond your confines!



Oh He was the perfect Parent! Guiding you by His hand, leading you into safe places. Knowing the dangers, protecting you. You were so young in your spirit, just a baby. Toddler steps turned into the spiritual leaps and bounds of a child! All so new, every stage, every phase. Into the daring pace of adolescence.....the teenage seasons, oh there was more than one! In your haste His shoulder was your leaning-post when you got tired from your zealous often-silly, relentless pace.

Wow... How you marvelled as you realised that you had actually graduated into the next level, hurtling towards spiritual adulthood. You made it! Growing in steadfast steps of maturity, and throughout it all His anointing-presence was with you. **He, your always-and-ever-constant Father God!** He never took His eyes off you. You weren't perfect, oh you wish were... and sometimes still do, even now! Yet His grace-filled love overlooked everything, and nothing was hidden from Him. Ever! Although you tried at times, and you were supposed to be mature now, in spite of your shortcomings He always loved you as though you were His only one! Because you had been fearfully and wonderfully made by Him, you were found perfect even in your imperfection!

Do you remember stumbling at the hurdles? When you fell, strong arms were outstretched to catch you... Always and always **and always!** Oh how many "always" moments there were! You lost count of them. Countless! Like grains of sand on the beach, even more were the countless thoughts that He had of you. And there you were, bumbling headlong down from the higher mountain-places. Confused and seemingly showing no skills. Broken and sore from the battle.... even from words spoken against you. Sticks and stones! But you didn't care, just as long as He was with you.

From the very beginning He formed your frame and watched you. Your dear Father! You learnt more, and His Word went deeper. He was so proud of your achievements, whether big or small. It never mattered to Him because... you were His! You belonged to Him, and He loved you first!

Your Father God, He was there ~

Psalm 139

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Come Unto Me

By Ramelle T. Lee

Meditation Scripture: Matthew 11:28 (KJV)

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Don't hesitate to come to me. I know that you have flaws and I also know exactly what you are going through. Don't be ashamed of what you have done and how you have acted in your moments of weakness. I already know what has occurred. I understand that you are feeling inadequate right now, but I still love you unconditionally.

Come unto me when you are hurting, when you are sad, when you feel misunderstood. Cast all your cares upon my shoulders and I will ease your pain. I will ease your sorrow. I will erase your fears. I know you have issues that you are dealing with and you need solutions that will work. I have the answer. Just come unto me!

When you come to me, you can rest in the sweetness of my embrace and know that I will deliver you from all of your distresses. I will ease your burdens and dry your tears. I will fix it for you. Just give me the chance to show you exactly what I can do.

When you are pressed down with the cares of the world, realize that you have a place of refuge and safety. In the arms of Jesus you will find peace. You will find solace and strength for your weary soul.

You don't have to bear your burden alone. Take off the yoke that is weighing you down. You don't have to stay in the state you're in. Allow me to give you comfort and rest from the brokenness of your heart.

When you take the time to learn of me, you will begin to understand who I really am and what I can do for you. Let me take you by the hand and lead you to a place of rest. Relinquish everything that is keeping your spirit bound and place your burdens at my feet.

You have the blessed assurance when you follow me that you will have total victory. I will give you a newness of life that will strengthen your inner spirit and ease your anxieties. You have been told that my yoke is easy, but I want you to know this for yourself.

When you come unto me, I will in no way cast you out. I am known to calm the raging seas and speak peace to a troubled heart. When you activate your faith and truly believe in your heart that I will free your very soul... then you will have sweet rest and tranquility in me.

-----Taken from my book, Step into His Greatness



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Thank You, Heavenly Father!

By Michele Barnes

Happy Father's Day to all my fathers! Please know that I appreciate all the fathers who have joined me today. You are truly special and loved!

Father's Day used to bring about sad memories concerning my personal relationship with my Dad. For my last memories of seeing my Dad's face or of holding his hand was when I was a little girl of five years old. However, later when I became a young adult, I tracked him down to let him know that I had forgiven him. It took twenty years to reach and meet him. Surprisingly this only took minutes!

Remember, when God has you do something, God will make the way! Dad hadn't tried to communicate with me after he and mom divorced. It was so important that I told him personally how I now felt, and I was ready to forgive! I'm so glad that I did!

Yes, I had been angry and called him a few dirty names throughout the years when my friends asked about him! They also wondered and asked me, "Where is your Dad?" There were many tears and many years of not having a father!

But as my relationship with God grew, I realized that I did have a Heavenly Father! He lived in my heart and is here with me throughout my life. God had heard my prayers! He healed my broken heart. He gave me the strength and ability to seek my earthly father!

I knew God wanted me to forgive my father who didn't know I still missed his presence in my life. Although we were many miles apart, when we finally reunited, my Dad cried and said he wished he had called me first. I wanted to reach out and hug him. My dad thanked me for being brave enough to call him. From that day, we talked many more times and shared pictures. Many miracles happened in my life after my call of forgiveness to him. One of the other miracles was that my sister and brother had an opportunity to unite and talk to Dad too!

Dad died two years after our reunion and first conversation. And now on Father's Day, I remember to say, "Thank You" to my Heavenly Father because of His Word. God ordered my steps to live a righteous life that led me to my father! Therefore, this allowed us, Dad and me, to forgive and be free to show love to one another!

There are others like me, who didn't have fathers in their lives as children. But, remember on this Father's Day to forgive your father for not being there for you! Pray for strength and direction as you try to give him a phone call! A call that will allow you and him freedom! However, if you can't locate him, forgive him in your heart and wait for the miracles to happen in your life! For, miracles will happen for you too!





Encouragement on the Journey

By Christine V. Mitchell

Have you ever felt like giving up on your God-given dream? All because of the never-ending problems that seemed to surmount? Challenges that seem to come one after another? Is it “one step forward, two steps back”?

As we journey on in our walk with the Lord, we face all kinds of trials, and that wicked one, the devil, tries his best to make us give up hope and lose faith. His plan is to divert our attention away from God and to keep us from going forward. But, thank God, in the Holy Bible is much encouragement, wonderful scriptures of hope and reassurance inspiring us to press on and never give up. *“Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9, ESV).*

The Lord is gracious and kind. His precious love for us cannot be fathomed. He has given us “great and precious promises”, enabling us to share in His divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). Our glorious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, defeated Satan through the cross.

Victory is therefore ours through Christ. We are encouraged, again and again in the scriptures, to trust in the Lord (Proverbs 3:5). We, too, can have a testimony of faith ~ just like the people of God whom we read about in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews.

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I pray that the following poems will bless and be a source of encouragement, as they were to me, when the Lord inspired me to write them...

There Goes My Dream



"There goes my dream", you say
"There goes my hope of change"
Raging `storms' came sweeping by
Your life was rearranged.
"There goes my hope of tomorrow
It's hard to carry on"
God knows your burning sorrow
He knows you've suffered long
Take a look in the Holy Bible
There CAN be a brand-new start
Can YOU imagine Noah
When he looked outside the ark?
What hopelessness he saw
With everything washed away
But he held on strong to the promise
That God had a brand-new day
When life looks dark and dismal
A colourless, lifeless scene
Hold on, for God can do greater
Than you could imagine or dream

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Faith



Faith can help to take you places
Doubting never could
For obstacles and hindrances
Through time it has withstood.
It sees beyond the natural
Believes the word of God
Encouraged by the lives of those
Who paths of faith have trod.

Faith will keep you in the fight
When feelings say "give up"
It gives you staying power
Should you drink the bitter cup.
When tested by the fiery trials
Of life that you may face
Faith can bring you out as gold
And keep you in the race.

Though others may not see your faith
It dwells deep down inside
Your faith can see beyond the veil
Its eyes are open wide.
So never give up hope in God
However things may seem
For faith in God will help you see
The answer to your dream

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MEN!

**Trust in the LORD
with all your heart,**

**And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.**

Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV



***Give God all of your concerns,
difficulties, sorrows, troubles:***

Problems

Sorrows

Temptations

Family Matters

Stresses

Finances

Sexual Desires

Employment

Health Issues

Church

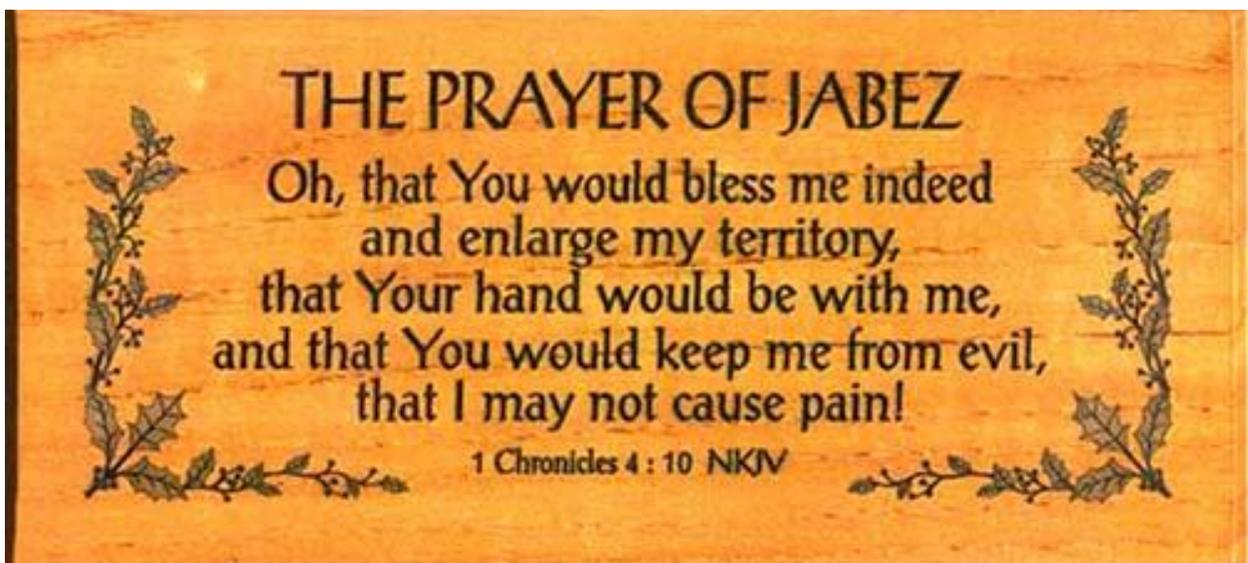
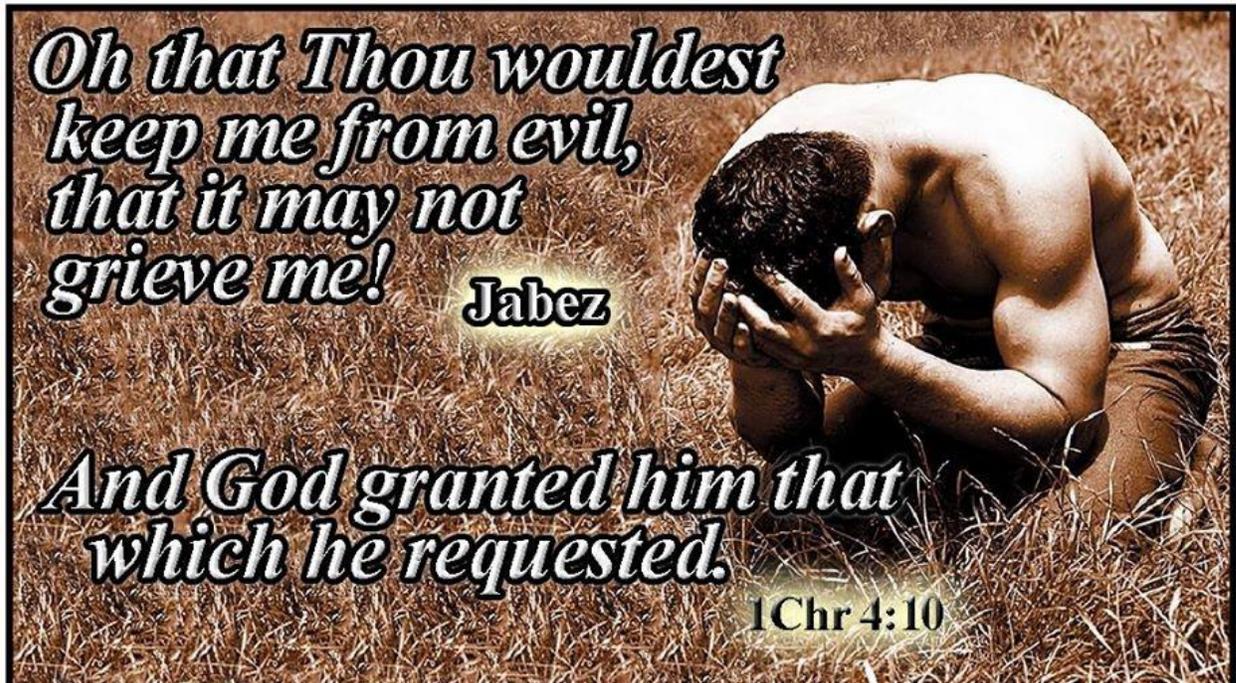
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and MORE!

*Dear Lord,
Give me your strength and power,
I need You every moment and hour!*





*Ms. Sandra Hickman
Australian Ministry
Leader and Staff Writer ...*

Nothing stops my amazing grandson Jordan, not even Cerebral Palsy! Jordan is a wonderful role model to many, and a remarkable man who is a high achiever in everything he does. Well done to you Jordan on your second Gymnasium award.

*With so much love,
proud Nanna xo*

**Member of
The Month**

Congratulations!

Member of the Month

**PLUS FITNESS
BERTRAM**

Congratulations to Jordan Lecluse for becoming Our Plus Fitness Bertram Member Of The Month for May !!

Dedication pays off!

Jordan has been a member since Jan 2016. Jordan trains 4 times per week as well as attending X-CELL BOX on Thursday nights. Jordan has cerebral palsy, training at the gym helps with his mobility, breathing and helps build muscle.

Jordan joined Plus Fitness to stay fit, build muscle and to keep a good frame of mind.

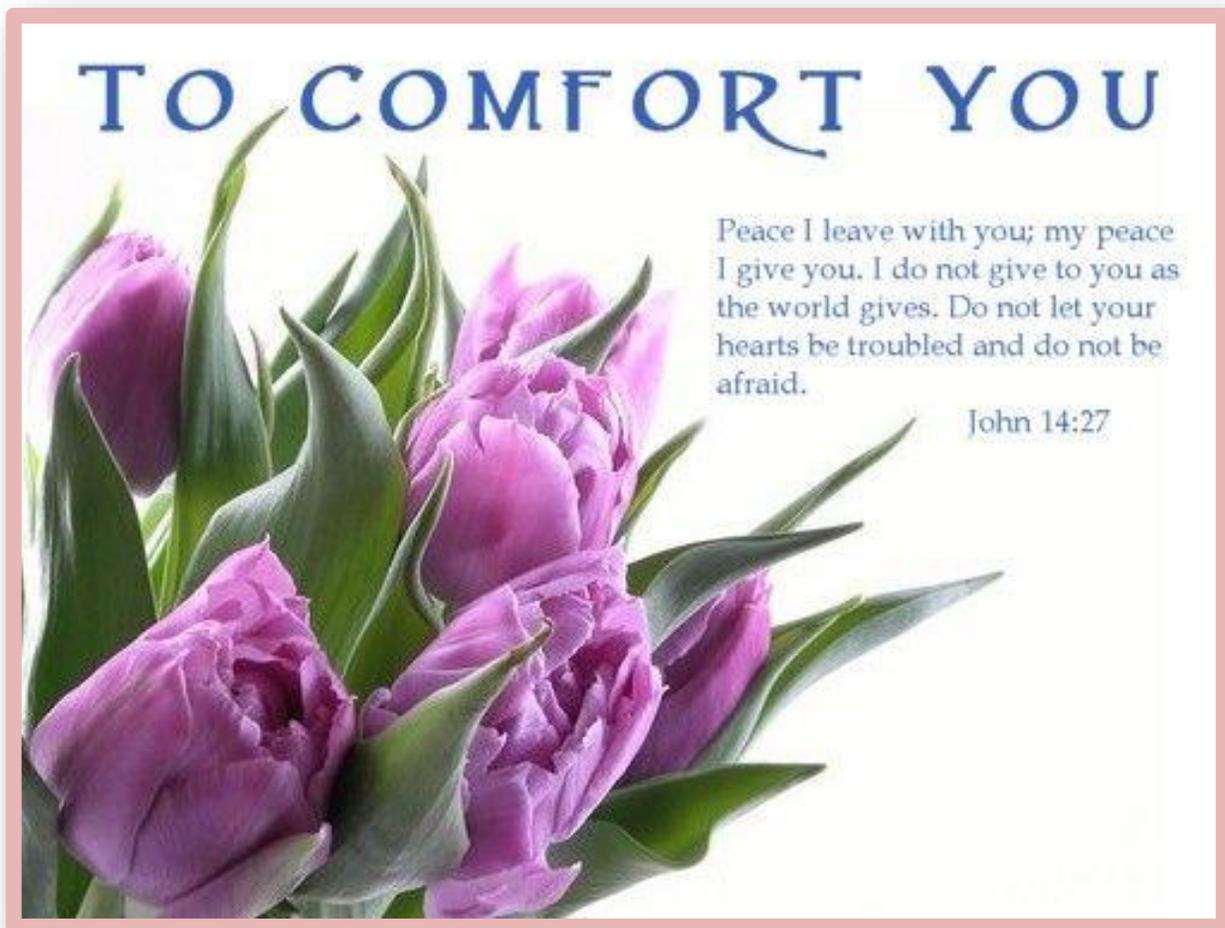
We LOVE having Jordan as a member here—he is a very popular member and is very well liked. Jordan ALWAYS puts 100% effort into every training session.

CONGRATULATIONS Jordan—you work extremely hard EVERY session—great job!

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*With Our Deepest Sympathy
and Prayers...*



Home with the Lord

PRECIOUS MUM CORRINNE



We continue to extend our prayers and love to...

Pastor Raymond Nsalange of Australia, her dearly loved son. Prayers are also for his wife, Pastor Tari Nsalange, his sisters, their families, Minister Sandra Hickman his Mum-in-Law, and many friends.

His most beloved Mum went home to be with the Lord on May 23, 2018. Her Celebration of Life Service was held on June 1, 2018 in Zambia, Africa at the Balm Ministries, International at the Rhema Life Center. Bishop Stephen Katongo, preached in this glorious Homegoing Service.



PST DIANESS CORRINE NSALANGE

***February 28, 1949 - May 23, 2018
of Zambia, Africa***



DEACON JOHN JAMES BUTLER

***October 25, 1923 – May 23, 2018
of Detroit, MI***



Deacon Butler was a very kind and anointed man of God with a humble and gentle spirit. He was a published poet, songwriter and author. Many of his beautiful hymns are published in numerous hymnals and sung around the world. He was a professional photographer and video production photographer. Deacon Butler was a lifetime member and Legendary Author of The Called and Ready Writers founded by Dr. Mary Edwards. He also was their video photographer. He actively served this Christian writing guild for more than 10 years.

He was married for 71 years to Minister Dorothy Butler. They have two married sons, several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Deacon Butler and his wife, Minister Dorothy Butler, faithfully served the Lord at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church. They were very involved in the community and schools.

We are especially praying for their loving and devoted granddaughter, Minister Ronsher Brooks, who greatly adored her grandfather.

Dearly Beloved Brother...

MR. TIMOTHY BROWN

***November 12, 1962 - June 3, 2018
of Greensboro, North Carolina***



***Beloved Youngest Brother
of Pastor Charlestine Herbin***

Timothy was a outstanding dog trainer.

He leaves to keep his memory alive:

His son:

Mr. Jonathan Brown.

Four sisters:

Mrs. Mary Wilson, Mrs. Sarah Byrd, Ms. Janice Booker,
and Pastor Charlestine Herbin.

Seven brothers:

Pastor Franklin Brown, Mr. Paul Brown,
Elder Frederick Brown, Pastor William Brown,
Mr. Michael Booker, Mr. Barry Booker,
and Mr. Ted Booker.

Always in Our Hearts...

Dearest Sister:

MS. SYLVIA BURNSIDE

***June 27, 1949 – June 7, 2018
Of Detroit, Michigan***



***Precious Youngest Sister
of Mr. Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr.***

Sylvia had a vibrant personality. She was a teacher of various forms of art at: the Charles H. Wright African American Museum in Detroit, Wayne County Community College, the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield, Mi and other educational institutions. Sylvia was a renowned masterful artist, designer of excusive jewelry decorating, and sewing.

Sylvia was a beloved mother of one child

Mrs. Angelique Call Jefferson, married to Mr. Christopher Jefferson.

She was a loving grandmother to

two beautiful granddaughters: Daniele and Gabriela

The youngest precious daughter of:

Deacon Simmie Lee Burnside, Sr.
and Mother Christine Burnside(deceased).

Her sister, Charolett and brother, Simmie Lee (Dexter), are her remaining siblings. Elizabeth the oldest child is deceased.

**Sylvia was Wanda J. Burnside's dear friend
since High School – 1965.**

*We Are Praying
for
The Bereaved*



God Bless the GRADS!



**The World Is
Yours To Conquer**

Congratulations 2018 Graduates:

- *Payton Holloway of Southfield, MI*
- *Hanna Pettiford of Greensboro, NC*
- *Dr. Kimberly Whitsett of Ecorse, MI*
- *Dr. William Workman of Detroit, MI*
 - *Brandy Nelson of Detroit, MI*
 - *Nathan Ivey of Westland, MI*
 - *Rebecca Campbell of Atlanta, GA*
- *The Doyle Family of Quadruplet Boys in Michigan*

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The Lamp Newsletter Website

God has Opened Another New Door!



Details to come!

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GOD BLESS YOU!

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