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THE LAMP NEWSLETTER

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

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BLESSED and HIGHLY FAVORED: *In Spite of "the Odds!"*

-By Wanda J. Burnside, Publisher

Dear Readers,

It is time to trust God to meet all of our needs. We must rely upon Him to bring us through. We whine and fret about what we don't have. We hear negative reports about jobs being cutback, problems with government funding and over spending. We suffer if we accept negative and fearful reports! We suffer if we believe what is said! We suffer when we allow those who make predictions of loss, failure, and lack bring fear into our lives!

The problem is that we allow what we hear to enter into our ears and thinking. The negative messages are out there in the media: television, radio, the internet, newspapers,

magazines, and everywhere. People grab the negative news and help by passing it on to their family and friends who spread it on to more friends who generate the minds of families here there and everywhere.

The ear is dirty and so filthy with ugly news predictions on our life, health, finances, jobs, and truly so much! We need to clean out our ears! A Q-tip can't do it. We need to hear the Word of the Lord! We must learn to monitor what we hear, believe and accept into our lives. Let's stand strong in the Lord!

YOU SAY WHAT? *Try it Goliath!*

In the Bible, I Samuel 17, we read about how the children of Israel were taunted, teased, and made fun of by the Philistines. The soldiers and people of Israel, the Israelites, had to deal with some rough stuff with the Philistines who wanted to take over their land and property. There was a fight, a war going on. A real one.

The Philistines were on one hill and the Israelites on another hill (vs. 3). Army against army. Solider against solider. Man against man. And....what? The fight turned dirty...ugly. The Philistines knew that they WERE NOT going down. NO WAY! They had their secret weapon....a big ugly over



nine feet tall giant named Goliath all dressed in brazen armor from his head to his feet. He was their Champion Fighter (vs. 4).

For forty days and nights, Goliath came out shouting his threats to the Israelites. He roared his threats about what he was going to do to the children of Israel. They were frightened and so they ran in fear from him. Goliath had a bad word in his mouth to shout out to them for those forty days and nights. He gave them a bad report about what he would do to them. He took great delight in making the Israelites' life miserable.

Goliath wanted to fight. He wasn't afraid like King Saul and the Israelites. Goliath said, "Choose a man and send him to fight me (vs. 8)." His terms were if your man can kill me, then we (Philistines) will be your servants. BUT if I kill him, you will be our servants. (vs. 9). Then he shouted at them, "*Today I stand and dare the army of Israel! Send one of your men to fight me!*" (vs. 10).

Things were really out of control with fear running wild and rampant in the camp of Israel. What were they to do? They were running nearly out of their sandals and boots scared for nearly two months about Goliath.

However, one day when David, the shepherd boy, who was the youngest son of Jesse, just happened to making his daily delivery of lunches from his dad to his three soldier brothers, David heard the shouting report of Goliath. He had the airwaves. His fearful report was the news of 24 hours a day for nearly forty days. On and on Goliath went bad-mouthing everybody.

David heard Goliath's trash-talk. David saw the fear on the faces of the Israelites and even his three brothers, along with the weary-worry look of King Saul. The soldiers greeted David with the report of what Goliath was saying over and over again. That was all that they were thinking about.

When David showed up, the brothers got mad at him. Then, King Saul was upset too. David tried to console them. He was not afraid. He was real cool about the whole situation. They did not want to listen to David's kind words. He was nobody and nothing to them. Yet, David said that he would fight Goliath for himself. He said, *"I, your servant, will go and fight this Philistine"* (vs.32). King Saul was angered and said, *"You can't go out against this Philistine and fight him. You're only a boy."*

King Saul explained how Goliath wasn't a pushover. He had been a warrior for years.

VICTORY!

"You're only a boy" meant nothing to David. Now, this is when David stood strong and gave his testimony of how over the years he had fought a lion and a bear that tried to attack his dad's sheep. They even tried to attack him, too. But, David killed them. He gave God the glory for all that He had done in his life to help and protect the sheep and him.

The Bible tells us how Goliath couldn't believe that this "boy" would come out to face him. David did not come with the armor of King Saul. He came with the power of God, his sling, and five smooth stones from a stream (vs.38-39). That is all that David needed. When Goliath came out to stand face to face with him....the battle was over! David took one stone, loaded it in his sling, and Victory! The champion fighter was killed by David.



BLESSINGS AND FAVOR!

David was blessed and highly favored, in spite of "the odds" against him.

Yet, there is a story in the Bible that really makes me so HAPPY! I've been rejoicing.

This story is about a woman in the Bible. The customs, traditions and laws in those Bible days.....and sadly, in many places today, are very restrictive; giving women little or no rights. Women are not favored. In those days, centuries ago, women had to be quiet, keep out of business, and had nearly no power over or in anything. Men ruled and were in charge of making decisions, laws, rules, and everything. Men were domineering in the home, church, society, government and most places. Traditions then and still today, are that the son or man are given privileges in the family over a daughter or women in the family. The mother was honored and beheld as beloved, but....other than that....not much more.

Last year, 2012, God lead me right to a fearless, powerful and bold woman in the Bible. How could I have missed her throughout these years? I discovered her at the time when Simmie and I, were confronted with a troublesome medical report concerning his health. One day, I screamed out, *“Help Lord! Bless him! Bless me!”* I had my Bible open and my eyes fell on this sentence, *“Give me a blessing...”* (Judges 1:15a KJV). The words leaped up to my face! I raised my hands and shouted.

I had to read more and find out who said this. The scripture read, *“and she said unto him...”* (Judges 1:15a KJV). Who is “she?” Who is “she” talking to? To God? Who?

THE ODDS ARE AGAINST YOU

I read more of the Bible and found out that her name was Achsah. She was the daughter of Caleb. He offered her to be the wife, the prize, for any man who attacks and captures the city of Kirjathsepher. There were many attacks and battles throughout the land. The Israelites went up against the Canaanites and Perizzites (v.4) Now, Caleb wanted more land released to the Israelites.

A young man named Othniel stepped up and captured the city. So Achsah, was given to him to be his wife. She did not have a say in this matter. Othniel could have been the ugliest and strangest acting man in the land, well it was too bad for her. She was stuck with him! She didn’t have an authority or voice in the whole matter. Her father, Caleb, made the offer and deal—and that was that!

GIVE ME A BLESSING!

However, Achsah was a smart sistah....sister. See, if that was the deal and plan for her life to be given to Othniel, she had a prayer and plan of her own. Look, she took authority.

Achsah snuggled up close to Othniel, got him feeling good and special like a good and wise wife can do. The Bible said, *“She told him to ask her father for a field”* (v.14). She wisely set it all up...her way.

Could a woman have her voice heard? In the book of Joshua, the land was given to this tribe and that tribe of Israelites. Men were in control. Men made the decisions. What would happen about Achsah?

She was on her donkey when she came over to her father, Caleb. He looked at her. He knew something was up with his daughter, Achsah. There was the way she got off of her donkey and looked at him. He said, *“What do you want?”* (V.14b). *“And she said unto him, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether (lower) springs”* (v. 15).

Look at that! She got what she asked for and MORE! Caleb gave her an overflowing blessing. More than enough! More than Achsah asked for. Now, what are the chances she would be blessed and favored? A woman! In spite of the odds – she was blessed!

BE BOLD!

Saints! We must come boldly to God. He has told us to do that. We have to step up and stand up! Next, we need to speak up! Satan wants to make us fearful, worried and sick to our stomachs about everything going on in our lives! We must confront Goliath: the giant problems, headaches and out of control situations in the Name of Jesus!

David was a boy, not a soldier, but he won the battle against Goliath.

Achsah was a woman living in those biblical times of restrictions and limitations for women. BUT GOD, was on their side. They were blessed and highly favored in spite of the odds against them.

People of God, we have the Word of God to change and bless our lives. Come on!



NOW! Let us proclaim His Word over our lives.

NOW! Let us proclaim His promises on our lives.

NOW! Let us holdfast to what He has given to us.

NOW! *"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want"*

Psalm 23:1 KJV.

NOW! *"I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away..."*

Isaiah 41:9b KJV.

NOW! *"He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no*

might he increaseth strength"

Isaiah 40: 29 KJV.

NOW! *"For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right*

hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee"

Isaiah 41:13 KJV.

NOW! Saints, boldly say,

LORD, GIVE ME A BLESSING!

I love how the New Century Version (NCV) of the Bible states Psalm 23:5:

"You pour oil of blessing on my head; You fill my cup to overflowing..."

Rejoice people of God! Praise the Lord forever! Thank you, Jesus!

SHE'S STRONG IN THE LORD!



Life has challenges. There is always some test and trial that we must confront. We can allow it to make us upset and frustrated or stronger.

One of my cousins, **Ms. Lola Darlene Gardner** of Detroit, won't allow defeating, negative and powerless words to come out of her mouth. She makes a true effort to not give a bad or down report concerning her circumstances. Through tests and trials, her trust is in God.

I regularly talk to her on the phone, she opens and closes her conversation with praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. Her favorite scripture is, *"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"* Philippians 4:13 KJV.

Lola stands on the Word of God. She makes an effort to choose to praise God. She won't move to the left or right **WITHOUT** giving God the glory. She stands and fights using the promises of God. When I try to find out how things are with her, she quickly responds, *"Wanda, I CAN DO ALL THINGS...It is Christ who is giving me the strength to do what must be done. It is Him!"*

David said, *"I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations"* Psalm 89:1 NJV.

*But unto you that fear
my name shall the Sun
of Righteousness arise
with healing in His
wings; Malachi 4:2*



From Portland, Oregon...

PASTOR TONI L. GATLIN - LOVE BY EXAMPLE CHURCH

“The Master’s Masterpiece”



A masterpiece is special – just like you. In fact, you are so special that God sent His own Son to live and die just for you, and rise from the dead so you can be all that He intended you to be (Romans 5:10).

But until you start believing in how special your position is in Him, you won’t benefit from His provision and become what He’s prepared for you as your purpose in life (Ephesians 2:10).

A masterpiece is also valuable; people pay a lot of money to own a masterpiece. Many are kept secure in museums and art galleries. I hope you know this speaks volumes about you. No matter what has been spoken about you in hurtful or negative ways, it doesn’t matter. God has already said what you are: you are His masterpiece. Others may see your flaws and weaknesses, but God sees that you are “fearfully and wonderfully made” and He wants your soul to grasp that truth (Psalm 139:13-16).

He’s given you a new life with a name and with new power, and now you can practice your new life if you only believe how special you are to Him.

Please remember this: like a masterpiece, you are rare, special, valuable, named, known, and positioned with your Creator because of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:6). You’ve been born again from above (John 1:13). Satan and indwelling sin work overtime to deceive you so you can’t see yourself in this new way (Romans 7:17, 20). When you start seeing yourself as God sees you, He’ll change the way you think, talk, plan, dress, dream, and treat yourself and others (especially strangers and enemies).

Never forget you are His masterpiece, His painting, His poem, His song, His work of art. You are blessed and special and loved by Him (Ephesians 1:3).

With Love, Pastor Mama T

Pastor Toni Gatlin a.k.a. Pastor Mama T loves helping people discover their God given purpose for life. Prayer and faith in Jesus Christ is central to her life. Her philosophy is simple “Trust God, He has the perfect plan for your life”. As a wife, author, teacher, pastor, counselor, exercise instructor and lover of people, Pastor Mama T desires to declare God’s message of hope in Christ. As an Associate Pastor at Grace Christian Fellowship and Pastor of Love By Example Mobile Outreach with her husband Walter, Pastor Mama T believes she would not be where she is today without clear understanding of God’s unconditional love. Along with the support of her children and Grandmother who had raised her with love.

Also, listen to her interesting and powerful ministry on Saturday mornings at PraiseAustin.com!

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MINISTRIES FOR OUR YOUTH

DYNAMIC Gospel Music Artist.....OCTAVIA HARRIS!



Pastor Toni L. Gatlin has something to brag about! This young, talented, and anointed gospel music artist is her daughter. Octavia Harris has a great story of deliverance and about the power of God in her life. She is making a major move by God into the gospel music scene.

God has blessed Octavia to record and release two lively CDs with a true message to touch lives. Order your copies of her CDs: "NOTHING TO FEAR!" & "WALKING ON THE WATER."

From Portland, OR underground pioneer, to Bay Area bad girl, to now born again head banger, Octavia Harris makes no excuses for not giving GOD her best. A multi-talented rapper, singer, and producer, the now Cincinnati, OH resident shows a penchant for keeping her ear to the heart of GOD while keeping her finger on the pulse of the people. Since giving her life to the LORD in 2005, Octavia hasn't looked back, independently releasing three full length albums, and preparing her fourth, "Be Myself," for a 2013 release. Armed with a powerful testimony and a heart for youth, specifically young women, Octavia's music pushes the envelope and exceeds genre limits by not only being sonically excellent, but also content rich in WORD and relevance. Sharing the stage with well-known Christian artists like Erica Cumbo, Beckah Shae, and Melinda Watts have only enhanced and validated Octavia's integral reputation and in-demand ministry. "Never," featuring D-Maub, is the current single for "Be Myself," and is another in a long line of wide ranging soundscapes that show Octavia's diversity and creativity. While the rush of being on the stage can't be compared to, Octavia finds an even bigger satisfaction with seeing lives transformed through GOD's message of redemption, which she is all too familiar with. Her goal, through both her life and her music, remains simple: "to give people hope through an understanding of how much GOD loves them." Octavia's drive to remind people there's "nothing to fear" will be hitting a radio and heart near you SOON!

DISCOGRAPHY:

Inspired By God – 2005 4 The Children – 2006 Radical Sabbatical – 2007 Be Myself - 2013

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Minister Christine Lombard (aka C. Love) is an associate minister of Thee Refiner's Fire Ministries of Prayer (website www.theefire.org). God has ordained her first and foremost an Intercessor, calling her to the primary ministries of Intimacy with God through God's Word, Worship, and Intercession. He has commissioned her to teach and impart the revelatory Truths of God, as Holy Spirit has imparted into her. She has been taught and trained in Prayer, Intercession, and Warfare by Holy Spirit through Prophetess Vera Paul for over twelve years. In addition, God has entrusted her with Chosen Generation Youth Ministry, and C. Love's Literary and Worship Arts Ministries, under the leadership of Prophetess Vera E. Paul. He has commissioned her to raise up a Chosen Generation of young warriors and Spirit-led Change Agents for Jesus Christ.

The primary voice or message of God within and through her is the clarion call of "Preparing God's Army for the Last Battle!" She is currently in the process of publishing her first book, "E. A. T. and Live: The Prophetic Art of Becoming" and spoken word CD, "C. Love Strictly Spoken Without Compromise". Updated information concerning these and other scribal assignments can be found at clovestrictlyspoken.com and intercessorsintimatechamber.blogspot.com (You may contact Minister Christine for more information or ministry bookings at 407-276-1460 or prayer@theefire.org).



***Teach these things to your children.
Talk about them when you're sitting
together in your home and when you're
walking together down the road.***

***Make them the last thing you talk
about before you go to bed and the first
thing you talk about the next morning.***

***That way you and your children will be
blessed with long life and abundant
crops upon the ground the Eternal God
promised to your ancestors, for as long
as there's a sky above the earth.***

Deuteronomy 11:20-21



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We loved Tim so very much. He was a gentleman and truly caring person. Tim knew how to smile and warm hearts with his kindness.

Our prayers are extended to his mother, Grandmother- Mother Edna Leak, and the entire Leak family.

Beloved Father,

MR. ROOSEVELT CLARK, JR.

Our prayers are extended to Evangelist Cynthia Clark and family.

May God comfort your hearts. God will sustain you. He will carry you through.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIALS

My Uncles: Mr. Claude McCann of Beachwood, OH - April 7, 1932 - 1989

Mr. Frederick McCann of Detroit, MI - May 18, 1930 - 1963

Grandmothers: Missionary Marie Palm - May 5 Birthday

Mother Blanche McCann - May 20 Birthday

There are so many, many precious memories....

MEMORIAL DAY - Monday, May 27, 2013

**A National Time of Observance
and Remembrance**



Isaiah 54:10

*“Though the mountains be shaken
and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor my covenant of peace be removed,”
says the Lord, who has compassion on you.*





CONGRATULATIONS!

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and

Nate Cavanaugh of Philadelphia

Wedding - Saturday, July 20, 2013 in Chestnut Hills, PA

Katelyn is one of the children of renowned author and speaker, Patricia Gallagher.

Anniversary Celebrations...

Happy 7th Wedding Anniversary

2006 - April 18 - 2013

Mr. Jason Palm and Mrs. Stacey Palm

of Southfield, MI

(Our Nephew and Niece)

Happy 16th Wedding Anniversary

1997 - April 19 - 2013

Mr. Stanford Holloway and Mrs. Hope Holloway

of Detroit, MI

(Our Cousins)

Happy 45th Wedding Anniversary

1968 - April 20 - 2013

Mr. Bruce Toussaint and Mrs. Carolyn Toussaint

of Sarasota, FL

(Beloved Friends)



Happy Birthday to You!



**Blessed Birthday - April 14
MRS. KATIE PALM HOLLOWAY
of Detroit, MI**

Mrs. Holloway is our very precious aunt. She is our dad's youngest sibling. All of her nieces and nephews fondly call her, "Katie." She loves that very much!

Katie is a dear aunt who cares very much about her precious children, grandchild Payton, nieces and nephews. She has always been closely involved with her family. Her parents were Elder Minor Palm, Sr. and Missionary Marie Palm.

We are thankful to have an aunt who is charming, warm, caring, and always knows how to give you kind words. Katie has a sweet glowing smile that beams so brightly! She loves the Lord with all of her heart.

**Blessed 84th Birthday
MOTHER BEULAH JONES
of St. Clair Shores, MI**

Mother Jones is a praying and tender-loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and Mother of the church. She is a woman full of grace, kindness, true wisdom and great understanding. Mother Jones loves to serve others and generously gives hospitality to those she touches. She is a peacemaker, encourager, and prayer warrior. She has been married for over 60 years to Deacon Robert Jones, Jr. They have a lovely family.



Ms. Darletha Jones

MORE APRIL BIRTHDAYS....

April 14 - Cousin, Ms. Darletha Jones of Maple Heights, OH

April 14 - Great-Niece - Jamisha! of Southfield, MI

April 30 - Poet/Author - Ms. Margaree Marlin

APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH.
Support and celebrate the talents of poets in your life.

MAY OBSERVANCES

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12, 2013

The Bible tells us to honor our mother and father. It is important to spend time expressing our love and appreciation to them. Take time to show them godly honor. This is the respect and concerns that God is pleased with us.

On this day, also show your thankfulness to women who are a part of your life. Thank them for their kindness, concerns, and all that they do for you. Reach out with love for those women who prayerfully support you!

MAY BIRTHDAYS!

Husband and wife...

May 4 - Cousin, Mr. Tony Washington of Turtle Creek, PA

May 6 - Cousin, Mrs. Marcia Washington of Turtle Creek, PA

May 15(?) - Chase Chadwick - 10 years old! - of Florida



May 25 - Author/Poet/Speaker - Ms. Ramelle T. Lee of Detroit, MI

Founder and President, TOUCHING YOUR HEART MINISTRIES

Ms. Lee is a major supporter of the Lamp Newsletter and my many ministry projects! Ramelle, May God fulfill your heart's desires. He has given you a great mandate and projection for your ministry. Supernatural greatness is yours!

**BLESSED 60th BIRTHDAY
to my dear sister....
MISS REGINA MORNA PALM
1953 - May 29 - 2013**



Regina is my precious Sweetheart. What a great blessing Regina is to us! We praise the Lord for her. Regina has a big heart of love that overflows.

God bless you! You walk in faith and trust in the Lord. Your songs of praise and worship to the Lord are touching. Your favorite songs, "Down Through the Years God's Been Good to Me" and "He Keeps Doing Great Things for Me" are truly your testimony.

*I thank God for a beautiful and caring sister who has stood faithfully in my life.
I am grateful for your walk with me. I LOVE YOU, REGINA!*

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Pastor, LOVE BY EXAMPLE CHURCH



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MOTHER ELIZABETH HANDS, FOUNDER'S WIFE

AND ALL THE MEMBERS

May God bless you for standing with me in ministry. You are a great blessing!

THE LAMP NEWSLETTER NEW SUBSCRIBER!

MS. JESSICA SMITH of Southfield, MI

Poet/CRW Member

Thank you for subscribing to the LAMP! Thanks for your support and comments.

Jessica is a young Christian who is under 25 years old. I get so excited when

STAPLES OFFICE SUPPLY STAFF

This "Thank You" especially is for Sharonda Pitts and Katie at the Staples in Dearborn, MI located on Michigan Avenue. You and the Copy Center staff are always so willing to help me produce the Lamp. I sincerely appreciate your help to print the February/March 2013 issue. You mastered the problem with the poetry page! Glory to God!

THANKS TO MS. LINDA STAFFORD...The "Supreme Avon Lady"

Your help with the items purchased for my ministry projects this year is amazing! I am grateful for your diligent work and unfailing services.



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MINISTRY UPDATE REPORTS:

This ministry, **WRITE THE VISION MINISTRIES AND MEDIA PRODUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL**, has a tremendously busy schedule. God has opened doors for us, Simmie and me, to unite with the outreach ministries for the homeless and veterans in Detroit and other cities around the United States. He has also given us the opportunity to unite in ministry with church leaders, pastors, ministry teams, and organizations around the world! We are thankful.



FEBRUARY, MATCHLESS LOVE MINISTRIES: There are numerous Valentine's Day projects and activities happening each year. In 2011, 2012 and 2013, we have been able to minister to more men who are hurting or searching for healing in relationships as a single male or married man. Men are hurting and looking for those who care. They don't need your preaching and fussing at them. They don't even want you pointing out what is expected of them. They want someone to care, listen, and understand. This is what we have been able to do through organizations and

ministries that are prayerfully striving to meet these needs on many levels.

In 2011, our ministry joined with **best-selling author Kim Brooks** (*pictured below*) in her ministry to men, "Real Men." She invited Christian male authors and leaders to participate in a panel to discuss various men-related issues. The event was outstanding!

God blessed us to provide copies of the book, *199 Promises from God*, to be given as a giveaway to those in attendance. Some of the women who were there received this book, too.

Along with our work with Ms. Brooks, here is a list of other ministries that God has brought us together to reach those hurting:

Second Chance Ministries of Detroit, MI

Pastor Lindsay Kootama.

Love By Example of Portland, OR - Pastor Toni L. Gatlin

Touching Your Heart Ministries of Detroit, MI –

Author Ramelle T. Lee, Founder

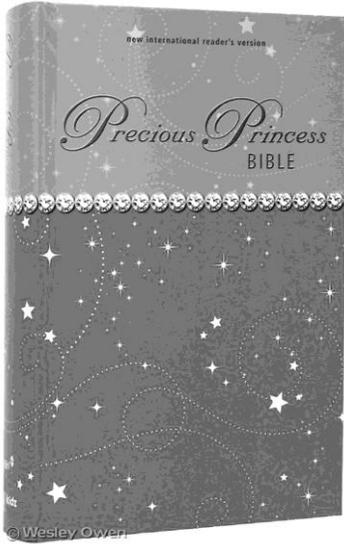
Revealed International Women's Empowerment of Florida -

Minister Tarsha Campbell, Founder

And More!



HELP US! Bibles for Girls Ages 5 - 12 NEEDED!



We need your help to purchase 100 Precious Princess Bibles for girls this year. We are reaching out to these girls because many of them have troubling issues in their lives. Sadly, many of these girls are suffering from self-esteem matters, family problems, friendship relationships, abuse, and sexual promiscuity...Yes!

Please purchase Bibles for our girls! Bibles cost \$18.00 each. This is with the tax added. Send your donation to my mailing address. Your name will be added as the donor or sponsor of every Bible you purchase for them.

Presently, we have at least 5 people joining us in this ministry project. Some are purchasing more than one Bible. HELP!



Special Honors and Acknowledgment to Our Ministries

My heart has been so, so touched by the honors and acknowledgments received for our ministries: WRITE THE VISION MINISTRIES AND MEDIA PRODUCTIONS, INTERNATIONAL. I am so thankful for the recognition that we are reaching from Christian leaders, leading ministries, and productive business organizations.

It is with great gratitude and appreciation to the following ministries for their kindness to us:

- January 2013 - Revealed International Women's Empowerment - in Florida founded by Minister Tarsha Campbell. This is for: The Divine Introduction - Featured Member
- April 20, 2013 - Broken Boxes Ministries founded by Dr. Naima Johnston-Bush at the 6th Annual Spirit of Deborah Conference in Fairborn, OH.
- May 27, 2013 - Destiny and Purpose Community Outreach (DAPC). Serving Wayne and Washnew Counties in Ypsilanti, MI - "Business Showcase" - founded by Minister Towana Parker.

To God be the Glory!

COMING THIS SUMMER...

Please Join Ministry Leaders:

Author Ramelle T. Lee and Mrs. Wanda J. Burnside

in their 1st Annual

SPIRITUAL REFRESHING CONFERENCE

Theme: "Keep God in the Picture"

Worship • Prayer Time • Guests Soloists • Music- Poetry • 2 Workshop Sessions
Special Presentations • Ministry Items Gift Shops • Fellowship Luncheon • Door Prizes and MORE!

"I AM PRECIOUS " Session for Girls 5 to 12 Session for YOU!
REGISTRATION STARTS IN MAY! MORE DETAILS TO COME.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS....

The Spotlight Is On: Mr. And Mrs. Michael Barnes



The city of Detroit is always in the national spotlight for negative reasons. Yes, there are many problems here in this city. However, we have many citizens who are residents who care and are actively concerned about trying to change things. I know many of them who work hard trying to give us a more positive image .

My cousin, Mrs. Michele Gardner Barnes, is a resident of Detroit, MI. She and her husband, Mr. Michael Barnes, have raised their four children, who are now adults, in this city. Now, after 40 years of marriage and living in Detroit, they continue to help raise their grandchildren too. They also are involved in working with others who have tremendous needs throughout the city.

They have been a part of the changes and challenges living in Detroit. They have much pride in their neighborhood and community. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are involved in what is going on in this big city. Mrs. Barnes is active in her street's Block Club, nearby schools' activities, and community projects. Mr. Michael Barnes invests his retirement time in helping the community, being a mentor to youth, enjoys fishing, gardening with his wife, and other things in Detroit.

Most of all, Mrs. Barnes is a prayer warrior and sings songs of praise to God as a covering over families, schools, and the entire area of Detroit. May God bless Mr. and Mrs. Barnes. We honor you.

TIMES OF TERROR

We are truly living in troubled times. Each day we are confronted with violent and horrific situations near and far. Rage, anger, violence and criminal acts are on the increase everywhere. Fear wants to grip and imprison us from shore to shore and country to country. We want peace, but this will all continue to escalate in these perilous times.

The recent terrorist and bombing attack on Monday, April 15, 2013 at the Boston Marathon was horrific. Many innocent people were injured and three were killed at this annual event by these two vicious bombing attacks. The world seemed to stop as we listened and saw the reports of what was going on in Boston, Massachusetts here in the United States. Why?

We wondered who could have done this criminal and unthinkable act of evil. We, as a nation and the entire world, became locked down to our televisions when the two suspects were identified and sought after by every level of the law. We were glued to the reports of what was happening to capture them. For many, me included, we watched the entire thing play out in front of our eyes. And now, with one brother dead and one living to give law officials information on their crime, we yet are concerned about the details.

After the 9/11 attack on the Twin Towers in New York, I remember hearing one of our governmental officials saying that the terror that is bigger than any evil acts of terror is FEAR. He said that fear will stop us and destroy our sense of safety more than anything else. He stated that fear will paralyze individuals and our nation, which will bring this great country, America, to our knees. We won't be able to do anything because we will be too afraid to move!

Well, those are the plans of Satan for all of us. He wants us to LIVE IN FEAR! He wants us CAPTURED BY FEAR! However, the Word of the Lord repeats and repeats, FEAR NOT! FEAR NOT! We must remember and live knowing that God is with us in everything. He is here!

We must all read and live by Psalm 91 in the Bible. Cover your life and family with every word of it!

"Thou shall not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands..." Psalm 91: 5,10-12a KJV

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