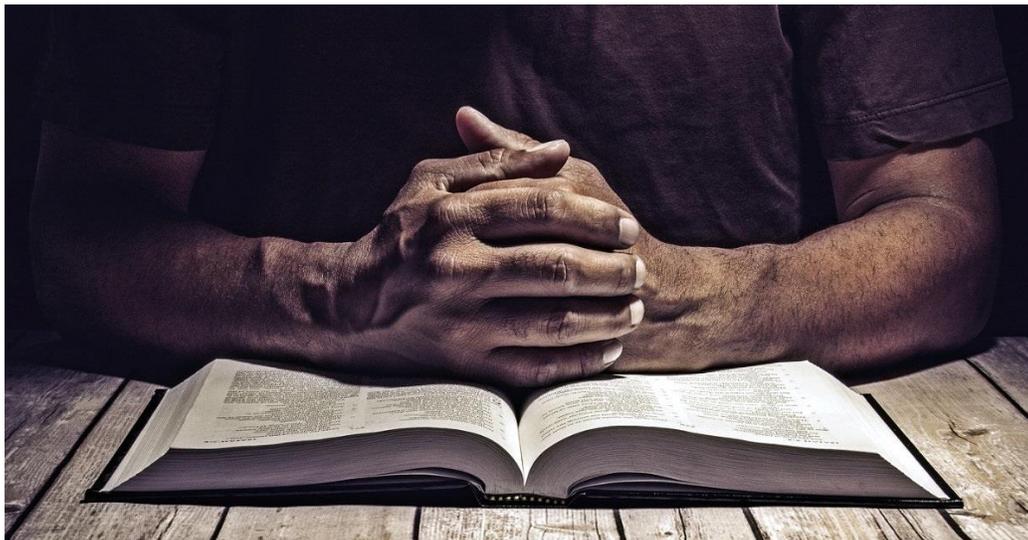


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**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**



**FROM THE LAMP NEWSLETTER**



Mrs. Wanda J. Burnside,  
Founder and President

Dear Readers,

It's time for FATHER'S DAY. Oh, there is much to say about this day. It is hard to celebrate this holiday for, so many. For they have a lot of hurt, bitterness and anger toward their father. It is too painful! This day is understandable. It's not happy for everyone.

**In this issue of The Lamp Newsletter, we are not going to bash and beat up the negative dads.** See, we're giving honor to those whom honor is due...like the Bible commands us to do in Romans 36:7. **BUT, I WILL ADDRESS SOME MAJOR CONCERNS directly related to fathers and men.** In fact, God has spoken to me about what He wants to say! Please be sure to read my comments on pages 28-31.

In this issue, you'll meet The Lamp Newsletter staff's fathers, a brother, son, a son-in-law and husbands on pages 6-10. There are other men who are doing great things for their family, church, community and others. We also have numerous special features, too.

So, I want to introduce you to my father, Elder Minor Palm, Jr. and my husband Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr. I thank the Lord for them. They mean everything to me!

## Wanda J. Burnside's Father and Husband...



**ELDER MINOR PALM, JR.** (February 5, 1926 – April 5, 2010).

He married Willie Lee McCann on May 14, 1949. They were married for 54 years.

Willie Lee, my mama, died on March 14, 2002.

They have three (2 spouses) children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



**MR. SIMMIE LEE BURNSIDE, JR.** is my dear husband. We married November 4, 1972. He is the manager of my ministries; Write the Vision Ministries and Media Products, International, THE LAMP NEWSLETTER and Treasurers from Heaven Ministries. We don't have children. However, we are blessed with numerous loving and precious godchildren!

# **A LOVING FATHER**

Written by Wanda's father,

Elder Minor Palm, Jr.

In Luke 15:11-24, Jesus tells the story of two sons. The younger came to his father with a request for his portion of goods that falleth to him. The father agreed to divide his living with his two sons.

The father did not refuse to give him his portion. Although the older son was not ready to leave home, the father also gave him his portion.

A few days later, the younger son gathered all that was his. He left home. He took his journey to a far country.

I want to spend some time talking about this father because we are heading to Father's Day. This father was a good man. He had his house in order. We learn that he had hired servants. He had a storehouse of goods. He had a full wardrobe and a supply of shoes. He had jewels. He had cattle in the fields and crops growing in the fields. His servants had their quarters where they lived. This father had a deposit box to keep his money.

Although his young son knew this, he let his mind wander to faraway places. He felt that he would get much enjoyment being on his own. He wanted to make new friends and not go through the daily routines. He went away to fulfill his dream.

**However, after some time, wine was not as sweet as it had been. He didn't have as many pretty girls as he once had. His clothes were wearing thin.**

**The young son was told that he couldn't stay at the fancy hotels. Nobody greeted him as "sir." He was out of money. Nobody cared. He traded his ring and jewels for something to eat. Now he was on hard times.**

**There was a famine in the land. The young son went to work for citizens of that country. His job was feeding swine. This was against his training for he was a Hebrew.**

**This young son came to his senses. In his mind, he saw his father's estate and all that his father had. He could see the servants sitting at their table eating. The young man got up and headed for home. - Copyright 2006**

*My father, Elder Minor Palm, Jr. was a "sanctified gospel preacher," noted church leader, a Bible College and music college grad, musician, trumpeter, author, music composer, an award-winning writer and talented songwriter. He also was a vibrant and committed community leader. He was a skills man at the historic Cadillac Motor Car Division in Detroit, MI.*

*Elder Palm came to the Lord Jesus Christ in November 1946 at the age of 20 years old at Love Tabernacle Church of God in Christ. A month later, while Elder Palm was seeking the Lord at the altar, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, the founder of the Church of God in Christ, came up and anointed everyone at the altar. Elder Palm had a great experience during this time.*

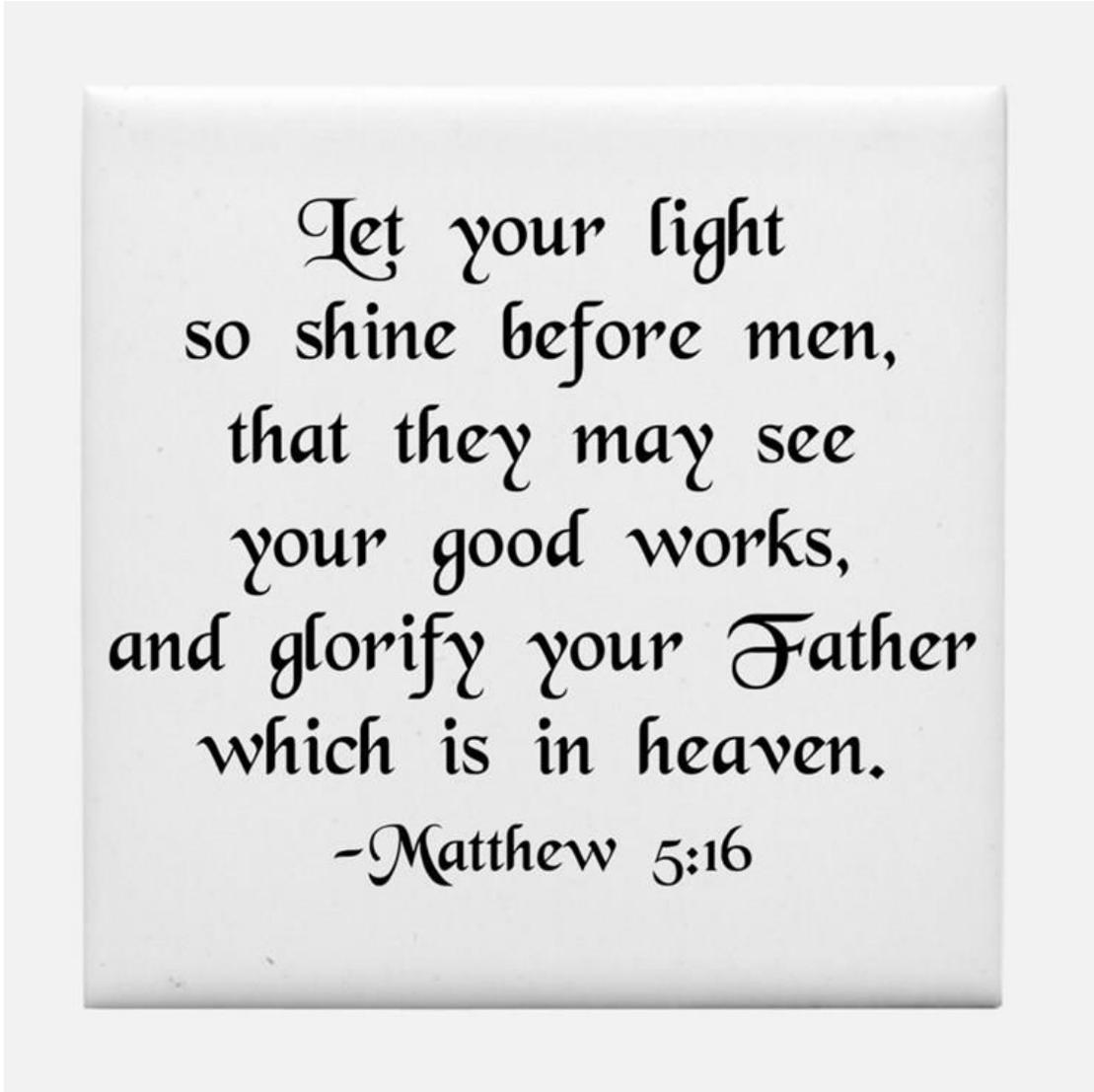
*He was filled with the Holy Ghost in December of that same year at a revival held at Hartford Street Church of God in Christ. The pastor was the late Bishop U. E. Miller. This revival was run by Mother Young. God called him to preach the gospel in February 1948 at 22 years old*

*On May 14, 1949 he married Ms. Willie Lee McCann. They were blessed to have three children. They were very devoted to their children, grandchildren and family.*

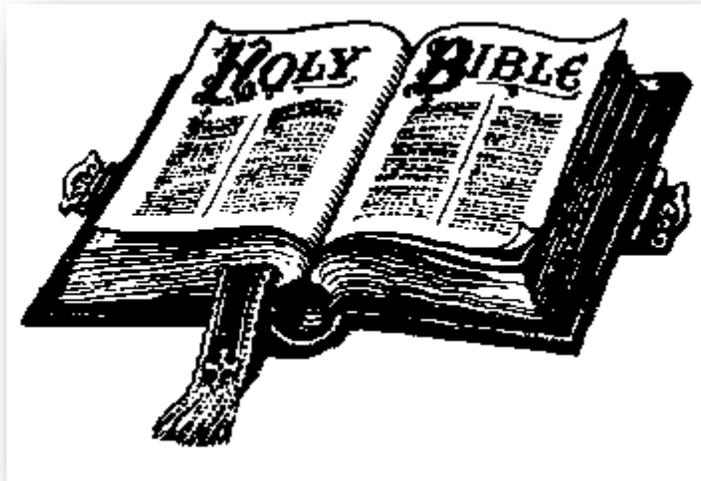
*They were members of Greater Miller Memorial Church of God in Christ where the late*

*Bishop Earl J. Wright, Sr. was the pastor. Elder Palm served the church in many leadership areas. He was the General Sunday School Superintendent, the founder of "Church on the Rocks" at the Wayne County Jail in Detroit, mission worker, Junior Church pastor, Assistant Bible Teacher to the Bishop and other positions.*

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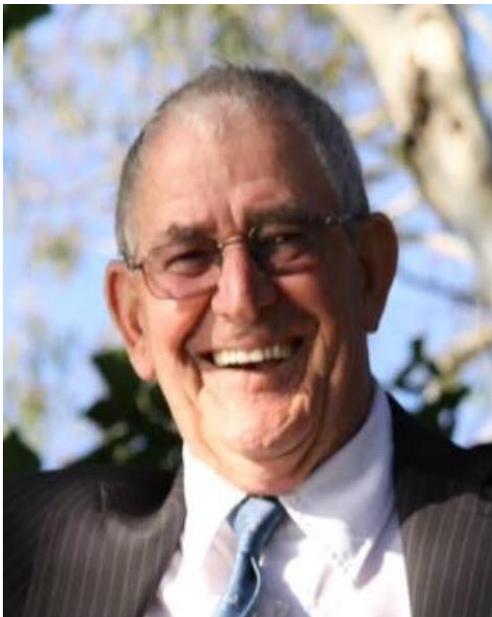


Let your light  
so shine before men,  
that they may see  
your good works,  
and glorify your Father  
which is in heaven.  
-Matthew 5:16



## **HONOR THY FATHER**

**Greetings from MINISTER SANDRA HICKMAN of AUSTRALIA,  
The Lamp Staff Ministry Leader and Staff Writer**



**Mr. Colin Hickman** - My beloved Dad, my hero! He went to be with Jesus on August 1, 2016 at the age of 84. Dad was married to my mum, Shirley for 64 years. They have four daughters. I am the second eldest. He was a loving Pop to 12 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.



**Pastor Raymond Nsalange**  
My much-loved son-in-law.  
The devoted husband of my daughter, Tari. He is an inspiration of fatherly love to their four children.

**God Bless You from Christine V. Mitchell of the UK (London),  
The Lamp Staff Ministry Leader and Staff Writer**



My dear loving Dad,  
**Mr. Daniel George McKenzie**  
(1918-1991). This is my Dad in his  
early-50s. He was the only parent I  
knew - much loved grandad of  
four and great-granddad of two.



My dear husband,  
**Pastor Frederick Mitchell.**  
We will mark 37 years of marriage  
this year. God has blessed us with  
two married sons and two  
daughters. We have two  
wonderful grandsons.

**Hello Readers from Michele Barnes of Detroit, MI,  
Staff Contributing Writer, The Lamp Newsletter**



I am extremely proud of my son **Mr. Shuan Barnes** (on the right). He is a great young man, loyal husband and loving father to his son Levi. Shuan is a wonderful blessing!



**Praise the Lord from Author Ramelle T. Lee of Detroit, MI,  
Staff Contributing Writer, The Lamp Newsletter**



My precious father,

**Mr. Andrew Lee, Jr.**

He died October 24, 1990.

He was married to my mom, Barbara,

For 46 years. They had three children:

A son and then a set of twins, a boy and  
a girl, which is me! He was a granddad.



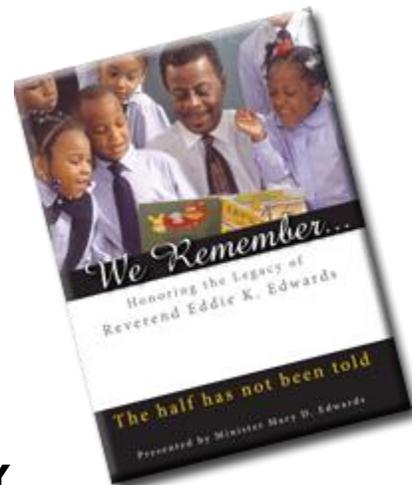
My twin brother, **Reverend Lovell Lee.**  
He is married to Annette. He is the father  
of three children, grandfather and a great-  
granddad.

**TRIBUTES FROM OUR EDITOR..... DR. MARY EDWARDS**



I want to pay tribute to my dear son, **Mr. Donald Brooks**. The Bible says, “...*And a little child shall lead them*” (Isaiah 11:6). Don repeatedly gives me excellent advice and always strives to make life easier for me, especially as I grow older on my widowhood journey. I always say he watches over me like a “mother hen,” but actually his care represents a role reversal. I took care of him. Now he takes care of me!

**REV. EDDIE K. EDWARDS,**  
**Founder, JOY OF JESUS MINISTRIES**  
**FIRST BREATH JUNE 1, 1936 - LAST SMILE JULY 25, 2004**



**A FATHER to MANY**

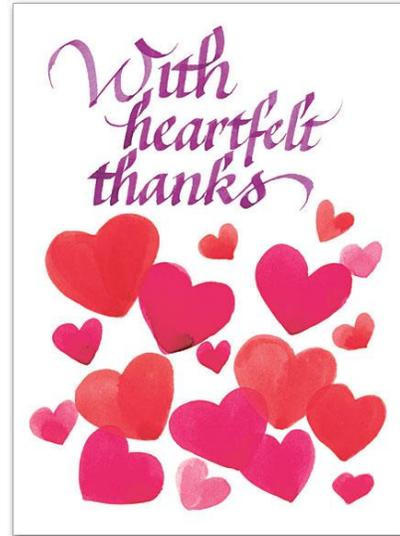
From 1976-2004, children were his passion.

His desire was to “impact his generation.”

Indeed, he did. A picture is worth 1,000 words.

## **MR. PATRICK HOLLOWAY**

### **A Caring Dad with a BIG HEART**



There is something truly mighty special about a man who cares about others. A man who wants to help and who is willing to do for others is amazing. Patrick Holloway is a young man who daily considers what is important and needful for his mother Mrs. Katie Holloway, his daughter Payton, family, friends, neighbors, his church and community. Everyday it seems like everybody depends on his help for so many things.

Patrick is skilled and trained in many areas. He is an electrician, gardener, lawn care specialist, gourmet cook, chief chef, handyman, and caregiver. He spends his weekends in various outreach ministries at his church.

Many people love Patrick. He makes new friends easily and has numerous cherished friendships. He has a big heart filled with many marvelous things. However, one of his major concerns is to be a good and caring dad to Payton.

Patrick loves the Lord with all of his heart. He reaches out to the lost, homeless, hurting and anyone who is searching for peace. He boldly speaks of what God can do. He is strongly committed to live for Christ.

Michele Barnes and I are proud to say we personally know Patrick, he's our cousin!

*-With Much Love, Wanda J. Burnside*

**MEN! FATHERS! THERE'S POWER in the WORD of GOD!**

**From Christine V. Mitchell of the UK...**

Psalm 103:13 (NIV)

*"As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;"*

Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

*"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*

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**From Minister Sandra Hickman of Australia...**

Proverbs 14:26 (NIV)

*"In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge."*

Proverbs 23:24 (NIV)

*"The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him."*

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**From Author Ramelle T. Lee...**

A Father's Wisdom

*"I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.*

*When you walk, your steps will not be hampered;*

*when you run you will not stumble.*

*Hold on to instruction; do not let it go;*

*guard it well, for it is your life" (Proverbs 4:11-13 NIV).*

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**From Michele Barnes...**

Scriptures dear to the hearts of two fathers over eighty years of age:

*"O taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8 KJV).*

*"Honor thy father and mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God has given" (Exodus 20:12 KJK).*

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Greetings to everyone near and far,



I'm happy to announce that God has brought more than one million visitors to my music site at:  
<http://n1m.co/michaeldaigle> (Number One Music)

Actually, it's more than that, but I want to thank everyone who's stopped by to hear a song and check things out. I'm thankful to God for all of the new listeners around the world. The good news is, it just keeps on going and going!

The Lord is opening more and more avenues and doors for my songs to reach people all over the earth. Thank You God! It's all because of You, Lord! Amen.

With a thankful heart,

Michael D'Aigle/fool4christ

p.s. My latest CD/Beautiful Dust - should be released sometime soon. Please visit the address above to hear some of the songs that I'll be featured on.

to find more music/videos visit: <http://n1m.co/michaeldaigle>

<https://www.reverbnation.com/MICHAELDAIGLE>

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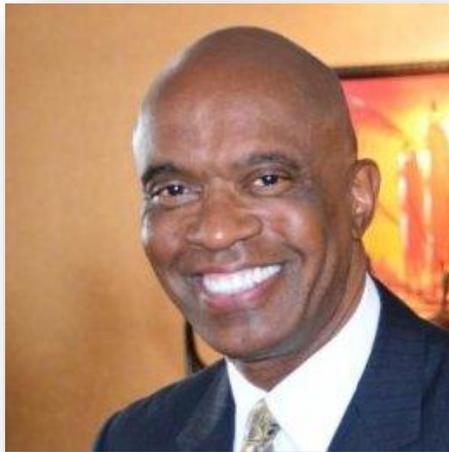
***AWESOME JOB!***

**Congratulations to... Mr. Willie Bernard White, P.E.**

**Founder and President,**

**WHITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

**Built in Detroit...Since 1989**



Mr. W. Bernard White, the founder and president of WHITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY in Detroit, MI, makes Detroit tremendously proud. His construction company just completed a major project to build rapid transportation in our city. We're excited about the M-1 Rail Q-Line Street Car Project. Now, there's a drastic change to how people can travel in downtown Detroit and beyond.

*This is a \$125 million CM/GC project to construct a 3.3-mile streetcar system along Woodward Avenue, the main street through the center of Detroit. The streetcar line connects downtown to Campus Martius, the entertainment/sports district, Midtown, Wayne State University, the museum district, and New Center. The project includes approximately 2.5 miles of full width roadway reconstruction and the complete replacement of two bridges over I-75 and I-94. It also includes 20 station platforms, traction power, train signal and communication systems, traffic signals, street lighting, systems infrastructure, and public and private utility relocation. Detroit-based White Construction managed the construction of 20 stations and their foundations.*

-Information obtained from White Construction website: [www.whitecon.com](http://www.whitecon.com) .

Through the years, God has blessed Mr. White and his construction company. His work spans seven (7) markets and nearly 100 projects: Commercial (29), Healthcare (7), Public/Municipal (26), Educational (14), Industrial (6), Religious (3), and Residential (2). He is making an immense mark throughout Detroit which makes the city and state shine!

Mr. White is the father of three grown children and the grandfather of two grandchildren. His great legacy continues through his children. They are following his footsteps and accomplishing many exceptional things in life.

Faith and trust in God is the foundation and anchor in his life. His godly upbringing and home training by his mother, Mrs. Muriel White and his grandmother, Mother (Mrs.) Rosa Smith truly helped to share and mold him to be the great, progressive and successful man he is today. This is something that he has always recognized and honored. Mr. White's integrity and fortitude is a product of this rich heritage and Christian principals.

Mr. White is very dear and special to me and my family. For decades Mr. White, our families and I, attended, worshiped and served at the same church, Greater Miller Memorial Church of God in Christ. Our paths in life continued to cross through the years.

#### Photos of the New Street Car Project

On the next three pages, you will get a view of Mr. White and the street car. Mr. White isn't afraid to get his hands dirty. He is a "hands-on" man. He has always been this way. When there is work to be done, you can depend on him to be on the job!

Below is a statement that he made concerning this first posted picture. He stated, *"I took this photo with my cell phone in October of 2016 when the tracks for the Q-Line were being laid. It was early in the morning when downtown was quiet and I just wanted to revel in the fact that I had been so blessed to be involved in such an important project in Detroit's history."*

*-Article written by Wanda J. Burnside, Founder, THE LAMP NEWSLETTER*





**White Construction managed the construction of the 20 M-1 Rail Stations for the Project. The work included the foundation pads, precast shelters, glazing, signage, electrical power, lighting, exposed aggregate concrete floors, benches, waste receptacles, etc.**



**ALL ABOARD!**

**Detroit's**

**M-1 RAIL Q-LINE STREET CAR**

**Glory to God!**

# **THE LAMP NEWSLETTER ALSO SALUTES OTHER GREAT FATHERS**

## **MUCH LOVE FROM WANDA BURNSIDE TO:**

- ELDER RODGER PALM, *Wanda Burnside's brother. He is a caring and loving father of three adult children and three grandchildren.*
- Elder Palm's sons: MR. JASON PALM – Dad of two children
- and MR. JULIAN PALM-Dad of two children.
- MR. BRUCE TOUSSAINT-Loving Friend
- In Loving Memory BISHOP EARL J. WRIGHT, SR., Beloved pastor and Jurisdictional Bishop.

## **MUCH LOVE FROM MICHELE BARNES TO:**

- MR. DANIEL GARDNER, Michele Barnes' brother. He is a father of five children and nine grandchildren.
- Michele's son-in-law: MR. ERICK JEAN-LOUIS – Dad of three children.
- MR. CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS – Dad of three sons.
- In Loving Memory of – Grandfather: ELDER MINOR PALM, SR. (Wanda's, too).
- In Loving Memory of – MR. ODELL GARDNER, Michele's father.

## **MUCH LOVE FROM MINISTER SANDRA HICKMAN TO:**

- In Loving Memory of- Grandfather: MR. JOHN HILL (JACK) HICKMAN
- In Loving Memory of- Grandfather: MR. WILLIAM (BILL) JOHNSON
- In Loving Memory of- Father-in-Law: MR. FREDERICK (FRED) RICHARDSON.
- My dear friend – MR. STEVEN HENRY, single-handedly raising his three young daughters.

## **MUCH LOVE FROM AUTHOR RAMELLE T. LEE TO:**

- In Loving Memory of- PROPHET KIM CLEMENT.
- MR. MACK NEWSOM, Precious Lifetime Family Friend.
- JUDGE REVEREND DAVID MASON, Precious Lifetime Family Friend.
- MR. ALLEN STRONG, Cousin.
- MR. LAMAR IVEY, Nephew.
- MR. LOVELL D'ANGLO LEE, Nephew.

## ***From a Loving Father's Heart...***



### **Take a Breath by Scott Newport**

Shortly after I walked through the exit doors of the pediatric intensive care unit, I received a text from a father. I'd just spent two hours with him, alongside his critically ill son. Though my walk leading to the parking garage at the University of Michigan, C. S. Mott Children's Hospital was dim, it didn't stop me from reading the following message:

*"Scott, I really feel like things will work out. Would you take a deep breath of fresh air for me today?"*

Four years earlier, Pierre had witnessed the death of his first boy, a day and a half after his birth. Now two-year old, Christian was facing a similar outcome. I also lost a child to the disease monster and have found a new mission, mentoring fathers of chronically ill children.

Even though I pray for the right words to say before I enter a pediatric I.C.U. room, I wasn't really prepared for Pierre's request that late Sunday afternoon.

Could I give a lifesaving breath of fresh air to someone who was suffering?

The next morning I went for a run, taking the occasional deep breath and praying for wisdom about Pierre's request. When I got home I found this verse while reading my Bible:

"The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life" (Job 33:4).

In this verse, Elihu, a trusted friend, came alongside the suffering saint, Job, who just wanted to die. In my mind, I can just imagine Elihu, his feet dangling over the edge of the pit, looking down at Job as he talked. He reminded Job, buddy-to-buddy, they were all made from the same clay and had been given the same breath of life.

When we are in a crisis, it's often hard or impossible to do simple tasks, like taking a timeout from life or making a phone call to a trusted friend. When we're overwhelmed, we can't even take a deep breath.

As I thought about what Pierre's text meant, I think his words were created for me too, having a double meaning.

When I read, "I feel like things are going to work out," Pierre might have been saying that to comfort me. He knew of my loss and that is why we connected so deeply.

Truth be told, we all have times of suffering, and we all need a friend we can ask for companionship in times of crisis. We need to give others permission to ask the hard questions and be ready to reach down and comfort them.

I often feel like Job and get angry at God about my own loss. Maybe now I can step back and look at it a bit differently, even finding a bit of hope and understanding as I try to process losing Evan. I literally took a deep breath or two after my run that morning when I found the verse. Even in the middle of my own suffering and grief, the breath of God gives me life. And I can share that same deep breath of life with others too.

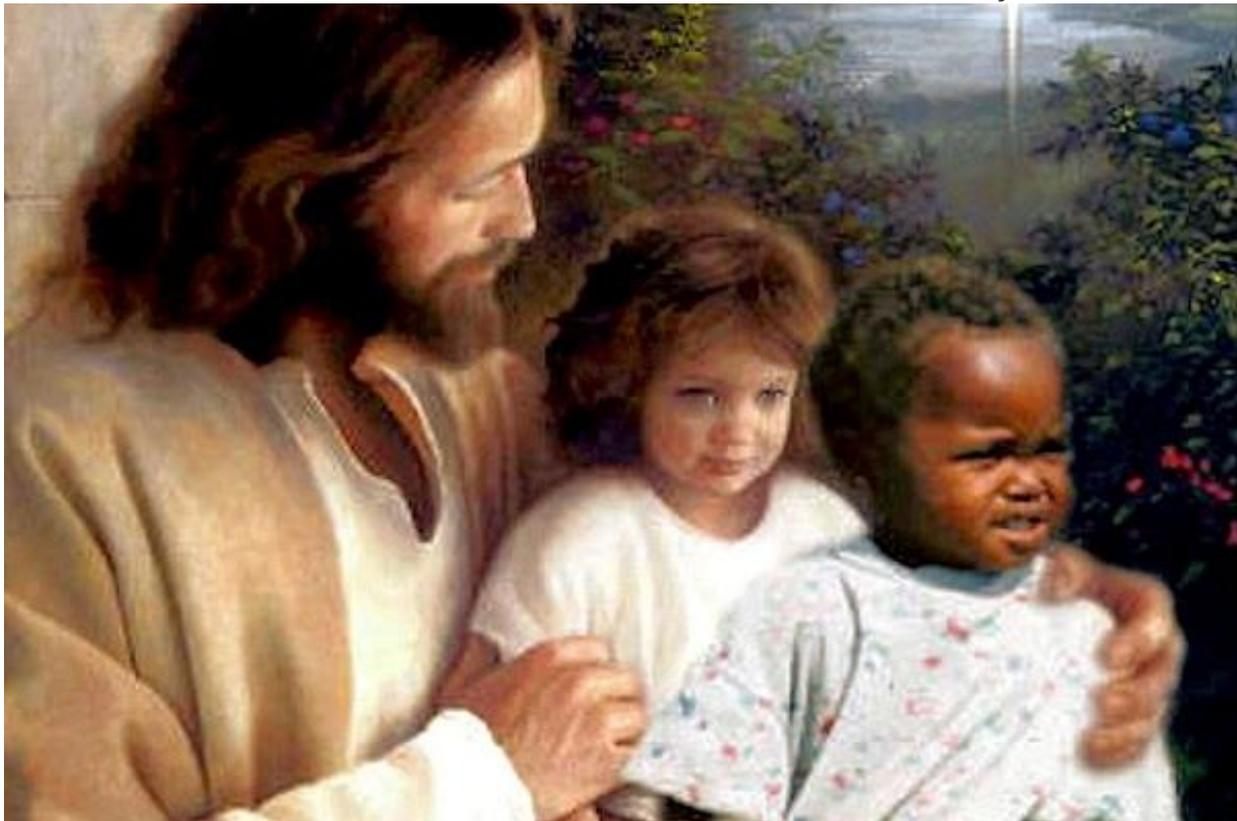
I don't know if I will ever tell Pierre my revelation but the last few times we've talked, I felt like he already knows. Every time we talk it's like we are both reaching down to each other to help the other one up, just like Elihu reached down to Job when he was in the pit of despair.

What can you do today to support those who are suffering? Maybe you have experienced a loss or disappointment that is preparing you to come along side those who are in the pit.

I would encourage you to do what I did: Take a breath like the one Pierre asked me to take that Sunday afternoon and the answer may come. Listen to those you serve, but also to the gentle nudge from the One above, even when that nudge comes from a suffering friend. Maybe God is telling us both to take a deep breath. -Copyright 2016

*Scott Newport's story won the writing competition at the 2016 Maranatha Christian Writers Conference in Muskegon, MI. He also attended my poetry writing workshop that I taught at this national conference. Since then, Scott has been very dear to me.*

*~Wanda J. Burnside*



*“But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me. Don’t stop them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people who are like these children” (Matthew 19:14 NCV).*

**Fathers, do you feel like a winner or loser?**

**Are you a champion in life?**

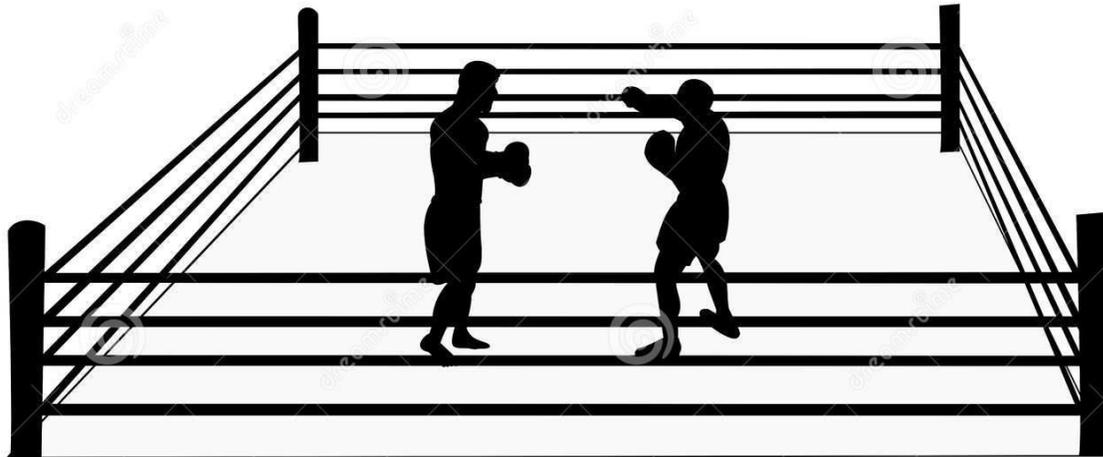
**OR**

**Are you knocked down and defeated?**



**GOD, Your HEAVENLY FATHER, wants YOU to go through the hard times and difficulties in life depending upon Him!**

**Lean on Him for His help. Trust in Him. He wants you to be a CHAMPION! You can be an Overcomer! You can have VICTORY!**



From The Holy Bible... **Psalm 91**The Message (MSG)

**91** <sup>1-13</sup> You who sit down in the High God's presence,

spend the night in Shaddai's shadow,

Say this: "God, you're my refuge.

I trust in you and I'm safe!"

That's right—he rescues you from hidden traps,

shields you from deadly hazards.

His huge outstretched arms protect you—

under them you're perfectly safe;

his arms fend off all harm.

Fear nothing—not wild wolves in the night,

not flying arrows in the day,

Not disease that prowls through the darkness,

not disaster that erupts at high noon.

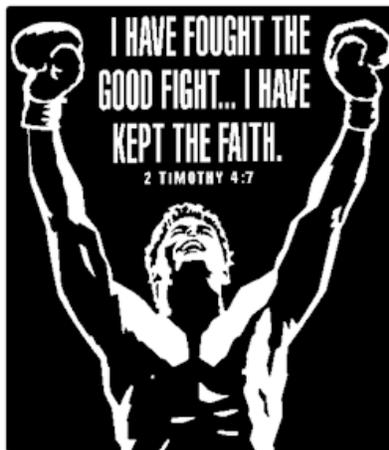
Even though others succumb all around,

drop like flies right and left,

no harm will even graze you.

**You'll stand untouched, watch it all from a distance,  
watch the wicked turn into corpses.  
Yes, because GOD's your refuge,  
the High God your very own home,  
Evil can't get close to you,  
harm can't get through the door.  
He ordered his angels  
to guard you wherever you go.  
If you stumble, they'll catch you;  
their job is to keep you from falling.  
You'll walk unharmed among lions and snakes,  
and kick young lions and serpents from the path**

**<sup>14-16</sup> "If you'll hold on to me for dear life," says GOD,  
"I'll get you out of any trouble.  
I'll give you the best of care  
if you'll only get to know and trust me.  
Call me and I'll answer, be at your side in bad times;  
I'll rescue you, then throw you a party.  
I'll give you a long life,  
give you a long drink of salvation!"**





## **A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER**

Wanda J. Burnside

Dear Readers,

Here we are near the close of this issue of THE LAMP NEWSLETTER marking another Father's Day. For an enormous majority of sons, daughters and families, it is not even recognized as a holiday or NOTHING! It is totally ignored. For them, it is a bitter and disgusting day. For many, they pretend or live like it doesn't even exist...at all. It is truly hard to deal with... they say, *"It is a STUPID DAY...A RIDICULOUS HOLIDAY!"*

Hatred, anger, hostility, disrespects, and downright rage is all that most hurting sons and daughters feel toward their fathers. If he is still living, their father will be IGNORED and REJECTED. He will be cussed out, fussed at and may get a left hook if he even says another word to them. They are fed-up with his behavior and abandonment. They are MAD at their father's abusive, lying, drunken, running around-cheating, and so on and so on father.

Some fathers have years of all sorts of mischievous and low-down ways of living. Many have fathered children by several women. They could care less about the ill-reputation that they have gained. See, they feel that they don't have to answer to NOBODY and NOBODY is going to tell them what to do.

These fathers don't want to live responsible for the deeds or things they've done. They feel that they have earned the right to be nasty and angry because life has been nothing but hard, dirty and unfair to them. Most of them have generations of men in their family (their dad, uncles, grandfathers and etc.) who have gone ahead of them with the ugliness, bitterness, and life of crime that they now too have followed and live.

## THERE'S NO SHAME IN THEIR GAME

Sadly, these wayward, BAD DADS, are out to prove that they're **the man**. They are out to prove that they can do what they want, behave the way they want, and live the way they want...*without something happening to them*. **They want a reputation of being like that**. Men used to call it "Sowing your wild oats." That is to get it on with your life and have: women, sex, drink alcohol, run around doing whatever BEFORE you have to be serious. See, this means get this wild-living reputation down first. Man, get a name for yourself! Earn your manhood! A songwriter wrote a song that fits them, "*Bad to the Bone*." I don't know the words to the song, however, the title fits!

## THE PAY DAY

See, messing around like this, only leads to somebody getting hurt. Children get hurt in the crossfire of this kind of out-of-control, selfish, and irresponsible living. It is dreadful, awful. One thing always leads to another. Hearts are broken and life quickly goes down the drain to the gutter!

## THE OTHER SIDE of HURT

Yet, there is "the other side" of hurt and suffering for young children and grown children. There are the detained, caught-up, negligent dads or neglecting dads. They get so busy that they push their children away, away...faraway. They want to get ahead in life and RUN AFTER SUCCESS! They work and don't have time for their children. They can't find time to be with them because their schedule and life is too full of trying to achieve MORE to be recognized for who they want others to think of them.

Sorry but, good-hearted men who get consumed in "building a name," "building a reputation," and "seeking a higher purpose for life" drop the ball, too. They hurt their children by making them feel unworthy or worthless. These dads don't have time for their children.

## AT THE END OF THE DAY

These fathers are emotionally and physically removed from what is going on with their children. They don't have time for the PTA meetings, homework assignments, ball games, cookouts, family trips or anything that their children are involved in...or want to do! See, this leads to the children feeling and being abandoned. The role of the father is not there. His leadership in the home is void or absent.

## MAMA! BEFORE I GO FURTHER

*Mama, Ladies... I must say that a lot happens or goes on in the family because of your own attitude, position and MOUTH concerning the father of your child or children. The saying is, "If Mama ain't happy, then nobody is happy." Then, there is the other popular saying, "Happy wife, happy life." Uh, you know what this all means!*

*Your attitude and comments about your child's or children's father sets the mood, disposition and respect level in your home. It is difficult and extremely a big problem dealing with the situations going on with that man, their father, who is not functioning and performing in the role of a caring, loving, concerned and responsible father. You're frustrated, and rightfully angry!*

*But, as wives and or mothers...we have to watch it! That's because the children are watching and hearing what is being said concerning their father. Now, the Bible has a lot to say about all of this. However, read this from Proverbs 14:1 NLT: "A wise woman builds her home, but a foolish woman tears it down with her own hands."*

## WHAT DOES IT MATTER?

On the front cover of this issue of THE LAMP NEWSLETTER, we see two striking photos. We see a man in handcuffs and a man sitting reading or studying his Bible. We are living at a time when a father is either living one way or the other. There is no middle ground. That is, either men are seeking the Lord and living fully devoted to Him or they are caught up into a life of destruction that has caused them to follow the wrong road in life to crime and punishment.

## MY DAD WAS IN and OUT of JAIL and PRISON

**My dad, Elder Minor Palm, Jr., on page 3 and his story on page 4-6, was committed to both worlds.** For 54 years, he went in and out of the Wayne County Jail System, Jackson Prison, and several correctional institutions for most of his life. He was there regularly...to preach and bright the gospel of Jesus Christ to them.

In 1953, when he was only 27 years old, his pastor, the Late Bishop U.E. Miller, saw his commitment and dedication to the Lord. Bishop Miller noticed that this young husband married to his young wife, Willie Lee. At that time, they had three little children: me, Wanda 3 years old, Rodger 2 years old and our sister, Regina. She was

just born on May 29, 1953. Bishop Miller assigned our dad, Elder Palm, Jr., to be in charge of a new vital ministry, Jail and later, Prison Ministry.

**JESUS! JESUS!**

Dad and Mama ministered to the needs of the men and women in jail. Dad only missed one day when we had the 1967 Riot in Detroit. They went once a month on Thursday and in later years; they went once a week on Thursdays. When we, their children, turned 16 years old, went too.

It was a major undertaking, but we and the jail ministry team wanted to change the men and women through Christ. We wanted to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to them. This ministry assignment meant that **THE BLOOD OF JESUS** would make a difference in these broken men's lives. And through preaching, teaching, giving testimonies, praying, counseling, providing Bibles and personal needs for these men...**GOD TRANSFORMED LIVES!**

**CHANGED LIVES!**

*And so, on this Father's Day, the Lord Jesus Christ, is here...right here...TO CHANGE LIVES!* He wants to change and transform men, dads, children, families and all who are broken, hurting, suffering, bitter, angry, resentful, disrespectful, abusive, and so on. **Jesus is waiting to enter in and change your life: Good dad or bad dad...Angered hurting children or obedient loving children....Jesus is your answer!**

**Fathers, it's up to you to...**



**Make the change now!**

**Declare:**

***"...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD"  
(Joshua 24:15 KJV).***

**Fathers...**

**Honor the Lord and TRUST GOD!**  
***“In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths”***  
**(Proverbs 3:6 KJV).**

**YOU CAN START OVER!**  
***“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed”***  
**(John 8:36 KJV).**

**A NEW LIFE FOR YOU!**  
***“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.  
The old life is gone; a new life has begun”***  
**(II Corinthians 5:17 NLT).**

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## **A TESTIMONY!!!**

Men, God cares about you! He understands your heart, worries and frustrations. He is there for you.

Last year, Author Ramelle and I met to work on a ministry project. We had so much to do. Also, Ramelle had to meet a deadline on another project. I brought one of the issues of The Lamp which featured one of her writings with me. I wanted to encourage her with her own words that she had shared with others.

I handed The Lamp Newsletter to Ramelle and asked her to read her article aloud. The name of the article is, “See Your Blessing Manifest.” Ramelle read,

*“You have been on a course that has taken you through dips and turns. Many different paths have forced you to make detours in your existence. It’s time that you stand right in the midst of your present situation and clap your hands to God. Why would you do this now? Because your immediate situation is about to make a major adjustment. You are about to witness a manifestation that you have longed for in your life. Watch God give you a complete 360 degree turn, in your freedom to soar like an eagle. You have awaited the change that a new day has come. You have awaited the time when a refreshing has been given to you*

*straight from heaven's door. You have awaited the announcement that something good is about to happen to you.*

*So, do you think that God has forgotten His promise to you? Do you think that life will never be any different for you? Do you believe that God will instantly change the atmosphere and surroundings, so that you can witness that your blessing is right in front of you? Start to expect a miracle to happen! Start to feel the winds all around you swirl in blessed expectation. You are about to discover the door to your hope springing wide open."*

There was a man sitting at the next table behind us. He was eating a full slab of Bar-B-Que ribs. Little did we know that he was listening to Ramelle read the article. The man began to wipe his eyes...he was weeping. Then I spoke to him. I said, *"This is the author right here. She wrote that."* He dropped his head and looked away. The man was embarrassed by becoming so emotional. Ramelle gave him The Lamp Newsletter. He smiled and thanked her. He was grateful to receive it. Within minutes two of his buddies came looking for him.

*"HEY, MAN! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?" said one of them. "Yep, man...Your face is all red...what happened? You look so different! We didn't know what happened!"*

*"We were worried...Man. You have changed! WOW!" said his other buddy. "RIGHT!" said his friend. "We were worried that...ugh... you might had done something...You were so upset!"*

The man who was eating the ribs and weeping because of what he heard read by Ramelle, replied to them, *"I am alright now...really...it's okay...I'm changed."*

And, that is what God did in an instant for that man. God has a word and a blessing for you, too.

Contact Ramelle T. Lee at: [ramelleskip@aol.com](mailto:ramelleskip@aol.com) to order a full copy of this powerful message.

# **BURDEN DOWN**

By Wanda J. Burnside

I've been so burdened down  
With so many hurting things  
That I feel like  
I'll never rise again

My heart is so heavy  
My face is wet with tears  
I haven't been happy  
My days are full of fears

I feel like I can't go on  
I'm so down and so sad  
I wonder if I will ever  
Be joyful and glad.

I've been crying  
And feeling miserable too  
But the Lord whispered to me  
And told me just what to do

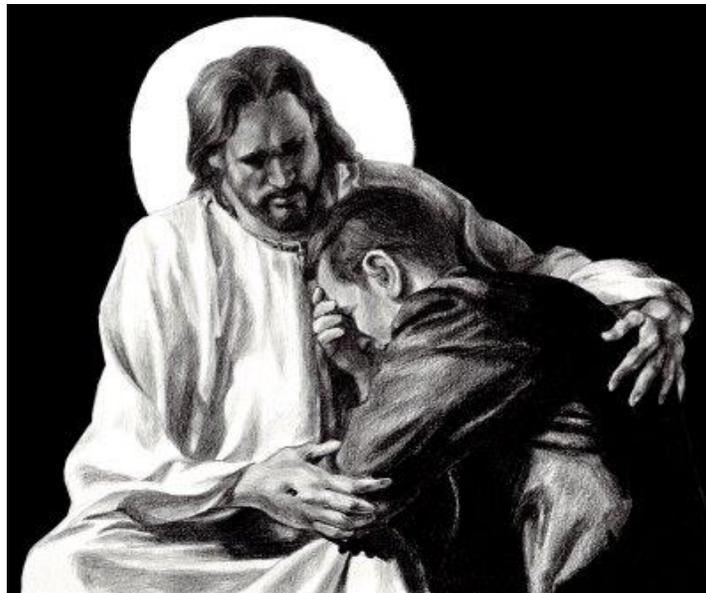
He said, "*Give me your troubles  
Your heartaches and fears  
I am close by  
I 'm standing near*

*Now, give Me your worries  
I'll handle them all  
They are too heavy for you  
I don't want you to fall*

*Lay your burdens down  
I will carry each one  
Lay them all down  
Then you will overcome."*

Lay your burdens down  
Lay your burdens down  
Then you will not be  
Burdened down.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**



**Deneen Matthews, Founder**

### **Melody Joy Texada, Our Hashtag Highlight!**

You are invited to join **DeeClare Publishing and I Am a Biz Kid.com** in our Book Drive Scholarship Fundraiser. Join us as we celebrate the message behind our hashtag, #gifted4greatness.

Congratulate Melody and show our support as she begins a new life phase. PARTICIPATE in this opportunity to come together and put action behind, “It still takes a village to raise a child.”

We will gift twenty-five percent of all proceeds from sales from our bookstore to help further Melody’s goals and dreams.

Use promo code: MELODYJOY, and enjoy 10% off your purchases.

#wearethevillage #letsbethenvillage #doyourpart #LIKESHARESUPPORT

**Without further ado, MEET MELODY!**

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Featured

# Melody Joy Texada

#gifted4greatness



Our spotlight honoree is **MELODY JOY TEXADA**, a young lady who has not viewed her challenges as limitations but as stepping-stones leading to the launch pad for her destiny. She has developed the mindset of an overcomer and used her gifts and talents to help set the stage — the place where her greatness will be displayed.

A special thanks to Mario, Melissa, and their entire family for being an example of **God, Family, and Community**. We appreciate your willingness to share Melody Joy and her accomplishments with us. You all are truly a blessing!

## Meet Melody Joy Texada

**Melody** began to leap for joy in my womb while in a church service. I had no doubts when the sweet Holy Spirit prompted me to name her '**Melody Joy Texada**.' She loves to sing and give praises to Jesus.

At the age of 3 years old, Melody was diagnosed with autism. Our journey is filled with cherished memories, challenges, and awesome victories, all for the glory of the Lord. I was reminded of a passage in the bible, explaining what every parent would like to know once their child becomes diagnosed with autism. [John 9:2](#) states: And his disciples asked him, "*Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?*" Jesus answered, "*It was not that this man sinned or his parents, but that the works of God*

*should be made manifest in him.*" Therefore, she is **chosen to be a blessing**. I am grateful that God desires to manifest His glory in and out of her life.

Melody completed high school on May 20, 2017. This young lady has made much progress. We have walked out many challenges and have overcome most of them. She verbally communicates and comprehends accurately with details. She is presently being trained at Ability Works in Tupelo, Mississippi. She is a hard worker with a desire for excellence in whatever she puts her hands to do. She enjoys art, music, singing, and helping others with different tasks. She is a blessing to those that have come alongside to help in her development. She has potential for greatness. By faith she has come this far.

## "Miracles happen when we believe God!"

Melody's hometown is Mooreville, Mississippi. Her parents' names are Mario & Melissa Shumpert (Mario), stepfather. Jason Eric Texada, biological father. She has two biological siblings: Jason Jr., E'liisa Hannah Texada, and Jonas Shumpert, stepbrother.

Submitted by: Melody's mom, Melissa Shumpert

**“LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me” (Psalm 30:2 NIV).**

*Prayers are extended to our sick and shut-ins:*

**Mr. Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr.**

**Miss. Regina M. Palm**

**Ms. Kathryn Mitchell, the UK**

**Pastor Karen Butler**

**Mrs. Michele Barnes**

**Mrs. Katie Holloway**

**Mrs. Shirley Hickman, Australia**

**Ms. Vivian Barney**

**Missionary Margaret Beason**

**Mr. Jack Dempsey Johnson**

**Mrs. Karen Nevois**

**Ms. Yovonna Scales**

**Pastor Lincoln and Pastor Beverly Wilson**

**Pastor Lorna LaMarr, the UK**

**Mother (Mrs). Essie Stafford**

**Dad-Mr. Simmie Lee Burnside, Sr.**

**Mother Eleanor Woodwork**

**Ms. Jania Hansberry**

**Mr. Donald Brooks**

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**Mrs. Josefa Palm**

**Ms. Donna L. Brooks**

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**Ms. Lola Darlene Gardner**

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**Elder LaMont Powell and wife, Charlzetta**

**Ms. Leonie Holloway, Australia**

**Mrs. Dorothy Hill –Mrs. Carolyn Hill**

**Mrs. Jackie Johnson**

**Evangelist Vera Beauford**

**Mrs. Henrietta E. Barney**

**Ms. Carmela Johnson**

**Mrs. Kathy Strong**

**Baby Lovell Lee (3 months old)**

**Mr. Daniel Gardner**

**Evangelist Belinda Knox – Mr. Larry Knox**

Continued Prayers for Our Editor...



**DR. MARY EDWARDS**

She is recovering from knee surgery. God is blessing her to resume to some activities and ministry events.

## ***URGENT REQUESTS***.....

### **LUNGS 4 MICHELLE**

### **BABY LOVELL LEE – 3 months old**



**MICHELLE FRANKLIN** was diagnosed with Sarcoidosis in the late 1980's and Pulmonary Hypertension in 2012. This required that she be evaluated for double lung transplant. For the past seven years, she has undergone those evaluations and was listed for Double Lung Transplant on the National Transplant Registry on February 10, 2017 with Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, OH.

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*This report and request for your support was submitted by Ms. Franklin's sister, Ms. Linda Darden. They are both friends and church family members of our Contributing Staff Writer, Author Ramelle T. Lee.*

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### ***BABY LOVELL LEE***

Please extend special prayers for baby Lovell Lee. He has been in Children's Hospital of Michigan since May 2, 2017. He is having heart, lungs and other medical challenges. Baby Lovell has had several surgeries. His parents are Mr. Lovell Lee and Mrs. Jessie Lee. He is Author Ramelle T. Lee's great- nephew.

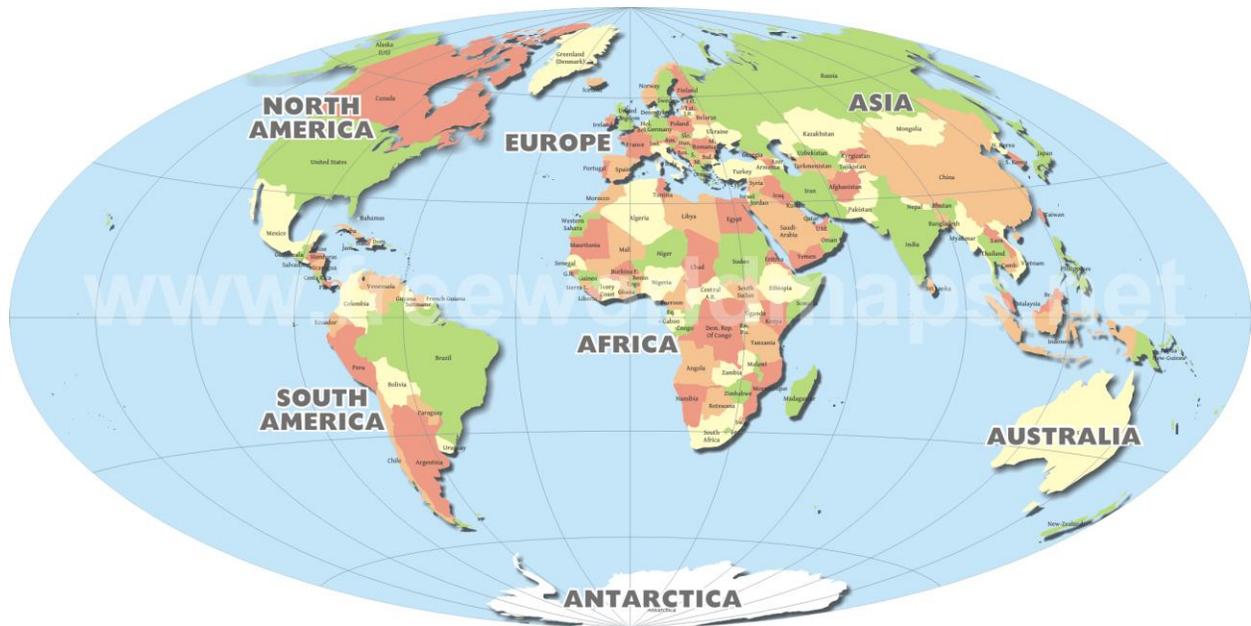
# A Father's Day Prayer

Lord, I depend on Your direction, Your wisdom,  
and Your discernment to protect each family member.  
Forgive me when I fail to encourage, love,  
and shepherd them. Thank You  
for giving me the grace to fail,  
and the courage to try again.  
Draw our family close to You...  
and to each other.

Amen.

As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. Joshua 24:15

*Lord, protect and help our nations around the world.  
Please keep us safe! Watch over us!*



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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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