

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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I Touched Him!





Dear Readers,

The scripture: *“Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all, (Psalm 34:19 KJV),* tells you a whole lot! It is loaded with many things to consider. Oh, yeah!

Have you been there? Have you ever had one problem and test after another that just seems to multiply and explode? Oh, it seems like your life has turned into a huge volcano just busting with overflowing fiery troubles, sicknesses, problems, and everything! You cry out to the Lord to help you and you wonder if He hears you! The more you pray and cry it seems that nothing is working...*nothing is happening!*

You feel alone and abandoned by the Lord. And, know who is there and won't give up shouting fearful things at you? Satan! The Devil! The Enemy! He wants to fight you right down to the ground!

But, in John 10:10, the Bible says: *“The thief comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly, (AKJV).*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Now, consider both scriptures...**WE WIN and HAVE VICTORY IN JESUS!** So, in the heat of our battles and through the test of our faith and in tribulations...**WE HAVE HOPE and A PROMISE FROM GOD** that we will get delivered! We will have life more abundantly in Jesus Christ!

OUR COVER PHOTO

On the cover of this newsletter, we see a very familiar Bible story displayed. Oh, it is the woman with the issue of blood. Look at her hand reaching out to touch the hem of the garment of Jesus! She is so desperate! She is on the ground reaching out to Jesus...His hem! Thank the Lord!

The Bible tells us that she had been suffering with this problem for 12 years. Can you imagine this? She went to the doctor; he couldn't do anything for her...but charge her for his services. She got the bill, but she did not get HEALED. She got worse and so she went to another doctor. He couldn't do a thing for her either! But, he made her pay for his medical services! She continued to feel horrible and nothing changed. Yet, somehow and somehow, she managed to get to the doctors in town. Wherever they were, she went there. And of course, she had to pay all of them too!

But, when she heard that Jesus was in town, she made up her mind to get to Him! Sick, weak, and now...penniless...no money...she got right there to where Jesus was and she...pressed her way into the crowd walking in the streets along with Jesus. She pressed on...growing weaker and about to

faint...she reached out to touch His hem...and then she made the connection! Her faith connected with Him. Jesus felt her faith! He acknowledged her faith and then He told her that her faith made her WHOLE!

CONNECT TO JESUS WITH OUR FAITH

Now, this is what the Lord wants. He requires this of us. We must use our faith in Him to connect to Him. Our faith connects and then Jesus feels our pull on His anointing. He is in tune to our touch! Our touch makes the difference! Our very tip of our feeble finger...sick body...weak body...sin-filled body...troubled mind...and feeble cry...IS HEARD AND FELT by JESUS! JESUS! He is waiting for us to reach out to Him and connect...NOW! Come and MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN! Reach out and touch Him!

In this newsletter, you will read faith building poems, articles, testimonies, and messages. This is the focus of our writing staff in this issue. There are so many going through one test after another. There are those who are suffering like never before. IT IS PRAYING TIME! It is time to stand in faith and believe for the Lord to rescue us! CRY ALOUD! Trust in Him! Seek Him!

A SPECIAL TESTIMONY

In the opening of this issue, you will read a portion of the tremendous testimony of Reverend Elreta Dodds of Michigan. She has gone through a major life changing test in her life. Cancer came in and invaded her body. Reverend Dodds shares what happened. She is very frank and candid about the surgery. She gives complete details on her blog. She is bold in her testimony! She declares VICTORY in Jesus!

Reverend Dodds is an author of several books, a leader in several ministries, actively involved in her church and is an outstanding leader in the community, education, and in other areas. She has accomplished numerous great things in life. God has blessed her in many capacities.

We are praying for her to continue to have good health and to excel greatly in all of the things that God has for her. God bless you, Reverend Elreta Dodds!



****Reverend Dodds is a prolific writer and an award-winning writer. Please see page 18 about one of her books, **RACISM, THE BIBLE, AND THE AMERICAN DREAM.***

The blog address (link) to my testimony is <http://www.uterinecancertestimony.blogspot.com>.

The blog address to my book blog is <http://www.racismthebibleandtheamericandream.blogspot.com>.

The link to my website is <http://www.elretadodds.com/>



Uterine Cancer Testimony – Blog – March 2015

My name is Elreta Dodds. I am a member of Lifechurch Southfield (located in Southfield Michigan) which is under the pastoral leadership of Pastor Alan Tumpkin. I am also a ministerial assistant there.

On February 22, 2015, I gave a testimony during service in which I talked about being recently diagnosed with uterine cancer and the events that followed in my life thereafter. A few days later, David Alan Campbell, who is another one of our ministerial assistants, asked me for a synopsis of my testimony. I gladly obliged and gave him a detailed version. He wanted to share the testimony with others so I suggested that I blog it for easy access. The following is what I gave him. I hope that it is helpful and encouraging to whoever reads it.

Introduction

A little under a month ago, Pastor Alan informed the church that I was diagnosed with uterine cancer and he had me come up to the podium for prayer.

- It was an aggressive type of cancer and needed to be taken care of immediately.
- I was scheduled for a complete hysterectomy.
- The hysterectomy included the removal of my uterus, fallopian tubes, ovaries, cervix, and 24 pelvic lymph nodes.

TESTIMONY

There are four parts to my testimony and then I have a plea. The first part to my testimony has two parts itself.

Part 1

The first part of my testimony is the "Hallelujah!" part.

Part A of this part is that my recovery has been going very well.

- Although I was experiencing a lot of discomfort and there was pain, the pain was manageable.
- After three days I stopped taking my pain medication, because it was doing more harm than good.
- Although I was weak and tired and experiencing some pain and discomfort, I was able to walk up and down the stairs, walk around the house; get in and out of bed, etc. (without assistance).
- Along with God's grace, the reason why my recovery process has been going so well is because I was given an epidural during the surgical procedure. This is a relatively new addition to this type of operation. It has been added to significantly improve a woman's recovery after having a hysterectomy. Every woman needs to know this.

Part B of this part is that they couldn't find any more cancer.

- They gave me a CT scan and chest x-ray before the operation and didn't find any cancer.
- While they were taking everything out during the operation, they didn't see any cancer in the surrounding areas.
- After they examined what they took out, they didn't see any cancer in the ovaries.
- No cancer in the fallopian tubes.
- No cancer in the cervix.
- No cancer in any of the 24 lymph nodes they took out to sample.
- The only cancer that was found was found in the uterus, which they threw away.
- The doctors don't like to use the term "cancer free," instead they like to say "we didn't find anything else." So, I'll say it the way they say it...they didn't find anything else.

HALLELUJAH!

Part 2

The second part of my testimony is the "Hallelujah Anyhow!" part.

- Although they didn't find anything else, the cancer was a very aggressive kind of cancer.
- They discovered that the tumor had moved into the middle wall of the uterus (there are three walls; in layman's terms they are the inner, middle, and outer)
- They also found cancer cells in one of the main blood vessels of the uterus which means that there's a possibility that microscopic cancer cells could be floating around inside of me.
- Because of these things they recommended preventive/precautionary chemotherapy.
- They made it clear that they are not treating me for cancer with this chemo (because medically, they didn't find any more cancer)
- They told me to think of it like a "fortified flu shot."
- They indicated that they could be giving me the chemo for nothing and that there might not be any cancer cells at all in my body but they don't know one way or the other and therefore recommended this treatment in an attempt to reduce the possibility of recurrence. I agree with their reasoning and agreed to the treatment.
- These days they have ways of significantly reducing the side effects of chemo...all except hair loss.
- It took me almost eight years to grow the hair I have. I'll probably lose it, so don't be surprised if you see me coming to church wearing scarfs and wigs. But...

READERS...There are two more parts to Reverend Dodd's testimony. I wanted to introduce you to what happened on her journey! You must read the whole story! We end here with "But..." Now, you must go to her blog and find out what happened next. What did God do?



At This Gate

by Christine V. Mitchell

When will my change come?
Has the time passed?
Is it now too late?
So long .. sitting here
alone at this gate.

Everyone rushes on.
They dip ... they dip into the blessing;
they run along, singing their song.
But here I wait .. at this gate.
I toss and I turn;
deep within .. I burn with desire
to live on a higher plain.

“Please .. don’t walk away”.

My cry, just another sound,
like the rustle of leaves
swayed in a gentle breeze.
No startling storm.. just the norm.
I am to them as a pebble misplaced.

A shadow passes near,
the shadow of a heavenly light.
Suddenly, all fear dissolves
as the voice of Love
says to me

“Arise ... take up your mat
and walk”.

Each day, each hour,
like a flower parched of rain,
I felt withered.
I dithered and paused;
felt I had a cause.

But now, now I arise..
I arise! I’m ALIVE!
I leave that space.
I join life’s race.
I see myself through His eyes,
the eyes of Love.
He makes me complete.
New strength grips my heart,
my soul, my feet!

No longer will I wait
at this gate.

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(Based on the Biblical story in St John 5:2-9)

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"O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me" (Psalm 30:2 KJV).
WE ARE PRAYING FOR THE SICK and SHUT –INS...



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NEVER GIVE UP

(M Y T E S T I M O N Y)

By Christine V. Mitchell



When you've been waiting long
to see the answer to your dreams
And others look contented having everything it seems
When hopes arise and you hold on, then suddenly they're dashed
You wonder why and then you cry, and feel your faith has crashed

*"Is something wrong with me?" you ask, "Why must I wait so long
While there are some who prosper so, yet relish all the wrong?"*

This was my situation very many years ago
I longed to have another child and see my family grow

Some folk would sometimes question me; their words would leave me bare
'Why did they need to probe and did they ever really care?'
I wanted to give 'mother love' to children, more than one
For there to be a sibling for my precious little son

He too had longed for company, someone to call his own
To share in life, to laugh and play, so he was not alone
We promised him we would one day, but that was half the tale
Back then we could not let him know we tried, but sadly failed

Deep down inside, I wept and cried, when I was all alone
At times my prayers were wordless, only tears before God's throne
Just as a pregnant mother from her babe cannot depart
This hope I carried deep inside the womb of my torn heart

Eight years had passed and during them we fasted and we prayed
And others too had prayed for me when my heart was dismayed
My faith was so encouraged, God had seen my broken state
His presence gave me strength to stand and patience still to wait

As we continued working in the vineyard of the Lord
At times, it was just little kids who came to hear His word
But in the wait to see that day, God did a work in me

For God is always working when we're waiting patiently
The doctors offered IVF, but now my faith was stronger
I turned away the offer and held out in faith much longer
believing that my God would bring about my heart's desire
I didn't want to give up now - my faith had been inspired

One summer's day, I realised, without the slightest doubt,
Another life was on its way - I just wanted to shout!
The joy we felt on knowing this, I just cannot explain.
It was a moment of great bliss that wiped away the pain.

I gave birth to my second son, born 8 weeks premature
It seems he couldn't wait to come, of that I'm very sure!
We also had two daughters in the following five years
With two of each, we feel so blessed, God truly dried my tears

I do not claim to have the answers for the waiting prayers
But one thing I can say is that I know God truly cares
I hope I can encourage you, when hope begins to flee
To hold on and believe that one day answers you will see

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AUTHOR NOTES

When I wrote this poem, I debated with myself whether to share my testimony only in story form, or in a poem. The story would be much longer, of course :) I showed one of my daughters .. she liked the idea of a poem. Reference to "working in the vineyard of the Lord" refers to the sharing of the gospel in whatever 'field' we find ourselves. Back then, we held some meetings in a community hall nearby a previous residence and sometimes there were no adults, just children in attendance, as people would send their kids along.

Tests had shown a medical problem for which there was no other solution than to have IVF and so my situation was described as "secondary infertility." They were ready to sign me up that very day (it's free on the NHS here in the UK)). Throughout the years I'd considered it, but I couldn't bear the idea of failure, and the possibility of ending up with triplets, quads, etc. worried me, me having lost my mum when I was a babe, how would I manage with several at once, if that happened? (I thought).

When I had my second son, the surgeon, afterwards, said something like, "Although you've had your child, there's no guarantee you'll have any more."

Well, that was too late! After waiting eight long years and seeing my second child at last, through answered prayer, no way was I about to be put off! I thank God for doctors - they do a truly wonderful job and many lives are helped and saved and we must be grateful. I believe, however, that God, our creator, has the last word. I give praise to Him ... I'm so very grateful! God specialises in the impossible :) I encourage you, dear friend, to NEVER GIVE UP.

Patricia Gallagher welcomes interviews and speaking engagements.

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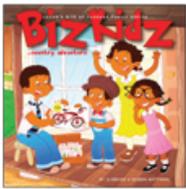
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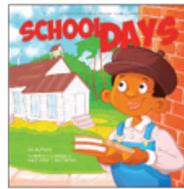
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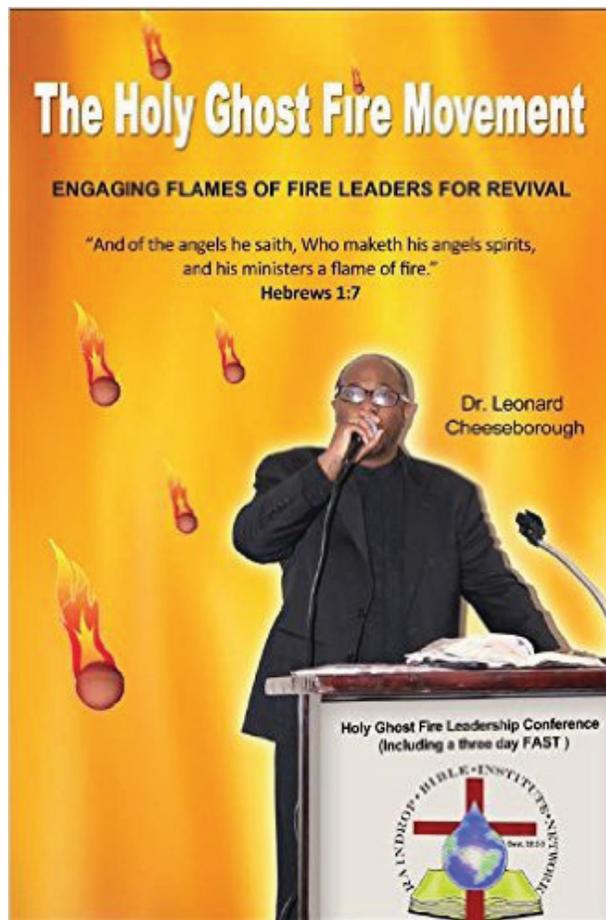
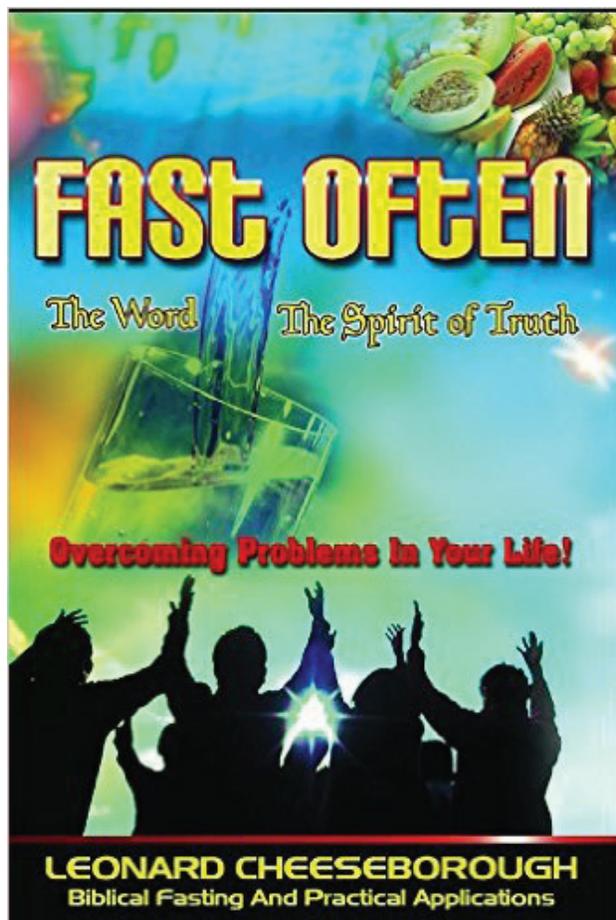
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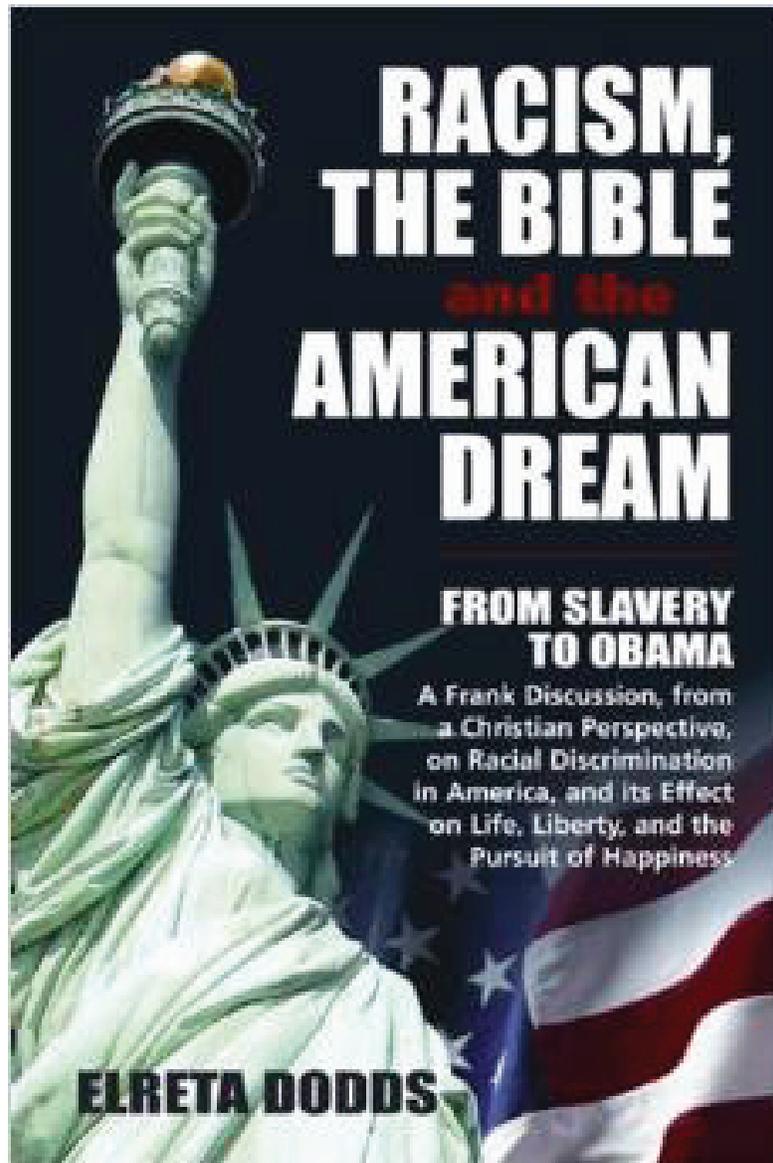
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Birthdays...

My Aunt- Mrs. Katie Holloway

April 14, 2016

I thank the Lord for my very loving and caring aunt. She is so very sweet, kind, and encouraging. She has always shown a precious spirit. I have never heard her ever say anything to hurt others. She is a true peacemaker.

Aunt Katie is my father's baby sister. She is the youngest of four children. Her siblings: Elder Minor Palm, Jr. (my dad), Mrs. Lorraine Gardner, and Mrs. Lillian Johnson have gone home to be with the Lord.

She is the mother of 4 wonderful adult children: Marcia (Tony) Washington, Stanford (Hope) Holloway, Ms. Lisa Holloway and Patrick Holloway. She has one lovely granddaughter, Payton.



Katie graduated from Wayne State University. She has a heavenly voice. In her youth, she sung in a musical trio gospel group with her three sisters. Their group was called the Palm Sisters. My dad, her brother, played his trumpet along with his sisters as they sing at revivals, concerts, church and civic events, social activities and other events.

MAY BIRTHDAYS!

Memorials... Truly BELOVED and MISSED...

May 5 – My Grandmother, Mother Marie Palm

May 18 – Uncle Frederick McCann

May 20 – Grandmother, Mother Blanche McCann

Happy Blessed Birthday to....

Husband and wife:



May 5 - Mr. Tony Washington and May 6 – Mrs. Marcia Washington of Turtle Creek, PA.

Cousins, you are very sweet! May God bless you to continue to accomplish the great things that you are doing for souls. Marcia and Tony you have major talents and skills that are truly stellar. You used them to empower others and change lives through each gift. Lots of hugs and kisses!

May 25 – Author Ramelle T. Lee, Staff Writer for the Lamp Newsletter. The founder and president of Touching Your Heart Ministries. Author of 2 books, anointed poet and greatly flourishing in numerous outreach ministries that she founded to change lives and give hope. CEO of Treasures from Heaven Ministries. You are truly loved and appreciated! A loyal friend.



Ramelle is pictured with her twin brother, **Reverend Lovell Lee**. Happy Birthday to you, Reverend Lee! May the Lord open the windows of Heaven on you!



May 29 – My Dear Sister, Miss Regina Morna Palm. I love you most dearly. Our family and many friends sincerely care about you. You are always in our thoughts and prayers. Regina, you have amazing faith! You have shown me and so many others how to put their trust in God. You have the heart of a missionary. Glory to God! You are always my Sweetheart!

Regina is a gospel songstress, loves church ministry, amazing trained chef and gifted artist.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

HAPPY 92nd BIRTHDAY to DEACON SIMMIE LEE BURNSIDE, SR.

1924 – JUNE 8 – 2016

This year, my husband's father is blessed to celebrate his 92nd Birthday! This is so glorious! Deacon Burnside, Sr. has made a great impact on his family, church, community and to many. He is a Bible scholar! He loves the Lord with all of his heart. Deacon Burnside, Dad, is at all times READY to talk about the Bible and witness about the Lord.

He was married for over 60 years to his beloved late wife, Christine. They were blessed with four children and a grandchild. Deacon Burnside worked for Chrysler for over 45 years. God blessed him with many gifts and talents which he used to help others in numerous ways. MUCH LOVE TO DEACON BURNSIDE!

June 9 – Mr. Donald Brooks, much loved son of Minister Mary Edwards. Donald, you are a very helpful person. You are all the time ready to lend a hand to others. May God bless you abundantly.

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us" (Ephesians 3:20 KJV). GET READY!

June 13 – Poet Yvette Wilburn, what a blessing you are to your family, friends, and to everyone you touch with your kindness and love. You have dedicated your life to magnify the Lord through your poetry and psalms. Keep pressing on for God has greater things for you! I LOVE YOU!

June 16 – Ms. Jolayna Lea Palm, WOW! What a sweet and adorable niece! You have such a big heart for others. So proud of you for all the things that you have accomplished in education and church ministries. We LOVE YOU SO MUCH!

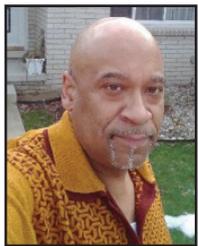
June 18 – Dr. Kai Bowers Palm, our niece. Dr. Kai, may you enjoy this birthday like none other! Your beautiful smile shines brightly because you are so caring, loving and kind. May God continue to bless you.

June 20 – Ms. Sylvia Burnside, Simmie's youngest sister. Have the BEST BIRTHDAY EVER! You are an amazing woman! You're a remarkable mother and a dear grandmother.

June 23 – First Lady Christine V. Mitchell, the UK (London) Ministry Leader. Christine is the wife of Pastor Frederic Mitchell, a mother of four: two adult sons, two adult daughters. She has been blessed with two sweet grandsons. She has a daughter-in-law and soon will be blessed with another one in July.

Christine is an author of two beautiful poetry books. She is working on her third book of poetry and is excited about her publishing her first poetry book for children. God has blessed her to write touching poetry collections on her blog. They are sincerely ministering to many around the world.

Happy Birthday to Christine! You are dearly loved and appreciated for your extended love to others. God has placed you in our lives, which is so wonderful in numerous ways.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

In Memory of these wedding anniversaries...

May 14 – ELDER MINOR PALM, JR. and EVANGELIST WILLIE LEE PALM,

My beloved parents -53 years of marriage.

They were married May 14, 1949.

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**June 30 – Mr. Michael Barnes**

The dearly loved husband of Mrs. Michele Barnes.

Mr. Barnes died last year, 2015.

Michael and Michele were married for 43 years.

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JUNE 26, 2016 - Happy 1st Wedding Anniversary to...

Mr. Sanders Scott and Mrs. Rochelle Scott of Detroit, MI

You are sweet love birds. God bless you with many more years!

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**From the UK – LONDON...**

**Special Anniversary and Wedding Celebrations**

**Congratulations and May God bless You**

*Dearest married couples...*

**Pastor Frederick Mitchell & First Lady Christine V. Mitchell**

**36th Wedding Anniversary**

**June 28, 2016**

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There is a wedding coming in their family...

Elliot Mitchell (their son) and Sabrina Paul

Friday, July 29, 2016

In the UK



Celebrating 64 Years of Marriage...

Mr. Colin Hickman and Mrs. Shirley Hickman of Australia
The much loved parents of Min. Sandra Hickman

Mr & Mrs Colin and Shirley Hickman.... have been married for what most people would call a lifetime!



They recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on May 10, 2016. Colin and Shirley met when they were teenagers. They fell gloriously head over heels in love, and married a year later on May 10, 1952 in Fremantle Western Australia. Colin was 19 years of age and his beloved Shirley was just 17. They were blessed with four daughters... Gaye, Sandra, Debbie and Tracey. Now, in addition, many years later, Colin and Shirley have 12 grandchildren, and 32 great grandchildren... And looking forward to many future great-great grandchildren to come! Their family often joke that, *"Mum and Dad have done their part to populate Australia!"*

Colin and Shirley Hickman have worked hard to provide a loving stable home for their family, based upon integrity, honesty and sound godly values. They always taught, *"Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you!"* They have been private business owners. They also established and managed three Australian based International Time-Share Resorts, and were very highly respected in all their ventures. Their life together has been a true love story! With the highs, the lows and all the in-betweens! No matter what has come their way they have stood side by side, hand in hand. They have loved and defended their marriage, their family, friends... and God with true passion! They are my darling beloved parents, I am proud to call them "Dad and Mum". I and my three sisters and our children, are privileged and blessed of God to have such wonderful loving parents and grandparents.



Lovingly by ~ Sandra Hickman, their daughter

IN LOVING MEMORY OF...

We extend our prayers to those who are going through great sorrow concerning the death of their loved one.

There are two very precious and kind women who are in the service department of the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Dearborn, MI. These ladies are both named Doris. They had a death in their families in April 2016.

We are praying for Doris Moore and her family. Their oldest dear sister died. God is carrying you through. His arms are around you. Doris Hall's beloved mother died. God cares. Your mother was blessed so greatly by your love and unwavering care for her. We continue to pray for you and your family.

Homegoing of... DEACON CHARLES HANDS, JR.

May 7, 1964 - April 1, 2016

Our heartfelt thoughts and fervent prayers are extended to his....

Wife: Missionary Pia Hands

Sons: Charles Hands, III and William James Hands

Mother: Mother Rosie Lee Hands

Sister: Thelma (Elder Robert) Dobson, Jr.

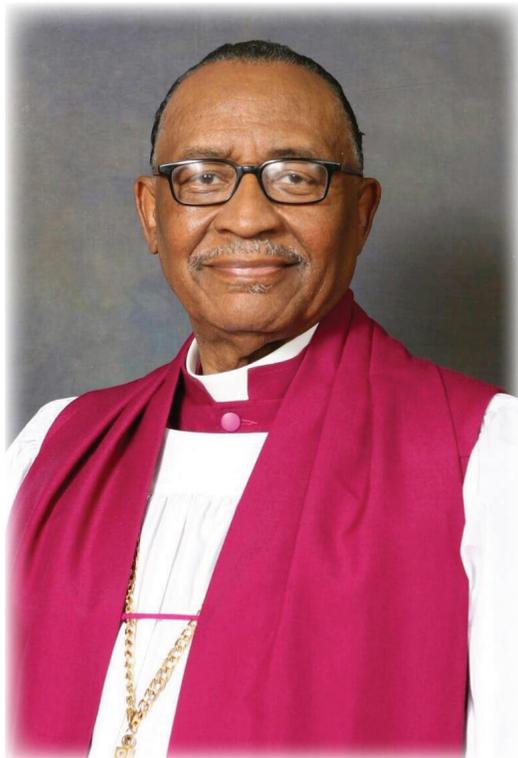
Brother: Pastor Michael (Evangelist Makol) Hands

Special aunt: Mother Elizabeth Hands....

Many other relatives and a great host of friends...

And to the members of SION NATIONAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Deacon Charles Hands was a remarkable young man. He had great love and respect for his wife and family. He cared about serving others. He did all that he could for the church. Deacon Hands had a peaceful spirit. He was full of the Spirit of God. He loved the Lord!



IN MEMORY of

BISHOP EARL JEROME WRIGHT, SR.

December 10, 1929 – June 10, 2015

- *Pastor, Greater Miller Memorial Church of God in Christ*
- *Jurisdictional Bishop,*
- *The Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Southwest Michigan*
- *Church of God in Christ, Inc.*
- *General Board Member of the Church of God in Christ, Inc.*
- *Father, Grandfather, Great-grandfather, and Great-Great Grandfather*

Bishop Wright was my pastor. I was blessed to have him as my pastor since 1963. I was also blessed and honored to serve in his ministries for over 50 years.

-Wanda J. Burnside

“And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way” Matthew 20:4 KJV

A great pioneer and giant in Christian television and media ministries
has gone Home to be with the Lord...

JANICE WENDELL CROUCH

1938-2016



TBN

Trinity Broadcasting Network Co-Founder

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” Mark 16:15 KJV

Jan Crouch, fondly called “Jan,” gladly did as the Lord instructed in this scripture. To do what the Lord asked of her gave her great joy! I never met her, but she always had a radiant look on her face that brightly shone so all could see that her delight was to serve the Lord. She loved God, the people of God, and people around the world.



Jesus Heals by Our Faith

by Ramelle T. Lee © 2016

Meditation Scripture: Mark 5:34

*“And he said unto her,
Daughter, thy faith hath
made thee whole; go in peace,
and be whole
of thy plague.” (KJV).*

Are you facing a situation in your life that you can't fix? Do you need a miracle from God that will reverse all symptoms of illness and totally transform your body, mind and spirit? Are you willing to go the extra mile to stretch your faith? Do you have enough faith to pursue God for your healing? When the doctor has said, "There is no hope..." What will you do? Will you believe God can give you a miracle or throw up your hands and give up? Whose report will you believe?

The woman with the issue of blood suffered for twelve long years, but she never gave up her faith. She went from doctor to doctor, but her situation was never resolved. Oh, but she didn't give up! When she saw Jesus, her faith began to give her the boldness to do everything in her power to get close to Him. She pressed her way through the crowd because she was determined to get to Jesus. She wanted to touch the hem of His garment and receive her healing. She understood that it was a difficult task because of her physical condition. She was not welcomed by the crowd. She didn't fit in with everyone else. However, she refused to be discouraged to the point that she would give up hope. She risked everything she had to keep moving forward and kept her eyes focused on where she was headed. She was desperate for help. Nothing she did in the past worked to remedy her situation and bring about a cure to her body.

It didn't matter what people thought about her. She was broken inside and needed the healing touch of Jesus. She was not afraid of their faces. She kept her eyes focused on Jesus. Her motive was to reach Him, no matter how difficult the task. She didn't care what obstacles she had to face, she needed to reach Jesus. If she had to crawl and drag her body through the

crowds of people, she would make every effort to get her healing blessing from Jesus, “The Great Physician.”

This woman knew if she could reach Jesus, she would be healed. Her faith gave her the healing victory. Why? Because she believed that Jesus was her only hope. Jesus was her miracle worker. No one else could heal her body. No one else could turn her life around and relieve her of this burden. Only Jesus could heal her sickness. She did everything in her power to stretch her faith and believe for her miracle. It only took one touch from Jesus to heal her body of its disease.

Have you ever been so broken inside that you had difficulty believing that you could be healed of your wounds? Jesus healed the woman with the issue of blood. He has a healing miracle waiting for you. Press your way to Jesus and never give into the naysayers. Never allow the enemy to keep feeding you with fear and doubt. Don't back down, but stand on God's Word and know that He will come through for you! Be persistent and allow your faith to keep you strong and never give up and doubt that Jesus will not heal that situation in your life.

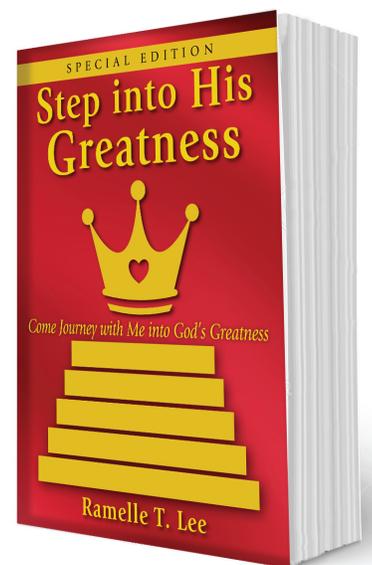
Keep believing that Jesus will turn your situation around. Jesus will heal you of your wounds. Speak words of faith and believe that you will receive your miracle healing. Never take your eyes off of what Jesus will do. He is your healer, deliverer and strong tower.

Allow you faith to propel you to action, knowing that Jesus will heal you. Your answer is in your faith to believe that you can be healed by the supernatural power of God, through Christ Jesus. Are you ready to receive your healing? Then, go directly to “The Ultimate Source” of your healing miracle, which is Jesus Christ. Touch the hem of His garment. Jesus sees your need, your hurt and your pain. Trust Jesus with all your heart and soul. He is waiting for you to reach out to Him. Press through the forces of doubt and fear to receive your healing breakthrough. Jesus will show up in your situation and make you whole again!

For more encouraging and anointed messages written by Author Ramelle T. Lee, please order copies of her revised book, “Step into His Greatness.”

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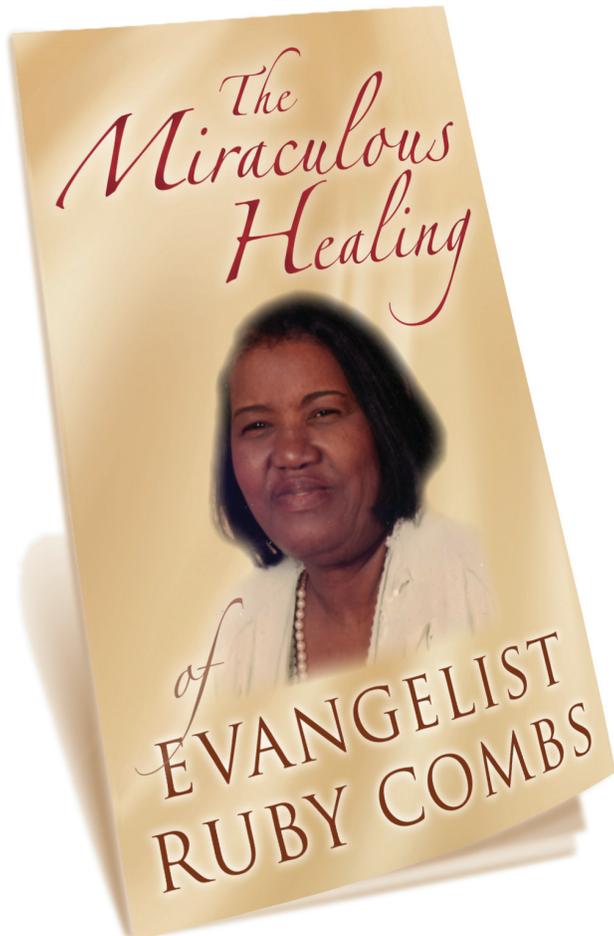


“FOR I WILL
RESTORE
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THEE, AND
I WILL HEAL
THEE OF THY
WOUNDS,
SAITH THE
LORD”

JEREMIAH 30:17A



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F A I T H ...

“Because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance” James 1:3 ISV

Faith reaches out and rearranges your destiny. It sets you up on that already-planned, pre-destined road, which you had tried for so long to sidestep! You know....that one which was too hard to walk on! The road with giant potholes and uphill swells, leading to mountains of difficulties which required more than a mustard seed. Only to fall down the other side into dark shadowy valleys where faith takes on a new persona, and now you are introduced to the new you! The you who knows this a do or die exercise! There is a new higher level and it's not in the dark valley.

Yes! That's where faith will take you!

There is a battle raging! You find yourself reaching for your armour, buckling and tightening, speaking each body-piece securely into place. Your hands grasp the biblical weapons of your warfare! The mighty shield of faith and the sword of the spirit, and you realise that you are holding Jesus in your right hand and the Word on your lips! The very Word made flesh who wrote in His book that without faith it is impossible to please God!

And. it's. all. just. part. of. your. walk!

Yet as hard as it sounds, just as with the saints of old, the rapturous joy of being one with God outweighs the horrendous mountains and the foreboding valleys with their ghostly shadows. For when you've tasted the Lord's presence and seen how good it is, you can never go back. Never! *No! You never, ever will!!*

You now have the hard-earned faith of Moses, and of his woman-of-faith mother Jochabed. The unshakeable faith of Abraham and David. Even Jonah, whose faith had to be hard-tested. The brave-faith of Esther, which saved the Jewish nation. The unthinkable faith of the OT prophets of God who boldly proclaimed on His behalf, even when they didn't understand what He was showing them..... they went ahead and did it anyway, by **FAITH!**

All the way down through the Old Testament, spiralling headlong into the good news of the faith

of the New Testament saints. The twelve, who with buckling knees, gloriously gave their lives for the one true God! Their Lord, their master and their saviour... The King of kings, who didn't arrive in a golden chariot, or even on a magnificent horse adorned with resplendent Kingly armour blazing and glinting in the yellow sunlight! But the One who rode into town on a donkey. The servant King, whose mother....by faith, carried Him into town in her womb 33 years beforehand on another donkey, long before she *ever* knew His fate!

Jesus was accustomed to riding a donkey. It was a part of the heavenly plan. The foolish to confound the wise, the weak overcoming the strong with subtle supernatural force. The meek versus the proud, and the proud never knew what hit them! Right up to that violently renting moment when the veil was torn in half, when the locks of the throne room door busted open, giving permission to enter. When the mountains split and splintered in the quaking, the skies turned black and the perpetrators fainted weak at the sight of Him..... Terrified and knowing, He WAS the Son of God!

Faith! It won't always take you where you want to go, but it will always take you where you need to be. *Always!* The extended arm of grace burst through from one realm to another, with the baton of Jesus in it's hand.....so that you could run your leg of the race, and win! The mighty outstretched right hand of God holding the key to your one-of-many mansions in His heavenly home. Your ears resounding with the words, *"Well done my good and faithful servant."*

The journey which cost you much at times, but never as much as it cost HIM! You ran the race of your life scrambling up steep hillsides and falling headlong down slippery slopes, with the Spirit of God all the while giving you wings! When you struck down the lies of the enemy with the jawbone of truth. When you found yourself in the lions den, and in the panicked chambers of your mind Psalm 46:10 echoed, *"Be still and know that I am God."* And you were still. When you did it all with fear and trembling.....and victoriously won!

The next and final chapter of Jesus riding into his hometown will not be on a donkey, as a lowly servant king. But rather on a majestic white horse as the all-powerful good and dreadful Warrior! Dressed in a white robe with the words *"Faithful and True"* emblazoned on his thigh for all the world to see. With the whole of humanity awestruck at the witnessing of the unparalleled power of the King of kings! The Son of Love will charge from the heavens into this earthly realm with the sword of judgment in his hand.....and the best news you ever had this side of heaven, is that you chose to make Jesus the Lord of your Life! You chose to be a John 3:3 born again by-faith-through-grace disciple of Christ! By His glorious Spirit.... YOU chose heaven as your home. You laid down your life, picked up your sword and entered the fray!

And you did it all, by FAITH!

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MOMENTS

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PRAISE HIM.

IN THE DIFFICULT MOMENTS—
THANK HIM.

IN THE BUSY MOMENTS—
BLESS HIM.

IN THE QUIET MOMENTS—
WORSHIP HIM.

FOR IN ALL OUR MOMENTS
HE IS THERE—
**IN GOODNESS...
IN KINDNESS...IN LOVE!**

ROY LESSIN



COMING IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE LAMP NEWSLETTER...

"I TOUCHED HIM!" PART 2

OUR LAMP NEWSLETTER REPORTER, MRS. MICHELE BARNES WILL FEATURE 4 AMAZING AND MIRACULOUS TESTIMONIES FROM 4 NOTED PASTORS IN MICHIGAN



1st Anniversary Celebration honoring Ministry Leaders:

First Lady Christine V. Mitchell of the UK

and

Minister Sandra Hickman of Australia

Thank you for your dedication and outstanding work in the Lamp Newsletter.

I praise the Lord for you! May God bless you for your tremendous help and services in this ministry.

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