

*Celebrating our 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2008-2014*

# 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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## WHERE ARE YOU LIVING?

*-By Wanda J. Burnside, Publisher*

Dear Readers,

After several weeks, I finally mailed a card to one of my dear friends. It was returned back to my home mailbox because she moved. Gee! How many more times is she going to move? I believe that this is her fourth or fifth new address. It is truly hard keeping up with her.

You know, a lot of my friends and family members are on the move too. It honestly seems that NOBODY is living in the same place anymore. I can't even drop over someone's house for a surprise visit without calling them up and finding out if they still live at the same address. Now, this completely spoils my surprise visit!

It is difficult to mail Christmas cards, birthday cards, sympathy cards, anniversary cards or any kind of card to them without getting a "Return to Sender" label on the envelopes from the United States Post Office. Multitudes are moving from one place to another. They are moving across cities, states, towns, and continents to another location to live. They are moving for one reason or another.

Well, I can't really shake my finger at them. Simmie and I moved several times in our marriage. From 1972 to 1984, over twelve years, we moved four or five times. We suffered a

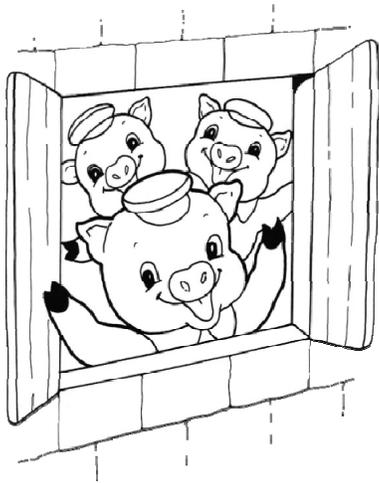
foreclosure with our first home. Yeah, we did. We were young. We moved on, trying to get settled into a place that we could finally call "HOME SWEET HOME." I can clearly recall people always asking us, "Where are you living now?"

Decades ago, people seemed to not move as much. My parents lived in their house on 25th Street in Detroit, for over 50 years. Many of their friends and our family members years ago have the same amazing record!

Today, we have an array of pressing circumstances and disturbing situations for moving from one place to another. Lifestyle changes and even problems govern why we move or have to move. Various situations make people move from one home to another.

We have a growing population of homelessness across our country. Now, truly this is a hurting and heartbreaking situation. Hard times and difficult circumstances have forced people out of their homes onto the streets. This is something that we all must be concerned about and willing to help those who are in desperate need.

## A LESSON IN BUILDING HOMES: "The Three Pigs"



The importance of having a place called our home all started at an early age. For most children growing up in America and in most English speaking nations, we were given a wakeup call about housing. We were slapped on our tender chubby cheeks with the story of the Three Pigs. Babies in diapers nursing on their mother's breast, or laying in her arms sucking on their warm bottle of milk, heard this story. Before we even stepped out of our own house to face the world, we knew the story about those little three pigs!

The story doesn't give us much or any real background information about these pigs. We mostly knew that all three needed a place to live. There are several story versions, but the day came that she sent them out to live on their own. With a loving farewell, she opened the door of their comfortable home and out they went to build their home.

Who knew that these three pigs understood how to construct a home? Each one had an idea of what kind of home they wanted to live in. We find that one pig built his out of straw and another built a hay house. Then, there was one pig that put a lot more thought, effort and work into building his home. He built his out of bricks and mortar. Regardless to the type of home that they had built, they were all content and so happy **to have a place of their own to live in. Life was good.**

## THE OPPOSITION: ALERT! STRANGER DANGER!



Yes, these three pigs felt comfort and relaxed in their new homes. Life felt like nothing would destroy their dreams and hope. They were eager to sit back and enjoy everything.

However, while they were going about being new homeowners, danger was within a few steps of their front doors. A tricky and hungry wolf had moved into the area. He came to do anything that it took to get to those pigs that the town was boasting about. The wolf had a plan to turn their world upside down. He wanted to eat them up!

The story tells us that the wolf had a bragging and angry attitude. He shouted out to the pig living in the straw and the one living in the hay house about what he was going to do. He said that he would huff, puff and blow down their houses. The frighten pigs tried to hide in their houses. But he attacked their houses and blew the straw and hay house down. In most versions of this story, the pigs were able to run out of the back door down to their brother's brick house to hide from the wolf. However, another version of the story tells us that the wolf ate them up. So let's stick with the story that they ran to their brother's brick house and were safe inside of it.

The wolf wasn't going to stop. He had confidence that he could come on down to the brick house and blow it away, too. He figured nothing could stop him because he blew those other two houses down.

The wolf had big bragging rights. He came to the brick house and shouted out how he would blow this house away because of what he had done to the hay and straw houses. The three pigs heard him blowing and blowing at the brick house's door.

The wolf couldn't blow it down. But, he was still desperate to eat those pigs. He got a ladder and climbed up onto the roof of the house and he climbed down the chimney to get those pigs.

But, the pigs were smart. They had a large boiling pot of water waiting for him to fall into it so they could cook him to death. In one story version, that is just what happened and the pigs lived happily forever after. In another version, the wolf came into the house and was shot dead by the gun of a pig and then they lived happily forever after. In another version, the wolf was beaten up by the pigs and then he ran out of the house and never came back. That was the end of the story.

### **ACTIVATE PSALM 23... AND LIVE!**

*People! People!* There are many lessons found in the story of *The Three Pigs*. We can learn many things from that fairy tale. It isn't a true story. It never happened!

In this fairy tale, we find that the pigs were on the move. They moved from their childhood home with their mother and moved on to build their homes. Then, two of them had to run to safety to their brother's brick home to get away from the wolf. Just when they thought that they had it all, an

adversary, the wolf, came knocking on their doors. He came in the midst of their peace and time of contentment.

We all want peace and security. We desire to live in a place that will meet all of our needs and provide pleasure. We work hard at trying to get rid of stress, pressure and problems to only find that it arrives at our door. These painful situations come to huff, puff, and blow us away! No matter where we go, trouble knows our address.

The wolf was after the pigs. He had a mission like our enemy, Satan. He is a thief. *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal and to kill and to destroy"* (John 10:10a KJV).

We can move here and there seeking for peace and comfort. However, it is not in a location, home or a luxurious vacation. We need the Lord Jesus Christ! He is all we need!

Jesus said, *"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep"* (John 10:10b, 11 KJV).

## **WE NEED JESUS! WE NEED A GOOD SHEPHERD!**

Psalm 23 must become alive in our lives. We must activate it. Make it ALIVE!

### ***Psalm 23: Accept It***



Recently, I had to make a change and look at Psalm 23 differently. I have read this all of my life. You have probably done the same. However, I had to ACCEPT what God has provided for me in Psalm 23. I had to TAKE THESE WORDS and MAKE THEM MY RIGHTS. I had to daily speak these promises into my spirit. They are becoming a part of my being. I had to receive them into myself.

There have been a lot of things coming against me trying to knock me, the person that God created me to be - my house, down. My dreams and my plans have been pushed around by those who try to knock them down. There has been a lot of huffing, puffing, and crazy talk trying to blow me away. Added to that, have been people with negative talk mixed in with fear and doubt. This is a destructive and deadly combination.

Testimonies about the goodness of God are few. So many people of God are going through tests and trials. They spend more time talking about them and how hard everything is to overcome. The wolf wants us to run and hide! He doesn't want us to BELIEVE that God is for us. He wants us to feel hopeless and helpless. His master plan is to see us fail and to live in lack.

### ***Psalm 23: Living In Green Pastures***

However, I CHOSE TO...

#### **I. Abide in Jesus. Look to Jesus. Claim Him as my Lord!**

*"The Lord is my shepherd. Vs. 1*

#### **II. He will give me peace. He will lead and guide my life!**

*"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." Vs. 2-3*

**III. When I go through all kinds of tests and trials, JESUS is there, too!**

**He comforts my hurting heart. He is with me in tough times.**

**I WILL NOT FEAR EVIL!**

*"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Vs. 4*

**IV. Those who are against me and don't like me, WON'T WIN!**

**My enemies won't have the upper hand over me!**

**I will be blessed right before their eyes!**

*"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." Vs. 5a*

**V. Jesus' Spirit will cover me from the top of my head to the soles of my feet!**

**His anointing will be on my life.**

*"Thou anointest my head with oil;" Vs. 5b*

**VI. Jesus will bless my life with abundance of overflowing blessings!**

**I will have more than I can contain!**

*"My cup runneth over." Vs. 5c*

**VII. I get "Life Long Benefits."**

**A life filled with days of His goodness and mercy!**

*"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:" Vs. 6a*

**VIII. MY BIG BONUS---**

**When we live according to God's plans for our lives, we will live  
ETERNALLY with Him.**

*"and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." Vs. 6b*

***Glory to God! I want eternal life with Jesus! When I move from this life  
to eternal life, I will dwell in God's house!***

**IX. I've Got a MANSION!**

*"In my Father's house are many mansions.: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3 KJV).*

**X. I'll see you in your Heavenly Mansion!**

***Moving day is coming!***

***Where will you be living?***

***"It won't be long. When we'll be leaving here.***

***It won't be long. We'll be going home."***

***Andre Crouch.***



*“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”*

*John 10:14-18*

## Your Donations Matter!



Thank you for your considerations and generosity. I sincerely thank you for greatly helping this ministry to move forward for the Lord. May God bless my continued financial supporters of The Lamp Newsletter . . .

*Mother Elizabeth Hands, The Founding Pastor's Wife*

*SION NATIONAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST in Detroit, MI*

*Mother Ruby Combs, Therapist and PR Director*

*FlexCare.LLC and The Love Knot Spa & Therapeutic Center in Southfield, MI*

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES . . .

I thank the Lord for Minister Towana Parker. Minister Parker is the Executive Director and Founder of LADIES OF DESTINY AND PURPOSE. Her work and ministry cover Wayne and Washtenaw counties in Michigan. She is changing lives of women, youth and children through the vital programs, projects and needed services that she and her productive staff have provided for more for years.

As this ministry reaches out to these various individuals, Minister Parker has effectively changed the lives of men who are extremely important to be included in the family circle and our society. She is taking what is broken and working to make it whole. This is vital to the success of the individual, homes, our communities, and the church.

God has also opened a door for Minister Parker to minister hope, healing and deliverance on her Monday ministry worship services online. She is a part of the TalkShoe Network. Minister Parker has founded, "Praising and Sharing with My Sisters." It is an inspirational and anointed hour program. Listeners are invited to phone in and participate, too.

Recently, Minister Parker invited me to speak in April. God spoke to my heart to speak on, "Hold on! Help Is on the Way!" My message can be heard online with other featured programs of "Praising and Sharing with My Sisters." You can also listen to the informative interview featuring Author Ramelle T. Lee. She highlights her worldwide ministry, Touching Your Heart Ministries.

### **PRAISING AND SHARING WITH MY SISTERS**

**Website: <http://www.talkshoe.com/tc/126295> Call in/Dial: 1-724-444-7444.**





## Ladies of Destiny and Purpose, International

recently hosted their 2014 . . .

### PRAISING AND SHARING WITH MY SISTER FELLOWSHIP

*"A women's fellowship for women who aspire to be all that they can be"*

Their guest speaker was **MINISTER MARY EDWARDS**

*Author/Book Coach/Editor/Speaker/Consultant*

*Leaves of Gold Consulting, LLC*

*Co-Founder of Joy of Jesus Ministries, Detroit*

She spoke on the topic: *"Christ's Management."* The event was very well attended. Many were blessed.

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## A GREAT SUCCESS!

Hats off to Mr. James Cohen known as *"Mr. Hollywood 'N Detroit."* Congratulations on a successful "10th Annual Black Women Business Owners in Detroit Expo." BRAVO!

God blessed Mr. Cohen to have an outstanding Expo featuring more than 60 leading African American women business owners and ministry leaders. It was held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at Greater Grace Temple on West 7 Mile Road in Detroit. Bishop Charles Ellis is the Pastor.

This jubilant and well-attended event also featured: gospel singers, ministry speakers, community leaders, and an array of activities. To our surprise, Author Ramelle T. Lee and I were chosen by Mr. Cohen to feature our business, Treasures from Heaven Ministries, at this major and glorious Expo. God blessed us to showcase, promote, and sell our various lines of ministry products and specialty gifts along with our books. God moved throughout the day.

I thank God for the help of my husband, Mr. Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr. who is the manager of my ministries. He always plays an important role in this work. Glory to God! It was also a tremendous blessing to see the support and cooperation of many other godly men at the Expo.

Amazingly, we prayed and ministered to at least ten boys from the ages of 5 to 12 years old. God drew them to our ministry table. It was so touching to speak with them about their life and the Lord.

Mr. Cohen has plans for other great events this year. Be sure to look for his ads in the Lamp Newsletter. Let us support him!

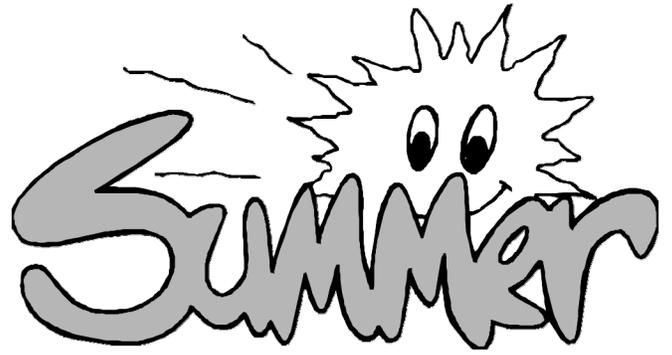


## SUMMER FUN FOR ALL

**Come one! Come All!**

to

SION National Church of God in Christ  
7022 Tireman Street - Detroit, MI 48204



Pastor Michael Hands, First Lady Nichol Hands, and the members of SION National Church of God in Christ, invites you and your family to join them in their summertime outreaches this year:

*July and August / Dates and times to be announced*

*Fun, recreation, prizes, refreshments and a good time for all! Activities held on the church's ground.*

*For more information please call: 313-935-3324.*

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## GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

*The Lamp Spotlight is on . . .*

### **MISSIONARY GERTRUDE HANSBERRY**

*Missionary President and Sunday School Leader*

*Church Member and Officer at: Word of Power Ministries*

*Pastor, Bishop Benjamin Hoke and First Lady Gwenette Hoke*



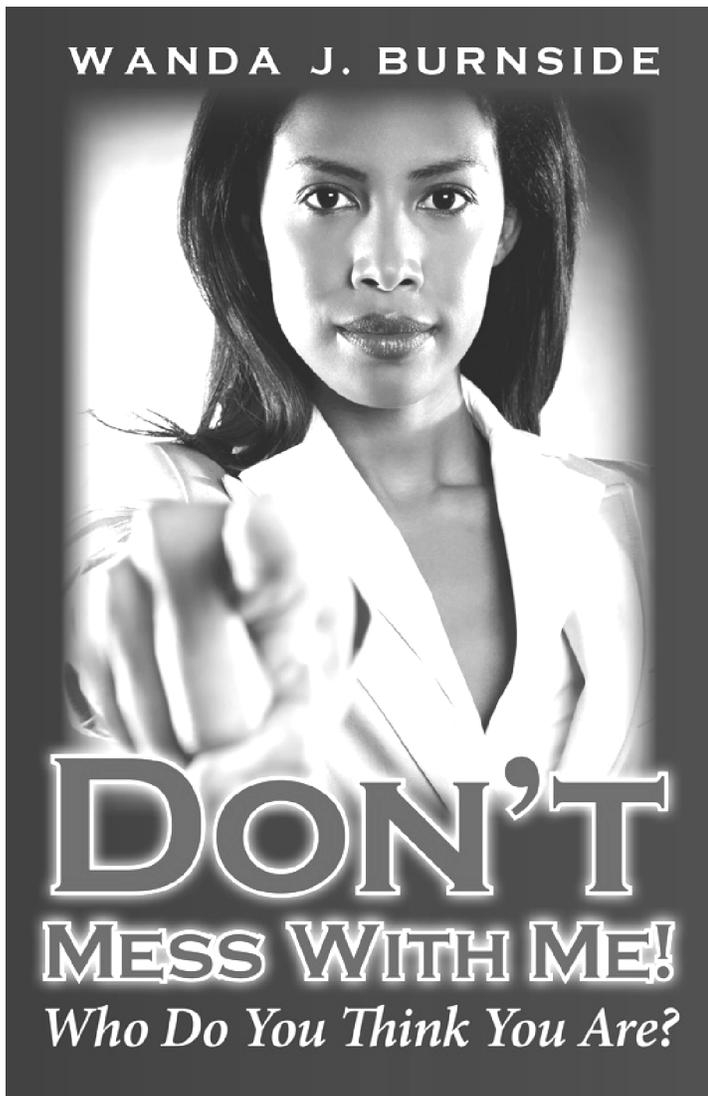
She is a Super Shopper in my ministries. Missionary Hansberry shops for the holidays, seasonally and regularly purchases my ministry products of inspirational gift items, poetry, cards, Friendship Bags, books, and other creations from God.

She also supports Treasures from Heaven Ministries, which was founded by Author Ramelle T. Lee and me. She orders and purchases our products to give and bless others at her church, in the community, for her family and friends. I thank God for her liberal and kind heart. Her support plays a major role in helping me to do the work of the Lord.

*Thank you, Missionary Hansberry!*

*May God bless you greatly.*

# NEW BOOK MINISTRY LAUNCHED



My fourth book, *DON'T MESS WITH ME! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?* was launched December 2013. Books are being sold and promoted across the United States. I am grateful for the many opportunities that God have given to me to get this book out.

My heart is greatly touched by those who are standing with me by purchasing copies of the book. This book is a ministry tool to empower women who are torn, bruised, hurting, and crushed by those who want to stop their destiny in God. Hearts are being changed through the power of the words of God. Readers are finding godly truths and biblical promises to free them from the false predictions of those who want to block, stop, and control the plans that God has for their lives.

I have received major support and tremendous blessings from those who have purchased several copies of this book to give to women with special needs. They are Kingdom Builders! These supporters care deeply about building character, hope, and the lives of women who are living a defeated life.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR VITAL SUPPORT . . .

*Evangelist Brenda Puckett of Southfield, MI - Member, New St. Paul COGIC was the first person to purchase my book a year before it was printed. She paid for a copy of her book in August, 2013.*

*Renown Poet and Author Ann-Marie Legan of Herrin, Illinois ordered and purchased a copy of the book in September, 2013.*

*Pastor Tonie Gatlin of Portland, Oregon - Love By Example Ministries ordered 25 copies for her women's ministry. At first, she ordered a dozen of the books. Within a week, other women wanted to join the reading ministry and read my book. Therefore, she put an urgent demand for more books! God is doing a new thing!*

# A GRAND BOOK KICK-OFF . . . A TOUCHING SEND OFF

*By The Called and Ready Writers of Detroit*

*Founded by Minister Mary Edwards*



The faithful and anointed members of The Called and Ready Writers gave me, the CRW President, a grand send off with their purchases of ***DON'T MESS WITH ME! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?***

This Christian writers' ministry understands the importance of writing, marketing, promoting, and selling your books. They are an awesome group of Christian writers who have a call on their lives to write for God. Their goal is fulfill the writing mission that God has given them. They are a precious group of writers.

These writers stepped up and purchased several copies of my book to reach out and change lives of many women. In February 2014, they filled out the order forms for books. I received an order for 40 books! Glory to God! I praise the Lord that I was able to meet their demands for the books.

*Your support and prayers mean everything to me! Thank you . . .*

Poet William Kuykendall

Poet Yvette Wilburn

Author Ramelle T. Lee

Elder LaMont Powell

Evangelist Charlzetta Powell

Poet Jessica Smith

Missionary Patricia Trotter

Chaplain Reverend Marva Stafford

Evangelist Vera Beauford

Playwright Joyce Washington

Missionary Trudy Hansberry

## MORE BOOKS ORDERED . . . AUSTRALIA IS CALLING!

My friend, Minister Sandra Hickman of Australia, is asking for a shipment of ***DON'T MESS WITH ME! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?*** for the women of Australia. Books will be sent this summer. Please pray for this project to go forth.

You can order copies of this book on at [www.createspace.com/4578746](http://www.createspace.com/4578746) or you can also find it on [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com). It will be sent directly to you. Kindle version will also be available soon. This summer, look for copies of the books at local bookstores, conferences, churches, retreats, and other locations.



*You can also make orders by contacting me at*

*(313) 491-3504 or [wvision@hotmail.com](mailto:wvision@hotmail.com) or order a copy at [www.thecalledandreadywriters.org](http://www.thecalledandreadywriters.org).*

## ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS . . .

### *Women Legendary Literary Giants and a Legendary Actress*

We are to live our lives touching, blessing and helping others. We are to become that person who will live caring, sharing, and loving others. When we do, we leave an everlasting mark on hearts from generation to generation.

#### *A Special Salute to one of my very beloved*

#### *Founding Subscribers and Supporters of THE LAMP NEWSLETTER . . .*



#### **MOTHER DOROTHY JACKSON KIMBLE**

***November 24, 1928 - May 14, 2014***

***Founding Subscriber and Supporter  
of THE LAMP NEWSLETTER***

*Married in 1946 to the love of her life, Mr. Sammy Lee Kimble (for 68 years).*

*Blessed with four daughters, three grandchildren  
five great-grandchildren and two great-great  
grandchildren.*

*Active and loyal Member, Greater Grace Temple in  
Detroit Bishop Charles H. Ellis, III, Pastor*

*A Secretary for Detroit Public Schools for 28 years.*

*A Prolific Published Author of four books and  
several published short stories. A Legendary Author  
in The Called and Ready Writers.*

**MOTHER DOROTHY KIMBLE** blessed my life. She was so concerned about the work that the Lord given to me to do. She took the time to call, write and encourage me. I received constant phone calls and beautiful little note cards filled with tender and inspirational words. Mother Kimble walked with me on my journey to write and publish THE LAMP NEWSLETTER. She was always there for me.

Mother Kimble never missed an opportunity to show her love and care for the things that God had called me to do. She stood with me. She was a hand on my shoulder at times . . . when I needed strength and consoling. She walked with me hand in hand . . . when I needed someone to come and lead me onward to reach my goals to publish this newsletter. She had giving hands . . . she gave finances from time to time to make sure that I did not use any excuse to say that I can't make it!

Most of all, Mother Kimble had that presence of being there. Some people say that they are with you . . . but they aren't. They don't have time to tell you how you can go on because they are praying for you. They don't believe that you can make it. They don't have confidence in you to excel and overcome all of the odds against you. They aren't willing to cheer you on! They don't assure you that all of the downfalls and the struggles are blessings and will make you better. BUT, MOTHER KIMBLE was there always giving and pushing me on. She gave her wisdom and shared her experience with me so that I could walk on.

I will miss Mother Kimble with all of my heart. I will miss her surprise phone calls just to say that she just read the newsletter and it was a blessing to her. I will miss her precious note cards tucked in my mail of bills, advertisements, and other things. I will miss our phone calls to communicate what was on our hearts from the Lord.

I am grateful for all of the cards and letters that I saved that she sent to me. I kept them because I cherished her every word that she wrote to me. I praise God for her love. I thank God that she prayed for me and prayed along with me. Her voice is not silent. Her love is with me. Today and tomorrow I will go on pressing forward to write my Lamp Newsletter, poetry, articles, and books until the Lord says differently.

Mother Kimble remained faithful to the end in the call that God had for her life. She has finished her course . . . she ran the race . . . and she is in the presence of the Lord. I can hear her cheerful and comforting voice saying, *"Wanda! Wanda! You can make it, girl! You just keep going. God is with you. He will see you through as He did every day for me. Love you, Wanda."*

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*Famed Legendary Poet and Author,*

**DR. MAYA ANGELOU**

*April 4, 1928 - May 28, 2014*

Celebrated poet, memoirist, novelist, educator, dramatist, producer, educator, dramatist, producer, actress, historian, filmmaker, and activist.

Mother of one son, Guy B. Johnson.

Dr. Angelou has received more than 50 honorary degrees.

She was the Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University.

**Awarded:** the Presidential Medal of Arts in 2000, the Lincoln Medal in 2008, and has received 3 Grammy Awards

Recipient of numerous literary honors and awards

Dr. Angelou wrote and published 16 books

**Noted poet for her poems:** *"I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," "Still I Rise," "Phenomenal Woman,"* and hundreds more.





*Legendary Actress, Broadway Star, and Activist,*

**RUBY DEE - MRS. "RUBY DEE" DAVIS**

**October 27, 1922 - June 11, 2014**

*Actress, poet, playwright, screenwriter, journalist, television, Broadway star, an active member of the NAACP, SCLC, and NEW YORK URBAN LEAGUE.*

*Married to Hollywood Legend and Civil Rights Activist: Mr. Ossie Davis,*

*Mother to three children, grandmother, and great-grandmother*

Ruby Dee wrote two books and co-author several books with her husband.

**Credits:** 50 Stage Credits, 10 Writings, Nearly 50 Film Credits, More than 100 Television Credits, and many film Documentaries, Radio Specials

**Many Awards:** Emmy in 1991 for Decoration Day, Recipient of the Grammy, Emmy, Obie, Drama Desk, Screen Actors Guild Award, and more.

**Noted Works in theater:** The Jackie Roberson Story, King Lear, A Raisin in the Sun, Edge of the City, and Do the Right Thing, and more.

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## WITH OUR SYMPATHY

*Let us pray for the Bereaved Families . . .*

Minister Charlestine Herbin and family of North Carolina

Deceased: Her father, Mr. Charles Boyd of Lakeshore, New York

Mrs. Patricia Gallagher and family of Philadelphia

Deceased: Her mother, Mrs. Claire Jordan Morhan

### **Mothers of Local Churches:**

The SION NATIONAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST of Detroit

Deceased: Mother Cox, 94 years old.

*She had a beautiful voice and loved to sing songs of praise and worship to the Lord. Her songs blessed the members and leaders of the church. Mother Cox loved the Bible. She always gave a powerful testimony.*

The Williams, Mckie, Faust, and Cooks Family across the United States

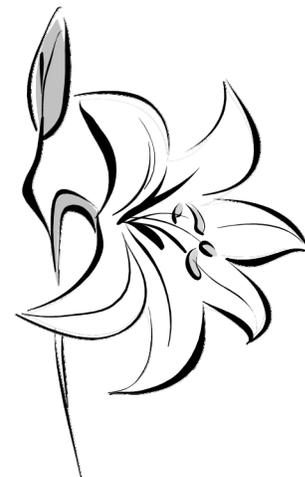
Deceased: Mother Leona Williams

*Mother Leona Williams was a very faithful and active mother for decades at Greater Miller Memorial Church of God in Christ, Warren, MI. She was a loyal and dedicated church leader who deeply cared about her pastor, his wife, their families, and the members of the church. Mother Williams had a joyful heart and ready to serve. She loved the Lord with all of her heart. She also dedicated her life to seeing that her family members came to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Bishop Earl Jerome Wright, Sr., Pastor*

Pastors: Apostle Ellis Smith, Richard Smith, and Gerald Smith and families.

Deceased: Their Mother, Evangelist Mary Cooley

*Mother Cooley was a fiery gospel singer and minister. She was a great soul-winner.*



## SPECIAL PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Chaplain **Reverend Marva Stafford**. Recently, she has had multiple deaths in her life.

Deceased: Her Beloved Church Mother, **Mother Jewel Springfield**, Zion MBC

Deceased: Her Mentor, **Rev. Sandra Kay Gordon**, Greater New Mt. Moriah MBC

*She was the Founder/Executive Minister of Daughters of Deborah, Women in Minister.*

Several deaths have occurred in the **Evangelist Patricia Jennings'** family of Michigan, Alabama, and other states. They truly need your prayers for this sorrowful season in their lives. Evangelist Jennings' brother recently died. He was the youngest child in the Jennings family,

*"What God promises is that He always, always comes.*

*He always shows up. He always saves.*

*He always rescues. His timing is not ours.*

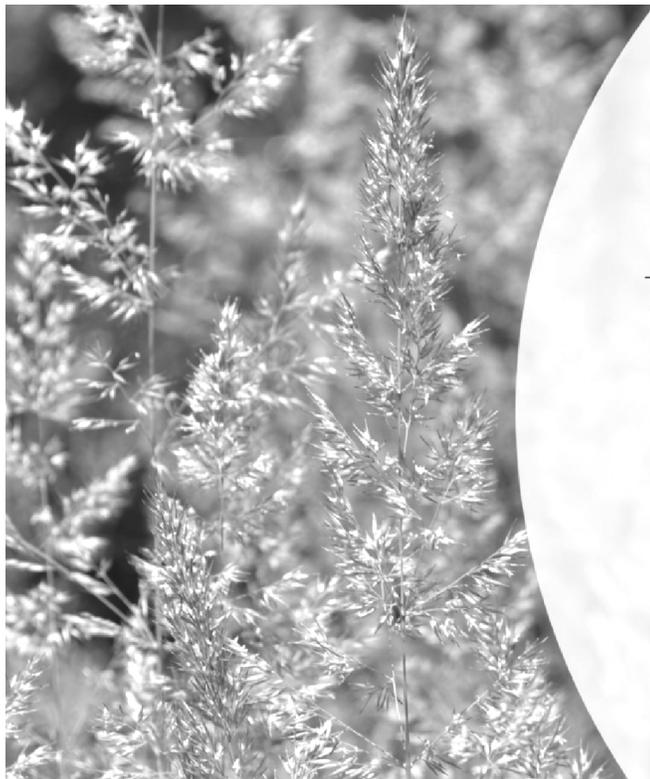
*His methods are usually unconventional.*

*But what we can know, what we can settle in our soul,  
is that He is faithful to come when we call!" - Angela Thomas*



### *May God Bless Our Sick Friends and Family Members . . .*

We are praying for the sick and shut-in. May God lift your spirit. May the healing power of God be released into your lives. We ask for deliverance to come in the Name of Jesus! Be healed in the Name of Jesus! His stripes have made you whole! Walk in faith and victory! Amen.



The Lord is close  
to the *brokenhearted*;  
He rescues those  
whose spirits are  
crushed.

Psalm 34:18

# GOLDEN BIRTHDAYS!

April 2014.....Mrs. Katie Holloway  
May 2014.....Author Ramelle T. Lee - 65th Birthday

## HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

June 2014.....MR. SIMMIE LEE BURNSIDE, SR. of Detroit,  
MI

*My husband's Father*

July 2014 .....MOTHER BARBARA LEE of Detroit, MI  
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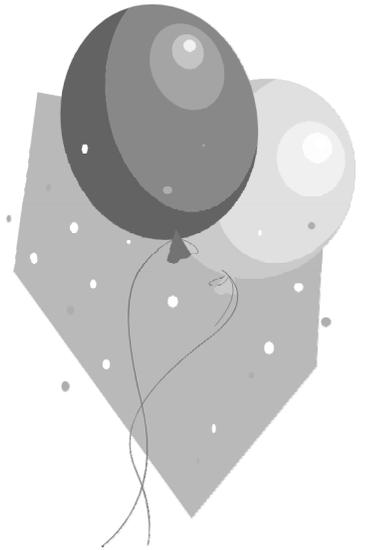
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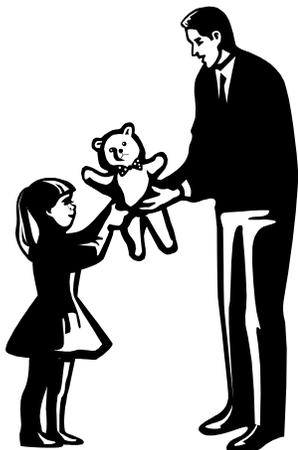
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*May God greatly bless you  
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Pray, trust and lean on Him!  
For He will give you His very best!*

*-Wanda J. Burnside*

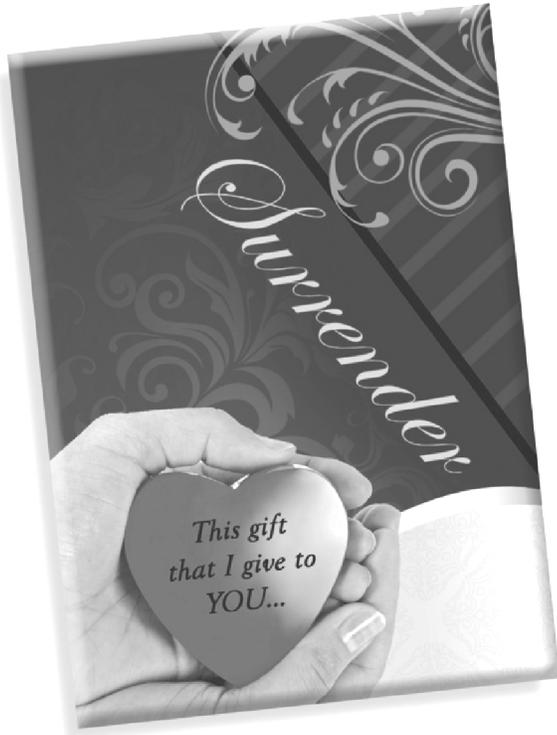
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