

# MY FATHER'S BUSINESS



# **GOD'S MAN**

*by Wanda J. Burnside*

**You are GOD'S MAN!**

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

**You bring hope, honor and blessings  
To your family and  
Each generation.**

**You are talented, intelligent, and wise.  
Let nothing stop your  
Righteous determination!**

**Your godly love and understanding  
Can soothe, change, comfort, and restore  
So many situations.**

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

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

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



## **MEN! MEN! GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE!**

In this photo below, we see a biblical picture of Jesus Christ as a young boy of only twelve years old. He is teaching in the synagogue. Yes, he had the religious teachers' complete attention.

He was on assignment! God, His Heavenly Father was using Jesus to talk about the Kingdom of God. He was bold and very brave. Jesus was not going to allow anyone to stop Him from speaking about God's plans.

After a three day search for Jesus, following their time away in Jerusalem, Joseph and Mary, found Him in the temple teaching. They were surprised. However, Jesus quickly let them know what He was doing. *"And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"* (Luke 2:49 KJV).

- **MEN! MEN! God created you to have something great and positive to do!**
- **YOU ARE IMPORTANT!**
- **GOD WANTS YOU TO FULFILL or OBTAIN or GET EVERYTHING THAT HE HAS FOR YOU!**
- **ONLY YOU CAN BE THAT MAN!**



## **MEN! MEN! SATAN HATES YOU SO VERY MUCH!**

This is because...GOD LOVES YOU! Genesis 1:26-27 states:

***"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."***

You are the Man! God the Father, Jesus the Son, and The Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit was ALL IN FOR THIS TO HAPPEN! Look at the POWER and AUTHORITY that was given to you, my brother!

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

**SATAN COMES AGAINST YOU! HE DOESN'T WANT YOU BLESSED!**

Therefore, you must watch your steps and your ways! Psalm 37:23-27 (KJV) states:

***<sup>23</sup> The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.***

***<sup>24</sup> Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.***

***<sup>25</sup> I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.***

***<sup>26</sup> He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.***

***<sup>27</sup> Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.***

**MEN! MEN! It is a MAJOR FIGHT!**

**Come on and get in GOD'S BUSINESS AND BLESSINGS FOR YOUR LIFE!**

**You can do it!**

Joshua 1:7-9 (TLB) states:

***7 "You need only to be strong and courageous and to obey to the letter every law Moses gave you, for if you are careful to obey every one of them, you will be successful in everything you do.***

***8 Constantly remind the people about these laws, and you yourself must think about them every day and every night so that you will be sure to obey all of them. For only then will you succeed.***

***9 Yes, be bold and strong! Banish fear and doubt! For remember, the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."***

**MEN!** Read your Holy Bible. Obey every Word in it. You will be successful even when you have failures and disappointment. God will restore your life!

**MEN!** Remind your family about the Word of God. Seriously think on the Word all of the time.

**MEN!** Be bold and strong. Get rid of fear and doubt in the Name of Jesus. Remember, the ALMIGHTY IS WITH YOU on your job and in your home. He will direct your steps. He will show you the way. He will make a way for you in everything you do and face.

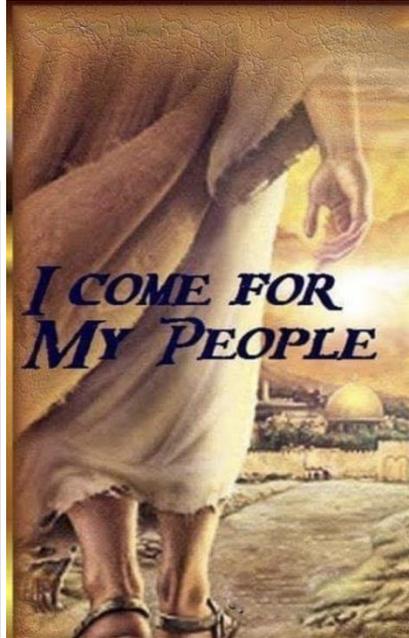
**MEN!** Repent for the things that you have done that is not right. Tell God, who loves you, that you want to change.

**MEN!** Trust in God. Believe in Him.

**MEN!** Look to the Lord to help you! He will!

“For I know the PLANS  
I have for you”  
declares the LORD  
“plans to PROSPER you  
and not to harm you,  
plans to give you  
HOPE and a  
FUTURE.”  
Jeremiah 29:11

*HE has  
planned  
for me*  
Jeremiah 29:11



## The Perfect Bridegroom By Doris Homan

Weddings promise so much love, so much hope for the future and a brand new chapter. I Corinthians 13 is referred to as “the love chapter” and often quoted at weddings. Love is patient, love is kind, is not jealous or arrogant, does not provoke or keep a list of wrongs.....oh, doesn't your heart yearn for that type of a love relationship, one full of forgiveness, mercy and grace.

Jesus' first miracle was turning water into wine at a wedding in the small town of Cana. (John 2:1-11) They ran out of wine (which was a great embarrassment) and Jesus' mother asked Him to save the day.

Jesus paints a beautiful picture for us when He describes Himself as the Bridegroom and His followers, The Church, as the Bride. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He said He would not drink of the fruit of the vine till He drinks it with us when we come into His kingdom. (Matthew 26:29) Jesus said that He goes to prepare a place for us and promises to return and to receive us. (John 14:2-3) Our welcome feast, or wedding reception is referred to as the Marriage Supper of the Lamb when our Bridegroom celebrates us His Bride (the corporate church). (Revelation 19:9)

It's an honor to be invited to a wedding, invitations are sent out way in advance, we put the date on the calendar and when the time comes, we go all out looking

our very best. The Bible tells us that God sends everyone an invite to His celebration, but sadly, not all respond. (Matthew 22:9-10) He desires for no one to be left out but still, not all accept His invitation. (2 Peter 3:9) For those who do accept and are eager to join Him, their name is placed on the roster of attendees. The Bible calls that roster The Lamb's Book of Life. (Revelation 21:6-7) The names of all who accept The Lamb, Jesus Christ and align themselves with Him are recorded. One day there will be a roll call and as the old hymn says, "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there!"

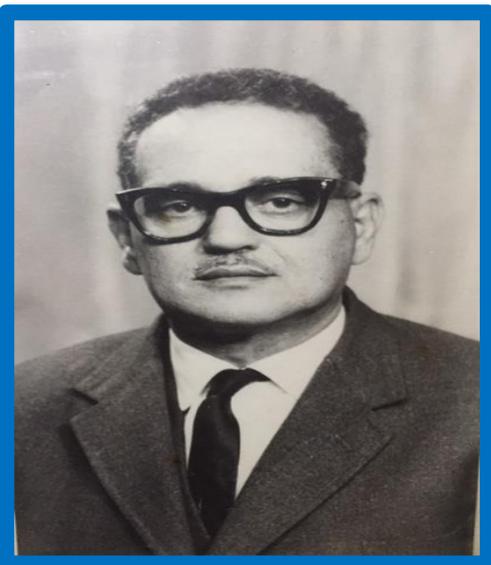
What a celebration that will be, the only catch is we don't know when this will take place. When is Jesus returning? Like any special event or celebration, it involves planning and lots of preparation but how can we be ready when we don't know when He is returning?

Jesus tells a parable (an earthly story with a heavenly meaning) of the 10 virgins. 5 virgins brought oil and were prepared to meet the bridegroom while the other 5 did not. So, when the bridegroom tarried, they fell asleep and when they heard him coming, they ran into town to buy oil for their lamps. Sadly, the bridegroom came while they were gone and they missed him. (Matthew 25:1-13) This parable is a warning for us to live in such a way that we are prepared at any time for His coming. The Bible also warns us to live in a way that we will not be ashamed when our Bridegroom comes back for us. (1 John 2:28)

Have you made Jesus your Bridegroom and is your name in the Lamb's Book of Life? Are you prepared to meet Him? Will He find you living a faithful life when He returns?

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**This Father's Day, I am honoring...**



**My beloved grandfather,  
Mr. Tewfic Hanna.**

**He loved the Lord. Grandfather was a wonderful example to us, his grandkids. He instilled in us a love for God and His Word.**

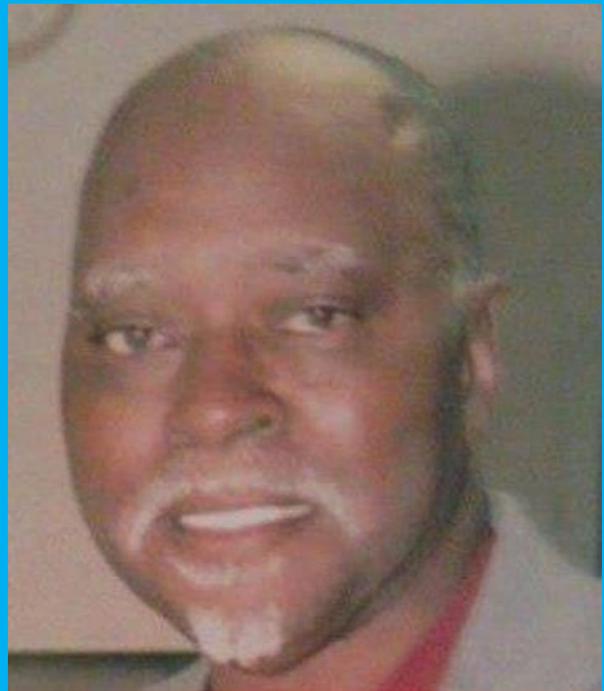
**Grandfather went to be with Jesus in 1974.**

# May GOD BLESS ALL THE FATHERS!

From Our Youth Staff Writer. In Loving Memory of Her Beloved Father...



**DONNA R. BROOKS**



**MINISTER DONALD V. BROOKS**

## **Psalm 103:13**

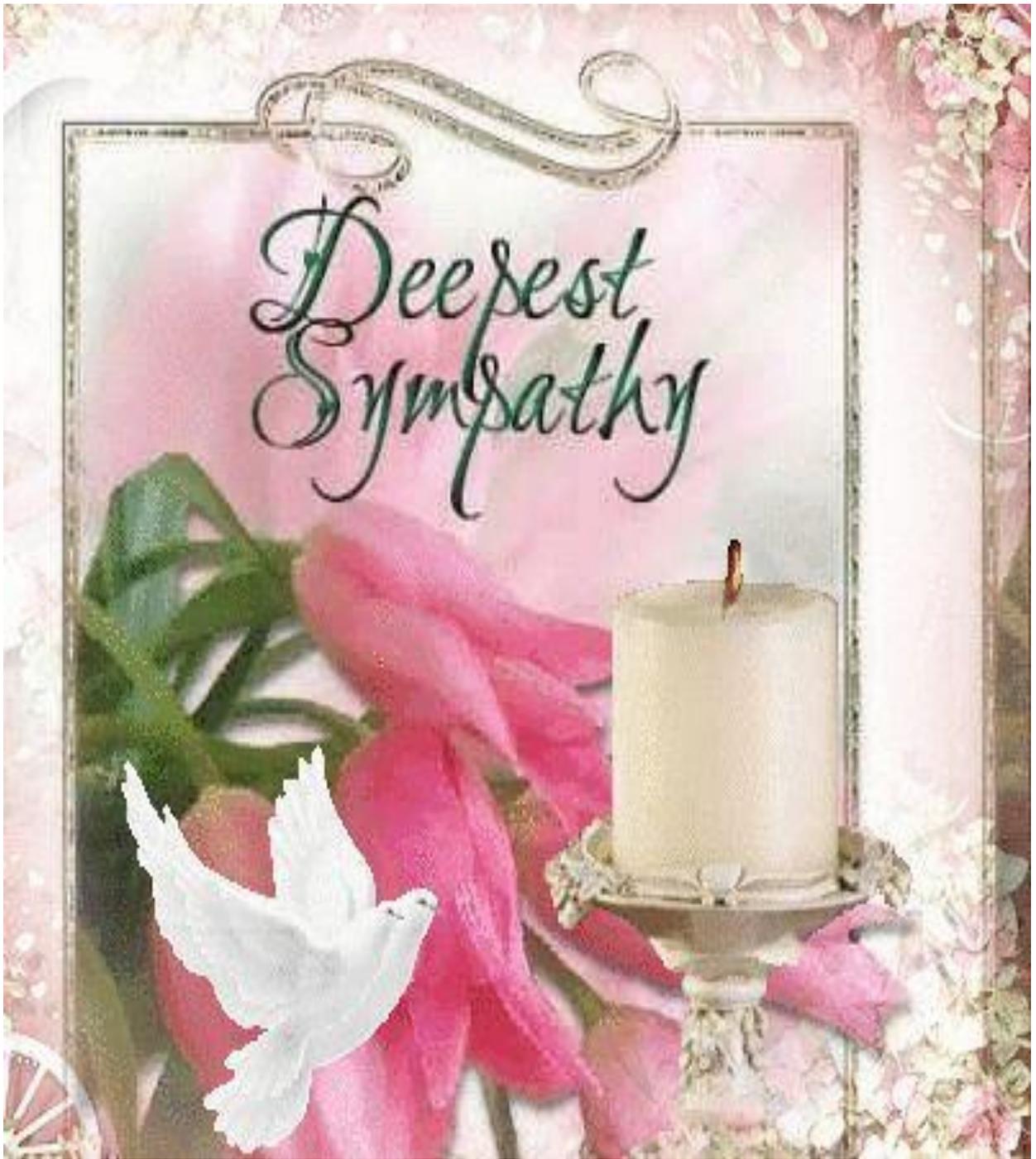
*As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.*

## **Proverbs 15:5**

*A fool despises his father's instruction,  
but whoever heeds reproof is prudent.*

## **Proverbs 4:1**

*Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive,  
that you may gain insight.*



## **PAPA – PASTOR WALTER GATLIN A TRUE SERVANT of GOD**



**PASTOR WALTER GATLIN** was a member of the Lead Team of C3 Church NE Portland and a great Man of God. Pastor Walter served in his church, alongside his wife Toni, with heart, faith and passion. His kindness, joyful spirit, godly ways and friendly heart touched people in their church and Portland.

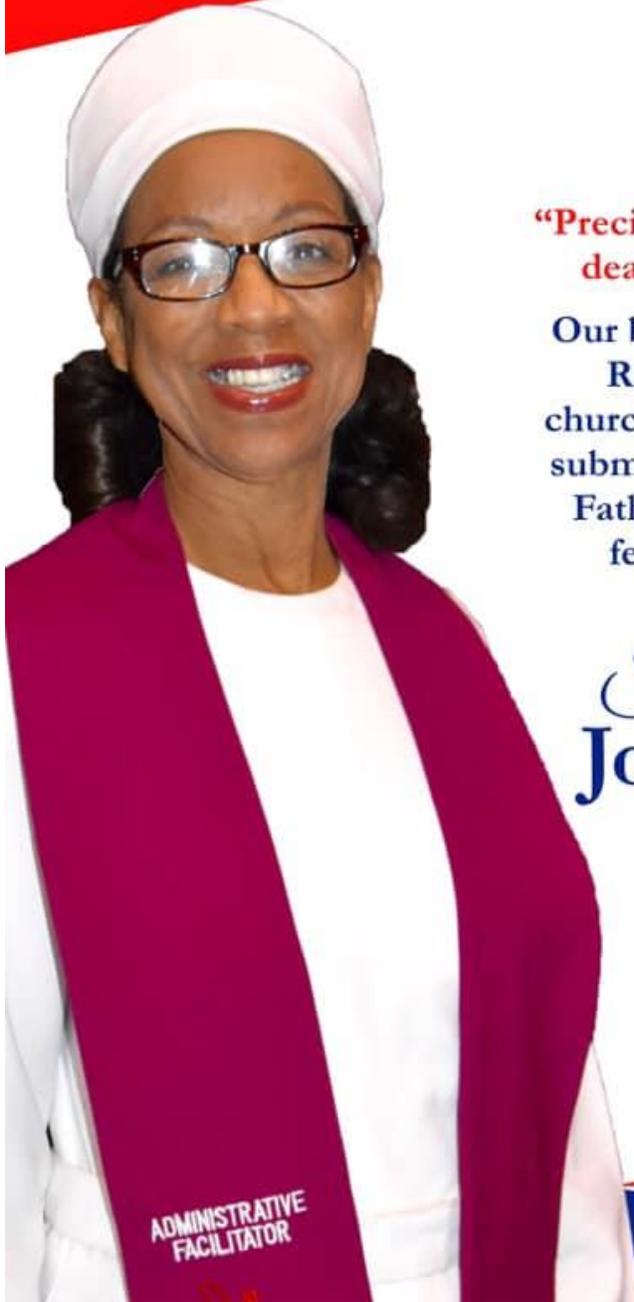
### **A church member reports:**

“Walter was the kind of person who could light up a room with his smile. He loved Jesus passionately and was a man of the Word. Every Saturday night he would be found at our church prayer meeting, passionately pursuing the blessing, healing, deliverance and breakthrough of others. He has been a rock of consistent loving presence, in the community of our church. Our church deeply grieves his passing.

Our prayers are with Toni and the families of their sons and daughter – Lamont, Frank and Octavia.”

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International Department of Women

Bishop J. Drew Sheard - Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle  
Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis, General Supervisor



**“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints”- Psalm 116:15**

Our beloved Supervisor, Mother Joyce Rodgers has transitioned to the church triumphant. We humbly bow in submission to the will of our heavenly Father. She was a giant slayer and a feminine warrior filled with the manifested glory of God!

*Supervisor*  
**Joyce L. Rodgers**

Mother  
**Barbara McCoo Lewis**  
&  
The International Department  
of Women



**Shirley "Yvonne" Lehman**  
**Black Mountain, North Carolina**  
**April 3, 1936 - May 7, 2021**

Yvonne tirelessly worked to help other writers achieve their best. By publishing the Moments anthologies, Yvonne not only encouraged writers and placed their stories before readers but also benefited Samaritan's Purse with proceeds from the book sales. She will be missed here on earth, but no doubt, she is having a ball in heaven.

Shirley "Yvonne" Lehman, age 85, passed away on Friday, May 7, 2021. She was born in Piedmont, SC in Anderson County, but lived most of her life in Black Mountain, NC. She is preceded in death by her mother, Melvia Fox; father, M.F. Prince; husband, Howard Lehman; and daughter, Lisa Wilson.

Surviving family are daughters, Lori Lehman Marett (Rodney) of Black Mountain, and Cindy Lehman Wilson (Steve) of Anderson, SC; son, David Lehman of Black Mountain, NC; grandchildren, John Wilson, Paul Wilson, Emily Marett Disco (Andy), Savannah Marett, Celeste Marett, Stephen Lehman, Rebekah Lehman, Luke Lehman, and Simon Wilson; and great-grandchildren, Rory Disco and Alice Disco.

Yvonne Lehman was a prolific author, receiving a BA in English Literature from UNC-Ashville in 1986 and a master's degree in English from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC, in 1991. She is the founder and former director of the Blue Ridge Mountains Christian Writers Conference for 25 years, the Blue Ridge Novel Retreat for 12 years and is the author of 59 novels. Yvonne Lehman is also compiler and editor of 16 books in the Moments Book Series in which all proceeds go to Samaritan's Purse, a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers that donations be made to Samaritan's Purse [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org).



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

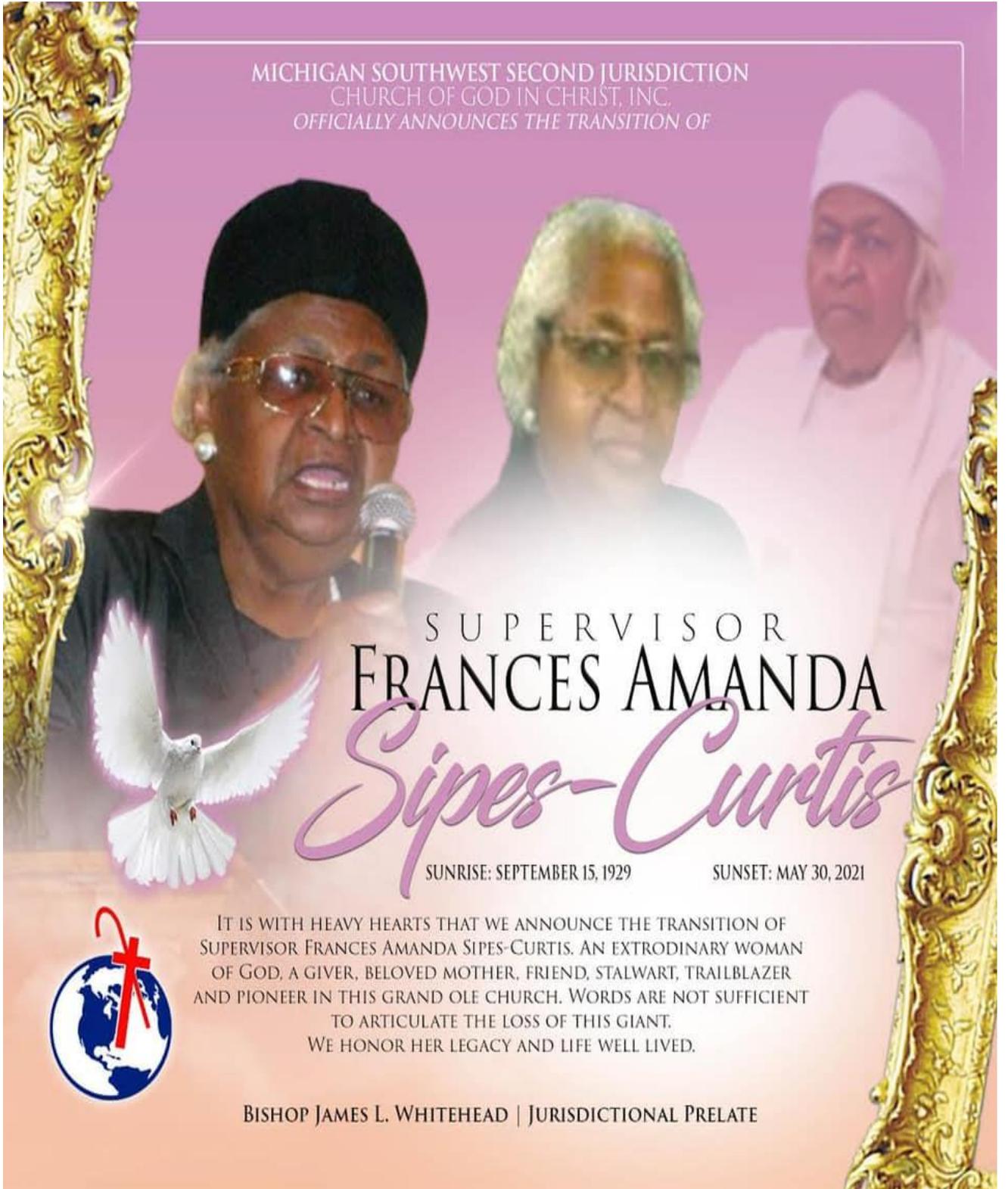
**STAFF WRITER, KIZZY STATEN-GRAY (left)  
and her family.**

*Homegoing of their dearly beloved...*

**Auntie Joyce Gordon - May 2021 (right).**



MICHIGAN SOUTHWEST SECOND JURISDICTION  
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.  
OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES THE TRANSITION OF



SUPERVISOR  
FRANCES AMANDA

*Sipes-Curtis*

SUNRISE: SEPTEMBER 15, 1929

SUNSET: MAY 30, 2021



IT IS WITH HEAVY HEARTS THAT WE ANNOUNCE THE TRANSITION OF SUPERVISOR FRANCES AMANDA SIPES-CURTIS. AN EXTRAORDINARY WOMAN OF GOD, A GIVER, BELOVED MOTHER, FRIEND, STALWART, TRAILBLAZER AND PIONEER IN THIS GRAND OLE CHURCH. WORDS ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO ARTICULATE THE LOSS OF THIS GIANT. WE HONOR HER LEGACY AND LIFE WELL LIVED.

BISHOP JAMES L. WHITEHEAD | JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE





## **A Prayer of Forgiveness**

*By Trudy Hansberry*

Dear Father, Teach us how to bear  
Our brother's burdens today.  
Lord, show us how to look within  
When we feel others have offended.

Father, let us not complain  
Looking on the human side  
But, seek Your sacred way  
As we bend our knees and pray.

Dear Father, allow us to meditate  
On your Holy Word  
Instead of what we've heard

For Your Word says,  
"We must forgive  
Seventy times seven daily,"  
(Matthew 18: 21-22).

Father, teach us how to forbear  
Our brothers' burdens  
As we bend our knees and pray.  
In the Name of Jesus, Amen.



## **GOD PROVIDED**

**By Mary Lynette Hanna**

Growing up, my mom and dad were apart.  
A young marriage without preparation,  
a recipe for disaster.  
**But, God provided....**

My Granddads albeit completely different,  
showed me what dads should be.  
My Uncles and older male cousins set an example,  
talked to me on and off the record.  
**God provided.**

My Pastor set a gold standard of love  
of family and his lay pastors,  
were encouraging and uplifting,  
speaking to me as they would their own.  
**God provided.**

I think about that now,  
when my dad is across the ocean  
and my step dad is gone to Glory,  
I can talk to him  
we have a relationship.  
**God provided.**

I think about the moments  
my father- in-law would talk  
and tell me how he had hoped  
his son would do better.  
**God provided.**

For those without Fathers,  
without love connections,  
don't weep, don't fear,  
**God will provide that mentor,**  
that you know  
it is him and not foolishness.

God is love,  
God is a hearing ear,  
God is encouragement,  
God will never send one  
to invade your intimacy spaces  
God is your helper, not hurter.

Lift up your eyes to the sky  
from where your Help Comes From.  
Look around there are examples  
of all you need and seek.  
**God will provide.**

## ☞ God's Promise ☞

“God didn't promise days without pain,  
laughter without sorrow, or sun without rain.  
But God did promise strength for the day,  
comfort for the tears, and a light for the way.  
And for all who believe in His kingdom above,  
He answers their faith with everlasting love.”

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*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight,” (Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV).*





Author Ramelle T. Lee



# God's Superheroes

by Ramelle T. Lee

*The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Through he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand. I have been young, and now am old: yet I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth: and his seed is blessed," (Psalms 37: 23-26 KJV).*

**When I was growing up, I loved watching SUPERMAN on television. Every week I'd sit in front of the television and see Clark Kent take off his glasses, step into the phone booth, and quickly transform into a superhero. He would come out dressed in a cape with tights and red boots. It was so exciting to see the changes as Superman would show off his abilities to leap buildings, flying in the air and save someone who required rescuing.**

**Fast forward to the twentieth century, we may not have SUPERMAN heroes flying around in caped suits, but God has angels among us that still "Come to Save the Day." God has placed men in the earth that will follow His godly instructions and do miraculous things to come to the aid of His people.**

**This is a shout out to the Superhero men in our life who freely stand in the gap to support others, when they are in need of assistance. These men are dedicated to meet the challenges of taking care of their family, relatives and friends without hesitation. You hear of stories everyday of how they have shown kindness, willingness and courage to support others around them without ever complaining.**

**It's such a blessing to witness these Superheroes in action and discover how they stand up to every challenge; facing sometimes impossible situations, to help someone else in need. These men were built to handle the task. You can depend on them to stand in the gap and be that buffer for you. They are strong, reliable and dependable.**

**God's superheroes are all around us. We know exactly who they are. You can place them in a line up and they will shine and stand out every time. They have been given the stamina to stay in control and handle the complexities of life with ease. How is this possible? Because God has given them the ability to weather the storms of life and fight the good fight of faith. They know that God is the one who controls our situation, and He will do battle for us.**

**Superheroes of God are flexible, stable and stay calm in a crisis. They are equipped to handle the pressure well. If you have met any of these Superman heroes in your life, be thankful to God for putting them in your view. They have a special place and calling to be that support mechanism that allows you to realize..." *their steps have been ordered by the LORD.*"**



**RAMELLE LEE'S BELOVED  
FAMILY MEN:**

**My father, Mr. Andrew Lee**



**My oldest brother, Andrew Lee**



**My twin brother, Reverend Lovell Lee**

# Special Fathers to Honor in My Family by Mrs. Michele Barnes



We are so thankful for our fathers! We love you! May God keep you covered!



My brother, Mr. Daniel Gardner



My son, Mr. Shuan Barnes(left) with his son, Levi



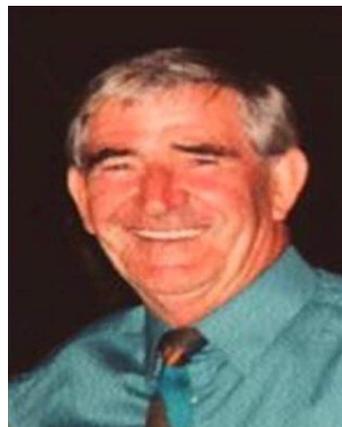
My cousin, Mr. Julius Patrick Holloway  
With his daughter, Payton

*I will be a **father** to him,  
and he'll be a son to me.  
{2 Samuel: 7:14-15}*



**Happy Father's Day  
To all Dads  
Everywhere...**

**From Sandra Hickman  
Australian Ministry Leader  
and Staff Writer**



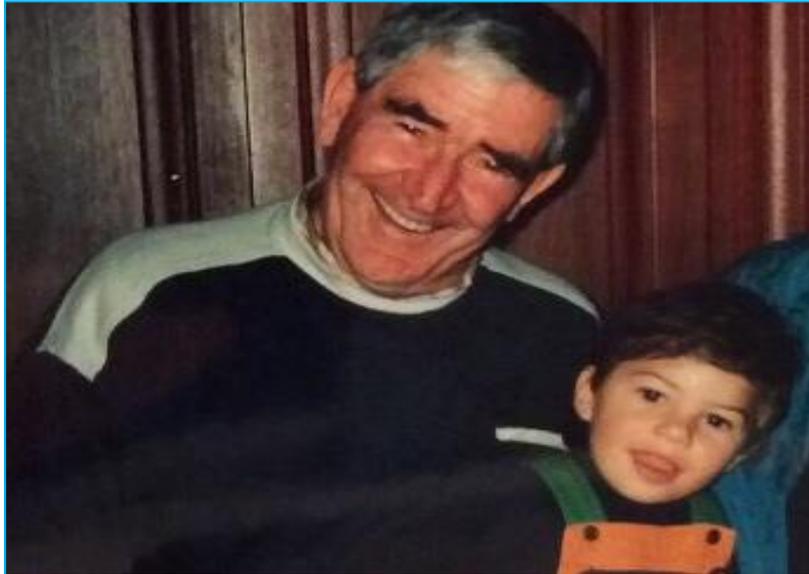
## **Dad's Little Sapling ....**

I lived in the shadow of a man who seemed taller than the sky, louder than thunder, and softer than snow. He always allowed his eyes and heart to rain tears of love, joy, sorrow and happiness freely and unashamedly. Dad loved the Lord and always taught me how to have godly respect. He was a high benchmark for other men to live up to. Funny, kind, strict, loving and protective. I always felt safe with him. What a shadow for a little sapling to grow beneath.

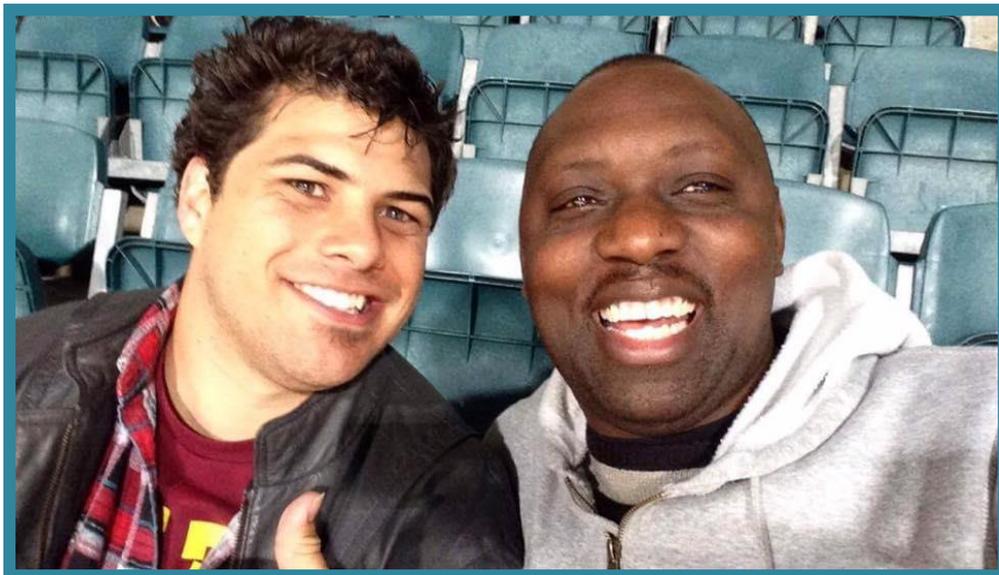
To my little-girl-self, he was like a big tree planted firmly by still deep waters, with a surging and vigorous undercurrent that defined his inner strength and matched his huge personality. He seemed perfect to me! I guess we all have flaws. If he was flawed...he was perfectly flawed, and a perfect blessing to me.

**— I love my Dad xo (Top right- Mr. Colin Hickman)**

**From Australia... JORDAN L'ECLUSE  
and the important men in his life!**



Jordan is with Grandpa Mr. Colin Hickman. Jordan had a special bond with his Grandpa when he was growing up. They had so many wonderful times together.



Jordan L'Ecluse and his Dad, Pastor Raymond Nsange . They have a loving father and son relationship. God united them. Pastor Raymond is married to Jordan's mum, Pastor Tari Nsange



**Pastor Jackson with his son, Sammy A. Jackson. He is holding his son's daughter, Lavender Reign Child Jackson**

## **TRAIN UP A CHILD. Proverb 22:6**

**By Pastor Sammy L. Jackson**

**God is pleased with a father who is a good parent like you who offers your amazing, true, sincere love! Congratulations to all fathers everywhere on Father's Day! You have true love for your children and family.**

**Praise the Lord for your sincere efforts to be a caring father. You truly deliver your very best of yourself to your family. You are appreciated for being a true father who strives to teach your children to live right. You also teach them how to understand what is wrong in life. Father, you are a man who is living by godly faith in the Word of God.**

**God's law and God's government are the real teaching we need to walk on by faith. So when trouble comes, you must still daily live right before your family. I want you to know God's love. It is more than you could ever know.**

**God has blessings and gifts waiting on you. Your works are not in vain faithful servant of God. Your role as a father plays a very important role in a Christian family member. This is because you are to be a good role model before your children and a source of strength for them.**

**A good father is one of the most unsung, un-praised, and unnoticed member in most families. However, he should be one of the most valuable assets in our society. The Bible says train up a child in the way he should go, but be sure you go that way yourself!**

*Happy Birthday*  
**Christine V. Mitchell**

**of the UK/London**  
**Staff Writer, Website Designer, Poet, and Author**



All knowing God, I want to show love for You in the way that I work and the way I lead my life. Thank you for never forgetting my work. Thank you for always using it as part of your plan. As I continue in ministry, encourage me that it is all for Your glory. Amen.

[Based on Hebrews 6:10] [DailyPrayerGuide.net](http://DailyPrayerGuide.net)



**Dear Christine,**

**May God continue to bless you in your ministries and various endeavors in life. May He grant you many desires of your heart.**

**You are sincerely loved and greatly appreciated!**

Happy Birthday

# Poet Yvette Wilburn

Founder, P.O.E.T. Ministries

*Poet, Author, Former TV & Radio Host, and Psalmist*



*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*



May God bless  
every single day  
of your life.

**Happy  
Birthday**



Dear Yvette,

**THE BEST  
IS YET TO  
COME!**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOTHER BONNIE MCPEAK

*\*International President*

**BUSINESS and PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION**

**The Church of God in Christ, International**

**150 Chapters in the United States and One Chapter in Zambia, Africa**

**\*Founder and President, Pretty in Pink Princesses**

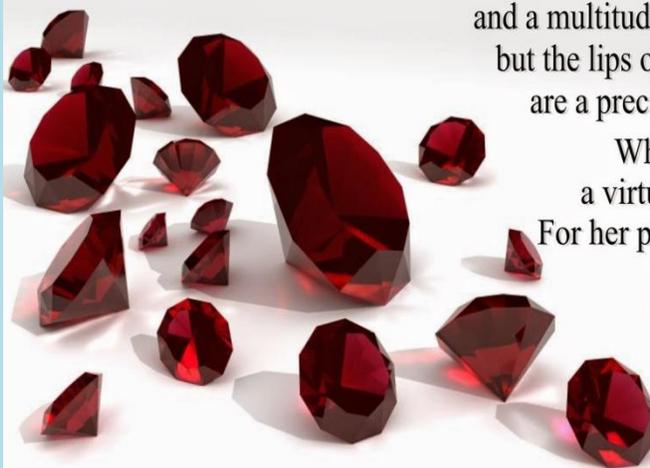
**\*First Lady, B.F.C. MINISTRIES in Grand Rapids, MI**

**\*Former Realtor/Appraiser at AB Realty**

**SHE IS A VICTORIOUS WOMAN!**



*Rubies of Proverbs*



She is more precious than *Rubies*;  
nothing you desire can compare with her.

For wisdom is better than *Rubies*;  
and all the things that may be desired  
are not to be compared to it.

There is gold,  
and a multitude of *Rubies*;  
but the lips of knowledge  
are a precious jewel.

Who can find  
a virtuous woman?  
For her price is far above

*Rubies*

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**MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU IN ALL OF YOUR ENDEAVORS!**

**The Hand of God's Favor is Upon You!**



On Tuesday, May 18, 2021, after 42 Years of stellar service and tender care at Ascension Providence Hospital in Southfield, MI, my oldest sister, Marva, **RETIRED!** A wise woman once said, “I’m Outta Here” and she lived happily ever after.

We celebrated her retirement on Saturday, May 22, 2021. Marva was a Unit Clerk, Physician Referral Lead, Medical Affairs Credentialing and Volunteer Chaplain!

Over the years, many people have called her to go visit their loved ones, pray for their loved ones or help them find their loved ones who were in Providence Hospital. Marva was always grateful to do it and spent many lunch hours and after work hours checking on many people’s loved ones!

They called her, “The Legend.” Yes, the Legend has officially retired. –Love, Linda Stafford.



**Retired! REVEREND MARVA LENE STAFFORD**

**Our Lamp Newsletter Editor and Her Husband**



**JUST MARRIED**  
**Calvin and Mary Williams**

***You are cordially invited to share in  
this happy event by watching on  
Facebook.***

**The Wedding Ceremony  
is available on  
[Dr. Edwards' personal Facebook page.](#)**



Sunday, June 6, 2021

**Embargoed for 9:00am PT / 12:00pm ET / 5:00pm UK**

**STATEMENT FROM THE PRESS SECRETARY FOR THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF SUSSEX**

It is with great joy that Prince Harry and Meghan, The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, welcome their daughter, Lilibet “Lili” Diana Mountbatten-Windsor, to the world. Lili was born on Friday, June 4 at 11:40 a.m. in the trusted care of the doctors and staff at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara, CA.

She weighed 7 lbs 11 oz. Both mother and child are healthy and well, and settling in at home.

Lili is named after her great-grandmother, Her Majesty The Queen, whose family nickname is Lilibet. Her middle name, Diana, was chosen to honor her beloved late grandmother, The Princess of Wales.

This is the second child for the couple, who also have a two-year-old son named Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor. The Duke and Duchess thank you for your warm wishes and prayers as they enjoy this special time as a family.

ENDS



*High School Graduates:*

**Our Great-Niece....  
Ms. Danielle Jefferson**

**Dear Friend...  
Mr. Michael Hands, Jr.**

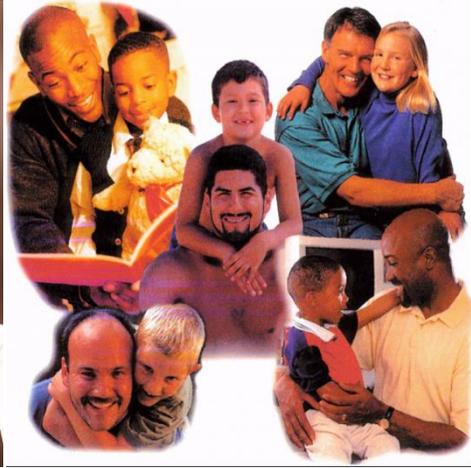
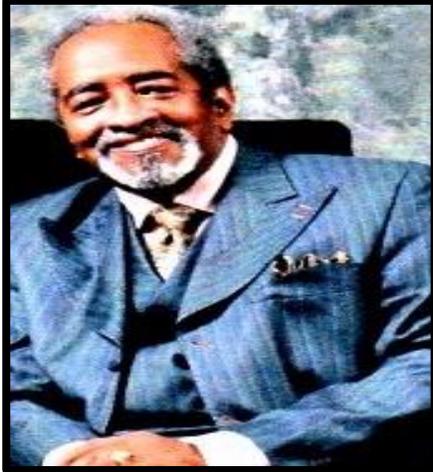
*And to...*

**All Graduates!**



# Reverend Dr. Randolph Thomas

## THE ROLES of a FATHER



Author Ramelle T. Lee's pastor, Reverend Dr. Randolph Thomas of Greater Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 2969 South Fort Street in Southwest Detroit was our featured speaker at a special event. His great message warmed our hearts.

Reverend Thomas spoke powerfully, boldly and tenderly as a pastor and loving father. He outlined the roles of a father based upon the specific Words of the Gospel as found in Psalm 23 known as The Shepherd's Psalm. Reverend Thomas laid a solid foundation for men to build godly characteristics as a dedicated and faithful father. He spoke passionately and tenderly.

His firm counsel and clear instructions were greatly received. Reverend Thomas talked with assurance because he has 52 years of marriage experience, decades as a father and grandfather. He is a highly educated man in the gospel and over 52 years of ministry which renders his highest knowledge and understanding in the Holy Bible.

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# My Special Father's Day Tribute



Wanda J. Burnside, Founder and Publisher  
The Lamp Newsletter International

Dear Readers,

I have prayed and prayed over this special section of the newsletter for many reasons. It is hard to express what I truly feel concerning what I want to share with you. That's because I sincerely thank the Lord for these men on pages 35-43. They have and are playing a major role in my life...for years.

It is a blessing to know these men who care about me. Some have gone on to Glory. I am very grateful for the ones who are still here. I have been blessed by their prayers, advice, encouragement, guidance, help, and concerns for me. They have supported me in many ways. When I felt or feel like I can't make it, they boldly speak or have spoken into my life to build my confidence. These men assure and assured me that *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"* (Philippians 4:13 KJV).

They have stood with me in my visions and missions. God have given me men that are patient, tenderhearted, unselfish, and willing to counsel me in my walk in life. These men are and were full of understanding. They opened doors for me to excel and succeed in various tasks. I have received blessings galore from them. Their words of wisdom make a difference in the decisions I have made.

I miss my loving and caring uncles: Minister Frederick McCann and Mr. Claude McCann. They were the very best! They truly thought that I could do anything!

I PRAISE GOD for men who are honorable, wise, caring, and godly men.

**(In this tribute, the men who are deceased, have an asterisk (\*) in front of their name.)**

**Mr. Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr., Married since 1972 to Wanda J. Burnside**



Retiree- Ford Motor Company. The Manager of The Lamp Newsletter International and Write the Vision Ministries and Media Productions International. Artist, Community worker, church/ministry leader and, Bookstore Manager, The Called and Ready Writers.



**\*Dearest Daddy, Elder Minor Palm, Jr.**  
Married 54 years to Evang. Willie Lee Palm  
Father of three children, Grandfather of three,  
And Great-Grandfather of three Great-grandchildren.  
Executive Church and Community Leader.  
Musician, Bible Scholar and Songwriter.



**\* Dear Dad, Deacon Simmie Lee Burnside, Sr.**  
Married 62 years to Miss'y Christine Burnside  
Father of four children and Grandfather of one  
two Great-granddaughters.  
Executive Church and UAW Leader  
Bible Study Leader.

# **My SWEET Grandfather**



## **\*ELDER MINOR PALM, SR.**

**Born and raised in Dallas, Texas. Married to Missionary Marie Palm, Father of four children, Grandfather of ten grandchildren, Great-Grandfather, and Great-Great-Grandfather.**

**He was devoted to a life of steadfast prayer, fasting, Bible Study, praying for the sick, and attending church. Grandfather loved anointing people with Prayer Oil and running revivals. God gave him a special anointing and many miracles were performed in his ministries.**

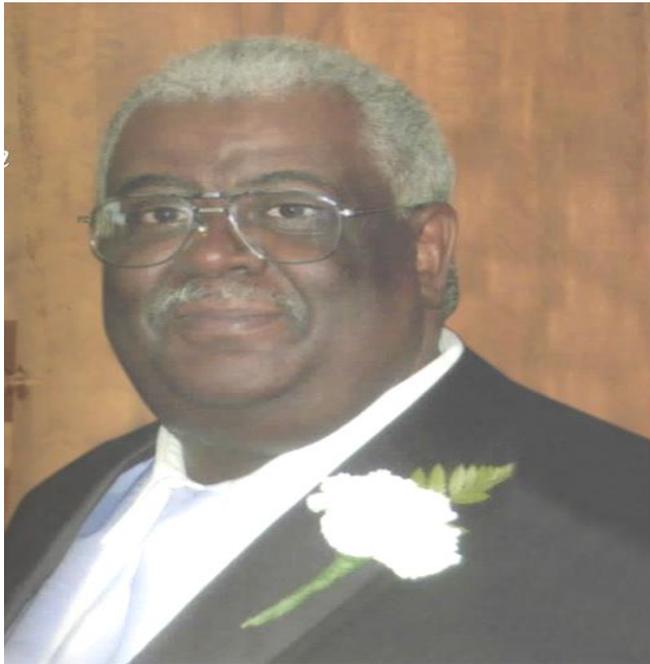
**He was active and so loving with his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed spending time with them. Grandfather loved candy and he made sure that his grandchildren had some of it, too.**

**He worked at Ford Motor Company in the early days for their "\$5.00-a-Day" special offer to draw employees to work at their plant. He also was the pastor of Victory Church of God in Christ in Highland Park, MI. He was a powerful preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**Grandfather spoke in Tongues by the Holy Ghost. It was a blessing to hear this conversation. He greatly loved his family.**

**He did all that he could to show and tell you how much he loved you with all of his heart.**

## My Brother and His Sons



**\* Precious Brother, Elder Rodger M. Palm     Rodger in his teens at the University of Detroit**  
**Husband to Josefa E. Palm for over 43 years**  
**Father of three children and three grandchildren**  
**Sunday School Supt. , Church Accountant, Gospel Musician and More.**  
**Business Executive and Government Tax Official.**

### My Nephews and Brother:

**\*Rodger in the center with his two sons:**  
**Mr. Jason Minor Palm (left) and Mr. Julian Rodger Palm (right)**  
**They are married, fathers and very active in many areas.**





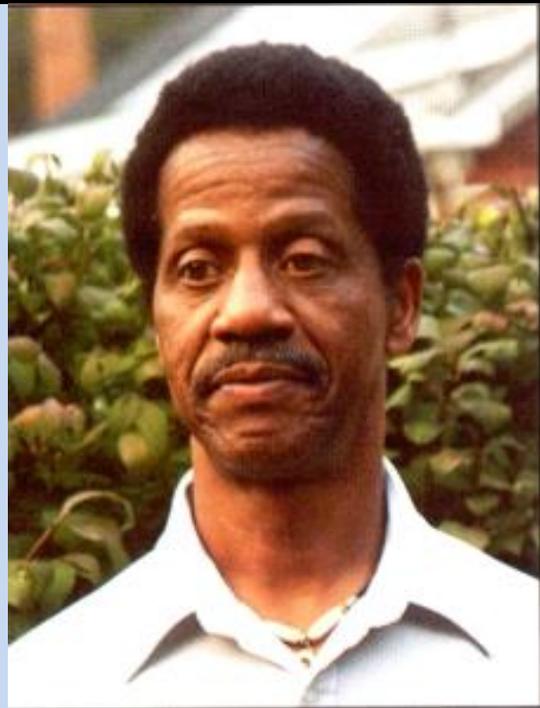
**\*Cousin, Mr. Louis Billie Campbell**  
Married for over 40 years to Dr. Louise Campbell  
Father of two daughters, Coty and Lisa.  
Grandfather to Rebecca.



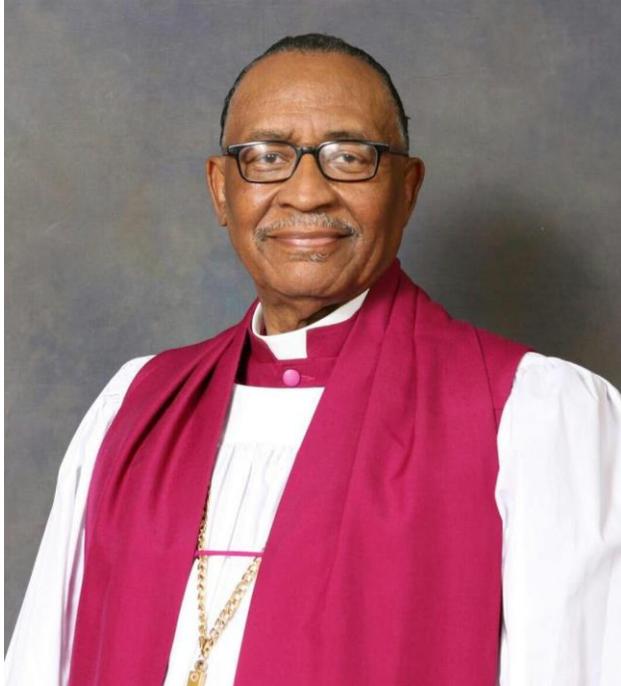
**Cousin, Mr. Julius Patrick Holloway**  
Father of a daughter, Payton! Devoted family man  
Businessman and Church Worker.



**Godson/Friend, Mr. Sanders Scott**  
Married five years to Rochelle Scott.  
Businessman, Home and Lawn Care Services



**Friend/Reverend Michael Jones**  
Married, Poet, Author. "Detroit's Dancing Poet."  
Community Activist



**\* Bishop Earl Jerome Wright, Sr.**  
**Pastor, Greater Miller Memorial COGIC**  
**Jurisdictional Prelate, The Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction**  
**Southwest Michigan Church of God in Christ, Inc.**



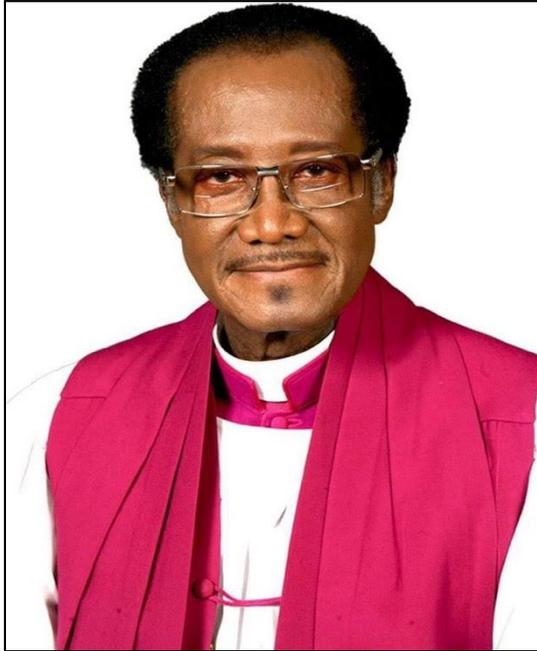
**\* Dean Pastor Scott**  
**Bible Professor, C. H. Mason Bible College**  
**Pastor – Northeast Jurisdiction COGIC**



**\* Godfather - Evangelist/Elder Ralph Payne**  
**Preacher and Outreach Ministries**



**\* Bishop/Pastor – Bishop Alfred Knight**  
**Bible Professor- C.H. Mason Bible College**



**\* Bishop P. A. Brooks, Sr.,**  
First Assistant Presiding Bishop  
of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc.  
Founding pastor of New St. Paul Tabernacle in Detroit MI,  
Jurisdictional Prelate, Northeast COGIC



**\* Mr. Emanuel Steward, Famed Boxer,**  
Trainer, and commentator for HBO Boxing.  
The Godfather of Detroit Boxing. Kronk



**Pastor Michael Hands,**  
SION National COGIC  
High School Teacher



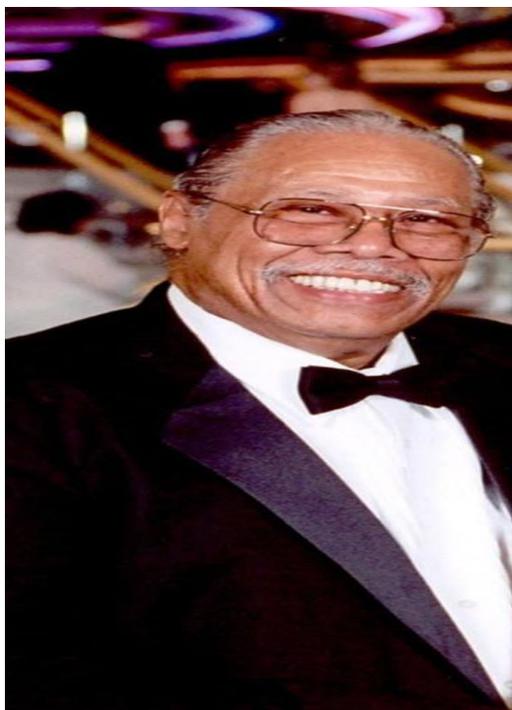
**Mr. Michael Wright a.k.a MIKE E,**  
Renowned award-winning Guitarist  
Former Radio Host



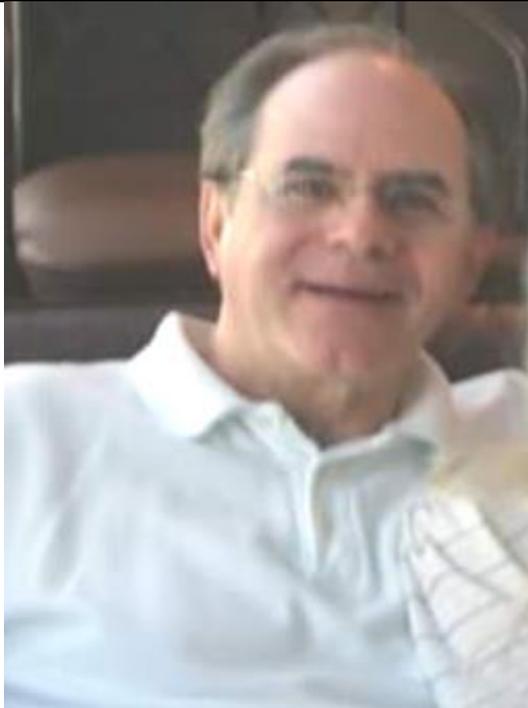
**Pastor Sammy L. Jackson.**  
Christians Merging Together  
Ministries and Staff/Lamp



**My 1<sup>st</sup> Godson, Mr. Eric Lamont Moore,  
Highly Esteemed Military Veteran, Medical Tech.  
Teacher, and Chemist**



**\* Mr. Herb Metoyer,  
Renowned Poet, Writer, Author, Songwriter, Singer  
and Novelist.**



**Mr. Bruce Toussaint,  
Retired Businessman, Conference Speaker,  
Bible Teacher, and Baseball Coach**



**\* Pastor and Supt. Leon Paul, Sr.  
Pastor, Paul's Temple COGIC  
Supt. of District #10 SWMI COGIC, Building Manager-  
Administrator Caretaker of Bailey Cathedral COGIC**



**\*Pastor Havius Green, Antioch Church of God in Christ, Educator, Businessman and Founder and Administrator, Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center, supporter of Missions in COGIC.**

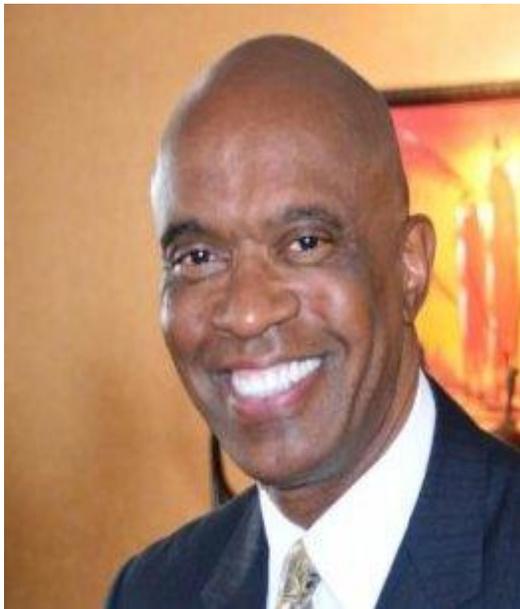
**\*Pastor Wallace Cryor, Northend COGIC Songwriter, gospel singer, Bible teacher, and Evangelism leader in SW MI COGIC**



**Prophet and Pastor Toni Pugh, Founder, Toni Pugh Ministries, Author, Writer, Computer Specialist**

**\*Supt. and Pastor Randall Hands Founder, SION National COGIC Educator. Leader in Great Lakes**

**Pastor Lindsay Kootman, Pastor, Second Chance Ministries Recording Gospel Artist**



**Mr. W. Bernard White**  
Businessman, Founder of White Construction, Co.  
Major city developer in Michigan. Renovated  
numerous businesses, and city landmarks  
Across Detroit and in other cities.



**\*Mr. Dudley Randall,**  
Renowned poet, author, and poetry publisher.  
Founder, Broadside Press in 1965.  
Famous poem, "The Ballad of Birmingham."



**Mr. Terry Whitsitt, Website Master**  
Owner of WebTech Design Group  
Website Design and Hosting Services

**NO PHOTO:**

**Elder Roscoe Hawkins,**  
Evangelist, Outreach Minister,  
Poet, author, and playwright

**NO PHOTO:**

**Mr. Ron Stinson,**  
Chief Librarian at Marygrove College

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**MY FAITH JOURNEY with JESUS, Pastor White's Autobiography**

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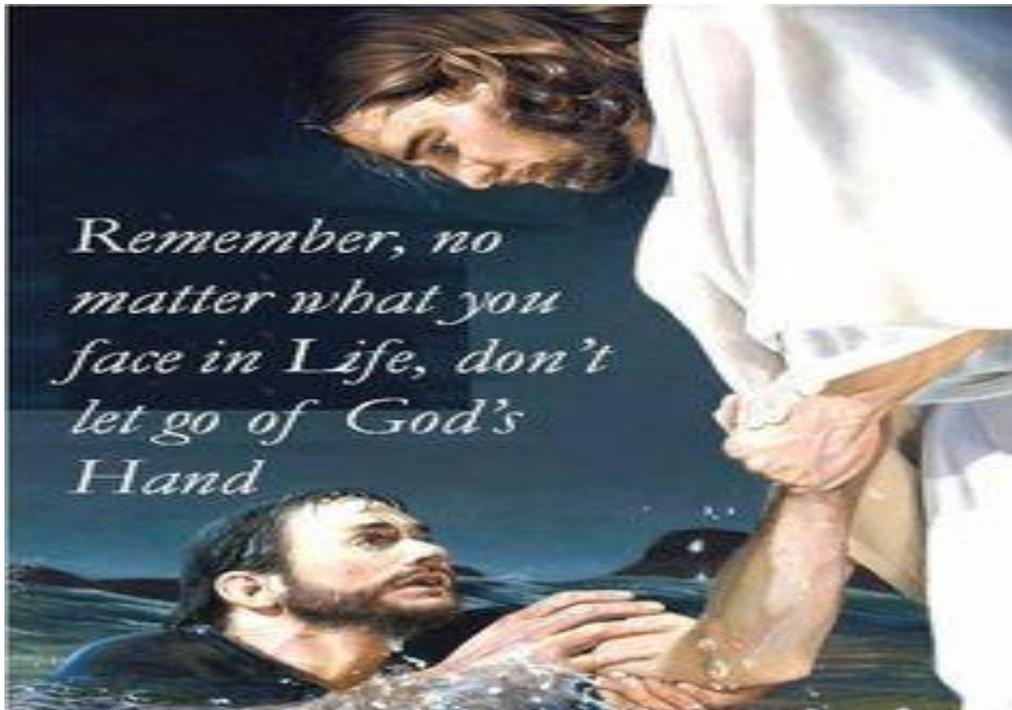
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# A Special Announcement Is Soon Coming!

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**Marie Chewe-Elliout  
Founder and President**



***Poetry Reading by  
Wanda J. Burnside featured...***

***Saturday, June 19, 2021- 2 Hours!  
2:00 P.M. EST. or 1:00 P.M. CST.***

***NoCoWAN June Writing & Creative Lab***

***North St. Louis County***

***Online event:***

***Link visible for attendees***

**The dial in number: 1-301-715-8592. When asked for a meeting ID, put in 85643403585 #. You may be asked to put in ID # again!**

*North County Writing & Arts Network (NoCoWAN) is for writers, poets and artists in North St. Louis County who are interested in collaborating with other creatives.*

*We invite those who are writing or have written manuscripts and want to discuss the writing and/or publishing process.*

*It is also open to visual artists, performing artists, healing/therapeutic artists and practitioners, folk artists, etc., who would like to share and discuss their work. All skill levels and genres are welcome.*

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