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

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TO THE CHURCH: *Don't Fall into Sexual Sins!*

-By Wanda J. Burnside, Publisher

Dear Readers,

Yes, this newsletter is directed to the church. It is for those who call on the Name of Jesus and claim Him as their Lord and Savior. It is for us, all of us. It is to the Body of Christ, the called out ones who have proclaimed that "Jesus is Lord!"

Our world today is full and running over with sex, lust, and a new breed of filthiness. Sex and sin are holding hands. They have made a pack or agreement to take over our television, magazines, newspapers, commercials, computer, and all forms of the media. Sex and sin have grown into giants. They have greatly filtered into our schools, on college campuses, in places of employment, and into every level of leadership.

We see them, sex and sin, causing downfalls and tremendous scandal in our government and community leadership. The lives of many of those whom we trusted in offices of leadership and to hold a place of integrity have crumbled to a low. Things have come to a crash! We see and hear about how those who are married for years and holding a public office are now having or had sexual affairs one after another outside of marriage. Sex and lust is turning into a monster!

As sad as it is for us to have these public leaders fail and fall into sexual affairs, I am not going to dwell on this. We get an overdose of the news media covering those who have yielded to the lust of the flesh. Funny, the media that has made sex, lust and the works of the flesh so powerful are the same ones who jump on everybody who have played right into their hands with their seductive luring of songs, music, photographs, exotic clothing and the likes.

HOLY LIVING

We can all agree that the world is on a downward spiral. Those who do not yield to the will and way of God will fall. This is Satan's plan for all who will not walk in the way of holiness and holy living.

Now, that is where I want to take this message: Holy living. Does that sound strange today? There are so many who say, *"Wait....uh....what are you saying here, Wanda? Who made you judge and jury? Living holy in this world is a real struggle. There is temptation all around us. Wanda, are you pointing fingers? Watch it, girl!"*

I grew up at a time when church folks commonly and regularly testified. They got up in church and publicly made a confession of how they were living a holy and sanctified life. They used to say that God kept them all day. He was the center of their lives. What happened? Who changed? What changed?

In many churches today, testimony service has been outlawed....okay....it has been cut out of the Sunday, mid-week and weekend services. We have been drawn to having only those testimonies that tell of healings, new jobs, new girlfriends or boyfriends in our lives. We want testimonies of how we got a new car, more money, and a breakthrough on trying to get big or blown up in popularity. Hey, I have no problem with those testimonies, but I was just wondering why those "holy living" testimonies that used to fire up the people of God have died out. Some say that we don't need them because we are all trying to live "the best that we can for the Lord." Then, we have the reasoning that it takes up too much time to have testimony time included in our worship service.

Alright, let me say this, I strongly feel that pastors and church leaders who are standing strong for the Lord just don't want to have folks up saying that they are living holy for the Lord when they are not doing so. Surely, God has revealed to them that some of the people are not walking in the ways

of living holy and right. So, rather than to have their services opened with testimonies of those who have been skating on thin ice or not living fully in the Word of God, many pastors and church leaders decided to pass on testimony services....I'm just saying what I'm saying.

SEX AND THE SAINTS

I know you are wondering where did my concerns on "sexual sins" all come from. Well, it comes from all of the church scandals and stories that we have heard about fallen church leaders, evangelists, church ministries, pastors, good living people in the church and on and on it goes. Sexual relationships were created to be good. God created it. But, He intends for it to be in the marital relationship. That is with two people, a man and a woman, who are united in holy matrimony before God. Two people in "love to death do us part" who come together to legally enjoy in the pleasures of having an active sexual life with each other. Yes, sex and the fulfillment of having sex with your own wife and own husband is right. God smiles on it.

People of God, within the frame or boundary of marriage we can have sex. We can partake in meeting the physical and emotional needs of that one man or one woman whom God has joined together to become one is right and just. So, sex without meeting this qualification is not right and unjust. Saints, we can have sex, as long as we are in this holy union.

I must say this, married people who have not claimed the Lord as their Lord and Savior have this same right and blessing to enjoy sex with their husband and wife. And today, I must add that this is marriage with a husband-male and wife-female as God demands and commands. It really is.

THE CHURCH AND SEXUAL SINS

Last year, 2012, I just happened to be doing some Bible research on something totally different than this subject. I was flipping through my Bible on my way to a book in the New Testament. Then, as I was looking for the scripture that I needed, the words, "sexual sins," lit up in my Bible. I said, "WOW!" That caught my attention. I stopped and read that scripture in I Thessalonians 4:3. I read it from my New Century Version of the Bible.

However, let us consider what is happening here. This statement about sexual sins is from the letter to the Church of Thessalonica that Apostle Paul in the Bible wrote. Paul became a great evangelist following his coming to God. In the early days of the church, he was once known as Saul the Persecutor. He was a horrific torturer and murderer who persecuted the Jews or the Children of Israel.

But, when Paul gave his heart and life to God, he was transformed. He fiery preached and boldly stood for Jesus Christ. He traveled from city to city building churches and teaching people to live holy for God. In Romans 1:1 NCV he proclaimed, *"From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, God called me to be an apostle and chose me to tell the Good News."* Paul had a ministry and evangelist teams that traveled with him. He was blessed to have Silas, Timothy and others to go out with him.

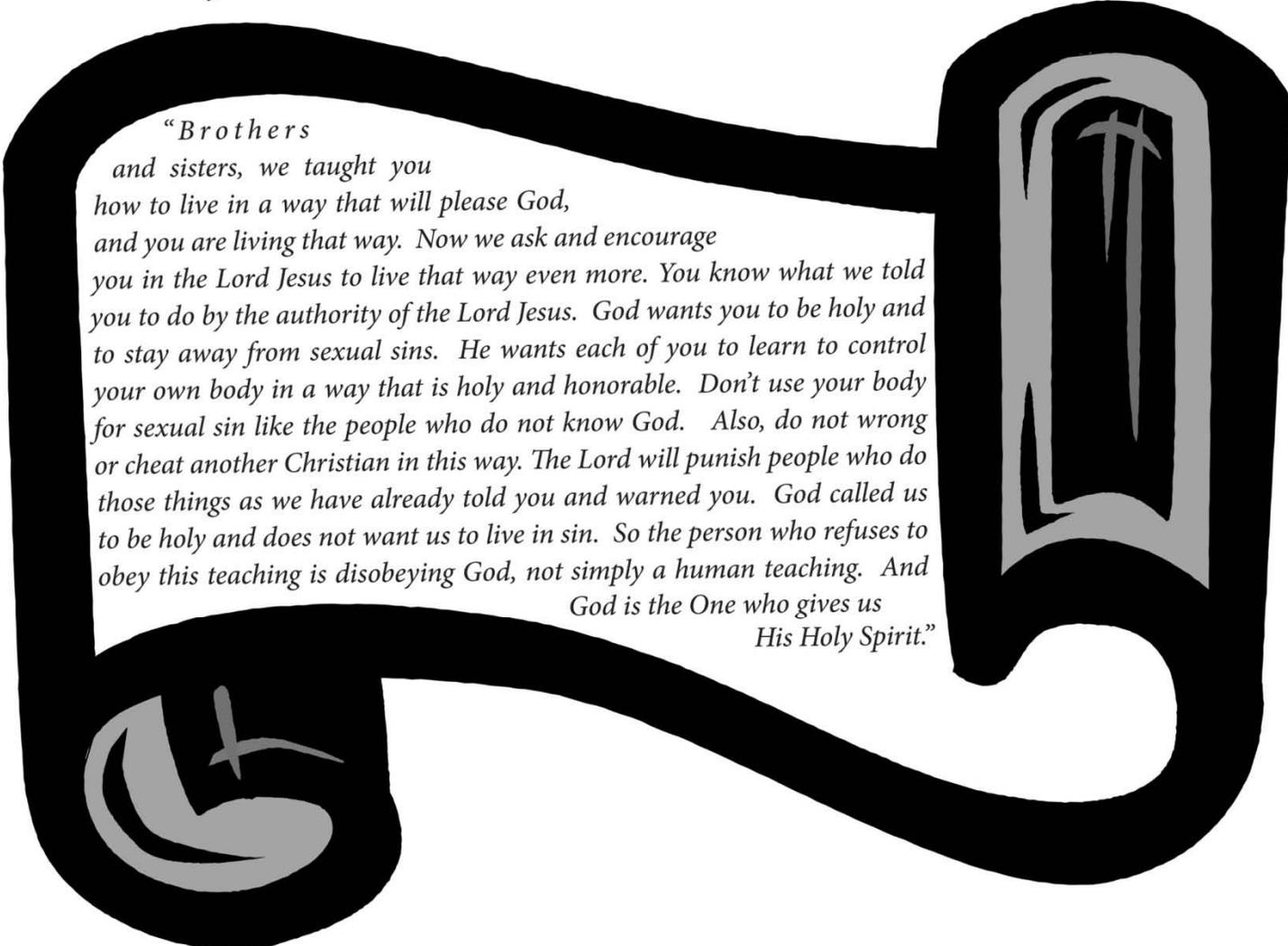
This ministry team when to the churches in Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, and Thessalonica. Some of the churches stood strong in the faith. Many were even persecuted for their conviction, holy living, and stand for Christ. They went through trials, tests, and temptations which caused some of them to sway and stray away from the gospel of Jesus Christ. These churches and the people of God allowed sin to creep in which brought in compromise and wayward living.

Paul wrote letters or epistles to the churches. He checked on the churches and ministries that were started. He encouraged them to hold on, walk in faith, and to continue to live as God wants. The churches that had difficulties, Paul kept praying for them and preaching the truth. When they were wrong, he let them know with a holy boldness. He did not back down or give up.

He cared about the Saints in Thessalonica. Paul, along with Silas and Timothy, were excited by this church's love, hope, and walk of faith. These people of God strived to live a holy life. However, Paul wrote them in about 48 A.D. or around 50 A.D. concerning having a life that pleases God. He wrote them the following letter to make sure that they held on and did what was right. Paul was a preacher and an encourager or exhorter.

Here is part of his letter to the church of Thessalonica:

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 NCV



*“Brothers
and sisters, we taught you
how to live in a way that will please God,
and you are living that way. Now we ask and encourage
you in the Lord Jesus to live that way even more. You know what we told
you to do by the authority of the Lord Jesus. God wants you to be holy and
to stay away from sexual sins. He wants each of you to learn to control
your own body in a way that is holy and honorable. Don't use your body
for sexual sin like the people who do not know God. Also, do not wrong
or cheat another Christian in this way. The Lord will punish people who do
those things as we have already told you and warned you. God called us
to be holy and does not want us to live in sin. So the person who refuses to
obey this teaching is disobeying God, not simply a human teaching. And
God is the One who gives us
His Holy Spirit.”*

Yes, Paul wrote epistles or letters that were straightforward with no nonsense. He warned the people to stay away from sexual sins (vs. 4:3). He went on to say that we should “learn to control our own body in a way that is holy and honorable.” His instructions from the Lord were that they are not to use their body for sexual sin like the ungodly (4:5). Each line of his letter goes deeper and deeper to what must be done and if one disobeyed, God will deal with them (4:6).

CAUGHT IN SEXUAL SIN

So what do you do if you are guilty of sexual sins? Where do you go to get redeemed from being outside of what God has commanded us to do? If you have committed sin and had a sexual relationship with someone who isn't your spouse is there hope? Will the church forgive you? Will the church wash your slate clean, restore you and give you another chance? What about if you had one affair and then another and another, what will happen to you? What happens to one who commits adultery, have sex while you are married to someone who is not your spouse? What about fornication, to have sexual intercourse outside of marriage?

I love the Bible story in John 8. It is the most loving and tender story about forgiveness and the redeeming power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My heart always feels so overwhelmed by the precious and powerful ways of Jesus.

When Jesus was teaching in the Temple, many people came and sat while He taught them. While He was doing this, a group of church officials and teachers of the law known as the Pharisees brought in a woman to the Temple. She was caught in adultery, having sex with a man who wasn't her husband. These church leaders made her stand there as they shouted out to Jesus, “*Teacher, this woman was caught having sexual relations with a man who is not her husband*” (John 8:4). As she stood there with the crowd of church folks looking on, whispering, pointing their fingers, and shaking their heads in disgust...Jesus listened. Jesus took it all in.

The men leaders of the church or the Temple continued on by saying what the law of Moses commands. They said that it commands that they stone to death every woman who has sexual intercourse outside of their marriage (vs.5). Now, these smart men asked Jesus what do you say that we should do? It was a trick question to see how Jesus would handle this. They were trying to set Him up to see if He was for the laws of Moses or trying to do something new.

Jesus, our Lord and Savior, just bent down and wrote on the ground with his finger (John 8:6). Those men kept talking and trying to make Jesus do something or say something about this woman. Jesus remained calm and so very serious. He raised up and said, “Anyone here who has never sinned can throw the first stone at her (vs. 7). Just imagine how the woman was feeling. Would she be stoned? Were these teachers and Pharisees leaders going to stone her? Would she be killed right there in the Temple?

The Bible says that the men began to leave one by one. First the older men and then others (vs.9). It was now only Jesus and the woman, left alone. There she stood.

Then Jesus raised up once again and he asked her, *“Woman, where are they? Has no one judged you guilty?” She answered, “No one, sir. Then Jesus said, “I also don’t judge you guilty. You may go now, but don’t sin anymore” (vss. 9-11).*

SET FREE FROM SIN AND PAST

Oh, glory to God! Praise the Lord! This woman was not stoned. She was accused and caught in adultery by the church leaders. She was brought before Jesus. He heard the men talk and speak words that she was guilty of sexual sins. She knew she was guilty. She felt like she had no chance.

Jesus listened to the words of the men, but He knew more and understood everything. Jesus knew that the woman was an adulterous woman. However, He wanted to let those who came to condemn her know that He was judge of all and He knows all concerning all things. The righteous leaders were caught when Jesus knew their past and said if you have never sinned, then you go right ahead and throw the stones. None of them could do it. No accusers!

I have always loved this story. I am thankful that it is in the Bible. It is there for you and me. When we are found guilty or accused of doing what is not right, there is Jesus who will make it alright!

TAKE ME TO THE KING

There is a new and powerful song written and produced by the renowned gospel musical artist, Kirk Franklin, which is sung and featured on the newly released CD, BEST DAYS by Tamela Mann. I love this new song, *“TAKE ME TO THE KING.”* These lines are so great in this song, *“Take me to the King. Lay me at the throne, Leave me there alone. Take me to the King.”*

See, when we are in trouble, just go to Jesus! He is there for us! He cares! He will forgive us for our sins.

When the woman caught in adultery was taken to Jesus by the teachers and church leaders, she was in the right place. She was standing in the presence of the only One who loves her. She received His forgiveness. She received His love. She received a new life in Jesus Christ!

Jesus is there... waiting to give you whatever you need. He died for you and me. He is the only One who will give us a new life. Yes, just take me to Jesus! Take me to Him and leave me there! **HE WILL SET YOU AND ME FREE!**



VALENTINE'S DAY and EASTER

In celebration of Valentine's Day and the coming of Resurrection Sunday, known as Easter, here is a poem that I wrote years ago. May it be a blessing to you.

Give Me Your Heart

by Wanda J. Burnside © 2005

*Lord, I felt a distance in my soul
Just the other day.
I wondered...
Have You walked away?
Please don't leave
For what would I do...
If I didn't have You?*

**My Child,
It isn't me,
But it is you.
I want you
In My arms too.**

**But I can't stay
Where I am not wanted
Or allowed to be free.
See, you are the one
Who walked away from Me.**

*Lord, Forgive me.
How could this ever be?
I thought that You
Decided to leave.*



**My Child,
I never left.
You turned and drifted away,
You didn't read your Bible
Like you used to
Or have the time to pray.**

*Lord, Here I am again.
Please come in!
I'm sorry for living on my own,
And for the things
That I have wrongly sown.*

*Clean me. Wash me.
And make me new.
I can't live this life,
Without You!*

**My Child,
I've been waiting here
All of the time.
I love you
FOR YOU ARE MINE.**



**I gave My life
For you on Calvary.
My love for you kept Me there
And not those 3 spike nails!
All power is mine
I took the keys from Satan
When I went down to hell.**

**I AROSE!
I ascended to My Father
And I sit with Him
Upon Heaven's throne,
I am forever interceding
On your behalf
You are not alone.**

**My blood was shed
So that you can be healed,
Delivered and set free.
What I only wanted from you
Is for you to give
Your heart to Me.**

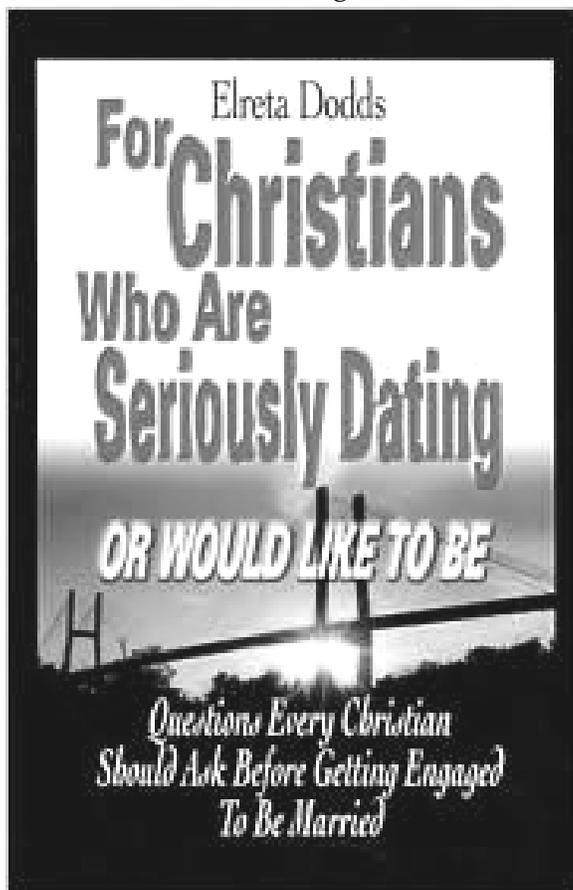
For Christians Who Are Seriously Dating

The following information and book published by award-winning author, Reverend Eltrea Dodds, is extremely necessary reading for Christians who want the Lord to help them in developing a strong and holy relationship in dating. It is urgent for Christians who want to have a true guide, detailed information, data, and godly advice concerning dating. She has provided invaluable guidelines and knowledge that will lead those seeking the right person in their life.

FOR CHRISTIANS WHO ARE SERIOUSLY DATING OR WOULD LIKE TO BE...

Questions every Christian should ask before getting Engaged to be Married.

Over 50% of marriages end in divorce. Christians are not exempt from this statistic. In her book,



For Christians who are Seriously Dating or would like to be, Eltrea Dodds contends that it is psychologically and socially more difficult to break off an engagement than it is to break off a dating relationship and therefore couples (who are seriously dating, which means that they are dating exclusively) should begin asking certain questions *before* getting engaged in an effort to determine whether or not there is enough compatibility to move the relationship further. Each partner is to ask their significant other the questions presented in the book. The book is designed so that each partner can write down their significant other's answers in their own book (both partners will need a book) and then, at some other point in time, privately study the answers for themselves to determine whether or not there is true compatibility.

There are 9 compatibility areas in the book. Each compatibility area has its own chapter. If the couple discovers, when going through the book, that they are irreparably mismatched in even one of the areas, then they should reconsider taking the relationship to the next level. The compatibility areas in the book are listed below:

Religion	Lifestyle	Ex-spouses / ex-girlfriends / boyfriends	Sex / Sex appeal
Family/Friends	Children	Work / Finances / Money	Division of Labor Personality

Although this book is geared towards Christians, the majority of the book will appeal to the general public. In addition, questions that help to reveal whether or not a person might have a

tendency towards domestic violence and/or a tendency towards criminal behavior are presented as well. This book is a self-help book but can also be used as a pastoral aid in Christian pre-marital counseling.

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Rev. Elreta Dodds is an award-winning author, social commentator, licensed professional counselor, a master's degree social worker, and an ordained minister. She is an Associate Minister of Faith Christian Community Church of Port Huron, Michigan. Rev. Link Howard, III is the pastor.

Currently, Rev. Dodds is an adjunct instructor at Siena Heights University. She teaches courses in community services and diagnoses of mental disorders. She is the author of six books. Her latest book is, "Racism, The Bible, and The American Dream. This book won her the 2012 International Book Award in African American Studies and the 2011 National Indie Excellence Book Award in Social Change.

SPECIAL NOTE....

ABUSED, BATTERED, and BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

**The anointed ministry of MINISTER JUDY BRINKLEY
IS COMING to THE LAMP NEWSLETTER in our
April/May 2013 issue!**

Some of you are so broken and abused in your marriage or dating relationship. God doesn't want you to suffer or to be hurt. You feel like your life is out of control and beyond hope. You believe that you will never be delivered out of this torment. That is not true! God has a plan for you and your life.

Minister Brinkley has a powerful testimony of what God has done in her life and brought her out of an abusive relationship. God has delivered her and now she wants to help others through her books and ministry. *She has a story to tell!*



GREAT STORMS!

We are going through great storms in our personal lives and weather storms in our towns. The weather is affecting us through the wild winds, the massive piles of snow, blankets of fog, pouring rains that cause floods, sheets of ice, and so much more. It is happening around the entire world.

As soon as I see or hear the weather people reporting devastating conditions anywhere that I have family members and friends living or working, it draws me to immediately contact them to see if they are okay. So, lately I have been truly busy contacting them through emails and phone calls. What a relief it is to find out that God has spared and blessed them to be safe.



I have a dear friend who lives in Australia. Her name is Pastor Sandra Hickman of Jabez Ministries and Missions, International located in the city of Kwinana in Western Australia. God brought us together in a mysterious way in 2011 by Facebook. For a few years, she had been reading my posted poems on the internet. I was surprised to get her response and comments one night when I was up late and into the early morning working on my ministry. We united right away and God has blessed our friendship and prayer time. IT IS A MIRACLE!

When a great storm hit Australia this year, 2013, I immediately contacted Pastor Hickman. Praise the Lord she was alright along with her family, friends and church. However, there was major problems in that land with a huge flood and wild winds. I want to share her comments here. She speaks about the weather and what God is saying through these great storms.

Hi My Dearest Sister...

Thank you for your love, care, and concern not only for me and my family, but for our Nation.

Over here, in the west, we have been very blessed not to have had the catastrophes that have occurred in the Eastern states. We had some fires both small & larger... couple of big ones, but nothing like our brothers & sisters in the east... Also, the poor people in Queensland have suffered greatly & continue to do so with a massive clean up after the floods ... so many have lost everything. It is so sad...

*There are a lot of disasters going on around the world Wanda, so much suffering & heartache... Romans 8:20-21: **"For we know that the whole creation groans & travails in pain together until now."** I'm feeling the urgency of the Lord to "BE" ready for the Great Commission... We know that we are in the end time days of the Bible timeline, but of course we don't know when... However, the Church is so busy "GETTING" ready that many won't "BE" ready when the timing of God's calling for action comes.*

I was visiting a friend's Church a few months back to hear a guest speaker... During the worship, the Lord gave me a vision of a big train travelling at great speed from a high place, coming down through a forest of tall trees.. I heard the words "BE READY" I knew it was a word for everyone there, but even more specifically for that particular Church.

The Holy Spirit was saying that we must BE ready... Saying that GETTING ready is different than BEING ready! If we're so busy trying to GET ready we may miss the train. But if we discipline ourselves to the point of BEING ready we will already be at the station waiting!

Wow this is a scary thought... to miss a season of God in our lives is devastating to say the least, I know missed it more than once!! So, our Church & prayer group are actively listening for God. We believe 2013 is a year of establishing and building.

We are a small revival group, mission minded & we know God is speaking to us about how important it is to BE READY! He does this to show us off & to show the devil that he cannot have us because we belong to HIM, our Lord & Saviour!!

I'm always remembering how God found & connected us. That was A WONDERFUL DAY amen! Thank you so much for your prayers, & please pass on my love & thanks to any others who may be praying.

God bless you all for being faithful to the body of Christ.

Lots of love - Sandra xo

Minister Sandra Hickman was born and lives in Australia. She presently resides in the city of Kwinana close to the W.A. capital city of Perth in Australia. In 2000, she gave her life and heart to the Lord. God called her to prayer, missions, revival, preaching, teaching, divine prophesy, and evangelism. God has opened many doors for her ministry in Kwinana and around the world.

Minister Hickman has traveled to several countries preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ: Africa in 2006, India in 2007, and China in 2008. She currently pastors Jabez Ministries and Missions, International located in the city of Kwinana in Western Australia. Through the years, she vibrantly ministers with her family ministry team. Minister Hickman is on fire for the Lord. The supernatural anointing and mantle that God has given to her is for this end-time.



*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress:
my God; in Him will I trust.*

Psalm 91:1-2



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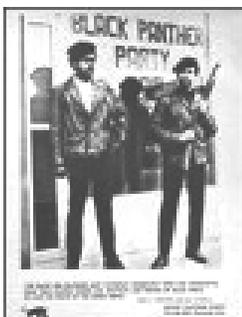
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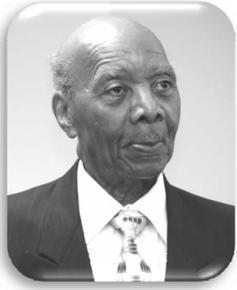
BLACK HISTORY TIMELINE

- 1619 African slaves arrive in Virginia
- 1787 Slavery is made illegal in the Northwest territories
- 1793 Eli Whitney invents cotton gin
- 1808 Congress bans the importation of slaves from Africa
- 1846 Frederick Douglass launches his abolitionist newspaper
- 1849 Harriet Tubman escapes from slavery and begins underground railroad
- 1857 Dred Scott case says slaves are not citizens
- 1863 President Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation
- 1865 Slavery is ended when 250,000 slaves in Texas gets the news
- 1868 14th Amendment is ratified, giving slaves the right to citizenship
- 1869 Howard University's law school becomes the first black law school
- 1870 15th Amendment is ratified giving blacks the right to vote
- 1881 Spellman College, the first college for black women is founded
- 1905 W.E.B. Dubois founds the Niagara Movement, a forerunner to NAACP
- 1909 NAACP was founded in New York
- 1947 Jackie Robinson breaks Major League Baseball's color barrier
- 1952 Malcolm X becomes the leader of the Nation of Islam
- 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education declaring racial segregation in schools is unconstitutional.
- 1955 Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus to a white man
- 1957 The Southern Christian Leadership Conference was founded by Dr. Martin Luther King, Charles K. Steele and Fred L. Shuttlesworth



- 1963 Martin Luther King is arrested in Birmingham, Alabama
- 1963 March on Washington for jobs and freedom is attended by 250,000 people. Martin Luther King speech is "I Have A Dream"
- 1964 President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act
- 1965 Martin Luther King receives the Nobel Peace Prize
- 1965 Malcolm X is assassinated
- 1966 The Black Panthers are founded
- 1967 President Johnson appoints Thurgood Marshall to the Supreme Court
- 1968 Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated in Memphis, TN
- 1972 The infamous Tuskegee Syphilis experiment ends
- 1978 The Supreme Court Case, Regents of The University of California vs. Bakke, upheld the constitutionality of affirmative action
- 1992 The first race riots in decades erupt in south-central Los Angeles after the beating of Rodney King
- 2003 In Grutter vs. Bollinger, the Supreme Court upholds the University of Michigan Law School's policy, ruling that race can be one of the many factors considered by colleges when selecting their students
- 2008 Barak Obama elected 44th President of the U.S.
- 2009 1st Black President Inaugurated and moved into the White House





IN LOVING MEMORY...

*My precious and dearly loved father, ELDER MINOR PALM, JR.
"A Sanctified Gospel Preacher" • February 5, 1926 to April 2010*

Founding Member and Leader of Greater Miller Memorial Church of God in Christ for over 65 years. Sunday School Superintendent and Wayne County Jail Ministry since 1953 to his death in 2010. Youth Pastor, Youth Ministry Leader, Vacation Bible School President, Pastor's Bible Study Teacher, Mission Worker, and more. Musician, published songwriter, award-winning author, and Legendary Member of The Called and Ready Writers. Community Leader. Greatly loved by many.

A very loving and caring family man. Married for 54 years to Evangelist Willie Lee Palm. They have three children, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He greatly cherished his entire family members and dear friends.

100th Birthday of MOTHER ROSA PARKS - The Mother of Civil Rights



I salute all of you...

To each of you, I am grateful for the love, kindness and very special concerns that each one of you have shown throughout your life. You bring great joy and so much happiness to me and others. You go out of your way to help and bring hope to so many. May God bless you for your great heart of compassion. You are all wonderful!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- February 1 - Ms. Charolett Burnside - Sister-in-law - My husband's sister.
- February 16 - Ms. Darlene Gardner - Cousin.
- February 23 - Mr. Daniel Gardner - Cousin.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- March 10 - MOTHER ELIZABETH HANDS, the wife of the belated Superintendent Randall E. Hands.
Happy 82nd Birthday to our precious and lovely First Lady, Mother Hands! We continue to pray for you.
- March 16 - Ja'Den Palm - Great-Nephew, son of Jason and Stacy Palm. *Happy 7th Birthday, Ja!*
- March 23 - Ms. Vivian Barney - Sister by marriage.....Josefa Palm's sister

IN MEMORIAM

**At Rest from Earthly Kingdom Work to Eternal Reward Our Most Dearly Beloved
PASTOR RANDALL ELBERT HANDS, SR., D.D.**

January 6, 1927 - February 1, 2013



- *Pastor of Sion National Church of God in Christ in Detroit**
- *Superintendent of the Alpha District of Great Lakes II COGIC**
- *Administrative Assistant of Great Lakes Jurisdiction II
Church of God in Christ to Bishop Alfred M. Smith.**

Since 1963, Superintendent Hands birthed five churches in the United States and Canada. He earned three degrees: an Associate Degree in General Studies, an Associate Degree in Sociology, and a Doctorate in Theology.

Supt. Hands was married for 62 years to his beautiful wife, Mother Elizabeth Hands. They have a son Randall Elbert, Jr. (his wife Maryanne), two daughters: Diann Wendy and Deirdre MaRee (her husband Charles Dorsey). God blessed them with grandchildren. Supt. Hands was greatly loved by his family, church members, and friends.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for the continued healing and recovery of:

Deacon Simmie Lee Burnside, Sr. He is my husband's father. He recently had major surgery and is receiving medical attention at one of the local rehabilitation centers in Detroit, MI. Deacon Burnside is a man of great faith in God.

He loves to study, read and teach the Word of the Lord. He is 88 years old.

If you would like to send him a card or a word of encouragement, you can send it to my mailing address on the back of this newsletter. I will be so happy to give it to him. I know that this will truly help him in his time of recovery. Thank you in advance for your kind considerations and prayers.



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I praise God for the generous help, financial support and fervent prayers from those who loyally stand with me in this ministry. These precious women of God have given to my ministries through the years. They have given time after time. They give out of their hearts. I sincerely appreciate all that they have so kindly done to see that this ministry moves forward in the Lord. Their recent donations have touched the lives of many through what they have placed in my hands for my ministries, WRITE THE VISION MINISTRIES and MEDIA PRODUCTIONS, INTERNATIONAL.

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BIBLES and GIFTS FOR GIRLS 6-16 Years Old

Readers! Readers! I continue to work on my projects for my "Precious Princesses!" These Princesses are the girls and teens who God has called me to work with in ministry for years. Last year, I had three or four special events for these young girls. These precious girls or Princesses are learning how special they are to God. We are building up their self-esteem and encouraging them to live a godly life. Oh, these Princesses want to be treated special and shown love.

I have stories about some of these girls that would hurt you so deeply. You might think that girls are happy and don't have a care in life, but that is not true. So many little girls have to be a mama to their sisters and brothers because their own mother is not doing their part. Some of the girls have been mistreated, abused, left alone, misunderstood, sexually abused, bullied, and not achieving in life. Other girls are just little ladies who have great abilities and talents, but they still want that godly love in their lives.

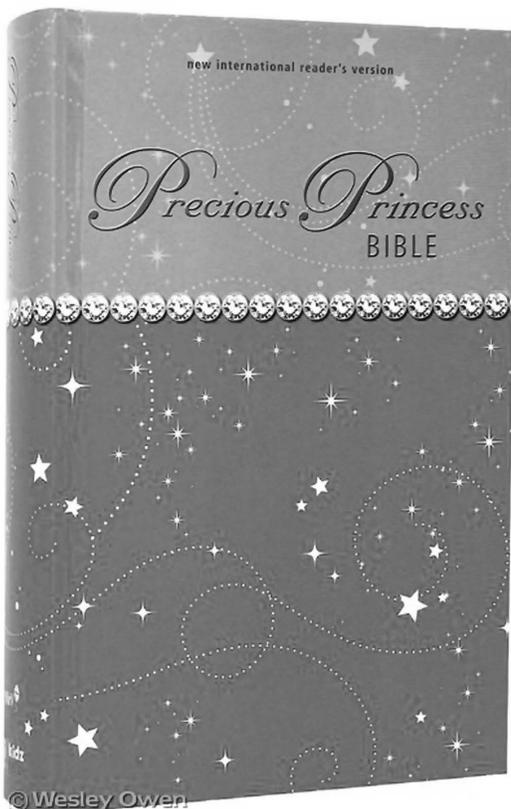
This year, 2013, I have two major projects for my Precious Princesses! I am excited about these coming events. I am already shopping around for things to give to them in their gift bags from my ministries. I want to order 100 Bibles to give to 100 girls! They are priced at only \$16.00. Will you please help me to purchase one or two for these girls? Maybe you can purchase more... 10 Bibles or 20 Bibles. Your financial support will help me to bring the Word of God to them.

If you feel led to give, I will put your name in their Bible as the donor of that Bible. By the way, these Bibles are titled **PRECIOUS PRINCESS BIBLE!** I was so surprised to see a manufacturer or business do this. God is calling for this to happen.

So, if you want to give one of these precious little girls a Bible, you can send your donation of \$16.00 per Bible to me at my mailing address on the back of this newsletter.

If you cannot give, please pray. This is so needed.

Be sure to make your check or money order out to me: Wanda J. Burnside. I will be sure to send you a receipt and a special thank you! Please send your donation to me before April 20, 2013. **THANK YOU!**



HONORS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

My heartfelt thank you is extended to...

MINISTER TARSHA CAMPBELL of Florida

Founder, Revealed International Women's Empowerment Network

This January 2013, I was so surprised to receive special honors and recognition as the Divine Introduction-Featured Member of The Revealed International Women's Empowerment Network by the Revealed Managing Editor, Minister Tarsha Campbell. This highly esteemed acknowledgment truly touched my heart and life. To be noted for the work that God has given and assigned me to do is ONLY to His glory and honor.

The powerful and anointed network of women in this ministry reached out to me with precious accolades, prayers, and words of encouragement. I have received a memorable collection of their comments which is a blessing. There is a strong spirit of Sisterhood and love in this organization. I am very grateful for being a part of this ministry that is built on empowering women of God to excel, achieve, and be fruitful in their work for the Lord. Our founder, Minister Campbell, invests her time, energy, wisdom, professional services, and many gifts to help women succeed in their callings. To God be the Glory!



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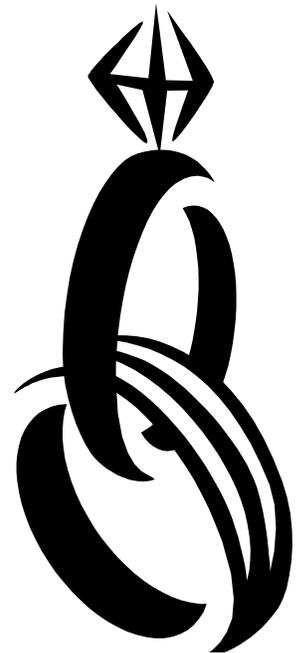
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And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN, AS HE SAID.

Matthew 28:1-6

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