

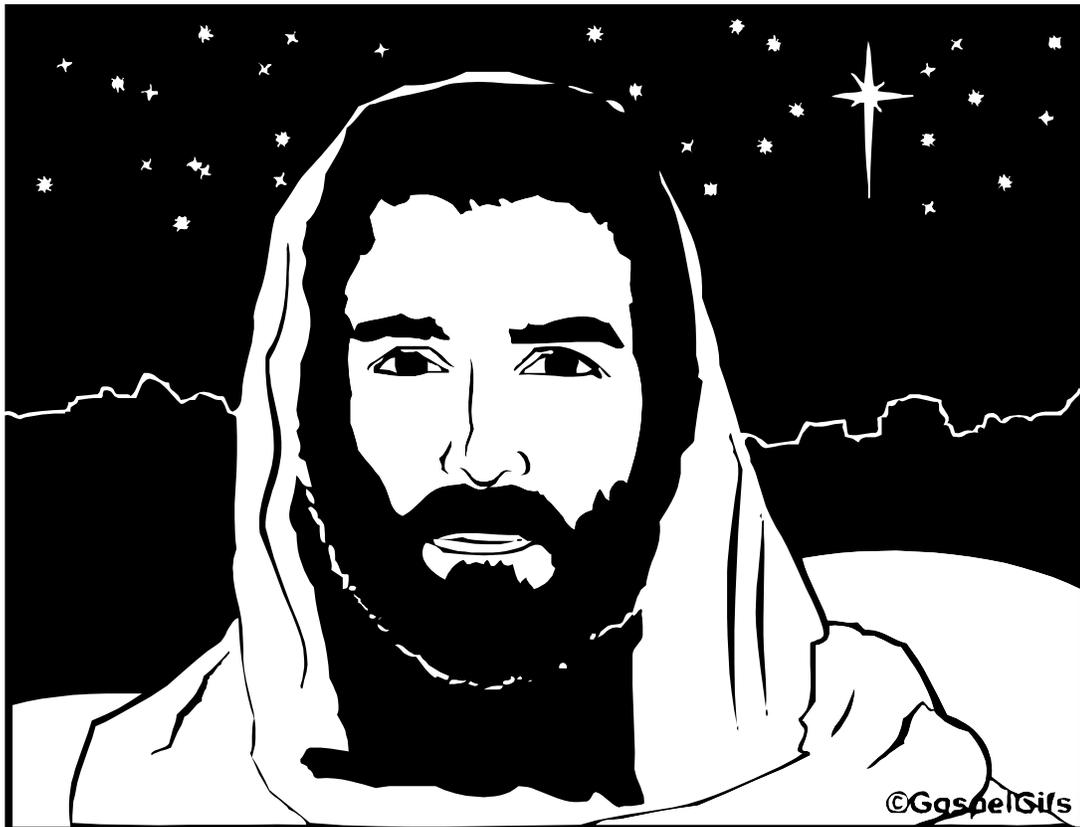
# THE LAMP NEWSLETTER

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

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## BREAKING NEWS!

### Jesus Christ Said...

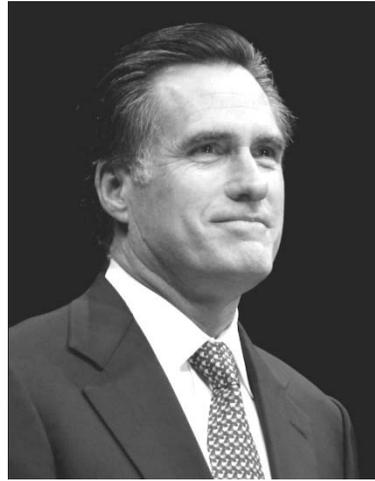


**President Barack Obama**



Re-elected  
The 44<sup>th</sup> President of  
**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Governor Mitt Romney**



*-By Wanda J. Burnside, Publisher*

**Dear Readers,**

*I hear you! I know exactly what you are saying...."What is going on? Why do you have a photo of President Obama, our 44th President of the USA, and a photo of Governor Mitt Romney up there together? What is going on? Wanda, what's your problem? What are you trying to prove?"*

## **BOTH MEN NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Our president, Barack Obama, must have our prayers. He is the leader of our country. He has major decisions to continue to make for our county, for you, for me, and for the future.

Over the next four years, and right NOW, President Obama will face challenges and extreme decisions that will definitely require God's voice to lead him. Our president's day after day schedule is horrific! And this is all the more reason that our president needs our prayers so that he can become open to the voice of the Lord.

It is not only needful that President Obama learns to hear the voice of the Lord, but that he will have a heart to OBEY THE VOICE OF THE LORD! The scripture for our president is, *"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil"* (Proverbs 3: 5-7 KJV).

I don't care how big and efficient his staff is, he needs GOD to order his steps. President Obama needs God's strength and power to lead our country. He is a world leader. Every eye is upon him. So issues that he must face, concerning what is happening in our county and around the world, definitely require a word from God to handle them.

Let us remember, he is a dearly loved dad and loving husband. His family, his devoted wife Michelle Obama, and their darling daughters, Malia Ann and "Sasha" (Natasha), love him very dearly and want only the best for him. We must keep them in our prayers.

## THE MITT ROMNEY FAMILY

The former Republican presidential candidate Governor Mitt Romney, his wife Ann Romney, their sons, their daughters-in-law, and grandchildren need our prayers. The presidential campaign is over! The Romney family need emotional and physical healing from this rigid schedule of campaigning.

Let us also pray that they had a new and transforming spiritual encounter and revelation about Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Our prayers must be that their hearts have been opened to seek after the truth about Jesus Christ, the Only begotten Son of God! I sincerely hope that this journey has been a spiritual time for them.

## WE NEED JESUS!

The Obamas, the Romneys, and ALL PEOPLE who do not have the true wisdom and understanding about who Jesus is, have been deceived! Satan has blinded their eyes to the truth. May they turn and follow Jesus Christ our Lord!

*"And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.*

*Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God" (1 John 4:14-15 KJV).*

*"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13 KJV).*

## JESUS IS LORD!

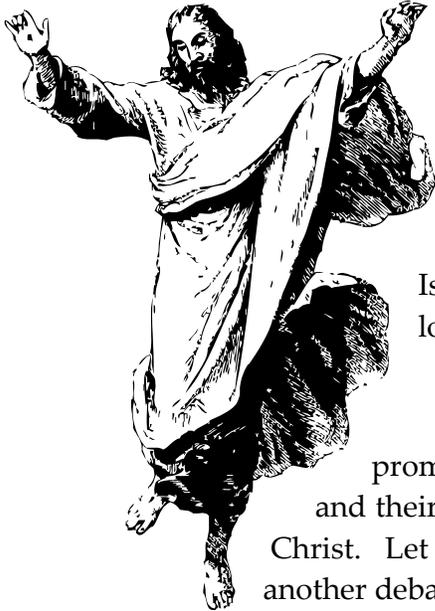
We must remember, that there is a time coming when regardless of what is being done in our government and happening around the world, another time is coming! We see devastating and perplexing change all around us. Day after day there are more massive signs of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Look at all of the fighting and wars! There is violence in our weather, communities, schools, and streets across the nations and around the world. Everything is twisting and turning in laws, homes, churches, schools, our economy, banks, finances, medical care, businesses, and so on.

We are in the last days! We are in perilous times. There is a groaning and moaning in the earth. Turbulent times are at hand and greater ones are coming. Trouble is all around us. This is the time to seek for more of the Lord. We must pray. We must fast. We must stay in the Word of the Lord. We have to stand on the Word!

Yes, a time is coming when Jesus will appear in full glory. He will come back. He will come and every eye shall see Him. All governmental officers and the people of every nation will behold our Lord. The Bible says, *"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10 KJV).*

**That day is coming! WATCH AND PRAY... The End is coming.**

# BREAKING NEWS!



There is only one place that our eyes belong. There is only one person in whom we should be putting our total trust. There is only one person we are to listen to for divine daily direction. There is only one person who will provide for all of our needs.

His name is JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD AND SAVIOR! The prophet Isaiah in the old testament of the Bible said that He is King of kings, Lord of lords. The government shall be upon His shoulder!

*"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever"* (Hebrews 13:8 KJV).

We have heard the politicians speak! For months they have spoken and made promises. We have soaked in their messages. Our focus has been on their policies and their campaign messages. It is now time to reset our focus back on the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us come back to our spiritual senses! What did Jesus say? We don't have another debate to tune into. **TUNE INTO JESUS!**

## JESUS SAID COME TO ME!

*"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"*  
(Matthew 11:28 KJV).

## JESUS SAID I GIVE YOU LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY!

*"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly"* (John 10:10 KJV).

## JESUS SAID I GIVE YOU PEACE!

*"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* (John 14: 27 KJV).

## JESUS SAID SEEK ME!

*"Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have you asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full"* (John 16:23-24 KJV).

## JESUS SAID I AM THE CHANGE MAKER!

*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"* (II Corinthians 5:17 KJV).

## **JESUS SAID LOVE NOT THE WORLD!**

*“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (I John 2:15 KJV).*

## **JESUS SAID I HAVE ALL POWER!**

*“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth” (Matthew 28:18 KJV).*

## **JESUS SAID GO AND TEACH ALL NATIONS!!**

*“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Matthew 28:19-20 KJV).*

## **JESUS SAID I COME QUICKLY!**

*“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last” (Revelation 22:12-13 KJV).*

## **JESUS SAID MY WORDS SHALL NOT PASS AWAY!**

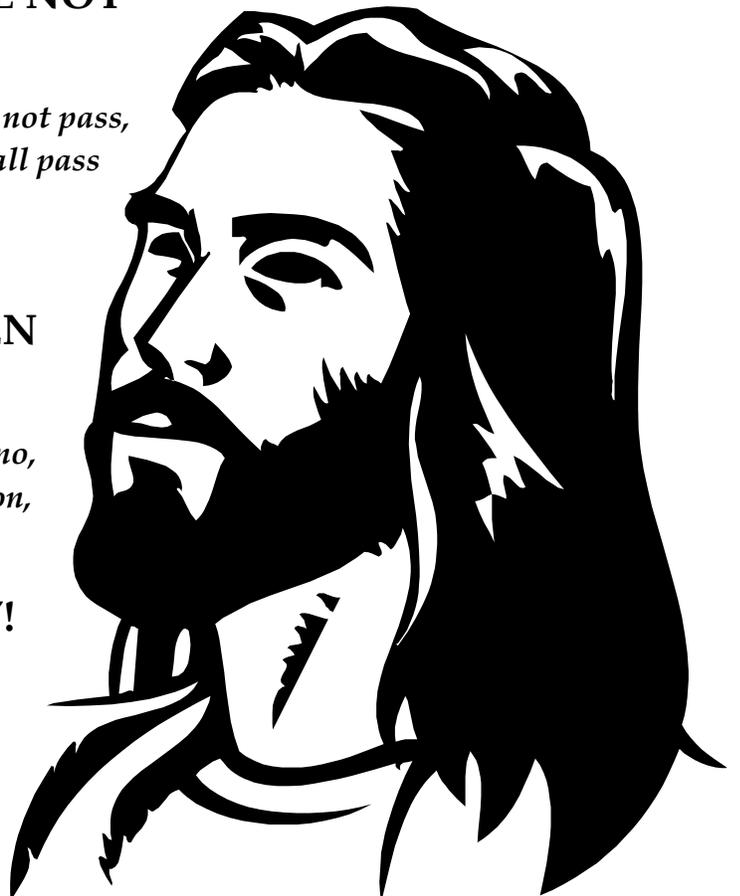
*“Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away”  
(Mark 13:30-31 KJV).*

## **JESUS SAID I AM COMING WHEN THE FATHER TELLS ME!**

*“But of that day and that hour knoweth no man no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the father” (Mark 13: 32 KJV).*

## **JESUS SAID WATCH AND PRAY!**

*“Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not the time is” (Mark 13:33 KJV).*



# 2012 SUPERSTORM - HURRICANE SANDY

We have heard and seen the heartbreaking reports and painful news coverage of the devastating scenes from across the East Coast of the United States concerning what Hurricane Sandy has done. It bring tears to our eyes to see how the knockout punches of the wind, the mighty blast of the high-raging waves of water, heavy pouring of rain, and catastrophic monster flooding of water have brought to state after state along the Eastern Shores of the USA.

Before the hurricane slammed into our country, it was at work in destruction in Haiti, Jamaica and Cuba. They also felt its forces and experienced great devastation. The people of these places were greatly impacted by this monstrous storm.

While doing some research on Hurricane Sandy, I was so shock to actually see how there are websites on the internet with detailed information and photos on the aftermath of this superstorm. The government and several Homeland agencies, along with the Red Cross and Salvation Army, have posted data and vital information on their websites for people, you and me, to get involved to send money and donations for the mounting needs.

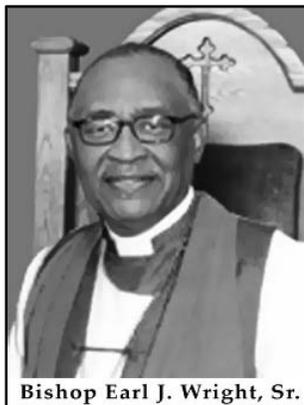
This is a major crisis for so many. Thousands are still without electricity, food, clean water, clothing, and one truly major concern....a home....shelter. Can you imagine how your life would be without these things? So many people are in the dark. They are cold and feel like they are going to freeze without heat in their sadly falling apart homes, if they still can get into them.

Hundreds of homes have been swept away by the strong gusts of wind. Others were wiped and ripped from their foundation by the towering hand of waves of water from the ocean. Numerous homes are toppling to the side with no roofs and walls blown away. Look at all of the homeless people....overnight!

How terrible it is to see the bags and bags of those people's precious belongings dumped away in trash bags. Their household items, furniture, cherished photographs and everything now piled up here and there. Things that they kept under lock and key, in safe possession, now heaped up and shattered like trash! Can you imagine this deep pain and sorrow?

There is much to say about several things. We see the devastation. We hear of the people's suffering. We watch to see what the government and other agencies will do to help. We listen to the reports of bewilderment.....such a nightmare....so horrible....so.....

I encourage you to give your financial support to agencies with a good reputation to help others in the time of tremendous crisis. There are ministries who are at work trying to send donations of clothing, food and other great needs. They are busy and they need your help too!



Bishop Earl J. Wright, Sr.

I remember years ago, in the late 1980's, when Hurricane Hugo hit our southern states and island of Haiti. Their cries for help reached our church, Greater Miller Memorial Church of God in Christ. Our pastor, Bishop Earl J. Wright, worked with the late International COGIC Mission Leader, Mother Mary Gullick, who was dedicated to worldwide missions, to send much needed items. Other church mission departments of the local churches joined in and worked together on this project.

Several trucks and a giant moving van loaded with food, clothing, items for

babies, clothing for all ages, medical supplies, cooking utensils, and other necessities were sent to locations hit by Hurricane Hugo. This was a major undertaking, which included Bishop Wright's jurisdictional churches and our local church. Everyone liberally gave huge donations and financial support. Not only did these over seventy Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Churches of Southwest Michigan Church of God in Christ liberally respond to this great project, a few other Michigan churches outside of our jurisdiction and denomination joined in and gave generous support as well.

As I recall, Bishop Wright and Mother Gullick made direct contact with church pastors in the South and North Carolina areas resulting in a communication linked to the people's needs. It also helped them to know where our items from Michigan were going to definitely be placed to do the most good work.

God blessed us to send items and finances to Haiti, too. We have churches there. Our hearts were deeply concerned by all of the needs of the Haitians. We continue to support their needs.

Now is the time for each one of us to rise to this great time of massive need. We can all do something to help. Surely we can pray! Let us pray for those who have been hurt and struggling since Hurricane Sandy came ashore in the United States. These are the states who desperately need our help and prayers at this time:

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| 1. Connecticut | 4. Maine          | 7. New Jersey   | 10. Rhode Island |
| 2. Delaware    | 5. North Carolina | 8. New York     | 11. Virginia     |
| 3. Maryland    | 6. New Hampshire  | 9. Philadelphia | 12. Vermont      |

Remember to pray for: Haiti, Jamaica, and Cuba, as they were first hit by Hurricane Sandy. Also, pray for the eastern providence of Canada that was affected by Superstorm - Hurricane Sandy.

In consideration of these concerns, we must understand that there are biblical aspects of what this storm and all of the turbulent weather shows us. Keep your eyes towards the eastern skies. Your Redeemer draws closer and closer.

Nevertheless, we are in this world. Let us show compassion and love for the needs of our fellow man. Reach out to them. This is the message that we must give of support, concern, hope, prayers, and light. When we show love, the world knows that we are Christians. Be like the Good Samaritan in the Bible. *PLEASE HELP THOSE WHO NEED HELP!*

## TIME FOR THANKSGIVING

In American, Canada, and a few other places around the world, one day out of each year is set aside to give thanksgiving to God for His many provisions and loving kindness. It is a traditional time of gathering with love ones to enjoy a great feast of food and celebration. We come together to give thanks with humble hearts acknowledging God's wonder in our lives.

For us here in America and for those around the world, we look into the face of many uncertainties and things to worry about. Fear wants to grip us and make us feel hopeless. Satan wants us to feel fearful....paralyzed by troubles and problems. However, God is God! He is Almighty! Jesus is Lord!





*Here is a powerful poem written by Poet Yvette Wilburn, the founder and president of P.O.E.T. Ministries. She is also the host of this ministry on Comcast Television on Comcast 20. Her program is aired on Thursday mornings. Poet Yvette has written 5 books and numerous poems. She also an active member of her church in Detroit, MI. Poet Yvette also is an Administrator of The Called and Ready Writers. She also is a Detroit Public School teacher, mother, and grandmother.*

## *Giving Thanks*

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Thanks for being a living God on  
earth and in Heaven,  
and for all of the grace and mercy you've given.  
Thanks for giving us this earth,  
and for the miracle of birth.

Thanks for Jesus, Your Son,  
Our Savior, who is second to none.  
Thanks for giving the gift of your word,  
so that we don't have to depend on  
rumors we've heard.

Thanks for giving us the Holy Spirit  
who fills us with wisdom and love,  
Thanks for giving us divine  
consideration from above.  
Thanks for giving us love one on one,  
and for giving us the power to get things done.

Thanks for giving us a chance for eternal life,  
and a surefire way to deal with strife.  
Thanks for giving us relatives close and far,  
and for the opportunity to praise You  
right where You are.

Thanks for giving us family and friends,  
Thanks for the broken hearts You mend.  
Thanks for giving us health on our sick beds,  
and for the power to trample on serpents' heads.

Thanks for giving us peace among our woes,  
and for giving us victory against our foes.  
Thanks for keeping us through our circumstances.  
We give you thanks in advance.

Thanks for the blessings and lessons  
that are sure to come,  
and for the hills that my help comes from.  
Thanks for being the Author and  
Finisher of our story,  
and for the many instances we can  
give God the glory.

Thanks for the tests that come from You only,  
and for giving us a victorious testimony.  
Thanks for hearing us when we pray,  
and for being the same everyday.

Thank You, God, for giving us a will to obey,  
Help us to remember to give You thanks everyday!



# Get Ready For Christmas!

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Please keep us in your prayers.

# A Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come to You in the Name of Jesus. You are our Only Hope. You are our Provider and Keeper. We thank You. We praise You.

Father, there is much trouble, numerous problems, and oppressing situations among us. We are faced with great uncertainties everyday. Our world and lives are confronted with many challenges and difficulties. There are times when we our hearts are greatly overwhelmed and in distress.

But Lord, in all that we face and in all that is going on, we look to You, for our help comes from You. We thank you for Your help. We thank you for coming to our rescue! We praise You!

We thank you for blessing us. "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah" (Psalm 68:19). We thank you for loading us up everyday with Your blessings, Your kindness, and Your provisions. You make a way for us when there seems to be no way. You are our daily hope. We can put our trust in You.

Thank you for bringing us through our trials, tests, and difficulties. Thank you for giving us Your love. Thank you for Your peace. Thank you for being with us in our times of trouble. We thank you for leading and guiding us through every situation and circumstance in our lives.

Lord, bless those who don't have. Send Your help, strength, and provisions to them. Give them Your peace in these troubled and worrisome times. Send blessings!

Thank you for our families and friends. We thank you for keeping and sustaining us. Thank You for caring about us when we call You. We are thankful. We bless Your Name forever. We rejoice in knowing that You are God and You fail not. Thank You. Amen



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