

## **THE LAMP NEWSLETTER INTERNATIONAL**

***Help! Help! Lord, I Need You!***



# ***LORD! LORD! Come NOW!***



**EXPRESSIONS FROM the founder and publisher: Mrs. Wanda J. Burnside**



Dear Readers,

How are you doing? How are things for you in this time of critical living in this pandemic? Are you holding on or barely getting through it all?

For me, I have cried many tears concerning what is going on in this world today. My life feels hard and difficult with one thing happening and then the next.

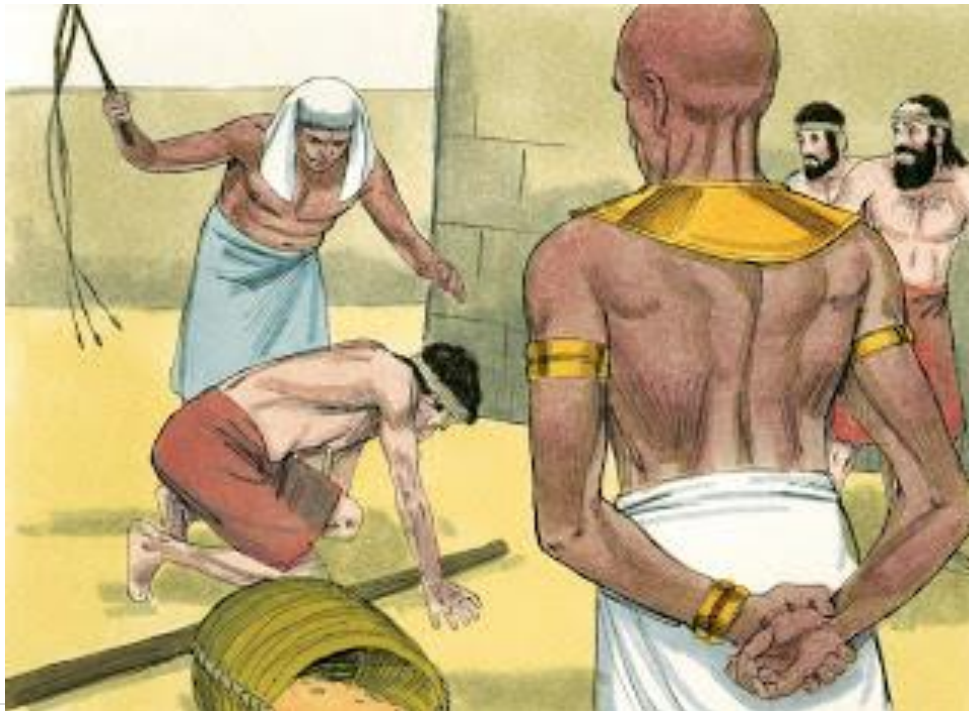
The News and all of our media keeps giving us reports and updates about everything going on moment to moment. I don't have to tell you...I know that you have been hearing it all...all of the time. Lord, help us.

Some days I feel like I am at the top of the mountain! Then, other days I feel like I am about to drown in all of the uncertainties, civil unrest, Covid-19 information and devastation, bad weather, fires by rioting crowds, fires in California, Back-to-School problems with headaches, children restricted from being back together in school to eat together, learn together, play together and hug. I am about to sink in the midst of the election year, and on and on! HELP!

I cried in my spirit, *"GOD! Make a way of escape! Help us all Lord! Move"...*and that is when I remembered what the Children of Israel went through with their backs against the wall, too!

Actually, I was working on a paper or some special writing assignment when I needed a graphic for it. While I was looking online for one, I happened to look and see a few men back in the Bible days on the ground being whipped and beaten near a huge Egyptian temple made of massive stones with giant pillars and statues of ancient gods standing at least 20 or 50 feet tall. The Egyptians were tough and mean to the helpless Israelites who was made slaves to serve and obey these evil people.

I looked and said, *"Mr. Pharaoh, You think you got them down, but our God has something for you! God isn't going to let His people be whipped down by anything or anybody! God is looking at you. You're not getting away with messin' with the people God! Oh, I was mad!*



See, I was thinking about COVID-19! This pandemic has been with us all year in 2020. We have been whipped down and around with all kinds of ugliness!

*Lord, help us! Come and deliver us!*

In my spirit, I could feel the depression, stress, and distress upon the beaten people.



We are enslaved in the grips of COVID-19 and we are so restricted from the freedom to do what we normally do in life. We are in bondage! Fear wants to keep us down, struggling and going through one thing after another.

Then, I thought that God had a man who He will use to bring deliverance for the Israelites. This man was Moses! Moses was used in the Hands of God to bring change and freedom to the Israelites.

Now, I strongly feel that God WILL use the people of God to come together and united in the power of God to speak to COVID-19 and say, ***“LET THE PEOPLE OF GOD GO, IN THE NAME OF JESUS! COVID-19, GO in the Name of Jesus!”***

**In my misery, I said I know that we are all facing the Red Sea of our lives! See, the Children of Israel wanted to leave Egypt and to live in freedom. God made a plan for them to escape, but He also hardened the heart of Pharaoh everytime He sent Moses**

to him to ask for the Israelites to be set free. It went back and forth with Moses standing against this king, Pharaoh.. God worked and showed up with the plagues and various acts against Pharaoh and the army of Egypt.

Just when it didn't seem like nothing was going to work or happen, finally, Pharaoh let the Children of Israel go...FREE! But, the trouble was...THE RED SEA! How were they going to get across that monster sea?

See, we are facing monster seas in our lives. It is right in front of us! How are we getting across everything that is facing us? The seas in our lives want to take us out! Wait a minute! Let us have some Bible study. Let's see what the Word of God said about the situation.

### **Come with me to the book of Exodus 14:1-31 NIV:**

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> "Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. <sup>3</sup> Pharaoh will think, 'The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.' <sup>4</sup> And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD." So the Israelites did this.

<sup>5</sup> When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, "What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!" <sup>6</sup> So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. <sup>7</sup> He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. <sup>8</sup> The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. <sup>9</sup> The Egyptians—all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen<sup>[a]</sup> and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

<sup>10</sup> As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup> They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup> Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

<sup>13</sup> Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. <sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."



<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. <sup>16</sup> Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup> I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup> The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."

<sup>19</sup> Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup> coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night

the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.



**21** Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided,  
**22** and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

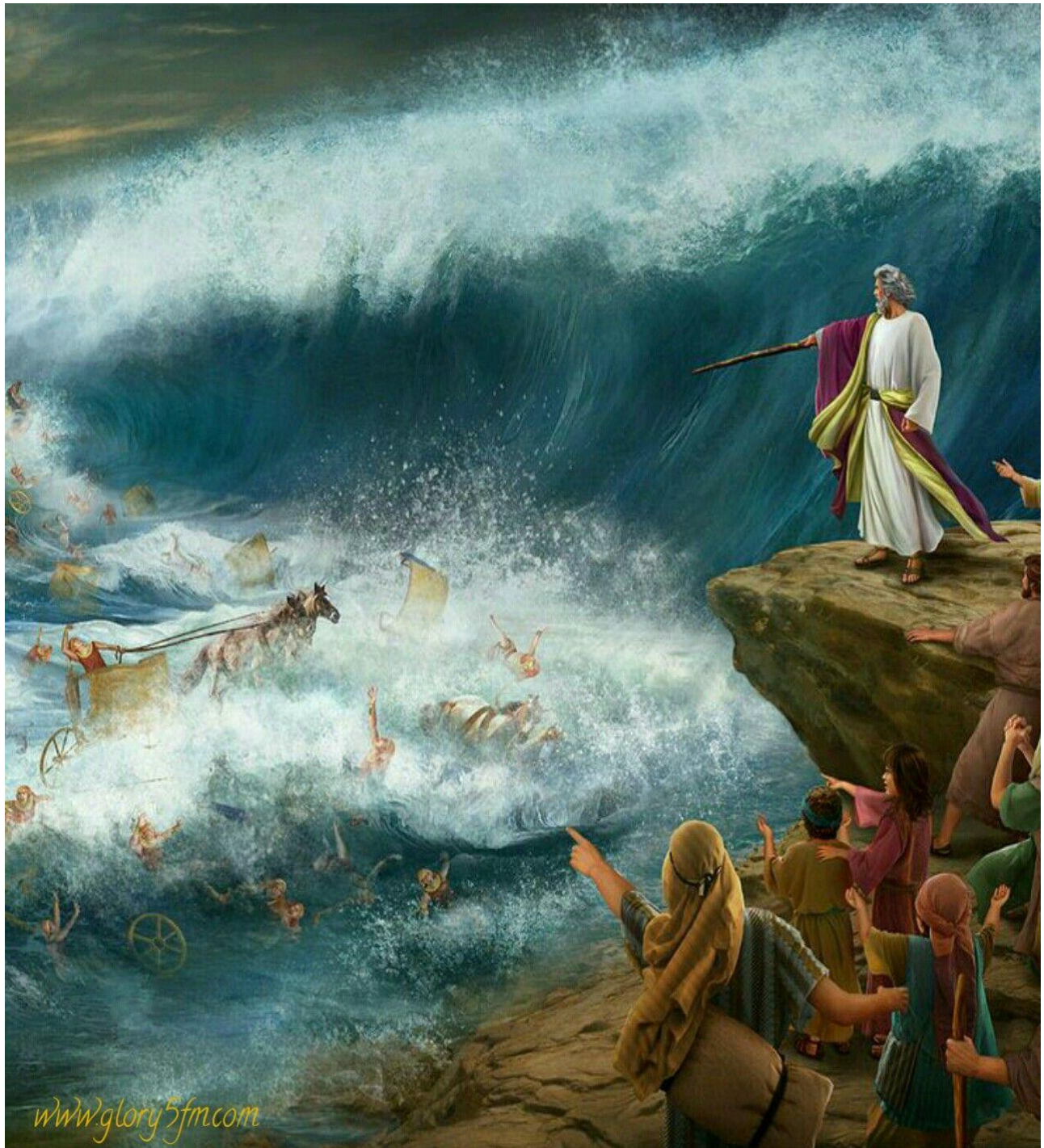




<sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. <sup>24</sup> During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. <sup>25</sup> He jammed<sup>[b]</sup> the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."



<sup>26</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." <sup>27</sup> Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward<sup>[c]</sup> it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. <sup>28</sup> The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.



<sup>29</sup> But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. <sup>30</sup> That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. <sup>31</sup> And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.





Mrs. Wanda J. Burnside,  
Founder and President

**PRAISE THE LORD! THANK THE LORD!**

Readers, I can smile knowing that God brought deliverance for the Moses and the Children of Israel! Glory to God! The Word of God is true! In the midst of our heartache and trying times in 2020, we can face this Red Sea! We are going to get across to the other side! God is with us! He will not forsake us!





**Words and Special Tribute from...**

**BEVERLY BLACK JOHNSON,  
CEO and Founder**

**The Tribe Family Network  
and Gumbo for the Soul, LLC**

*Thank You for Your Sacrifice and Service*

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*Cordy Tindell Vivian  
b. July 30, 1924  
d. July 17, 2020)*



*John Robert Lewis  
b. Feb 21, 1940  
d. July 17, 2020)*



*James Charles Evers  
b. Sept. 11, 1922  
d. July 22, 2020*



**An Historical Overview  
on Civil Rights Leaders  
By Author Ramelle T. Lee  
Staff Writer**



*Cordy Tindell Vivian  
b. July 30, 1924  
d. July 17, 2020)*

**Reverend CT Vivian passed on July  
17<sup>th</sup> at the age of 95.**

A civil rights icon, received a final “farewell” and honorary processional ride to the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Park. Private funeral services were held for Reverend CT Vivian in Atlanta, Georgia on July 23, 2020. You can **visit YouTube to view his historic funeral service.**

Reverend Vivian was a former key advisor to the legendary Civil Rights leader the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Reverend Vivian, throughout his life, organized pivotal civil rights

campaigns and spent decades advocating for justice and equality.

Reverend CT Vivian, one of God's faithful servants has gone Home to be with the Lord.



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## • Six-days of Remembrance for Congressman John Lewis:

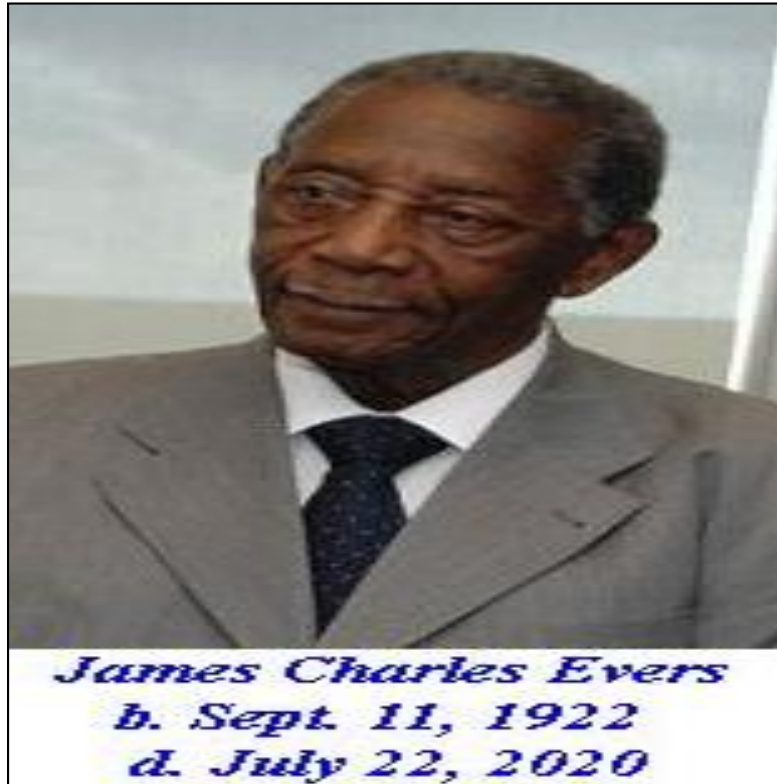
U.S. Representative John Lewis passed on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 80.

A civil rights and voting rights icon, who served 17 terms in the United States House of Representatives who represented the 5<sup>th</sup> District of Atlanta.

**These six-day ceremonial celebrations commenced on July 30<sup>th</sup>.**

- A Service Celebrating "The Boy from Troy, Alabama where Rep. John Lewis was born.
  - Private ceremony at Brown Chapel American Methodist Episcopal Church in Selma, Alabama
  - The Final Crossing- Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama.
  - Receiving Ceremony Alabama State Capital in Montgomery, Alabama.
  - A private invitational Congressional Ceremony was held at United States Capitol Hill Rotunda in Washington, D.C. Two-day public viewings followed.
- Celebration of Life Services held at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, which the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., once led.

A special tribute was presented on behalf of former president Jimmy Carter by Senior pastor, Rev. Rapheal Warnock of Ebenezer Baptist Church. Former presidents George W. Bush, and Bill Clinton gave tributes. The eulogy was delivered by former president, Barack Obama.



**Special Announcement to come from Beverly Black Johnson  
on a new development  
and great project headed by Ms. Black. To God be the Glory!**

***Congratulations!***





**Powerful Words from..  
PAULETTE HARPER:  
A Woman of Power, Fame, Best-selling Author and More!**

I struggled with sharing what's been happening in my life these past few months because I didn't want to appear insensitive to those who are hurting in this pandemic. I also know that if I didn't say something, those whom I'm called to serve, influence and empower wouldn't know how awesome my God has been nor would they be encouraged to believe in impossible circumstances.

When we came into 2020, we heard it was the year of vision and focus, but we didn't know how God was going to do it... at least I didn't.

- Then, the pandemic hit.

**The word God gave me for 2020 was PROGRESSION.**

I kept telling people to pivot, shift, do something different, be creative because they could use this time to make major adjustments in their personal and spiritual lives that would help them move forward. (Write that book) IJS!

- I pivoted in the pandemic, and I have watched God do some amazing things.
- I created a DIY digital product Storytellers Academy Toolkit for aspiring authors to help them write, publish and promote their books. This is an evergreen product that will not only bring me income but keep sustaining me.

- I launched my podcast *The 18 Minute Revolution* just last week and will be having a launch party this Friday. My podcast is going to reach thousands of women who have experienced emotional trauma from divorce and those who need to be made whole.
- God has connected me with thoughtful leaders who make me grow!! They have helped me grow in my business and have taught me how to do business different.
- In the mess and chaos, I continued to move forward, pray, and worked on myself and my relationship with the Lord.
- Someone I hadn't spoken to in 9 months contacted me and asked me to promote his book. I hadn't organized a virtual book tour since last year. Now, I have 3 new clients!

As a creative, my mind is always thinking....

- I have two new projects that I'm going to release.
- My 6-week Book Writing Challenge. This challenge will solve the problem for aspiring authors who don't know how to start writing their book, where to start writing and what topic to pick. Will you join me? After this challenge, you will have YOUR manuscript written.
- I'll be calling for submissions soon for the upcoming anthology "COURAGE TO START AGAIN." This anthology is perfect for those who want to become published authors by contributing just ONE chapter. Want in?
- God has taught me to be flexible and keep my eyes and heart open to when He tells me to move. Because of that, I've seen Him work wonders.
- I've unfollowed many. Social distancing allowed me to see things differently and change the way I operated in every area of my life.

**You can't tell me that God doesn't show up in the hard times.**

I hope you've been encouraged to look at these hard times and say.... I STILL BELIEVE!

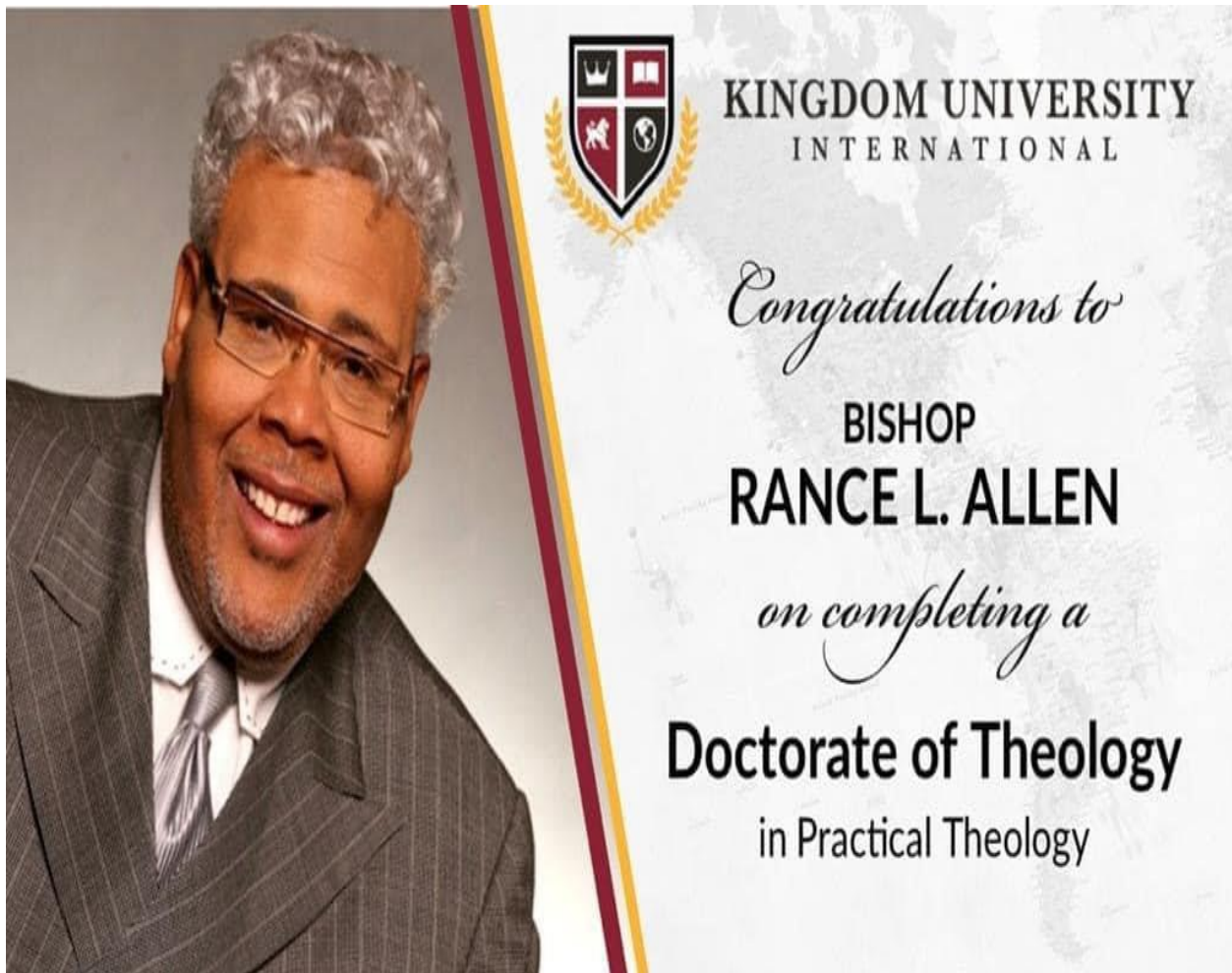
**2 Chronicles 16: 9: "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong on the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."**

Paulette Harper is Amazon #1 two-time award-winning best-selling author. She is a sought-after speaker, pastor, certified empowerment coach and storyteller strategist. Her mission is to help women find hope through transformation, restoration and reclaiming their lives via workshops, conferences and seminars.

As a speaker, she speaks life into women who have experienced emotional trauma. She teaches them how to change the narrative and turn those painful experiences into impactful transformational stories.

Paulette's presentations are inspiring, enriching and encouraging. Her ability to share and connect with her audiences comes from her own life's journey and experiences. As a storyteller strategist, she teaches emerging storytellers how to tap into their creativity by turning their words into stories that will transform the lives of readers.

***Congratulations to  
Legendary Gospel Music Great...***





**Mr. Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr. – July 20th**



**May God forever bless you! You are a great man. Thank the Lord for all that you do for others. You have stood strong through many tests, trials and challenges. God has brought you through time after time.**

**I appreciate you for supporting me in my many endeavors and numerous ministries. I am grateful for your wisdom, concerns, prayers and supports. Most of all, your prayers have sustained me..through these 47 years of marriage.**

**With my love,**

**Wanda J. Burnside**

# June Birthdays!

Poet Yvette Wilburn  
Kai Palm, M.D.  
Jolayna Palm

# July Birthdays!

Julian Palm  
Jason Palm  
Rochelle Scott

# August Birthdays!

in Loving Memory of Our Aunt  
Mrs. Lillian Palm Johnson  
Hope Holloway  
Sanders Scott

## A Precious and Caring Mother in Zion!



## MOTHER ROSIE HANDS

God Bless You! Mother Hands is a founding member of Sion National Church of God in Christ. She is a mighty prayer warrior! She is a poet, writer and educator. She is a mother and grandmother. Mother Hands is actively involved with her family and church. She is very caring and loving.



**Our First Lady Mae Lawrence Blake is a *phenomenal* woman of God. She is the loving, devoted wife of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Bishop Charles Edward Blake, Sr., and the founder of the West Angeles Women Affairs Organization. She is also author of several books.**

Under Lady Mae’s direction, the Women Affairs Organization sponsors and coordinates numerous dynamic activities for the women in the church. Many of these activities contribute to the beautification of West Angeles as a church, and to the heart of the total woman (not excluding the men, of course!).

Each year, the ladies of West Angeles are treated to an awesome event – fittingly titled, “A Day in May with Lady Mae” – in which the First Lady gives her annual encouraging message to the Body of Christ. Lady Mae’s message is always timely; sprinkled with living examples of faith, and pearls of wisdom delivered in a simple, yet humorous and entertaining format. This highly anticipated event inspires women to allow God to move through their work, their homes and families, and their communities.

Lady Mae is a gracious example of God’s gift in the earth and to West Angeles! Together, Bishop and Lady Mae have three children and eight grandchildren.

*(Information copied from the West Angeles COGIC Website)*



**HAPPY 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY – August 5, 1940-2020**

## Chief Apostle PRESIDING BISHOP CHARLES E. BLAKE, SR.

**B**ishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. was elected Presiding Bishop, the seventh in succession, by the General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ, Incorporated, on November 12, 2007, at the 101<sup>st</sup> Holy Convocation, during the quadrennial election. Bishop Blake was re-elected as Presiding Bishop in 2012, and again on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, following the COGIC 109th Holy Convocation. Presiding Bishop Blake is currently serving his 3rd four-year term as Presiding Bishop.

**Bishop Blake is the pastor of *West Angeles Church of God in Christ*, one of the largest churches in the Western United States, with a membership of over 25,000. He is recognized as one of the great preachers of this generation with a message that ministers to the whole person and brings together people of various racial and ethnic backgrounds.**

On April 6, 2009, in Washington, D.C., President Barack Obama sought Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake to serve on his 25-person *White House Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships*. This one-year appointment is a testament to his passion for the community and his desire to unite all people for the common good. He was also chosen as one of four individuals to speak at the Democratic National Convention's first Ecumenical Service, where he pronounced his status as pro-life Democrat and challenged both Democrats and Republicans to protect the rights of the unborn and born alike.

The heart of Bishop Blake is seen quite clearly in the love that he has for the children in Africa who have become orphans because of the HIV/AIDS pandemic plaguing the continent. In response to the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa, Bishop Blake founded, and was president of the *Pan African Children's Fund (PACF)*. *Save Africa's Children*, a program of PACF, provided support to over 420 orphan care programs, 200,000 children and 24 nations throughout sub-Saharan Africa.

Bishop Blake has also formerly served as an Advisory Committee Member of the Pentecostal World Conference, and as the founder and Co-chair of the Los Angeles Ecumenical Congress (LAEC), an interdenominational coalition of religious leaders and pastors. He was the founding Chair of the Board of Directors for the C.H. Mason Theological Seminary, and has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, and as a Board Member of the Board of Directors for the Interdenominational Theological Seminary. Bishop Blake has served as Chair of the Executive Committee, member of the Board of Directors of Oral Roberts University, and as a member of the Board of Directors of International Charismatic Bible Ministries.

Bishop Blake's awards and accolades are numerous. A few include the Distinguished Leadership Award presented by the African Presidential Archives and Research Center at Boston University (2007), the Trumpet Award (2006), the Salvation Army's William Booth Award, the Greenlining Institute's Big Heart Award, and was the designated recipient of the Los Angeles Urban League's Whitney M. Young Award (2000). In 2003, Bishop Blake was awarded the Harvard Foundation Humanitarian Medal for his work with *Save Africa's Children* and its mission to support orphanages throughout the continent of Africa. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors designated February 5, 2004 as Bishop Charles E. Blake Day.

Second only to his call as a minister of the Gospel, Bishop Blake says his most treasured accomplishments are those of a devoted husband to Lady Mae Lawrence Blake, and a loving father and grandfather to their three children and eight grandchildren.

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# GOD BLESS YOU!



**2020 Graduates,**

**We are so proud of your accomplishments! God is with you. Don't fear what is going to happen in the future. You have walked by faith so; continue to walk on to the next level. Don't give-up!**

**Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)**

**"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."**

# Congratulations... JEREMIAH WILBURN



Jeremiah Wilburn is a 2020 graduate from L'Anse Creuse Public Schools in Macomb County, Michigan. He has accomplished many things throughout his life. He is dedicated to studying and learning new things. Jeremiah was a brilliant and very good student.

He stands tall and strong next to his loving and caring grandmother, Poet Yvette Wilburn. Her prayers, love, care, and godly teaching have been a tremendous asset to Jeremiah since he was a baby.

Today, Jeremiah has great plans to go further in education and reach major goals in the future.

**GOD BLESS YOU!**

# **Congratulations... DARYL GRAY, JR.**




Daryl Gray, Jr. has graduated from high school in Virginia. He is 18 years old and now attending Centura College in Richmond, Virginia. Centura is a trade school. His studies will be in Electrical Engineering.

Daryl is determined and focused on excelling in engineering. His parents, Mr. Daryl Gray, Sr. and Mrs.

Kizzy Gray, have given him much support throughout his life. He has a sure foundation of godly love and training from his parents.

**GOD BLESS YOU!**

# BACK TO SCHOOL TIME



The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not panic.  
He invites me to pray and trust Him.  
He leads me beside His Holy Spirit. He restores my soul.  
He guides me in the path of righteousness  
For His Name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the school  
filled with germs, I will fear no virus.  
For You are with me.  
Your Word and Your presence, they comfort me.  
You prepare me with masks and hand sanitizer  
In the presence of this enemy.  
You anoint me with joy. My hope overflows.  
Surely confidence and courage will follow me  
In to the classroom or on the computer,  
And I will dwell in the peace of Your presence all year.

[cindyrichardson.org](http://cindyrichardson.org)

# LORD BLESS THE CHILDREN

*by Wanda J. Burnside*

Dear Lord,

Please watch over our boys and girls,  
In this troubled and wicked world.  
Protect and keep them safe everyday,  
For this is what we ask and pray.

Lord protect and help the children!

Be with them everywhere they go,  
To Satan help them to say "No!"  
Cover our children in Jesus' blood,  
Surround them with your Spirit and love.

Lord save the children!

We stand on your promises and boldly proclaim:  
Blessings over them in Jesus' name.  
We praise and thank you for these things,  
All glory to Jesus, our Saviour and King.

Lord bless the children!

Amen

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Readers,

I hope you were touched and blessed by my opening message to you. I wanted to share just how miserable I've been feeling during this pandemic time. I am praying and believing God for His deliverance and blessings like so many of us are during this time. Nothing is normal.

Well, I want to give remembrance to Reverend Lovell Eddins Lee who was the twin brother of Ramelle T. Lee. Reverend Lee went Home to be with the Lord after a long illness on March 20, 2020. We are all so sad about his passing. He was married to Missionary Annette Lee they had children and grandchildren.



**Ramelle T. Lee with her brother,  
Rev. Lovell Lee**



**Rev. Lee with his wife, Annette Lee**

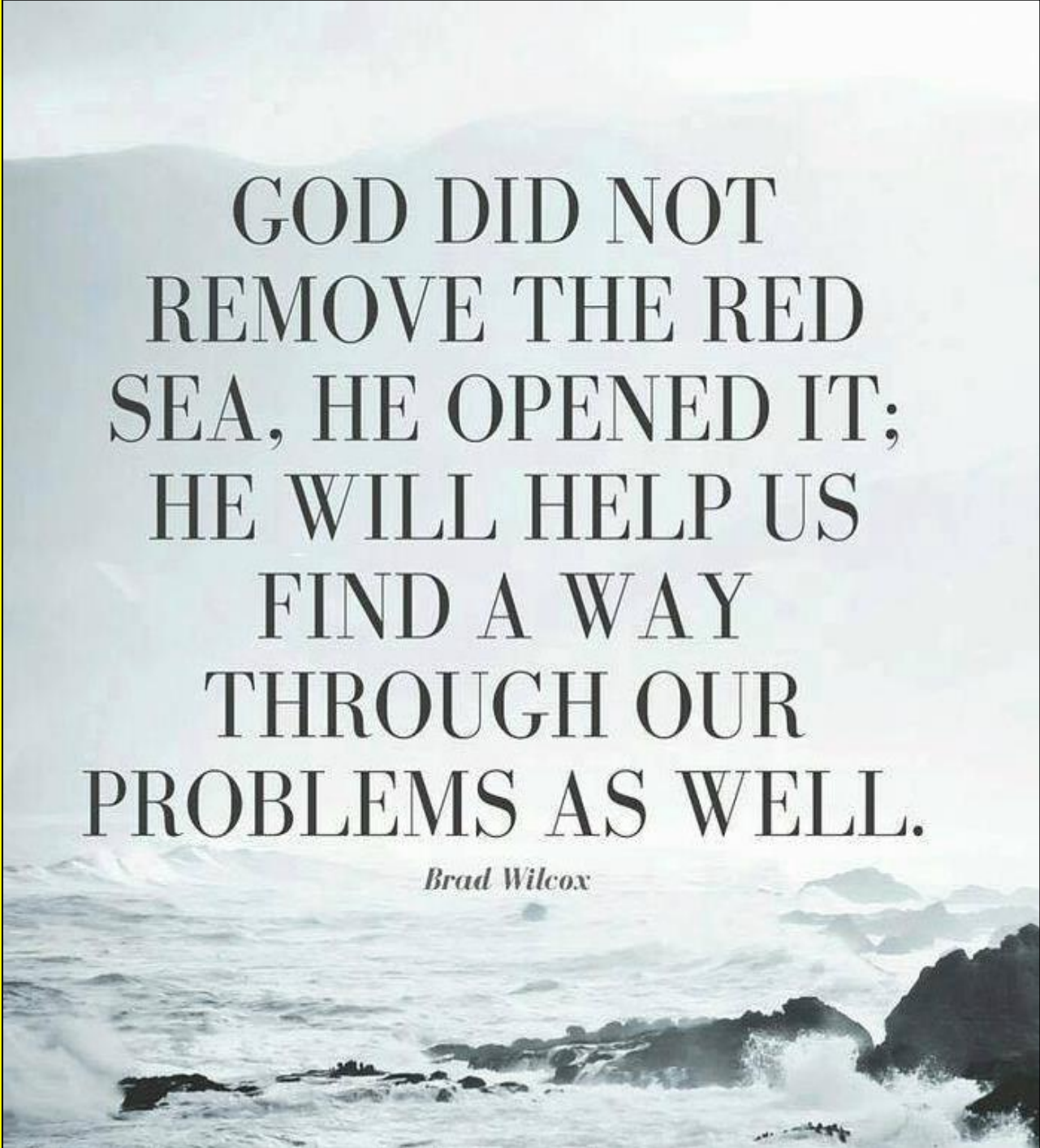
Whenever Rev. Lovell Lee came for a visit or spent a weekend with his sister, Ramelle, he always asked her to play the classic dvd of "The Ten Commandments." He said, *"Hey, Baby Sister, please put on The Ten Commandments!!"* Regardless of his illness and physical struggles he rejoiced and worshiped the Lord at seeing the enfolding of this great Biblical story. He loved the Lord! You could hear him singing, praising God and shouting for Moses and the Children of Israel as they made their escape from Egypt.

The Lord told me that Rev. Lovell Lee preached to all that heard him shouting to the Lord over the victory of God's people as they crossed the Red Sea! He preached and knew that deliverance was on its way! He couldn't go to church and preach in the pulpit. He was too sick and very weak. But, in that bed, at his sister's house (Ramelle's house), nothing could stop his praise! No pain could stop him! No sickness stopped him!

So, let us rejoice knowing that in this tough time...we can face our red seas, too! God is with us and He will bring us through! We will have VICTORY in JESUS! Our God is ALMIGHTY!



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GOD DID NOT  
REMOVE THE RED  
SEA, HE OPENED IT;  
HE WILL HELP US  
FIND A WAY  
THROUGH OUR  
PROBLEMS AS WELL.

*Brad Wilcox*