

## **THE LAMP NEWSLETTER INTERNATIONAL**

# **Don't Do It!**



# Happy Valentine's Day

*And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

- 1 Corinthians 13:13



Dear Readers,

When I was a young lady around 18 years old and attending the University of Detroit, I was presented with a great temptation that could have turned my life around. Oh...it would have ruined HIS life as a husband and father, career, ministry, and worldwide reputation. He was popular. He was one of Gospel's giant music artists. He was big-time with his music.

I have not shared this story with the public. I haven't wanted to talk about what happened. I won't give his name or any details to disclose what happened. He is dead now. This was years ago when this shocking experience happened to me.

The reason I want to bring it up now is because...I'm older now and want to speak to others who may get swept up into a lustful and tempting situation. **BE AWARE! WATCH OUT!** What is the man up to? What does she want from him?

So, back then in 1968 or 1969, I wasn't driving (still don't). When I wasn't getting a ride with friends or family members, I waited for the bus. Now, depending on the way I wanted to go home or to my grandmother's house where I was staying, I took two or three city buses. I took the McNichols Rd. bus (Second Ave.) to Wyoming Ave. and took that bus to her neighborhood then walked about six blocks to her house.

Well, the problem was at the second bus stop at the corner of McNichols Rd. and Wyoming Ave. On that corner, was Marygrove College and across the street was a very popular burger place. People loved to go into it for burgers and fries all day long. Also, full breakfast was served all day, too. It was a back-in-the-day place where people sat around the counter on chrome barstools. You could smell the aroma of grilled onions, hamburgers, fresh brewed coffee and toast going from the burger shop.

See, students from the colleges in the area and businesses nearby ran in and out of the burger place from morning to midnight. I happened to be standing outside of the burger place waiting for the bus when a fancy looking Cadillac pulled up. "Hey, lady...young lady!" said the man yelling out of the car to me. I looked. I did not say anything.

The man got out of the Cadillac. He starred at me while walking to the door and he winked...at me. I turned my head to ignore him. I looked for the bus to come, but the man came out of the store with his order in two white bags. He looked at me...then he got in the car with his friend. He smiled at me, and then his friend drove off. I could see they were talking and giggling in the car. I didn't think anything about it. My bus finally came. I got on it and went to my grandmother's house.

The next afternoon, while waiting for the bus on that same corner, up drove the Cadillac...all shiny and sparkling. The man got out of the car, said hi and went into the burger place. He came out with two coffees and said, "*Hey, pretty lady! I see you're here again.*" I said nothing. I turned my face away.

*"I wonder how many more times will I be lucky to see you here?"* he said sipping on the cup of hot coffee. I said nothing. He walked right up to me. He smiled. I

stepped away from him. *"Don't do that...here comes the bus!"* He said. I looked and he was right. He flagged down the bus with hand which had a ring on every finger.

I got on the bus.

While riding to my grandmother's house, I felt funny...his voice...I heard it before...

Well, the next day, here came the Cadillac. The man got out and boldly walked right up to me. *"Can I talk to you?"* He said standing in front of me.

*"Sir, I don't want to be bothered,"* I said moving away from him.

*"Okay, but listen. I have been really thinking about you all day and every day. See, I want to go out with you. What about coming into the store for a bite of food?"* He said smiling at me.

*"NO...please don't..."* I said shaking my head. *"I don't want to be bothered."*

*"Look, you look cute...beautiful...so sweet,"* He chuckled. *"What about us going out to dinner at a real place tonight. Give me your phone number. Write it down here,"* he said while handing me a piece of paper.

He said, *"Wait...ugh...not on this paper....I ugh..."* Then, he flipped the paper over. *"Write it on here."*

*"NEVER...NO!"* I shouted. I took the paper and flipped it over. Just what I thought...it was him! ...the famous worldwide gospel singer. I stared at him. *"I knew it!"* I said.

*"You knew what?"* He cried. *"What?"*

*"I know exactly who you are...I know you!"* I shouted. *"You should be ashamed!"*

*"Look, baby..."* He said reaching out to take my hand. *"Wait...a minute!"*

*"I knew it...You are \_\_\_\_\_! I don't want to talk to you! Leave me alone!"* I screamed.

*"See...you don't understand...I'm...tired of my life...my wife...she is getting too old for me...and I'm sick of being a dad! I've got to live my life!" He said grabbing my hand.*

I pulled my hand out of his strong grip.

*"Baby...give me a chance to explain,"he whispered. "You have to listen!" He said in a low and sad voice.*

*"No! You listen to me! I know your wife, children, and family! Why do you want to mess up your whole life?" I asked.*

He dropped his head...and said nothing.

*"See, it's your fault that your life is screwed-up! You're a mess! I smell those cigarettes on you! You smell like alcohol, too," I said pointing my finger at him.*

He said nothing.

*"If you were serving God like you should and doing what you should, God will bless you! You would rather have affairs, drink, smoke and live a life of....LIES! How could you hurt your wife who has stood with you all of these years?" I cried.*

*"How old are you?" he asked looking straight at me. "You've got to be..."*

*"I'm only 18 years old! You're at least three times my age..." I said. "God wants you to change. Stop! My parents are in ministries, too. I would be hurt if my Dad or Mama was out on the street like you! Suppose your wife and family saw you!"*

The bus was coming about a half a mile away. I said, *"God had me here for you! I'll never tell anyone... You must change before it is too late for your soul...your marriage...your children...your reputation! Surrender to God...repent to Him. He has more for you!*

The bus pulled up to us...he turned his face away and cover his face with one side of his jean jacket covered in studs and stones. I jumped on the bus as the bus rode along. I went to a seat. Then, someone shouted out...*"Hey! Was that \_\_\_\_\_? Were you talking to \_\_\_\_\_?"*

I said nothing...

The rest of the story is...that man did change. He sung new songs. He gave his testimony on talk shows, in magazines and at concerts about how he met an angel. He said he was going the wrong way in his life and career. He confessed publicly that he was determined to live for the Lord.

His wife got very sick, but he stayed with her. She got well. His children came into the ministry and God used him to preach.

Years later, I went to a gospel concert and to my surprise, he was there. He came over to me...smiled...and said, *"I remember you."*

*"I said, "I don't know you...sorry."*

The truth is, I remember him very, very well. But, he changed! He had a new spirit...a new life.

He went on singing, traveling, preaching, and loving his wife in marriage for nearly 60 years. He was blessed with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They follow his godly steps...I know that he would be so proud of them all today. He died years ago. However, he left a legacy...they have a blessed heritage.

So, readers...if you are tempted to go after someone and have an affair to fulfill your lust and sexual desires...WAIT! WATCH OUT!

Remember David in the Bible? He looked upon Bathsheba...He wanted her. He desired her flesh. David could not quench his desires to hold her, kiss her, touch her...lay with her.

**HE DID!**

Bathsbeba got pregnant with David's baby...

He covered it up...

He committed MURDER!

He killed her loyal husband...

The baby died!

**BUT...DAVID REPENTED to GOD!**

David's life was RESTORED!

**YOU MUST ALSO REPENT NOW...Before it is eternally TOO LATE!**

**Ms. Sandra Hickman**  
**Australian Ministry Leader and Staff writer**

*I am in love with the Author of Love. .... this Author is God Himself.  
In John 3:3-8 Jesus speaks in truest love to Nicodemus, a man of*



*great religious influence and power, yet does not understand the Truth.*

**NEW TESTAMENT TRUTH**

John 3:1-8

Nicodemus – why must I be born again?

Jesus – unless you are born again, you cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus – how can this be so?

Jesus – flesh gives birth to flesh, spirit gives birth to spirit.  
Truly I say to you, you must be born again.  
You must be born of both water and the Spirit.

This is the nutshell account of the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus. Because Nicodemus was a chief priest and leader amongst the Jews, you might say... “How did he NOT know this?” In those days, Jesus was rejected by His own people... the Jews did not believe who Jesus said He was. They condemned him as a heretic. Their dark obstinate hearts could not see the light which stood in front of them. But Nicodemus had his conscience pricked. He had seen and heard of so many testimonies about the teachings and miracles of Jesus. Eventually, his darkened heart was pierced by the light of God. Nicodemus was hooked! He didn’t know why...or how, he just knew there was something more that he needed to know.

Little wonder Jesus called His disciples “Fishers of Men” ... they did as He instructed them. They casted a net of words downloaded from heaven and the fish came swimming in schools! This was a new kind of fishing, a new education if you like. There was nothing about how to steer a boat, how to set direction, or which side to cast your net from to catch the tides carrying the fish. No mention of how to mend nets or how to clean and gut the fish.

No, this was all about the **Word. Yes, The Word** who became flesh. He is the Living, breathing, walking, and talking flesh. Jesus is the Living Theology. He taught them the beautiful principles of the New Testament, backing it up with wonderful truths of the Old Testament prophets and scribes who had already seen the future before it began.

They had prophesied Jesus before He was ever physically on this earth. Imagine the courage it took to speak it out to high authorities. Imagine the even greater courage it took for the New Testament Twelve and those who followed them....following Jesus. They stood in the face of adversity and probable death for this person who took them out of the boats, out of the world, into a whole new way of life and thinking. Radical thinking to be sure! Yet they courageously followed HIM.

JESUS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD. The One who told Nicodemus, “*Truly, Truly, I say to you...you must be born again.*” Jesus left nothing to speculation with Nicodemus. He went straight to the core. His words entered the spirit of Nicodemus and the truth embedded itself into this troubled man’s heart, and now he was faced with the decision of a lifetime! Sound familiar?

Yes, I also stood in the shoes of Nicodemus, a different person in a different time, but I wore the same shoes. The shoes of decision. By God’s grace, I made the right decision and I’ve never stopped proclaiming the glorious words of this **New Testament Truth!**

*John tells the story of eternal salvation by the One whose love is far greater than the emotional love of Valentine’s Day. Even the most passionate human love cannot carry us into eternity, only God’s Love did that on the cross. WE are called to cast the nets, discern the tide and to catch the fish for Christ.*

***Jesus is my Valentine***

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## **LIFE IS SHORT**

**by Pastor Sammy L. Jackson**

How can I get your attention? What can I say to you? Who will listen on this glorious day? God is trying to tell each and every one of us, life is short and tomorrow is not promised on this earth.

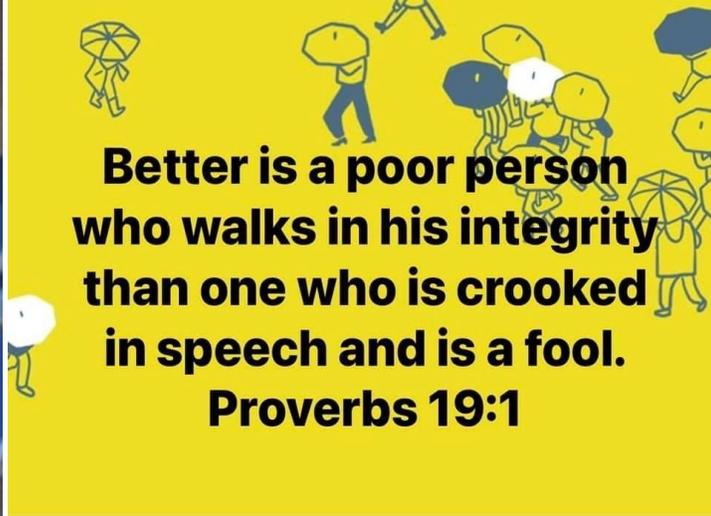
Please get on the same path of God's Kingdom according to Hebrew 11:6. Allow yourself to walk in and with the Holy Spirit. This will affect your life effectively driving you out of the desert bringing your heart, mind and soul into the council of righteous faith.

2 Corinthians 5:7-8 states: *"For we walk by Faith, not by sight, We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."*

Jesus is at the door. God, our Father, is sitting on His throne waiting on all of us, faithful servants. Live so you can hear Him say to you, ***"Well done."***

John 14:1-2 states: *"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."*

So, I say to you, prepare for your going away! God prepares for your coming! Remember this is your hallelujah call at the sound of the trumpet. Yes, it is a call to glory.



## The Family Name - Why does it Matter Anyway?

by Doris Homan

What is all this talk in the Bible about righteousness, how we're to walk (lifestyle) in righteousness and how the LORD loves righteousness. Why can't we just LIVE as we please; SPEAK as we please, DO as we please?

When someone behaves badly, it brings shame to their family name. When a follower of Christ behaves inappropriately or lives a sinful lifestyle, they bring shame on the family name, the family of God. Their actions and words bring dishonor to the name of God; worse, they break their heavenly Father's heart. To the world, all Christians then become "hypocrites". The world holds us to a higher standard when we identify with Christ.

In Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) He says that only the pure in heart will see God. Uh-Oh, that discounts the whole human race for none of us are without sin. So who can be righteous and how can that happen?

Jesus takes our sins and gives us His righteousness at the moment we believe and accept Him as our Savior. (2 Corinthians 5:21) God sees us in Christ, as perfect; this is positional righteousness. BUT, in practice, we continue to be flawed human beings.

Many Believers LIVE and TALK just like the rest of the world. So what does God say about this? Is there more to this "righteousness" thing that we are missing? God is calling His followers to a higher level of living. Yes, we will fail and not maintain a perfect, flawless life, but He is expecting us to show up differently.

So what is the answer? ACCOUNTABILITY becomes imperative and provides the guardrails needed. No man is an island; we all need one another and we see the importance of being part of community, the Body of Christ. We have great RESPONSIBILITY to one another; to bear one another's burdens, to love, honor, admonish, warn and pray for one another.

We must ask ourselves the hard questions. How is my lifestyle bringing honor or dishonor to God and His Family? What changes do I need to make? How am I showing up for others within the Body of Christ?

## JORDAN

**The Precious and Encouraging Grandson of  
our Australian Staff Writer and Ministry Leader, Sandra Hickman**



### **A Word of Encouragement:**

***" I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth,  
(Psalm 121: 1-2 KJV)."***

**Birthday Memorial**  
**February 5**  
**(February 1926- April 2010)**



**ELDER MINOR PALM , JR.**

A Sanctified Gospel Preacher, Gospel Musician, Writer, Songwriter,  
Master Bible Professor, Devoted Husband, Loving Father and Grandfather

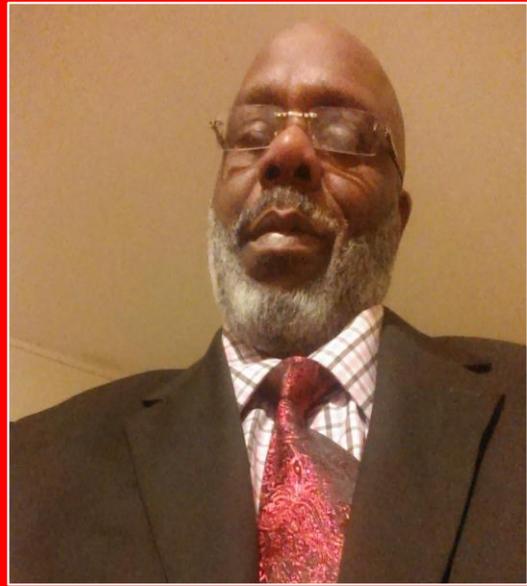
*My Dearest Daddy,  
I love and miss you so much.*

*Your daughter,  
Wanda J. Burnside*

**HAPPY BLESSED BIRTHDAY to Michele Barnes' Sister and Brother...**



**LOLA DARLENE GARDNER**



**DANIEL KEVIN GARDNER**

*Blessings to You!*

*May God continue to help, strengthen, and heal you.*

*You are always in our prayers and thoughts.*





## First Poetic Slave-Child

By Michele Barnes

**Phillis Wheatley was born in Senegal/Gambia. She arrived by ship to Boston as an eight-year-old enslaved person. A child covered in ragged clothing and looking fragile, she was purchased by John Wheatley. He was the master with plans to give his wife Susanna a personal servant. Together, they decided she'd take the name of the ship on which she arrived in Boston named Phillis. All slaves were given their owners last name. This slave-child assumed the name Phillis Wheatley, also spelled Phyllis.**

**Susanna and the children treated Phillis kindly for she suffered with poor health. First teaching her to read the Bible, however, Phillis was eager and quick to learn more! They also taught her to read and speak English, Latin, and Greek. Although against the law to teach slaves to read, this family, one by one, assisted their smart fragile slave in learning mythology and literature too! No, never excused from her duties/work, but Phillis was smart enough and worked hard enough to get everything done!**

**On Being Brought from Africa to America**

**By Phillis Wheatley**

**“Twas mercy brought me from my pagan land,  
Taught my benighted soul to understand  
That there’s a God, that there’s a Saviour too;  
Once I redemption neither sought nor knew.  
Some view our sable race with scornful eye,  
“Their colour is a diabolic dye.”  
Remember, Christians, Negroes, black as Cain,  
May be refin’d, and join th’ Angelic train.**

**Phillis wrote her first poem at thirteen years of age and her book of verses was published in 1773. Unable to interest the sale of her book to Boston publishers, Susanna paid the way for Phillis and her son to go to London. They visited Susanna’s friend; a publisher, and interested in publishing Phillis Wheatley’s book of poems. For buyers were interested in reading her poems in London. Poems of Phillis Wheatley, A Native African and Slave. She wrote 28 poems!**

**In 1776, Phillis Wheatley was invited to meet an inspired Continental Army’s Commander, George Washington. Her poems spoke of him and others playing important roles in America’s future.**

**Upon returning home from London, Phillis Wheatley was ultimately allowed to become a freed slave. It was after the death of both parents that she married John Peter’s, a free African American, and gave birth to three children. Sadly, all her children died shortly after birth.**

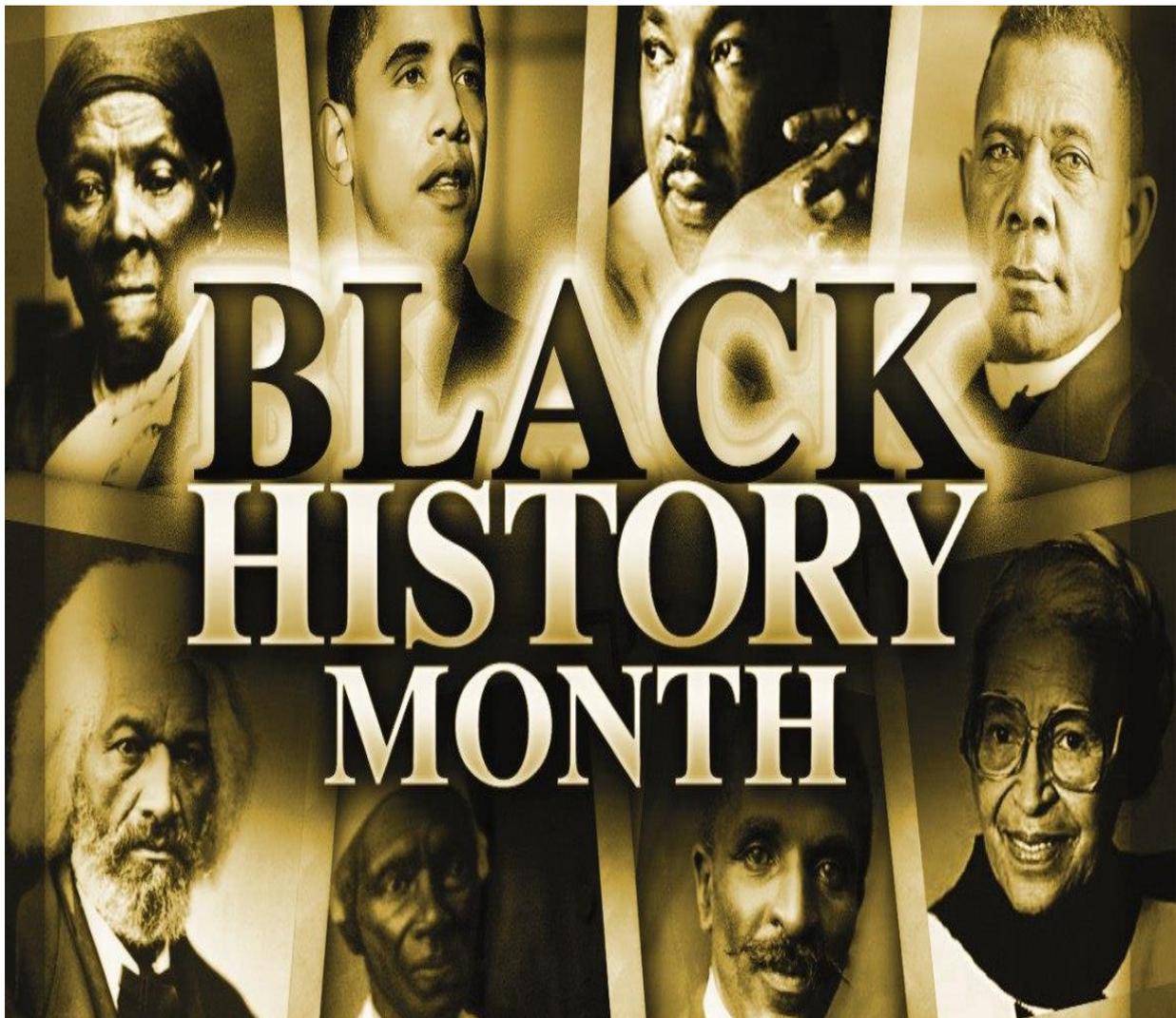
**Phillis Wheatley and her husband battled with poverty and racism that pushed her into working as a maid. However, she continued to write.**

**Phillis Wheatley Peters died in her early thirties in Boston Massachusetts on December 5, 1784. Although many black/African-American poets followed behind Phillis Wheatley, but none faced the challenges at such the young age of Phillis. We will forever**

remember her as the first American slave writer, first writer of African descent, and third colonial American woman to have their own work published.

The heart of a poet becomes the chosen words that eloquently speak of the times in which they live. “Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral” (1773) was a first volume of an artist using her words to give voice! She gave voice to her pains, faith, and cry for freedom and equality. Though short, Phillis Wheatley Peter’s life continues today to give voice to the first tears- children of color- seeking freedom to live...seeking justice!

The Lamp Newsletter celebrates Black History Month! A writer, I thank God for the life and poems of Phillis Wheatley. My information was gathered by: Biography of a Genius in Bondage and wikipedia.org



*High Military Honors Given to...*  
**EVANGELIST BARBARA MOORE**



**"Golden Boot Award"**

presented to

**Evangelist Miss'y Barbara Moore, PhD (c) RN BC/COLONEL(R) USAR**

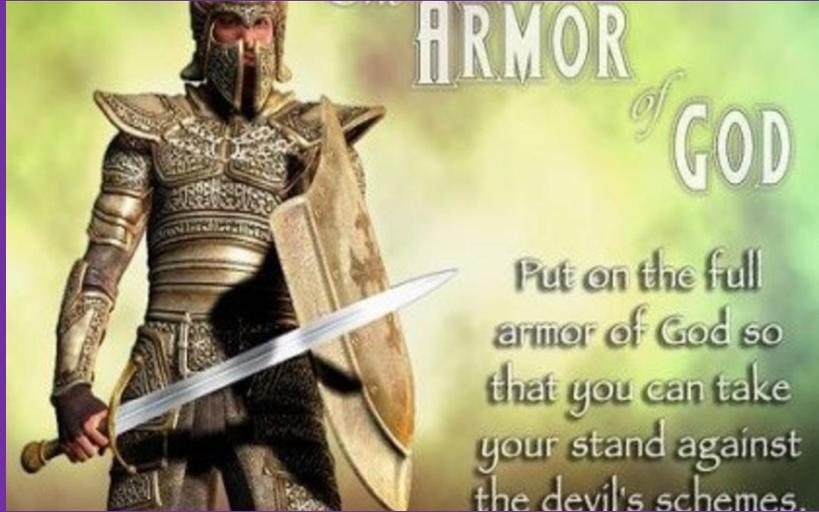
Evangelist Moore recently received “The Golden Boot” military award for serving 20 years in the USA military. She served 24 plus received 2 Masters Degrees in the Military. She graduated from Combined Arms Staff School & Command & General Staff College. She served as Deputy Commander of Womack Army Medical Center at FT. Bragg, North Carolina.



Evangelist Barbara Moore is married to Deacon Dean Moore. They are blessed with 4 adult children: three sons and one daughter. All of them are all doctors and surgeons. Their daughter-in-law also is a medical doctor. Deacon and Evangelist Moore have five grandchildren.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**May God Continue to BLESS You and Your Family!**



## Scriptures on STRONGHOLDS

By Donna R. Brooks, YOUTH STAFF WRITER

### [Ephesians 6:13-18](#)

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ..

### [2 Corinthians 10:3-5](#)

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

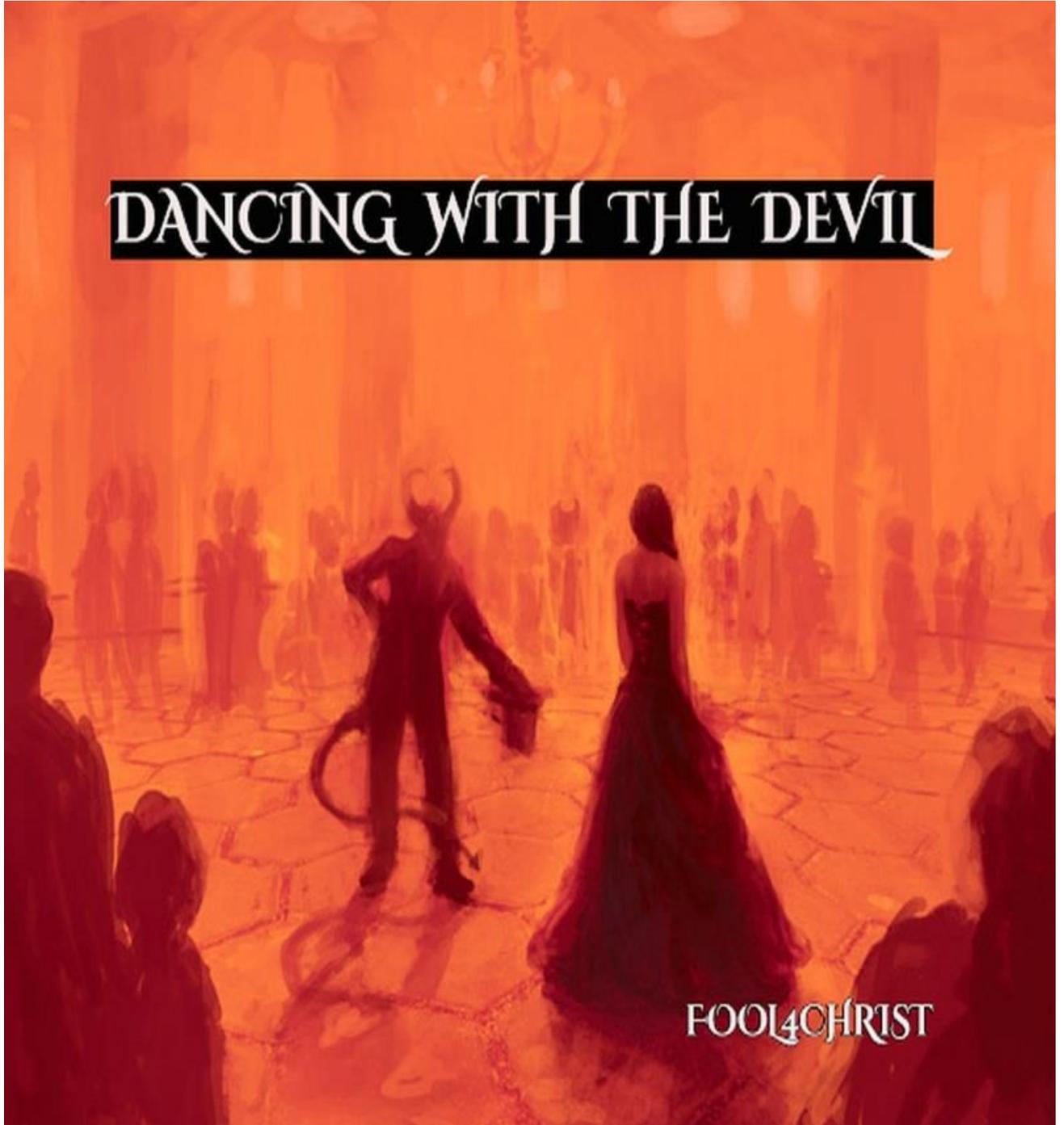
### [1 Corinthians 10:13](#)

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it

Have a Great Day

Donna R. Brooks

# DANCING WITH THE DEVIL



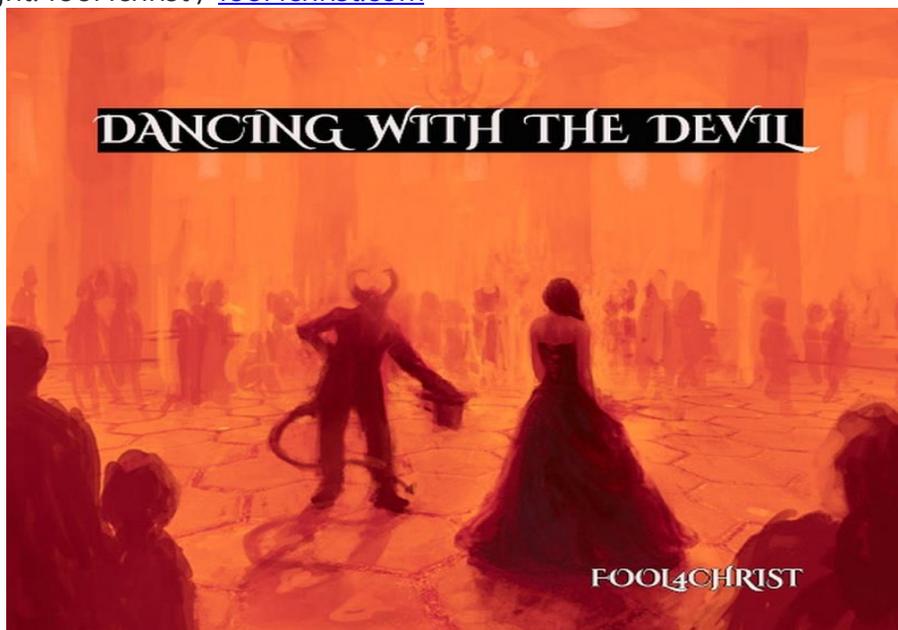
FOOL4CHRIST

# MICHAEL D'AIGLE, INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL MUSIC ARTIST



Greetings to everyone near & far,

God gave me this song and told me this generation is dancing with the Devil - but soon the music is going to stop! My advice - don't get on the dance floor with the Devil - he can dance all night. fool4christ / [fool4christ.com](http://fool4christ.com)



<https://www.reverbnation.com/fool4christ/song/32418891-dancing-with-the-devil>

## DANCING WITH THE DEVIL

Well there's a storm that's coming our way  
Judgment's at the door, every sinner has to pay  
Time to say our prayers – time to turn around  
Tell the Lord I'm sorry - before it's too late

If you're dancing with the devil you better back away  
Cause when he's done with – yeah he'll throw you away  
If you're dancing with the devil you better back away  
Yeah when he's done with you – he'll throw you away

## STOP DANCING WITH THE DEVIL!

Stop dancing with the devil  
Stop living in the dark  
Stop dancing with the devil  
Before the music stops  
Stop dancing – stop dancing  
With the devil...

Well you better think twice before you dance with the devil  
You better be prepared when the music stops  
Aw he'll play you like a fool he can dance all night  
O but don't let him catch you when the music stops  
OHHHHHHHH When the music stops  
OHHHHHHHH When the music stops (Repeat again)

So you're out on the dance floor and you start thinking  
Devil - I don't wanna dance no more  
Yeah – this dance is over

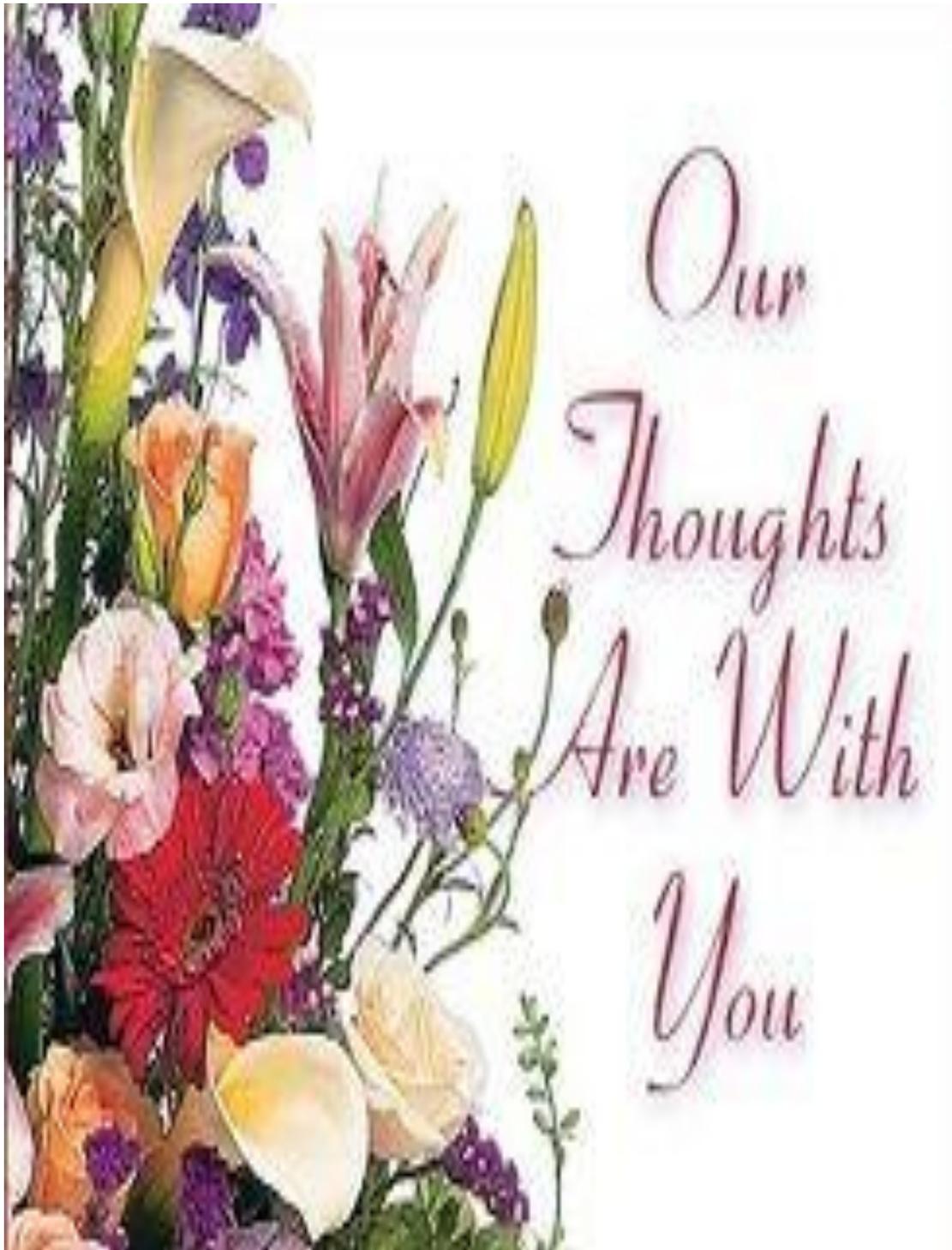
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You can find my music/videos at:

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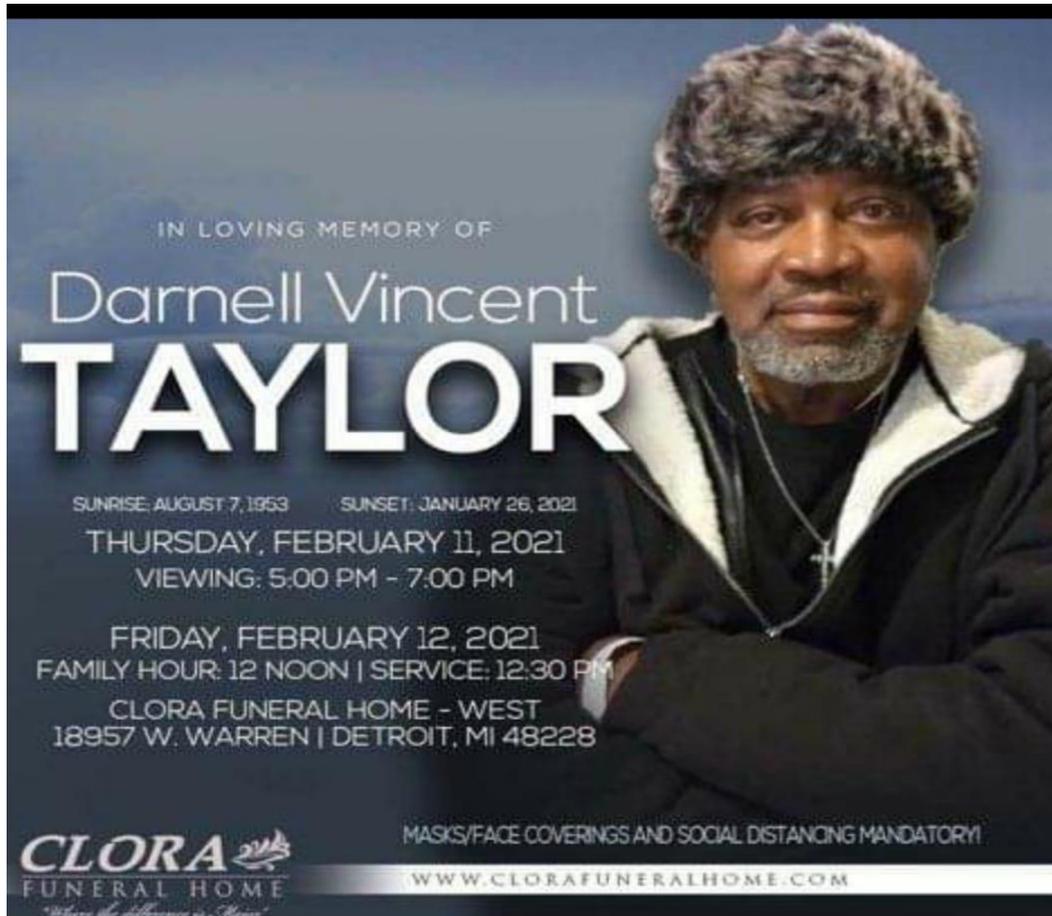
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EXTENDS OUR PRAYERS to the BEREAVED***



***Our Dear Cousin...***

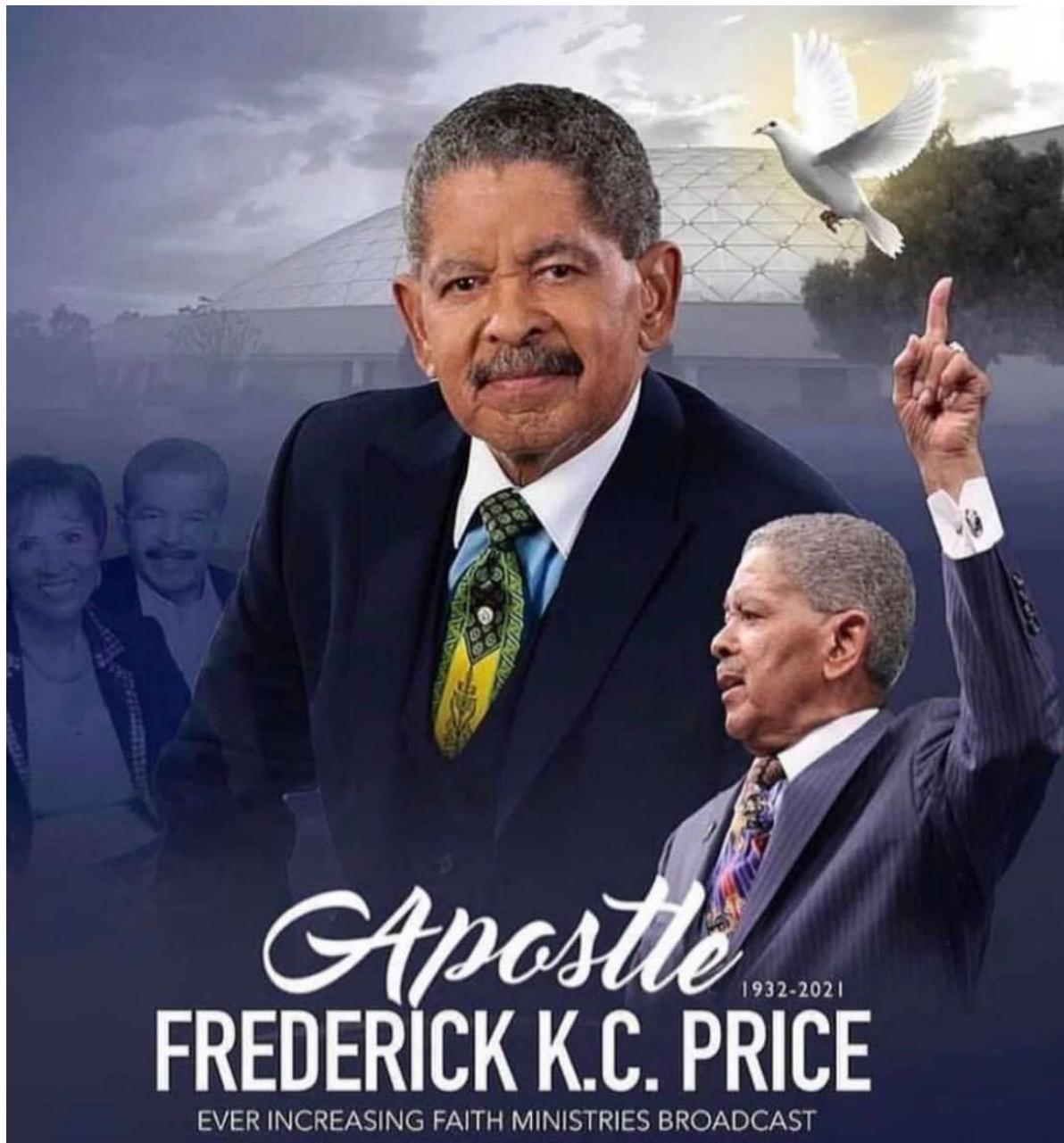
**ELDER DARNELL VINCENT TAYLOR**



Elder Taylor is a cousin to my husband, Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr. Elder Taylor was a pastor, preacher and community leader. He deeply cared about others. His heart and mission was for the hurting, broken, castaways, poor, needy, troubled and unsaved. He worked tirelessly to provide food, clothing, shelter, and whatever was necessary to help men, women and young people to overcome.

The joy and power of the Lord moved through him as he preached on the streets or in churches. He was bold in the Lord. Elder Taylor believed that God will change things in your life when you give your life to Him.

He was a husband, father and grandfather.



**Frederick K. C. Price** (January 3, 1932 – February 12, 2021) was an American televangelist and author, who was the founder and apostle of [Crenshaw Christian Center](#) (CCC), located in [South Los Angeles, California](#). He was known for his [Ever Increasing Faith](#) ministries broadcast, which aired weekly on both television and radio.



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**COGIC INTERNATIONAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT MOURNS THE PASSING OF  
DEPARTMENT TRAILBLAZER AND LEGENDARY GOSPEL ARTIST  
DR. DOUGLAS L. MILLER**

It is in seasons like this, being unable to fully comprehend the plan of God, that we, the constituents of the International Music Department of the Church Of God In Christ bow our heads in humble submission to the will of God Almighty, in as much as it has pleased Him to call our most beloved IMD Trailblazer and pioneering gospel artist, DR. DOUGLAS L. MILLER, from labor to reward, where he will join that great cloud of witnesses that have gone on before.

Miller was a Grammy-nominated gospel artist noted for his rich baritone. Born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania on New Year's Eve 1949, the musician grew up performing in church choirs. He studied with influential choir director/arranger/singer/songwriter Mattie Moss Clark while attending the University of Akron, where he further developed his finessed baritone vocals. Akron remained his base for most of his career.

Though he began recording in 1979, Miller's national fame came after he joined Atlanta International Records (AIR), which released "I Still Love the Name Jesus" in 1984. The album rose to No. 5 on the Billboard Top Gospel Albums chart. The follow-up, 1985's "Unspeakable Joy" (Light Records), hit No. 6, producing two songs that became associated with Miller: the title track and "My Soul Has Been Anchored in the Lord" which became his signature song. His next release, "Redeeming Love" (back on AIR, 1985), made it to No. 22 on the chart. "Living on the Top" (Word, 1990)

teamed Miller with such leading gospel lights as Shirley Caesar, Gwen Morton, the Thomas Whitfield Company, and Michael Fletcher.

While Miller's songs have been anthologized several times, in 2000, AIR released *The Best of Douglas Miller: the Early Years* to bring together all of his best-known selections on one CD.

In addition to singing and appearing in faith-based musicals, Douglas Miller has been an active member of the International Music Department of the Church of God in Christ. In recognition of his singing, musicianship, songwriting, and service to the church, the Christian International Bible College awarded Miller an Honorary Doctorate of Christian Music Education in 2015.

President Judith Christie McAllister along with the entire constituency of the IMD, join with the Saints around the world in mourning the loss of this gospel giant. We extend the fullness of our love, prayers, and support to the Miller family and we will continue to keep them lifted; in that, we now share the common bond of a life lived as unto God, DR. DOUGLAS L. MILLER will connect us for the rest of our lives. May God grant strength, peace, and comfort during this most sensitive time.

**Leon Spinks the Heavy weight Champion who defeated Muham Ali died  
February 7, 2021**



**Leon Spinks** (July 11, 1953 – February 5, 2021) was an American [professional boxer](#) who competed from 1977 to 1995. In only his eighth professional fight, he won the [undisputed heavyweight](#) championship in 1978 after defeating [Muhammad Ali](#) in a [split decision](#), in what is considered one of the biggest upsets in boxing history. Spinks was later stripped of

the [WBC](#) title for facing Ali in an unapproved rematch seven months later, which he lost by a [unanimous decision](#).



**Detroit Preacher,  
Founding Pastor George Bogle, Evangel Ministries  
Founder, "Nightvision Radio Outreach"  
April 25, 1934-February 12, 2021**

**A Humble and Modest Man of God!**

**A True Servant of God**

**A Man that Daily Prayed for the Sick, Troubled, Hurting and Souls**

Pastor George Bogle loved the Lord with all of his heart as stated in the Bible Matthew: 22:37-40 NIV... ***"Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."***

Pastor Bogle **COMPELLED** people to **COME** to **CHRIST**: ***"And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled," (Luke 14:23 KJV).***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS GREAT AND AMAZING MAN OF GOD...**  
<https://www.freep.com/story/news/obituary/2021/02/20/detroit-pastor-george-william-bogle-dies-86/6788498002/>



## **MY REFLECTIONS ON PASTOR GEORGE BOGLE**

**By Dr. Mary Darlene Edwards**

I have many fondest memories of Pastor George Bogle. One is when my late husband, Rev. Eddie K. Edwards, had decided that it was time for us to leave Detroit. I was shocked because Eddie always said, “I was born in Detroit. I was raised in Detroit. And I will die in Detroit.” Therefore, when he said that we will going to relocate, I didn’t feel the same way. But I would have gone to Ten Buck Two with him.

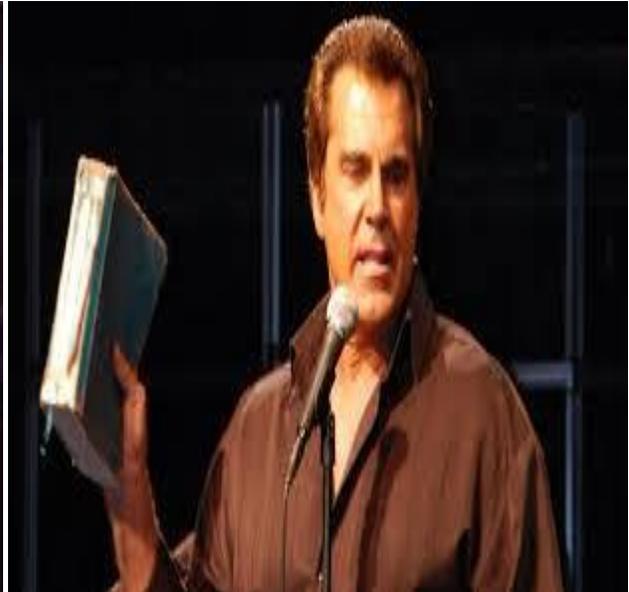
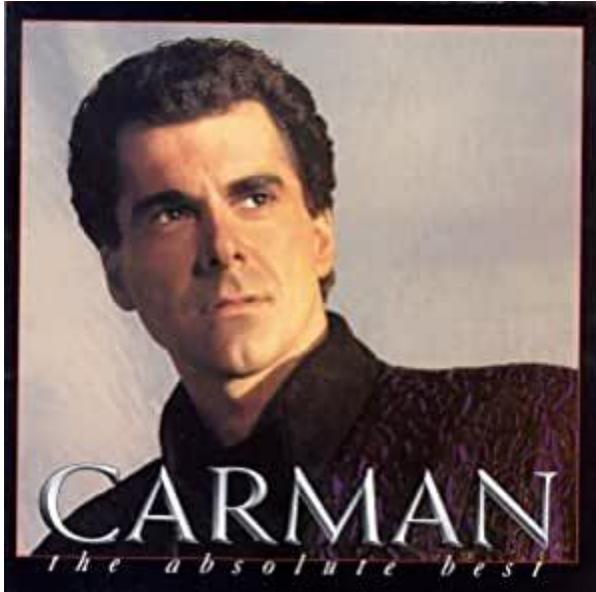
At the time, we were attending Evangel Ministries. One Sunday, while driving to church, I prayed a silent prayer, “Father, if we are not supposed to leave Detroit, I want Pastor Bogle to tell Eddie that from the pulpit.”

Eddie and I always like to sit somewhere in the middle of the church, if we could. On this particular day, we sat about six rows from the back. During Pastor Bogle’s message, he walked right out of the pulpit, all the way to where Eddie and I were sitting, and said, “Brother Eddie, the Lord told me to tell you NOT to leave Detroit.” The church shouted with glee in agreement and I cried like a newborn baby. Long story short, we didn’t move. It’s a good thing we didn’t because shortly afterwards Eddie was diagnosed with fourth stage cancer and he made his transition within five months of the diagnosis. Had we gone, I would have been like a ship without a sail.

When it came time for Eddie’s funeral, I asked Pastor Chris Brooks who had been appointed to replace Pastor Bogle at Evangel to do the eulogy. Pastor Brooks accepted and the program was printed and ready to be distributed at the funeral. And then Pastor Brooks called me to say since Pastor Bogle and Eddie were such good friends that he should do the eulogy. Oh, my God! The programs had already been printed what should I do? I called Pastor Bogle to ask if he would do the eulogy rather than Pastor Brooks? I didn’t mention that the programs had already been printed. I will never forget what he said: “Let things stay as they are. My presence is sufficient.”

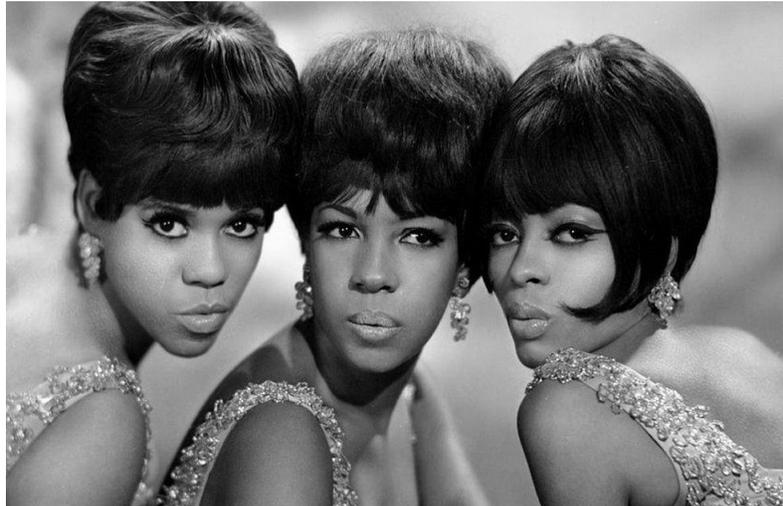
What a Man! What a Man! What a Man!

# MUSIC LEGENDS



**Carmelo Domenic Licciardello** (January 19, 1956 – February 16, 2021), known by his stage name **Carman**, was an American [contemporary Christian music](#) singer, songwriter, television host, [life coach](#),<sup>[1]</sup> and [evangelist](#).

## MARY WILSON of THE SUPREMES



**Mary Wilson** (March 6, 1944 – February 8, 2021)<sup>[1]</sup> was an American singer. She gained worldwide recognition as a founding member of [The Supremes](#), the most successful [Motown](#) act of the 1960s and the best-charting female group in U.S. chart history,<sup>[2]</sup> as well as one of the [best-selling girl groups of all-time](#). The trio reached number one on [Billboard's Hot 100](#) with 12 of their singles,<sup>[3]</sup> ten of which feature Wilson on [backing vocals](#).

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HUNTER

Mother Jolaine Hunter made her glorious transition on March 5, 2021.  
Please keep her family, Administrative Assistant Keith Crumpe and the  
Whitlock Memorial Church of God in Christ in your prayers.

**FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE PENDING.**

***We mourn the death of our dearly beloved...***

**MS. BRANDY NELSON**

**March 1999 – February 2021**



***Always in Our Hearts!***

*Please pray for the family of Brandy Nelson: Her father, Mr. Randy Nelson, Her brother, Jeremiah Nelson,*

*Grandmother, Ms. Yvette Wilburn, Aunt: Ms. Shuandra Board, Uncle: Mr. Michael Wilburn, Cousin: Aundra Board, a host of other cousins and Friends.*

*The Called and Ready Writers need your prayers and many other people who cared and loved Brandy.*



# Minister Dorothy Mae Butler



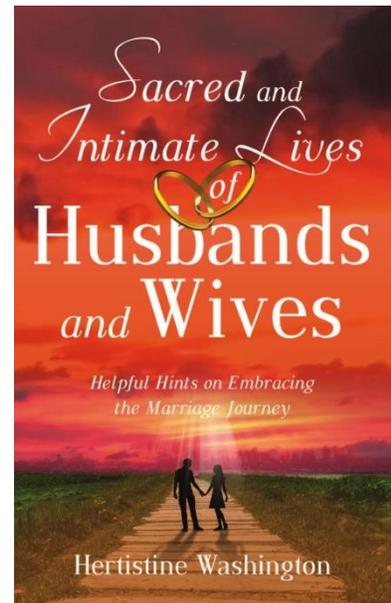
*Member and Ordained Minister of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church in Westland, MI. Married for 71 years to the late beloved Deacon John Butler. Legendary Author of The Called and Ready Writers for 16 years. Poet, Songwriter, Author, Writer and Storyteller. Public School Teacher. Mother of two sons (wives), grandmother, great-grandmother and caring friend. A spiritual mother to many.*

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