

THE LAMP NEWSLETTER INTERNATIONAL



**OUR FIRST EVER...
CHRISTMAS IN JULY ISSUE!**

A Christmas Message
by Wanda J. Burnside, Founder and Publisher



Long ago, an angel of the Lord came with a message to the shepherds. This good news of great tidings was to bring great joy to all the people. "Today your Savior was born..." Luke 2:11(ncv).

They left their fields ...



to see and worship the Christ Child.



The LORD always has a message for His people. We are in challenging times, but the LORD has good news! Let us worship Him!

ONLY THE LORD CAN SAVE US

ISAIAH 41:9B-16 NCV

"I said, 'You are my servants.'

*I have chosen you and have not turned against you.
So don't worry, because I am with you.*

*Don't be afraid, because I am your God.
I will make you strong and will help you;*

*I will support you with my right hand that saves you.
All those people who are angry with you
will be ashamed and disgraced.*

*Those who fought against you will vanish completely.
I am the LORD your God who holds your right hand.
And I tell you, 'Don't be afraid. I will help you.'*

...do not be afraid even though you are weak as a worm.

*I myself will help you," says the LORD.
The one who saves you is the Holy One of Israel.*

*Look, I have made you like a new threshing board
with many sharp teeth.*

*So you will walk on mountains and crush them;
you will make the hills like chaff.*

*You will throw them unto the air, and the wind will
carry them away; a windstorm will scatter them.*

*Then you will be happy in the LORD;
you will be proud of the Holy One of Israel."*



REJOICE!

We CAN HAVE peace and hope.

We have power in the Name of Jesus.

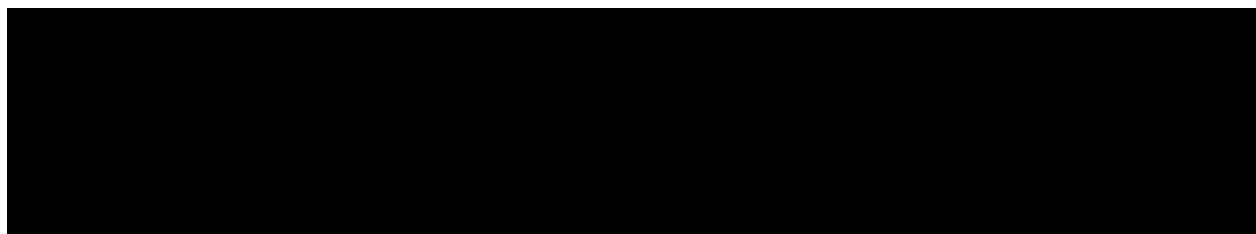
SERVE JESUS CHRIST

OUR LORD and SAVIOR



We have authority. We are blessed! Christ our Savior is Lord!

LORD, BLESS YOUR PEOPLE! WE LOOK TO YOU!





**Mrs. Wanda J. Burnside
Founder and Publisher**

Christmas in



Dear Readers,

WOW! I never thought I would publish a “CHRISTMAS IN JULY” issue of THE LAMP NEWSLETTER INTERNATIONAL! This has never happened before since the founding of the newsletter in 2008. This October the newsletter will be 14 years old! Oh, my!

Well, this year, in 2022, it seems as if there is a major increase in “Christmas in July,” events, activities, sales, parties, and so much more going on. Don’t forget the Hallmark television and their Christmas in July movies. I guess with everything happening in this country and around the world, we need a mind “reset.” We are facing and dealing with shootings, racial explosions, anger on the rise, pandemics, deaths, sicknesses, demonstrations about everything, riots, and weather conditions out of control and on and on. We have a mountain of challenges, faced with distress, dealing with an avalanche or a large amount of frustration!

Now, don’t you feel refreshed and renewed by reflecting on Christmas! It represents hope, joy, peace and new life! **JESUS IS EVERYTHING.** We must focus on HIM. We cannot allow this life and the things of this world to take us over!

In this issue, I could be expressing my thoughts on Roe vs. Wade, giving my opinion on world events, making statements on this and that crisis, and moaning about my own power outages in our home since June 30, 2022! *UGH! What a nightmare!*

Instead, I AM GRATEFUL that I heard the Lord speak and told me to have a "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" LAMP ISSUE! Come and rejoice with me for this time of REFRESHING and RESTORATION!

Now, read and reread the included scripture on pages 3 and 4. Look what the Lord has to say to us, His people! Here is GOD NEWS! RAISE YOUR HANDS! SHOUT OUT!

PRAISE THE LORD!





FROM AUSTRALIA: Mr. Jordan L'Ecluse loves celebrating birthdays, special anniversaries, graduations, sports' championship games. However, Christmas means so much to him, his family and friends.

Learn more about...CHRISTMAS IN AUSTRALIA!

Christmas in July is prevalent in Australia today as compensation for the missed activities in the December 25 season. According to historical experts, the country is known to have picked most of their activities from England, which celebrates its Christmas in winter. Since not many people may know more about the Christmas in July, going through this article which contains various facts about the day is very crucial. Additionally, one can visit the Xmas in July FAQs web page for more information.

Facts about Christmas in July celebration you should know It is celebrated on July 25

As much as the celebration day can occur on any day in July, most people celebrate it on July 25. The day is and sounds almost the same as December 25. In fact, people do all the preparations they would do on an actual day. This includes family gatherings, having Christmas themed homes and the presence of Santa theme all over the place.

It is common in Australia

Australia also calls the day Yuletide or Yulefest. They attach great significance to the day as they do not have a real Christmas day on December 25 since it is a summer season in the country. Today, almost all Australians are on a Christmas mode when it reaches July. The shopping starts which includes the buying of gifts and other items like sweaters and Christmas trees.

Celebrations originated in Australia in the 1980s

As much as the mentioning of Christmas in July dates back to a century ago in the USA, history can relate its origin to Australia in the 1980s. It is accredited to the guests from Ireland who wished to have a Christmas like dinner at blue mountain region. In fact, it is said that, after this, people embraced the concept and started celebrating the Christmas in July.



I have set
My rainbow in the
cloud, and it shall
serve as a sign of a
covenant between
Me and the
Earth.
Genesis 9:13

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God's Rainbow-from Regret & Grief to Hope & Promise By Doris Homan

Well, the title says it all. God created man and put him in charge of His beautiful creations to oversee it. He was to enjoy it. But sadly, man decided to go his own way. Man disobeyed God. He chooses to do evil. The first several chapters of Genesis (the first book in the Old Testament) tells us how wicked man became.

The world became so corrupt that God was actually sorry He ever created man. This, I think, is one of the saddest verses in the Bible. *"Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart, (Genesis 6:5-6).*

One man, Noah, found favor in God's sight. God gave him the assignment of building the ark that saved himself and his family from God's judgment that came on earth. You see, God decided to send a flood to destroy every living thing.

This is also a beautiful truth about God. He always has a remnant, someone who will obey and do what is right. No matter where we go or what we do, someone will be faithful to carry on, to be a witness of God's goodness and to tell of His saving grace.

After many years and many chances for people to repent (change direction), and change their ways and enter the ark, the people did not change from their wicked ways. Therefore, God sent the flood.

Only those who entered the ark were saved. The ark is a picture of Jesus Christ, the only way, the only door to salvation. Those who enter through Him are saved and protected from God's wrath and judgment of sin.

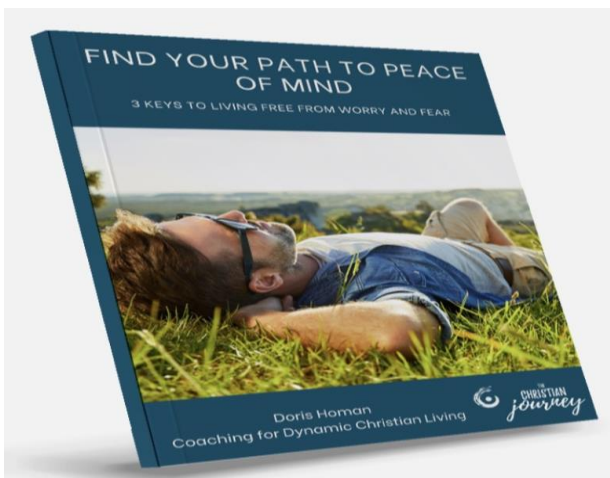
Noah was not righteous (*for all have sinned*) but his faith made him righteous. This is the same for us. If we accept Christ, He gives us His righteousness and makes us righteous before the Father. (Romans 3:23-26; 2 Corinthians 5:21)



The rainbow was a sign of God's covenant. That is a promise God made to man and every living thing for all generations to come...that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood. (Genesis 9:8-17)

You see, God's rainbow is a promise that says "never again", never again will He destroy the earth with a flood. So when we see a beautiful rainbow in the sky, after a hard rain, think of the meaning behind it. Thank God for His goodness. He is a God who keeps His promises.

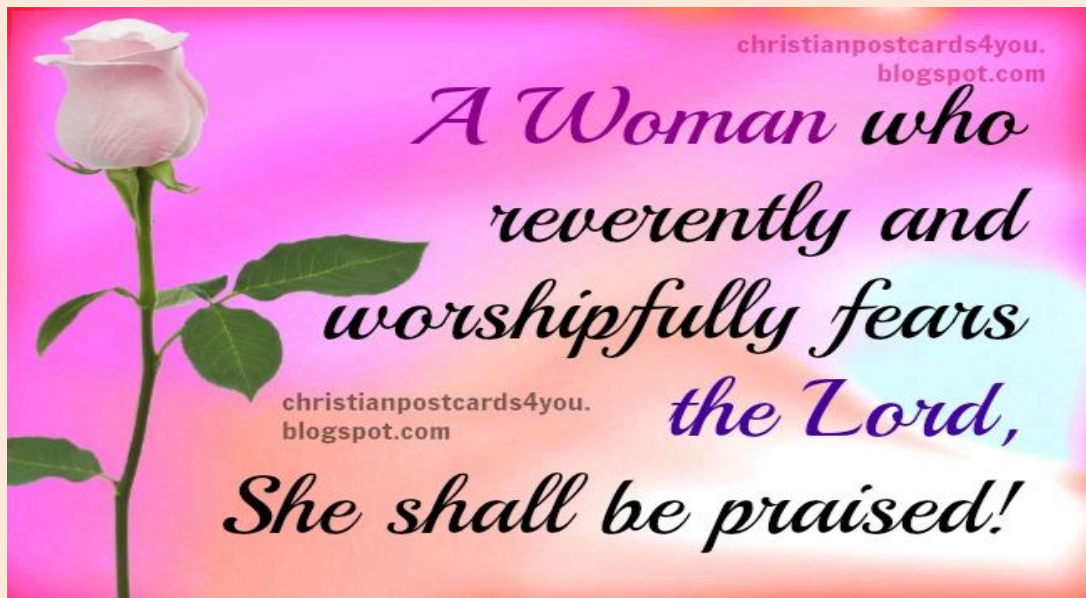
How has God been good to you? How has He fulfilled His promises in your life? It is good to think on these things and to give Him thanks for all He has done and all He has promised to you and me.



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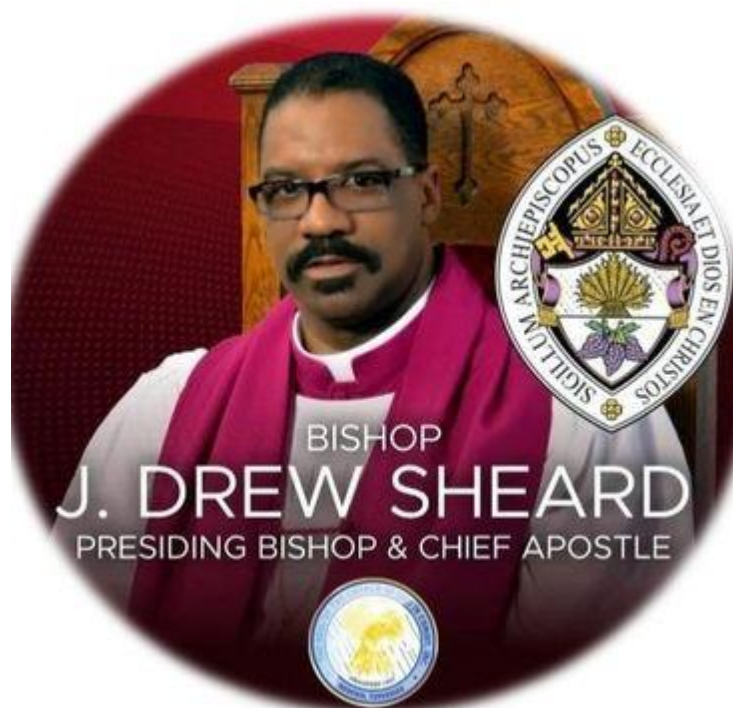
Presiding Bishop J. Drew Sheard, Jurisdictional Prelate of the Michigan North Central Jurisdiction, Chairman of the Michigan and Canadian Council of Bishops, and the Senior Pastor of Greater Emmanuel Institutional Church Of God In Christ (COGIC), is the eighth in succession, Presiding Bishop

A multi-generational, global leader, Bishop Sheard is ushering the estimated six-million-member Pentecostal Holiness reformation with congregations in more than 112 countries into a future that respects its more than 115-year-old legacy, holds fast

to its doctrine, and strengthens local ministries to meet the needs of people around the world.

Bishop Sheard's rise to the leadership of the largest Pentecostal denomination in the United States has been a lifelong journey marked by more than 30 years of excellence in leadership in the national church. His character and track record demonstrate that he is honorable in life, steadfast in work, and obedient to God's call.

An innovative and charismatic churchman, he has been married to the iconic, Lady Karen Clark Sheard for 37 years and together they have two children (Kierra Sheard Kelley (Jordan) and J. Drew) and two grandchildren. Bishop Sheard's love for his family, the Church of God in Christ, and all people are constant and help drive his passion for ministry. As both an apostolic leader and sought-after business and community stalwart, he represents a wealth of expertise and competencies that have prepared him to lead the Church of God In Christ, through this historic moment.



BISHOP J. DREW SHEARD
Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle
8th in Succession

The Church of God in Christ International

Bishop Sheard has over 30 years of leadership in the Church of God in Christ. In 1988, he was installed as

Pastor of Greater Emmanuel Church. In 1996, the then Elder J. Drew Sheard was appointed Superintendent of the Emmanuel District, by Bishop Herbert J. Williams, Sr., Prelate of the North Central Michigan Jurisdiction. From 1997-2001 Bishop Sheard served COGIC as President of the International Youth Department; and he served as Chairman of the AIM Convention from 2004 to 2012. In 2010 Superintendent J. Drew Sheard was consecrated as Jurisdictional Bishop, succeeding Bishop Herbert J. Williams, Sr., the founding prelate of North Central Michigan Jurisdiction.

Bishop J. Drew Sheard is a former public school teacher. In 1982 he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education, and in 1998 he earned a Master of Arts in Mathematics from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. Bishop Sheard received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree, and in 2007 was inducted into the prestigious Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers.



Bishop J. Drew Sheard with his wife, the legendary, Lady Karen Clark Sheard. She is the youngest sister of the famed gospel singers, THE CLARK SISTERS.

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God blessed Mother Clois Taylor to live 104 Years



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Clois
TAYLOR

VIEWING:
Friday, July 15
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Saturday, July 16
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Homegoing - 10:30am

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In Loving Memory



Mother Clois Taylor

Wife of Elder James C. Taylor: Founders of Grace Temple Church of God in Christ.

February 12, 1918 - July 8, 2022

"Thank God for His covenant of Grace a new creation in Christ a new generation of people by the power of His spirit that creates in us a new heart & renew our mind and put the right spirit within us and translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son, the door to eternal life. I accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior at the age of 12 under the pastorialship of Bishop A.B. McKeown of Maury City, Tenn. My heart was touched by the power of God and as I was led by the spirit & taught the gospel of Christ. I have grown to tell others neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we need to be saved. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Rom. 1-16"

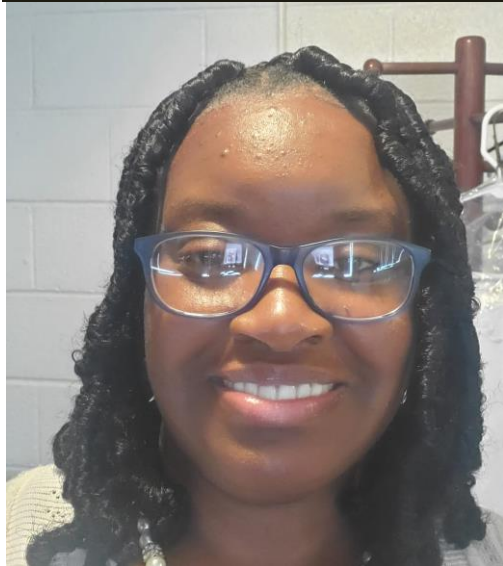


Written by Mother Taylor 12-15-2004



Surprise!

October 2022, special honors and tributes are planned for our faithful, dedicated and dependable...



**Youth Staff Leader...
DONNA R. BROOKS**

Bible Scriptures Posting

At the age of 38 years old, Donna was assigned to The Lamp Newsletter International Staff in 2018. She has always provided great spiritual food with her selections of encouraging, uplifting, powerful and helpful Bible Scriptures for each newsletter. God has given Donna a tremendous anointing.

Donna is a career woman who gives her time to Bible study, her many church assignments at Northend Church of God in Christ in Detroit, the support and love to her dearly beloved mother, Evangelist Lurene Brooks, children's ministries, and other concerns.

This young lady, Donna R. Brooks, is caring and very loving. Amidst all that is going on in our world, she is living for the Lord. Donna seeks the Lord and is willing to service Him with all of her heart!

GOD BLESS YOU, DONNA R. BROOKS!

**July Birthday Memorial
Mother Barbara Eddins Lee**

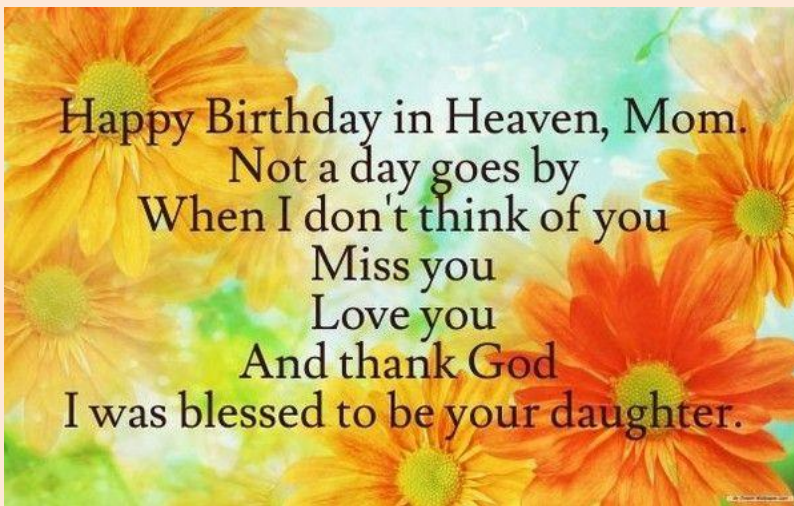
She is standing with her husband, Mr. Andrew Lee



Ramelle Lee, our staff writer, surely has fond memories thinking about her mother and father. Her mother was dearly loved and appreciated for her heart of love and kindness through the years.

Mother Lee loved the Lord so much. She cared about her family and relatives. Mother Lee knew how to make others feel appreciated.

We will never forget Mother Barbara Eddins Lee. Sadly, Ramelle's parents are deceased.



**HAPPY BLESSED BIRTHDAY,
MRS. ROCHELLE SCOTT**

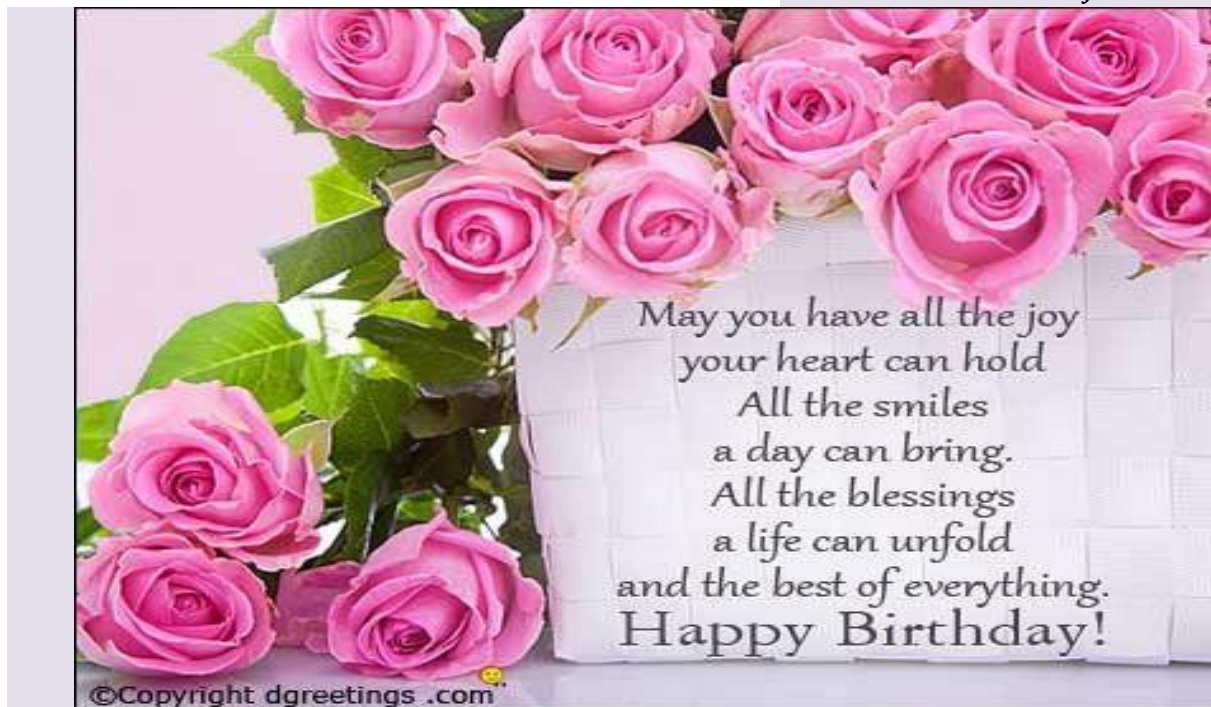


Our godchildren, Sanders and Rochelle Scott, are loved so much. They are caring, helpful, and truly a tremendous blessing!

Happy Birthday, Rochelle! You are an angel in many ways. Your days are filled with doing good deeds for others. You know how to love and show it. You are beautiful!

Life is demanding and filled with challenges. However, you never complain or show bitterness. God bless you!

-Wanda J. Burnside



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NEPHEWS!
MR. JULIAN PALM and MR. JASON PALM**



What a blessing to have two wonderful, talented, and brilliant nephews! Jason and Julian were born in July. They are the sons of my belated brother, Elder Rodger Palm and Mrs. Josefa Palm.

To the left, Mr. Julian Palm's birthday is July 1st. He is pictured with his beautiful family: wife, Dr. Kai Palm and their son, Justus and daughter, Naomi.

BOTTOM PHOTO: Mr. Jason Palm, the big man pictured in front, is the oldest son of Elder and Mrs. Palm. He was born on July 16th. He is married to Stacey and they have a son, Ja'Den.

Jason and Julian are men of God who live to lead men and women to the Lord. They are businessmen and greatly respected by many because of their integrity and dedication to make

a difference in others' life. You have accomplished many things in life! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU! Keep trusting in the Lord! He has MORE FOR YOU!



JULIAN and JASON, YOU ARE AMAZING YOUNG MEN! GOD BLESS YOU!



Sandra Hickman
Australia Ministry Leader
And Staff Writer



Happy Blessed 1st Birthday, VANCE! We love you!
Vance is the great-grandson of Sandra Hickman.



Vance Simbarashe Makumbe was born last year on 29 July 2021. He will be celebrating his 1st Birthday with family and friends. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam and Isabella Makumbe.

Happy First Birthday little Warrior!!

The fervent prayers of many were heard by the Lord Jesus and His reply was a safe passage into the world for this amazing bubbly little boy. Vance is a healthy, happy, fun loving and beloved baby. He is the joy of our hearts.

Our Lamp Leaders, Wanda and Simmie Burnside, along with staff writers: Ramelle Lee and Michele Barnes, lead the way with powerful prayers in the USA joining hands with us here in Australia.... along with other friends around the world who also prayed for the difficult birth of this very precious child to be guided by the Lord's hand. **THANK YOU!**

Happy Blessed Birthday to My Husband



MR. SIMMIE LEE BURNSIDE, JR.
JULY 20, 2022
Glory to God! Lord,
You get all of the praise!



Happy Birthday to my dear husband! God has blessed us. Through the years, He has kept us. Praise His Holy Name! THANK YOU, JESUS!

Simmie and I have been married over 49 years. He said it was love at first sight for him...when he saw me. I was in Sylvia's, his baby sister's wedding in 1970. Sylvia and I were best friends at Western High School in Detroit. We did many things together. However, I never saw him, Simmie, one-time! He was always working or playing basketball and was a MVP/STAR on one of the leading league teams in Michigan. He was quiet, but very popular.

God blessed us to get married in 1972. I praise God that Simmie and I work in church ministries, community activities and stay busy with our family. Simmie is the manager of all of my ministries and The Lamp Newsletter International. He supports all of my efforts and gives me wise counsel.

In 1999, he retired from Ford Motor Company in management. He is an amazing artist, guitarist, loves to read, and enjoys studying the Bible, continuously giving to bless others, and more. He is certified in several Christian ministries from various Bible colleges. Simmie loves the Lord! Boys and young men, truly respect him.

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Jesus Saves Me, Again!



by Ramelle T. Lee © 2022

*“Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou will revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.”
(Psalm 138:7 KJV).*

Have you ever felt like you were sinking in a place of despair? Nothing you tried to

accomplish worked out in your favor? No matter how hard you fought to turn your situation around, you couldn't get anywhere. Your life was spiralling out of control. You prayed and you cried. You fasted and you repented. But, you were still facing battles that you couldn't win.

No matter how you tried to be strong and walk in faith, obstacles still kept you clinging to moments of discouragement and misery. Satan uses everything he can to cause you not to have **VICTORY** in your life.



Never give up! When the devil comes to cause you trouble, remind him that he is defeated. Proclaiming the power of the blood of Jesus gives you victory.

You're not fighting this battle by yourself. Jesus is going before you and crushing every moment of weakness, fear, anxiety or frustration. The power of the precious Holy Spirit is giving you the courage to faithfully stand firm and stretch out your hand to Jesus. The mighty hand of Jesus *will pull you out of troubled waters.*

Watch and see how you will be rescued, right in the nick of time! Praise the Lord for turning your situation completely around. Now you can walk on solid ground and shout, *"Jesus has saved me, again!"*

A GOOD WORD FROM...
KIZZY STATEN-GRAY



Its delayed not denied. God will come through for you. Keep the faith, refuse to give up. The best is yet to come.



Sandra Hickman
Australia Ministry Leader
And Staff Writer



No Charades!

‘IF,’ life is the question - JESUS is the answer. If being accepted as a masterpiece, having been made as a priceless creation and someone of HIS great notability - If you count your life as more than just a charade in this world... If you are to be considered a gift to those around you and you want to be a fisherman among men ><> Then, there is only ONE answer to your questions about life. You have many words forming questions, requiring answers... yet there is only ONE answer to EVERY question—

It is ☐☐one word, ☐two syllables, ☐☐sounds like ...

Jes—us !



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Mrs. Michele Barnes, Our Staff Writer...



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