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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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I'm Looking for a Man... Who WILL *Please* Me!

-By Wanda J. Burnside, Publisher

Dear Readers,

Over the last few months... I've been really busy doing many things. My life is overflowing and nearly consumed with one thing then another. Yet, there is one special project that I have been tied to that is very interesting and most fulfilling in my life. And that is: looking for a man! I need a special man in my life. Look, I want a man! I am so desperate for the right man for me. Hey! I need a man!

I have been on a journey looking at one man and then another... man. I have seen all shapes, sizes, ages and races. I saw many arrays of hair styles, colors, hair lengths, and hair designs. Some men had balding heads, curly hair, wavy hair, and bald heads.

I've kept on looking and looking and searching for that "right" man for me. I saw some with a great big smile that was like the big sun that shines. For me, that was too much smiling. You just don't know why that large of a smile was on his face! Maybe he was hiding

something in his life. It might be a cover-up for his mean ways. They might be abusive and tough under that cover-up big smile.

So, I looked at men with that shy smile; you know, the ones that make their teeth barely show. Oh my! They have that sideway look... you know... that smile that says, "Hey, Lady. I see you..."

I saw men who smiled without showing their teeth. They had that warm look with that certain twinkle in their eyes. That's nice, but... who knows? They caught my attention. But, maybe those grins come from cheaters. They might be someone who can't be trusted either. Oh dear!

Well, I began to feel so confused. I looked at men who looked like they had a job, a good-good paying job. He had on that business suit, expensive watch on his wrist and was carrying a designer executive style leather briefcase. I wonder how much money he makes. Is he the boss? What kind of car does he drive?

But, I thought that maybe he might be all tied up to his job and wouldn't have any time. He might be too busy. His life might be full of meetings, all day phone calls, texting nonstop, and business trips from one side of the country to another. He might have to travel every week to corporate offices around the world. He might be too busy.

I saw so many other type of men. There are the sports guys, muscle men, scholarly type with books in hand, medical men such as doctors, the beach guys, the adventurous mountain climbing ones, the Mr. Carefree ones, the relaxed and fun-loving ones, and on it goes. There are a lot of food types of men who look like chefs in the kitchen or in the backyard cooking on the grill. For sure there are those men who are just for eating food. You can tell by their waistline. Then I saw those hard-working men with hard hats on their heads. Construction men! Road workmen! They look rough and dirty. That's okay. You can clean them up and dress them up. Remember, they make money and are hard workers.

There were those political looking men... they appear ... well, what can you say? They made me think of the car dealer types and the salesmen kind. You know!

I saw the shy and timid, "I'm not ready to handle life right now types." You know the kinds... Honestly, those are not my type... NO WAY! Just as bad are those, "I'm not ready yet to be serious types. I'm not ready to commit... not right now ones." All I want to say is... Well, WHEN?" Of course I saw the men who are too polished and shiny for me kind... Ladies, read between the lines! Just as bad are those "I love my car" men... Okay. NOT FOR ME KIND!

I looked at men who appeared to be professional: teachers, attorneys, judges, preachers, and that sort of men. Some looked far too serious for me. Several looked fun to be with. But there, were those who seemed caught up with too many rules and lots of regulations. I want to live life without feeling condemned about the choices I make. No preaching at me! No trying

to teach me something that I got my mind already made up about! So, NO THANK YOU, SIR! I don't want to live with restrictions, boxed-in, and a bunch of your rules!

There are those street-wise men... too rough and too tough looking. Some had lots of colorful bold and wild looking tattoos of eagles, wolves, snakes, wild vines, evil looking creatures, and a mixture of everything... everywhere! They had their fists all up in the air and their mouth turned down with a fearful looking frown. Sorry, not for me either.

There are a lot of young men out there! No thanks... Not at my age. I've been around the block a few times... And, I saw many grey-headed men, with those dignified wrinkles around their eyes. They have lived enough years to have real experiences. They are not old, just distinguished looking... matured.

I got tired of looking for the right man. It is hard work. I had to take a rest from such a time-consuming task. Yes, looking for a man to fulfill my needs really wore me out!!

“HONEY, HELP ME LOOK FOR A MAN...”

Well, I didn't give up looking for the man I need for my plans and wishes. I'm desperate. I can't give up. The right man is out there.

So, I started my search again. I am determined. I won't give up that easily! There are lots of men! There just have to be the right one for me!

I started my mornings in search of him. I decided to look at men who were more into sports. I did not want one who played football, basketball, tennis, hockey, or drove race cars. I did not want one who is a swimmer or anything like that either. I need a man who is and looks like a fighter, a boxer. Not any shape, but one that is buffed up with lots of training and discipline in their life. I need a man who looks like a champion boxer.

I shouted out, “WOW! *This is more like it. Here are the men I need...*”

My husband Simmie came into the den/office to watch television. He glanced over at me working on the computer. He said, “Wanda! Wanda! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?” He had that tone in his voice. It was that deep tone that meant business.

I looked over to him with a smile. He wasn't smiling back at me. “What are you doing?” He asked again.

“I'm looking for a man...”

“You're looking for a MAN... A MAN?” he said. “A Man for what?”



"See, I am working on my new book and I need a man..." I said. "I need a man for the front cover of my newest book."

"What new book? I thought you were looking for a woman for the cover of your new book. Why are you looking on the computer for a photo of a man? What about that book for women that you said you were going to publish this year?" Simmie asked standing up over my shoulders looking at the page I was looking at online. "What is this NOW about a man?"

"Yes, I am still searching for a photo of a woman, but since I was thinking about the photo of a man who is needed for my book for men, I decided to take a look at some of the men photos," I said looking face to face at Simmie.

Boy, did he look confused with his eyes looking at me like some mighty eagle perched high on a mountain looking down searching for a prey. I was the prey about to be eaten up by my husband Simmie of 40 years of marriage. He was unhappy... and I was uncomfortable.

He sat down in his comfortable blue easy chair. He laughed. *"Wanda, you and your writing! You are always researching and looking for something. Your writing brings you here and there and everywhere!"* He opened his mouth laughing loud and hard.

I laughed, too. It felt good to relax and feel the relief, along with the release from tension. I had been searching so long for the right looking man for my new book that I plan to write next year. God has called me to write for women and for men, too. I have always written concerning the issues and problems that they both face. God said that it is time to write for them both.

"Honey, you didn't mind helping me to search through the selection of photos of women to use on a book," I said in a very sly way. I giggled, "What about that? Remember?"

Simmie lowered the newspaper that he was reading and looked up at me. He smiled. *"That was no problem... you needed help."* We laughed. *"You wanted a lady who looked clean, respectable and honest. I understood what you were looking for,"* he said.

"Okay. Now, I need a man who will be the right man for my book," I remarked as I continued on looking at the screen of photos of boxers. I found several for my book cover. *Look! Help me to decide which one is the best one."*

"No. You know what you want and need for your book," he said from behind the newspaper. *"You find the man and let me know. You know what kind of man will please your needs for the book. You will hear God tell you what is right."*

So I continued to look at the photo website that offers *legal and honest* photos for writers, marketers, promoters, and for those who have a desire to purchase photos for their books, productions or products. It is all legal and right. There is nothing X-rated, dirty or sinful in this work.

I found two men that I like for my book. I just have to make a final decision. I will be praying about that. God has the right one for me!

The story doesn't end in this issue of the LAMP NEWSLETTER. God has been talking to me about several things as it relates to my intense research and study of looking for a man... for the cover of my book. He has something to say to all women who are out there searching and **who are to be waiting** for a man to fulfill their dreams and prayers for their lives. God wants you to know something extra special.

And for my sisters who want to have that one true love in their lives, God is speaking to me about men. He has a sure message about this looking for a man. I urge you to read Part 2 in the coming issue of THE LAMP for August/September 2013. Don't miss it!

THE TRUTH BE TOLD

Now, before many of you, my dear readers, knew that I was working on this new book, you were thinking how disgusting this newsletter is. You were shocked and so surprised to read about me looking for a man. You said, "WHAT?" Most of you probably stop reading the newsletter! You are amazed by my conversation and these comments about men. Thankfully, many of you continued to read trying to find out if I had gone nuts and lost my mind!

You make me laugh!

The truth is, some of you got caught up in my search for "a man." You kinda got hooked in my search for one. You were feeling attracted to what I was experiencing. You like this journey and it was making you more and more curious as to what I was doing. You like my conversation. You related to it. You felt good and comfortable with everything said here.

That's okay. It's alright. Don't worry. God sent me here with this message. All of this is for you and me. Yes, God planned it.

CAN A SISTER TELL THE TRUTH?



In our world today, women are looking for a man to fulfill their needs in usual and in unusual ways. Some want a date, male friend, male pal, mate or husband. Now, each one of these is different in many ways. I'm not going to discuss it here. Maybe in another issue of the Lamp. We'll see what God plans.

If you are a woman looking for a man in your life, you probably have found that there is competition out there. It is hard...to find a "good man." That is what I am told. I'm married, so I don't know. But, seeing all that the world has to offer on television with those shows, known as the reality dating shows, they are outrageous! I don't sit down and look at them, but on occasions I have viewed the first 10 minutes of them and WOW! The tears and fears on those programs are on high wired! CRAZY!

Yet, I have heard a lot of drama and talk from singled, widowed, divorced and separated Church or Christian women, too. Either they are looking for a saved and single man, or praying that will God send them the man for their life. Some are angry and fed-up with their boyfriend of over 10 years for not even talking about tying the knot, getting married. Her attitude is bitterness. Not only these women, but those who are living a separated life from their husband. Legal separation can become intense, too. And of course, there are the women who are divorced. This is heartbreaking for some and a great big relief for others.

And, can I say, there are those so unhappily married that they are either thinking of throwing in the towel or they have long ago done so. They are now looking for someone else that they feel the Lord might want for their lives. Lord, help us all!

THE REAL DEAL

What is for certain is, men and women are dealing with relationship problems and situations. It's not so easy, one way or the other, as it relates to what men and women want for someone to be in their lives. There is a true and real struggle going on. The church says, "Bring it on! We can handle it! We have workshops, seminars, books, retreats, revivals, pastor consultation sessions, and on and on to help you!" Then there are those who say....now this is the church folks..."Stay away! Lord, please don't send those relationship people to us. We are a praying and praising church!"

Okay. So, some churches are ready to embrace these things about looking for the right woman and waiting for the right man. They want the challenges of dating, divorce, and other situations to be dropped on their doorsteps. Others, not so much. They don't want to be involved at all because they are on their way to heaven...waiting for the Lord to get them out of here. Well, I want to be raptured up and swept away, too. BUT, we've got to deal with what God has us here for.

We will continue this in the next issue of THE LAMP.



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A SPECIAL WRITING

from the award-winning Playwright and Author **IZOLA BIRD**

When God gave me the article to write for this issue of the Lamp, dealing with looking for the right man to be featured on the front cover of my coming book for 2014, I was so surprised to receive an email from my dear friend Izola about her sonnet. Right in the middle of me doing this research of hundreds of photos, Izola who lives in Indiana, contacted me with the sonnet that she wrote years ago. When I read her email and the title of the sonnet, I had to laugh. I felt that it was God saying, "I AM HERE WITH YOU, WANDA. YOU ARE ON THE RIGHT ASSIGNMENT."

No, I did not tell Izola about my article for June and July. However, Izola has always been so in tune or connected to God's leading and directions. In her spirit, God spoke to her about sending me her sonnet. She told me it was featured in one of her books. I thank the Lord for having the opportunity to feature it here.

TO ADAM FROM EVE

Eve To Adam

Is it you I seek, my love, the first and the last of everything that I am and hope to be?

Or is it the breath that you breathe into my soul that I need more of and no other?

Or is it the image of the man who comes out of the ocean illuminating in the sun reflecting golden light of a sunset behind him with his strong arms spreading like wings of an angel?

The water drips heavily from your body and drenches your face like huge lumps of sweat cascading down into a pool of unbelievable desire for you. Maybe you are the image in my mind and perhaps my dreams. You emerge with such greatness, taking control of my emotions completely soft sleek, bronze in depth, but not in fear, and darkness without light. I remember how wonderful you were to me, my love, my sweet.

When I felt your touch for the first time my feet wanted to slip from under me as I stood on the cliff watching you walk towards me, our eyes met for the first time, yet I still wanted to let go.

I noticed first your swagger and how you moved in the waves as they splashed against the half buried rocks.

Your walk was the walk of kings and your embrace was strong and powerful and filled me with such life, wonder, and expectation. It was you who came to rescue me across the ocean because my heart was troubled.

As your lips touched mine, the sweetness intoxicated me like the grapes of your country ripened in pureness. That new wine of wonder that every man seeks that grows tall as trees in your vineyard. My Adam, my love, my everything; I count not my own selfish desires of wanting more of you. I met such greatness when I met you. Why must I question your gift to me? These things are much too wonderful for me, a simple being, a woman who longs to be loved.

Adam replies to Eve:

Eve, my love, my glorious dawn, has time ceased to exist?

Oh, how you showed your grace into the wings of the morning collecting all bliss and wonders.

Your kisses are like expensive wine, handpicked and not touched by another. Your fragrance is intoxicating and powerful.

Those who seek to love you are overcome by your beauty. I am drained from the thought that no one could love me the way you do. The dawn of you brings me joy.

I feel I have failed you, and that you have never failed me, because you go into that secret place that I cannot follow.

Your love reaches beyond the sky in the great beyond that my mind cannot comprehend. Neither can my eyes behold such beauty. Nor my ears have not heard such lovely words that have entered my heart.

Your heavenly body is surrounded by good things and cultivated into perfection, the kind that is precious and that my heart desires. Upon your head is a crown of love, priceless of all jewels that are upon the earth.

Brand me with your fingertips upon my heart, so I may not consider another, so it will leave an imprint upon the depths of my soul.

I will remember how kind you were to me in my times of trouble as well. Your smile was like the sunshine upon my face, bathing me into happiness.

What I say to others without risking ruins. If I tell the truth, the whole world will split open. You are my first and last, whom I shall want forever. You are about as close to Heaven as I can get without my mind going completely insane. Your greatness is too wonderful for me, a simple being... a man who longs to be loved by you.

Izola Bird is an award-winning Christian playwright, author and poet. Her work is highly acclaimed across the United States. She has received numerous awards and honors for her writing and drama productions. Izola also is a teacher and educator in several fields of education. She is a wife, mother and grandmother. Izola lives in Indiana.



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There are people who don't want to see you succeed or have any success. They want to hold you back. They are in your life to see that you fall on your back. These are the "I told you so folks." They are looking for a reason to see you struggle and not make it. They are not for you. We must learn to not listen to them. Instead, speak boldly about the assignment that God has for us. We can press on knowing that God is for us. He cares.

There is a holy boldness that we must acquire. The Lord wants us to hold on to His Word and not listen to the talk of others. He has made promises to us. He wants us to depend on Him and trust Him in everything. Our life will change when we believe what He said and stand on every promise. We must have a change of attitude to make it. Believe God and hold on!

Stand firm on the Word that He has proclaimed to YOU!

Minister Sandra Hickman



of Western Australia brings us a Great Word on God's Wisdom.

May 29, 2013

"Hi Wanda, my lovely sister in Christ,

God is speaking to me this morning about WISDOM.

The getting of more Wisdom is not just for the "unwise," (but it is) for those of us who know that *they already have* a measure of wisdom.

And, (it) is for those of us who know that *they need* a measure of wisdom. Either way, WE ALL need MORE WISDOM!

How can we, as "mere mankind," not need fresh wisdom even in a daily basis? Compared to God's Wisdom, what is our wisdom? ONLY the Wisdom of God, straight from HIS WORD is true wisdom. We cannot be fully effective without it."

Minister Sandra Hickman offers an online page of Bible Scriptures on God's Wisdom at Heaven's Inspirations:

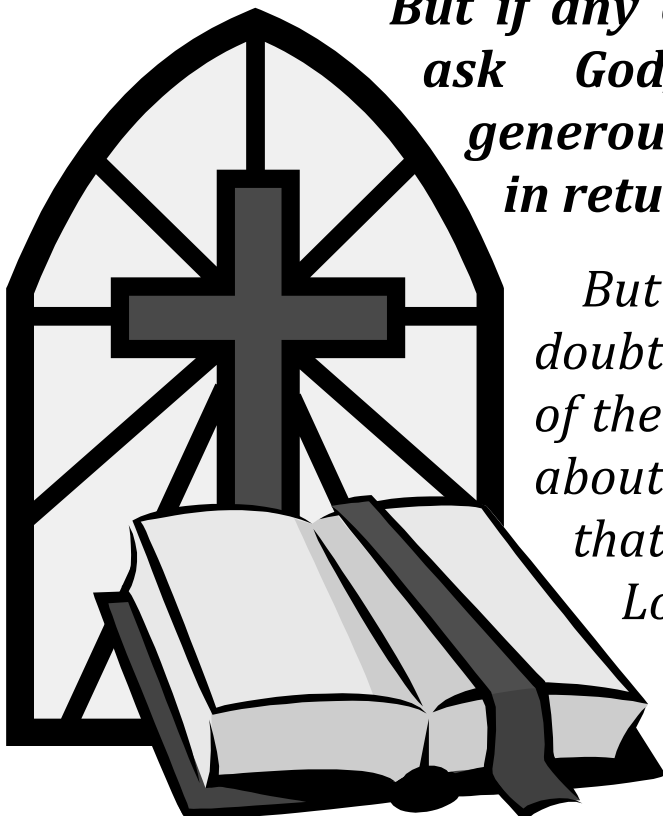
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And let endurance carry out its intended purpose, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

But if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to everyone generously, not demanding something in return, and it will be given to him.

But he must ask in faith without doubting, for the doubter is like a wave of the sea, driven by the wind and tossed about. For that person must not imagine that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

James 1:4-8

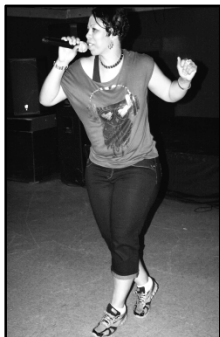


GOING FORTH IN MINISTRY!

MUSIC...

OCTAVIA HARRIS of Ohio

Octavia is Kingdom Artist/Speaker/Producer. She recently returned from a powerful all ladies event in Atlanta, GA. God blessed her to shoot a music video for her first single called, "Never" feat. D-Maub. She created a brand new campaign to help raise money for the completion of her new CD, "Be Myself."



You can see her performances on YouTube at:

<http://youtu.be/tL4DenDxGio> and <http://youtu.be/96PNbGXR3c8>.

Her website is: www.octaviaharris.com

RADIO MINISTRY....

EVANGELIST JANETT S. WHITE-GAINES of Michigan

You are invited to listen to the anointed radio broadcast, "Sing! Saints Sing!" on Sunday Mornings at 5:45 A.M. on 1340 AM -WEXL with radio host and minister, Evangelist Gaines. God is using this great woman of God to speak words of hope and deliverance to her listeners. The music will lift and encourage you!

PRAYERS and WORDS OF INSPIRATION...

Twitter Friends Tweets Powerful and Anointed Messages!

What a blessing it is to be connected to Twitter Friends who are busy working for the Lord on Twitter. They minister to others with prayers, scriptures, and a fresh Word from the Lord. I thank God for:

SHARVA HENDERSON of Anchorage, Alaska who is a teacher and minister.

CHERI DOUGLAS: God's Love Chats. Cheri is a minister, artist, writer, speaker and life coach.

A FRIEND OF ENCOURAGEMENT and LOVE...

EVANGELIST NANCY MINKSY of Atlanta, Georgia....

Evangelist Minsky has been in ministry around the world for over 60 years with her dearly beloved husband, the late Evangelist and Pastor Berry Minsky. They made a major impact on lives around the world.

She is a songwriter, musician, teacher, writer. Nancy continues in ministry and music changing lives with her gifts from the Lord.



Five Minutes With God

by Ramelle T. Lee © 2004

“O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.”

Psalm 43:3-4 KJV



Have you ever been hurt to the point that you couldn't even pray in that moment? You needed to talk with God, but the words that you wanted to utter just wouldn't come? Well, know that you are not the only one alive who has experienced such discomfort.

When you feel yourself pushed to such a state of confusion and despair, that's the time to steal away to Jesus! You may long to cry out to God in that split second...asking the question, "Why me Lord?" But know that when you suffer, just like your blessed Savior, you are growing up in the spirit. You are being pushed out of your comfort zone to arrive at a destination that will take you to the high mountain of God.

In your present state of mind, you are totally frozen in your spirit. But God sees your heart. He already knows your thoughts. You may want to go deep down into your furnace of pain, but don't quite know how to be released in your spirit.

Five minutes with God will kindle a refreshing of peace in your mind, body and soul. Now you are ripe to receive God's invigorating healing touch!

Stay right there, in that moment—suspended in time. Allow God to show up in your situation. Be silent and don't speak out anything, for the Holy Ghost has already gone before you and has laid your case before the Father, Himself.

Now, breathe in a sigh of relief. Take in the fresh air that surrounds you. Inhale and exhale until you are relaxed in your body. When you feel the pressure being released in your spirit, then you go to the altar of God for your answer.

Let your faith take you to a new dimension in Christ Jesus. Watch the healing begin to take place in your spirit, as you lift your hands to God. As you relax in the spirit of your mind, He will take you to that holy hill. He will allow you to sit upon that place that will give you peace. He will lift you from all confusion and channel your course to walk in the direction of your hope.

God will not leave you in the place of despair and hopelessness. He will deliver your soul from trouble and cause you to be showered with new hope.

Come and bathe in the waters that will restore your very soul. Sit upon the high places with God and listen to His instructions to give you new life. As you feel the pressure being released in your spirit within—watch the pain begin to subside.

Stay in the presence of the Lord until you can lift up your head again and see a new day dawning. You may think that you have been sent on a long journey in your mind—but you’ve only been away for five earthly minutes in your spirit.

It doesn’t take God long to do anything when He gets ready to move! He can heal you from any infirmity! All he has asked of you, right this minute, is that you willingly listen to the sound of His voice. And, as he speaks to your heart, obey His will.

Realize the journey has just begun. It’s time now to receive a refreshing in your spirit. For God has made His holy visitation to you and have gotten your attention. Now, praise Him for taking the time to deliver you from a place that you need not visit again.

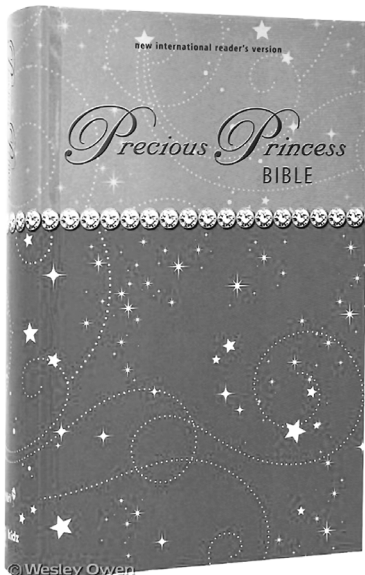
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An Important Update....

BIBLE FOR GIRLS! BIBLE FOR GIRLS!

Since March 2013, I have been working towards getting 100 Bibles for Girls. God has laid on my heart an earnest need to minister greater into the lives of young girls 5-12 years old. These girls desperately must have Christ in their young lives. So many of them are going through horrible things from abuse, abandonment, molestation, bullying, sex trafficking, and other painful things far, far too ugly and difficult to mention.

In praying for girls, and this mission that God has given to me to do, I have received a cry from parents, grandparents, and church leaders concerning young girls who want to commit suicide. These girls, under 12 years old, feel like there is no hope for their lives! Then I have heard from loving parents and grandparents about their child or grandchild cutting themselves on their wrists or arms with razor blades. Our babies, these girls, want to kill themselves because they feel unloved and abused. People of God, we must fight against the plans of Satan to come against them! He wants to kill our children! He wants to destroy them!



It is our mission and godly assignment to stand on the Word of God and fight! We have to move and take action! We cannot sit by thinking, hoping, and even praying that someone else will do something about all these problems! SIN IS ON THE RISE! We MUST ARISE NOW! Please join me and those who have come with me to fight for the lives of our girls, children, and teens! You can make a difference right where you are in your home, on your job and wherever you are. HELP TODAY! (see page 20 for more details)

*Praise
the Lord*

PRAISE REPORT!

I thank the Lord for the blessings of supporters who have come to purchase Bibles for Girls! Glory to God! I am so thankful for the following generous and caring people who have sent in their contribution to this project. When I went to my post office box and received their completed contribution form and their enclosed check or money order for a Bible or Bibles, I praised the Lord! Some gave me cash and others placed their money in our hands for Bibles.

Thank you, LORD!

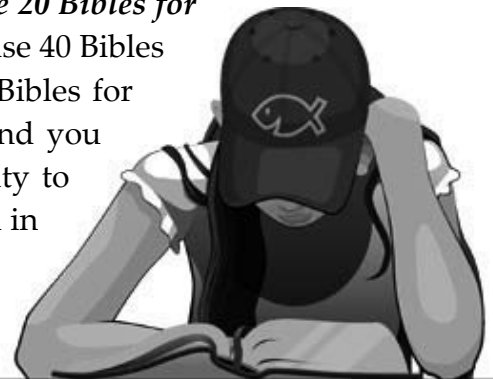
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12. Minister Tarsha Campbell, Founder
Revealed Int'l Empowerment Network of Florida

Several of these sponsors purchased more than one Bible! I received a \$100.00 grant from Revealed Int'l Empowerment Network. Their contribution will help to purchase 6 Bibles! I am so thankful to Elder Hands and the Powell Family who purchased 3 Bibles each for the girls!

With all of these contributions put together, we can purchase 20 Bibles for girls! We, Simmie and I, will match this and now we will purchase 40 Bibles for girls! Our goal is to raise enough money to purchase 100 Bibles for girls this year. We are almost there. If you have not given and you want to be a part of this great mission, here is your opportunity to help. We need 60 more Bibles for the 100 girls we want to reach in 2013.

We are extending this project! Join us in these efforts!



In Loving Memory....

M E M O R I A M

Prayers and thoughts are extended to the families and friends of the late....

ELDER MARVIN OWENS

Southfield, MI

Elder Owens was a true friend and very special beloved man of God. He was a master of the Bible. He enjoyed hearing the fiery, anointed, and convicting preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Elder Owens was also a powerful preacher who was bold in the Lord and in the power of His might. He carried deeply about souls.

This godly man, was truly an eloquent and distinguish man who walked in integrity and strived to live upright before God. Down through the years, he served the church in many positions as a humbled servant and loyal leader. Elder Owens cared about the people of God. He took great pleasure in serving others.

Elder Owens was a member and leader of Greater Miller Memorial Church of God in Christ in Warren, MI. His pastor was Bishop Earl J. Wright, Sr. He leaves to cherish his memory a devoted wife, children, grandchildren, relatives, the Saints of God, and many friends.

MR. LOUIS CURTIS CAMPBELL

Our beloved cousin, "Billie.

Savannah, GA



Billie, Mr. Louis Campbell, was a very precious cousin. He was a peaceful, quiet, and gentle man. We loved Billie so much. I thank God for giving us such a tenderhearted and loving man in our lives. Billie was so kind and loving to everyone.

He had a heart that was concerned about others. He took out time to help those in need. Billie never refuse to do good deeds and acts of kindness to his family, friends, and fellow man. He was a noble and trustworthy gentleman. You could always depend on him to do what he promised to do for you.

He served our county as a paratrooper in the military. He was involved in real estate throughout his life. Billie was a founding member of the Five Dreamers Investment Club. He was committed to community work, neighborhood involvement and education. Billie was a member of Trinity Worship and Praise Ministries in Georgia. Reverend Larry Pounds, pastor.

God blessed Billie to accomplish many things in life and he was very successful in business. However, his greatest commitment and devotion was to his family. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of over 50 years, Dr. Louise Campbell, two daughters: Lolita Campbell-LeNoir and Colette Campbell-Williams, along with his granddaughter Rebecca Williams, many friends and a host of relatives.

MOTHER MURIEL WHITE

"The Gospel Songbird"
"The First Lady of Songs"



Through the years, we affectionately and tenderly called Mother Muriel White, "Muriel." She loved this. She expected us to call her Muriel because our families knew each other for several generations.

God blessed Muriel with many, many gifts and talents. She shared them all with everybody. Muriel had a heart to serve and bless others. She was a generous and cheerful giver to people far and near. She made sure that you knew that she loved you and that Jesus truly cared about you. Muriel never held back anything that she could give to anyone to lift and encourage them.

Muriel was a noted gospel singer in the Church of God in Christ, Baptist churches, and many other denominations. Her beautiful voice was featured in our choirs as the lead vocalist and soloist. Through many decades, she lifted up her soothing and anointed voice giving God the praise. For years, Muriel sung at our church, Greater Miller Memorial Church of God in Christ. She sung in worship services, gospel concerts, revivals, weddings, teas, and had major requests to sing at funerals. Muriel could comfort the hurting hearts like no one else could do.

Muriel served the church and the Lord as an ardent leader and faithful worker in the Sunday School Department, Youth Department, Mothers' Board, Sunshine Band, and definitely in the Music Department. She had a big heart for Missions and for blessing senior citizens. She loved to honor and pay tribute to those whom it was due. She reached up to the esteemed and down to those who seemed like they were forgotten. Muriel loved to give gifts, cards, flowers, and money to bless others.

She was very chic and highly fashionable. But, she would roll-up her sleeves and help do what had to be done. You would find her dressed so fabulous, but Muriel put her choir robe on to sing. She put on an apron to cook in the kitchen. She would take off that fancy clothing to put on a work dress to clean the church.

You would always find Muriel busy working on her job, at church, at schools, in her neighborhood, visiting the sick, or serving in community events. She hated to be idle and just

sitting around waiting for someone to serve her. Even when she was due a special honor, she still had to help! She had a heart of giving.

Muriel was a loving mother to her children: Bernard, Pamela, Donna, and Steve. She showered them with her love, concerns, and motherly kindness. She trained them to grow up to become godly adults and greatly successful in life. Muriel adored her grandchildren and had tremendous pride in her entire family.

When I think about Muriel, Mother Muriel White, I know that Matthews 25:21 KJV truly applies to her dedicated life, *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of the Lord."*

Special Announcements....

Celebrating Their 89th Birthday!

1924-2013

JUNE 16th

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Deacon. Simmie Lee Burnside, Sr.
The father of my husband

JULY 3rd



Mother Barbara Lee
The mother of Author Ramelle T. Lee

We highly honor you. You are a pillar in our families and lives. You have given us your vast wisdom to lead us on this journey. Your very fervent prayers have been with us day and night to sustain us in troubled times and to give us stability in our lives. We thank you for your many sacrifices and deeds of kindness.

May God continue to bless you. May He strengthen you each day. His hands are upon your life and He is with you. We rejoice knowing that the blessings of the Lord are manifold for you. He has not forgotten you. He cares deeply for you.

Your years of life show us that you are mighty eagles because you have great faith in the Lord. You have waited upon Him to lead and guide you. You are mighty eagles! You are soaring high in the Lord!

"He give power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and faint" Isaiah 40:29-31 KJV.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

JUNE 30, 2013

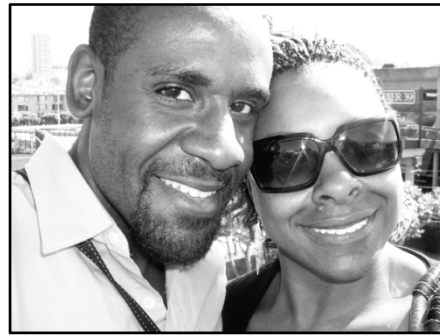
41st Wedding Anniversary



Mrs. Michele Barnes & Mr. Michael Barnes

JULY 31, 2013

7th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. Julian Palm & Dr. Kai Palm, M.D.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Mr. Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr.

July 20, 2013



Happy, Happy Birthday to you dear husband! I praise God for you. May God bless you abundantly for your love, prayers, considerations and kindness to me.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

JUNE

Mr. Donald Brooks, The son of Min. Mary Edwards
Deacon Simmie Lee Burnside, Sr.
Ms. Sylvia Burnside, Sister-in-law
Ms. Jolayna Palm, Niece
Dr. Kai Palm, Niece
Poet Yvette Wilburn, Goddaughter
Gospel Music Artist Octavia Harris
First Lady Paulette Harper Johnson
Pastor Toni Gatlin

JULY

Mr. Julian Palm, Nephew
Mother Barbara Lee
Mr. Jason Palm, Nephew



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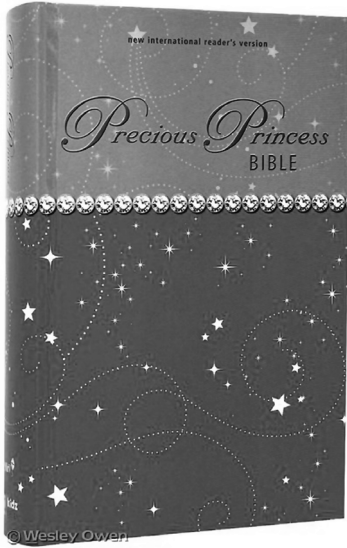
The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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*No eye has ever seen
and no ear has ever
heard and it has never
occurred to the human
heart All the things
God prepared for
those who love Him.
1 Corinthians 2:9*



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