

Monthly NEWSLETTER



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GTI COVER GIRLS

Stay With God!

Psalms 27:14

DID YOU KNOW

May 10, 1994

Former political prisoner Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as president of South Africa. Mandela had won the first free election in South Africa despite attempts by various political foes to deter the outcome.

May 18, 1980

Mount St. Helens volcano erupted in southwestern Washington State spewing steam and ash over 11 miles into the sky. This was the first major eruption since 1857.

May 27, 1937

In San Francisco, 200,000 people celebrated the grand opening of the Golden Gate Bridge by strolling across it.

May 30, 1783

The Pennsylvania Evening Post became the first daily newspaper published in America.

May Flower

Lily of the Valley and Hawthorn

May Birthstone

Emerald and Agate

Cover Girls April Fellowship Highlights

We all know April showers bring May flowers, and the April fellowship was in full bloom.

Our evening was off and running with a wonderful young lady, Miss Tayler Leftridge. As facilitator for the first half, she came on full of swag and a great sense of humor!

Little Sister Noel Macklin boldly read the Word of God from John 13:35. Isaiah 61:1-3 followed from Sister Patti Warren. Both were well chosen scriptures that blessed our souls. Our own Deaconess Kathy Hines not only thanked God for being good to us, but she also asked God 's blessings for our time together. Before relinquishing her stand, Sister Tayler did role call of all those who had a birthday in April. After which, Sister Connie McClain did a soulful rendition of 'Happy Birthday'.

Sister Gloria Wright stepped in as the second facilitator. She let us know that every day in April, there's something to recognized as a "National Day" from food, animal, plant, and style, you name it! From a monthly celebration, it was nice to know Black Women History, African American Fitness, and various Health Awareness's are included.

Resurrection Trivia host, Sister Joyce Roberson asked five questions about the Resurrection. You had to put your answers in the chat. If you were the first with the correct answer, Sister Chelece Williams will make sure you get a free breakfast at the GTI, Oh Taste and See Café.

Sister Tarlise Lott stepped in for Sister Angel with the recap of the newsletter. She did an excellent job stressing the \$64K question. She sounded just like Sister Angel in reminding everyone to submit the one, ONE thing we consider ourselves good at doing! Also, to all the mothers send in ONE picture of you and your children for our May's newsletter edition.

Special kudos to Sister Sunny Vaughn for the fabulous job on our 'Youth Newsletter'. Don't sleep on the GTI Youth, they are on the move for Christ!

Old school, new school, you bring it, Missionary Gail Webb can sing it and don't be surprised when she takes you to the history class, she will do it!

As our evening was drawing to a close, many probably thought (even got happy) what about our exercise? Before our time ran out, Sister Cathy Lyons gave us a quick-short version of arm moves and breathing exercises.

We look forward to hearing from our leader, Lady Vanessa Macklin every month. She has all of us in her heart and we support her whole heartily with our talents and treasures as she does kingdom work!

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Kindness is not what I do but who I am!

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Inspirational Testimony



Missionary Yvette Glasgow

This is a testimony to the glory of God, the faithfulness of God, and proof of His Word. The other day while driving and reflecting on the events since I have been providing care for my daughter, Sylvia who has an incurable disease, these scriptures Malachi 3:10-11 and Philippians 4:19 came to mind.

On February 14th, I received a text inquiring about my daughter's well-being. I explained that I would be leaving soon on a medical airline rate affordable for me. Within a few hours, I had a one-way, same-day airline ticket to leave that night! My God shall supply

During the course of providing care, I realized Sylvia showed signs of dehydration and hospice will not give hydration IV. I heard in my spirit "look for a mobile hydration IV"! I had never heard of that but it does exist. Before I could book an appointment, \$200.00 showed up in Cash App. and it has been that way for all 4 treatments at the average cost of \$200.00 per session! Not only that, we have some loving saints and strong prayer warriors praying for my family.

Inspirational Scripture

Mark 16:17-18

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

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Healthy Minds Moment

Mental Health Month

Mental Health Awareness Month (also referred to as Mental Health Month) has been observed in May in the United States since 1949. The month is observed with media, local events, and film screenings.

Mental Health Awareness Month was started by Mental Health America (MHA) (then known as the National Association for Mental Health). Each year in mid-March, Mental Health America releases a toolkit of materials to guide preparation for outreach activities during Mental Health Awareness Month. During the month of May, MHA, its affiliates, and other organizations interested in mental health, conduct a number of activities which are based on a different theme each year.

“You are a child of God. You are wonderfully made, dearly loved, and precious in His sight.” Psalm 139.



The purpose of Mental Health Awareness Month is to raise awareness and educate the public about mental illnesses, such as the 18.1% of Americans who suffer from depression, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder. It also aims to draw attention to suicide, which can be precipitated by some mental illnesses. The realities of living with these conditions, and strategies for attaining mental health and wellness has been a challenge. Additionally, Mental Health Awareness Month strives to reduce the stigma (negative attitudes and misconceptions) that surrounds mental illnesses. The month came about by presidential proclamation.

Mental Health America is not the only organization to run campaigns throughout May. Many other similar organizations choose to host awareness observances that coincide with Mental Health Awareness month. National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is one such campaign. This event is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in partnership with other non-profit and advocacy organizations.

Other months and weeks throughout the year are designated to raise awareness around specific mental health conditions or the mental health of different demographic groups (Minority Mental Health Month, Mental Illness Awareness Week, National Depression Screening Day, etc.).

GTI Healthy Mind Ministry is hosting their 2nd annual Mental Health Summit: “Trauma in the Pews” Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at GTI.

Mental Health Care is Health Care! Please join us at the summit!

Happy Birthday Greetings

We honor and celebrate
April Birthdays



Gloria Wright



Mother Juanita Maldon



Rosemary McFadden



Kathy Hines



Greetings Cover Girls

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord until I die. I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord until I die. I'm going to stay on the battle field, I'm going to stay on the battle field, I'm going to stay on the battle field until I die.

I'm going to watch, fight, and pray, I'm going to watch, fight, and pray, I'm going to watch, fight, and pray till I die. I'm going to watch, fight, and pray, I'm going to watch, fight, and pray, I'm going to watch, fight, and pray till I die.

This song also says, "I'm going to treat everybody right and I'm going to stay on my bended knees." The Bible says in Psalms 20:7, "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: But we will remember the name of the Lord our God." It is important for you to trust God only. He is the only one worthy of all of our trust, all of our hopes, all of our plans, and all of our dreams. Just remember, all of our lives, our family, our work, everything we have, everything we are, we can trust God with them.

This past month, we lost one of our dear Cover Girls, Missionary Lorraine Palmer. We will always remember how she used to celebrate her birthday every month during the monthly celebrations even though it wasn't her birthday. She would stand stating it was her birthday too when her actual birthday was in February. We are going to miss her greatly. We will continue to prayer for our Cover Girls, Sister Ann Nutt, Sister Mary Smith, and Sister Maryann Norman in the passing of their spouses and Missionary Yvette Glasgow in the passing of her daughter. Let's continue to pray for each other.



Our campaign to buy a brick continues. The bricks will be a walkway leading up to the doors of the Family Life Center. You can get a brick in the memory of a loved one and they will forever be memorialized on the walkway. What a wonderful tribute this is going be. This will be a great celebration.

Lastly, Happy Mother's Day to all the beautiful mothers. We are special in God's eyes, so let's us celebrate each other and this wonderful gift God has granted us, "Being A Mother."

Be encourage knowing God is with us!

*Blessings,
Lady Vanessa Macklin*

The April Birthday Continues...



Jacquie Fennoy



Connie McLain



Joyce Roberson



Patti Warren

Cover Girls Unsung Heroes

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Every month, the Cover Girls Newsletter honors a member who works in ministry not to be seen but because they love the work they do. They are our Unsung Heroes. This month, we celebrate Sister Linda Lax.

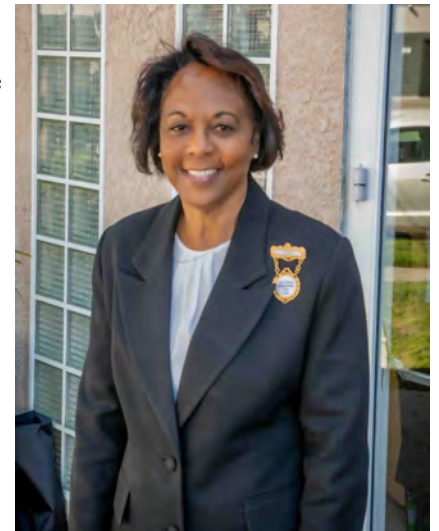
Maya Angelou once said, "People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel." No truer statement has ever been said about Sister Linda Lax. The first time I came to Glad Tidings on a Sunday morning, I was nervous because I had never attended Sunday morning service before but there was Sister Linda who greeted me at the door with such a warm smile and a polite voice. I have met a lot of ushers from other churches and I must say, you will never meet a person like Sister Linda Lax.

Sister Linda Lax has been a member of Glad Tidings International COGIC for the last 43 years. She was living in San Mateo but after she got married, they relocated to San Jose. She never attended a church in San Jose because she couldn't find one. She grew up Baptist but wasn't attending church anywhere. She decided to come to GTI because her mom and sister, Patricia Wheeler were members and invited her. After attending a few Sundays, she went to the altar for prayer because she was having problems with her eyes. Bishop asked her, "What do you want the Lord to do?" She said she wanted the Lord to heal her eyes. Bishop then said, "Do you want to be saved?" She said, "I want the Lord to heal my tear ducts." He asked again, "Do you want to be saved?" Well, the Lord saved her and healed her. Now, there is no distance she won't travel to get to GTI. She has commuted from San Jose, Cupertino, Morgan Hill, and now Stockton but GTI is her church home.

The first ministry she joined was the Usher Board. Her father was an usher at Pilgrim Baptist Church and she had a passion for the ushers. But the real reason she joined because she said, "I can't sing." It takes a lot of patience to be an usher and Sister Linda has an abundance to do the job. Currently, she is the president of the Usher Board and has worked with many people throughout the years.

Sister Linda has never wanted to work with another ministry but recently started working with the Pastoral Care Ministry because she loves helping people.

Sister Linda is truly a blessing to GTI and when asked is there anything you need to assist you in ministry? She jokingly said, "A parking space."



We are not able to take group pictures, so I'm asking you to send me your picture for the birthday shout outs. So all of the May birthday ladies, send me your picture for the June Cover Girls Newsletter.

You can send it to: awiley1999@aol.com

Stay With God!

As I was pondering what to write about on “Stay With God” this thought came to mind!



Just Do It!

Written By:
Angel Marshall

The 64,000 Dollar Question

What is the **ONE** thing you consider you're very good at?

Martha Stamper - Watching movies

Angel Marshall - Writing

Naomi Carter - Cooking

Krystal Smith - Serving people/hospitality

Van Hill - Teaching

Kathy Hines - Having fun

Keisha Serrano - Helping people

Cynthia Garrison - Organizing

Revina Bowling-Williams - Communicating

Cynthia Dunn - Being me

Vanessa Bulness - Taking care of my husband

Verna Peyton - Organizing

Sheree Davis - Multi-tasking

Annette Sanders - Loving people

Marcia Gauden - Being a faithful friend

Paulette Sandler - Caring about others

Kathy Lyons-Brown - Cooking

Tina Chaney - Organizing

Claudia Ransom - Encouraging people

Evette Newton - Caring for people

Sharon Robinson - Planning

Sherri Washington - Encouraging others

Sabrina Jones - Having Empathy

Jonni Atkins - Helping others

Mother Irene Bob - Praising the Lord

Vickki Savoy-Griffin - Spreading love

Mary Sheppard - Singing

Stacey Tucker - Processing Improvements

Crystal Allen - Writing

Kim Patton - Seeing the best in others

Tarlise Lott - Cooking

Lanae Brooks - Decorating

Yvette Glasgow - Giving

Connie McLain - Baking for my neighbors

Crystal Brownlee - Cleaning and Organizing

Linda Lax - Gardening

Jacque Fennoy - Excellent listener & confidant

Gail Webb-Goodwin - Keeping my temper

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- Mother Delores Thomas - Encouraging others
- Mother Geraldine Eve - Everything
- Kim Butler - Baking
- Gerri Rogers - Teaching
- Teanika Thomas - Encouraging others
- Yansan Agard - Writing
- Marcie Spencer - Caring for people
- Ashley Myrick - Baking
- Cathy White - Crafting
- Shirley Owens - Helping others
- Lillian Roberts - Hospitality
- Carolyn Jackson-Simpson - Cooking
- Doris Collins - Cooking
- Juanita Waugh - Baking
- Shirley Guidry - Donating
- Shanice Guidry - Writing children's books
- Allegra Tolefree - Cooking
- Brenda Bryant - Helping
- Candy Capers - Eating
- Pradena Goode - Singing
- Patti Warren - Seeing something that needs to be done and doing it
- Rosemary Omoregie - Cooking
- Delanda Burgess - Being an encourager & multitasking

June's 64,000 Dollar Question

What one thing (a modern convenience) could you not live without?

Testimony continues from Page 2...

Bishop constantly asks for testimonies resulting from tithing. I have not needed nor desired anything since I've been with my daughter that the Lord has not anticipated and provided.

As I close this testimony, if you are not a tither or have it on your "to-do list", do it now. The Word says will a man rob God? Well if you are not a tither you are robbing yourself of so many blessings. God has windows in Heaven that He is waiting to "pour" out on you. When you "pour" that is indicative of continuous. A drop stops but a pouring is continuous. We cannot imagine which window in heaven God is going to pour into your storehouse. Try it, and prove His Word and be Blessed!!



As of this writing, Sister Glasgow's daughter, Sylvia went home to be with the Lord. We are praying for our sister, Missionary Evette Glasgow and family.

What's Happening Now

Mothers

Mother's Day was founded and established by Anna Jarvis in 1908. The first official Mother's Day was a celebration through a service of worship. Anna's mother had organized women's groups to promote friendship and health. Her mother had frequently expressed a desire to establish such a holiday and after her mother's death, Jarvis led the movement for the commemoration for "Mother's Day."



Mother, Mama, Madea, Nana, Meme, Mommie or whatever you call yours, they are a gift to all humanity because they indeed show us what God is like. In a loving mother, we see Christ who longs to gather his people like children. As a mother comforts her child, I will comfort thee.

Being a mother is not always about bringing a child into the world but being a person who cares for others with compassion and love. They are present and available.

I wasn't raised by my maternal mother, but my great aunt. My real mother had me at 17 years old and by the age of 23, she had 6 kids. My aunt and uncle stepped in to help and show some love and support. Due to an childhood accident, she was not able to have children but God had a plan. She brought me to Oakland to live with them at the age of 2. My siblings came along one by one until we all were in California. They raised all of us as their own. They loved us and gave us the best memories a child could have.



Cherish your mother. Shower her with flowers, cards, candy, hugs, special family dinners, and long talks. Make wonderful memories. Don't just wait until Mother's Day. Young mothers, remember, in order to be in your child's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today. A mother's love is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking. It never fails even though her heart is breaking. There are no perfect Mothers but always Perfect Love.

Written By: Vickki Savoy-Griffin

A Woman of Courage and Wisdom

Written By:
Missionary Sharon Burns



Abigail

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I've written about Abigail in the past but I wanted to provide you with a different aspect of her life. It's like peeling an onion, there are so many layers to her story.

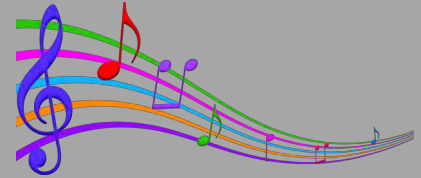
Do you know that God sends us to intercept bad decisions, save lives, prevent destruction, and eliminate situations that would not end well? Abigail, wife of a foolish and wealthy man named Nabal was one of us. She was humble, wise, intelligent, and discreet. Her noble character prevented death and destruction to her husband and family. Although Nabal is irrational, she is faithful to him in his bad decisions. No doubt, she was a woman of prayer and intercession.

In her story, this woman of God intercepts David's destructive plan to retaliate the anger and insults caused by her husband. In Abigail's intervention with David, she bowed down, pleaded for mercy, and persuaded him against bloodshed and vengeance. She was assertive and confident, spoke blessings to David as a future king, and called him her lord. Her words touched David and he sees Abigail's actions as a blessing from God! He repented for his own foolish and rash decision. Nabal died, and David takes Abigail to become his wife.

Notice how Abigail handled a difficult circumstance. She demonstrated diplomacy in diffusing a potentially dangerous situation. How do you handle difficult people with whom you have a close relationship? Abigail's story inspires us to act quickly, do good, make a difference, and remain faithful to God even when we are mistreated. Women of God, we must seek reconciliation and peace, that allows God to work all things out for us.

Blessings!

Song of the Month



I Need Thee Every Hour

Author: Annie Sherwood Hawks
Born: May 28, 1935, Hoosick, NY
Death: January 3, 1918, Bennington, VT
Wrote Lyrics: April 1872

Author (refrain): Robert Lowry
Born: March 12, 1826, Philadelphia, PA
Died: November 26, 1899, Plainfield, NJ
Wrote Music: Tune & Refrain, 1872

Lyrics

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

Refrain

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r
When Thou art nigh.

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises
In me fulfill.

I need Thee every hour,
Most Holy One;
Oh make me Thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son.

Chosen and sung by:
Missionary Gail Webb-Goodwin

Happy Mother's Day

GTI celebrates all the wonderful mothers and the blessing they are to the body of Christ.

What joy it is being a mother whether it is biological, spiritual, or through adoption.

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praiseth her. Proverbs 31:28



The Greatest Job In the World



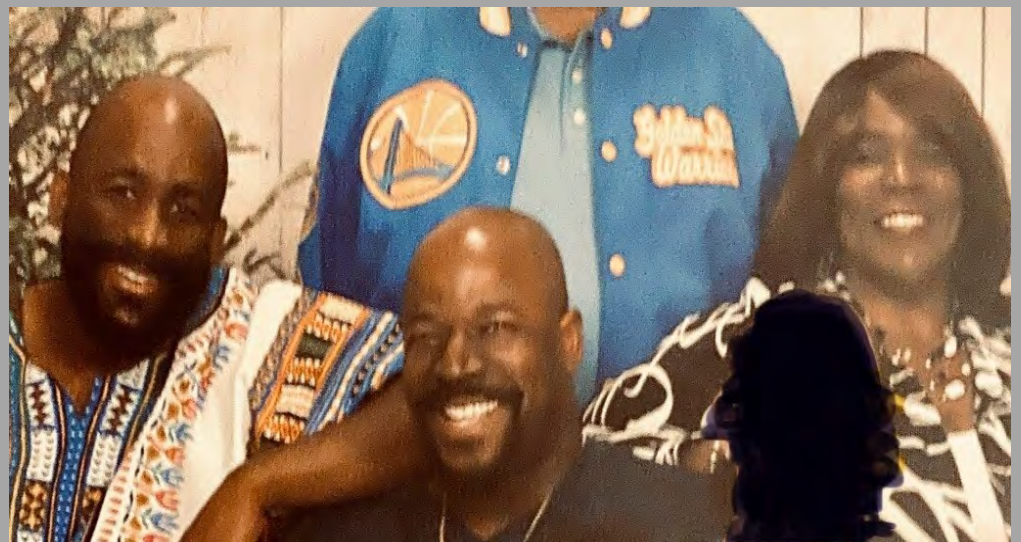
Nothing Like A Mother's Love



The Joy Of Being A Mother



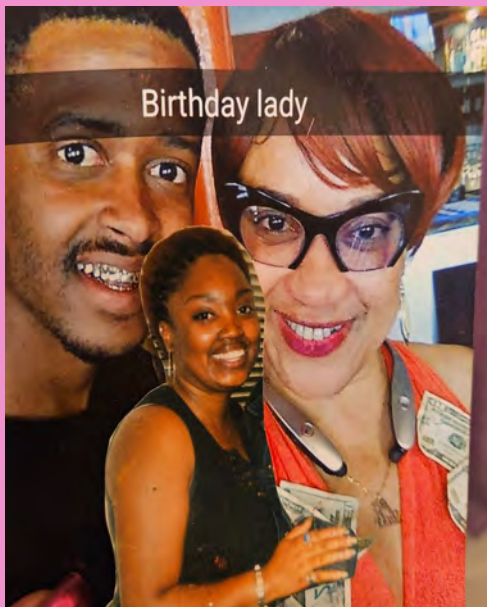
I Will Always Love My Momma



When Mother's Pray



My Mother - My Friend



Birthday lady



Welcome To The Family



Name: Chenelle Turner
Birthday Month: January
Status: Single
Children: 1
Occupation: Faculty Administrator
Enjoyments: Movies, spending time with family and friends
What brought you to GTI: The Word of God



Name: Loretta McBride
Birthday Month: April
Status: Married
Children: 6
Occupation: Retired Teacher
Enjoyments: Teaching music
What brought you to GTI: Daughter is a member and love the ministry



Name: Deacon James McBride
Birthday Month: July
Status: Married
Children: 6
Occupation: Retired Muni Driver
What brought you to GTI: Daughter is a member, love the ministry



Name: Rita Marie Stevenson
Birthday Month: December
Status: Single
Children: 3
Occupation: Pharmacy Clerk & Realtor
Enjoyments: Cooking & hanging with my family
What brought you to GTI: Online prayer



Name: Veldon Beckum
Birthday Month: November
Status: Married
Children: 1
Occupation:
Enjoyments: Fishing and Reading
What brought you to GTI: The singing & Bishop Macklin

We are so glad you have decided to make GTI your church home. You couldn't have chosen a better church and people to now call "Family". Bishop and Lady Macklin are the best leaders and advocates to your successful walk with God. They will lead, guide, and instruct you in ways of living a saved, sanctified, and spirit filled life. Your new brothers and sisters in Christ will love you, pray for you, and are glad you are family. Again, welcome home!

We are Praying for You

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Bereavement List

Yvette Glasgow's Daughter
Sylvia Walker's service - May 3, 2024

Sister Tanya Burton's brother
Tony Burton's service - May 6, 2024

Sick and Shut in List

Twanda Bailey
Richard Davis
Darryl and Hazel Fair
Milton Garland
Bernadette Johnson
Kimbrea Johnson
Doran King
Mother Izonnia Lovett
Stacy Louis
Mother Mary Shepard
Thaddius McDaniels
Dana Mitchell
Christopher Morris
Thomas Michael Nash
Lance Newton
Patricia Raspberry
Natasha Shaw
Mother Mamie Simon
Judy Stanley
Marie Stevenson
Keith Taylor
Elder James Tucker
Mo. Jonni Toney
Samuel Walker
Mo. Virgie Walker
Daryl Washington
Vivian Worthy

Pray for saints everywhere

Hope Homes formally known as New Creation Homes is a network of homes that will offer refuge to hurting mothers, restore their hope, and release their purpose. The homes will be positioned to house the hurting and bring relief wherever and whenever needed. These homes will serve as havens of hope and healing for women facing adversities. They will not just provide shelter but will be sanctuaries that foster spiritual awakening, emotional restoration, and personal growth.



The mission of the New Hope Homes is to demonstrate God's love and fosters long-term independence for at-risk mothers. Their holistic approach provides parenting resources, supportive housing, and a loving community.

The homes are positioned to offer immediate relief in times of crisis, to be beacons of support, equipped with resources to aid those in need. But their commitment goes beyond providing momentary respite. They aim to empower each woman with the tools, confidence, and resilience required for a life of independence and purpose beyond the walls.



Our very own Cover Girl, Sister Lisa Moody, the Program Director of New Hope Homes hosted an Open Home in February to introduce the new partnership with Michelle Stewart, outreach Pastor at VIVE Church and the plans for the upcoming year. She envisions these homes as catalysts, sparking transformations that ripple outwards, fostering healthier families and communities. This is the commitment to house the hurting, restore hope, and release purpose.

The excitement and joy resonated in the atmosphere and was felt by every attendee, as many came out to celebrate this wonderful occasion. There were a host of community and civic organizational leaders whom worked directly and as benefitted from the New Creation Home Ministry. A few of the Covers Girls were also there, Lady Vanessa Macklin, Sister Cynthia Garrison, Sister Kesha Serrano, Sister Cynthia Dunn, and Little Azariah.



It is a testament to see former family members that once lived at New Creation Home, now work and support other families through this walk of life and encourage them. We heard countless testimonies from county partnerships who had nowhere to place a mother and her family but when they called Hope Home Ministry, the door was opened wide and a way was made to get a family off the street because of the love demonstrated through this ministry.

Lives have been changed and families are better because of this ministry. The night concluded with a guided tour of the beautiful home and we were able to see and feel the love in each of the rooms.

Thank you Sister Lisa for leading this movement in the San Mateo community as you impact and cover families and change lives. A job well done.

Written by: Missionary Cynthia Dunn

Coming Attractions

- May 5th - May Birthday Celebration
- May 8th - Cover Girls Monthly Zoom Fellowship
- May 11th - 2nd Annual Mental Health Summit "Trauma in the Pews" 9:00 am
- May 12th - Muffins w/Moms 7:30 am - Mother's Day Celebration 9:00 am
- May 15th, 22nd, & 29th - Spring Bible Institute 7:00 pm
- May 17th - 1 Day Consecration 6:00 am & All Night Prayer 10:00 pm
- May 19th - Pentacost Sunday
- May 25th - 3 X 3000 Evangelism & Outreach
- May 26th - Deacon/Deaconess A Flame

Weekly: Online services for Bible Study and in person on Tuesday night, Friday Night Service, and In-person Sunday Morning at 9am and Zoom replay at 11am

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**Submit your prayer request to
info@gti.church**

Stay committed to the vision of the Family Life Center and let's continue to pay our pledges.