Cover Girls September Fellowship Highlights

The evening was facilitated by Aleya and Ariana Tolefree, it was awesome to see our young women go forth and keep us engaged. The scriptures were read by India Johnson, Pauline Chatman, and prayer by Sister Charlotte Hines. As always, we acknowledge all the ladies celebrating their birthdays in the month of September.


Sis Gail Webb blessed us with two hymns, one for the month of August (Because He Lives) and one for September (Healer of Broken Hearts). We are so blessed to have her sing to us each month with hymns that continue to touch our souls.

As always, we were put to the test with our monthly exercise with Sis Kathy Lyons. Our arms will show more definition if we do her exercises daily. Thanks to Sister Kathy for your dedication to our exercise plan.

Sis Angel walked us through the August newsletter which highlighted the Nor Cal Holy Convocation. From Golf Day, Ordination Day, Women’s Day, to Official Day. We could see that a great time in the Lord was had by all in attendance.

Our $64K question was to give a line from your favorite movie. We played a game to see who could guess the most. Sis Lorna Guice prevailed with the most correct answers.

First Lady Macklin offered words of wisdom to the program participants and all the ladies. She also shared upcoming events such as the Fall Festival. She shined a spotlight on the authors of Glad Tidings: Sunny Vaughn, Vann Hill, Krystal Macklin, Sharon Jones, and Crystal Liandra. She encouraged the ladies to support our authors and purchase their books.

Lady Macklin’s birthday is in October and we will be celebrating her birthday with a Blue Jean Brunch in her honor on Saturday, October 8th at high noon. Everyone is encourage to attend and to purchase their tickets. Space is limited and tickets are going fast.

The evening ended listening to “September” by Kirk Franklin.

STAY CONNECTED – REACH OUT – PRAY FOR OTHERS

DID YOU KNOW

October 2, 1968
California's Redwood National Park was established. Redwoods are the tallest of all trees, growing up to 400 feet (120 meters) during a lifetime that can span 2,000 years.

October 13, 19
On this day in Portand, Oregon Vanessa Jean Wel was born to proud parents, Theda Bera Ennis and Booker Thurston Wells. She was a great bundle of joy to her parents.

October 21, 1915
The first transatlantic radio voice message was made by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company from Virginia to Paris.

October 24, 1945
The United Nations was founded.

October Flower
Marigold and Cosmos

October Birthstone
Opal and Tourmaline

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I recently had my yearly review at work. My boss spent time with me going over areas where I have excelled and how I can improve. She went on to say, I earned the maximum merit raise. I thanked her and started to leave the room then she said one more thing, “you need to stop talking about God in the office. We have people of other faiths here and we cannot have you speaking the name of Jesus”.

I took a moment to consider the gravity of her words. I said, “I understand”. I had to adjust how I verbally share my faith, but Jesus is still at work with me! Amen.

He is there when I offer someone a word of encouragement. He is there when I provide a listening ear to someone in crisis. He is there when I don’t return evil for evil. He is there when I intercede for someone that needs salvation, comfort, and peace. As I abide in the Lord and He in me, Jesus will continue to be present at work.

I am grateful to be a witness for the Lord and His power to save, heal, and deliver.

Romans 1:16
For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Healthy Living

Lupus

Lupus, also called SLE, (Systemic Lupus Erythematosus) is an autoimmune inflammatory disease caused when the immune system attacks its own tissues. It's likely that lupus results from a combination of your genetics and your environment.

Lupus (SLE) can affect the joints, skin, kidneys, blood cells, brain, heart, and lungs. This disorder causes inflammation in many of the body systems. Because this disease can affect one or many body systems, there are no two cases of lupus exactly the same. The symptoms may appear suddenly or slowly and vary from mild to severe.

The most common signs and symptoms include:

Fatigue
Fever
Joint pain, stiffness, and swelling
Butterfly-shaped rash on the face that covers the cheeks and bridge of the nose or rashes elsewhere on the body
Skin lesions that appear or worsen with sun exposure
Fingers and toes that turn white or blue when exposed to cold or during stressful periods
Shortness of breath
Chest pain
Dry eyes
Headaches, confusion, and memory loss

It appears that people with an inherited predisposition for lupus may develop the disease when they come into contact with something in the environment that can trigger lupus. The cause of lupus in most cases, however, is unknown. Triggers can be exposure to sun, infections, and certain medications. Factors that may increase your risk of lupus include:

Your sex - lupus is more common in women.
Age - although lupus affects people of all ages, it's most often diagnosed between the ages of 15 and 45.
Race - lupus is more common in African Americans, Hispanics, and Asian Americans.

While there's no cure for lupus, current treatments focus on improving quality of life through controlling symptoms and minimizing flare-ups. This begins with lifestyle modifications, including sun protection, and diet. Further disease management includes medications, such as anti-inflammatory and steroids. It is important that you see your primary care provider to obtain a definitive diagnosis to begin treatment plan.

Source: https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/lupus/symptoms-causes/syc-20365789
Hi Ladies,

Once a year, I get to highjack First Lady’s greeting to the Cover Girls to talk about our fearless leader. This month, we celebrate Missionary Vanessa Macklin’s birthday. We thank God for giving us this one of a kind leader of the Women’s Ministry.

She has been such a blessing to the body of Christ. As a mother, there is nothing she won’t do for her children. She has travel the breadth and length of this country when any of her children are in need of her. She has raised her children to love God with all of their hearts, minds, and spirits. The Bible says, “train up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it”. What is so amazing is all of her children are saved, filled with the Holy Ghost, and working in ministry. Not once did she have to bail any one of her children out of jail. She invested time, energy, and hard work teaching them the way of the Lord.

As a wife, she carries the weight of her husband’s responsibilities to the local church, the state churches (Norcal), and the national church (COGIC). She helps him to balance his home life and church life making sure he is taking care of his entire being; mind, body, and spirit. When the pressures of life weigh him down, she feels it as well. Yet, she has to continue to be strong.

As the leader of the GTI Cover Girls, she has lead the women through many challenges most recently, the pandemic. During this most trying time, she never missed a beat. Under her leadership, we pivoted from in-person birthday fellowships to zoom birthday celebrations. Every month, the attendance to the fellowship increased, sometimes with over 100 women in attendance. The fellowships are engaging and most times, we don’t even want the evening to end. We continue to stay on line listening to the music and sending chats to each other.

First Lady has kept the senior women engage who are not able to return to in-person church by sending them cards and letters on a weekly basis. She even has a way of getting the young ladies to participate in activities. Recently, she decided the GTI Cover Girls would host a pool party for the young ladies. Everyone had so much fun, this will now become a yearly event.

Lady Vanessa, you have truly been a blessing to everyone that has ever met you. I know I can speak for all of the women of GTI, we love you with all of our hearts and we are glad God decided to bring you from Oregon to California and you said “yes” when Bishop asked you that important question many years ago. We wouldn’t want no other first lady in the world. You are the only one. Happy Birthday!!!
Happy Birthday Lady Vanessa

Proverbs 31:10, 13, 16, 17, 20, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31

“Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: With the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, And strengtheneth her arms. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; Yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. Strength and honour are her clothing; And she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; And in her tongue is the law of kindness. Her children arise up, an call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, But thou excellest them all. Give her of the fruit of her hands; And let her own works praise her in the gates.”
GTI’s G.O.A.T
Greatest Of All Time
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 Hero. This month, we celebrate Brother Brian Davis II.

Sunday after Sunday, you can find Brother Brian behind a camera taping the Sunday morning service. He stated it was over 2 years ago, during the pandemic Elder Aaron asked him if he wanted to be a part of the AV Ministry. He had never worked in the media ministry before and didn’t even know he would like it as much as he does. He loves working in the Media Ministry and being behind the cameras.

Brother Brian is 16 years old and a junior in high school. He currently attends Tracy High School. He knows how important school is but stated he doesn’t have a favorite subject in high school. He also has plans to attend college but has not started looking at colleges yet. He does know that he will not be following in his dad’s footsteps and joining the armed forces. He want to continue working in media and plans to major in that field in college hoping to have a stable career in media. There is so many opportunities in the field of media. He is so grateful to Elder Aaron for asking him to work with him and taking him under his wings.

Brother Brian is grateful for his parents. He stated his parents are full of wisdom and they help him when he is having a bad day. They are a great support system for him. He stated is younger brother sometimes gets on his nerve but he loves him. He said he is sometimes my “Good Headache”.

Brother Brian had great things to say about GTI. He and his family have been a member for about 5 years. He said, “the church has a community feel”. He loves Bishop and Lady Macklin. He said, “Bishop Macklin is a wonderful leader and pastor. I want to thank him for always being there, believing in us and helping us to move forward”. He said, “Lady Macklin is really cool. She is always encouraging and I love her singing. She has a great voice”.

Brother Brian has really been a blessing to the GTI ministry and we are thankful that he is using his gift for the glory of God. Keep up the good work Brother Brian and always put God first in everything you do and good and mercy will follow you all the days of your life.

The September Birthday Celebration Continues...

Tina Chaney
September 2nd

Chandra Winters
September 26th

Kim Patton
September 29th

We are not able to take group pictures like we normally do at the birthday fellowships, so I’m asking you to send me your picture for the birthday shout outs. So all of the October birthday ladies, send me your picture for the November Cover Girls Newsletter.

You can send it to: awiley1999@aol.com
Miriam is the daughter of Anram and Jochebed from the Levite tribe, the older sister to Moses and Aaron, a prophetess, and a great woman leader.

Miriam grew up in a time of hard labor and cruelty towards the Israelites when a new Pharaoh treated them worse than ever. He crushed them with slave labor and devised a plan to get rid of them. He told the midwives, “When you are assisting in the delivery of the Hebrew women, if it’s a boy, kill him, if it’s a girl let her live.”

Miriam’s mother became pregnant and had a son and when she saw that the child was a goodly child, she hid him then placed him in a basket in the reeds of the Nile River. Marion stood guard watching to see what would happen to her little brother. When pharaoh’s daughter found the baby crying in the basket, her heart went out to him and she kept him. Miriam came forward and asked her “do you want me to go and get a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby for you”? Miriam went to get the true mother, who raised her baby boy.

Pharaoh’s daughter named the baby, Moses. Miriam lived through many challenges and difficulties yet that did not extinguish her faith or spirit. She grew strong in the Lord. God used Miriam in his plan to help save baby Moses’ life to later deliver Israel from bondage.

Miriam is also known for leading the Hebrew women in singing, dancing, and playing the tambourine after crossing the Red Sea. Later, she and her brother Aaron challenge the actions and authority of Moses and for this God struck her with leprosy for seven days.

Miriam’s life is a model for us, as woman of God today. We can learn to be bold and strong in the Lord and be available for God to use you. Use your gift of leadership without jealousy. Don’t come against those in leadership and authority. Know that sin brings consequences. Serve with faith, courage, and integrity. Lastly, sing praises to the Lord and rejoice that He is our deliver!

Read her story in Exodus chapter 1, 2, and 15.

Chosen and sung by: Gail Webb-Goodwin

“Father I Strethc My Hands To Thee”

Words: Charles Wesley; A Collection of Psalms and Hymns 1741
Music: Naomi - Hans G. Nageli
Arranged by: Lowell Mason 1836

Father, I stretch my hands to Thee,
No other help I know;
If Thou withdraw Thyself from me,
Ah! whither shall I go?

What did Thine only Son endure,
Before I drew my breath?
What pain, what labor, to secure
My soul from endless death!

O Jesus, could I this believe,
I now should feel Thy power;
Now my poor soul Thou wouldst retrieve,
Nor let me wait one hour.

Surely Thou canst not let me die;
O speak, and I shall live;
And here I will unwearied lie,
Till Thou Thy Spirit give.

Author of faith, to Thee I lift
My weary, longing eyes:
O let me now receive that gift!
My soul without it dies!

The worst of sinners would rejoice,
Could they but see Thy face:
O, let me hear Thy quickening voice,
And taste Thy pardoning grace.

Chosen and sung by: Gail Webb-Goodwin
We Are Praying For You

**Bereavement List**
Annette Sanders’ brother - William Leroy Lewis

**Continue to pray for bereaved families everywhere**

**Sick and Shut in List**
Brother Richard Davis
Sister Hazel Fair
Brother Milton Garland
Elder Jesse Gossett
Elder Albert Green
Sister Beverly Hale and family
  Sister Vallie Hill
Mother Frances Johnson
  Sister Deandra Jones
Missionary Sharon Jones
  Sister Donecia Lilalien
Dad Monroe Mapp
Mother Aubrey Mapp
  Sister Marilyn McMurian
Brother Christopher Morris
Sister Rochelle Olive
Missionary Lorraine Parmer
  Brother George Scott
Brother Gabriel Simien
  Elder John Smoot
Sister Judy Stanley
  Sister Eugenia Taylor
Brother John Taylor
Elder James Tucker
  Sister Maxine Turner
Brother Kermit Warren
Sister Bridget White and family
Brother Eddie Williams
  Deacon Claudell Woods

Pray for saints everywhere

Whispering Words of Poetry

**KIND WORDS**

Are the bright flowers of earthly existence: use them and especially around the fireside circle. They are jewels beyond price, and powerful to heal the wounded heart and make the weighted down spirit glad.

Let us use our speech as we should wish we had done when one of us is silent in death. Let us give all the communications, make all the explanations, speak all the loving words ere it is too late.

A genuine word of kindness is often the best lever to raise a depressed spirit to its natural level.

The art of saying appropriate words in a kindly way is one that never goes out of fashion, never ceases to please, and is within the reach of the humblest.

Always say a kind word if you can, if only that it may come in, perhaps, with singular opportuneness, entering some mournful man’s darken room, like a beautiful firefly, whose happy circumvolutions he cannot but watch, forgetting his many troubles.

*Arthur Helps*

**MEASURE OF SUCCESS**

When sunset falls upon your day
And fades from out the est,
When business cares are put away
And you like down to rest,
The measure of the day’s success
Or failure may be told
In terms of human happiness
And not in terms of gold.

In there beside some hearth tonight
More joy because you wrought?
Does some one face the bitter fight
With courage you have taught?
Is something added to the store
Of human happiness?
If so, the day that now is o’er
Has been a real success.
The Gospel group, Witness had a song “Love is an Action Word”. I thought that I knew what Love really was. But what I thought was so far from the truth. I found it was more than I ever thought. It will cause you to do something and not just say something. You see with eyes of compassion inclining your ears to hear others calling.

Love is an action word not just in a phrase you heard. So, if I love you, it won’t be hard for me to show love. We gotta show Love.

I know in your life that someone has tried pledging you their undying love. The problem really is we don’t have love to give. Unless it has been sent from above, it is superficial. There is no greater love that we will ever see than the love that was shown when Jesus set us free. This is a profound message and very true. LOVE is an action word.

John 3:16 demonstrates Love in action, “For God so loved the world that HE gave His only begotten son that whosesoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have life everlasting”. Knowing that God gave His only begotten son demonstrates love in action. Knowing that Christ died for our sins demonstrates the ultimate love sacrifice.

To Know ME is to Love Me.

Many say I love God but do really know HIM? To know God requires devoting time to speak with Him daily through prayer and it requires spending quality time with Him reading His word to understand His laws and statutes for living a holy life. We never really understood love until the perfect example of love was demonstrated by Jesus dying on the cross for you and I. We would never be able to comprehend love isn’t love until we received the propitiation of our sins when God gave love away. So, this month, let’s challenge ourselves that we will be an example of love and give it away. Let’s spend quality time with HIM, continue reading through the Bible, and getting to know HIM.

Let’s be an example of Love today.

To Know ME is to Love ME!!!!!

Written By: Missionary Cynthia Dunn

The 64,000 Dollar Question

What was the last thing you did for the first time?

Gail Webb - Kiss my ex-husband for the first and last time.
Angel Marshall - Made lasagna from scratch.
Marcia Gaulden - Ushered at the church on 9/10/22.
Jonni Atkins - Visited Oahu Hawaii
Linda Lax - Made German cucumber salad.
Tina Chaney - took an RV road trip, visited 3 states and 3 National Parks.
Marion Harris - Snorkeling (for the first and last time)
Rosemary McFadden - I retired.
Frantasia Mason - I got married 21 years ago.
Danielle Fluker - I zip-lined through the Amazon jungle.
Jacque Fennoy - I retired and I drove myself to church for the first time in years.
Sherri Washington - I went to Palm Springs.
Kathy Lyons - I hiked to the top of Mission Peak.
Cynthia Dunn - Snorkeling
Karene Salaam - Applied for a career change and got three offers in two days!!!

Yvette Glasgow - Spent Christmas eve and part of Christmas day in the hospital after my hair caught on fire.
Connie McLain - Went to Monterey Bay Aquarium with another church group.
Delanda Burgess - Sat at a gospel concert in the rain.
Sheree Davis - I made Panini sandwiches.
Myrel Ross - I attended a 4 hour Gospel concert in the rain.
Mother Elizabeth Sharp - Today I went to the newly opened Dennys on Hesperian for First time. After purchased gas with, for first time, 2 cards, balance of a gift card + my bank card to pay for gas.
Meredith Walker - Moved to Las Vegas.

November’s $64,000 Dollar Question:

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, what are your plans for Black Friday?
It had been awhile since the GTI family was able to gather together for our annual church picnic, so we were very excited about coming together for some good food, great fun, and fantastic fellowship.

September 5th, Labor Day proved to be one of the hottest days of the year. To say it was just hot is an understatement. We were all baking under the hot sun but it didn’t matter because we were together. The men of GTI men set up tents and chairs and fired up the grill. Oh what fun we had!
It’s A Family Affair
The Ladies Enjoying the Food
The Children Enjoying Each Other
Everyone Having A Great Time
This month in Spotlight Corner, the Cover Girls Newsletter celebrates “GTI Church Around the World”.

A song writer wrote, “When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be. When we all see Jesus, we will sing and shout the victory”. Contrary to popular belief, there is only one heaven. We will not be divided into different groups in heaven. There won’t be a Caucasian heaven, African American heaven, or a Spanish heaven. There will only be one heaven and we will all be together. If you can’t live in harmony on earth, how do you plan to live in harmony in heaven?

Bishop Macklin understands the call of God, “go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature”. We are a church that has many members who represents many countries. So, we were excited when Bishop decided it was time to change the name of the church from the Glad Tidings COGIC to the Glad Tidings International COGIC because of the diversity of the congregation.

It was so befitting on September 18, 2022, all the nations of GTI came together for one service along with our sister church, Cristo La Roca Glad Tidings. Praise and worship songs were song in English and Spanish, prayers and scripture readings in other languages around the world. In honor of Sister Paulette Artega, the GTI choir changed its name for the day to the GTI Paulette Artega Choir. Sister Paulette was a faithful member of the choir as well as other ministries in the church. She was a member of the new members ministry, GTI Cover Girls, and she did the Pink Tea brunch every year honoring cancer survivors. There was nothing Sister Paulette wouldn’t do for Bishop and Lady Macklin. A plaque was presented to her son and daughter and about 25 members of her family were in attendance.

Interceding for the nations of the world, Brother Sampson Doss from Fiji, prayed in Hindi, Faustina Reed from Ghana prayed in Twi, and Carmen Fialo from Puerto Rico, prayed in Spanish. Even though we didn’t know what was being said, we were connected through the Holy Spirit and we felt the power of prayers. Pastor Roperto (Tito) Sanchez preached in both English and Spanish even though he had an interpreter. He preached a powerful message to everyone in the building!

After service, we had dinner for everyone in the fellowship hall. There were foods prepared from around the world. There were over 14 countries represented. You could eat jerk chicken from Jamaica, tamales from Mexico, and macaroni and cheese from the United States just to name a few of the dishes that were prepared for everyone. All the food was good and the fellowship was even better.

One thing we know for sure, the Holy Ghost speaks a universal language and transcends all space and time and Hallelujah’s meaning is the same in any language.

**Coming Attractions**

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Daily Prayer through Zoom at https://zoom.us/j/5101978000
Weekly: Online services for Bible Study and in person on Tuesday night, Friday Night Service, and In-person Sunday morning Service at 9am and Zoom replay at 11am

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