

Monthly NEWSLETTER

GTI COVER GIRLS

Happy Birthday Lady Macklin



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“God Specializes In...”

DID YOU KNOW

October 2, 1967

Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as the first African American associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. He served until 1991 and was known for opposing discrimination and the death penalty, and for championing free speech and civil liberties.

October 13, 19..

Lady Vanessa Jean Wells Macklin was born in Portland, Oregon, the daughter of the late Superintendent Booker T. and Mother Theda Wells, pastoral leaders of Mount Zion Church of God in Christ. Her early spiritual upbringing deeply influenced her ministry path. She pursued her education at Saints Academy and Saints Jr. College, under the guidance of Dr. Arenia C. Mallory.

October 27, 1904

The New York City subway began operating, running from City Hall to West 145th Street, the first underground and underwater rail system in the world.

October Flower

Marigold and Cosmos

October Birthstone

Opal and Tourmaline

Cover Girls September Fellowship Highlights

It is always so exciting to enter the Helen J. Macklin Fellowship Hall after service for the monthly Birthday Fellowship. You never know what to expect from the beautiful decorations, to the delicious meal that awaits us. It's amazing how the smell in the air plays with your taste buds!

Our first time guest sat patiently as the rest of Glad Tidings filled the room. With the family of Elder Michael Washington visiting from New York; it was befitting for Elder Washington to pray for the event.

Syrena Love read Ephesians 3:16-20 as our scripture of encouragement. After a warm welcome from Sister Tina Chaney, one of our first time guest, Shelia Hickman sang “Happy Birthday” for the September Fellowship.

The 64K Question for September was, “If you can wake up and speak another language fluently, what would you choose? If you didn't check the results, don't worry we got you: It was a total of 14 different languages. The top five were Spanish, French, Italian, Mandarin, and Vietnamese. I think the ladies would like to travel.

Hospitality means warmly welcoming and caring for guests or visitors, by making them feel comfortable, valued, and included. In this setting, hospitality could mean the kindness shown through the decorations, meal, welcome, prayer, scripture, and the fellowship extended to guests and members.

In the Christian life, it is more than entertaining guest, it is a ministry of love and service that reflects the heart of Christ. As Christians, hospitality should be apart of our daily living; coming from a willing heart without grudging (1 Peter 4:9). You may bless someone unknowingly. The Bible says in Hebrew 13:2 (NIV), “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

Hospitality creates opportunities for God to work through your kindness. Matthew 25:35 (KJV) says, “For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:”

Here in lies why we honor and appreciate the GTI Cover Girls and our dynamic leader, the one and only, Lady Vanessa Macklin! They serve in love, reflecting the heart of Christ!

Let us follow that example with love, kindness, and, of course, our support.

On a more somber note, last month we lost two of our beloved Cover Girls, Mother Ethelene G. McLarin and Sister Dorothy Carson. Mother McLarin was a wonderful member of the Mother's Board and Sister Carson was a faithful member of the Ushers Board. Both were a true blessing to the body of Christ. They were loved by all and will be deeply missed. Let's continue to pray for their families.

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Inspirational Testimony



Sister Dana Mitchell

In October 2025, I was experiencing dizziness, blurred vision, and weakness. I was thinking, I overexerted myself and just needed to rest. So, I rested for about a week, not realizing that every day, when I woke up, I was still experiencing the same symptoms.

One Sunday morning, while getting ready for church, I started having difficulty walking and talking clearly. I went to church and my blood pressure was taken. It was extremely high, so I was taken to Eden Hospital. After a few hours of testing, the doctor said to me, “Ms. Mitchell unfortunately we are admitting you because you had a stroke.” Also, I experienced vertigo, which caused me to be sensitive to noise and light. The stroke affected my mobility and speech. I couldn’t walk or get out of bed without leaning or falling and I couldn’t lift one of my arms or do things for myself.

After almost a week in the hospital, I was transferred to a nursing rehabilitation facility for speech and physical therapy. During that time, I was so grateful and blessed to have my family and church family coming to see me and making sure I was being taken care of.

I received 24-hour home care but I wasn’t out of the woods. After a week of being home from rehabilitation, I was literally rushed to the hospital in an ambulance because I couldn’t breathe.

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Inspirational Scripture

Psalm 139:13-14

For thou hast possessed my reins: Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Marvellous are thy works; And that my soul knoweth right well.



Healthy Minds Moment

Back to School and Mental Health: Supporting Our Children for a Successful Year

As we prepare for the new academic year, it’s crucial to remember that school readiness isn’t just about having the right supplies, it’s also about mental health.

Mental Health Matters

Often unseen and untreated, child and adolescent mental health challenges can significantly impact the ability to learn and develop. One in five children has a diagnosable mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder, yet many of them do not receive the help they need. Research tells us that there is a robust link between students’ mental health and their academic success. Therefore, awareness of mental health and potential for substance misuse should be a core part of every family’s back-to-school preparation.

Returning to school can be a stressful time, whether it’s a child’s first day of kindergarten, a transition to middle or high school, or just the end of the freedoms of summer. It’s normal for children to feel anxious about these changes. Here’s how you can help ease their worries.

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



Communicate: Encourage your child to express their feelings about school. Acknowledge their fears, make them feel understood and reassure them their feelings are perfectly normal.

Create Routines: A consistent routine fosters a sense of security in children. Establishing a regular sleep schedule, eating healthy meals, and setting aside time for homework and relaxation can help children adjust to the rhythm of the school year.

Make Advance Preparations: If possible, attend any scheduled school meetings. Meet teachers and know the location of children’s classroom.

Encourage in-person Social Interactions: Facilitate interaction with their classmates by rekindling old friendships and making new ones.

When talking about mental health problems with your child you should:

- Communicate in a straightforward manner
- Speak at a level that is age appropriate
- Discuss the topic when your child feels safe and comfortable
- Watch for reactions during the discussion and slow down or back up if your child becomes confused or looks upset
- Listen openly and let your child tell you about their feelings and worries

When parents are actively engaged in their child’s mental health, it fosters a mentally healthy return to school.

Sunny Patel, M.D., M.P.H. Center for Mental Health Services
SAMSHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

Happy Birthday Greetings

We honor and celebrate
September Birthdays

Chandra Winter



Charlotte Hines



Claudette Tully



Naomi Jackson



Patricia James



Greetings Cover Girls

I always look forward to the October issue of the *Cover Girls Newsletter* because it lets me honor my First Lady, Missionary Vanessa Macklin.

I remember the first time I came to GTI and heard her speak. I turned to my future husband, Eric Marshall, and said, “I’m going to call her Nessa, and we are going to be the best of friends!” I certainly didn’t mean that disrespectfully. In that very moment, I recognized someone who was authentic, down-to-earth, and genuine. I knew she was someone I would want to call a friend. It is amazing how, in one short moment, I could see what a wonderful First Lady this church was blessed to have.

Fast-forward to today, and Lady Macklin is still just as genuine as she was the very first day I met her. She has energized, mobilized, and revitalized the women of GTI. I believe one of her secrets is that she understands the importance of fellowship. She understands the need for us to stay connected to one another—not just as members of a church, but as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Just this past year, she took our monthly Zoom fellowship and transformed it into a monthly birthday fellowship for both the women and men of GTI. Every third Sunday, Lady Macklin and the Cover Girls transform the fellowship hall into one of the greatest birthday celebrations around! Whether it is your birthday or not, you are welcome to attend. People come not only because the food is delicious and prepared with love by Lady Macklin, not only because the fellowship hall is beautifully decorated, and not only because gifts are given to those celebrating their birthdays. They come because of the fellowship, the togetherness, and the lasting friendships that are being created.

We have the opportunity to see one another, laugh together, share a meal, and get to know our brothers and sisters in Christ outside the walls of the church. As the saying goes, “*No man is an island, for there is more than one fellow in the ship.*” Lady Macklin understands that ministry is not just about what happens inside the sanctuary, it is also about building relationships and creating a sense of family.

Lady Macklin’s creativity is truly astonishing. She is constantly coming up with new and exciting ideas to keep the women involved, informed, and engaged. Just last month, the ladies had a pajama party! There were games, door prizes, laughter, and even a fashion show featuring everyone’s best pajamas. The women had such a wonderful time that we are already ready to do it again!

And let me tell you, Lady Macklin has a unique way of getting us to say “YES” when we really want to say a hard “NO!” I have made potato salad for the masses three times—and I am definitely a “one-and-done” kind of girl! But what makes me laugh is that if she asked me to make it again, I would probably find myself right back in the kitchen making potato salad. She is just that persuasive!

Lady Macklin, thank you for being authentically you. Thank you for your leadership, your creativity, your love, your laughter, and your commitment to the people of GTI. You are incredibly valuable to the Cover Girls of GTI. We appreciate you, we celebrate you, and we thank God for the gift you are to our church and to each of us personally. Happy Birthday. You are truly loved!!!

God Specializes In...!

There are times in our lives when we pray and believe God for something with all our hearts. We know that He is able. We know there is no problem He cannot solve and nothing too hard for Him. Yet, sometimes, after we have prayed, believed, and waited, the answer does not come the way we expected. The door does not open. The situation does not change. The healing does not come when we thought it would. Sometimes, the answer God gives us looks nothing like the answer we prayed for.

That is when faith becomes more than believing that God can do something. Faith becomes trusting Him even when He chooses to do something differently. I have often said, "He can do it, whether He does it or not." That may sound simple, but it is something I have had to learn throughout my own journey with the Lord. I have lived long enough to see God perform miracles, open doors, make ways, and answer prayers that seemed impossible. I have also lived long enough to experience disappointment, unanswered questions, and moments when I did not understand why God allowed something to happen the way it did. Through all of it, I have learned that God is still God.

Years ago, I recorded a song called **"He'll Do It Again"**. That song reminds us that God knows what we are going through. He knows when we are hurting. He understands when our hearts have been broken. God knows His children personally. He can calm the storm, and He can make a way when there seems to be no way. Sometimes, however, trusting Him means believing that He knows the way even when the storm does not immediately stop.

That is one of the deepest lessons faith has taught me. Trusting God does not always come naturally. There have been times when I have had to surrender my own plans, my own expectations, and even my desire to understand everything. Surrender does not mean that we stop praying or stop believing. It means that after we have prayed, we place the outcome in God's hands. The Bible reminds us that His ways are not our ways and His thoughts are not our thoughts. There will be moments when we simply cannot see what God is doing. There will be answers we do not understand and seasons we would never have chosen for ourselves. Yet, our faith cannot rest only in what God does. Our faith must rest in who God is.

That changes everything. He is still God when He says yes. He is still God when He says no. He is still God when He tells us to wait. He is still God when the answer looks nothing like what we prayed for. So when you cannot understand His hand, trust His heart. Hold on to your faith. Remember what God has already brought you through. Remember the doors He has opened, the prayers He has answered, and the times He carried you when you did not have the strength to carry yourself. Believe that He is able, even when He chooses another way. After the prayer has been prayed, after we have done everything we know to do, and after we have placed the outcome into His hands, one truth remains: **HE IS STILL GOD!**

Pastor Shirley Caesar

The 64,000 Dollar Question

It is Lady Vanessa Macklin's birthday month and if money was no object, where would she like to go for her birthday?

Audrey Knight - Africa
Connie McLain - Paris
Danielle Smith - Cape Verde
Eldreai Ellis - A European Cruise
Evette Newton - A World Cruise
Jackie Forks - Santorini Greece
Benita McLarin - Australia
Judy Mackey - Israel
Sandra Banks - Tour of Europe
Frantasia Mason - Rome
Kathy Lyons - Paris
Sherry Pinkard - Greece
Lisa Moody - French Riviera
Cheryl Bell - Puerto Rico
Chandra Winter - Bali
Naomi Jackson - Mexico on a Cruise
Toni Lee - Phuket
Pauline Chapman - Italy
Lillian Roberts - Triopoli

Pamela Dennis - A trip around the world
Stacey Tucker - Greece
Naomi Carter - Greece
Teanika Thomas - All seven continents
Allegra Tolefree - Africa
Jennifer Morris - Greek Island
Sherylon Lewi-Cater - Dubai
Tiffany Rideout - Maldives
Karene Salaam - Every Disney Theme Park
Marcia Gaulden - St. Bart Caribbean
Naomi McCoy - Paris
Patricia Wheeler - Anywhere she can be with all her kids and grands at the same time.
Sunny Vaughn - Paris
Teresa Gibson - Mediterranean Cruise to Greece
Paula James - Bali
Kathy Hines - Disneyland
Yvette Glasgow - Bermuda
Van Hill - Fiji
Michelle Pierce - Top of the Eiffel Tower

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September Birthdays Continues...



Pauline Chapman



Rosemary Omoregie



Tina Chaney



Kim Patton



Mother Delores Thomas

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 Brother Sergio Ponce.

Brother Sergio has been a member of GTI since he was a child. He grew up in Glad Tidings but as a teenager, he decided he didn't want to attend any longer, so he just stopped coming. He realized he needed to reconnect to God and his church family. He has a lot of family members that attend GTI including his mom, aunt, and grandmother, Sister Annette Sanders just to name a few. So, he started coming back again and gave his life to Christ. He is glad to be a part of this ministry again.

Brother Sergio works with the Media Ministry. When asked how he started working in the Media Ministry, he said, "I was sitting in church one Sunday and Pastor Aaron told me to come and be with me. Since day one, I fell in love with doing the videos." Brother Sergio is very talented in this ministry and you will find him behind a camera every Sunday working behind the scenes.

You can find Brother Sergio working in many different areas of ministry even though he is not officially a part of them. He said, "I'm a hands where needed person. If you need a pair of hands, I'm there." He recently assisted with the success of the "Love Thy Neighborhood Block Party." It was a wonderful community event where many different organizations and vendors provided a wealth of information and services. There was free food, clothes, and chiropractic services. It was an amazing afternoon for everyone.

He is currently attending school and participating in an electrical program. I thought he would choose a video program because he is so good at what he does. He could be working on a movie set or television program.

Brother Sergio loves being a part of GTI because he has a lot of family members that attend and there are a lot of people who treat him like family. He feels like they are a part of his extended family. He has a bright future ahead of him because he is relying on God's plan for his life. He doesn't know exactly what the future holds but he knows God's got him and he loves being a part of GTI.

Brother Sergio loves his pastor. He said, "Bishop has always been there for him. He is a great support to him." He is very appreciative to Pastor Aaron for everything and for getting him involved in ministry and seeing in him what he didn't see for himself.

Brother Sergio is truly a blessing to GTI and the body of Christ.



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 October birthday ladies, send me your picture for the November Cover Girls Newsletter.

You can send it to: awiley1999@aol.com

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Rosemary McFadden - Australia
 Marie Brown - Italy
 Rosalind Houff - Australia
 Claudia Ransom - Dubai
 Pradena Goode - France
 Lynette Johnson - Africa
 Mother Ernestine Wood - Hawaii
 Gail Webb - Heaven
 Isabel Harris - Luxembourg
 Marilyn Thurman - The Holy Land
 Phyllis Roberson - Trip Around the World
 Rosemary Omoregie - Hawaii
 Dana Wiley - Bali
 Tina Chaney - Serengeti, Tanzania
 Mother Delores Thomas - The moon
 Mother Eardell Dennis - To visit Jessica
 Mother Mamie Simon - Greenville, Texas Route 1
 Mother Juanita Maldon - New York
 Mother Dorothy Moore - United Kingdom
 Kim Patton - Switzerland

November's 64,000 Dollar Question

If you could have Thanksgiving dinner with anyone from history, who would it be?

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I was literally gasping for air. Immediately, the doctors began running tests and a few minutes later the doctors came in and said, "Ms. Mitchell, we have to admit you again due to you having pneumonia and your right lung was soon going to collapse." If I had not gone to the hospital and went to sleep, I would not have woken up because my oxygen level was very low. But God. Every two hours, the nurses were checking it. I was being seen by many specialists.

I wasn't released this time until a few days before Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving had a profound impact on me that year because I made it out of the hospital not once but twice within one month. I couldn't be around people or go out but it was okay because I was alive and I wasn't in the hospital hooked up to machines. I was home. God saved my life again and again!!! He has kept me and carried me through yet again even through fighting acute myeloid leukemia in June 2023. I am reminded of whose report will you believe the doctor or the Lord.

When I say, God is real, and He is a healer and a miracle worker, I trust Him and stand on His Word and promises. I've learned to praise him through everything, even when it doesn't look good, I still give God the glory and honor through the pain and tears. One thing that stays with me is what First Lady Macklin says, "Tell the Lord thank you, through the good, the bad, and through it all."

In December, I was finally able to come back to church and able to walk without assistance. During that service, Bishop Macklin said, "I can't help it, but I'm just happy and alive." It was at that moment, the Holy Spirit came over me and I couldn't help but shout and give God praise and before I knew it, I was running around the church!!

I am 34 years old and I am a living proof and testimony of how God has kept me alive again and again and again. I survived a car accident, countless surgeries, chemo treatments, two heart attacks, and one stroke. I know God ain't finished with me yet and for that I give Him all the glory and honor. Keep God first, and in all things acknowledge him, and he will direct your path. God bless you all.

What's Happening Now

TRUNK OR TREAT

Churches have varied responses to celebrating Halloween. Many churches believe the holiday's pagan origins and association with evil make it unsuitable to celebrate, opting to avoid it entirely.



Halloween is not a holiday GTI celebrates but it is a time to offer an alternate safer environment for children while providing a way to celebrate Christ's victory over evil. Thus, "Trick or Treat" is replaced with "Trunk or Treat". where we come together decorating our car trunks.

This year's theme is "Disney Family Night Out." There will be a bouncy house, face painting, hotdogs, and loads of candy for our surrounding community children and parents to enjoy. Everyone looks forward to this super fun event every year. The costumes are creative and unique and a wonderful way to allow our children to show their diversity and originality. It is always a good time to be had by everyone. You will see children laughing, running, and playing around, where children can be children.

GTI, we can't do this without you. We need you to volunteer and decorate your trunks. We need between 20 to 25 cars. If you are not able to decorate your car, you can always donate candy. You can drop off your candy donations in the coffeeshop or in the lobby. We also need the men to volunteer to provide security. This event is always well attended and safety is our main concern.

The bible teaches that Jesus has defeated the power of death and evil over humanity. The light shines in darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. Jesus is the light of the world and we believe and don't walk in darkness, so clean out your trunks and fill them with some good goodies for the children this October 31st.

For more information, please see Elder Andrae and Sister Kristina Rodgers.

Written By: Sister Vickki Savoy-Griffin

Written By:
Missionary Sharon Burns



Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months.

**His mother's name was Nehushta daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem."
2 Kings 24:8**

Queen Nehushta, daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem, wife of King Jehoakim. She was known as the Queen Mother (the gebirah), and was exiled to Babylon along with her son, King Jehoiachin. During his short reign in Judah, he was overthrown by King Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon.

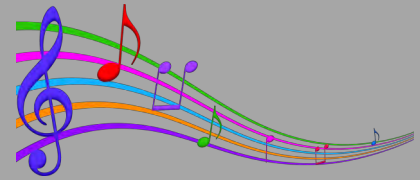
Jeremiah warned them of impending judgment and exile for their wickedness and rebellion against God. He said to the king and to the queen mother, "Come down from your thrones, for your glorious crowns will fall from your heads." Jeremiah 13:18;

Nehushta is also noted for her royal lineage, her position of influence, authority, and respect within the royal court of Judah. She lived during a tumultuous period in Judah's history. The Bible does not provide extensive details about her life. In connection with her son, their continual sin marked the beginning of the Babylonian captivity. Their royal crown was only temporary. It could not cancel sin's judgement.

Her story teaches that your status or position doesn't change God's word. Unrepented sin and rebellion validates God's judgement. Woman of God, live godly, choose to cultivate family patterns of faith, and serve God.

***"But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."* Joshua 24:15**

Song of the Month



TOO CLOSE TO HEAVEN

(Also known as "I'm Too Close to My Journey's End")

Written and Composed By: Alex Bradford
Born: January 23, 1927, Bessemer, AL
Died: February 15, 1978 (aged 51), Newark, NJ
Occupations: Singer, Musician, Composer and Choir Director, Performed on Off Broadway
Date Written: 1954, which sold over 1 million copies

Notes of Interest: Alex Bradford first appeared on stage at the age of four, then joined a children's gospel group at the age of 13, soon obtaining his own radio show. He formed the groups; The Bradford Singers, and The Bradford Specials. Worked with famous celebrities such as; Mahalia Jackson, Roberta Martin, Little Richard, Bob Marley, Ray Charles and who helped bring about the modern mass choir movement in gospel.

LYRICS

VS 1

I'm too close to my journey's end,
I'm too close to turn back into a world of sin,
And I wouldn't take nothing for journey right now,
Lord, you know I've just gotta make it to heaven somehow.
I'm too close to, almost reached my goal,
I said I'm too close to finally saving my soul.

CHORUS

I'm too close (Hallelujah) to heaven,
And I can't turn around, No no I can't turn around.

VS 2

I'm too close, I can almost see my God's face,
Yes I'm too close I'll tell the world that I love His grace.
I'm so close because He's holding to my hand,
and I know He'll lead me to that land.
I'm too close, I wanna see my old mother again,
Hallelujah
I'm too close, to be shaking hands with all my friends.

CHORUS

I'm too close, every since that Friday, to Heaven and I can't turn around.
I promised the Lord and I can't turn. No no I can't turn around.

**Chosen and sung by:
Missionary Gail Webb-Goodwin**

GTI Annual Church Picnic

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The month of September was a busy month for GTI. It started with our Annual Labor Day Church Picnic. It was a time of fellowship with family and friends. Oh and the best part was the amazing BBQ.

We had Precious Moments Dedication giving our children back to God. This is always a sacred time of love and devotion of the wonderful gift God gave to us.

Our monthly birthday fellowship is a must attend celebration. This is one event everyone looks forward to with great anticipation.

We had our first GTI Neighborhood Block Party. Over 65 vendors were there and a wealth of information, resources, good food, and clothing were provided to everyone.

The month ended with the Cover Girl's Pajama Party and fashion show. You would have had to be there to know how much fun we had there.



Family Fun

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Precious Moments

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September Birthday Brunch

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Great Fun - Great Fellowship

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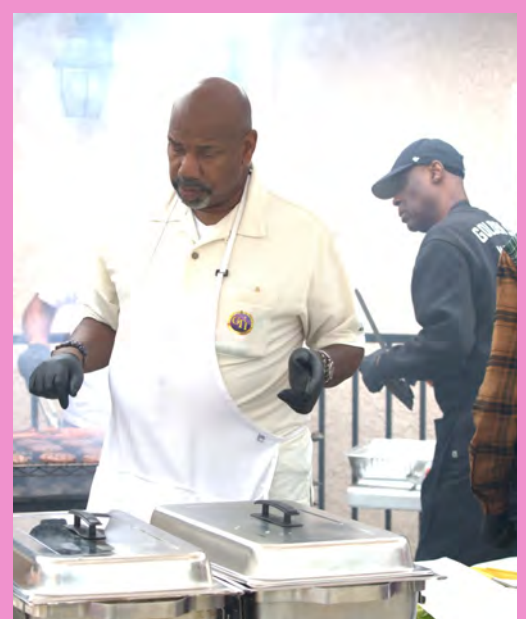
GTI Neighborhood Celebration

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GTI Block Party

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It Takes A Village

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Cover Girls Pajama Party

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Best Pajama's Fashion Show

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We Are Family

We love the opportunity and take pleasure in highlighting and learning more about our church family members. This month we are blessed to introduce Deacon Fred and Sister Charlotte Hines.



1. How long have they been married?
2. Who said, "I Love You" first?
3. How did they meet?
4. Who joined Glad Tidings first?
5. What hobby do they enjoy doing together?
6. What is their favorite place to vacation?
7. Where did they get married?
8. Who was the officiant?
9. If they could live anywhere, where would it be?
10. Who cooks the best?
11. Who are they related to at GTI?



1. 50 years
2. Deacon Fred
3. Short version: God revealed them to each other in a 3-day consecration
4. Charlotte
5. None
6. Charlotte - At or near the beach (water)
7. Fred - Arkansas (with family)
8. Emanuel COGIC San Francisco, CA
9. Supt. Anderson Hines Sr. (Fred's Father)
10. Charlotte
11. Sister Judy Mackey



We are Praying for You

Upcoming Funerals

Devall Omosheyin's mother, Dorothy Johnson memorial service October 14th

Sick and Shut-In List

Walter Bennett
Joseph Bereal
Ain Brown
Elder Richard Bulnes
Andrea Franklin
Deacon Fred Hines
Mother Sylvia Horton
Patricia James
Kimbrea Johnson
Doran King
Carolyn Lawscha
Carmen Marshall
Jackie McCauley
Christopher Morris
Lance Newton Jr.
Nathaniel Riley
Clara Silket
Deacon Rickey Smith
Sister Stacy Smith
Shonette Todd
Dad Earl Walker
Mother Denise Winn

Convalescent

Anita Clark
Yvette Drake
Mother Josephine Freeman (home)
Elder Albert Green
Mira James
Thaddius McDaniel
Patricia Raspberry
Shonette Todd
Carolyn Walker
Larry Miles (home)
Elder James Tucker
Claudell Woods (home)

Pray for saints everywhere

As Glad Tidings International Church of God in Christ reflects upon 48 years of ministry, we celebrate a remarkable legacy of faith, leadership, sacrifice, and love through Bishop J.W. Macklin and Lady Vanessa Macklin. Yet perhaps one of the greatest testimonies of their leadership is this: after all these years, the vision remains the same.

Times have changed. Generations have changed. Ministries have grown and new opportunities to serve have emerged. But at the heart of it all remains a simple and powerful calling: to win souls, reach the lost, and lead people to Jesus Christ.

48 Years, One Continuing Vision

During the 48th Annual Founder's Day we celebrate an opportunity to honor Bishop and Lady Macklin for a faithful journey characterized by growth, guidance, and purpose. Through the years, their leadership has touched lives in countless ways. They have prayed, preached, taught, encouraged, counseled, comforted, and served. They have helped build ministries that strengthen individuals and families while encouraging believers to discover and fulfill their God-given purpose.

Still, the work has never been only about building a church. It has always been about reaching people. Behind every program, ministry, conference, worship experience, acts of compassion, and words of encouragement is the opportunity to introduce someone to the love of Christ. That vision continues to guide Glad Tidings International today.

Ministry That Reaches Beyond the Walls

First Lady Vanessa Macklin's leadership of the Cover Girls Women's Ministry is another beautiful reflection of that vision. Through fellowship, conferences, celebrations,

encouragement, prayer, and personal ministry, women are given opportunities to grow spiritually, strengthen one another, use their gifts, and pursue their God-given purpose. First Lady Macklin's spirit of ministry reminds us that reaching people happens in many ways. Sometimes, it happens through a sermon, sometimes, through prayer, and sometimes, through a conference, a conversation, a helping hand, a Hallmark card, or simply being present when someone needs encouragement.

Every ministry becomes an opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ.

This is the heart that Bishop and Lady Macklin continue to model. Ministry is ultimately about people, especially those who need hope, healing, encouragement, and most importantly, a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We Cannot Stop Now

We honor where God has brought us from, but we cannot stop where we are. There are still souls to be won. There are still lost people to be reached. There are still hurting hearts that need hope. There are still families that need encouragement. There are still communities that need the love of Christ. And after 48 years, the mission continues.

The Legacy Is Still Being Written

The greatest tribute we can give Bishop J.W. Macklin and Lady Vanessa Macklin is not simply to remember what they have accomplished. It is to embrace the vision they continue to carry. Their legacy is not only represented by what has been built over the past 48 years. It lives in every person who accepts Christ, every believer who grows stronger in faith, every woman who discovers her God-given purpose, every young person who chooses to follow God, and every member who decides to reach beyond the walls of the church to help someone else find Jesus. We thank God for our Leaders!!!

Coming Attractions

October 4th - October Birthday Acknowledgments

October 5th - New Members Dinner with Bishop & Lady Macklin 6PM

October 10th - GTI Men's Garage 9AM-11AM

October 11th - October Birthday Fellowship (HJM)

October 14th - Cover Girls Bi-Monthly Fellowship on Zoom 7pm

October 18th - Baptismal Service 9AM Service

October 24th - Single's Tea and Fashion Show 1PM-3PM

October 25th, 26th & 27th - Founder's Day and Revival

October 31st - Trunk or Treat

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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