

**GOD  
TO KNOW ME  
IS TO LOVE  
ME**

*Jeremiah 29:11*



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### Cover Girls May Fellowship Highlights

It is often said, "April showers bring May flowers". Is there any truth to it? Research it and let us know your findings! There was one May flower that we saw blossoming as our facilitator and that was Sister Dee Jenkins. She took the mantle Deaconess Williams gave her and got the fellowship moving.

The Song of Solomon 2:1-2, "I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys. As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughter". What an appropriate and thoughtful scripture from Sister Rowena Ellerson. Missionary Todd prayed for God's blessing over us all.

How many of you have paid attention to our workouts with Sister Kathy Lyons? We're not even standing and still getting it done! Our nugget for this month, "If your knees hurt while walking, you might need a new pair of shoes" (walking shoes only ladies).

We always look forward to Missionary Gail Webb sharing the history of the song of the month and then singing the song.

We always enjoy the monthly newsletter that Sister Angel Marshall so graciously produces for us. I'm sure many of us would agree the May 2022 issue takes the cake and holds a special place in our hearts seeing all the mothers, passed or present. She is so appreciative to all those who shared whether it be a testimony, an article, a poem, whatever you do, its not overlooked! And if you

would like to help with the monthly newsletter, please contact Sister Angel at (510) 459-8867. Help is needed.

Our \$64K task is not a question this month but everyone is asked what word would you use to describe Bishop Macklin (ONE WORD)! May flowers, please send in your picture for the June newsletter.

Using the pictures in the newsletter, what a wonderful fun time we had trying to guess who's mother was who? Was it in the eyes, the smile, or the cheeks that caused Sister Pam Dennis to get 21 of the 51 pictures correct. Inquiring minds would like to know!

Lady Macklin thanked all those who helped in making this fellowship a success. She especially loved all the pictures of the mothers and how nice it was to see the generations. She also stated how blessed GTI is to have two members over 100 years old!

She gave a special shout out and kudos to Sister Meredith Walker for her twenty years of dedicated service in ministry to Glad Tidings.

Continue to support the GTI Cover Girls, we're on the move for Christ!

Every woman's name was called in the closing prayer; some showed phone numbers or device names, nevertheless, it was in the closing prayer.

### DID YOU KNOW

#### June 14, 1922

Warren G. Harding became the first U.S. President to broadcast a message over the radio. The event was the dedication of the Francis Scott Key Memorial in Baltimore.

#### June 18, 1983

Dr. Sally Ride, a 32-year-old physicist and pilot, became the first American woman in space, beginning a six-day mission aboard the space shuttle Challenger, launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

#### June 30, 1971

The 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was enacted, granting the right to vote in all federal, state and local elections to American citizens 18 years or older. The minimum voting age in most states had been 21.

#### June Flower

Rose and Honeysuckle

#### June Birthstone

Pearl, Alexandrite, and Moonstone.

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# Inspirational Testimony



## Pandemic Testimony

My God is a sustainer,  
even during a  
**PANDEMIC!**

When the world shutdown  
on March 17, 2020 my job

Charlotte Hines arranged for me to work  
from home despite the fact  
that previous requests to do so had been  
denied.

We were in the process of putting our home  
on the market and everything came to a  
screeching halt. After several months of  
uncertainty and worldwide restrictions, I just  
didn't think we were going to be able to sell  
our home. But God! Our home not only sold  
but for over and above the asking price. Our  
new home is almost twice the size and half the  
cost!

In December of 2020, I officially retired from  
my job. When I prepared my taxes for 2021,

my income was only 1/3 of what I made  
while working. All praises belong to God  
because there has not been one time that I  
have been without shelter, food, clothing,  
or multiple vehicles. My monthly bills are  
few and have never been late.

My grandson, Isaiah who is now 7 years  
old, was diagnosed with Autism and a  
sensory sensitivity disorder prior to the  
pandemic nonetheless, he has flourished.  
His teachers, therapists, and doctors are  
amazed and challenged to set goals for  
him because he is so far ahead of his age  
group. He was non-verbal until age 5.  
Now, he is talking from  
the time he wakes until  
he goes to sleep.

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This is a place to share your  
testimony. If you would like to  
inspire someone, please send  
your personal words of  
encouragement to  
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## Inspirational Scripture

### Acts 2:1-4

And when the day of  
Pentecost was fully come,  
they were all with one accord  
in one. And suddenly there  
came a sound from heaven as  
of a rushing mighty wind, and  
it filled all the house where  
they were sitting. And there  
appeared unto them cloven  
tongues like as of fire, and it  
sat upon each of them. And  
they were all filled with the  
Holy Ghost, and began to  
speak with other tongues, as  
the Spirit gave them  
utterance.

## Healthy Living Sickle Cell Disease

Sickle cell disease (SCD) is a group of inherited disorders affecting red blood cells. Normal red blood cells are round and carry oxygen to all parts of the body. In SCD, the red blood cells look like a C-shaped farm tool called a "sickle". They can become hard and sticky, which allows them to get stuck and occlude a small blood vessel. When this happens, severe pain, organ damage, serious infections, acute chest pain, and strokes can occur.

Another type of sickle cell disorder is called Sickle Cell Trait (SCT). SCT is not as serious as SCD, because people with SCT usually do not have any of the signs of the disease and live a normal life. People with SCD inherit two abnormal genes (one from the mother and one from the father). People with SCT inherit only one abnormal gene from either the father or mother. In these individuals, the presence of one normal gene is sufficient for them to lead a relatively normal life.

It is estimated that SCD affects 90,000 to 100,000 people in the United States (mainly Blacks or African Americans). It can be seen in 1 of every 365 Black or African Americans; and 1 out of every 16,300 Hispanic American births. About 1 in 13 Black or African American babies is born with SCT.

The necessary treatment for SCD and/or sickle cell crisis (patients with excruciating pain) include blood transfusion, maintaining high fluid intake (8-10 glasses of water daily), intravenous fluid therapy (fluid through the veins), and certain medications.

People with SCD can live full lives and should stay as healthy as possible. Tips for staying healthy include: 1) finding good medical care, 2) get regular checkups, 3) take steps to prevent infections, 4) learn healthy habits, 5) get involved in clinical studies, and 6) participate in support groups or community-based organizations that provide support and information about SCD.

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# Happy Birthday Greetings

We honor and celebrate  
May Birthdays



Rowena Ellerson  
May 2nd



Karen Bracy



## Greetings Cover Girls

*Christ Jesus my Lord from Heaven came, to save me from guilt and sin and shame; His death on the cross of Calvary brought pardon and gave me liberty. I love Him, I love Him, because He first loved me, and purchased my salvation on Calv'ry's tree.*

The price Jesus paid for us, we could never repay not even in ten thousand life times. The greatest Bible scripture says it all, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life". (John 3:16) This is the reason why I love him so. God shows his love for us in so many ways every day and all he requires is that we love him. This shouldn't be difficult for anyone to do.

Jesus said, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you". (John 14:26) Today is Pentecost Sunday. You need the Holy Ghost like you need air to breathe.

This month, we celebrate the life of Bishop Jerry Wayne Macklin. The Bible says he that finds a wife, finds a good thing. This is not to toot my own horn but to say, I'm so glad he was looking and he saw me. It is my honor to pay tribute to my husband. It has been a wonderful journey the road we have traveled together. You have truly been my covering, my protector, and my provider just to name a few. Lack has never been a part of my vocabulary because you would move heaven and earth for your family. A poet wrote, "How do I love thee, let me count the ways". Well, it would take me a lifetime to tell you all the ways I truly love you. Even though we will celebrate your birthday in just a few days; everyday I celebrate your life and the gift God gave me - "you". It is my prayer that God grant you many more birthdays to celebrate because you are so loved.

Let us continue to support the ministry and be faithful with your pledges for the Family Life Center. As we work together, we are going to see the manifestation of a facility that will benefit not only GTI but also the entire community. By faith, we are going to have the ribbon cutting ceremony real soon.

Stay safe, get vaccinated, and wear your mask inside and outside. If you haven't had your booster shot, I encourage you to do so. I want everyone to live their best life and I decree and declare sickness and death will not come to our dwelling.

Blessings,  
Lady Vanessa Macklin



## The May Birthday Celebration Continues...



Sherri Washington  
Michelle Drake



Sharon Todd  
May 23rd

## Cover Girls Unsung Heroes

Every month, the Cover Girls Newsletter honors one of the Front-Line Workers, our Unsung Heroes. This month, we celebrate Bishop Jerry Wayne Macklin.

It would be easy to choose Bishop Macklin as our unsung hero every month because of his leadership, creativity, and innovation. It amazes me how many people have tried to duplicate his success. I remember when he changed the name of the church to include "International" because we are a church that reaches beyond our community but the world. The Bible says, "We shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (*Acts 1:8*). Bishop Macklin said, under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, "It's time to change our name". We are the Glad Tidings International Church of God in Christ. What is amazing about this change is many other leaders and pastors have changed their name to include "International". But we were the first!

Bishop Macklin is an exceptional leader. What is extraordinary about him is his ability to guide us through a pandemic. This was not an easy task. How can you keep a congregation together when they are not able to be together personally? There were so many questions, uncertainties, fears, and feelings of helplessness but Bishop Macklin held us together through emails, phone calls, text messages, zoom calls, and drive-byes. The church was empty Sunday after Sunday but Bishop Macklin preached as if the church was packed from the pulpit to the door. When we were able to come back to church, it was slow and many people decided not to come back. Bishop Macklin preached like the church was full to the rafters. Just as soon as the congregation began to return full time, the pandemic caused the church doors to close again and we were back to watching services on social media. But Bishop Macklin continue to preach like the church was overflowing. His fervor in preaching remained constant and his message the same. He always stated, "We Still Believe God".

One thing every member of GTI can say, "Bishop Macklin truly loves us and cares about the whole man - the mind, the body, and definitely the spirit". He truly watches over his sheep with tender loving care. Go missing and he will leave the 99 to find you. He is our biggest cheerleader. He is an encourager, a motivator, an influencer, and the greatest thing that has happen to GTI. I speak for everyone and say that "God has given up the best leader in the world". Bishop, we see and support your vision. We are going to build the Family Life Center and it will be paid in full upon completion. Happy birthday Bishop Macklin. We love you!



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 June birthday ladies, send me your picture for the July Cover Girls Newsletter.

**You can send it to: [awiley1999@aol.com](mailto:awiley1999@aol.com)**





## “Love Lifted Me”

Melody by: **Howard E. Smith**

Genre: **Hymn**

Written: **1912**

Text By: **James Rowe**

Based on: **Matthew 14:22**

I was sinking deep in sin  
Far from the peaceful shore  
Very deeply stained within  
Sinking to rise no more  
But the master of the sea  
Heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me  
Now safe am I

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help  
Love lifted me  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help  
Love lifted me

Souls in danger look above  
Jesus completely saves  
He will lift you by his love  
Out of the angry waves  
But the master of the sea  
Billows His will obey  
He your savior wants to be  
Be saved today

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help  
Love lifted me  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help  
Love lifted me

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

## Faithful Women of the Bible

### SARAH

Written By:  
**Sharon Burns**



Sarah was a strong woman in the Bible. She was the wife of Abraham. She served as an example of the fact that God always keeps his promises. God promised Abraham he would bare a son, despite Sarah's inability to bear children. She ultimately gave birth to Isaac when she was 90 years old.

“And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him” (*Gen. 17:19*).

Sarah was a simple, beautiful, and very human woman; she made mistakes, just like we all do. She stepped ahead of God and tried to handle His business on her own by foolishly sending her handmaid, Hagar, to Abraham to bring forth the child God had promised. In so doing, she ignited a feud that has lasted for 4,000 years. She also laughed in unbelief when, at 90 years old, she heard an angel tell Abraham that she would become pregnant but she gave birth to the promised child and lived another 37 years, dying at the age of 127.

Sarah is an example of a holy woman who hoped in God and one who adorned herself by submitting to her husband. Sarah willingly left her home and stepped out into the unknown to follow Abraham, as he followed the directions of a God with whom she was unfamiliar at the time. She endured much to try to provide an heir for her husband and to keep her husband safe in dangerous lands. In the end, she had faith enough to believe that she and her husband, at the ages of 90 and 100, would produce the promised heir, Isaac.

What can we learn from Sarah? We can be encouraged to stand firm in our commitment to God believing that he will do what he says he will do. Even when the odds are against us and as we live in dangerous and confusing times, God promises are sure to rewarded us with blessings.



# We Are Praying For You

## Bereavement List

**No funerals this week.**

**Continue to pray for bereaved families everywhere**

## Sick and Shut in List

Mother Izonias Lovett  
Sister Pat Harris  
Baby Hassan  
Missionary Sharon Jones  
Sister Martha Abrons  
Elder Albert Green  
Deacon Claudell Woods  
Deacon and Missionary McFadden  
Sister Linda Crayton  
Sister Deidra Jones  
Brother Sidney Silket  
Sister Vattiff Rhodes  
Sister Judy Stanley  
Sister Hazel Fair  
Sister Connie McLain  
Sister Mira James  
Brother Bruce Goodman  
Mother Frances Johnson  
Sister Doris Davis King  
Brother Milton Garland  
Brother Richard Davis  
Brother Gabriel Simien  
Brother John Taylor

**Pray for saints everywhere**

# Whispering Words Of Poetry



## *His Yoke Is Easy*

A man was carrying a heavy basket. His son asked to help him. The father cut a stick and placed it through the handle of the basket so that the end toward himself was very short, while the end toward the boy was three or four times as long. Each took hold of his end of the stick, and the basket was lifted and easily carried. The son was bearing the burden with the father, but he found his work easy and light because his father assumed the heavy end of the stick. Just so it is when we bear the yoke, with Christ; He sees to it that the burden laid on us is light; He carries the heavy end.

*John T. Faris*

## *CHRISTIANITY*

Is not a voice in the wilderness, but a life in the world. It is not an ideal in the air but feet on the ground, going God's way. It is not an exotic to be kept under glass, but a hardy plant to bear twelve months of fruits in all kinds of weather. Fidelity to duty is its root and branch. Nothing we can say to the Lord, no calling Him by great or dear names, can take the place of the plain doing of His will. We many cry out about the beauty of eating bread with Him in His kingdom, but it is wasted breath and a rootless hope, unless we plow and plant in His kingdom here and now. To remember Him at His table and to forget Him at ours, is to have invested in bad securities. There is no substitute for plain, everyday goodness.

*Babcock*

## *INEXHAUSTIBLE*

Some one describes packing his bag for a journey. Just before closing it, he observes a small corner not yet filled. He says, "Into this little corner I put a guide-book, a lamp, a mirror, a microscope, a telescope, a volume of choice poems, several well written biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, a sharp sword, and a small library of more than sixty volumes; yet, strange enough to say, all these did not occupy a space of more than three inches long by two inches wide." "But how could you do it?" "Well it was all in the packing, I put in my Bible."



# Words of Wisdom

## God...to know me is to love me

To know God is to love God and to be at peace with His concern and patience towards you.

To know God is to look at Him through the lens of our life. The safety provided when He protected you from that unstable relationship. The care provided when you did not know what you were going to eat that night. The love provided for when you felt left out yet were comforted in the midst of being seemingly rejected.

To know God is to understand His heart and feelings towards you. He stated this humbling fact , "...yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor His seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25). Here, we see a strong characteristic of His unstoppable faithfulness. God, to know me is to love me comforts us ALL in understanding God's decision to stand for us when there seems to be no way out. To know God is to come to understand His undeniable faith that you will come out because of His undying love for you. Truth be told, only God's words over our lives and those before us and those destined to come after us, can attest that His words are the only ones that have, are and continue to stand the test of time. Find comfort in the truth that God shall never see His children fail or fall. Only seeking to know God would lead you to that holy fact and honest nature of God.

To know God is to love His ability to change everything in your life that was not credible and convert it to what is credible. This credibility is that you are destined to a life of Peace and Prosperity because His love made it possible.

Written by: Missionary Sheree Davis

## The 64,000 Dollar Question

### One Word to Describe Bishop Jerry Wayne Macklin?

Angel Marshall - Anointed  
Meredith Walker - Purposeful  
Chelece Williams - Transformational  
Revina Bowling-Williams - Hilarious  
Connie McLain - Superman  
Cynthia Dunn - Mastermind  
Kathy Lyons - Loving  
Marcia Gauden - Innovative  
Tianyi Gaddis - Unique  
Sharon Todd - Faithful  
Gloria Wright - Giving  
Jacque Fennoy - Tenacious  
Michelle Logan - Called  
Karene Salaam - Trailblazer  
Cynthia Garrison - Visionary  
Tina Chaney - Supercalifraglisticexpialidocious  
Lilliam Roberts - Exemplary

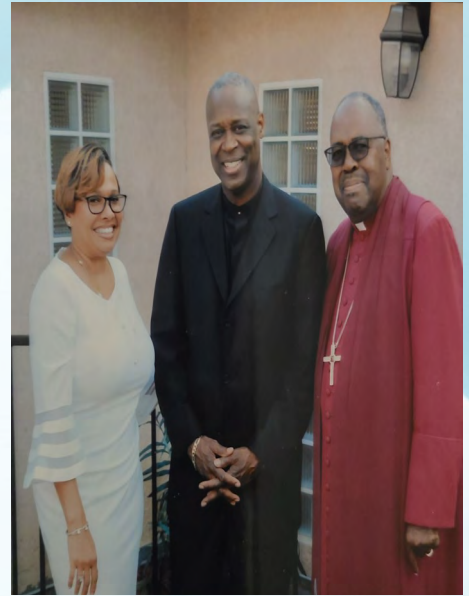
Ann Nutt - GOAT  
Frantasia Mason - Prayerful  
Gerri Eve - Genius  
Sabrina Jones - Honorable  
Deborah Harper - Phenomenal  
Tiffany McWinnie - Resilient  
Pamela Dennis - Wise  
Rosemary McFadden - Visionary  
Cynthia Dunn - Ingenious  
Angie Johnson - Humble  
Yvette Glasgow - Phenomenal  
Gail Webb-Goodwin - Dedicated  
Martha Stamper - Visionary  
Mallori Cuningkin - Protective

**July's \$64,000 Dollar Question:**  
**Besides Jesus, who in the Bible would you like to spend the day with?**

(During the Women's Fellowship, we will ask what would you talked about?)



# *Happy Birthday Bishop Macklin*





# *A Man Of Great Wisdom*





# *Bishop Macklin is Our GOAT*





# *We Love You Bishop Macklin*





# *Bishop Macklin - A Man Of Grace*





# *GTI Is Honored To Call You Pastor*





# *Bishop Macklin Our Spiritual Father*





# *No One Like Bishop Macklin*





# SPOTLIGHT CORNER

This month in Spotlight Corner, the Cover Girls Newsletter celebrates “GTI 44 Years in Ministry”.

Just another day that the Lord has kept us. Here we are again, celebrating another year of ministry for the Glad Tidings International COGIC. These past 2 years have been a test of our faith. The pandemic caused many churches to close their doors for good. People were suffering, communities were suffering, the world was suffering. It was a challenge to meet the needs of so many but GTI loves a good challenge.

The church doors closed, then the church doors opened, only to close again. During closure, Bishop and First Lady Macklin not only had church on line but also interactive church. You could Zoom in and participate or send a message through the chat. Every month, Lady Macklin came up with exciting and creative ways to celebrate the Women’s Fellowship and birthday celebrations. Each month, the attendance grew as we continued to have the monthly fellowships on Zoom. When we couldn’t give the senior mothers their gifts for Mother’s Day at church, Lady Macklin said, “we will deliver them in person”. So, the ladies drove all over the Bay Area delivering gifts to the Mother’s Board.

The community was in need and Bishop Macklin answered the call. Many people lost their jobs and



## GTI 44 Years In Ministry

couldn’t afford their basic needs. Every Saturday for 2 years, GTI gave away free food of fruits, vegetables, and dairy products. Week after week, thousands of people came for assistance. Through the Health and Wellness ministry, GTI also became COVID Central for vaccinations, testing, and resources.

In the 44 years of ministry for GTI, these past 2 years have been the most demanding yet the most rewarding. The pandemic taught GTI that we are able to stand strong in the mist of any situations or circumstances. There is nothing we can’t handle because we have 2 great leaders at the helm of this ship, Bishop Jerry Wayne and Lady Vanessa Macklin.

The history of GTI is rich with many stories about how we got here in 44 years. I realize compared to many other members’ tenure, 10 years is a short period. However, amazingly I have seen that when we have been tried in the fire, we came out as pure gold.

Above the entrance doors there is a sign: “All are Welcome”. This welcome means, you are not just entering a building, but a place to call home. A place that has stood through many trials and tribulations and by the grace of God, we are still here. By faith we will be here until the end of time. Congratulations again, Bishop, Lady Macklin, and the GTI family. As the song writer wrote, *“We’ve come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord. Trusting in his Holy Word, He’s never failed us yet. Oh, oh, oh can’t turn around, we’ve come this far by faith”*.

## Coming Attractions

June 5th - Celebration of June Birthdays

June 8th - Women’s Birthday Fellowship (on Zoom)

June 12th - Bishop Macklin’s Birthday Celebration

June 19th - Happy Father’s Day

June 26th - GTI 44th Year Anniversary Celebration

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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Submit your prayer request to  
[prayer@gladtidingscogic.org](mailto:prayer@gladtidingscogic.org)

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