

# Monthly NEWSLETTER

GTI COVER GIRLS

## Resurrection Celebration



April 2026/Vol 93

“God Specializes In...”

### DID YOU KNOW

#### April 3, 1944

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 8 to 1 that African Americans can not be barred from voting in the Texas Democratic primaries. The Court stated that discrimination against blacks violates the 15th Amendment and that political parties are not private associations.

#### April 4, 1887

The first woman mayor was elected in the U.S., Susanna M. Salter became mayor of Argonia, Kansas.

#### April 18, 1775

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes occurred as the two men rode out of Boston at about 10 p.m. to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British troops.

#### April 30, 1967

Boxer Muhammad Ali was stripped of his world heavyweight boxing championship after refusing to be drafted into the American military. He had claimed religious exemption.

#### April Flower

Daisy and Sweet Pea

#### April Birthstone

Diamond

## Cover Girls March Fellowship Highlights

### MARCH – MARCH – MARCH

The entire month was filled with excitement. Not boasting, however, the third week was the most electrifying! After an amazing move of God’s Spirit in the 9AM Sunday Service, it was time for the monthly fellowship.

We normally exit the sanctuary and head to the Helen J Macklin Fellowship Hall for our birthday brunch. This was our largest crowd ever, so for the first time since we resumed our in person monthly fellowship, our fellowship was held in the Glad Tidings Family Life Complex! We were able to accommodate everyone comfortably.

It was beautifully decorated with white tablecloths, orange table runners, and flower arrangements made by those that participated in the “How to Clinic” Floral Decoration Class. The floral arrangements were simply beautiful. If you were at the right table, that vase was yours to take home.

The Cover Girls Ministry presented Missionary Gerri Rogers with an award honoring her 30 plus years of service as head of the Deaconess Ministry.

Missionaries Sunny Vaughn and Crystal Allen worked with our youth on drafting poems and expressing themselves. Three of our young girls, Kai, Bella, and Saniyah shared their first original writings with everyone.

We enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Deacons Oscar Johnson and Ron Robinson along with Prima Davis and her team. Usually, it’s the Cover Girls serving everyone but the Youth and Young Adults, gave us a break and provided wonderful hosting duties, which included serving the food, clearing the tables, and offering great customer service.

Missionary Sunny also led everyone in singing “Happy Birthday”, and all those celebrating a birthday in March received a gift. Gifts were presented to our guest speaker and Bishop. If you were on program, you got a gift. If you were apart of the Tuesday night panel, you got a gift. If you helped during the week, you got a gift. Our First Lady was in her gift giving mood; she always looking for an opportunity to be a blessing to other in spirit and in deeds. We know that just who she is.

Our First Lady never fails to thank all who assists in making our event successful. Special thanks went to the Youth and Men Ministry’s for their support.

It was a beautiful day, spending time with each other was a great way to conclude our Women’s Week.

Ladies, please scan the QR code and complete/update your profile.



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# Inspirational Testimony



Dana Wiley

There is so much to be thankful for, God has truly been good to me.

6 months ago, I had a total right hip replacement surgery at Kaiser Hospital. Everything was going well until I got out of surgery. I was in so much pain, it was unbearable. The doctors began prescribing so many different narcotics for the pain, it was causing me to not even know who I was, where I was, or what was going on.

I was told, my husband instructed the nurses not to give me anymore of those pain medicine because of the way I was responding but they did anyway. This caused my heart rate to drop and they had to call the rapid response care nurses. I was then placed in ICU.

This was a very scary time for me and my family because I just wasn't responding to any verbal commands because of the medications.

But I thank God I have a praying mother and husband who knows how to pray when I wasn't able to intercede for myself.

In a few days, I began to feel like myself again. God brought me through with His mighty hand. I want to thank everyone who prayed for me. I love my church family. To God be the glory!!!

## *Inspirational Scripture*

Matthew 28:5-6

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.



## Healthy Minds Moment April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Have you ever found yourself thinking about the ways in which you can make a difference in a child's life? Here is a list of ten ways to help prevent child abuse that are simple, everyday actions that can make a big impact.

### Ten Ways to Help Prevent Child Abuse

**1. Be a nurturing parent.**

Children need to know that they are special, loved, and capable of following their dreams.

**2. Help a friend, neighbor, or relative.**

Being a parent isn't easy. Offer a helping hand take care of the children, so the parent(s) can rest or spend time together.

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



**3. Help yourself.**

When the big and little problems of your everyday life pile up to the point you feel overwhelmed and out of control, take time out. Don't take it out on your kid.

**4. If your baby cries...**

It can be frustrating to hear your baby cry. Learn what to do if your baby won't stop crying. Never shake a baby – shaking a child may result in severe injury or death.

**5. Get involved.**

Ask your community leaders, clergy, library, and schools to develop services to meet the needs of healthy children and families.

**6. Help to develop parenting resources at your local library.**

Find whether your local library has parenting resources, and if it does not, offer to help obtain some.

**7. Promote programs in school.**

Teaching children, parents, and teachers' prevention strategies can help to keep children safe.

**8. Monitor your child's television, video, and internet viewing/usage.**

Excessively watching violent films, TV programs, and videos can harm young children.

**9. Volunteer at a local child abuse prevention program.**

For information about volunteer opportunities, call 1-800-Children or contact your local Prevent Child Abuse America Chapter.

**10. Report suspected abuse or neglect.**

If you have reason to believe a child has been or may be harmed, call your local department of children and family services or your local police department.

# Happy Birthday Greetings

We honor and celebrate  
**March Birthdays**



Marcia Gaulden



Dana Mitchell



Frantasia Mason



Ruby Brown

## Greetings Cover Girls



*I am, a living testimony  
I could've been dead and gone  
But Lord you let me live on  
I am, I'm a living testimony and I thank the Lord  
I'm still alive  
I've seen miracle after miracle  
Performed in my life  
You kept having mercy on me  
I didn't even deserve to be alive  
When I'm facing dangers I couldn't see  
Lord, you kept your angels encamped  
Around me  
And I want to take this time and say  
Thank you Lord for keeping me alive*

Back in the day, we had what was called Testimony Service. Many testimonies began the same way: “Giving honor to God, who is the head of my life.” There was a familiar rhythm and reverence, even in knowing the order of acknowledgment. We would say, “I thank the Lord for being saved, sanctified, and filled with the precious Holy Ghost and with a mighty burning fire. I thank Him for waking me up this morning, clothed in my right mind, with the activities of my limbs. I’m running on to see what the end is going to be, because I’ve got to make a hundred—99½ just won’t do. I have no other desire but to live for the Lord, for I truly mean to make heaven my home. Pray for me, that I may be the daughter the Lord is calling for in these last and evil days.”

While this may have become a familiar or even “standard” testimony over time, its truth has never lost its power. Each day, our lives should reflect a testimony. The enemy may desire to see us defeated, but God has kept us. It is only by His grace that we are still here. Our lives should serve as a witness to others—that if I can make it, so can you. And I hold firmly to this: I truly mean to make heaven my home.

Ladies, what a remarkable Women’s Week we experienced! For the first time, we celebrated an entire week together, and it was nothing short of a blessing from beginning to end. We opened with Monday night prayer, led by Mother Maldon via Zoom. On Testimony Tuesday, the women shared heartfelt reflections on the goodness of God. Friday morning prayer and Bible Band, led by Sister Jennifer Morris, was a rich and meaningful time of prayer and studying God’s Word.

Friday evening, we gathered at the Helen J. Macklin Center for a fun and fellowship-filled Movie Night, complete with a concession stand offering popcorn, candy, nachos, and hot dogs—it truly felt like a night at the movies.

Saturday morning brought an engaging “How-To- Clinic,” featuring sessions on estate planning, jewelry making, hair care, and more. Our young ladies were also blessed by Missionary Sunny’s special “Color Me Confident” class.

We concluded on Sunday with a powerful service as the women, beautifully dressed in shades of orange, gathered at GTI for a Holy Ghost-filled experience. The Women’s Chorus ministered mightily with “God Specializes,” and Evangelist Demetria Springfield Banks delivered a word that stirred our hearts so deeply, it felt as though heaven itself was drawing near.

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## God Specializes In...!

God specializes in the “Impossible.” Have you ever thought back over your life and said, “Wow, God really has gotten me through some “impossible” things.” Luke 1:37 reads, “For with God nothing shall be impossible.” I was gifted a coffee mug several years ago with this scripture. At first, I thought of it as just a coffee mug. Then I realized, God was speaking to me every morning. While drinking my coffee, I knew, nothing is impossible with him.

Think about it, the sea could not stop Moses! The wall could not stop Joshua! The giant could not stop David! People could not stop the woman with the issue of blood! Even death, could not stop Jesus! Therefore, NO ONE can stop GOD’S PLAN IN YOUR LIFE!

As you move through life and experience the roller coaster of experiences, hardships, challenges, grief and loss, changes, and whatever else comes your way, remember to trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your understanding but in all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6). “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

His Word continues to guide us, to encourage us, to protect us, and even prepare us for the storms we face. Don’t listen to the devil or the tricks of the enemy, when he tells you to give up, it’s too late, or there’s nothing you can do, it is what it is. Remember, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:7)

Choose today to let go of whatever has you bound and pray and ask the Lord to do the impossible in your life, and when He does it, testify and encourage others to do the same! For we are labourers together with God, let’s build the impossible together.

**Written By:**  
Evangelist Ashley Myrick

## The 64,000 Dollar Question

**Food for Thought: If you could make one food completely healthy (Zero Calories) but keep it tasting exactly the same, what would you choose?**

**Lady Vanessa Macklin** - German Chocolate Cake  
**Marcia Gauden** - Baked Potato  
**Angel Marshall** - Chocolate  
**Sherri Washington** - Red Velvet Cake & Banana Pudding  
**Evette Newton** - Peach Cobbler  
**Sunny Vaughn** - Cheesecake  
**Revina Bowling-Williams** - Tacos  
**Patricia Wheeler** - Cheesecake  
**Frantasia Mason** - Cheese and Seven Up Cake  
**Ashley Myrick** - Pizza  
**Gerri Rogers** - Banana Pudding  
**Ruby Brown** - Peach Cobbler  
**Kim Patton** - Pasta  
**Rosemary McFadden** - Cake  
**Lisa Moody** - Fried Chicken  
**Linda Lax** - Chocolate Cake

**Michelle Pierce** - Chocolate  
**Pamela Gossett** - Seafood Gumbo  
**Dorothy Moore** - Rice  
**Andrea Jackson** - Red Velvet Cake  
**Krystal Smith** - Pasta  
**Tarlise Lott** - Fried Chicken  
**Joyce Roberson** - Peach Cobbler with Ice-Cream  
**Delaney Edmonds** - Ramen Noodles  
**Jennifer Hughes** - Chicken and Pasta  
**T’yona Burton** - Yams  
**Naomi Carter** - All Ice Cream  
**Judy Mackey** - Potato Salad  
**Allegra Tolefree** - Yams  
**Cynthia Dunn** - German Chocolate Cake  
**Mother Mary Ann Johnson** - Ice Cream  
**Arnitha Hill** - Pizza  
**Yasirah Hampton** - Pecan Pie  
**Gloria Wright** - Peach Cobbler  
**Myrel Ross** - Wheat  
**Kehran Edmunds** - Turkey Burgers

## March Birthdays Continues...



Verna Peyton



Gloria Mayfield



Jackie Turner



Sabrina Jones



Mother Sadie Ross

# Cover Girls Unsung Heroes

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 Elder Alfred Chaney.

Elder Al (as everyone calls him) has been a member of GTI since 2018. Prior to joining, he was a faithful member of Acts Full Gospel COGIC where he was head of security for about 12 years. He just felt in his spirit it was time for a move. He has lived in Hayward since 2001 very close to the church. He said, "I can literally walk to the church."

When he first joined, he thought he would be able to sit back and just enjoy being in service and not get involved in any ministry. Working in the capacity as he did at his previous church and overseeing the safety of over 4500 people ever Sunday, he just wanted to be a member. But he knew that was not possible. Bishop Macklin asked him to be the vice president of the Men's Ministry with Elder Washington.

Elder Al is also the director of the Mobile Response Unit. During COVID, GTI would give out 53 foot trailers of groceries on a weekly basis. Even though COVID subsided, the needs of the community never went away. Bishop Macklin had a vision that we would go into the community where the people are. It was important to reach them where they were to provide the help needed. The Bible commands us to go into the highways and byways. The key word being "GO".

As Bishop was sharing his vision for the Mobile Response Unit, someone was watching the broadcast and called the church to say, "Go find a U-Haul truck and I will pay for it." Deacon Miles found a truck but it had too many miles and the mystery donor wanted something better for us. We were able to find a truck at a dealership near Sacramento with low mileage and in good condition and the truck was paid in full.

Thus, the Mobile Response Unit has been a wonderful blessing to the community. They usually go out every 4th or 5th Saturday (depending on other church events) providing food, clothing, prayer, and a listening ear. Through Sister Tina Chaney, she was able to connect the Mobile Response Unit with the School of Podiatry to provide foot care. It's so important for people to receive proper foot care especially for those who are unhoused to prevent infections and for those who may be diabetic.

The Mobile Unit have also teamed up with other ministries during church festivals and community events to provide a hot meal, free clothes, and bags of groceries for the week. Sometimes, this is the first hot meal they have had in days.

The need is constant. Socks, coats, and toiletries, like lotion, soap, deodorant are always needed. No donation is too small. Volunteers are also welcome as well to help with putting the bags together.

Elder Al loves working in this ministry. He said, "There goes I but for the Grace of God. The testimonies are all worth it. People have shared of receiving permanent housing and finding employment. It is truly a rewarding opportunity and your help will make a world of difference. We would love for you to volunteer."



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 April birthday ladies, send me your picture for the May Cover Girls Newsletter.

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

Text (510) 459-8867

Jocelin Flores - Pizza  
 Dana Wiley - Ice Cream  
 Sharon Burns - Sweet Potato Pie  
 Haley Morris - Pizza  
 Eardell Dennis - Cheesecake  
 Prima Davis - Fried Fish  
 Donna Cooksley - Peach Cobbler (Anything Sweet)  
 Kyla Medrano - Ice Cream  
 Danielle Milichichi - Mac  
 Verna Peyton - See's Candy  
 Larissa Hernandez - Enchiladas  
 Swavette Wilson - Fried Chicken  
 Donna Lofton - Pound Cake  
 Gail Webb-Goodwin - Carrott Cake  
 Vernita Goodwin - Lobster Dripping In Butter  
 Teanika Thomas - Crab and Shrimp Fried Rice  
 Kathy Lyons-Brown - French Fries  
 Sabrina Jones - German Chocolate Cake  
 Cassandra Bulthus - Strawberry Shortcake w/Vanilla Ice Cream  
 Bertha Harris - Cookies  
 Erica Morales Mora - Salade  
 Kimberly Butler - German Chocolate Cake  
 Geraldine Eve - German Chocolate Cake  
 Patti Warren - Maccaroni and Cheese  
 Delores Thomas - 7 Up Cake  
 Renita Sanders - German Chocolate Cake  
 Vickki Savoy-Griffin - Bacon Cheese Burger  
 Charlotte Hines - Chocolate Cake  
 Michelle Pierce - Chocolate  
 Sheila Merritt - A Green Salad  
 Keisha Serrano - Sweet Potato Pie  
 Lynette Johnson - BBQ Brisket  
 Elizabeth Sharp - Cornbread (not sweet)  
 Jackie Forks - Lasagna  
 Jennifer Morris - Curry Chicken  
 Etana Imani - Pizza  
 Danielle Smith - Hamburgers  
 Isabel Harris - Fried Chicken

## May's 64,000 Dollar Question

**In honor of Mother's Day, give me one word to described your mother?**

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This was a Women's Week unlike any we have experienced before. God's presence was evident every step of the way. I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed their time, effort, and love to make this week so extraordinary.

Today, we celebrate the greatest day in Biblical history, the Resurrection of Christ. It's because of the love of the Father who sacrificed His son, so that we have a right to the Tree of Life. We should never forget.

Blessings,  
 Lady Vanessa Macklin

## What's Happening Now

### Winter/Spring Bible Institute

The Bible says in II Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." This scripture urges believers to diligently study the Bible, to gain God's approval, interpret the Bible, to handle the truth and avoid shame, and function as a skillful workman. It emphasizes deep understanding over superficial knowledge.

What better way to rightly divide the word of truth than to become a part of this year's Winter/Spring Bible Institute. The theme is "THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE LIVING BEYOND THE ORDINARY".

These exciting classes are offered on Zoom every Wednesday starting at 7 pm. The classes are only about an hour long and are absolutely free.

The classes being offered this session are:

"Kingdom Warfare" - Missionary Yvette Glasgow  
 "Psalms/Proverbs Pursuing the Ways of God" - Elder Michael Tartt

"JOHN - Living Beyond The Ordinary" - Elder Brandon and Sister Antonia Lee

"Kingdom Living" - Sister Byra Brumfield

"ACTS - Kingdom Power" - Missionary Virginia Spears

"Foundation of Discipleship" - Elder Shawn and Sister Pamela Dennis

**Note - This class is required for all new members**

These classes will enrich your life by gaining Biblical wisdom and knowledge. We are never too old to learn. You must aim to be a doer of the Word and not just a listener. You must fight with the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. The Word is a powerful, living, and active tool used to fight battles against evil, falsehoods, and temptation. Ephesians 6:17 identifies it as the only offensive weapon in the Armour of God, enabling believers to stand firm by knowing, speaking, and applying scripture.

The Word is sharper than any two edged sword. Let's be prepared to fight, putting God First.

**Written By: Sister Vickki Savoy-Griffin**

Written By:  
Missionary Sharon Burns



## RHODA

**“And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer. When she recognized Peter’s voice, because of her gladness, she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate”.**  
Acts 12:13-14

Rhoda whose name means “Rose” in Greek story is found in Acts 12. She was a servant girl who lived in Jerusalem and served in the church at Mary’s house, the mother of John Mark. One night, the church secretly gathered to pray “ferently and earnestly” for the life of Peter, who had been arrested by Herod for execution.

While in prayer, there was a knock at the door, Rhoda heard it and went to answer. It was Peter. While they prayed, God miraculously answered to deliver him from prison.

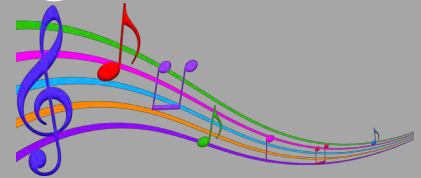
When Rhoda heard Peter’s voice, she was overwhelmingly excited rushing to tell everyone else about the miracle outside but forgot to open the door to let him in. Peter continued knocking until they answered. They did not believe her and insisted it was his angel. Could it be that they forgot an important part of prayer, expectation, looking for the answer? Their doubts did not stop Rhoda from sharing what she witnessed. God had done the impossible.

Women of God, be faithful in prayer. Share the good news of God’s miracles, what you have seen, and know what he has done.

**Jeremiah 33:3 says,**  
*Call unto me, and I will answer thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*

Even in opposition, remain joyful in what you know is true staying rooted in His word. God hears and sees all. He is faithful to answer prayer.

## Song of the Month



## Sweet Hour of Prayer

Written By: William W. Walford  
Born: 1772  
Died: 1850

Occupation: Writer of Poems, Blind Minister in the Village of Coleshill in Warwickshire, England.

Appeared As A Poem In: 1845

Music Composed By: William Bradbury and published the hymn 1861

### LYRICS

#### Verse 1

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

#### Verse 2

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
The joys I feel, the bliss I share,  
of those whose anxious spirits burn,  
with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place,  
where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

#### Verse 3

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
Thy wings shall my petition bear,  
to him whose truth and faithfulness,  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Chosen and sung by:  
Missionary Gail Webb-Goodwin

# March Birthday Brunch

This month's Birthday Celebration was combined with the Women's Week Celebration. So, our Leader, Missionary Vanessa Macklin decided the Women's Ministry would provide dinner for everyone in attendance.

The celebration had to be moved to the Family Life Center to accommodate the large crowd. It was a beautiful celebration with great food and great fellowship.

A huge shout out to Prima Davis and her team, Deacon Oscar Johnson and Deacon Ron Robinson, and all of the young people who did a fantastic job serving everyone.



# Great Fun - Great Fellowship





In March, we celebrated our Women's Week and Women's History Month. In honor of both, I share this poem submitted by Missionary Chelece Williams.

### Mother Teresa's Anyway Poem

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God; It was never between you and them anyway.



# Great Movie - Sara's Oil



# How To Clinic





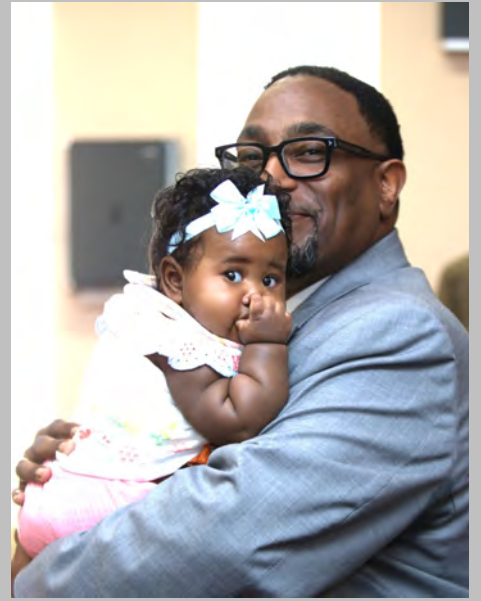
# Sunday Morning Women's Day



# I Got A Praise & I Got To Get It Out



# Shades of Orange Everywhere



Charlotte couldn't make it to the church, but she watched at home in her orange outfit.



# Both Son/Sun Shining Bright



# 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 Elder Demetrius and Sister Allegra Tolefree.



1. How did they meet?
2. Who said I love you first?
3. Where did they get married?
4. What is their wedding date?
5. Who was the officiant?
6. What is their favorite vacation spot?
7. What is their favorite activity to do together?
8. How many children do they have?
9. Who cooks the best?
10. If they could live anywhere, where would it be?
11. How many siblings do each have?
12. Who joined GTI first?



1. They met at the Bobby Jones Gospel Show in San Francisco in 1994
2. Demetrius
3. At the Greater Abundant Life Ministries in Richmond, CA.
4. October 1, 2000
5. Pastor Vincent Manyweather
6. Hawaii
7. Travel
8. 3 - one son and two twin girls
9. Allegra
10. Demetrius - Atlanta / Allegra - Texas
11. Demetrius - 1 sister (deceased)/Allegra - Only Child
12. They joined together on January 1, 2001

# We are Praying for You

## Upcoming Funerals

Elder James Tucker's father Richard Speed  
Service Pending  
Sister Louise Burton's Sister, Sister Evelyn Miller  
Service Pending

## Sick and Shut-In List

- Annie Bailey
- Andrea Franklin
- Patricia James
- Kimbre Johnson
- Mary Jones
- Doran King
- Miesha Lewis Reed
- Stacy Louis
- Christopher Morris
- Lance Newton
- Vinson Pressley
- Nathaniel Riley
- Emily Sanderfur
- Alma Scott
- Natasha Shaw
- Judy Stanley
- Keith Taylor
- Samuel Walker
- Mother Denise Winn
- Sonya Sanders
- Clara Silket
- Josephine Freeman
- Deacon Fred Hines
- Mother Sylvia Horton
- Larry Miles
- Ralph Paige
- Shonette Todd
- Phyllis Walker
- Claudell Woods Jr. (home)
- Yvonne Hopkins
- Elder Richard Bulnes
- Ethlene McLarin

## Convalescent

- Anita Clark
- Yvette Drake
- Eld Albert Green
- Mira James
- Albert Johnson
- Thaddius McDaniel
- Belva Porter
- Patricia Raspberry
- Carolyn Walker
- Charmaine Torres (home)
- Eld James Tucker (home)
- Carolyn Lawscha (Home)

Pray for saints everywhere



From March 2nd – 8th, 2026, the GTI Youth Department stepped onto the court with purpose, passion, and power by delivering a full week of ministry that copied the intensity, strategy, and heart of a professional basketball game. Under the theme, “Survive and Advance!”, our children, teens, and young adults showed up with intentional worship, unwavering focus, and a determination to grow in God. And just like a championship team, they left everything on the floor!

### **The Game Plan: Four Quarters of Spirit-Filled Impact**

Throughout the week, the Youth Department guided us through a spiritual “March Gladness,” offering four dynamic quarters of praise, worship, fellowship, and growth.

#### **First Quarter: Prayer – The Opening Tip-Off**

The week began with a strong start as the Youth Department gathered together in prayer, setting the tone and establishing spiritual energy. Just as a basketball team begins the game with a tip-off to gain possession, our youth began by seeking God first through prayer and claiming the victory before the game even began.

#### **Second Quarter: Fellowship – Building Team Chemistry**

Families came together for Taco Tuesday and our Recharge Bible Study, strengthening relationships and building unity. This quarter was all about connection because no team advances without chemistry, communication, and a shared purpose.

#### **Halftime: Youth & Young Adult Breakout Sessions**

Halftime brought refreshing encounters for every age group.

- Children and Teens gathered on Zoom for interactive lessons.
- Young Adults connected through Coffee and Conversations, creating space for honest dialogue and spiritual reflection.

This halftime wasn’t about resting, but it was about refocusing, recharging, and preparing for the second half.

#### **Third Quarter: Regional Youth Fellowship – A Full-Court Press**

GTI hosted the IYD Regional Youth Department for an unforgettable night featuring a crab feed, ice cream truck, photo booths, and games. It was a quarter filled with joy, laughter, and community, which is proof that fellowship can be both fun and spiritually enriching.

#### **Fourth Quarter: The Finish – A Word That Sealed the Victory!**

The week concluded with a powerful message from Pastor Tirrell McCoy, International Youth Director President, who delivered a word that stirred hearts and strengthened faith. This final quarter brought everything together—worship, unity, and the undeniable presence of God.

Missionary Deborah Leftridge said, “This was truly a March to remember. The Youth and Young Adult Departments were transformed by the power of God that met us at every event. To our amazing leaders, Bishop and Lady Macklin, “Thank You” for your constant support and encouragement. I may be a little biased, but as the teens said best, “We did that!”

Elder Andre Rodgers said, “If I had to highlight one moment, it would undoubtedly be the Sunday altar call. Seeing this generation cry out to God with outstretched hands and surrendered hearts is the very reason we serve.”

#### **A Victory Worth Celebrating**

GTI Youth Week 2026 was more than a series of events, it was a spiritual match of growth, unity, and transformation. Our young people showed us what it looks like to worship with intention, serve with joy, and pursue God with the resilience of champions. They didn’t just survive, they advanced. And as a church family, we celebrate their victory!

## Coming Attractions

- April 5th - Resurrection Sunday
- April 5th - April Birthday Acknowledgement
- April 15th - Winter/Spring Bible Institute Session 3
- April 19th - Cover Girls April Birthday Fellowship Brunch
- April 17th-19th - GTI Sunday School Conference
- April 23rd - 25th - Nor Cal Metropolitan Women's Convention

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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