

Monthly NEWSLETTER



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GTI COVER GIRLS

Happy Mother's Day

DID YOU KNOW

May 2, 2011

U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The raid marked the culmination of a decade-long manhunt for the elusive leader of the al-Qaeda terrorist organization based in the Middle East.

May 10, 1994

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

May 20, 1932

Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. She departed Newfoundland, Canada, at 7 p.m. and landed near Londonderry, Ireland, completing a 2,026-mile flight in about 13 hours.

May Flower

Lily of the Valley and Hawthorn

May Birthstone

Emerald

Cover Girls April Fellowship Highlights

We haven't had enough April showers for the May flowers, however, we know *"Time after time, day after day, He keeps on making a way!"*

These two recently installed missionaries, Michelle Logan and Chelece Willams have opening our fellowship down to a smooth science. With warm introductions, Sister Gloria Wright and Missionary Kathy Hines took us to the next level.

Little Sister Noel Macklin was called on to read the scripture and what did she do? I'm glad you asked. She recited Psalm 1 in its entirety without a tremble, stutter, or pause! Be on the lookout for her on Easter Sunday! Missionary McFadden followed with that same passion and conviction praising our God, thanking Him for His goodness and blessings on our evening.

The Statement of Faith, was shared by Deaconess Renita Saunders. "Oh, How I Love Jesus" was Missionary Gail Webb's song of the month. Of the many facts, she gives us, 1John 4:49 was the inspiring scripture. After her beautiful rendition, she sung 'Happy Birthday' to the April Ladies.

Many great things happen in April on a local to national level. But Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday holds a special place in our hearts; so next on our agenda, we played Resurrection Trivia. There were five questions

and Missionary Sunny Vaughn was the first to answer four of them correctly!

When you view the Children's Newsletter, it might shine a light on why Missionary Sunny Vaughn knew the answers to the trivial game. She wastes no time pouring herself into teaching and energizing our little ones. Their theme "All Things Easter" included crossword puzzles with Good Friday facts. For your copy, visit our GTI website and download this educational newsletter.

The Cover Girls Newsletter is just short of a magazine. Sister Angel Marshall and her amazing staff hold nothing back to making sure it is interesting and full of great information and events. For the \$64K Question, the ladies were asked to send in one piece of advice your mother gave you that holds true today.

Missionary Macklin was away on National COGIC business, making it hard for her to join us, nevertheless, we know that she wanted to be with us. Missionary Williams encouraged us to support the ministry and show love to each other.

Our word for May is "Prayer". You are urged to find scriptures to encourage yourself. You can take it even further and encourage another Cover Girl!

The evening ended as it started, with an inspirational song played by Missionary Michelle Logan.

STAY CONNECTED – PRAY FOR ANOTHER SISTER!

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Inspirational Testimony



Sister Sherri Washington

I could testify about my entire life, however, I don't have enough paper for that. You see God has been watching over me all my life. So, I'll just tell you about the last 3 months.

My L4-L5 disk has been slipping for years. I knew it needed to be fixed, but I was afraid. It had gotten so bad that I didn't have a choice. On February 12th, I had a spacer placed in that disk and then the vertebrae fused at that level of my spine. For some of you that don't know what the spine does, its primary function is to support the body's weight and protect the spinal cord.

I started having low grade fevers in the hospital, once they subsided, they sent me home with antibiotics. About a week later, I began to have low grade fevers again. I spent the night at John Muir in the ER and had an MRI that showed a small pocket of fluid. It wasn't enough to aspirate or drain, so I was sent home on antibiotics.

Saints, God created the body in such a way that it gives you signals to know when something is wrong.

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Inspirational Scripture

Proverbs 31:26-29

She openeth her mouth with wisdom;
And in her tongue is the law of
kindness. She looketh well to the ways
of her household, And eateth not the
bread of idleness. Her children arise
up, and call her blessed: Her husband
also, and he praiseth her. Many
daughters have done virtuously, But
thou excellent them all.



Healthy Living Nurturing Our Minds and Spirits

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. This is a time to recognize the importance of our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. As believers, we know that caring for our minds is just as vital as caring for our bodies and spirits.

Mental health challenges can affect anyone, but with support, prayer, and professional care, healing is possible.

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

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Ways to nurture mental wellness:

1. Practice gratitude daily. Look for the good in every situation and find 1-2 things to thank God for even in the difficult times.
2. Take time for quiet reflection and prayer. Start and end your day in thanks. Pray for a different person each day this month.
3. Stay active. Even a 15-minute walk can lift your mood. God created the heavens and the earth. Use this time to commune with God and express gratitude as you enjoy His masterpiece.
4. Reach out to loved ones regularly. Call someone you've been meaning to reach out to and don't forget to pray with them before hanging up.
5. Don't hesitate to seek help from a counselor or therapist. Putting on your own oxygen mask first, will ensure you have the strength to help those around you when needed.
6. Let us encourage one another to speak openly and compassionately about mental health, trusting that God desires wholeness in every part of our lives.

Happy Birthday Greetings

We honor and celebrate
April Birthdays



Connie McLain



Rosemary McFadden



Noel Macklin



Greetings Cover Girls

*I'll always love my mama
She's my favorite girl
I'll always love my mama
She brought me in this world
A mother's love is so special
It's something that can't you can't describe
It's the kind of love that stays with you
Until the day you die
I'll always love my mama
I'll always love my mama
I'll always love my mama
I'll always love my mama*

This song was performed by the Intruders in 1973 and it became one of their biggest hits. It really expresses the sentiments from a child to their mother. It's something about a mother's love that just doesn't compare to anything else in this world except for the love God has for the world. You can always see how much a mother's love means to her children from major athletes when they score a touchdown or win a major championship. The first thing they do is hold up one finger and say, "I love you mom". When a person is accepting an award, the speech always include, "to the greatest woman I know, my mother." Deep down, moms are usually the favorite parent. It's a title mother's accept with pleasure. By nature, mother's are nurturer, loving, and protectors.. As we celebrate Mother's Day, let us celebrate all the wonderful women in our lives and not just on this day but everyday of the year.

What a wonderful time we had this pass month during Holy Week. Fellowshiping with my baby boy, Pastor Aaron Macklin and his congregation, Christian Tabernacle on Palm Sunday was a joy and the first time since he became pastor at CT. The 5am revival was anointed each morning. It wasn't a chore getting up so early because the services were powerful. The Bible says, "Early will I seek thee." All of the speakers preached a rhema word from God. The seven last words were preached by 7 ministers and missionaries on Good Friday and the week concluded with Resurrection Service on Sunday Morning. Even though Holy Week is over, we celebrate Holy Week everyday because He lives.

The 100 Envelope Savings Challenge is over. I hope you all enjoyed a unique way of saving money. If you didn't complete the envelopes, take another 100 days and keep going.

Remember, let the love of God rest, rule, and abide in you always and show kindness everywhere you go because

Blessings,
Lady Vanessa Macklin

The Wise Woman - Proverbs 31:26

“She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness.”

Being a wise and Godly woman calls for spiritual strengths, loving patience, and living a life that pleases God. The Proverbs 31 woman was remarkably wise. Her wisdom went beyond mere customs and traditions. These timeless words were taught to King Lemuel by his mother (Proverbs 31:1–3), a woman regarded as one of the wisest in Scripture.

What is Wisdom?

Wisdom is the ability to contemplate and act productively using knowledge, experience, understanding, common sense, and insight. It involves making good judgement, based on learned experiences, and understanding complex matters. Allow me to briefly introduce a remarkable Woman of Wisdom found in 1 Samuel 1. Her name was Hannah. She was married to Elkanah and deeply longed for a child, though she remained barren for many years. Her sorrow was compounded by the harsh taunts of Elkanah's other wife, her sister-wife, who had many children. Yet, in her wisdom and faith, Hannah poured out her soul before the Lord, making a solemn vow to dedicate her firstborn to His service. God heard her cry, and in response to her heartfelt prayer and steadfast faith, she was blessed not only with Samuel, a prophet and servant of God but with five more children thereafter.

Having introduced a wise woman from the Bible, allow me now to present a wise woman from the Church of God in Christ. In 1951, she served as the International Mother of the Women's Department, Mother Mattie McGlothen. A resident of California, she graciously opened her home to groups of young women, inviting them to sit around her dining room table. There, she poured into them the wisdom of Holiness, sharing her teachings and prayers. Her spiritual legacy lives on in the hearts of many women she mentored. A woman of great wisdom. Praise God for each of you at Glad Tidings International COGIC. You are truly Women of Wisdom! Knowledge may come from books, but wisdom comes directly from God. As Psalm 90:12 reminds us, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Written By:

Mother Juanita Maldon

The 64,000 Dollar Question

In honor of Mother's Day, What is one advice your mom gave you that still holds true today?

Myrel Ross - "This too shall pass."

Sunny Vaughn - "If you look back, only look back to see how far you have come. If you look down, always look at how cute your shoes are."

Kathy Hines - "Keep your panties UP, and your dress DOWN."

Allegra Tolefree - "Don't start something you won't continue."

Van Hill - "He that fails to plan, plans to fail."

Sabrina Jones - "Move forward in our marriage and let go of the past."

Benita McLarin - "Whatever doesn't kill you, makes you stronger."

Cynthia Garrison - "Stay with God!"

Revina Bowling-Williams - "As leaders, we need to be first! First to pray, first to stay connected to leadership."

Tina Chaney - "You will catch more flies with honey than vinegar."

Sherri Washington - "Can I ask you a question?"

Staci Palmer - "Always be nice to everyone."

Evette Newton - "Don't just settle for any old thing."

Krystal Smith - "Take it to the Lord in prayer."

Connie McLain - "My dear child you'll be the one to take care of your 6 siblings, when I'm gone."

Delanda Burgess - "Be comfortable within your own skin. Don't follow the crowd."

Frantasia Mason - "Don't put your eggs in one basket."

Marilyn Thurman - "Those that treat you wrong for no reason, feed them with a long handle spoon."

Rosemary McFadden - "Baby, don't ever stop talking to your kids, no matter how old they get."

Marcia Gaulden - "Keep God 1st."

Eldreai Ellis - "Don't take no wooden nickels!"

Etana Imani - "Everywhere you go, you take yourself."

Jennifer Morris - "Always leave home with clean underwear."

Judy MacKay - "Don't play with fire if you don't want to get burned."

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Mother Juanita Maldon



Kathy Hines



Gloria Wright

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

Sister Crystal has been member of GTI for 20 years now. She had been attending for years prior to actually joining. As a child, she attended the Allen Temple Baptist Church with her family. She said, she was baptized there. She started coming to GTI with a friend from her elementary school. Her classmate, sisters, and mom would pick her up for church every Sunday. She attended for many years with her friend and her family. When Sister Crystal's friend and family stop coming to GTI, it didn't stop her from attending. She was living close enough to walk to church and that's what she did every week because her mom was not able to drive. When she turned 19 years old, she officially became a member.

The first ministry she joined was the Greeters. She loves working as a greeter. She gets to welcome all those who come to church. The greeters are essential to the body of Christ. They can make or break someone's experience when visiting a church. It's important for those attending church to have a pleasant experience from the time to arrive to the time they leave. So from the Campus Greeters, Church Greeters, and Guest Services, they all work together to make sure those who enter the church doors would want to come back again.

As Sister Crystal continued to work with the Greeters, she started working in the Guest Center as well. Working in the Guest Center is no easy task. Not only do members come by with many questions, you also have to help the many visitors that came to service that day. Sometimes, the Guest Center is the last to close after service. Recently, Bishop Macklin appointed her as the leader over the Guest Center. She is honor for this position and humble to serve in ministry.

If that wasn't enough, Sister Crystal works closely with Lady Macklin and the Cover Girl's Ministry. She works a lot behind the scene assisting Lady Macklin with getting tasks done. When you need something, Lady Macklin will instruct you to call Sister Crystal. She believes there is no task too great or too small." She has the gift of helps and enjoys serving and helping people.

Sister Crystal loves the leadership and the vision of GTI. She feels, "If it wasn't for God, my mother, and Bishop and Lady Macklin, I wouldn't be the woman that I am today. They have taught me how to treat people, to serve, to lead, and to grow in God's grace."

We are so glad Sister Crystal is a member of GTI. She has truly be a blessing to 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 May birthday ladies, send me your picture for the June Cover Girls Newsletter.

You can send it to: awiley1999@aol.com

Text (510) 459-8867

Paula James - "Don't be afraid to let your light shine, a gift from Jesus."

Karene Salaam - "God is in Control of EVERYTHING!"

Sharon Burns - "Put your trust in God, He'll never let you down."

Kim Patton - "Birds of a feather flock together."

Chelece Williams - "Don't let the street lights come on."

Charlotte Hines - "Speak up for yourself, don't let NOBODY take advantage of you and you better look out for your brother!"

Gail Webb - "Wear people as a loose garment."

Ruby Brown - "Do not ever refinance or sell your house."

Tamara Washington - "Ask for forgiveness and say forgive me of my sins."

Gloria Wright - "Jesus loves you."

Gerri Rogers - "Trust God! Just because He doesn't do it doesn't mean that He can't."

Nasiya Crutchfield - "Wherever life takes you, you'll always be my daughter."

Lady Vanessa Macklin - "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

June's 64,000 Dollar Question

As we celebrate Father's Day and our fathers, what is one special moment you had with your dad?

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I was 3 weeks into my healing process when I started experiencing excruciating pain. It was to the point where I couldn't bear weight on my right leg. This time, I went to San Ramon Medical Center where I had the surgery. I had another MRI, and it showed a large pocket of fluid covering the spacer, and the screws. I was taken back to surgery on March 9th, and had my back reopened. The surgeon had to clean all the blood and fluid out and suture me back up.

Saints, don't ignore pain, when we have pain in our bodies that's God's way of letting us know that something is wrong. I stayed in the hospital another 5 days, and was on antibiotics for 14 days.

I am now able to walk, drive, and do light housework. I started outpatient physical therapy and I'm progressing as I should. Not only am I healing, praise God, but I'm receiving \$3400 less than if I was working. But the scriptures says, "I once was young and now I'm old, yet I've never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread."

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, text, and calls. They were greatly appreciated. To God be the glory.

What's Happening Now

First Lady Day

There is so much that can be said about our First Lady, Missionary Vanessa Macklin. Yes, she is known and respected as the wife of Bishop Jerry W. Macklin, the 1st Assistant to the Presiding Bishop of the Churches of God in Christ. She is also the First Lady of the NorCal Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Her commitment to Jesus Christ is manifested in her ministry to the Glad Tidings International COGIC. Her proudest accomplishment is being a mother to her five children. Her family is a testimony to the promises and faithfulness of God. She has so many more accolades and accomplishments, but I only have so much space.

With her own style, charismatic approach, and powerful anointing, Lady Vanessa has emerged as a profound proclaimer of the message of holiness in our troubled world.

Lady Vanessa serves as the Director of the Cover Girls Women's Ministry. Our annual women's conferences have attracted thousands of women from all walks of life. The women receive support, encouragement, and strength for life crisis, struggles, and dreams. We come together for fun, outings, eating, fellowship, and always an opportunity to represent Christ to others outside the church walls leaving them wondering, "What must I do to be saved?" What an honor to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to others.

But who is Lady Vanessa to us? She is a real person, a real friend, a sister, and a confidant. She has no problem taking her church hat off, laying her title down, and coming to the aid of the women she serves at GTI and beyond. It may be through a hug, a tender word, or a slight nod of her head with a smile but you will feel a little better and most of all, you can feel her love and compassion.

But this still doesn't describe Lady Vanessa. When she gets a microphone in her hand, she will bless us singing an old hymn or a song to lift us, and a word from the Lord to bless you. It will leave you with a feeling of hope, knowing it will all work out. Remember to keep her in your prayers. She is a strong woman and yes even strong women need prayers.

This month we celebrate "First Lady's Day" But we celebrate you everyday. The one and only Missionary Vanessa Macklin. May God continue to bless and keep you my sister and friend.

Written By: Vickki Savoy-Griffin

Written By:
Missionary Sharon Burns



Bilhah **Faithful Maidservant** **Gen 29:29, 30:3-7, 35:25, and 46:23-25**

Bilhah was a servant handmaid to Laban. Her name means “unworried” or “bashful”. Laban gave Bilhah to his daughter Rachel and Jacob as a wedding gift. When Rachel was unable to bear children, she gave Bilhah to her husband. Jacob as his concubine, so she could bear children for her.

Throughout her story, Bilhah has no voice, but acts in obedience doing what is expected and commanded of her. Her life is not her own but is directed for others rather than herself.

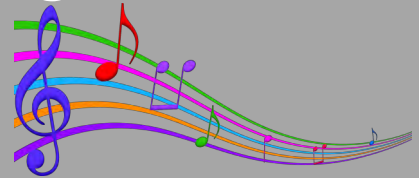
After Rachel’s death, Bilhah was involved in an incestuous relationship with Jacob’s son, Reuben, yet God looked on her. Bilhah bore Jacob two sons: Dan and Naphtali. These sons are included in the generations of Jacob, highlighting their importance in the lineage of Abraham. She is remembered as one of the ancestresses of the Israelites.

Bilhah faithfully listened and obeyed God’s command for her life. Even though her status was a servant, she fulfilled her role with loyalty.

Woman of God, there is a lesson to learn here. Obedience to God will bless you and lead to extraordinary outcomes! No matter where you are or what you go through, God has a plan and “God see you!”. Hold on, be faithful, and walk in humbled obedience.

Psalm 37:3 says, “Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.” Deuteronomy 28:1 says. “And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth.

Song of the Month



Give Me A Clean Heart

Author: Margaret Pleasant Douroux
Born: March 21, 1941 (84), in Los Angeles, CA

Song Written: 1970

Occupation: Gospel songwriter, Teacher, and Author.

Scripture: "Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit." Psalm 51:10

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Chorus:

Give me a clean heart, so I may serve Thee
 Lord fix my heart, so that I may be used by Thee
 For I'm not worthy, of all these blessings
 Give me a clean heart, and I'll follow Thee

Verse 1

I'm not asking for the riches of the land
 I'm not asking for high men to know my name
 Please give me Lord a clean heart
 so that I may follow Thee
 Give me a clean heart a clean heart
 And I'll follow Thee

Verse 2

Sometimes, I am up and sometimes I am down
 Sometimes, I am almost level to the ground
 Please give me Lord a clean heart
 That I may follow Thee
 Give me a clean heart a clean heart
 And I'll follow Thee

Chosen and sung by:
Missionary Gail Webb-Goodwin

Happy Mother's Day

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We honor Mother's everywhere. As some of us are mothers as well, we have a greater appreciation of the woman who birthed us, took care of us, and loved us unconditionally. We learned all of our motherly skills from our moms. We not only celebrate mother's on Mother's Day but we honor them everyday because they are God's gift to us all!



Lady Vanessa Macklin
Mom - Mother Theda Wells



Myrel Ross
Mom - Elizabeth Sharp



Sunny Vaughn
Mom - Sister Pamela



Allegra Tolefree
Mom - Brenda Evans



Connie McLain
Mom - Eugenia



Cynthia Garrison
Mom - Mother Wilma Howard

My Mother - My Friend

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Eldreai Ellis
Mom - Lucy



Etana Imani
Mom - Claire Norman



Jennifer Morris
Mom - Delmira Francisca Morris



Jonni Atkins
Mom - Beverly Martin



Frantasia Mason
Mom - Brenda Bolton-Macgruder



Judy Mackay
Mom - Mercy Peterson

A Mother's Love Runs Deep

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Karene Salaam
Mom - Missionary Velma J. Jones



Marcia Gaulden
Mom - Marguerite



Marilyn Thurman
Mom - Essie B. Thurman



Azariah
Mom - Niya Serrano



Paula James
Mom - Patricia James



Revina Bowling-Williams
Mom - Linda Bowling

Nothing Like A Praying Mother

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Sabrina Jones
Mom - Mother Jeraldine Eve



Sherri Washington
Mom - Frances



Staci Palmer
Mom - Judy



Ruby Brown
Mom - Lainell White



Van Hill
Mom - Mother Juanita Maldon



Nasiya
Mom - Janice McAfee

The Greatest Mom In The World

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Rosemary McFadden
Mom - Joyce Lee



Delanda Burgess
Mom - Mrs. Lean Ferrell



Krystal Smith
Mom - Naomi Campbell



Sharon Burns
Mom - Mother Naomi Phifer



Tina Chaney
Mom - Elsie Gonzales



Morgan Williams
Mom - Chelece Williams

Mother's Are A Gift From God

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Aleysha Kenney
Mom - Teanika Thomas



Allison Montgomery
Mom - Mother Abbey Montgomery



Evette Newton
Mom - Mother Mamie Simon



Kim Patton
Mom - Terry Banks Harris



Chelece Williams
Mom - Freddie M. Pittman



Charlotte Hines
Mom - Odessa Johnson

Wind Beneath My Wings

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Crystal Allen
Mom - Myrel Ross



Lynette O'Con
Mom - Sharon Robinson



Gloria Wright
Mom - Mother Josephine Wilson



Tamara Washington
Mom - Valerie Washington



Angel Marshall
Mom - Ruby Wiley



Jerri Rogers
Mom - Carnella Lamons

We Are Family



Name: Joymara Coleman

Name: Sharmel Natson



Name: Tito McMillan



Name: Prince Siddiq



Name: Nichelle Christian



We are Praying for You

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Bereavement

Delfina Graham's service May 1st in Livermore
Pam Gossett's mother- Aubrey Mapp Service May 2nd at (GTI)
Verline Clark's mother- Lillian Marie Moore May 9th in Pittsburg
Mother Harper's daughter - Arvie Blackmon, service pending

Sick List

Annie Bailey	Twanda Bailey
Richard Davis	Andrea Franklin
Patricia James	Doran King
Stacy Louis	Christopher Morris
Lance Newton	Emily Sanderfur
Natasha Shaw	Judy Stanley
Keith Taylor	Samuel Walker
Mother Denise Winn	Shirley Guidry
Betty Stewart	Vinson Pressley
Alma Scott	Nathaniel Riley
Mother Catherine White	
Mother Johnni Toney	

Convalescent

Mother Mary Shepard
Patricia Raspberry
Thaddius McDaniels
Shirley Hartman
Deacon Fred Hines
Anita Clark
Hazel Fair
Belva Porter
Carolyn Walker
Mira James
Yvette Drake
Tramaine Mitchell
Elder Albert Green

Home Shut in

Mother Izonnia Lovett
Ralph Paige
Shonette Todd
Elder James Tucker
Larry Miles
Mother Mamie Simon
Claudell Woods
Josephine Freeman
Mother Sylvia Horton
Phyllis Walker
Shirley Butler
Charone Jackson

Pray for saints everywhere

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

Resurrection Sunday

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We celebrated Resurrection Sunday and spending time with family. It was such a joyous day with family





It's A Family Affair

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On Sunday, April 13, 2025, two churches, Glad Tidings International and Christian Tabernacle COGIC joined together for a “Hosanna” Palm Sunday experience at the Glad Tidings International Church. This was the first combined service ever in history!

In this worship service, both congregations marked the observance of three sacred ordinances; Holy Communion, Feet Washing, and Water Baptism. Why are the three ordinances so important? As a Pentecostal denomination, COGIC emphasizes water baptism by immersion as a public declaration of faith and obedience to Jesus Christ. It symbolizes the believer's identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

Feet washing is a symbol of humility and servanthood and a reenactment of Christ's love and leadership model. It is a sacred act of humility and service following the example of Jesus Christ.

The ordinance of communion in the Church of God in Christ represents the death of Christ and united believers to Christ. It symbolizes the giving of life, strength, and joy to the soul.

Pastor Aaron Macklin shared a powerful and moving sermon, which was a combination of real-world experiences and spiritual insight. He weaved together the themes of Communion, Feet Washing, and Water Baptism through faith that spoke to humility, cleansing, unity, and remembrance. His anointed word challenged both congregations to examine their hearts and prepare to walk in the footsteps of Christ as they entered Holy Week.

Lady Vanessa Macklin followed with a heartfelt word, focusing on the life-changing significance of water baptism. She spoke with passion about the decision taken by the 46 baptismal candidates, who chose to celebrate their public declaration of an inward transformation through Christ. Her words not only honored their commitment but also inspired the congregations to reflect on their own spiritual journey. As always, Lady Macklin energized the atmosphere with hope and encouragement.

Elder Marcus Williams shared reflections on Palm Sunday service. He said, “This Palm Sunday service was more than a tradition, it was a divine encounter.” The presence of God moved mightily as traditional ordinances met contemporary revelation, preparing every heart for the holy journey toward Resurrection Sunday. It was a day that will be remembered as a defining moment of renewal, revival, and rejoicing at Glad Tidings International.

Palm Sunday holds a significant place in Christian faith, marking the beginning of Jesus' final week. The day's significance goes beyond its historical context as it reminds us of Jesus' humility and servanthood. The palm branches symbolize victory and peace, echoing the welcome Jesus received. Palm Sunday is a precursor to Holy Week, leading to the crucifixion and resurrection.

Palm Sunday's profound impact is clear. It fulfills prophecy and inspires faith, shaping Christian life and practice. It encourages us to live in alignment with God's Kingdom, preparing us for Easter's transformative events.

This Palm Sunday is one Glad Tidings International and Christian Tabernacle COGIC will never forget!

Coming Attractions

May 4th - Hispanic Heritage Sunday 9AM

May 4th - May Birthday Celebration

May 11th - Mother's Day & Muffins/Breakfast with Mom

May 14th - Women's Monthly Zoom Fellowship 7pm (510-197-8000)

May 17th - Healthy Minds Presents: “Trauma in the Pews” 10am-12 noon

May 18th - Annual First Lady Day 9AM

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

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

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