

# Monthly NEWSLETTER

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GTI COVER GIRLS



## DID YOU KNOW

### August 7, 1990

Just five days after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, President George Bush ordered Desert Shield, a massive military buildup to prevent further Iraqi advances.

### August 11-16, 1965

Six days of riots began in the Watts area of Los Angeles, triggered by an incident between a white member of the California Highway Patrol and an African American motorist. Thirty-four deaths were reported and more than 3,000 people were arrested. Damage to property was listed at \$40 million.

### August 28, 1963

The March on Washington occurred as over 250,000 persons attended a Civil Rights rally in Washington, D.C., at which Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made his now famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

### August Flower

Gladiolus and Poppy

### August Birthstone

Peridot, Sardonyx, and Spinel

## Cover Girls June and July Fellowship Highlights

Well, it was impossible to meet yet again for our monthly Cover Girls Fellowship. Even though we were not able to meet in person, let us not forget the things we do at our fellowships. You can still practice those things on a daily basis.

We started each fellowship with prayer, so start your day with prayer everyday. Next, we would read the Statement of Faith. By now, you should know the State of Faith by heart because this is what we believe. Please quote your favorite scripture or just read one that's on your heart at the moment.

Warm up your vocal cords and sing a song that blesses you as loud as you can in your home, car, or shower in your own melodious voice. Please do not try to sing like Missionary Gail Webb!

And last but not least, do your 'Fellowship Stretch' starting with arm rotations: 3 sets of 10 forward, backwards and end with left to right side movements. Also, add 30 minutes of a daily walk while meditating on the goodness of God. As Sister Kathy Lyons-Brown would say, "Don't forget to drink your water."

Normally, during the monthly fellowship, we talked about events that took place in the month. Here are a few highlights for the months of June and July. June 1st is Global Day of Parents, June 8th is National Best Friend Day, and June 19th is Juneteenth.

July 4th is USA Independence Day, July 9th is National Sugar Cookie Day, and July 13th is National French Fry Day.

The word for the month was Joy. Have you ever wondered how many times the word "Joy" appears in the Bible?

In the King James Version, it appears approximately 165 times. It's a recurring theme of Christian joy, highlighting powerful Bible verses from the Old and New Testaments that reveal what true joy looks like in a believer's life. Biblical joy is a deep, abiding sense of peace and gladness rooted in God. Here are a few scriptures on "Joy".

**Peace and Joy:** Romans 15:13; 14:17  
**Joy in God's Presence:** Psalm 16:11;  
**Joy and Rejoicing:** Philippians 4:4;  
**God's Joy:** 3 John 1:4; Psalm 149:4

The good news of great joy is that it is not a fleeting emotion but a deep, abiding confidence in God's goodness. The Bible consistently reminds us that true joy comes not from circumstances but from a relationship with God. Whether in times of blessing or hardship, the invitation to rejoice remains a powerful reminder for God's people. Joy is both a gift and a choice that sustains us through every season of life.

Now, we do miss the closing remarks from our fearless leader, Lady Vanessa Macklin but don't worry, she is the guest speaker for Women's Night at the NorCal Convocation on August 7th.

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# Inspirational Testimony



**Sister Jacque Fennoy**

I give honor to my Lord and Savior who is the head of my life and to my Pastor, Bishop Jerry Wayne Macklin and First Lady, Missionary Vanessa Macklin whom I love very much!

When I look back over my life and think about all the things God has pull me through, my soul rejoices at His grace and faithfulness towards me.

In early December 2024, I experienced severe stomach pains. After about 3 days of almost unbearable pain, my daughter took me to the emergency room. I was given antibiotics for 7 days and I was supposed to be fine. After about 4 days, I was not feeling any better, so my daughter took me back to the emergency room. They discovered that I had a bacterial infection in my colon and had I waited just hours to come in, my body would have been sceptic. But God!

The surgeon came to the emergency room and informed me that I would be admitted and I should be prepared for them to remove the part of my colon that was infected. This was the plan should the new antibiotics not begin to correct my situation within the next day.

I immediately told her that removing my colon was not an option and that the Lord was going to make a way.

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## *Inspirational Scripture*

**Psalm 51:1-2**

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: According unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.



## Healthy Minds Moment

### Becoming a Trauma-Informed Church

#### Four “Rs” of What it Means to be Trauma Informed

1. **REALIZE:** the frequency and pervasiveness of trauma
  - Educating congregation members and ministry leaders about the prevalence of childhood adversity and trauma
  - ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences)
  - ACEs are traumatic events that happen between ages 1 and 17.
  - Creating a culture of awareness

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

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2. **RECOGNIZE:** the signs and symptoms associated with trauma
  - Individuals who have experienced trauma often behave in unpredictable, unreliable, and unstable ways, as a result of the biological and chemical changes in their bodies and brains.
  - We may feel disgusted or frustrated; but if we consider asking what happened to you, instead of what is wrong with you, we can possibly uncover the real problems or burdens.
3. **RESPOND:** by integrating knowledge into policy, practices, and procedures
  - Providing information, establishing, and implementing a safe church policy in places of worship and ministry.
  - A policy in place communicates to trauma victims that the church is aware of the prevalence and source of trauma and is willing to respond.
4. **RESIST:** Re-Traumatization: Do not harm them or their families again.
  - By understanding the internal experiences of a traumatized mind, we can ensure that we do not do more harm.
  - We walk alongside them in their suffering.
  - Who would a victim come forward to and what would their experience be like if they shared their story?
  - Would they feel safe disclosing?

Many people are carrying burdens they no longer want to carry and frankly, do not deserve to carry. Galatians 6:2 (Amp) “Bear (endure, carry) one another’s burdens and troublesome moral faults, and in this way fulfill and observe perfectly the law of Christ.”

Are we that church?

SAMSHA (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration) has identified four “Rs” of what it means to be trauma informed.

# Happy Birthday Greetings

We honor and celebrate  
**July Birthdays**



Vickki Savoy-Griffin



Crystal Brownlee



Kerhan Edmunds



Krystal Smith



Cynthia Garrison



## Greetings Cover Girls

*The windows of heaven are open,  
The fire is falling tonight.  
I've got joy, joy, joy in my heart,  
Since Jesus made ev'rything right.*

*I gave Him my old tattered garment,  
He gave me a robe of pure white,  
And now I'm feasting on manna from heaven  
And that's why I'm happy tonight.*

*I am so happy, I am so happy, I am so happy,  
Since Jesus came into my life.*

The greatest day of my life was the day I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior. Even though I was young, I knew I wanted who my parents told me about as a child. I avoided many pitfalls, obstacles, and heartaches because of my choice. I can say, I am happy everyday, maybe not all day but at any moment, all I have to do is think about the goodness of Jesus and all that He has done for me and my soul cries out hallelujah, I thank God for saving me. God is the joy and the strength of my life, so daily, I feast on His Word and that keeps me in His will. When you walk in His will, you will not be swayed by the devil's devices because you know your father's voice. But, the greatest thing, He knows your voice. It's like you know the cries of each of your children. So, God knows your distress cries and when you need Him, He hears you and immediately comes to your aid. This only happens because you are His.

Congratulations to the graduating classes of 2025. You all have achieved a great accomplishment but don't stop in your endeavors. Keep going and become what God wants you to be. The AIM Convention was on fire...outside and inside. It was a blessing seeing our youth having a wonderful time fellowshiping with other young people around the country enjoying Jesus and each other. I love the AIM Convention because I love seeing young people praising God. They were having good old fashion church.

Ladies, we are preparing for Girls' Day Out. We are on our way to Old Sacramento by Amtrak on Saturday, September 20th. We will meet at 8:30 am and the train leaves at 9:20 am. We are going to have a fun day of shopping, enjoying the sights, and sisterhood. You can register after church or by calling the church office. The cost for the round trip train ride is only \$58.00. Let's get together, make memories, and celebrate us.

Remember, let the love of God rest, rule, and abide in you always and show kindness everywhere you go because kindness is who we are.

Blessings,  
Lady Vanessa Macklin



## Be Careful!

*“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”*  
1 Peter 5:8 (ESV)

Our world is like a jungle with dangerous threats and predators around every corner. Traveling through this maze called life without a proper and experienced guide can be destructive. Dangers, such as pride, compromise, worldliness, and unwise relationships are booby traps that can ensnare your soul and affect your relationship with God. Wisdom, discernment, and caution are necessary requirements for a successful journey. Knowing which paths to take in life and which to avoid, then following the right ones will mean the difference between success or failure! Proverbs 14:16 says, “One who is wise is cautious and turns away from evil, but a fool is reckless and careless.” Caution is a must because, as 1 Peter 5:8 tells us plainly, we have an enemy (the devil) who seeks to entrap and ensnare us at every turn! Staying close to God, walking in wisdom, and resisting the devil's schemes (James 4:7) are keys to keeping safe.

Proverbs 3:21-23 says, “My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: Keep sound wisdom and discretion: So shall they be life unto thy soul, And grace to thy neck. Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, And thy foot shall not stumble.”

Sisters in Christ, it is important to exercise caution and conduct ourselves wisely as we are instructed to in Ephesians 5:15. This entails living attentively and vigilantly, carefully considering our actions to avoid unforeseen risks or danger. To quote the words of a favored hymn of our beloved Lady Macklin,

*Life is like a mountain railroad, with an engineer that's brave;  
We must make the run successful from the cradle to the grave;  
Watch the curves, the fills and tunnels, never falter, never quail;  
Keep your hand upon the throttle, and your eye upon the rail.*

With the Holy Spirit and the Word of God as our faithful guides through all the twists and turns of life, we are sure to land in a safe place in this world and in eternity. So, please, be careful!

**Your Sister and Fellow Traveler,  
Missionary Gerri Rogers**

## The 64,000 Dollar Question

**What song can you hear that  
immediately causes you to have the  
ugly cry?**

**Lady Vanessa Macklin** - “He Didn’t Have To Do It”  
by The Henry Jackson Company

**Angel Marshall** - “Goodness Of God” by CeCe  
Winans

**Tina Chaney** - “Praise Is What I Do” by Shekinah  
Glory

**Gloria Wright** - “Yes Lord” by Sandra Crouch

**Carolyn Sanders** - “I Need Thee Oh I Need Thee” by  
Public Domain

**Revina Bowling-Williams** - “Goodness of God by  
CeCe Winans

**Kehran Edmunds** - “Lord Do It For Me” by Zacardi  
Cortez

**Deborah Banks** - “Grateful” by Hezekiah Walker

**Lillian Roberts** - “With Hope” by Summers

**Sabrina Jones** - “Goodness of God” by CeCe Winans

**Rasheeda Salaam** - “I Rise Up” by Andra Day

**Frantasia Mason** - “I’ll Trade My Worries For  
Worship” by Ricky Dillard

**Linda Lax** - “Open My Heart” by Yolanda Adams

**Chandra Winter** - “Special Gift” by Walter Hawkins and  
Love Center Choir

**Cynthia Dunn** - “Make A Way” by Vashawn Mitchell

**Michelle Logan** - “My Momma” by Shy

**Krystal Smith** - “Throne” by Jordan G. Welch

**Danielle Smith** - “Open My Heart” by Yolanda Adams

**Crystal Brownlee** - “Never Would Have Made It” by Marvin  
Sapp

**Bertha Harris** - “When I Think” by Ricky Dillard

**Pamela Dennis** - “Angels” by Richard Smallwood

**Gail Webb-Goodwin** - “Total Praise” by Richard Smallwood

**Cynthia Garrison** - “We Offer Praise” by Rodnie Bryant &  
CCMC

**Lynette Johnson** - “Total Praise” by Richard Smallwood

**Sheree Davis** - “Alabaster Box” by CeCe Winans

**Kim Patton** - “Lord Do It For Me” by Zacardi Cortez

**Naomi Carter** - “I’m Still Here” by Dorinda Clark

**Aineicia Ransburg** - “Yes” by Shekinah Glory

**Carrie Banks** - “My Soul Is Anchored In The Lord” by  
Douglas Miller

**Sherri Washington** - “Amazing Grace” song by any artist

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## June Birthdays Continues...



Monique Ison



Marilyn Thurman



Christina Dyson



Lady Mallori Cuningkin



Lillian Roberts

## 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 Mickey Williams.

Brother Mickey is that member who is available for anything at anytime. He is always a willing helper to do whatever you need him to do. Brother Mickey has been attending GTI since 2013 but didn't join until 2015. Prior to joining GTI, he was a member of Acts Full Gospel COGIC. He was going through a divorce and was looking for a change. Bishop Bob actually recommended GTI to him.

Brother Mickey stated he was a part of the Delancy Street Treatment Center for drugs and alcohol. He has been clean and sober for over 23 years. In 2008, he suffered a massive stroke. At that time, he had been sober for several years and the doctors told his family he wouldn't live 6 months but God.

When Brother Mickey first joined GTI, he would sit in the back of the church but Sister Tranito of the Hospitality Department asked him to assist in that ministry. Even though the stroke left him partially paralyzed and not able to use one of his arms, it never stopped him from working. From working with Sister Tranito, he started working with Deacon Payne in the Evangelism Ministry. He also worked with the Deacon and Sister Robinson in Pastoral Care Ministry, the New Members with Elder and Missionary Logan for 3 years and the Singles Ministry (SWAT). Currently, he is on the board of the Men's Ministry. He has been on the board since Deacon Logan was in charge of the Men's Ministry. He stated, "I've worked with Elder McClure, Elder Capers, Elder Williams, and now, Elder Washington.

Most recently, Brother Mickey has been recuperating at home from being in the hospital for 8 days with congestive heart failure and a fibrillation. He wasn't feeling well and went to emergency. They discovered he had a lot of fluid around his heart. So much fluid around his heart, when he went to the hospital, he weighed 218 and when he left, his weight was 192. Brother Mickey attends the Center for Elderly Independence on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week. They provide transportation for him to the center. He receives physical therapy, occupational therapy, and blood work. He has a social worker assigned to him.

Even though he has not been able to attend church lately, he stated, "I watch every Sunday on line and I still send my tithes through Deacon Porter and/or Elder Russell. Brother Mickey is eager to return to in-person church because he misses the fellowship with the saints. He lives near the church and used to walk to church but now the brothers provide transportation for him. Sometimes, they pick him up with the golf cart.

Brother Mickey is not one to let his disability get in his way. He stated, "I love God's people and I know God has a work for me to do. You must work while it is day because when night comes, no man shall work." Brother Mickey is truly a willing worker.



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 August birthday ladies, send me your picture for the September Cover Girls Newsletter.

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

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# What's Happening Now

## Convocation Is Here

The NorCal Metropolitan Jurisdiction celebrates their Silver Anniversary Holy Convocation. It begins August 5-9, 2025. The theme is "Our Unfinished Business". Acts 1:8

This year's Holy Convocation is more than an annual event, it's the celebration of a legacy. As we honor our Silver Anniversary, we are coming together to recognize 25 years of dedicated ministry, community outreach, and a commitment to serving others above ourselves. The convocation is an opportunity to rekindle your passion, connect with fellow believers, and experience transformative worship that will impact not just your life, but your entire ministry and church family.

The guest speakers scheduled for the week are not only phenomenal, but anointed men and women of God. The presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle of the Churches of God in Christ, Bishop J. Drew Sheard will be ministering on Tuesday night. Bishop Nathaniel Bullock, California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction is the Wednesday Night Speaker. We all are excited about Women's Day and the guest speaker for Thursday evening. She is an extraordinary, remarkable, and amazing woman of God all the way from Portland, Oregon by way of Hayward, California. She is a renowned evangelist, First Lady of the Glad Tidings International COGIC, leader of the Women's Ministry, the Cover Girls, and wife, mother, and grand mother. The rhema word will be delivered by our very own, Missionary Vanessa Macklin. The color for the ladies that evening is white and any color hat. Friday night's speaker will be Bishop Anthony Gilyard, Southwestern, Florida Jurisdiction. On Saturday, Bishop Jerry Macklin, 1st Assistant Presiding Bishop of COGIC, Jurisdictional Prelate of NorCal Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Pastor of the Glad Tidings International COGIC will be speaking on Official Day.

There is something for everyone that week. For our children, there is a special children's Fun Zone and for the youth and young adults, Youth and Young Adult Explosion with panels, performances, and a powerful call to purpose delivered by a dynamic generation of emerging leader.

This is going to be a week like no other as NorCal celebrates 25 years of God's blessings, 25 years of doing God's will, and 25 years of advancing the Kingdom's Agenda. Yet, the work is not done. There is still "Unfinished Business".

**Toni Lee** - "You're The Lifter" by Ricky Dillard  
**Karene Salaam** - "Mama" by Boys to Men  
**Kathy Hines** - "And He Blessed My Soul" by Chris & Kyle with True Spirit  
**Kathy Lyons-Brown** - "It Belongs To Me" by Juan Winans w/Marvin Winans  
**Teresa Gibson** - "Sadie" by The Spinners  
**Pat Wheeler** - "My Soul Is Anchored" by Douglas Miller  
**Sunny Vaughn** - "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus" by Steffany Gretzinger  
**Jacque Fennoy** - "God Will Take Care Of You" hymn by Civilla D. Martin  
**Yvette Glasgow** - "Sunrise, Sunset" by Sweet Honey In The Rock  
**Ruby Brown** - "Always and Forever" by Luther Vandross  
**Ann Nutt** - "I've Got The Victory" by Ricky Dillard  
**Monique Ison** - "Yes" by Shekinah Glory Ministry  
**Marcia Gauden** - "I Sing Praises To Your Name" by Terry MacAlmin  
**Rosemary Omoregie** - "Goodness of God" by Jenn Johnson  
**Judy Mackey** - "Jesus How I love You" by Lawrence Matthews  
**Martha Stamper** - "Bless the Lord O My Soul"  
**Marilyn Thurman** - "Save A Seat For Me" by The Blind Boys of Alabama  
**Delanda Burgess** - "Precious Lord" by Mahalia Jackson  
**Christina Dyson** - "Thank You Jesus For The Blood" by Charity Gayle  
**Eldreai Ellis** - "I Need Thee Every Hour" by Annie Hawks  
**Rosemary McFadden** - "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus" by Timothy Wright  
**Charlotte Hines** - "Hold On" by Ricky Dillard  
**Renita Sanders** - "God's On Your Side" by Mississippi Mass Choir  
**Sharon Burns** - "I Need Thee Oh I Need Thee" by Marvin Sapp

## September's 64,000 Dollar Question

**If you could go back in time and tell the younger you one thing what would it be?**

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She just looked at me in disbelief. To remove a major part of my colon would have left me with a coloscopy bag for life. The new antibiotics were so strong that they could not be infused with any other IV so with IV's in both arms, it took 2 days for the antibiotics to start working and 5 days in the hospital before I was able to come home. Praise God, I came home with my colon intact and for that I am profoundly grateful.

Although I have experienced several medical conditions in recent years, I am grateful that these situations have not become as severe as they might have. I give all praise to the Lord for His goodness and mercy towards me.

Written By:  
Missionary Sharon Burns



## The Young Servant Girl of Naaman's Wife

I Kings chapter 5 unfolds the story about a young servant girl who was captured during a raid on Israel and given to Naaman's wife for a maid servant. Naaman, a rich and powerful captain of the Syrian army was afflicted with leprosy and could not find a cure.

One day, the girl said to her mistress, "Oh, if only my master could meet the prophet of Samaria, he would be healed of his skin disease." 2 Kings 5:3

The girl knew her God and showed immense courage, kindness, and compassion toward Naaman's condition. Even though she was cut away from her people, she spoke boldly and confidently about the prophet in Israel who could heal him.

This young girl declared hope and faith in God even in the mist of her despondency. Naaman got permission from the king to go to Israel to see the prophet.

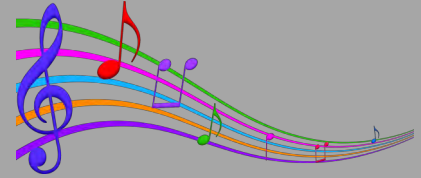
In reading the story, Naaman was not happy to follow the prophet's instructions right away, but he humbled himself and did what he was told. He not only received his healing but was also converted to faith in the God of Israel because of the young girl's actions.

Women of God, we must learn to be bold and courageous, tell others what God can do, and by all means practice forgiveness, kindness, and compassion.

Ephesians 4:32 reads, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

When we are wronged, pray and do good. We are saved to be a witness for our Lord, impact the lives of others, and win souls for kingdom. Acts 22:15 says, "For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard."

## Song of the Month



### Holy Spirit Thou Art Welcome

Composer: Dottie Rambo, (Also Credit: David Lee Huntsinger)

Born: March 2, 1934, Madisonville, Kentucky

Died: May 11, 2008 (74 years), Mt. Vernon, Missouri

Occupation: American songwriter

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### LYRICS

Holy Spirit Thou art welcome in this place  
Holy Spirit Thou art welcome in this place  
Omnipotent Father of Mercy and Grace  
Thou art welcome in this place

Lord in Thy presence there's healing divine  
No other power can save Lord, but Thine  
Holy Spirit Thou art welcome in this place  
Thou art welcome in this place

Holy Spirit Thou art welcome in this place  
Holy Spirit Thou art welcome in this place  
Omnipotent Father of Mercy and Grace  
Thou art welcome in this place

Fill all the hungry and empty within  
Restore us, oh Father revive us again  
Holy Spirit Thou art welcome in this place  
Holy Spirit Thou art welcome in this places

Chosen and sung by:  
Missionary Gail Webb-Goodwin



# Graduating Class 2025

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The Youth and Young adults at the Glad Tidings International COGIC are on the move, academically, socially, and spiritually. We send congratulations to all the graduates from pre-school, elementary, Junior and Senior High, and college.

Also, a group of Young Adults had the opportunity to attend the AIM Convention in Arizona. It was beautiful seeing them rejoicing and praising God and having a wonderful time in the hot sun. Enjoy our young people on the move.



*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*  
**Jayden Hildreth**

Hillview Crest Elementary



*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*  
**Micaela Poncè**

Redwood Forest  
Preschool



*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*  
**Azariah Serrano-Liddie**

Aspire Summitt Charter Academy



*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*  
**Kashton Smith**

East Avenue Elementary kindergarten



*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*  
**Kataliya Asani**

Glassbrook Elementary School



*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*  
**Marcus Kinslow**

Newington Forest Kindercare



# Congratulations Graduates

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*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*  
**Razley Wilson**

Frederiksen Elementary School



*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*  
**Nellie Asani**

Tyrrell Elementary School



*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*  
**Daylaun Levine**

Carl B Munck



*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*  
**Asaiah Rhodes**

D.H. White Elementary



*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*  
**Emmanuel Asani**

Tyrrell Elementary School



*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*  
**Shyria Billberry**

Ochoa Middle





*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*

**Brendan Lee**

Academy of Alameda



*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*

**Kristopher Ross Jr.**

El. Dorado Middle School

Concord High School



*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*  
**Joenathan Billberry  
Brewer**

Oakland high school

US Marine Corps



*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*  
**Serenity King**

Martin Luther King  
Middle school

Mt. Eden High School



*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*

**Jeremiah O'Con**

Newark Middle School



*Congratulations*  
TO OUR  
*Graduate*

**AJANI KEMAHNI GRIFFIN**

Edendale Middle school



# Hard Work Pays Off

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*Congratulations*

TO OUR

*Graduate*

**Mileah Poncè**

Martin Luther King  
Middle School



*Congratulations*

TO OUR

*Graduate*

**Janae Rodgers**

Emery High  
San Jose State University



*Congratulations*

TO OUR

*Graduate*

**Kylin Brooks**

Pittsburg High  
UC Riverside



*Congratulations*

TO OUR

*Graduate*

**Tayler Leftridge**

Redwood Christian High School  
Sacramento State Univeristy



*Congratulations*

TO OUR

*Graduate*

**Sean Curtis**

Tennyson High School  
Chabot College



*Congratulations*

TO OUR

*Graduate*

**Aleya Tolefree**

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# Great Church - Great Fellowship

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## We Are Family



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!

## We are Praying for You

### Bereavement

Phyllis Roberson's sister-in-law - Inez Pippins Service August 5th, El Sobrante, Ca  
Mother Simon/Yvette Newton (daughter/Sister) - Shirley Nelson Service August 6th, Citrus Heights, Ca

### Sick List

Shirley Guidry  
Mother Elizabeth Sharp  
Brother Mickey Williams  
Annie Bailey  
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  
Vinson Pressley  
Alma Scott  
Nathaniel Riley  
Lamarus Gregory  
Aaron Cook  
Connie McLain  
Elder Michael Washington  
Charmaine Torres

### Convalescent

Mother Mary Shepard  
Patricia Raspberry  
Thaddius McDaniels  
Anita Clark  
Belva Porter  
Carolyn Walker  
Mira James  
Yvette Drake  
Elder Albert Green  
Albert Johnson

### Home Shut in

Ralph Paige  
Shonette Todd  
Elder James Tucker  
Larry Miles  
Claudell Woods  
Deacon. Fred Hines  
Josephine Freeman  
Mother Sylvia Horton  
Phyllis Walker  
Shirley Butler  
Dana Mitchell

**Pray for saints everywhere**

The young ladies of Glad Tidings International truly rose at AIM 2025; just like Phoenix, rising! Held in the vibrant city of Phoenix, Arizona, this year's Auxiliaries In Ministry (AIM) Convention was a life-changing experience, especially for our first-time attendees. For many of our young women, this marked their very first time flying or participating in an AIM convention, and what a powerful introduction it was!

Our youth immersed themselves in anointed classes like Young Women of Excellence (YWE), Collegiate Sessions, and Sports Camp, each designed to empower, equip, and engage. They didn't just attend, they flourished. In YWE, our girls learned how to release insecurities and embrace their God-given identity, with one of our teens sharing, "The YWE class taught me to let go of my insecurities. It was good." These spaces created room for spiritual breakthroughs, confidence-building, and kingdom connection.

Reunions with old friends from various jurisdictions warmed hearts, while new friendships blossomed with youth from across the globe, forming bonds that only the AIM experience can offer.

The youth church services were nothing short of electric. Our young people were ignited by the Holy Ghost in moments that words can barely describe. One youth testified, "Something happened when I was at the altar. I couldn't control it—I just started jumping and dancing!" Another simply said, "This was the best trip ever!" That kind of joy and freedom can only come from a genuine encounter with God.

We are especially proud of Lmaya Jackson, who was featured in a national video spotlighting her first AIM experience. Her journey inspired many, and her breathtaking performance in the talent competition earned her 1st place! Her dance was not only beautiful but Spirit-filled. Mireya Ponce also blessed the convention with praise dancing with the Children's Church during Midday Service, representing GTI with excellence.

One of the most memorable moments was our BBQ fellowship at a beautiful mansion in Scottsdale, Arizona. Over 90 youth and young adults from Northern California gathered together in unity and celebration. Led by our dynamic NorCal Youth President, Courtland Younger, and the Fresno Metro Youth Department, it was an unforgettable evening of laughter, testimony, and connection.

To our church family, thank you. Your prayers, donations, and encouragement made this trip possible. You helped launch these young women into deeper purpose and community. The GTI Youth Department is so incredibly proud and grateful.

We look forward with excitement to AIM 2026. Until then, we continue to rise.

We love our church.

## Coming Attractions

August 3rd - August Birthday Celebration  
August 4th - NorCal Gold Tournament  
August 5th-9th - NorCal 25th Holy Convocation  
August 13th - Women's Monthly Zoom Fellowship 7pm (510-197-8000)  
August 17th - GTI Family & Friends Day  
August 23rd - GTI Annual Prayer Breakfast  
August 31st - GTI Youth Sunday  
September 1st - GTI Annual Labor Day All Church BBQ

**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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