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## The Good Tidings Newsletter



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### Pastor's Corner

This month featuring *Associate Pastor Mike Stephens*

Psalm 127:1 declares, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain".

This is a reminder to me that on a daily basis I need to be seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. My real and only treasure is His presence, anything else leaves me empty and unfulfilled. Thank God that the Lord is a very present help in the time of trouble.



In the book of Jeremiah, 29th chapter, the children of Israel were in captivity, but God still had a plan for them. In Verse 11 He declares, "I know my plans for you, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end". Vs 13, "And you shall seek me, and find me, when you shall

search for me with all your heart". Vs 14, "And I will be found of you, saith the Lord: and I will turn away your captivity". These are great and precious promises. You see, Jesus does and can make all the difference.

But, am I seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness? Am I hearing the Word but not doing it? Let's remember God's Word is true, 'Let God be true and every man a liar'. David declared, "Lord, search out my heart and see if there be any wicked way in me... And lead me in paths of righteousness for Your Name's sake!" The Word of God is meant to correct us and get us back on course. 2Tim 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." It's time for change. The Bible tells me, "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy: break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you." Hosea 10:12 Is it about Jesus or is it about me? God forgive me.

And to you who are so very fruitful in the Lord, keep up the good labor of love that you are doing. You are so appreciated, and may you abound more and more unto every good work. You are truly an inspiration to the rest of us, and we are thankful for you! Let's rearrange our priorities, seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. And let's remember that Jesus is our shield and exceeding great reward.

In closing, let us remember another exceeding great and precious promise, John 15:7 - "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you". Jesus said, "As the Father sent me so send I you"!

We love you!  
Pastor Mike & Linda.



### A Joyful Noise

by *Reverend Laura Tassin*

I had a dream once that I was looking up to a monument and the Lord was sitting on this huge chair – kind of like the Lincoln Memorial. And I appeared to be like a little ant who was looking up at this huge figure that was the Lord, and I was singing to Him. My voice was the most beautiful voice that I had ever heard in my life. Now, I'm not a singer and I remember when my kids were growing up that I would sing in the shower, and, on occasion, my son would stand outside the shower room and make a howling noise. So I thought that when I was singing so beautifully in my dream it was really something incredible.

When I woke up, I sat up in bed and said, "Eat your heart out, Mariah Carey." I truly thought I was going to be an awesome singer and that God had dropped the gift of singing into me. But when I opened my mouth to sing, it was the worse sound that I ever heard and so I said, "Lord, what happened?" He told me that the glorious sound of my voice in the dream was the way I sound to Him.

So, keep on singing to Him whether you have a good singing voice or not because you sound beautiful to the Lord.

### BEHOLD, I GIVE YOU POWER!

by *Reverend Laura Tassin*

Several years ago my children, Vionne and Donny, and I attended a Kenneth Copeland convention in Anaheim where we witnessed many healings and miracles. In the car on the way home from the meeting, I made a statement to my daughter that it was wonderful to see those miracles and I wished that I could do them also. That was when the Lord spoke to me in my Spirit to tell me that it was not Kenneth Copeland who was doing the miracles, but that it was He who was working through Kenneth Copeland, and that if I believed I could do the same things – just like it says in His Word.

My son, who was an asthmatic, was in the backseat sleeping at the time. The Lord told me to have Vionne hold the wheel and for me to point my hand toward my son. As I did so, I felt the power of God go through my hand and into Donny (at the time I didn't know it was the power of God because I had never done anything like that before), and then I felt the asthma come out of Donny and go into my hand. Something went out of my son! My son woke up and hollered, "What are you doing?"

So the Lord taught me that night that if we have faith to believe in Him and what His Words says, we will do the same things that His word says. And the power is in God – not in man; I learned to put my eyes upon Him and not on man. And... Donny has never had asthma since!

"In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things charity. (love)" -St. Augustine





# Baptisms



*Anthony R. Paraspolo*



*Caitlin Jenkins*



*Christopher Paraspolo*



*Erick Carrouche*



*Gloria Mary Alexander*



*Jessie Sambrana*



*Jessie Paraspolo*



*John J. Pieper*



*Tina Louise Zeigler*



*Valerie Rothrock*



Rejoicing



Receiving Baptism Certificates

# Womens Meeting



We had a great time at the Women's Meeting last month. We discussed problems and came up with solutions, plus humor, plus encouragements, and a whole lot of love and support for each other.

## ★ Help!!! ★

CCC, I need your help - I am asking for praise reports and/or accounts of miracles to put in the Good Tidings Newsletter so as to share what God is doing in our lives. Please let Sharon Johnson, Rev. Laura Tassin or Pastor Tony know if you would like to glorify the Lord in print.

It's kind of difficult at times to fill these pages, and God is always faithful, but we need your help. Look at the great testimonies Rev. Laura Tassin gave us on the first page of this edition. She called me, Sharon Johnson, and dictated them to me over the phone. It was easy and I know they bless everyone. If you are worried about your writing abilities, I can edit to make any article look really good.

Please also consider that the newsletters go on the internet and can be read by anyone in the whole world who has a computer. This could be a way for you to fulfill the passage: Mark 16:15 *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature*, oops - No, it says to preach the gospel to every *creature*. (Just a little joke there).

Thank you for supporting this ministry and please pray for the anointing in the pages of CCC's Good Tidings Newsletter. God bless you all. Sharon Johnson

## Kitchen Korner

...from the kitchen of *Dee Paraspolo*  
*Leaving Margins in Your Fields*

by Earl Taylor (an Internet devotional)

Boaz told his foreman, "Leave some stalks of grain behind so that Ruth may come behind and glean in our fields. And don't embarrass her in any way!" (Ruth 2:15-16).

I recently heard a pastor speak from this passage; my heart was stirred as he shared this principle: the principle of allowing margins in our lives. Boaz provided margins in his fields by telling his workers to leave some behind: "don't pick up every sheaf leave some for the needy, leave something for those who are willing to work for their bread. We have enough we don't need it all."

This is a wonderful picture; I see it often from the farmer who leaves the last four rows of corn go unpicked so the pheasants and deer will have enough food to make it through a tough, Iowa winter. I see it in some homes and churches where boxes and boxes of food are packaged up and given to the hungry.

I love that theme of building margins in our lives. I was young and stupid once; falling into debt for stuff and house. When I freed myself of debt, I felt a big burden slide off my back; I began to build in financial margins into my life; not building wealth, but opening up more opportunities to give.

Charles Wesley built margins into his life: He determined that 29 pounds was an adequate sum to live on each year. When the royalty checks began to arrive, he determined that 29 pounds was still adequate to live on, and gave the rest away.

I do have to admit, I don't build any margins in my life when it comes to mercy, or gentleness, or kindness. My driver personality gets in my way and blocks out seasons of mercy and gentleness. "Lord help me to let my margins along my fields of mercy grow deeper and wider for the lost!"

"Lord, give us the self control to know what our 29 pounds looks like and to be available to give to those we meet who are in need." The Lord does bless those who give generously.

. . . Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth; Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David . . . and Jacob the father of Joseph. Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. (Matthew 1:1-16 NIV)

## US MAP

Submitted by *Dee Paraspolo*

A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little girl. She wanted to know what the United States looked like. Finally, he tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed the map of the country. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to her and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together. This will show you our whole country today..."

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After a few minutes, she returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly.

"Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where He belonged, then our country just came together!"

## KIDS IN CHURCH

From Internet

Submitted by *Sandra Bunch*

3-year-old Reese :

"Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

A little boy was overheard praying:

"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied,

"That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys!"

One particular four-year-old prayed:

"And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan. You be Jesus!"

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand..

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"



Be yourself...everyone else is already taken. -Maya Angelou

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