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### Pastor's Corner

This month featuring *Reverend Wanda Lee*,  
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#### The Blue Print is Ready

(Got to go to work)

I have a friend who is an architect. She began working with her father, then she inherited the business from him. She came to my classroom to speak to my students about her firm and the work she does. She told them that the first thing she has to do before she starts to build anything is to have a plan. She must draw this plan on paper and it's called a Blue Print.

Well, I pondered over this as I read from the book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah and the remnant people with him worked on rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem. In the 6th chapter he spoke of the enemies that tried to trick him into coming down from the wall. Neh. 6:3 *and I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down; why should I leave it, and come down to you?* The I AM in this scripture is written in bold italics signifying a deeper meaning. They sent unto Nehemiah four times in the same manner, and he answered them the same: ***"I AM DOING A GREAT WORK."*** Nehemiah was saying to his enemies that he wasn't fooled by their attempts at plotting against him; for the Lord God himself had ordained this work to be done. Well, praise God, after much thought I imagined in my sanctified mind, seeing us all joining together here at CCC planning, reading and studying our Blue Print. I can see us getting excited about doing a great work. The Blue Print that was set before us by the Master Planner, the Great I AM, by our Father, Lord and Savior, the One who left us the Blue Print for building our lives and the lives of those we come in contact with on a daily basis.

Inside this Blue Print we find all the tools we need to build with. II Tim. 1:6-9 *Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.* He left us peace, love, joy, power and a sound mind. We must endure and stir up the gift of God which is in us. The Blue Print says we must praise the Lord for His care. Let's take a look inside of the Blue Print, the Holy Word of God, The Bible, Please read Ps. 111, it begins vs 1 *Praise ye the Lord. I will Praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.* vs 2 *The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein...* The Bible (our blue print) speaks of work over 156 times. God's work towards man is wonderful and wondrous. Our work is outlined in the Bible. Work for the Lord for idle hands are work tools for the devil. Rom. 8:28 *and we know that all things work*



*together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.* To love God is the human perspective, but who love God are best able to appreciate that fact because they love Him no matter what. Isn't it wonderful to be able to know Jesus and to love Him because He first loved us? Like Job 13:15, we can say, *"though He slay me yet will I trust in Him."* Well Nehemiah was bent on completing the plan that God had set for him to do, to restore the wall at Jerusalem. Ezra accomplished the spiritual establishment of the New Community of Jerusalem, but Nehemiah prayed and had personal conviction to succeed in giving it physical stability.

During this time in Bible history, Jerusalem was plagued with prevailing poverty and famine. God had a plan for Nehemiah and Jerusalem and Nehemiah carried out the plan that God had set before him. He exhorted the people to be not afraid, but remember the Lord. Nehemiah and others had redeemed their Jewish brothers who had been sold to heathen masters. They took an oath to restore them and require nothing of them just as the Lord Jesus saved us from our sins, while we were yet sinners, He expects us to tell others about His love and His shed blood for their sins. We who have been brought with a price, those of us who have been transformed by His love, must work a great work for the Lord. For we are not saved by might, nor work for work's sake, but by the power of His blood that was shed on Calvary. He didn't wait for us to be free from sin, He took sin upon Himself all the way to the cross to redeem us. Gal. 3:13 *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us, for it is written, Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.*

We are obligated to do a great work for the Lord, We are not talking about building houses and land, for the Lord left us a commandment Matt 22:37-39 *Jesus said to him, thou shall love the Lord your God with all thy heart, and with all of they soul, and with all thy mind, this is the first and great commandment and the second is like unto it, thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself.* Yes, God has a plan and His plan will be realized in us because it is His purpose. Like Nehemiah, we must ready ourselves. We don't have to be afraid of any foe that would come up against us. The Lord God Jehovah is infinitely greater than any potential enemy in our lives. Ps 37:1,2,28 *Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.* Keep working for the Lord for the Lord loves judgment and forsakes not His saints; they are preserved forever but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. We will be preserved forever, praise God, and we will inherit the land, the promise of God, that where He is we will be also. We have a work to do, a great work for the Lord. We must be His witnesses unto the uttermost part of the earth. We must be faithful to share, with this dying world, the precious gift of salvation. Just as Jesus told Peter to "feed My sheep". He commissions us Mark 16:15 *go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,* Matt 28:19-20 *and to teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I AM with you always even unto the end of the world.* We have a job to do until He comes again claim His own. He knew us before (Continued on Next Page)

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our birth, and at our birth, when we weren't even swaddled, neither washed. God loved us when no one else cared. When we were ignorant/destitute of knowledge, even enslaved by our own desires for this world, He still love us. I trust and pray to God our Father that you may be encouraged to continue your work for the Lord and we grow closer in a united work for Jesus. Then, when He comes again, He will say Matt 25:21 *well done thou good and faithful servant, thou have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of the Lord.*

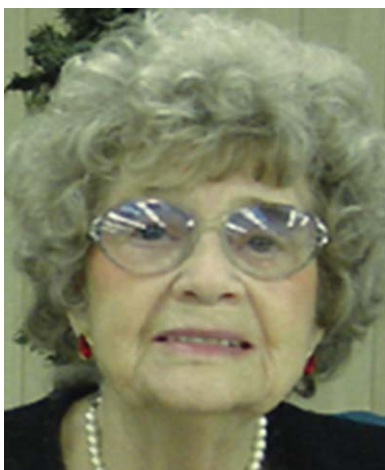
Working and I won't come down, Rev Wanda Lee

## Remembering Clara Horton

Nov. 10, 1912 - Oct. 2010

by Sharon Johnson

Our precious Clara Horton went home to be with her beloved Jesus last month. She died very peacefully in her sleep. She had been active and attending church right up to the week before. Her



deep praise and worship of the Lord will now be directed to Him in person. At her funeral, Sharron Bonessa sang "If You Could See Me Now, Walking on Streets of Gold." It was so beautiful, I believe God let her look over the portals of heaven for a moment and enjoy it with us. Below is a rerun of an article about Clara from an interview taken in December of 2009:

97 year old, Clara Elaine Horton has been a most beloved member of CCC for

several years. Her ready smile and laugh are blessings to us. It is very obvious that she loves the Lord with all her heart. I believe the Lord smiles when he sees her because she's such a delight. She told me, "I'm nobody special to write about." I told her that I know she is very special to the Lord and her CCC family.

She was born on November 10, 1912 in Ft Collins, Colorado. She was the eldest of four children. Her two sisters died in 1917 possibly from complications of the Spanish flu. They died two days apart. Her brother, Loyal Luther Horton was killed in a car accident at age 22.

Clara's cousin, Marjorie, was instrumental in bringing her to the Lord when she was 18. Clara says she had a period of backsliding after that, but has been with the Lord since 1941 or thereabouts – it was when World War II began. Clara lived with her parents and helped them most of her life – they also lived in Wyoming, Nebraska and Denver, Colorado.

When she lived in Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, her father had gone to Denver and then sent for her mother to join him. Clara was supposed to stay in Nebraska with her cousin, but she had a deep feeling of urgency from the Lord that she should go with her mother to Denver. Her mother was not saved at the time but would accompany Clara to church because she didn't want Clara to go alone. When they were in Denver, she took her mother to a revival meeting at an Assembly of God church and, on a Sunday night, her mother was the only one who answered the altar call to accept Jesus as her savior. Clara feels that was why God put that feeling of urgency in her so that her mother would be saved. She believes her father also

was saved before he passed on.

Her cousin had come out to California and arranged a job for Clara. So Clara came to Los Angeles where she worked for Regency Creamery for 9 years. She then got a job with Rice Brothers Book Bindery and worked for them for 35 years until 1982 when she retired. She was wise in making investments and they have helped her in her retirement years.

Clara sang duets with her cousin in the Full Gospel Church she attended. She loves the Lord very much and says, "I want to be as good a Christian as I can be all the days of my life. I want to go up in the rapture!" She also said that she loves to be friendly and give people smiles.

She loves CCC and is so glad she's here. She says that this church has been very loving and kind to her and Ce Ce Martinez, her good friend of over 20 years.

Some interesting facts: As a kid, her father had a Model T Ford, the kind with a crank. She says it was probably second-hand because her family didn't have much money. Her father loved to drive fast and drove that car as fast as it could go. The family told him that they were afraid he'd be killed but that didn't stop him. (I researched this and found that the top speed for a Model T was 45 miles per hour.) Many years later, Clara found out that her mother liked to drive fast also, which surprised her.

When asked what she felt was the most amazing invention that came along in her life time, she said that she attended a fair one time before the advent of TV and saw a big television with a tiny screen and she found that most interesting.

She also said that has had good health most of her life, but when she was about 50, she was really sick with a serious abscess condition and she feels the Lord healed her.

## BABY DEDICATION



Precious little Emma Rose was born to Jennifer in October. All who see her say she is perfect. She was dedicated to the Lord and is surrounded by the love of her family. CCC has been blessed to see the Georgeovich girls grow up into beautiful young women of God.

# Trunk or Treat



We had a wonderful time on Harvest night with the trunk or treat outreach. Thank you Al Olquin, Dustin and Sarah Paraspolo and all the great workers who put it together. We had food, games, jumpers, raffles, candy, all done in a wholesome way to celebrate this holiday that can have a dark side. We love God's light. It is impossible to pick photos for the newsletter. What a chore because there were so many great pictures of CCC'ers. Please go to the website and see all of the pictures. If you ever want your picture or a family member or friend's picture in the newsletter, please let me (Sharon Johnson) know, and you will get your wish. This newsletter belongs to all of us and I welcome suggestions, articles, pictures, etc.

**Congratulations** to Caitlin Jenkins and Chris Paraspolo as they announced their engagement to be married. They said they will wait a year or more for the big day. We pray God bless them, guide them, and prepare them for a joyful lifetime journey with each other, also that they will be used by God as a couple.

**Congratulations** Pastor Dustin and Sara Paraspolo who announced they are expecting a bundle of joy - due early next summer. They are very happy. We will pray for this little one. We know that he or she will be surrounded by lots and lots of love...and lots of Nunez's and Paraspolo's too!

## Kitchen Korner

...from the kitchen of *Dee Paraspolo*

*For Ladies Only:*  
"Times of Refreshing"  
Cool water. Cool breezes.  
Refreshed.

A tree house . . . A rock . . . A shady spot . . .  
The sun rising; each a place to pause and  
Hear God speak.

A grateful pause, In a busy life.  
Times of Refreshing.

My sister speaks. GOD speaks.  
I listen to HIS Words  
It is GOD . . .  
. . . And I am refreshed.

So . . . is it a "retreat" or an "advance?" A few of us bounced that question around for a moment last month and quickly agreed that Jesus often retreated to be with His Father and when He had spent intimate time with God His Father, He then advanced against the forces of evil.

For the ladies that went to Hemet in October, our weekend was properly named, "Times of Refreshing." The Holy Spirit was waiting for us - hovering around. He was practically dancing in the parking lot waiting for us to arrive. He was there as we chose and readied our rooms. No, not rooms - suites. (God's princesses aren't ordinary.) We had four suites: Hannah, Esther, Ruth, and Sarah Suites. The Holy Spirit shared the dinner hour with us and He was the first one in the Fireplace Room as we gathered to worship. Even as I am typing, I feel the presence of the Holy Spirit, as I reflect on that weekend. You've never heard the story of Esther until you hear Melba tell Esther's story - reminding us that Esther spent a year preparing herself for her king and we want to minister and serve our King of kings with spending time preparing our lives and our hearts. Esther was interested in what pleased her king. We must spend time learning what our King of kings likes. Have we given thought to what pleases the heart of our King of kings and Lord of lords? The Holy Spirit took over in our prayer time. He touched our lives - prayerfully forever. He ministered through our leader to individual hearts. We were blessed beyond measure. And that was Friday.

We were on Holy Ground. God's presence permeated the grounds we were on the and the house we were in. Each of us had the opportunity to spend time alone with God; as well as the time we spent together with God. We laughed. We cried. We prayed for each other. We prayed by ourselves. Some were up before the sun to read their Bible and pray; some found a rock in the warm sunlight; another found a tree house - and everywhere we looked for Him, God was there.

Saturday morning was a purposeful different focus. As much

as we all wanted to be close to God, we also wanted to get to know each other. After all we see each other all "prim and proper" in church and don't get to know each other "up close and personal." Before this weekend none of the ladies had seen me with out make-up, or with an I-don't-care-what-my-hair-looks-like hair do. Nor had they ever heard Joyce or me do pig-snothing sound effects for the lesson of the prodigal son (only our prodigal was a daughter). We buddied into groups and did skits. The morning went so quickly that we carried some activities to after lunch and then shared the results of our "God Moments" with each other at a later time. Saturday afternoon was free time, with many activities available - naps, walks, canoeing, visiting, swimming and decorating personal canvas bags. We have some artists among us.

All day Saturday and through our Sunday Service and communion we were blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit. He made our Sunday clean-up effortless. Everyone pitched in and cooperatively we packed, vacuumed, cleaned all the rooms, loaded our cars and headed home. There were many setbacks that kept some of our ladies away. Prayerfully our next advance will bring many more women into this special quiet place with God and with each other.



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