#### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**





# Devotional by: Elder Sandra Roman

A Chosen generation. It has been an amazing year, especially our Bible study with Pastor Michael in Deuteronomy. One of the many things that we learned was that we are chosen for divine purpose just like the Israelites. Moses told the people in Deuteronomy 14:2 'For you are a holy people to the LORD your God, and the



**Hello From Helen** 

Hello Family,
Yes it is finally here, Christmas
Season has begun! We all got
together on November 6<sup>th</sup> and
decorated the church. There were all
kinds of snacks and we all took such
pride in everything we did. The
church is so beautiful that you really
have to come see the Christmas
Wonderland it has become.

We had Thanksgiving Dinner as a church family on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Our wonderful chef's Jack and Linda Cooper prepared roast turkey among other tasty treats and then we all

LORD has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.' They were not like all the nations around them who served many gods. They were holy and set a part to serve the only true God. Deuteronomy 6:4; 'Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!' God taught them who He was, who they were, and why they were chosen.

Roman 15:4: 'For whosoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning that we through patience and comfort of the scripture might have hope.' We learned from our study of Deuteronomy how patient our Lord is with us just like He was with the Israelites. God loved them, showed them how great and powerful they were. They were instructed to love God and love one another through the Ten Commandments. No good thing was withheld from them and they did not have to work for any of it.

We are in a better covenant in Christ Jesus and His words are written on our hearts. He is our hope and our salvation. 'We are a chosen generation, a royal

brought our own favorite recipes to make a complete delicious family dinner.

The best part for me was Gratitude Time! One by one, everyone who wanted to had a chance to talk into the microphone that Elder Keith Freeman passed around and shared what they were grateful for. What I heard the most was how blessed each and every one of are for being a part of this church and for our church family. It was so touching that I couldn't stop thinking about it for days.

Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> we had our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. This is one of my favorite events, and everyone was invited. We all got together outside in front of the church, and had snacks and hot chocolate. The Praise Team sang Christmas songs and we all sang along. Then the tree was light up and it is always so beautiful. In the end, we all received bags of assorted candy to take home with us.

We will meet for a Christmas Eve Service on December 24<sup>th</sup> at from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

We will get together here on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 to bring in 2019 together. It starts with getting together in the Gathering Place at 9:00 p.m. then into the Sanctuary at 9:30 p.m. and finally we will go into the Fellowship Hall and bring the New Year in together. The colors for New Years Eve will be **BLACK** and **RED**.

There are still more changes going on around here. I don't know if you have seen the Fellowship Hall lately but, boy has it changed and it's still changing everyday, even the floor has changed. You really have to take a look and you will be surprised, it is beautiful!

priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that we should shew forth the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light'. 1 Peter 2:6.

We are chosen to show this world Jesus. We are chosen for His divine purpose.

Until next month, Love and blessings, Helen J. Caliendo





### Who Am I?

- \*I was born in Newark, Ohio
- \*I once lived in Prescott Arizona
- \*I love Searching for and collecting sea shells
- \*My favorite animals Giraffes
- \*One time I stuck my hand into the mouth of a Manatee
- \*I do not have any children
- \*I have worked as an Office Manager and a



#### Who Am I?

Meet Jeffrey Doldorf

- \*I love to Jet Skiing \*The craziest thing
- you've ever done was getting into a helicopter in Hawaii
- \*I have worked as a dispatcher for an alarm co and also in retail
- \*My favorite food is Pizza

Transportation Coordinator \*I love to cook \*My favorite food is Lasagna \*My favorite singer Phil Collins \*My favorite actor is **Bruce Willis** \*I love the new T.V show Manifest \*I don't particularly love to travel \*My favorite holiday is Christmas \*I enjoy gardening \*I love going to work \*I hope to go to Australia one day \*The song that would best sum me up is Spirit in the Sky \*If I wrote an autobiography I would name it "Full Force" \*I love the smell of Patchouli \*I love to go sailing

If you think you know who I am, contact Helen in the church office with your guess. All correct guesses will be published in next months issue of 'Getting to Know You'.

\*My favorite singer is Celine Dion \*My favorite actress is Sandra Bullock \*My favorite T.V. show is "This is Us" \*I enjoy traveling \*My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving \*I enjoy going to movies and walking \*The best part of waking up is coffee \*One thing on my bucket list is to travel to California \*I have a huge 45 rpm record collection. \*I once went for a 3 hour Jet Ski ride. \*I collect metal dye cast model cars. \*If I came with a warning it would say "Don't hurt my feelings" \*The song that best describes me is "Unbreak My Heart" \*If I wrote an autobiography I would name it "I Am Me"



#### DEATH IS THE BEGINNING

By Nancy Granger

#### RAYMOND MICHAEL KOZLEWSKI

Death is such a strange part of our lives. It seems that when we die, there is a tablet that has been written, by our God, listing the things that we have done thru our time on earth. If we loved and honored our God I feel that He has found a way for us to live on. It is our legacy and Raymond Michael Kozlewski has left a trail of love that will continue on forever.

No one that knew him has ever forgotten him and the way that he worked tirelessly to take Alcoholics Anonymous meetings to jails, prisons and hospitals.

How many times did he leave his home to help a friend, in the middle of the night, out of one catastrophe after another? Yes, it seems everyone who knew him would call and feel secure in the fact that he would come to them no matter what and bring his God with him.

Michael and his sister lived their lives with God's direction, to walk thru the horror that took them to save a friend, as I feel, if they hadn't lived thru this hell themselves they would never care if someone lived or died. They took God with them on these many, many journeys to spread His word or to bringing God into their lives. Too save them from the hell that they were facing and had been living.

I know these things because after all of these years I, (their Mother) still receive letters and phone calls from friends, that they had helped thru one catastrophe after another, telling me how Michael \*My favorite scent is "Ralph Lauren Polo"



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30 YEARS AND COUNTING (or his sister) had saved their lives, brought God to them and how they will NEVER FORGET HIM.

God makes a way so that we will never be forgotten, but can live on thru eternity with respect and love as will Michael and his sister, Kathleen and their dear friends like Pastor Michael Porzio and other Ministers and Pastors will remember them. I miss them because they are gone, but as long as their memory lingers on, they are not forgotten and I feel like they are watching over their many friends and loved ones and will live on forever because they lived their lives by God's willbeginning to end.

I believe when we are born, God completely sets the scene for everyday of our lives every word we speak, every pain we suffer and every human we help.









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