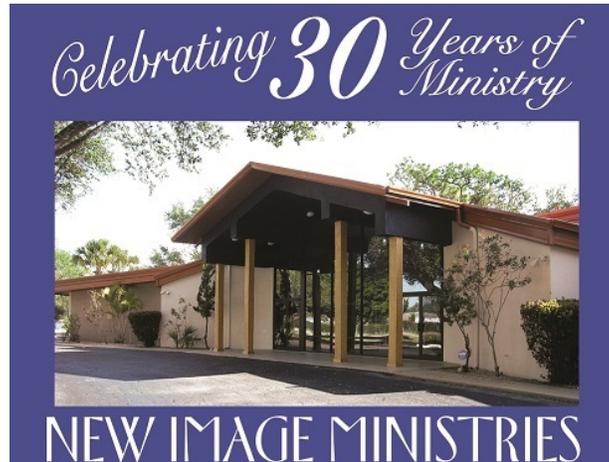


GETTING TO KNOW YOU



Devotional By Elder Sandra Roman

Persistence Love of God.
Have you ever just taken a moment and thought about the persistent love God has for you? How He would never let go of you, but constantly tugged on the strings of your heart that were always connected to Him. You just didn't know until God made it known to you that you are loved with an everlasting love (Jer. 31:3).
In our study of Deuteronomy, we are learning of God's persistence love. He loved the Israelites and His love never failed them no matter how many times they rejected Him. (Ps. 136:1).
We must believe that God's love for



Hello From Helen

Hello family,
Movie Night was the beginning of the month. We saw the movie 'Wonder' it was such a heartfelt movie and we all experienced it together. The best part of any church event, for me anyway, is always the fellowship. I love how involved we all become. We had homemade cakes and all types of treats and we also had freshly popped, pop corn; the aroma alone was so intoxicating. It was a really great night.
The Gathering Place seems to be hoping this month, we are getting a lot of visitors, which is wonderful. The Gathering Place is there so we

us never fails either. He is faithful in His love for us even when we are not faithful in our love for him. (2 Tim. 2:13). Thank you LORD.

The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face” (Deut. 7:7-10) I remember being a young school girl who always wanted to be chosen to be on the best team. Somehow in my immature thinking I equated the best team selection with my self-worth or acceptance. Elevated when chosen which meant I was liked and accepted and devastated when not chosen. Even today, this immature way of thinking still wants to plague us. We think we are not good enough to be loved or accepted, or whatever else that is contrary to the truth of who we are in Christ. However we must grow up in the Lord and put away our childish thinking and believe what the word of God says about us. Eph. 1:4 says, “...He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love”. Simply, we are chosen, we are loved, and we are accepted in Christ. Therefore, we can love others with a love that won't let go. It is God's persistence love that fills our hearts to overflow so all around us will know God.

can stop in anytime the church is open and sit and spend a little time with each other. It is a place to go when you just feel like being close to your church family. Have a cup of coffee. There is always a hostess to greet you and don't forget to say hello to me in the office.

The Living Room is the room right off of The Gathering Place, you can sit in there and drink your coffee, read some literature, because there racks on the walls with the Address Book, Last weeks bulletins, The latest 'Getting To Know You' and more. Come and enjoy, this is our church.

On the 30th of March, which was 'Good Friday', we took part in the '**Lehigh Acres Cross Walk**', everyone met at the Publix Shopping Plaza and walked with our Crosses to 'Veteran's Park'. The news crew was there and interviewed Pastor Michael along with other pastors from our community. There so many Crosses, so many pastors and so many Christians. There were more people than ever before marching down Homestead road. It was very exciting. Once everyone got to the park, they were met there with wonderful music and the Salvation Army served hot dogs, potato chips and cold water to whom ever wanted it. It is an amazing feeling to spend this significant day with family and friends. The love of Jesus was so prominent and felt by all who were there. This was a time when the whole community came together as one.

Love and blessings,
Helen J. Caliendo

Deuteronomy is an excellent Bible study. The Israelites learned God had always loved them and that He was their God. This is what He wants us to know as well. He loves us and He is our God.



Who Am I?

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- *I enjoy Writing and fishing
- *I once lived in a tree like Tarzan
- *My favorite memories are getting my first bike and getting my first car
- *I have worked at carnival, as a dancer, a paint mixer and I made wiring for the Apollo space ships.
- * My favorite food as a child was my mom's fried chicken
- *I enjoy watching real true detective shows
- *My favorite author is Stephen King
- *I like Classic Rock
- *When I was a kid I loved 'Lost in space'
- *My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving
- *I love the sound of birds in the morning
- *I enjoy writing
- *The autobiography of my life would be called 'Can't believe it's me'
- *The best part of waking up is Folgers in my cup
- *If I could have a super power it would be Healing

Who Am I?



Meet Geraldine Patterson

Who Am I?

- * I was born in Buffalo, NY
- * My favorite color is Royal Blue
- * My favorite memory is marring my spouse
- * I used to work be a Coal Mine worker
- * I love Fried chicken
- * My favorite author is Charles Stanley
- * I love Soul, gospel & Jazz music
- * My favorite singer is Sam Cooke
- * My favorite actor is Denzel Washington
- * I love to exercise at the gym
- * My favorite holiday is Christmas
- * I enjoy Soft music & the small of flowers
- * The autobiography of my life would be called "Oh my God!"
- * Something on your bucket list us a trip to Africa

*Something on my bucket list
would be to be able to look into a
volcano
*Funny animals make me laugh
*If money was no object, I would
sit on the beach all day
*One time in high school I jumped
off of a three story roof
*If I ruled my own country, the 1st
law I would introduce is
that nobody goes
hungry.
*The song that best sums me up is
Desperado

***If you think you know who I
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BY Bill Carley

I've seen the tops of the
mountains
But I've never been able to
reach them
It's not the fear of the
heights
But the fear of something
that is so beautiful

* My proudest accomplishment is
finishing College
* The thing that makes me laugh
the most is my spouse
* What would you sing at
Karaoke night? No
* If you could only eat one meal
for the rest of your life, it would be
Chinese food.
* I collect angels
* The song that best sums me up
is Every Praise.

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I've seen the stars in the
night sky
It's not the distance that I
lack
But the sight of seeing
something so heavenly,
That it's always been
beyond my reach

I've seen the wide blue
ocean
No, it's not the fear of the
depths,
But the fear of what is on the
distant shore I cannot see

I have seen life and yes, I
have seen death
Oh God how swiftly it
comes,
And sad our last regrets

With all the love and
happiness that we feel in
our hearts
That can come so swiftly
that it tears us apart

But with You My Lord,
Just the mention of your
names
There's nothing we can't
conquer
Nothing we can't claim

No pain, no fear,
Nor trouble, nor sorrow
For as long as it's the Heart
of Jesus we follow.



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