

GETTING TO KNOW YOU



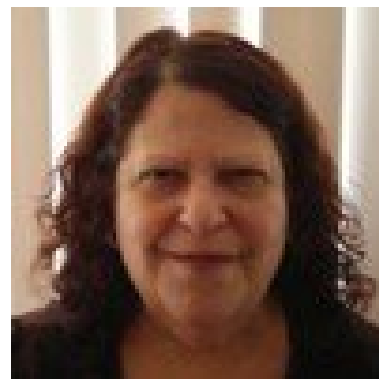
Devotional By Elder Sandra Roman



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We have the most awesome messages each Sunday morning. This week Pastor Phil's message was titled, "Bear Fruit". He reminded us that God takes away things in our lives that keep us from bearing fruit. He said that God

Hello From Helen



HELLO FROM HELEN

Hello Family and welcome to 2018! It's a brand new year with lots of wonderful things to look forward to. All the activities that we had in 2017 will be just as much fun, if not, even more fun in 2018. Some examples are Movie Night, Bowling, Family Dinners

is calling us to a higher place, the kingdom life. It is a life of faith.

Also Pastor Michael reminded us that there is nothing we have to do to take away anything not of God in our lives. God takes away things that harms us and keeps us from living a life which He purposes for us. He said, "We have heard the spoken word and God would do the work".

Wow! How true. *Romans 10:17*; "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." We did hear God's word and received faith to believe what was spoken.

Let's look at *Isaiah 55:10*: "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but waters the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that

it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater."

The images God gives to us to help us understand the truth of His word are phenomenal. He wants us to have peace by understanding that He starts His good work in us and complete it in us. (Phil. 1:6). Note, He is the one sending down the rain and the snow to do what He intended it to do. The whole process from beginning to end is God. We read in *Isaiah 11*, "So shall my word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please. And it shall prosper in the things for which I sent it."

We see that God sends His word (rain and snow) which goes forth from His mouth (heaven) and it does not return to Him without during what he sent it to do (waters the earth which, is us, and make it bring forth and bud). He makes us alive and fruitful. God's word prospers in the things for which God sends it (to give seed to the sower and bread to the eater). He brings forth His life in us.

Let's conclude with this; *Zechariah 4:6*, "Not by might, nor power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of host".

etc. The lists goes on and on so always have your calendars handy and I will keep you informed as to when and where the next event will take place.

A Night of Joy -Tree Lighting Ceremony was more spectacular than ever this year. So many of us showed up and so many baked the most scrumptiouslicious Christmas cookies I've ever seen. The table was filled with goodies and hot chocolate. The band played amazingly as we sang our favorite Christmas songs. Pastor Michael and Pastor Phil were there to welcome everyone, and the youth gave out bags of assorted candy. When the tree was lit, it was breathtakingly beautiful and you could hear everyone gasp. It truly was a magical night. We had a few cold days in December and here it is, January 2018 and it is cold again. We've had to come to church bundled up but then I spoke to a few of my friends in New York and New Jersey found out they are really freezing with a temperature of 8 degrees or below. It's all relevant. No matter what, we all show up at church and everything is alright.

New Years Eve was awesome. We had our Sunday morning service and it was powerful and such a great way to start the day. At night, we all came back to church for some delicious, homemade cookies and lots of fellowship before a beautiful New Years Eve service. We are so grateful that we had old and new friends join us. Afterward everyone went in the back to bring in the New Year together. There was food and snacks and most importantly, we had each other. At midnight, there were spectacular fireworks.

As Pastor Phil said "get rid of self in 2018". What can you do to help your neighbor?

2018, I know you are going to be a GREAT year!

Love and blessings,
Helen J. Caliendo



Who Am I?

- *I was born in Cleveland, Ohio
- *I have lived in California and Florida
- *My favorite color is red
 - *I love to bowl
- *Once when I was a kid I was holding a bowl of dirt while swinging and I fell backward and swallowed the bowl of dirt
- *One time a couch bed closed with me in the middle, it was so funny
- *I have worked in a bar, a restaurant and as a cleaning person
 - *I like to cook
- *My favorite author is Rudyard Kipling
- *I love 50's music and I love to dance
- *My favorite singer is Frank Sinatra
 - *I enjoy action movies
- *My favorite actor is Kevin Costner and my favorite actress is Elizabeth Taylor
- *My favorite movie is "Gone With the Wind"
- *My favorite T.V. shows are



Who Am I?

Meet

Elder Sandra Roman

- *I love to walk
- *I used to tutor kids at elementary school and I have worked as a secretary
 - *I enjoy cooking but I love eating out.
- *I enjoy soul & Christian music
- *My favorite singer is Sam Smith & Babbie Mason
- *My favorite actor is Ryan Reynolds
- *My favorite T.V. show is "The voice"
- *Window shop
- *I love going on a cruise
- *I love a clean house but I hate cleaning
- *I love mornings and the whole experience of facing another day.
- *Christmas is my favorite holiday

NCIS and CSI Miami
*As a child I loved Captain Kangaroo
*I love to travel
*Christmas is my favorite holiday
*I love the smell of vanilla
*If I wrote an autobiography the title would be "Peaceful Easy Feeling"
*I love a good joke
*If I could only eat one thing for the rest of my life it would be my mom's homemade ravioli
*Once my friend and I took a Gondola up Sugarloaf Mountain in Maine and had to walk down, it took several hours.

If you think you know who I am, contact Helen in the church office with your guess.

*The best gift I've ever been given is friendship
*I'd like to go to Europe
*If money was no object, I would still work and still give
*I have approximately 10 to 12 pairs of shoes
*The song best that best sums me up is "Happy"



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