

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

# New Image Ministries

Come & Be **CHANGED**

*May we all be changed into His Image by His Spirit that lives within us.*

*2 Cor. 3:18*

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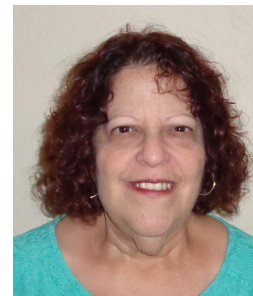
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**Devotional by  
Elder Keith Freeman**

***NEW YEAR, NEW  
IMAGE, NEW ...WE***

*As we wrap up 2019 and enter*



**HELLO FROM HELEN**

Hello family,

December 2019 was a year to remember. it started with the Tree Lighting on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We all got

*the new year, it's nice to reflect on God's goodness and then to look forward to the good things God has in store for us in the coming year. It seems fitting that the year's end with Christmas and the birth of Christ and then we enter something new, which is what the birth of Christ did over 2000 years ago and continues to do today, something new. With Christ's birth came a new hope, a new joy, and a new peace, along with so much more that the people did not know or understand. That's the same as the spiritual birth of Christ inside every one of us today. It too brings a new hope, a new joy, and a new peace inside of us which then brings about a new image of who we are.*

*As we wrapped up the book of Genesis we were given the picture of how the book of Genesis opened with birth-creation, and then ended with death, the death of Joseph, and that Joseph means-may God add. As Pastor said, "before God can do something new, there needs to be a death." The death of religion and old ideas. That is what the birth of Christ brought about. In 2 Corinthians it speaks of the old dying in versus 3:13-14, 16, - 13 We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. 14 But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains*

together right in front of the church, we had hot chocolate, coffee and many different types of decorated Christmas Cookies and treats. Pastor Michael said a prayer and then it was time to light the tree; we counted down from ten and puff, it was lit and beautiful. Tric and the Praise team played Christmas songs and we all sang along. We also played a trivia game, and new this year, we had an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" contest, Adelyn Deraps, Tric's granddaughter won the grand prize. There were plenty of ugly Christmas sweaters and some very beautiful ones. Pastor Michael was a Christmas Tree with a bow on top. It was so much fun.

On the 14<sup>th</sup>, we went to The Holy Land Experience. Wow, it was so unique. There was the "**Tour the Jerusalem Model**" where they actually showed you where everything that was in Jerusalem and all the events that took place. We also saw a Christmas Show with singing and dancing, it was just spectacular, I felt like I was at a Broadway show about Jesus' birth. We even had fun on the bus ride there and back. On the way there, Elder Keith Freeman played a movie for us. The movie was Elf and it was such a perfect movie for our ride there. On the way back, we played music and we all sang and clapped, talked and snacked. What a wonderful day it was.

We had a beautiful Candle Lit Christmas Eve Service. The New Image Praise Team lead us in song with a medley of Christmas songs, after that, Pastor Michael

*when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ... 16 But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Christ changed everything back then and He is changing everything still today. As we come into this new year, maybe our resolution can be for a more inclusive corporate change so instead of a "new me" we will look for a "new us". A death of ME and a birth of WE ... 18 And WE all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. Let us turn to Christ daily so that the veil is taken away and not hold onto the old dead things but embrace the new things God has for us as so WE, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.*

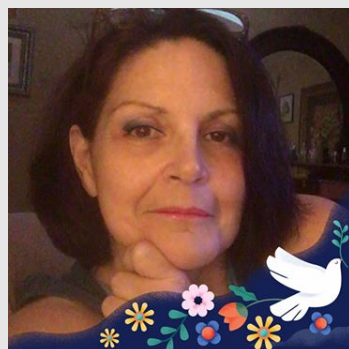
gave an amazing message. Toward the end, Pastor Phil Sr. Pastor Michael and Pastor led us in the lighting of the candles. The whole sanctuary was lit up and we were all the light of God.

When we were leaving we were all presented with a candy bar that had the Nativity Scene on the wrapper and a beautiful 2020 calendar. It certainly was a beautiful Christmas Eve 2019.

Well, that's a wrap for 2019 as we are about to bring in 2020 together with a service at 9:00 p.m. and we will all get together in the Fellowship Hall after that.

We are a blessed family. Thank You Lord!

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



## Who Am I?

- \*I was born in Springfield, Ohio
- \*I love to dance
- \*I have a few pets
- \*I once went cliff diving
- \*I have worked as a bartender
- \*I love to cook Italian food
- \*James Patterson is my favorite author
- \*Kane Brown is my favorite singer and I've seen him in concert
- \*Channing Tatum is my favorite actor
- \*I love The Voice
- \*I do enjoy traveling
- \*My favorite holiday is Christmas
- \*I love to bike ride
- \*The best part of waking up is waking up to the love of my life
- \*I try to be a perfectionist
- \*I love and collect sea shells
- \*My warning label would say "Do Not Open"
- \*The song that sums me up is "The House That Built Me"
- \*My autobiography title would be "The Unexpected"
- \*I get very excited with my church family.

*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'.*

## Meet

Virginia Alfonso

- \*I was born in Patterson NJ
- \*I have 3 dogs
- \*I once went to Argentina for work
- \*My favorite food is Eggplant Parmesan
- \*My favorite author is Sidney Sheldon
- \*My favorite singer is Carole King
- \*My favorite actor is Benicio Del Toro
- \*I love the TV show Mom
- \*I love Christmas
- \*I spend a lot of time relaxing
- \*The best part of waking up is that I made it one more day.
- \*I would love to go to some live plays
- \*I have a collection of mini cologne bottles
- \*My warning label would say "Beware of Potty Mouth"
- \*The song that sums me up is "I'm So Excited"
- \*My autobiography would be titles "Tell You That You Really See Me"
- \*My favorite cologne is Opium
- \*I want people to know that I need a lot of encouragement!

1 correct guess from



Balsamic-Roasted Brussels Sprouts  
Submitted by Kathy Mologousis

Makes 6 servings

Ingredients:

\*1 ½ pounds Brussels Sprouts  
cut in half through the core

\*4 ounces pancetta, ¼ inch –  
diced

You may use Bacon or pork  
bellies with fat removed

In place of pancetta.

\*1/4 c. good olive oil

\*Kosher salt and freshly ground  
black pepper

\*1 tablespoon syrupy balsamic  
vinegar

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.  
Place the Brussels sprouts on a  
sheet pan, including some of the  
loose leaves, which get crispy  
when they're roasted.

Add: pancetta, olive oil, 1 ½  
teaspoons of salt, and ½  
teaspoon of pepper, toss with  
your hands, and spread out in a  
single layer. Roast the Brussels  
sprouts for 20 to 30 minutes, until  
they're tender and nicely browned



ONE OF MY FAVORITE  
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**John 10:11**

**"I am the good  
shepherd. The good  
Shepherd lays down his  
life for the sheep."**

*\*I need to always remember  
that God is always with me  
and will always be there for  
me forever.*

Helen Caliendo

**2 Peter 3:17 & 18**

***17 You therefore,  
beloved, since you know  
your own steadfastness,  
being led away with the  
error of the wicked;***

***18 But grow in the grace  
and knowledge of our  
Lord and Savior Jesus  
Christ. To Him be the  
glory both now and  
forever. Amen***

and until the pancetta is cooked.  
Toss once during roasting.  
Remove from the oven drizzle  
immediately with the balsamic  
vinegar, and toss again. Taste for  
seasonings. Serve hot

\*I always need to keep  
studying the bible.

**Eddie McIntosh**

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Your copy should address 3 key questions:  
Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why  
should they care? (Benefit) What do I want  
them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like  
"free" "personalized" "complimentary" or  
"customized." A sense of urgency often  
helps readers take an action, so think  
about inserting phrases like "for a limited  
time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

THE BACK PEW - Jeff LARSON



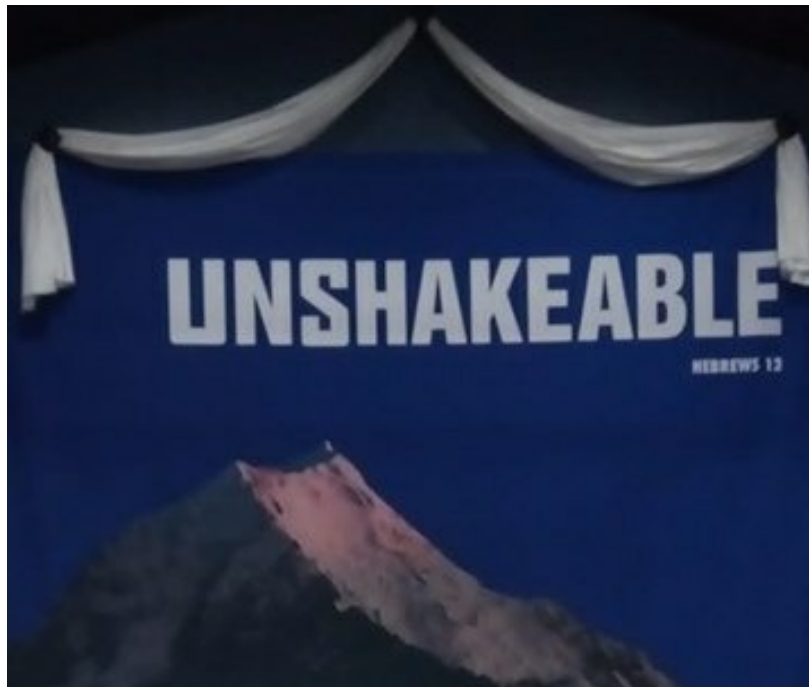
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**HAPPY NEW YEAR WISHES.. may  
God bless you in ways that are  
BEYOND YOUR DREAMS!!**

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ROASTED BRUSSEL SPROUTS  
SUBMITTED BY: KATHY MOLOGOUSIS



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