

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU



**Devotional by**  
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### **CYCLES OF LIFE**

Genesis 7: 10 And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the Earth.

We heard a powerful message



### **HELLO FROM HELEN**

Hello, my beautiful church family,  
As I go through my week, I can't help but notice that it has been a little empty around here the first couple of weeks of July. The church office was closed the first week in July and there were no bible studies for the first two weeks. I'm not used to the quiet. Thank goodness we always have church on Sunday and we all got to see each other then. I miss all of you when I don't see you. It's so good to be back in the grove.

Let me tell you about yet, another exciting change here at church; the Bookstore has be re-designed; thank

called the cycles of life in Genesis 7:10. God shows Himself as the flood in our life to cause rebirth and bring about change in our life, hallelujah. There were many truths spoken that night, but to hear the words you haven't failed once, and God hasn't failed you either is enlightening and reassuring. When we read the bible, it seems like right from the beginning we see failure. Scripture says that Christ's image was marred and disfigured yet when Jesus came upon the earth His face shined like the sun. When I look at God and life through natural thinking, I will see failure and a God who is not pleased with me. God is opening our eyes so that we do not see our lives as failures but instead God using the cycles of life which we all go through to produce the Christ in our life.

We are the word of God being transformed by the very spirit of God that is inside of us. What is inside will be seen on the outside. Thank you, Jesus. We know that you cause the change in our life. You are God of all Heaven and Earth nothing happens unless you say so. You are restoring us back to you and causing us to see God in a people. Psalm 27:13 says this I remain confident of this I will see the goodness of the lord in the land of the living. So as we go through these cycles of life always remember that God is in control and He may bring the floods but He also takes them

you Vanessa Stephenson. Everything has a new home. Everything has been re-arranged and of course, like always, Sandra has new and beautiful items as well. It's just so much fun to walk around and have a look. You never know what you will find because there are hidden treasures everyplace you look. There is jewelry, music, medication books, statues, mugs, ties etc. The bookstore is open every Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and for a few minutes after church on Sundays.

While you're at the bookstore, stop into the Gathering Place and have a cup of coffee. There is always a hostess and great conversation and of course, you can always pop your head into my office and say Hello to me.

Movie Night was Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. We saw the new Ben-Hur; of course we had snacks and drinks and got to spend some quality time with each other. Movies are always a whole lot more fun with we get to watch them together in the comfort of our own church, I love it.

**Seeds of Tomorrow**, Our new youth group had it's **Kick-Off** on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Fifteen of our wonderful young people showed up and it was awesome. Everyone received a backpack full of school supplies and beautiful T-Shirts. The youth learned the beginning of Genesis and it's only going to get better from here. We are blessed with everyone involved.  
Youth Minister - Yvonne Shadrach  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry – Geraldine Patterson  
Youth Group Leader – Curtis Bladen  
Youth Group Leader – Leaomara Hernandez

We had Communion Dinner early this month. The chef's made Pot Roast, mashed potatoes and as always, we all brought dishes to go with it. It was a great day!

away and restores us back to His image.

We are going to the Holy Land Experience in Orlando, Florida on December 14th. It will be decorated for Christmas and I personally can't wait to go. I heard that we have a ton of fun on the bus as well. This is a great Christmas present to ourselves. Please have all reservations and tickets paid for by November 17<sup>th</sup>.

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



### Who Am I?

- \*I was born in Providence, R.I.
- \*I have lived in both East and west coast of Fla. And Minnesota
- \*My favorite color is Teal Blue\* \*I enjoy doing crafts and I'm very creative
- \*I love animals, I have 4 dogs
- \*I once parasailed
- \*I have one daughter
- \*I have worked at McDonalds, banking, Gym Trainer and I was a Dog Trainer
- \*I do enjoy cooking
- \*I like to eat in and out
- \*When I was younger my favorite food was McDonald's French Fries
- \*I like Country music
- \*My favorite author is Sandra



### MEET Deacon Patricia Barnett

- \*I was born in Ohio
- \*I love to go horseback ridding
- \*I once give CPR to a stray skunk
- \*I have two children
- \*I once worked as a meat cutter
- \*I don't enjoy cooking
- \*I love Coconut shrimp
- \*My favorite movie is "Field of Dreams"
- \*My favorite singer is Bob Seger
- \*I love John Wayne '
- \*I love the T.V. show

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- \*My favorite singers are Blake Shelton and Carrie Underwood
- \*I like Crime/Mystery Shows
- \*My favorite actress is Meg Ryan
- \*My favorite television show is Gray's Anatomy
- \*I like to travel but I haven't traveled much.
- \*My favorite holiday is Christmas
- \*I spend my free time floating in my pool and sitting in hot tub with my spouse at night
- \*The autobiography of my life would be named, "Crazed"
- \*The best part of waking up is Folgers
- \*The superpower I would choose is healing
- \*One thing on my bucket list is to buy a motor home and travel
- \*Being free to be goofy makes me laugh the most
- \*One meal for the rest of my life would be a Filet Mignon
- \*If money was no object I would open up a pet kennel
- \*I am an extrovert
- \*My warning label would say "Warning Crazy person ahead"

*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'.*



LET GO AND LET

- "Mysteries at the Museum"
- \*I don't really enjoy traveling unless it's in an RV
- \*My favorite holiday is Easter
- \*I spend a lot of time studying and reading
- \*The best part of waking up is getting another chance
- \*My dream is to dig a Well in Africa
  - \*I am fifth generation Cherokee Indian
- \*My warning label would say "Caution Work in Progress"
- \*My song would be "Deep in Love with You"
- \*My autobiography would be titled "Counting Every Blessing"
- \*Philippians 4:7 is one of my favorite bible verses "The Peace of God"



### ONE OF MY FAVORITE BIBLE VERSES

#### **Acts 2:17**

*"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*

**\*\*To me this is a promise that at**

# GOD

As children bring their broken toys with tears for us to mend,

I brought my broken dreams to God because He was my friend.

But then, instead of leaving Him in peace to work alone, I hung around and tried to help with ways that were my own.

At last I snatched them back and cried,

“How could you be so slow?”

“My child” He said “What could I do?”

You never did let go.”

our death, God will pour out His spirit on our flesh.

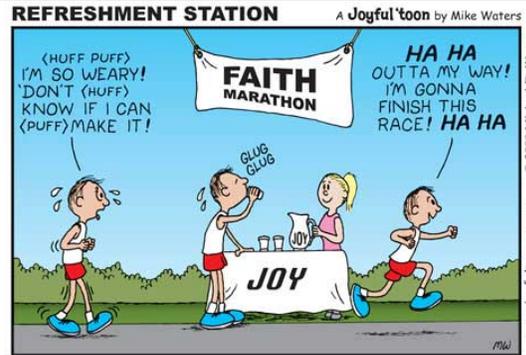
**Nancy Granger**

## Proverbs 3:5

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”*

\*\*I have total trust in Him.

**Donna Cipriano**



so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed.  
- ROMANS 15:32 NIV





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