# Victory Temple Christian

# **Counseling Encouragement Newsletter**

Sept 2022

# Remembering Who's got your back

1 Corinthians 10:13, KJV: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

dividing the word of truth.16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

When I run alone its call a race, but when

I run with God. It's called grace.





Women's Bible Study

Timothy 2:15-KJV **15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly



## What You Should Be

If you are a Christian woman, others around you should notice that there's something different about you. There should be something about you that sets you apart, and makes them desire what you have. And what do you have? JESUS! That's right! It's time out for just saying that we're a Christian by name or association. It's time for other people in our world to see that we are a lover of Christ not only by the love that we have for one another, but by our character and being a light for Christ.

Matt.5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.



The mind is the window of the heart. If we let our minds constantly dwell on the dark, the heart will feel da



But if we open the window of our mind to the light, the heart will feel the light. Above all, this great capacity of our minds to focus and consider is meant for considering Jesus (*Hebrews 12:3*)

"God's children makes up all ethnic groups"





## SEASONS OF BARRENNESS Barren Women of the Bible

Barren / Barrenness defined as incapable of producing; infertile; unproductive; unfruitful.

There are six stories of barren women in the Hebrew Bible:

**Sarah, mother of Isaac:** (Genesis 11:30) "Sarai was *unable* to conceive; she did not have a child."

**Hebrews 11:11** says, "By faith even Sarah herself received ability (*capacity*) to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised."

**Rebekah, mother of Jacob & Esau:** (Genesis 25:21) "Isaac *prayed* to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was *unable* to have children; and the LORD answered him, and his wife Rebekah conceived."

Rachel, mother of Joseph & Benjamin: (Genesis 29:31) "Now the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, and He opened her womb, but Rachel was *unable* to have children. Genesis 30:1 says, Then Jacob's anger burned against Rachel, and he said, am I in the place of God, who has *withheld* from you the fruit of the womb?" Genesis 30:22-24, states, "Then God *remembered* Rachel, and God listened to her and *opened* her womb..."

Hannah, mother of the prophet Samuel: (1 Samuel 1:2, 5) "... Peninnah had children, but Hannah had *no children*." "... Because he loved her, but the Lord had *closed* her womb." 1 Samuel 1:19-20 says, "And Elkanah had relations with Hannah his wife, and the Lord *remembered* her. It came about in due time, after Hannah conceived..."

The wife of Manoah, mother of Samson: (Judges 13:2-3) "... whose name was Manoah; and his wife was *infertile* and had not given birth to any children." "... Behold now, you are *infertile* and have not given birth; but you will conceive and *give birth* to a son."

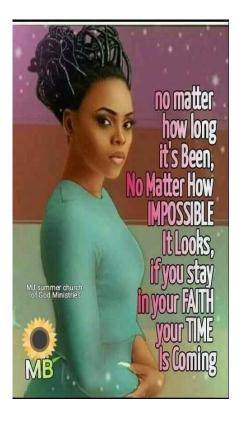
The Great Woman of Shunem: (2 Kings 4:8, 14-17) "It is a fact that she has *no son*, and her husband is old." (v. 16) then he said, "At this season next year, you are going to *embrace* a son..."

Deep and/or severe shame is the fruit of barrenness. In spite of their seasons of barrenness, they believed God. He alone holds the keys to capability, fertility, productivity, and fruitfulness. The fruit of their womb was dedicated back to God.

You may be in a season of barrenness... a stagnant marriage, writer's block with your book, ineffectiveness in ministry, an estranged relationship with your parents, children, or siblings. The list goes on and on! If you are experiencing deep or severe shame in your life because of barrenness... but God! In the same way that these barren women believed in the faithfulness of God, you too can believe and receive your breakthrough (cf. Heb. 13:8; Rom. 2:11). We serve a God who *remembers*; this is your SEASON... He will divinely intervene in your behalf!

# Pastor Louis Colk





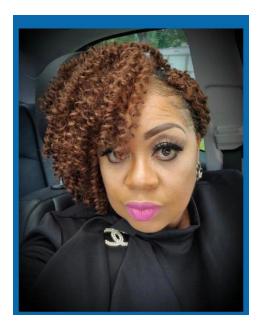


Starting from left to right: Mother Bertha Ross, First Lady Tanza C. Polk, and Elect Lady Flora Thompson. Second row: Kiley Heard, Laratha Stevenson, Marjorie Broussard, Dannesia Thompson, Racian Jackson, Shirley Hubbard, Marissa Robinson, Jennifer Earl, Pam Harris, Esther Simpson. Third row: Elaine Green, Melanie Carter, Kiaya Heard, Pastor Louis C Polk, Tramaire Thompson, and Lillie Lockridge.

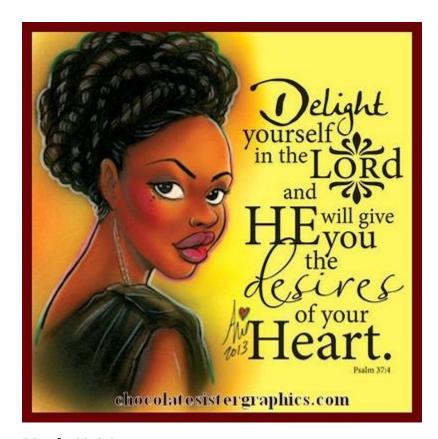
"The world needs strong women who will lift and build others. Who will love and be loved. Women who live bravely, both tender and fierce; women of indomitable will."  $-Amy\ Tenney$ 

## 2 Timothy 1:7

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.



A word of encouragement to all the sister. Life is very hard at times. You will encounter all sorts of trials and challenges in life. As a Christian woman, you can find refuge in God. Instead of giving in to despair and giving over to defeat, you can stand still and be calm because God your Father who will fight your battle. Hence, you can already proclaim victory before the battle begins. One of God's reminders is for you to be strong and courageous (Joshua 1:9 Joshua 1:9 This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go." First Lady Tanza C. Polk



the enemy is going to be sorry he ever messed with you. You're about to become his worst nightmare a million times over. He thought he could wear you down, sure that after a while you'd give up without much of a fight. Well, just wait till he encounters the fight of God's Spirit in you. Because ... This. Means. War." — Priscilla Shirer

"At the end of the day,

## Mark 11:24

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

# Women's Annual Day with Supt. Leroy Thompson and Pastor Louis C. Polk



































"Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired. Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." — Mother Teresa

"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear." — Rosa Park

Over The Past Year God Has Blessed Us With **New Friends, Family and Members To** The Victory Temple Church Body.

Pastor Louis C Polk



Bro. Ethen Sowell Bro. and Sis Robinson





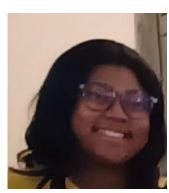
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Elder and Sis Simpson



Sis. Ireail Gabriel



Sis. Tramaire Thompson



Sis. Lillie Lockridge

## **Worship Opportunities:**

Sunday Morning Prayer.....9:00am

Sunday School..... 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship.....11:30am

Wednesday Bible Study......6:00pm

Conference Call Line 978-990-5000 Code 328062#

**Discipleship Training** 

every other Thursday...... 6:30pm

Friday Morning Prayer..... 11:00am

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**Brotherhood every 2nd** 

and 4th Saturday..... 8:00am

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We would like you to join in with our Bible Band teacher Missionary Yolanda McLemore on Wednesday Night at 6:00pm on the Conference Call Line 978-990-5000 328062#



