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Dear NPE Partners & Friends—

June 2021

Please see the attached photos of our activities from the first half of 2021:

- 1) Jan. 20 Presidential Inauguration Prayer broadcast online with Merrie Turner;
- 2) Mar. 9 retirement celebration for long-time chaplain of Family Research Council, Pierre Bynum;
- 3) Mar. 7, May 3 & June 15 DC Prayer Tours with Aglow regional teams;
- 4) Monthly 1st Sat. 6am Jericho Prayer Movement near DC Israeli Embassy;
- 5) Mar. 21, May 6 & June 13 DC Prayer Tours with Musonda family;
- 6) Monthly DC-area men's prayer leaders meetings at American Center For Prayer & Revival;
- 7) Monthly joint DC-area church prayer meetings: Partners For Transformation DC;
- 8) May 5 Launch of National Prayer Altar movement at DC Museum of the Bible;
- 9) May 31 5am 7am prayer at David's Tent DC on the National Mall; & Mon.-Fri. 5am -6am leading prayer on Facebook;
- 10) Every Sunday evening: helping lead worship at David's Tent DC on the National Mall with Pastor Paula Gilbert from Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Leesburg, VA;
- 11) May 6 National Day of Prayer with National Day of Prayer Task Force in DC;
- 12) June 6th DC Prayer Tour for Jeffrey & Cheryl Cook of Heavenly C. Ministries from near Cincinnati, Ohio;
- 13) Memorial services for long-time friends of NPE:
  - Ruth Cox Mizell (Apr. 30) JoLinda Phoenix (May 12) & Fred Price (Mar. 6);
- 14) Co-authoring autobiography for long-time friend of NPE: Wiley Drake;
- 15) June 2nd & 4th: assisting Apostle Candi MacAlpine of Destiny Training & Epicenter Prayer Room in central California with military funeral at Arlington National Cemetery and DC-area conference for Christian International with Apostle Bill Hamon;
- 16) June 12 Let The River Flow with Apostle Blossom Brackman; and frequent radio interviews for C-La's "Visions & Voices" on radio station WHAP 96.9 FM near Richmond, VA. We have redesigned our website to include "Heroes of Prayer" such as Ruth Mizell,

JoLinda Phoenix and Wiley Drake with their stories available for free viewing or download.

Also new on our website: near bottom of home page "Click here for praise & worship music from Jeff Wright & Victory World Outreach Church"—then look for many different albums including "Singing Through America's Favorite Patriotic Songs—Prayers Set to Music".

See Facebook: "Jeff Wright, Washington, District of Columbia" for 5am-6am daily prayer & nightly calendar saturation Bible reading Monday through Friday as well as live streams of DC Prayer Tours.

For free videos of our DC, Hollywood and NYC prayer tours, our TV interviews on several networks and weekly 2 minute prayer alerts recorded in front of well-known D.C. landmarks: www.youtube.com, type in the search window: natlprayerembassy

Also search Facebook.com for National Prayer Embassy--"like" us and forward to your friends, relatives, fellow church members, whomever has a heart to pray for nations, leaders and world events!

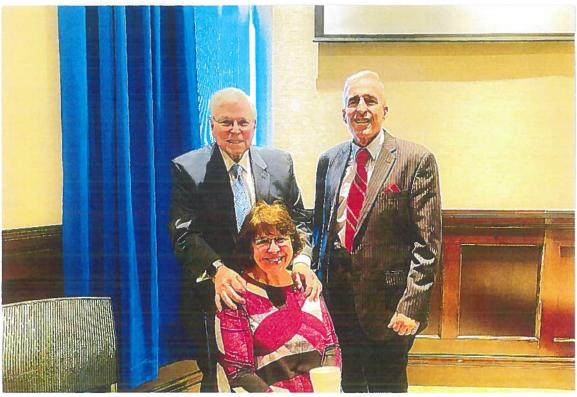
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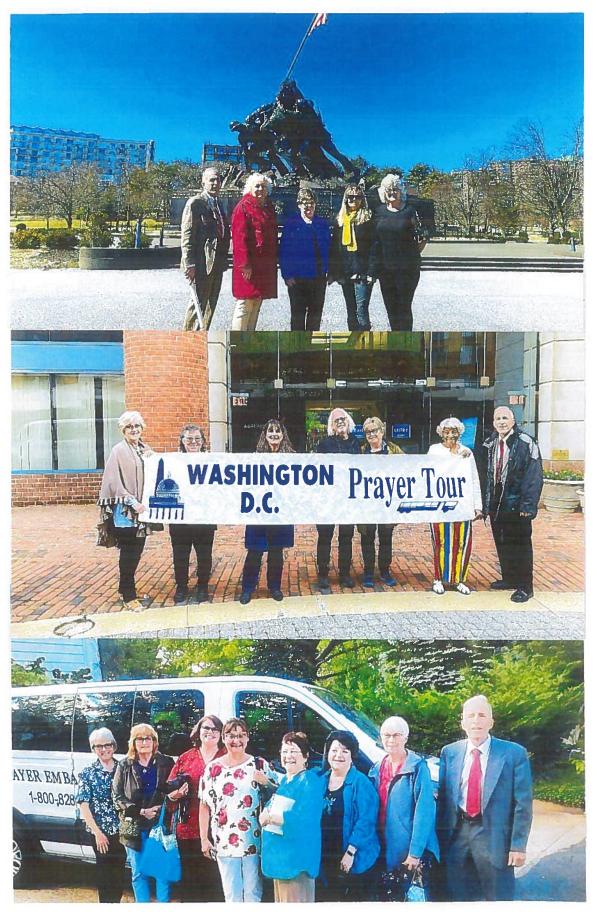
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Jeff Wright, director NPE





(TOP) JAN. 20 Presidential Inaugural Prayer Online Broadcast from near DC led by Merrie Turner (right0. For at least 30 years, first with Rev. Ruth Heflin, Merrie has been a part of organizing Presidential Inaugural Prayer Breakfasts in DC to coincide with the US Presidential Inaugurations. This year the covid-19 pandemic reduced the event to this online broadcast, but Merrie was faithful to allow God to show her how to adapt and press through. She had NPE director Jeff Wright take her on a DC prayer tour in preparation. (BOTTOM) MAR. 9 Retirement celebration at DC headquarters of Family Research Council (FRC) for their long-time chaplain Pierre Bynum (left) shown here with wife Christina. NPE director Jeff Wright has spent much time praying with this couple and their FRC prayer team over the last at least ten years at a variety of DC events. Now they are working to produce a book on the life of Dick Simmons, recently deceased founder/director of Men For Nations.

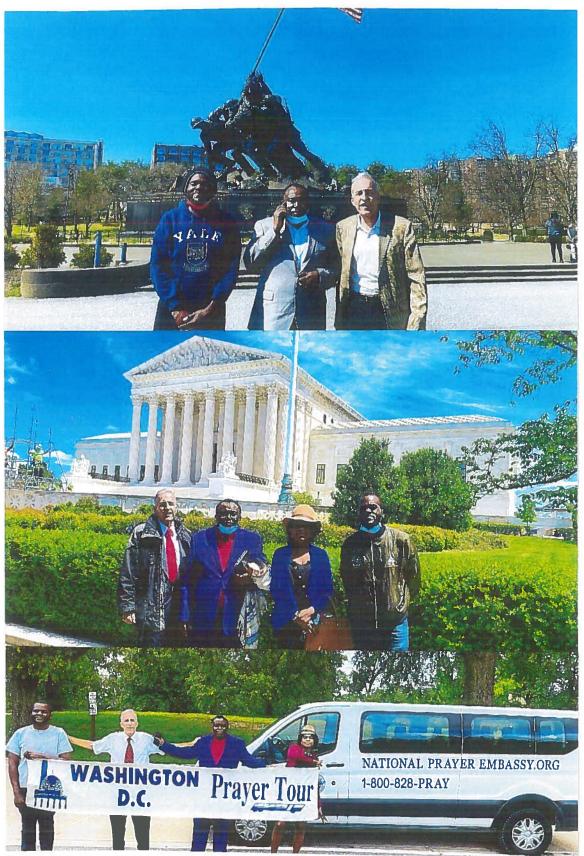


Washington, D.C. Prayer Tours with Aglow U.S. Regional Prayer Teams in 2021: (TOP) MAR. 7 Great Plains/Rocky Mountain states; (MIDDLE) MAY 3 Southwest states; & (BOTTOM) JUNE 15 Central states All the above Aglow groups were referred to NPE by Alice Holland, Wash., D.C. area. These Aglow Teams have been coming to D.C. to pray with NPE since their Fall 2008 D.C. national conference when NPE helped take all 2000 delegates on D.C. Prayer Tours using 20 buses in caravan. They plan to continue sending regional prayer teams in 2021 and to purchase a permanent

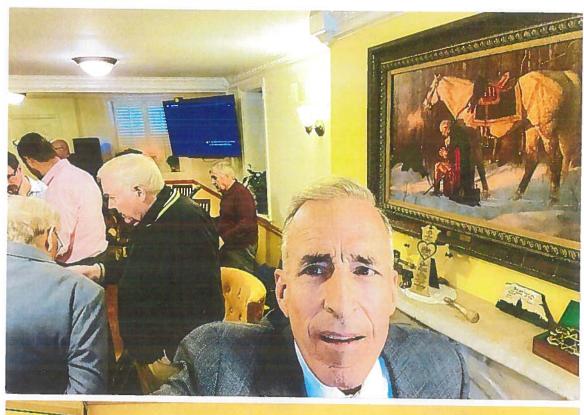




For the past 13 years Jeff Wright has been participating in the Jericho Prayer Movement— on the first Saturday of each month at 6am — 7am prayer teams of different ethnicities and different denominations from different sides of the DC area join together for an hour of mostly outdoor prayer at 12 strategic mostly monumental locations in DC. Now affiliated coinciding prayer meetings are starting in other cities around the world. Jeff spent 10 years attending the DC Washington Monument location, but in December 2018 was led by God through a Messianic Jewish apostle rabbi Michael Rudolph to help start a new location next to the Israeli Embassy in DC, to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122:6)! (TOP) FEB. 6 with Tim Mahoney (left) and David Sattler (center); and (BOTTOM) MAY 1: with Israel Musonda (back row) Mark Pritchett (center) and David Musonda (right). See following page for more on the Musonda family ministry. The Jericho Prayer Movement is organized and sustained mostly by the International Calvary Church (ICC) in Springfield, VA pastored by Sharon Lee—for the last nine years this church has provided most of the leaders and participants at each of the 15 DC JPM locations. ICC was started 22 years ago in the DC area as a church plant from the world-famous nearly 800,000-member Yoido Full Gospel Church of Seoul, Korea, known for its massive 24/7/365 prayer ministry including "Prayer Mountain" near the border with North Korea. Jeff Wright visited Korea in 1987 and heard founding Pastor Paul Yonggi Cho ask for prayers for the peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula under the

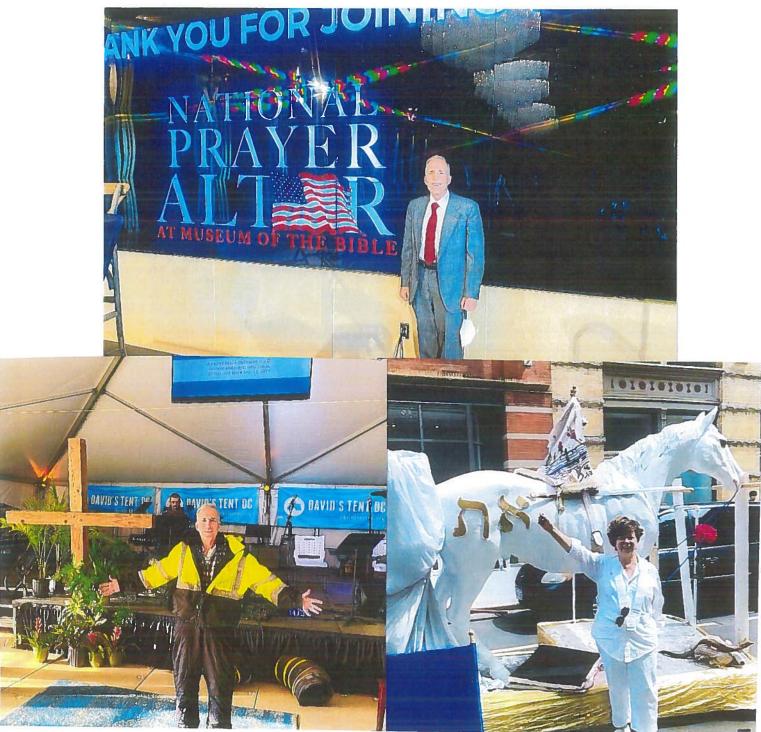


(TOP) MAR. 21 (MIDDLE) MAY 6 & (BOTTOM) JUNE 13 DC Prayer Tours with Apostle David Moses Musonda and his son Israel and his daughter Chantelle. May 6 was in front of US Supreme Court on National Day of Prayer. Apostle David is now living in his native country of Zambia, Africa where he is planting a new house of prayer, after spending the last 30 years in America planting houses of prayer in Idaho, Colorado and 5 years ago in Washington, D.C. During the last 30 years David also obtained ministerial education from the Assemblies of God, Oral Roberts University and the C. Peter Wagner Leadership Institute. The Musonda's DC House of Prayer is now called "Chief Cornerstone House of Prayer" and is now staffed by son Israel and daughter Chantelle. Just like for the last 5 years they keep the Kansas City International House of Prayer live stream playing 24/7 on a big screen near a big picture window that overlooks several embassies, including Israel and China.

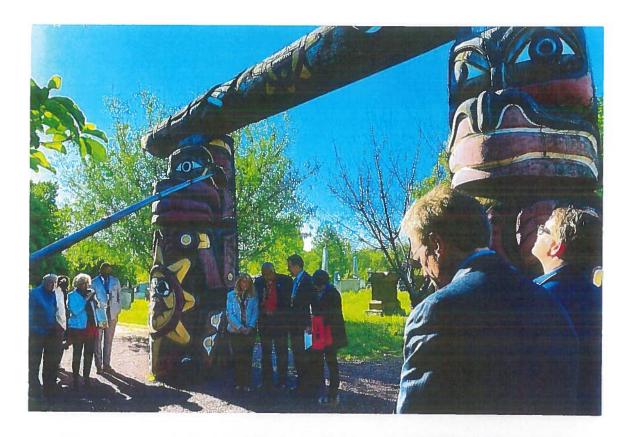




with Dick Eastman (shown center in black jacket)—Dick is a pioneer in the American 24/7/365 prayer house movement. In the mid-1970's Dick wrote The Purple Pig and Other Miracles about his experience as an Assembly of God youth minister in Sacremento, California. God gave him vision for "Prayer Corps"—similar to President Kennedy's Peace Corps that had been started in America 10 years earlier to send Americans to help needy nations around the world. Dick Eastman's vision for "Prayer Corps" was that young people and others would give a year of their lives to help maintain 24/7/365 prayer for world evangelization with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In recent years Dick has helped to purchase and supervise a 24/7/365 prayer house on the east side of the US Supreme Court, where the above May 7 meeting was held. In 1984 Jeff Wright was part of a 24/7/365 Pro-life prayer vigil in this same room, then led by Tom Hess who shortly thereafter moved to Jerusalem to start a 24/7/365 prayer house on the Mount of Olives to pray for the return of Jesus! (BOTTOM) MAY 22 NPE Director Jeff Wright has been participating for over 10 years in Prayer For Transformation DC (PFTDC), also called Prayer For Transformation National Capital Region (PFTNCR) a monthly rotating joint church DC-area prayer meeting, led by Pastor John Wenck of Montgomery Faith Fellowship, Gaithersburg, MD (2nd row far right). This photo was at Christian Life Center in Riverdale Park, Maryland, pastor Ben Slye.



(TOP) MAY 5 NPE Director Jeff Wright attended the national launch of "National Prayer Altar" at DC's Museum of the Bible. The vision of this ministry is to encourage home family praise, worship, prayer and Bible study, such that children experience God's love and presence and then want to sustain that into future generations. During the 1905 Welch revival it was said "Every home an altar—every man a priest." During the George Whitefield revival just before the American Revolution of 1776, Benjamin Franklin said it was impossible to walk down any street in Philadelphia without hearing Psalms being sung by families in their homes. Do it again Lord! (BOTTOM--LEFT) MAY 31 Jeff Wright joined 5am -7am prayer at David's Tent DC which has maintained 24/7/365 praise and worship to Jesus since 2015 on or near the national mall in Washington, DC. www.davidstentdc.org (BOTTOM-RIGHT) For the last several weeks Jeff has also joined one of Davids Tent DC praise and worship teams on Sunday evenings led by Pastor Paula Gilbert of Chapel of the Holy Spirit in Leesburg, Virginia-Pastor Paula is shown here on May 16 in New York City next to a replica of the Rev. 19:11 white horse that Jesus will ride when he returns to rule the earth in person. The event that day in NYC was a messianic procession "The coronation of the King", to welcome the return of King Jesus! 100 singers, dancers and shofar blowers all dressed in white had a police escort through the streets of NYC to pull large displays and banners of the Old Testament animal sacrifices and tabernacle combined with the New Testament fulfillment in Jesus Christ! Messianic Jewish praise and worship music was played on portable loud speakers. A similar messianic procession was held in Washington, DC on Oct. 10, 2020. Organizer of both events was Elaine Rose (www.sionsrose.org) whom NPE Director Jeff Wright assisted both times with counsel, finances and prayer.





(TOP) MAY 6 1st Thursday each May in America is National Day of Prayer. This year the National Day of Prayer Task Force headed by Chairman Kathy Branzell (left side of group of 4 in middle) organized outdoor prayer on that morning for a group of about 40 prayer leaders from across America at three key sites in DC followed by a national online prayer meeting that night at the Museum of the Bible in DC. Before going to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial and the World War II memorial, the group started the day at historic Congressional Cemetery about two miles east of the US Capitol for a time of prayer for forgiveness and reconciliation between Native American 1st Nations People represented above by Chief Nigel Bigpond (2nd from left in middle) and the US Government represented above by former Kansas Senator and Governor and US Ambassador Sam Brownback (2nd from right in middle) (BOTTOM) JUNE 6 DC Prayer Tour for Jeffrey & Cheryl Cook of Heavenly C. Ministries from near Cincinnati, OH.

# Great is Thy Faithfulness

Ruth Cox Mizell September 19, 1922-March 31, 2021

### Remembered to the Glory of God

Dorothy Ruth Gardner was born September 19, 1922 to Ashel Bethel Gardner and Annie Gibbs Gardner in the Great State of Texas. With three brothers, she felt she could do anything her brothers could do, and her father instilled the same confidence in her.

When Ruth was a young girl, she and her brothers wanted to go to the Circus Tent. Upon arriving, it was actually a Revival Tent. As they listened intently to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with tears and humble hearts they all four went forward to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. They surprised their parents informing them they would be baptized in the Trinity River that week.

Tragedy struck the family later during the Depression when brother Jack was killed in a hunting accident. With childlike faith Ruth comforted her mother saying "Aren't you glad Jack is in Heaven because he received Jesus Christ in his heart?" This impacted her mother so much that she dedicated her life to Jesus and served with great diligence with Child Evangelism in Dallas, Texas.

Ruth married, raised a family, and began to attend Christian Adventure Camp sharing Christ with the youth. She and her husband helped their son Larry and daughter Linda to start a Surf Board Rental Business, that launched surfing in Coastal Texas.

Ruth's zeal for the Lord intensified when she received healing of her back, soul, and the fullness of the Holy Spirit. New opportunities to serve the Lord opened for travel to Yugoslavia, China, Romania, Russia, Israel, even Outer Mongolia, just to name a few.

Ruth believed God to stop hurricanes in Corpus Christi. Her son mentioned politics one day that later developed to be Campaign Chair for George Herbert Walker Bush. Later she was would serve under President Ronald Reagan and President George H. W. Bush as Adviser to the US Peace Corps. By faith, Ruth dared to believe GOD to do the impossible!

Two books have been written about Ruth's life in brief. From "Politics to Praise" by Jeff Wright, 2005 and "The Ruth Mizell Story" Heavenly Favored for Earthly Influence, written by Reuben Egolf, 2015. Both of these books are beautifully written describing in brief the Beautiful and Inspirational Life of Ruth Cox Mizell!





The following two pages are from prayer campaigns that Ruth Cox Mizell organized.

The first page shows a black and white line drawing of giant Jesus overlooking the skyline of Corpus Christi, Texas with scriptures Ruth selected to pray against hurricanes striking that city.

In the lower right hand corner of that drawing is the initial "H" and the number "85". According to Ruth's daughter Linda Pate, "H" stands for Heinz Kugler, a friend of Ruth's in Corpus Christi. In 1985 at Ruth's request Heinz produced this line drawing for use in Ruth's prayer campaign against hurricanes.

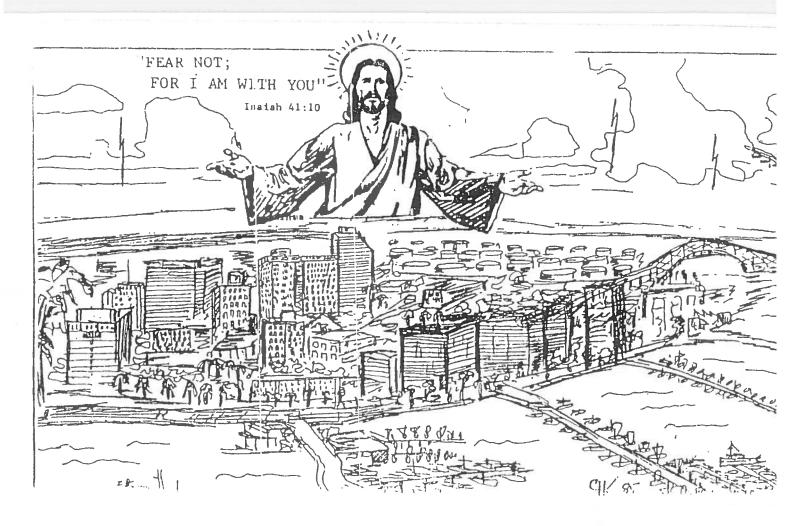
In remembering that prayer campaign Ruth said she first went to local clergy, but they told her "we can't pray against hurricanes—they might be God's will."

Then Ruth went to local businesspeople. But they told her "we don't want to pray against hurricanes—they're good for business, replacing all the roofs."

So Ruth made up this flier and passed it out to her church friends and Bible study groups. According to Ruth's daughter Linda since that time (1985) Corpus Christi has not suffered major hurricane damage as of the time of this writing (2021)--36 years.

The second page shows a more colorful version of the same line drawing, but this time showing the same giant Jesus overlooking the apartment complex where Ruth lived the last 30 years of her life in Alexandria, VA. This modified drawing with the added color was done for Ruth by Joyce Fuller, a friend of Ruth's who lived nearby Ruth in a suburb of DC. Joyce uses "Joy's" as her artist name, which is shown in the bottom right corner.

Ruth first shared and then inherited her apartment from Congressman Wilmer "Vinegar Bend" Mizell whom Ruth married in 1991 until his death in 1999. According to Joyce Fuller, Ruth produced this flier soon after the September 11, 2001 attacks on the nearby Pentagon. Joyce agrees it can be safely assumed that Ruth wrote the prayer shown below that drawing, and selected the scriptures below that.



I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land . . . Ezekiel 22:30 Many Christians have united in prayer to ask for God's protection in the threat of a hurricane. Won't you refer to the Scriptures below and agree with us in prayer:

- 1. Praise Psalms 145, 148, 150
- 2. Genesis 1:26-28
- 3. Jesus Calms a Storm Matthew 8 23-27 Mark 6.45-52 John 6:15-21
- 4. Doubts and fears
  Philippians 4 6,7
  Psalms 34
  Isalah 41:10

- 5 Protection Psalms 4:8 Psalms 91 Psalms 34:7
- Expect Answers to your Prayers
  John 15:7
   Luke 11:10
   Jeremiah 33:3
   2 Chronicles 7:14
- 7. The Lord brings Hope to You Hebrews 6:18,1<sup>th</sup> Psalms 33:18
  Psalms 71:5
  Psalms 42:11

### HURRICANE CONDITIONS

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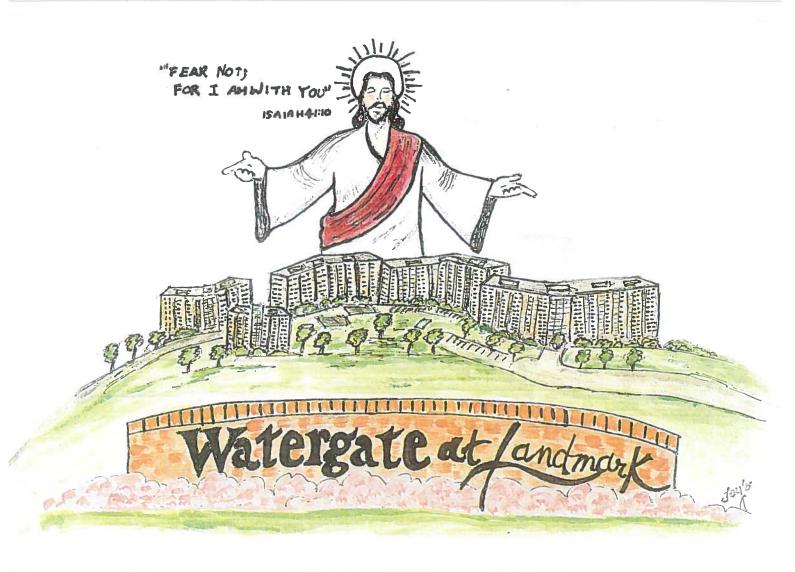
This condition will be declared by the Director of Public Safety and/or Civil Defense Director when the National Weather Service indicates the possibility of a landfall within thirty-six hours close enough to cause damaging winds or tides in the City of Corpus Christi

### CONDITION I:

This condition shall be declared by the Mayor or City Manager when damaging lides or hurroane lorce winds are imminent

### CONDITION II:

This condition will be declared by the Mayor of City Manager when the cours of the hurricane has been established and the National Weather Service suggest a landfall within eighteen hours near enough to Corpus Christi to cause damaging winds or tides.



### Heavenly Father,

We come to you today asking for your hand of protection to cover the Watergate-at-Landmark complex and all of those living and working here, realizing that the threat of terrorism is very real. Help us to be vigilant and aware of any potential threat. We ask that you remove fear from the hearts of our residents; as well as, the many employees here and replace it with your peace which passes all understanding. We thank you for hearing and answering our prayers.

Psalm 34:15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry.

Psalm 34:7 The Angel of the Lord guards and rescues all who reverence Him.



Romance, Adventure, Humor and Spiritual Lessons— From Politics to Praise—The Ruth Mizell Story by Ruth Mizell as told to Jeff Wright

Ruth Mizell served as campaign chairman in Corpus Christi, Texas for George Herbert Walker Bush for two of his political campaigns, starting with the race for U.S. Senate in 1964, and for U.S. President in 1980. She also served as campaign chairman in Corpus Christi, Texas in 1978 and 1982 for Bill Clements, the first Republican Governor of Texas, and in 1984 as co-chairman for Phil Gramm for U.S. Senate. In 1984 Ruth moved to Washington, D.C. and later served under Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Herbert Walker Bush as adviser to the U.S. Peace Corps.

During her years in Washington, D.C. she has served as liaison to the White House for American Christian Trust and served on the Board of Directors for the National Prayer Embassy. Ruth has also been an active worker and/or leader in several other Christian ministries, including A.D. 2000, Campus Crusade, Every Home For Christ, Joni and Friends and Nora Lam Ministries.

In 1994 she became active in Capitol Hill Prayer Partners and became their liaison to the Capitol. In 2004 she was asked to represent the National Council on Bible Curriculum in the Public Schools and became a Board Member in 2005.

God has given her twenty years in politics and twenty years of praying for our nation. Ruth praises Him daily for His favor and grace.

Meanwhile, Ruth has continued mission trips throughout the world: South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, Europe, Russia, China, Southeast Asia, South America and Israel.

From 1991 until he passed away in 1999, Ruth was married to Wilmer Mizell, a retired World Series-winning baseball pitcher and three-term U.S. congressman and political appointee under three U.S. Presidents. Ruth has a large extended family, including children, stepchildren, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Five generations have loved and served the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jeff Wright is pastor of Victory World Outreach Church, the host church for the National Prayer Embassy in the Washington, D.C. area. He first met Ruth Mizell in 1985 at American Christian Trust in D.C., and from 1988 to 1992 they served together on the founding Board of Directors for the National Prayer Embassy. Since 1992 Ruth has been a special advisor for the National Prayer Embassy, which Jeff has directed during that time. Jeff invited Ruth to bring the main Sunday morning message to his church on April 17, 2005, which became the basis for this book.

## Celebration of Life

# Jo Linda Phoenix

Sunrise: October 12, 1934 Sunset: April 13, 2021



Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Visitation: 12:30 PM Service: 1:30 PM

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### Obituary

olinda Phoenix transitioned at age 86 in her sleep on Tuesday April 13, 2021 in Bowie, Maryland. She was born on October 12th, 1934 in Wingate, North Carolina. Jolinda was brought up in the church her entire life and became "born again" in 1977. She loved the Lord and serving Him faithfully. She enjoyed talking about the Lord, was very kind and the Lord put a special calling in her heart to serve the homeless. Jolinda moved from North Carolina to set roots in Washington D.C. where she worked for the post office and later became an assistant secretary of the Air Force serving at the Pentagon for over 10 years.

In 1987, she found a church home with the Victory World Outreach Church, led by Pastor Jeff and Kim Wright. Jolinda was an integral part of the church and the National Prayer Embassy weekly prayer tours of Washington, D.C. They prayed for nations, leaders, and world events that there might be peace to spread the Gospel of her Lord Jesus Christ. Jolinda enjoyed serving food, praying for and providing word-based counseling to the homeless. She felt fulfilled feeding and ministering to the homeless as well as her prison ministry and bringing them the love of Christ.

Jolinda was very talented. She published a book of poems in 2005, that dealt with persons affected by Hurricane Katrina; along with A Tribute to the Black Man; To God's Love; The Beauty of the Clouds just to mention a few. She also wrote a witness rap in 2003. Jolinda enjoyed sharing fellowship and food with her many friends and church family. She was known for cooking "the best fried chicken" ever, the chicken casserole her grandchildren loved, and her angel eggs that will be truly missed. Jolinda was known as the lady that loved to dance.

Jolinda was preceded in death by parents Joe and Jessie Rorie; sisters Dora Alice Barrino, Azzie Lee Rorie, Mary Ruth Leak; former spouse Preston Phoenix; and daughter Wanda Mumford (Don). She is survived by her two daughters, Terri Smith and Annette Pointer (Frank Jr.); 7 grandchildren Frank III (Darnelle), Jason, Jessica, Richard, Shawntae', Jamale and Tyrell; and plenty greatgrandchildren as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and countless others touched by the love that God expressed through her.

Jolinda firmly believed Psalm 27:1,4; "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?... One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seck after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple."



Apostle of Street Ministry—the JoLinda Phoenix Story pg. 1

Prior to becoming a member of Victory World Outreach Church in 1987, JoLinda was a long-time member of Suitland Baptist Church, Suitland, MD. While at Suitland Baptist JoLinda participated in their monthly Friday night visits to Central Union Mission in inner city Washington, DC, a homeless shelter feeding and housing 80 men nightly. When the Suitland Baptists visited Central Union Mission they conducted the evening chapel service at the Mission, attendance at which was mandatory for the homeless staying there.

JoLinda Phoenix worked at the Pentagon as a secretarial worker for the Air Force from about 1987 – 1998. While there she frequently went in and out of the offices that were destroyed by the 9/11 attack. During that time she also met Francis Brown, another worker at the Pentagon who had a heart and calling for inner city street ministry. Francis had a friend named Dottie Powell that had been joining Francis in visiting inner city municipal homeless shelters in DC, which ministry they invited JoLinda to join. JoLinda then asked the pastors and adult choir from Victory World Outreach Church to join her in ministering at these DC homeless shelters, as shown on the following pages.

About 1990 Francis and JoLinda contacted the DC police to ask where were the worst crime and drug areas of the inner city. Then they applied for street closures on Saturday mornings once a month during warm weather to have gospel street parties in those neighborhoods. They walked the neighborhoods and got permission from the residents, including at least one access to a power outlet to run a sound system.

When the police arrived on the designated Saturday morning to string yellow tape across the street to close it off to traffic, the drug dealers who were hanging around to make sales to passing motorists would then move around the corner to continue their sales.

At that time our church met in public schools and kept all our sound and other equipment on vans, so it was easy to bring those to these street parties. JoLinda recruited people from Victory World Outreach Church to staff four folding card tables of activity:

- 1) A table to hand out free food, including hot dogs being grilled nearby, with drinks, cookies and chips;
- 2) A table to hand out free good used clothes;
- 3) A table to hand out free Bibles and gospel tracts; and
- 4) A table with a sign that said "Prayer" staffed by experienced believers in Jesus.

In addition JoLinda recruited pastors from Victory World Outreach Church to attend these street parties and use the sound system to give their Christian testimony and preach simple messages of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. She also recruited the church choir and soloists and bands of musicians to sing between pastors preaching, and also interspersed the church youth group doing gospel skits.

The audience was the entire neighborhood, but the ones who came closest to pick up the freebies and ask for prayer were the mothers, wives, girlfriends, children and little brothers and sisters of the drug dealers. Eventually as the drug dealers got to know JoLinda they would help her set up the above equipment before they moved around the corner to sell more drugs. They called JoLinda "Mom".

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JoLinda made an effort to find local pastors to whom she could refer the new converts being won to Christ at these meetings. Ultimately what happened is that a local resident who attended JoLinda's inner city street meetings began holding a weekly Bible study for children in her home during the week. Then on Sunday mornings that same local DC resident brought those children in her vehicle the 25 minute drive to Victory World Outreach Church in a nearby Maryland suburb of DC. When her vehicle failed, one of the members of Victory World Outreach Church went into D.C. each Sunday morning to provide that transportation. This continued for several years.

Around 2008 JoLinda led a tour to revisit the neighborhoods where here street meetings had been held ten years earlier. She discovered that all of them looked much better: slums were gone, replaced by gleaming new senior citizen centers and other living centers. There was no evidence of open air drug dealers on the streets. The atmosphere felt safer and spiritually much cleaner and brighter. To God be all the glory!

About that same time around 2008 JoLinda recognized in her heart a desire to once again visit Central Union Mission in inner city DC as well reach out to the homeless living on the streets. After consultation with her pastor at Victory World Outreach Church she felt led of God to organize the preparation of 100 lunches in brown paper bags every three months. She recruited others in the church who wanted to help prepare these bag lunches. Into each bag she inserted a paper flier describing how to find salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. The other side of this flier showed the address of Central Union Mission with a description of all the services available there to help the homeless: food, housing, medical, dental, legal, education and the nightly gospel services mandatory for all residents along, with what they called "STP—Spiritual Training Program". Part of STP was volunteering to help with a free summer campground in a nearby suburb which inner city children could visit.

Then on a Saturday morning once every quarter JoLinda would lead a team including her pastor and others using the church van to take these bag lunches and fliers to pass out at parks near the White House where homeless people gather, especially Franklin Square at 13<sup>th</sup> and K ST NW DC.

She and the others with her would stay to pray for those receiving the bags for whatever their needs were, especially steering them toward salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, and going to Central Union Mission for more help. After that the team would stop at Central Union Mission to drop off donation items, mostly clothing but also including a monetary check from the church.

One month near the beginning of this new outreach the attendant at the front desk, whose name was Darien Carter, at Central Union Mission recognized JoLinda's pastor and said, "Well, hello Pastor Jeff." Jeff didn't recognize Darien, but as they spoke Jeff remembered some of Darien's other family members and how Darien would sit in the back in the 1990's with his mother on Sunday mornings at Victory World Outreach Church in New Carrollton, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, DC.

Darien said after attending our church he got confused, got into drugs and alcohol, burned all his bridges with his family, ended up living on the streets of DC, and finally ended up at Central Union Mission. There he did so well they eventually put him on staff in a paid position, and had him leading some of the nightly chapel services. He said to Jeff, "Now I just teach them what I remembered you teaching me" Jeff said, "Well praise God, it's all from God anyway."

Apostle of Street Ministry—the JoLinda Phoenix Story pg. 3

Jeff stayed in touch with Darien Carter and eventually invited him to come give the main Sunday morning message in June 2009 at Victory World Outreach Church, by then meeting in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Darien then invited Jeff to start attending the periodic "Barnabas Meetings" at Central Union Mission. This is where former residents return to encourage one another and discuss how they can give back to the ongoing work of Central Union Mission.

God used JoLinda Phoenix to make this reunion possible between Darien Carter and Jeff Wright of Victory World Outreach Church.

Pray for an army of JoLinda's to once again take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the inner cities across America and the world!



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### A BURDEN FOR THE HOMELESS

ANY DEFINITION OF A SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIAN LIFE MUST INCLUDE SERVICE TO OTHERS

Jo Linda Phoenix, a VOV member since 1987, has a burden for the homeless. Every other Tuesday for the past three and one-half years, Jo Linda has assisted Sis. Frances Brown of Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and Sis. Dottie Powell of Christian Conquest Fellowship, with serving food, praying, counseling, and ministering the Word to the men who have made the Irving Street Shelter their temporary home.

Since becoming born-again in 1977,



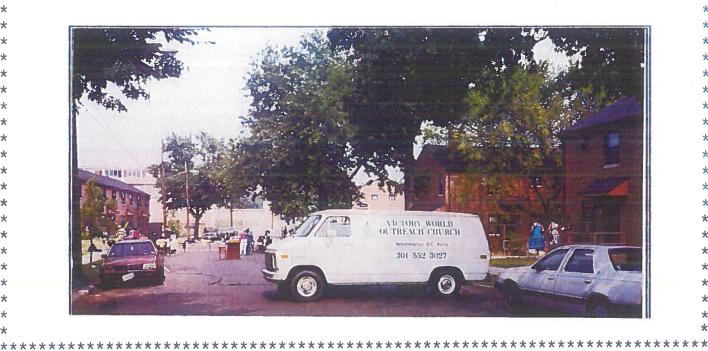
Jo Linda Phoenix

Jo Linda has felt the calling of God on her life to help the homeless.

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INNER CITY STREET MEETINGS

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### A BURDEN FOR THE HOMELESS

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She believes that the Holy Spirit has given her the Gift of Mercy and feels that the manifestation of this gift in her life is evidenced by the Christ-like compassion and love that she has for the homeless.

Jo Linda began at the Century Union Mission for Men and later moved to a homeless shelter for women operated by Mitch Sydner and the Community for Creative Non-Violence (CCNV). She continues to collect and deliver clothing to a Family Shelter operated by CCNV. When asked about her most memorable experience at the shelters, Jo Linda responded, "It's seeing the homeless accept Christ as their Lord and Saviour." When asked about current needs, she stated, "Since the population of the Shelter is almost 80% spanish, we have a desperate need for Christians who can speak spanish."

Although she has arranged for the Pastor, members, and Choir of VOV to fellowship at the Shelter several times a year, she wants everyone to know that it does not preclude anyone from joining them anytime during the year on Sunday night (recently changed from Tuesday night). Their hours are 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.









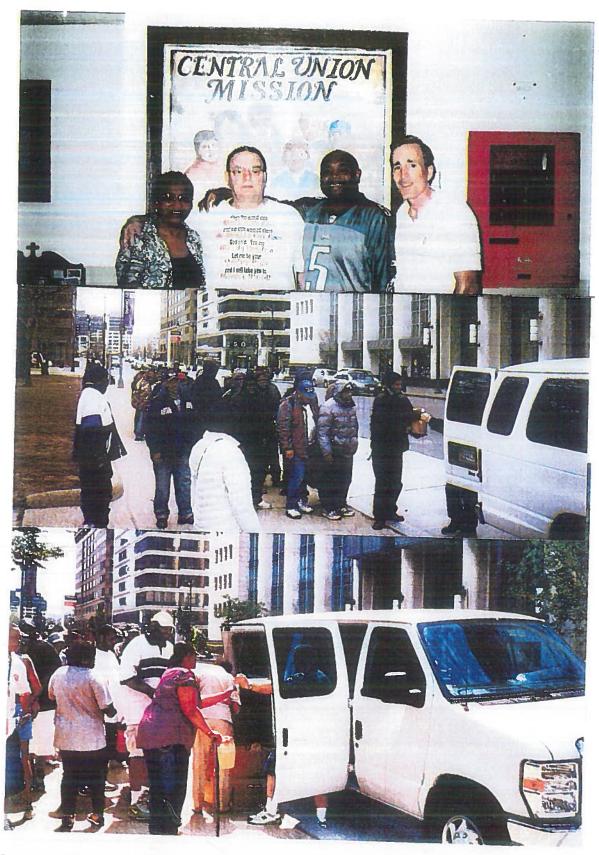








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(top) EVERY 3 MON. VICTORY WORLD OUTREACH CHURCH (VWOC), THE HOST CHURCH OF NATIONAL PRAYER EMBASSY (NPE) IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA, VISITS CENTRAL UNION MISSION (CUM) IN CONJUNCTION WITH PASSING OUT ABOUT 100 BAG LUNCHES AND WATER BOTTLES TO HOMELESS PEOPLE IN PARKS NEAR THE WHITE HOUSE. EVERY BAG CONTAINS A SALVATION TRACT WITH INFO ON CENTRAL UNION MISSION, WHICH IS A FEW BLOCKS NORTH OF THESE PARKS, AND WHICH OFFERS FREE HOUSING, FOOD AND CLOTHING TO THOSE WHO AGREE TO ATTEND NIGHTLY CHAPEL SERVICES. ABOVE (L-R): VWOC MEMBERS JOLINDA PHOENIX AND BERLON COOPER, CUM STAFF MEMBER DARIEN CARTER AND VWOC PASTOR/NPE DIRECTOR JEFF WRIGHT.



# FROM BULL RIDER TO HOMELESS **PROVIDER**

THE WILEY DRAKE STORY

By Wiley Drake

As told to Jeff Wright



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1996 SOUTHERN BAPTIST OF AMERICA NATIONAL CONVENTION DISNEY BOYCOTT RESOLUTION PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY PASTOR WILEY DRAKE; 1996 LA TIMES REPORT & 2005 MSNBC REPORT "SOUTHERN BAPTISTS END 8-YEAR DISNEY BOYCOTT—COMPANY SEEN AS MORE 'FAMILY-FRIENDLY.""

### PHOTOGRAPHS & LAST WORD FROM WILEY & JEFF

(front cover: Pastor Wiley Drake next to the cross in the center courtyard of his church—the seven holes, which are lit at night, represent the seven sayings of Jesus on the cross. Cross constructed by Charles Harrison.)



Wiley Drake (left) grew up in Arkansas and left home at age 13 to be a bull rider in a traveling rodeo. There he was recruited by the KKK and sent to protest school integration in 1956 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He heard Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in person preach Jesus, racial reconciliation and forgiveness.

Wiley met U.S. President John F. Kennedy onboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Kitty Hawk while Wiley was serving in the U.S. Navy from 1960 – 1964. Off the coast of Vietnam Wiley gave his heart to Jesus after nearly losing his life in combat.

Wiley met his future wife Barbara while surfing on the beach at Waikiki, in Honolulu, Hawaii. They were married in 1961 until Barbara's death in 2010. They have four children and many grandchildren.

Wiley served as a volunteer southern Baptist youth pastor in Southern California during the Jesus People Movement of the late 1960's. Wiley baptized many hippies in the ocean and then took them to visit Arthur Blessit's Christian coffee house in Hollywood.

After working as an aircraft mechanic in Southern California, Wiley became a traveling salesman for the oilfield industry in the Middle East.

Wiley earned a masters and doctors degrees in theology and was asked to serve as pastor of 1st Southern Baptist Church & Messianic Fellowship of Buena Park, California from 1983 until his retirement in 2021.

By 1985 Wiley was feeding and housing an average of 60 homeless people every night on his church property. He also allowed up to 10 other congregations to use his building for their services every week.

In 1988 Wiley helped organize a 10,000-person protest and prayer rally at Universal Studios in Hollywood in response to their movie "The Last Temptation of Christ."

In 1996 he helped to pass a widely-publicized resolution for the Southern Baptist in America to boycott Disney Corporation for their departure from traditional family values.

In 2000 he helped start the Congressional Prayer Conference of Washington, D.C. with daily telephone conference call prayer line for group prayer for leaders, daily internet television interviews of Christian leaders and monthly in-person visits to D.C. to lobby Congress for Godly values.

In 2007 he was elected 2nd Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In 2008 he was asked by Ambassador Alan Keyes to be his Vice-Presidential running mate on the American Independent Party ticket in California.

In 2011 Wiley started a monthly prayer tour of Hollywood to pass the major movie, TV, radio and music centers there as a reminder to pray for Godly values to prevail in the Entertainment Industry.

<u>Jeff Wright</u> (right) is pastor of Victory World Outreach Church, the host church for the National Prayer Embassy in the Washington, D.C. area. He first met Wiley Drake in 2010 through a mutual friend at a prayer rally in D.C. Jeff invited Wiley to bring the main Sunday morning message to his church on December 2, 2018, which became the basis for this book.

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- Service begins tonight at 7:00 pm with praise and worship, and our Speaker is Ap. Gale Sheehan.
- All full time ministers, pastors and Marketplace leaders are invited to join us for a lite Continental Breakfast on Saturday at 10:00am! Joining us will be Dr. Bill Hamon, and Apostle Gale Sheehan who will share briefly on our Apostolic Network
- Breakfast is FREE and open to all attendees. For more information visit the registration table located outside the main meeting room.
- Book tables are open 30 minutes before and after each session.
- Stop by our book table for some great deals on CD's and Books!

By Dr. Bill Hamon

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I want to extend a warm welcome to you from the entire Christian International Network leadership team!

Our team is excited to be in Washington, DC this after the pandemic! This year is a time stepping into the new. Charting and taking new territories, visiting new realms.

You are not here just because you thought this was a good idea, but you are here by divine appointment to receive what God has for you that is important for your next level and season in Him.

It is our prayer that while you are here this week at the City Tour your desire will increase to see personal, corporate, and societal



Dr. Bill Hamon Christian International Ministries

transformation! In 2021, we visited Washington, DC and Sacramento, CA before the pandemic.

We continue to receive many great testimonies and reports of breakthrough and change from the leaders in the cities that we have been in so far. And it is our heart that you will experience the same breakthrough and change this week!

Join with us in faith and in prayer believing that what happens here over the next few days will release a sound in the spiritual realm that will reverberate throughout the area and will call for transformation during our City Impact Tours!

I want to encourage you to bring a friend and come each day with a heart of expectation ready to receive all that God has for you in faith and in victory!

God bless you!

In His Service

Dr. Bill Hamon Founder/Chairman Christian International



(BOTTOM) JUNE 2 Apostle Candi MacAlpine (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) from central California brought a group of her friends and relatives to DC June 2 – 4 for two reasons: 1) to honor her late husband Don by a military funeral service at Arlington National Cemetery June 2; and 2) to attend and minister at DC Army Arise Prophetic Conference for Christian International Ministries Network June 4. NPE director Jeff Wright provided ground transportation for them to both events. See next page for bio on Apostle Candi, and the following two pages for more on Christian International including founder Dr. Bill Hamon.

### **Event Speaker Schedule**

Wednesday: June 2, 2021

8:00 pm—Ap. Gale Sheehan

Thursday: June 3, 2021

10:00 am-Worship

10:30 am-Ps Malik Edwards

11:30 am-Morning Break

11:45 am-Ap. Sharon Parkes

1:00 pm-Lunch Break

3:00 pm—Ps Wilt Bernard

6:45 pm—Corporate Prayer

8:00 pm—Bishop Hamon

### Friday: June 4, 2021

10:00 am-Worship

10:30 am-Ap. Desiree Fox

11:30 am—Morning Break

11:45 am—Pr. Chase Daly and Ap Candi MacAlpine

1:00 pm-Lunch Break

3:00 pm-Ps Wilt Bernard

6:45 pm—Corporate Prayer

8:00 pm—Bishop Hamon

### Christian International Light Continental Breakfast!

Saturday: June 5, 2021

10:00 am—Ap. Gale Sheehan. Bishop Bill Hamon and others.

Conference Ends at 12:00pm

On Behalf of our entire CI team, thank you for joining us!

CI Staff

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### Apostle Desiree Fox



**Apostle Desiree Fox** 

Apostle/Prophetess Desiree Fox, affectionately known as "Pastor Des", is the co-founder of New Heart Ministries in Newark, Delaware. A dynamic and powerful woman of deliverance, Apostle Desiree Fox went through many trials in her lifetime including the illness of her husband, guarding her children's purpose through much prayer to hold back the hand of the enemy, becoming the chief wage earner in the family and working her way through many tough years in early marriage.

Pastor Des's purpose is to press beyond the natural eye to take back what the devil has stolen from the people of God. She moves mightily in the prophetic and healing ministries and has seen the glorious hand of God move over countless lives. She is the wife of Apostle Guy Fox for over 42 years and the mother of three beautiful children.

### **Apostle Sharon Parkes**



**Apostle Sharon Parkes** 

the wife of Apostle Bob Parkes.

**Prophet Sharon Parkes** serves as the Director for healing and deliverance ministry of Christian International Network of Churches. She is the Director of Christian International prophetic healing and deliverance network.

She travels nationally and internationally training up deliverance teams in local churches and conducting seminars and conferences. Her vision is to see deliverance restored to the local Church.

Sharon is an author. Her book *Breaking the Cycle of Abuse* will take you through the keys of bringing healing & deliverance to people.

She releases life and joy as she ministers prophetically and she has a heart to see women and men set free from shame and fear and anything else that keeps them from becoming whole healed vessels to be used of God. She is

### Apostle Candi McAlpine



Apostle Candi MacAlpine CI Regional Leader

Candi's life purpose is to support you in receiving certainty and truth so that wisdom is imparted, and that hope, and courage arises, and you are free to move forward to fulfill your destiny with integrity and excellence. She has a breaker anointing to release people, regions and churches into their destiny. She has a sharp and concise prophetic calling, as well as anointing in healing, teaching, deliverance, and Intercession.

Candi pioneered Destiny Training in Oakhurst, California in 2000 and The Epicenter Prayer Room in 2007. She received her master's degree and doctorate degree from Wagner Leadership Institute. She has authored 4 books. She is a wife of 50 years, a mother of 2 daughters and grandmother of 5 grandchildren She lives with her husband Don in Oakhurst, CA

### UPCOMING EVENTS: 2021 /2022

(Most Events located in Santa Rosa Beach, FL)

 September 13-17, 2021 (offered twice a year)
 Apostolic & Prophetic Training Ministering Spiritual Gifts (Jimmy

Kellett, Susan Slusher and others!

October 18—21, 2021

International Gathering of Apostles and Prophets Guest Speakers:

Prophet Dutch Sheets, Dr. Bill Hamon, Ap. Tom & Jane Hamon, Dr. Tim

Hamon, and others!

October 25—29, 2021
 Apostolic & Prophetic Training
Prophetic Healing & Deliverance I & II
with Ap. Bob & Sharon Parkes

 January 17-20, 2022
 Word of the Lord Conference (Online only)

Guest Speakers: Dr. Bill Hamon, Ap. Tom & Jane Hamon, and others!

 February 21-25,2022 & September 19-23,2022 (offered twice a year)

Apostolic & Prophetic Training Ministering Spiritual Gifts (Jimmy Kellett, Susan Slusher and other Cl Instructors).

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To Register for an event or host a City Tour, visit our website at www.christianinternational.com

Hope to see you again soon at another Cl Event!

### Special Thanks to our "Host"

Pastors Malik & Ashley Edwards



We love God! And we love what's on His heart. Through years of ministry around the world, we've realized people are always on God's heart. So yeah, we love people!

Our desire is to lead people into an encounter with God, see them experience His love, and help them find their purpose in life.

For fun Ashley likes to express her creativity with fashion, make-up, and design. You can find Malik at the gym or doing a Facebook live video. Together, we binge watch every super hero movie ever created or spend time with our kids.

### **VISIT OUR RESOURCE TABLES**

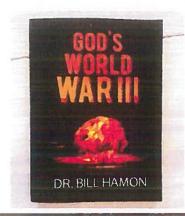
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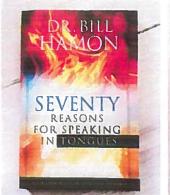
 All CD sets and Books only \$10.00 each!

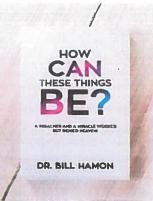


Visit our book table for **Dr. Bill Hamon's** last three Publications! Purchase ten (10) or more and receive a 40% discount!! **See our staff at the book table for prices!** 

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### PROPHETIC GUIDELINES

Various opportunities to minister prophetically to individuals or activate saints in the gifts of the Spirit may arise at this and other Christian International conferences. These opportunities are scheduled and are directed by Christian International leadership and staff. These are the only times that you and other conference attendees should be sharing a personal prophetic word with one another.

"Parking lot prophecies" are those given from one person to another without spiritual leader-ship being present to provide covering for both the person(s) ministering and the person(s) receiving ministry. Therefore, please understand that prophesying or sharing revelation of a personal nature with others you may encounter at this conference is prohibited. It is erroneous to think that if you sense a word that it must be given, as the 'spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet" (I Corinthians 14:32).

The reason for this policy is two-fold. First, we record all prophetic utterances as a blessing for the person(s) receiving ministry, as well as for the protection of the person(s) who are ministering. Otherwise each person must rely on his/her remembrance concerning what was said and the context and spirit in which it was ministered. Often when receiving a prophecy, we interpret the word based on what we need or want to hear, not on what was actually said.

Secondly, we are responsible to ensure all ministry is effective and ministered in the right spirit. We want to evaluate and witness all personal ministry to ensure people are not misled and that they are enabled to properly respond to their personal prophetic word.

We encourage you to submit the word(s) you have received to those with whom you have an accountable relationship. Oftentimes your pastor will be able to provide caring and accurate input into your life with regard to the prophecy received, particularly in relationship to the timing of certain words being fulfilled. It should be noted that personal prophecy does not replace the need for pastoral counsel and oversight; receiving a valid, genuine "word" from the Lord is not a license to become independent and return home feeling spiritually superior. Some, after receiving a personal prophecy, have returned home and thrown the 'word' on their pastor's desk as justification of the person's calling or situation. Prophecy is one way of revealing the will of God. Pastoral counsel is another complementary way; the two should flow together.

Please do not prophesy, imply or ask someone to support you financially. It is strictly prohibited.

Please do not push your self, products or a business onto others. If someone identified himself/herself to you as one ordained and covered by Christian International, it would be wise to verify this with Christian International leadership.

Please do not distribute or make available any publications or materials to other conference attendees. Resource tables are provided for guest speakers, workshop leaders (when applicable) and approved vendors, without exception.

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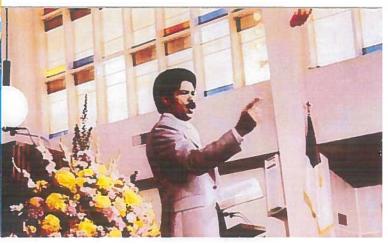
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DR. FREDERICK K.C. PRICE

January 3, 1932 - February 12, 2021

Our Husband, Father and your Apostle has gone to be with the Lord this evening. We accept his decision to go as he got a glimpse of glory a couple of weeks ago. But we are sad. Please allow us some time to process all of this. He fought the good fight of faith and laid hold of eternal life.

The Price Family



(LEFT) JUNE 12 NPE Director Jeff Wright attended "Let the River Flow" prophetic conference near DC led by Apostle Blossom Brackman with Eagles of Fire Company of Prophets. Several years ago Apostle Blossom asked NPE Director Jeff Wright to be an advisor to her ministry—so Jeff started attending her annual meetings near DC and including her in our semi-annual business meetings, which have been phone conference calls recently due to Covid-see our recently modified website www.natlprayemb.org On the home page near the bottom "Click Here For Board Minutes and Financial Statements." (RIGHT) FEB. 12 Apostle Frederick K.C. Price of the Faith Dome and Ever-Increasing Faith TV Ministries in Los Angeles, CA left this world for heaven. In Spring 1976 Dr. Price taught a weekend seminar at the Bible Colllege in Kansas then being attended by future-NPE director Jeff Wright. When Jeff started a church in the DC area in 1983 Jeff soon discovered Fred Price on the local TV station, and that he had a big audience. In 1984 Jeff organized a joint church advertising program that continued for 10 years running a 30-second ad right after Fred Price's Sunday morning TV show. The ad showed the words WORD CHURCHES and a phone number and said "There are several Word Churches in the DC area that teach the same principles of faith for healing and prosperity that Fred Price teaches. To find one nearest you call the number on your screen." An estimated 3000 people in the DC area became regular active church members over the next few years because of that ad, which Dr. Price was aware of and approved. Around 1986 at Dr. Price's first DC area large meeting in the DC convention center, Jeff Wright was allowed to publically present Dr. Price a check for \$4000 collected from DC area pastors in gratitude. In 1991 when Dr. Price organized a ministers organization called "Word of Faith Inner City Ministries" Jeff joined and attended the first meeting at Dr. Price's church in the Los Angeles. In 1997 Kenneth Copeland held a Victory Campaign at Fred Price's "Faith Dome" in Los Angeles, from which NPE Director Jeff Wright was allowed to organize a Hollywood Prayer Tour. When Jeff Wright organized a Bible College within his local church he used the textbook list from Fred Price's church. We praise God for the life and ministry of Dr. Frederick K.C. Price! And we pray for his family and church as they go on now in the Lord!



Shown above is the AM/FM station numbers & logo for radio WHAP serving Petersburg, VA (south of Richmond). Jeff Wright's long-time friend Ruth Mizell attended a White House Bible Study for many years with Carrie Phillips, (who goes by "C-La"). C-La was a federal government worker in DC who then retired after 50 years to return to her childhood home near Richmond, VA. There she started a Saturday morning radio ministry called "Visions and Voices" on station WHAP. Several years ago C-La interviewed Ruth Mizell on C-La's radio show—Ruth then referred C-La to NPE Director Jeff Wright. C-La has interviewed Jeff several times on her Saturday morning broadcast over the last few years, along with several other guests Jeff has referred to her.