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***History of New Creation Church: A Joyful Journey***

*As told by Pastor Emeritus Amos Johnson, Jr.*

In July of 1972, a small group of people broke away from a local Catholic church and started their own non denominational church. This church was called “New Creation”, (2nd Corinthians 5:17), because the founders were very aware of their calling to embark on a new adventure.

In March of 1974, I was invited to become New Creation’s first pastor. At that time the church consisted of about 30 people, who were very committed to developing a loving community of Christian believers.

A non-traditional church in many ways, there was no dress code, no limitations on the role of women, an emphasis on helping young people; and a deep concern about correcting social and racial injustice. Church services were sometimes held in the park.

Sometimes the entire church would go on weekend camping trips or on weekend retreats in the mountains.

For about two years, the church operated a Bingo game as a way of financially helping the Jackie Robinson YMCA. At times, the church sponsored members’ attendance at leadership development seminars.

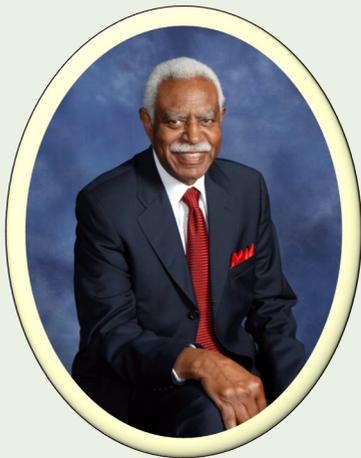
From the beginning, New Creation has always emphasized the value of a shared ministry. It has been amazing how many members have been willing to roll up their sleeves and pitch in their time, talent and treasure.

We have found that people mature in Christ faster the more they involve themselves in the work of the ministry. Therefore, we have become big believers in developing **Church Partners**.

**Church Partners** are believers who are motivated by their love for Christ. And by their willingness to serve Him to the best of their ability.

New Creation’s success can be credited to people like the Jennings, the Grinstons, the Garys; the Wafers, the Troutmans, the Berkeleys; the Wilsons and the Williams. To people like Evelyn Brown, Beverly Davis, Barbara Clarke; Vonda Brown, Dorothy Martin, Alice Gilbert; to Charlie Robb, Suzie Lee and hundreds of others who have freely and gladly given themselves to the success of New Creation Church.

*“My involvement with New Creation Church over the last 44 years has been an extremely joyful journey. I thank God for every member of the church, especially those who have chosen to be **PARTNERS.**”*



**Pastor Emeritus  
Amos Johnson, Jr.**

# Message from Senior Pastor Reginald L. Gary

Grace and Peace be unto you! In the Great and Glorious Name of Jesus, our King and Savior!

I pray that all is well and that your faith is strong! In Proverbs 25:25, it says: "As cold water is to a thirsty soul, so is "good news" from a far country".

There is no time that "good news" is not good! The news in this newsletter is not from a "far" country, but is provided to inform you of the "good" of the past and

the present, and to also engage you to be a part of the "good" news to come!

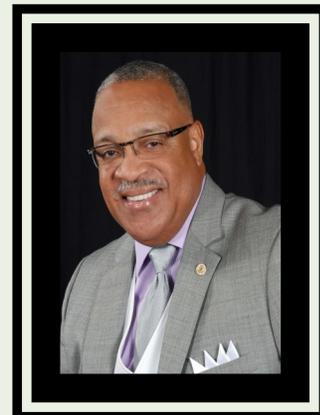
The New Creation Church is comprised of people with new ideas for today and encouraging reminders of our past, so that those who come after us will stand on a solid rock of meaningful ministry!

This newsletter is a tool to make us better by keeping us more informed and aware of what we are doing and needing to do together!

As we become more aware, we can become more effective!

My prayer is that we will all allow the "good news" of this newsletter to provoke the body of Christ with "good" Kingdom building information!

Your Pastor of "Good",  
R. L. Gary



Spiritual Thought  
"The greater your knowledge of the goodness and grace of God on your life, the more likely you are to praise Him in the storm."- Matt Chandler



## NCC Family News: Graduations, weddings, births, special occasions, etc.



September is back-to-school month for most students. We want to take a look back and say **Congrats! to our 2018 graduates and their families.**

The sons of Darvin & Lisa Glenn and Keith L. Houston, Sr.:

**Keith L. Houston, Jr.**

Graduated from Simpson University  
Redding, California  
on

**April 28, 2018**

**Bachelor of Arts  
in Communication**

**Korie A. Houston**

Graduated from Cal State University  
San Marcos  
on

**May 18, 2018**

**Bachelor of Arts  
in Visual Art & Technology**

Presenting ... **2018-2019**

**A.S.P.I. R. E.  
Scholarship Recipients  
!Congratulations!**

**1st Year College Students**

\$1,000 Award

**Kayla Mhlanga** San Diego State  
**Tiana Todd** CSU East Bay  
**Tiera Todd** CSU East Bay

\$1,500 Mitchell Award

**Verlina Tate** CSU Northridge

**Continuing Students**

\$700 Award

**Kendall Anderson** Tenn State  
**Preauna Hunter** CSU East Bay  
**Raven Spellman** Grand Canyon  
**John Todd** Colorado State Univ  
**Christian Williams** CSU San Marcos

**Congratulations to our own  
Bro. Herbert W. Argrow**

**George L. Stevens Senior Center  
RSVP Volunteer of the Month!**

**On Sept 15th Bro. Argrow was  
honored for 22 years of dedicated  
service to the Center!**

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**\*\*We invite you to share your \*\*  
good news with your  
NCC family in the next edition  
\*\*of this newsletter\*\***

Pick up a form near the church office  
or in Partner Services...

- ◇ Submit it to the Member At Large mailbox or
- ◇ To one of the team members:  
Shirley Darensburg  
Darvin Glenn, Othella Burns  
Wanda Everett or
- ◇ Email information to  
mbratlge@nccofsd.org.

## NCC Security



**Don E. Snowden**

Next to Excellence is  
the Appreciation of it.

William M. Thackeray

## Staff Recognition

Don E. Snowden (known as “Donnie”) joined New Creation about 7 years ago. He faithfully serves on the Parking Lot Security Team, which includes... “whatever, whoever, and whenever”...he may see a need.

Any time the church is open, Don is here providing security. You will see him in the golf cart, patrolling the grounds or providing rides to cars parked in the lot or out on the street.

Don is passionate about the safety of Gods’ people. He is always seeking to keep the church campus clean, safe and secure, checking the

lighting and church property to prevent hazards to those walking the grounds.

Don got started in this ministry by seeking out a way to serve and give back to others at New Creation and in the community.

He found his calling when our dear brother and former security head, LaRue Harrington, invited him to come sit with him one day.

Don decided to accept the invitation and, as you can see, the rest is history. He found his way to serve and give back with passion and love for others.

Don considers this his

ministry. He is so grateful for the time spent with LaRue, learning from his experiences, soaking in his wisdom, and sharing the Word of God.

Don is a humble person who believes in honesty and fairness and truly enjoys serving the Lord in this capacity.

The one thing Don would share with everyone is...

*“Be true to yourself, be real with others and trust God with the gifts and talents he has bestowed upon you to serve His people!*

*God Bless.”*

## Ministry Spotlight

Through the grace of God, Brother Thornton has provided New Creation with exceptional Sound Technician support for 16 years!

His many duties for Sunday worship and for all other programs include:

*Mix Front of House sound* for all church services, meetings, community programs, special events (i.e. concerts, plays and rehearsals) on a 48 channel analog mixer.

*Set up soundweb processor* to monitor sound levels in the sanctuary.

*Oversee lighting control* for all services and events at the church.

*Set up microphones and perform sound checks* for eleven Praise and Worship singers, the NCC Choir and musicians; guest speakers, singers and musicians.

*Record each service* via the personal computer with Sonar producer software and hard disc recorder.

*Audio post-production* of Pastor’s sermons for online broadcasting.

*Collaborate with the Pastor and Minister of Music* to ensure the service runs smoothly.

*Oversee the CD sales* after service; calculate receipts for sales and perform general bookkeeping.

*Use the Video Control System* to display Power Point/ Video Presentations for special events and church meetings.

*Collaborate with presenters* to ensure high quality presentations.

*Train volunteers*, perform inventory, propose and implement the purchase of audio equipment.

*Thornton is grateful for the faithful volunteers who consistently support the NCC Sound Ministry each week:* Devina Williams (his beautiful wife), Kelly James, Angie Miller, Dana Walters, Tiffany Harrison and the newest team member, Irene Reed.

## Sound Technician



**Thornton Williams**

*The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him...*

Exodus 15:2

## Bible Word Search

|                   |           |          |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| H K C S P E A C E | Chapter   | Holy     |
| I I H P Y L O H F | Charity   | Joy      |
| S N A I T A L A G | Faith     | Kindness |
| G D P R L O I R E | Five      | Olive    |
| R N T I E T V I N | Galatians | Peace    |
| A E E T H V E T T | Gentle    | Spirit   |
| C S R J O Y I Y L | His Grace | Verses   |
| E S E S R E V F E |           |          |

## Community Outreach Pop Up Church - Ushers "Taking it to the Streets!"



Our first *Pop Up Church* was birthed in response to Pastor Gary's 2018 outreach vision for New Creation Church, *"Taking it to the Streets!"* ...a call to share God's word and demonstrate His care outside the walls of the church.



The Ushers Ministry answered the call and, in place of their annual Ushers Day program, used their budgeted funds to *take it to the streets* at Faultline Park, near downtown San Diego, on Saturday, June 2, 2018.

Usher Ministry President Rene Walton relates how this

was not a 'one team' job, and she is grateful to all the other ministries and volunteers who supported this event.

She shared "...how amazing it was to see the spirit of God working in us and through us...we met the homeless community where they are... Pastor Gary shared a word from God, the choir shared praise songs, *and prayer and fellowship was going on!*"

After ministering to the souls of those in attendance, the Ushers were blessed to distribute *200 personal hygiene kits* to the homeless. *Amen!*

It was hoped this first Pop Up Church would inspire another ministry to take it to the streets.

Indeed, the Music Ministry picked up the baton and gave out *400 hygiene kits* at the second Pop Up Church, held at Neil Good Day Center, on Saturday, August 11, 2018!

**If you or a church ministry would like assistance in outreach planning and ideas, don't hesitate to contact Sis. Rene Walton, Ushers Ministry. She would love to help you get started. Let's keep "Taking it to the Streets!"**



## *Outreach Abroad: From the Philippines*

Our Brother, Gregory Cunningham, is serving in the Philippines with AGAPE Mission Abroad. He is currently working as a missionary at Macat-catud Elementary School of the Philippines, in the town of Magsingal.

Gregory states "... as for me, it is great to have an impact in this ministry, and I thank God for this missionary work. He has asked of me, and I have become very much a part of this *barangay* (village). I will be known for the work I do. To God be the Glory!"

The AGAPE ministry started in 2014, with a vision and goal to serve children in need. Their dedicated work has established:

- ◇ A health program
- ◇ Food drive programs
- ◇ Education assistance
- ◇ Clothing assistance

AGAPE serves children ranging from pre-school to grade 6. These children have the opportunity to learn to read the Bible and learn God's will for their lives...*Hallelujah!*

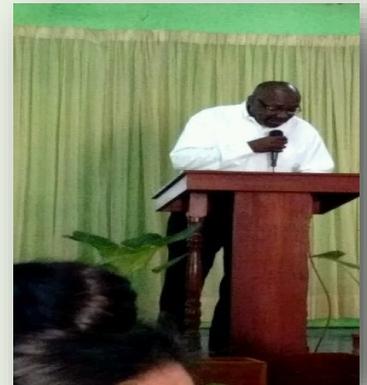
While in Magsingal, Gregory has built an outreach building and is also digging wells. These projects will greatly benefit both the children and their parents.

The building will be used to store donations of food and supply items from other countries, such as: canned meat, Spam, soap, rubbing alcohol, vitamins, powdered milk, books, school supplies and clothing, etc. It will also serve as a place to have Bible study, food drives, meals and fellowship.

Water from the wells will give families clean drinking water as well as water to grow their own food! Brother Gregory is truly showing Christ's love to the people of Magsingal.

*To God be the Glory!*

AGAPE  
Mission  
Abroad



***I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."  
Colossians 4:6***



**Rev. Wendell L. Bass, Jr.**  
**Minister of Christian Education**

2 Timothy 2:15 states, “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (NKJV) In other words, *study God’s Word to show yourself approved!*

Based on the above foundation, the NCC Christian Education Department rests.

Christian Education is composed of our powerful Bible Discovery Hour (BDH; Sunday School) and The Beyond Sunday Academy (BSA).

## *Christian Education BDH/BSA*

In January 2018, a two-year New Leaders Program was added to BSA. It’s designed to provide Professional Development for future Leaders in our Church. An application and interview process was put in place along with a very rigorous curriculum covering elements such as “Who am I” as a Leader and Person, Servant Leadership, Conflict Management, The Difference between Leadership and Management; Race, Entrepreneurial Thinking and How to Build Effective Relationships. Innovative projects designed to benefit the Church are required of each student. Eighteen students are currently in the program.

We have 30 incredible teachers for Bible Discovery Hour (BDH) and BSA at New Creation Church!

Our teachers are the strength of our programs!

We offer courses for those just beginning their Christian walk and for those who are long time Christians.

Courses offered include 6-week and 12-week courses covering such things as Bible Fundamentals for new Christians, specific courses for men and women, Jewish roots of Christianity, African American history, Leadership, a weekly Marriage (Two Become One) class, a weekly Young Adult Bible Study, Celebrating Recovery and Men of God Under Construction, a Friday night program designed to outreach to the community.

Every year, there is a BSA Graduation/Celebration Ceremony in December to honor those that have taken classes

and met the criteria for Graduation.

We are blessed as a Church to have a very innovative and strong Christian Education Department. Our classes are open to everyone and anyone can enroll in a class even if it is the last night of a class. There are no prerequisites for our classes.

Let this testimony of one of our students inspire you to study God’s Word: *“As a continuing student and now a volunteer course facilitator (teacher), my continued study of the instructions God has given us to live by have given me clear directions on how to handle myself in the difficult situations and issues of family life and everyday living. I am so grateful for the types of classes BSA and BDH offers.”*

## *Membership Has It’s Privileges*

- ◇ Have you been attending New Creation Church but have not become a PARTNER (Church Member)?
- ◇ Have you made Partnership official by attending the New Membership Classes?
- ◇ Do we have your correct contact and mailing information in our church database?

*If not, you could be missing out on all of your membership privileges!*

For example, if you are not an official PARTNER of New Creation Church, and you or your family member goes home to be with the Lord, all fees related to the services provided by New Creation Church will be the responsibility of the family.

**\*\*We invite you to check with the Partner Services Office, at the front of the Church, to verify that your name and each family member’s name is in the church database and you are officially a PARTNER of New Creation Church\*\***

Remember September’s theme: “If you want to grow, share what you know!”



For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

## ***THE HEBREW ALEPH BEIT SERIES***

*By Barbara Clarke*

### **In Remembrance of our Dear Sister...**



Barbara Louise Clarke, a co-founder of New Creation Church of San Diego, who is now enjoying eternal peace with our God. She wrote this poem at the end of a two part Beyond Sunday Academy (BSA) course: The Aleph Beit: The Hebrew Alphabet. The biblical sages believe Elohim (God, Father) spoke the universe into existence using these 22 consonants. Yeshua (The Son, Jesus) was with Him before the beginning and the Father and His Holy Spirit created all things through Yeshua. Each letter of the Aleph Beit contains signs that point to wonderful truths about life and every letter points to God and who He is. The Aleph Beit tells a beautiful and wonderful story.

*\*This is Barbara's interpretation, in her own words, of what she learned about the Aleph Beit Series.*

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| <b>ALEPH</b>   | I'm the Beginning and the End said the Lord! All you must do is get on board. (Gen.1:1)                | <b>TET</b>    | The presence of light will disperse the dark, You just wait and see as U receive your mark. (Rev. 20:4-6)           | <b>AYIN</b>     | My eyes see the salvation of the nation. (Zach. 2:8)   |
| <b>BEIT</b>    | The house was built with living bread (Son), There's no dread for those living to be fed. (Matt. 8:26) | <b>YOOD</b>   | An open hand is willing to receive, All the Blessings that we can perceive. (Gen.12:12)                             | <b>PEH</b>      | An unbridled mouth can cause U trouble, A closed mouth may make U humble. (Proverbs 6:2-3)   |
| <b>GIM-MEL</b> | The Holy Spirit delivering the truths. It all started with sister Ruth. (Ruth 4:18-22)                 | <b>CHAF</b>   | An open palm was nailed to the tree, Knowing one day we'd be set free. (Matt. 27:31)                                | <b>TSADE</b>    | Righteous living gets God's FAVOR. We are sanctified to testify about our labor. (Prov. 5:10)  |
| <b>DALET</b>   | The door is where all information is stored for the poor. (John 10:7, 9)                               | <b>LAMED</b>  | 30 is divine order 3rd days teaching in the temple, He rose on the third day, ordained 12 new members. (Matt. 29:5) | <b>KOF</b>      | Now is the time 4 all speech to be still, while ...  |
| <b>HEI</b>     | The <i>Breath of Life</i> forever more. (Gen. 2:7)   | <b>MEM</b>    | Remember how I brought you out, when U thought U were too hot to trot. (40 years of wilderness)                     | <b>RESH</b>     | ... The Head directs the body to do His will. (Son of God)   |
| <b>VAV</b>     | Life renewed at the cross, You don't need no other boss. (Hebrews 12:1, 2)                             | <b>NUN</b>    | A humble spirit is always pleasing to God. (Zeph. 2:3)  | <b>SIN/SHIN</b> | Now is the time for us to shine, We might fool around and see the divine. (Micah 3:11)   |
| <b>ZAYIN</b>   | No weapon formed will succeed, All you must do is try to proceed or press on. (Isaiah 54:17)           | <b>SAMECH</b> | The law is available for all who listen, Your good works makes the Holy Spirit glisten. (Matt. 10:10)               | <b>TAU</b>      | Time is over for indecisiveness. We must pack up because our day's ending. Will I see you at the End of the Beginning? (Ps. 119:169-176) |
| <b>CHET</b>    | Mother of all living or life giver for us, Walking in righteousness is Torah's. (Ps. 119:57-64)        |               |   |                 |  |

## *New Creation Church of San Diego*

A GREAT COMMITMENT TO THE GREAT COMMANDMENT AND THE GREAT COMMISSION WILL GROW A GREAT CHURCH!

### **CHURCH MISSION**

To attract and win MEMBERS, develop them to CHRISTLIKE MATURITY and empower them for a meaningful MINISTRY in the church and a life MISSION in the world in order to MAGNIFY GOD.

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### **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

- We believe that the Bible is the Divinely inspired, infallible, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God. – II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21; Galatians 1:11-12
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. – Deuteronomy 6:4; James 2:19
- We believe in the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, His Deity, His sinless humanity, the eternal all-sufficiency of His atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the Father's right hand, His personal future return to this earth in power and Glory. – Matthew 1:23; John 1:1; Hebrews 4:15; Colossians 2:14-17; I Corinthians 15:3-7, 44; Acts 1:9
- We believe in the Ministry of the Holy Spirit who convicts, regenerates, baptizes, indwells, enlightens and empowers believers for Godly living and imparts spiritual gifts for the edification of the body of Christ. – Titus 3:5; Romans 8:9; John 16:8-10; I John 2:20
- We believe that the church is the Spiritual Body of which Christ is the head, both functionally and eternally. We observe the ordinances of the Christian baptism by immersion for believers, and the Lord's Supper. – Colossians 1:18; Matthew 28:19-20; I Corinthians 11:23-31