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NCC Dedicates the Martin Akinfosile Food Pantry

Martin Akinfosile served New Creation Church as Program Manager until he went home to be with the Lord! Program Manager was his job, but servant of God was his calling, and that shined through in his job, as an NCC Partner, and in the community.

Martin touched many lives through his annual Martin's March Madness Youth Basketball tournament, and fundraising for cancer research. He believed planning an event must glorify God and line up with the goals of the ministry. When NCC made the decision to create a food pantry with the purpose of serving others, there was no question it would be called the Martin Akinfosile Food Pantry.



1 Corinthians 12:7 says, "The Spirit has given us a special way of serving others."

In Martin's life, he always sought to be of service to others through his work in the community, the church and his personal life.

"Martin was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. The pantry is such a fitting way to continue his legacy of service.

As a family, we are humbled that the pantry will carry his name. Martin always wanted to share the story of God's love and salvation. The pantry is such a practical and perfect way to do that." Sarah (Wife)

"Every memory of my dad has always been as a servant. If he saw a need he would do his best to meet it himself or bring together the right people to meet it. My earliest memory of his servant-mentality is as a volunteer track coach. When I joined a club track team at age 7 he stepped up to coach. And he continued coaching until I went to college!

For me, this pantry is a reflection of my dad's dedication to serving others. His dedication to those in need will continue to be shown and I know that would make him smile."

Martinique (Daughter)

"My grandpa was one of the

most caring people I've ever met in my life. He helped everyone, no matter their race, gender, or age. I'm so glad that his legacy can live on within the church, one of his favorite places." Maliyah Raquel (Granddaughter)

"NCC has been a part of my family for as long as I can remember. Even though time has passed, I appreciate that memories of my father's life and legacy still remain in such an amazing way. My dad always cared for and gave to the less fortunate. If someone was in need, he tried to help. The attachment of his name to the pantry means that while he cannot personally feed the needy, the work is still being done. This means the world to me just as I know it would have to him."

Miriam (Daughter)

"It is ones reaction to life's challenges that shape and define their character. In September of 2013 I lost my father to lung cancer. His journey from diagnosis to death was a short but character-defining 18 months. I never imagined how gracefully a human being could receive a devastating diagnosis and fervently grow in

their faith and service to others. My father always lived a life of generosity and selflessness that I found admirable. However, it takes a special person to see the inevitable outcome of stage four cancer coming his way and adamantly continue to put the welfare of others before his own. Thus, I believe it is fitting that my father would have a food pantry named in his honor. I am beyond grateful to know that even after death, my father's generous spirit continues to live on through the NCC Martin Akinfosile Food Pantry." Maya (Daughter)



Martin's family members



Sr. Pastor R.L. Gary

Sabbatical - Reflection Revelation & Restoration

Sabbatical is a time of refreshment and inspiration. This time off allows the body and soul to rest and recover from day to day ministry. It also provides a newness of life, greater awareness and deeper spiritual insights.

Pastor Gary has made it his life mission to serve God's people as he first serves the Lord. The depths of relationships that a pastor experiences with the people he shepherds is unmatched compared to other leadership relations. There is joy

in ministering to the people of God. It can become consuming in its satisfaction, and with this calling comes the challenges of hearing the voice of God through the many voices requesting the attention of the Senior Pastor.

A Pastor must have time for rest and renewal; with an extended time off from the regular schedule of pastoral care to maintain a healthy relationship with the partners and to minister with a new freshness and vitality.

In Leviticus Chapter 25 it talks about the importance of rest and a sabbath to the Lord. Although it relates to the land wearing out and unable to be used for its purpose, it is similar in relating the role of ministry. Rest is the secret to longevity and maintaining spiritual, mental and physical health.

A Sabbatical is for our Senior Pastor to spend time with God for his personal renewal and seeking a word of direction for this ministry. It is very evident the love Pastor Gary has for New Creation Church, its leaders, staff and partners from the children to the seniors. He welcomes guests and neighbors to join us in worship with a great desire they will find a home within this ministry.

New Creation Church is blessed, our Pastor faithfully in the month of October takes time to rest, reflect and be restored. We have a ministerial team, leadership and staff to trust as they seek God to take care of this ministry in the absence of our Senior Pastor. This is also a time for the partners to stand to-

gether as family to honor and support our Pastor by praying for him, First Lady, and their family; being present, worshipping and giving grace to him and seeking God for our strength as we await his return.

Year after year we journey through the anointed themes the Lord has given to Pastor Gary. Many lives have been enriched, individuals have grown and families have been blessed.

Senior Pastor Reginald L. Gary continues to provide godly wisdom and pastoral leadership to God's people inside and outside the walls of New Creation Church.

Pastor, we love and thank you for your faithfulness to this ministry for 31 years.

God's Call to God's Men



New Creation Church Men gathered at a "calling all men" service by Sr. Pastor Reginald L. Gary on August 21, 2019. Over 100 men answered the call to come fellowship, share and celebrate the goodness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The theme "God's Call To God's Men" Romans 12: 1-8 was the purpose of the call!



Betty Reusch

Staff Recognition - Office Assistant

Right in the middle of Times Square at NCC is a quiet “*little church mouse*” (as dubbed by her husband) who comes out during the daylight hours on Monday - Thursday, none other than NCC’s Office Assistant Betty Ann Reusch.

Initially hired for a short-term assignment, Betty’s work experience, talent and professionalism earned a personal request to come back. Seven years later, Betty is a relied-upon member of the NCC team, ready to take on all tasks assigned.

Betty is the first person many people hear on the phone or meet when they enter the church at Times Square. Besides church reception, her duties and responsibilities are many. Most notably, Betty regu-

larly lends her graphic design talents to creating and updating advertisements and event materials for NCC ministries and auxiliaries.

Betty is always ready to assist those entering the church office area. Did you know she is the person to see for Blessed To Be A Blessing (BTBAB) applications? And her spirit of discretion allows her to receive and forward the most confidential information to the appropriate persons.

New Creation Church is a busy campus during the week. Betty is on top of providing the Security Ministry weekly calendars to inform them of daily activities, so the security team is knowledgeable to assist our partners and guests.

Betty is our NCC mail person, making sure to deliver letters and packages to the appropriate staff or ministry.

When you walk into Times Square you can’t help but notice the bright monitor glistening with NCC’s current events - designed and updated by Betty and placed

on the website monthly.

Have you seen our Ministry brochures in Times Square? Yes, you guessed it! Betty assists in designing and updating some of these, and ensures all are copied and in stock. She keeps the office supplies readily available for staff and ministry needs. And the list goes on...

Betty is always serving. Every year each ministry has the opportunity to decorate the main hallway glass display case with an NCC theme of the month. She completes a schedule, notifies each assigned ministry, and also assists and ensures the display case is decorated beautifully in a timely manner.

One of Betty’s major annual projects is preparing for Vacation Bible School (VBS) with VBS staff; providing a week of excitement for the children. And she does it with a quiet, pleasant smile.

Many times, Betty finds herself doing things outside of her job description such as praying for a hurting person on the phone or at the church office window.

Betty was 13 years old when she gave her heart to God. She states: “I work hard and always try to go above and beyond what is required of me. I work here to please NCC partners but I also work to please HIM! I may not have a supervisor looking over my shoulder all the time, but there is a God who sees everything I do; every time and everywhere. That keeps me on my toes. I love the Lord and I love working for Him!”

Betty and her husband celebrated their 8th wedding anniversary on November 5th and she has a message for all who are single out there: “*Wait on the Lord because it’s well worth the wait!*”

Betty loves Psalm 27 and her favorite verse is 27:4 “One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: 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 inquire in His Temple.”

Thank you Betty for all that you do to serve the Partners and staff of New Creation Church.

Spirit of Thanksgiving



- ◇ Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
- ◇ Count your gains instead of your losses.
- ◇ Count your joys instead of your woes;
- ◇ Count your friends instead of your foes.
- ◇ Count your smiles instead of your tears;
- ◇ Count your courage instead of your fears.
- ◇ Count your full years instead of your lean;
- ◇ Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
- ◇ Count your health instead of your wealth;
- ◇ Count on God instead of yourself!

-Author Unknown

Loving God, we turn our hearts to You on this day for giving thanks, mindful of Your many gifts. For each one, we are grateful. For each one, we are blessed. For each one we are opened to the abundance of Your love. May this Thanksgiving day offer a reminder to be generous with others, as You are with us. We praise You. We rejoice in You. We give You thanks. Amen.

Women of Faith Ministry Spotlight



Women of Faith Officers

If you want to experience the powerful, faith building encouragement of women who love the Lord and are hungry for His Word, Women of Faith (WOF) is the place to be on the 2nd Saturday at 9:00 am.

All NCC women are welcome to attend. Women of Faith continues to fulfill the mission - *"To empower and encourage the women of New Creation Church through prayer and love"* under the leadership of Co-chairs Connie McCarroll and Ronda Felder; Secretary Terri Howard; Treasurer Valerie Oliver and Spiritual Advisor Pastor Beverly Davis.

WOF has thoughtfully planned monthly meetings in a safe environment to discuss the special needs of women. With spirit-filled programs and God-ordained speakers and presenters, women receive nourishment for the body and for the soul.

Chair Connie McCarroll has gained many friendships though WOF participation, and is grateful to share her vision from the Lord with others. She recognizes it takes all the officers as well as the Hospitality Committee, led by Sis. Kemberly

Lee, for the very successful year WOF has had.

2019 Programs have included:

February - Black History Month. New Creation's very own Zaria Lugo, Youth Ministry inspired us with an outstanding and passionate presentation on California's U.S. Representative Maxine Waters.

March - Sis. Pauline Powell's outstanding message on Surrender filled the fellowship hall with the spirit and truth of surrender, and the women were blessed once again.

April - Sis. Perette Jackson encouraged and inspired WOF with a special message on being a single Christian woman...*"You are single for such a time as this!"*

May - Annual Women's Conference keynote speaker, First Lady Sis. Karen Gary, admonished the WOF *"To Hold on and Don't Look Back."* She spoke about Lot's wife and the consequences of looking back. The sanctuary was filled with the anointing of the Holy Spirit! Many women received a breakthrough by the laying on of hands and prayer requests were laid at the altar.

June - WOF's very first Annual Marriage Conference was overwhelmingly successful. Couples married from 1 year to 60 years shared reflections on what attracted them to their mates, and the challenges and rewards of marriage.

July - In our First Annual

Financial Workshop, our very own Brother Kyle Fuller, Sr. and his business partner Sherry R. Senesy discussed preparing for retirement. This important and vital information was a true blessing for WOF and the spirit of gratitude felt was overwhelming.

August - Annual Prayer Walk at Chollas Lake. The walk was open to all NCC partners. Everyone met in the cool of the morning to walk and pray. A special Prayer Board was available to post prayer requests. In addition to NCC partners, passersby took advantage of the chance to write down their prayer requests. After the event the Board was brought back to the church and prayed over by the Thursday night Prayer Ministry Team.

September - The First Annual Educators Round Table presenters were NCC's Sis. Kemberly Lee and Sis. Kym Lugo, educators in the San Diego Unified School District. These sisters were very passionate about sharing their backgrounds, challenges and victories and requested our continued prayer. We also had a visiting educator in attendance who shared her story of working with a student who is part of the KKK. She shared that eventually she earned the respect of the student and his family. It was a powerful day for both WOF and the educators.

Connie wants NCC partners to know that WOF is a fel-

lowship of women that love the Lord and each other. It is an environment where women are free to be themselves and free to serve in whatever capacity their talents can be used.

"What I like best is connecting with the women and guests and encouraging them to spread their wings."

The Women of Faith officers would like to thank all women of New Creation Church and the community for your continued support of the monthly fellowships.

All women are encouraged to come out and experience a spirit-filled fellowship, and bring a friend! We are committed women here for all women's continued spiritual growth!



NCC Family News



Congratulations to the Postons!

Thomas and Rhonda celebrated 20 years of marriage by renewing their wedding vows on Saturday, August 17, 2019.

To God be the Glory!



Congratulations Verlina Tate!

Verlina is in her sophomore year at California State University, Northridge. She has been blessed to return to college to continue pursuing a degree in Social Work.

Upon graduation Verlina plans to return to San Diego and serve in her community. Let's continue to keep her in our prayers as she completes her education.



Congratulations Kylen Dent!

Kylen is 18 years old and a freshman at Morehouse College. He graduated from Lincoln High School where he was a trilingual scholar (English, Spanish, Mandarin). He was very active as a community volunteer, having accumulated over 250 hours of community service through his activism with the Blue Heart Foundation, where he served as Vice President.

Kylen is an extremely diligent student who achieved a 4.5 GPA in high school, 70 college acceptances, and multiple scholarships, including the Morehouse Bonner Scholarship. As an undeclared major, Kylen seeks to intertwine his interests in the human brain and broadcast journalism. He is embracing the learning process afforded to him at Morehouse through the love, support, and prayers of his family, community and church.



Congratulations to Braelyn Willis on her selection as 2019 Steele Canyon High School Homecoming Queen!



Congratulations Kelly Family!

Naomi Kelly, age 8, made the decision to publicly announce her relationship with the Lord by being baptized on August 8, 2019. James and Naipua Kelly are her proud parents.

Naomi is blessed! She has a large supportive family and they came out to celebrate her baptism.



Congratulations Wilkinson Family!

It is a true blessing for New Creation partners to witness a mother and her three sons being baptized at the same time. Ms. Beverly Wilkinson, her sons Jacob Smith, Ervin Duckett and James Duckett were baptized on Sunday, September 15, 2019.



Day 10

Even as you strive to stop saying toxic words to others, you will still have to deal with toxic words being said to you. As a result, you must do what God's Word tells us to do when others speak toxic words to us: you must guard your heart against them.

How will you guard your heart against toxic words?

Read: Proverbs 4:1-27

Day 11

Don't internalize the toxic words that others speak about you. Instead, guard your heart against toxic words, and every chance you get, speak life-giving words.

Why do you think we tend to speak more toxic words than life-giving words even when we don't intend to?

Read: James 3:1-18

Day 12

God's Word gives us a very important instruction that we must all take to heart and obey. That instruction is to speak life-giving words to others every chance we get.

Who do you need to start speaking life-giving words to? How will you go about doing it?

Read: Ephesians 4:17-32

To view the complete 35-day Soul Detox plan, download the YouVersion Bible App (Google Play Store, etc.), follow instructions to start using the app, click on plans, and search for Soul Detox.

Church Slogan

**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**.