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We are Committed to Remaining Spiritually Strong and Connected in these Unprecedented and Uncertain Times

Dear New Creation Church Partners, Family and Friends it is our sincere prayer when this article reaches you we will have come back together again in fellowship.

We have all felt the effects of COVID-19 Coronavirus in our daily lives. During these uncertain times, our ability to fellowship together has been placed on hold and limited access to the things we have become accustomed to daily.

Praise God for technology to contact family and friends by phone and other means of communication. As Believers in Christ we know who holds our future; regardless of the uncertainty in the world today.

NCC Staff and Leadership are working together to keep partners and the community informed, connected and encouraged in these unprecedented times. Here are ways to stay connected. Please share the information with others who may not have access to the newsletter.

Office Hours

Church office hours are limited to the following days and hours: Monday-Thursday from 9am to 12pm. You may contact office staff at **619-584-5460**.

After Hours Assistance

Pre-recorded messages will be made available and updated regularly. For emergencies listen for the number to call. Staff will return all messages as soon as possible.

Spiritual Encouragement

Live Streaming of God's Word and weekly updates are available Sundays at 10:00 am with Sr. Pastor Reginald L. Gary, First Lady Karen Gary, Ministerial and Music team members. Pre-recorded Worship Services are available 24 hours a day at nccofsd.org. Use the dropdown menu and click on Streaming to view available worship services. For Live Streaming you may also use the alternate link at <https://boxcast.tv/view/new-creation-church-of-san-diego-647290>.

Weekly Prayer Ministry

Join Reverend Jeffery Gary and Sister Angie Gary for Prayer on Thursdays from 6pm to 7pm. The prayer line is available by calling the following number **1-605-472-5281**, the access code is **164921#**.

Christian Education

BDH and BSA classes are being done by teleconferencing. Current students may receive email instructions

from facilitators to join the BDH call on Sundays at 8am and 9am. BSA classes are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 pm. Noon Day study is on Wednesday at 12pm. All are encouraged to continue with your personal daily Bible study.

Food Pantry

Staff will be available on site Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am to 12pm. No need to enter the building, staff will place food items in your car to keep everyone safe. For more information contact the church office.

Tithes and Offerings

Your continued love and support of the ministry is sincerely appreciated during this time of shelter-in-place. There are 3 options for giving:

1. Online at nccofsd.org. Scroll down, click "Make a Donation" and follow the steps listed. You may continue as a guest or set up an account.
2. Check or Money Order. Mail to New Creation Church, 3115 Altadena Ave, San Diego, CA. 92105.
3. You may drop off at the church Monday-Thursday during the hours of 9am to 12pm.

Additional Community Resources

- ◇ Dial 211 or 211sandiego.org.
- ◇ 619-260-6110 or Meals-on-wheels.org.
- ◇ 1-800-RED CROSS or redcross.org.
- ◇ 619-235-6752 or servingseniors.org.
- ◇ 866-350-FOOD or sandiegofoodbank.org.



Here's some food for thought to consider as we spend time alone or with loved ones ...

L.O.C.K.D.O.W.N.

Is a time to:

- ◇ Listen to God's voice and reflect. Let go and let God.
- ◇ Obey His Word and His teachings.
- ◇ Call on Jesus' Name and be Calm.
- ◇ Know that God has a purpose for all of this.
- ◇ Dwell in His presence. Do not panic.
- ◇ Offer a prayer for everyone's safety.
- ◇ Wait on the Lord and be patient. This too shall pass.
- ◇ Nurture your personal relationship with God.

We Are NCC Family and Friends



Everyone came comfortable and ready to have some fun! If you missed this day of worship and fellowship, you missed a treat! You don't want to miss out on the next Family and Friends Day.

Congratulations and many thanks to the staff and partners responsible for this fantastic fellowship:

- ◇ Lakesha Maddox
- ◇ Marquis Snowden
- ◇ Emaja Glover
- ◇ Mark Thomas
- ◇ Don Snowden
- ◇ Mark Gary
- ◇ Carol Williams
- ◇ Lauren Harrington
- ◇ Delores Myers
- ◇ Ethel Lemon
- ◇ Lisa Glenn
- ◇ Ronda Felder
- ◇ Dortha Brunson
- ◇ Michelle Williams-Holt
- ◇ Stephanie Baldwin
- ◇ Veatrice Snowden

NCC Family and Friends Day. It was a special Sunday of worship with invited family members and friends, followed by food, games and fellowship on the lawn!

Sunday

Nov 17, 2019

Greetings Beloved, I miss you tremendously. This is our first Red Sea experience and that is okay. As Moses said "Stand still and see the Salvation of the Lord". I'm thankful that God hasn't given us a Spirit of fear, but one of sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). We don't need to be anxious or get caught up in any waves of public panic.

We must, however, exercise wisdom as we navigate our time in this world. As a reminder, we have Live Stream services you may view online at nccofsd.org and weekly updates by email. While this isn't a substitute for actual community, we understand the option for the safety, health and well being of us



all during this time of uncertainty. I look forward to the time we meet again in fellowship and what a time of rejoicing it will be!

Pastor Reginald Gary,
Senior Pastor

Here's a thought to consider:

In three short months, just like He did with the plagues of Egypt, God has taken

away everything we, some or too many of us worship!

God said, "You want to worship athletes. I will shut down all the stadiums.

You want to worship musicians. I will shut down Civic Centers.

You want to worship actors. I will shut down theaters.

You want to worship money. I will shut down the economy and collapse the stock market.

You do not want to go to Church and worship Me. I will make it where you can't go to Church.

If my people who are called by my name will humble

themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways,

THEN... I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Maybe we don't need a vaccine.

Maybe we **NEED** to take this time of isolation from the distractions of the world and have a personal revival where we focus on the **ONLY** thing in the world that does matter, that really matters... **JESUS!!!!**



Worship Committee Spotlight



Worship Committee Team

Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes with the Worship Committee?

Here's a look at how they function in the church...

The Committee is responsible for preparing First Sunday Communion on either the last or the first Saturday of the month. They help with Baptisms, Baby Dedication services, preparation for Resurrection and Christmas Sunday, and preparing food on the First Sunday every other month for the Ministers.

The Worship Committee is always looking for dedicated volunteers. Members joyfully serve under the leadership of President Carol Williams, VP Charles Galloway, Secretary Frances Winford, Chaplain Minister Patty B Allen, Baptism Counselor Minister Thurston Ball, and Spiritual Advisor Minister Darian Woodruff.

This team of dedicated members continues to fulfill NCC's 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."

This time of 'lockdown' has not stopped the committee's work. To ensure Holy Communion was available to us on Resurrection Sunday, the committee organized a 'drive-thru' Communion pickup the day before. All who participated were able to stay in their cars and safely receive pre-assembled Communion kits to take home.

Many thanks to the Committee for a well-organized event and for helping to keep Resurrection Day 2020 most Sacred!

For Baptisms, which are held every 3rd Sunday, with the exception of Resurrection Sunday and Christmas, the Committee schedules candidates for pre-Baptism counseling with Minister Thurston Ball.

Sessions are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 8:30am to 9:30am in Amos Hall and include a visit to Founders Chapel. Here they view the baptism font where the water is held, are advised of the appropriate garments for male and female candidates, and are encouraged to invite their family and friends to witness the ceremony.

After a message from Minister Ball on what this day symbolizes and what publicly proclaiming your new life in Christ means, the session closes in prayer.

On Baptism Day, women candidates are baptized by Minister Patty B Allen and men are baptized by Minister Ball or Minister Barry Harris.

Each new partner receives a

"Certificate of Baptism" signed by the minister performing the Baptism.

The Worship Committee meets every 3rd Saturday of the month to discuss Baptism counseling, upcoming events, such as the Ministry Fair, as well as upcoming and previous baptisms.

As President for the past two years, Carol has served faithfully ensuring all the needs for baptism and communion are made available for the team, and information is provided on all current activities within the group and the church. The committee prides themselves on everything being done decently and in order.

Carol stated, "Being a part of this committee has taught me how to be a better leader. And with the assistance of Minister Patty B. I have learned to be a more compassionate and patient person."

Carol wants NCC Partners to know that the Worship Committee is a very dedicated and hard working group of people. "Everyone in our group belongs to one or two other ministries, but we are committed to excellence and making sure the Worship Committee does not fall short."



Staff Recognition



Lakesha Maddox

Lakesha has been Connections Manager for six and a half years. In this role, she coordinates with and supports the activities of over 40 ministries and auxiliaries. When a Ministry leader needs to schedule, change, add or delete a meeting or event being held on New Creation Church campus, she is the one to contact.

She assists with planning and executing events and also accurately transfers this information to the database that houses the church master calendar.

Lakesha says she enjoys interacting with auxiliary leaders. "I think my most enjoyable time is when I am working with a group of people to come up with a solution. I love problem solving, and in this position there is always something that needs a solution."

After taking care of meetings and events, the rest of Lakesha's day may include cleaning and prepping the food pantry, cleaning out

storage rooms to create additional space, or even helping with landscaping. Lakesha offers "No one day is the same for me."

The most important thing to remember when working at a church is that when it comes to serving God's people and maintaining God's house, you will have to do things that are not in your job description."

Lakesha initially started working at NCC as the Office Assistant, while also teaching school part time and finishing requirements for her California credential. She planned a full time teaching career, and had previously graduated from Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama where she was born and raised.

She had only come to San Diego for a Christmas visit, but happily, to our benefit, ended up staying and not returning to Alabama. After being introduced to a New Creation Praise On Wednesday service, Lakesha joined our fellowship in 2004. She served in the Singles Ministry, Children's Department, Tech 4 Worship, and the Christian Ed Department.

Lakesha has served in the church from a young age. Her parents knew the importance of a strong spiritual foundation and non-participation was not an option. She credits her mother with making sure she stayed in church until she was able to understand the importance of a relationship

with God. As a child she was an usher. Later on she also sang in the young adult choir and was Sunday School Secretary. She rededicated her life to Christ at the age of 15, and even brought friends to church who are still faithfully serving God as adults today.

Lakesha knows the power of prayer and looks for God's direction in all she does. Given a choice between teaching full-time and serving God's people as Connections Manager, she has never looked back.

She continues to substitute teach for the La Mesa- Spring Valley School District and is very thankful for her experiences in ministry - the "wonderful opportunity" to work with Martin Akinfosile for a short time and the ability to envision and see the food pantry become a reality.

While working with Martin, she learned to do tasks that help her in her role today. She is grateful to honor him and keep his memory alive with the Martin Akinfosile Food Pantry.



Partnering with Mark Thomas, Lakesha worked to have a place where people could

come in and "shop" like they would in an actual grocery store. And now, especially during this time of uncertainty the pantry is a wonderful blessing to so many families. Since the stay at home order, the pantry has helped 30 families and the number is still rising.

"The one thing that I would like people to know is that I have a servant's heart. God gave me a true love for people and by helping others I work behind the scenes and not in a spotlight. I believe that no one person is greater than the next, so there is no need to always be seen."

A lot of the things that I do, people will never know I am a part of, simply because I don't thrive off of attention or recognition. I prefer to fulfill my assignment to God. I simply do what God calls me to do so He can be glorified!



Martin's March Gladness



Without the Resurrection

*Without the Resurrection,
There would be no hope of
heaven.*

*Without the hope of
heaven, there would be no
repentance, no personal
transformation,
no attempt to follow biblical
principles.*

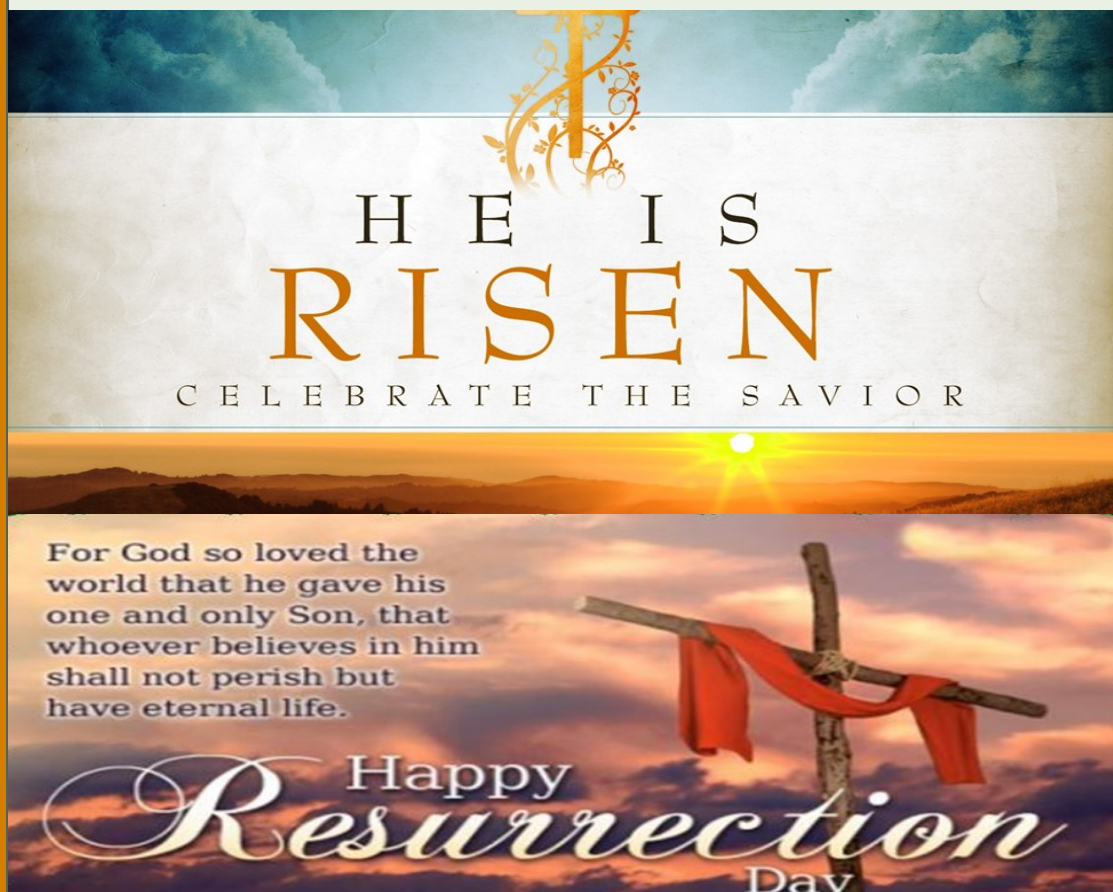
*Without the Resurrection,
the world would be in chaos
and darkness.*

*Jesus' death and resurrection
means we can be reborn,
to live better, to do better,
to shine light into the
shadows.*

Hallelujah!

Happy Resurrection.

-Author Unknown

“Remember the Resurrection”*A Message From the Executive Board*

The New Creation Executive Board is comprised of 9 Partners of this ministry including the Senior Pastor. These Partners are giving of their time and talents to continue the growth of this great church.

All NCC Partners are invited to attend Executive Board Meetings. Meetings are regularly held the 4th Tuesday of every month, except in December, and are held in Amos Hall, Room 4 at 6:30pm. During this time of shelter-in-place the Executive Board team will strive to do our very best to keep the partners informed of all NCC business and spiritual

matters as it relates to the partners. During regular Board Meetings (pre/post shelter in place) occasionally meetings will have a closed session and guests will be asked to step out during this time. Once the closed session is over, guests will be invited back in to the meeting.

Board members welcome and extend an open invitation to come and learn more about how Church decisions are made. If you would like to address the Executive Board, place your request in the Member-at-Large mailbox or email mbratlge@nccofsd.org prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Upon arrival all guests will sign in with the Executive Board Secretary. Due to Executive Board guidelines, members of the Board will not make any determinations at the meeting, but may ask questions for clarity.

The Member-at-Large will provide follow-up communication in a timely manner on behalf of the Executive Board with a response or if additional information is needed.

Meet the 2020 Board Team

Current Executive Board Members are:

♦ Brandy Anderson,
Board Chair

♦ Reginald L. Gary,
Senior Pastor

♦ JoAnna Johnson,
Board Secretary

♦ Linda Doughty,
Leadership Council
Chair

♦ Carolyn Louie,
Finance Director

♦ Earnestine Simmons,
Member-at-Large

♦ Dr. John Browne,
Board Member

♦ Cardie Gold,
Board Member

♦ Ann McPherson,
Board Member

NCC Family News

Acknowledgement and Farewell to Diego Jefferson



(Diego and Mom, Renata Jefferson)

Diego is a former active member of the Youth Ministry. He recently relocated with his family to Orange County. It is our desire to encourage other youth and young adults by sharing Diego's accomplishments and goals for his future.

You may remember Diego as a youth announcer at Sunday worship services. Diego is also a standout in school. At 14 he is a high school freshman *and* a junior college student. Diego was accepted to Middle College High School, a unique four year, combined high school and community college degree program in Riverside County. When Diego finishes school in 2023, he will have both a high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree in General Education. After high school, Diego plans to continue his education and pursue a career in Fashion Merchandising. He also likes to draw, take martial arts and design clothing. Diego is pictured above, wearing a unique one-of-a-kind jacket he designed himself!

We are pleased to recognize Diego, and his Mom Renata (former Sanctuary Choir member), for their dedication and to pray for his continued success!



Congratulations to Braelyn Willis

She has been accepted to University of California, Los Angeles for the 2020 fall semester. Her journey will begin at UCLA as a student of Theatre, Film and Television with Theatre-Acting as her academic major. As stated by the UCLA admissions office, Braelyn was selected from among 109,000 other student applicants because of her exceptional talents and academic accomplishments.

Our sincere congratulations and prayers for Braelyn's exceptional success!

Verlina Tate, Activist and Entrepreneur



Verlina is in her Sophomore year at Cal State, Northridge and is active in making a difference for her fellow students. She has become a great activist for student rights and education equality for minorities. Verlina was one of 3 students chosen by her professors to represent Cal State, Northridge at the state capital in Sacramento. She and the other students met with various state officials to share their perspective and concerns for the future of education equality. Verlina is not only an activist for student rights, she is an entrepreneur, and started her own lip gloss business, Lip Drip, Inc. on her college campus.

Her vision and insight allowed her to prepare for her future; not only to give back to others in the community as a Social Worker. She has also joined the growing phenomenon of black female owned business in the country.

We applaud Verlina and offer our continued prayers for her success!

PARENTS: SUGGESTED RESOURCES AND TIPS FOR REMOTE AND ONLINE LEARNING

- ⇒ <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/family/in-the-news/homeschooling-tips-coronavirus-shutdown/>
- ⇒ <https://www.npr.org/2020/03/23/820228206/6-tips-for-homeschooling-during-coronavirus>
- ⇒ <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/parenting/a31806310/coronavirus-homeschool-tips/>

The Ultimate Shield!

Psalm 91

¹ He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." ³ Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. ⁴ He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. ⁵ You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, ⁶ Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. ⁸ Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. ⁹ Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, ¹⁰ No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; ¹¹ For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. ¹² In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. ¹³ You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. ¹⁴ "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. ¹⁵ He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation.

Prayer of Protection

Heavenly Father in the Name of Jesus Christ; I enter into your gates with Thanksgiving, and into your courts with Praise. I want to thank You for your goodness and your mercy upon my life. I thank you Lord for being in my life. You are the Lord God Almighty, the Great I am. I say that you are my refuge; you are the chief corner stone and I choose to trust in the true and living God. You provide me with shelter from life's storms, life difficulties. I speak the Blood of Jesus on each and every member of my family for protection and preservation of life. I decree and declare that the gates of hell shall not prevail against me and my loved ones. Lord I commit myself and my family into your hands in the name of Jesus. I apply the Blood of Jesus on each and every door post of my home, on every window post of my home, in the name of Jesus Christ. May your pillar of fire be seen where my family abides every night. Lord you have said you will not allow sickness and disease to come near me; I therefore declare that sickness and disease are far from me. I pray that you protect me and my family from everything we cannot see or tries to harm us. No demon from hell, no unclean spirit, no generational curses, no misfortune will touch me or my family because of you God. I pray you will protect me and my loved ones in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the name that was given power above all names. Your word in Psalm 91 says you will protect me from the terror by night, the arrow that flies by day, and I receive that promise. I believe that you are faithful to your word. Amen.



Day 13

Anytime you think something positive about someone else, you should tell them. We should all live by that rule, as it will help us become more comfortable speaking life-giving words.

Describe a time when you were encouraged and uplifted by the power of positive, life-giving words.

Read: Matthew 12:22-37

Day 14

Not only should we speak life-giving words to others, but we should also speak them to our circumstances and ourselves. The toxic words we speak to ourselves can be some of the most dangerous.

What types of toxic words are you saying to yourself? What steps do you need to take to stop saying these toxic words to yourself?

Read: Mark 11:12-25

Day 15

We are often paralyzed with irrational fear that something may happen. Rather than living by faith, we live by fear. These toxic fears can cripple our lives and rob us of our joy. This week you will read what God's Word says about toxic fears and how we should face them.

How have you seen your toxic fears influence your actions and thoughts?

Read: Psalms 27:1-14

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**.