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June 2019 Ministry Fair



New Creation Church Ministry Fair held Sunday, June 9, 2019 on the church quad for all partners and guests to stop by and see how they can get involved in serving in one of the different ministries at this great church! The Ministry Fair is held every year to provide the opportunity for new and current partners who may not have decided which ministry to serve in, to meet the leaders, ask questions and hear about the goals and activities of each ministry.

2019 Participants: Executive Board • Leadership Council • Brotherhood Men's Ministry • Women of Faith Ministry • Children's Ministry • Youth Ministry • Prayer Ministry • Marriage Ministry • Partner Services • Willing Workers • Christian Education • ASPIRE • Greeters • Worship Committee • 50 Plus Senior Ministry • Choir Ministry • Usher Ministry • Promise Land Ranch Outreach •

Senior Pastor's Positive Premise

"CHANGE"

Ephesians 4:17-23

The transitive verb "change" means to make different in some particular way.

It means to radically transform. It's to give a different position, course or direction. It's replacing one thing for another.

To change means that you have surrendered what was once important to you.

It has been said that growth is painful, change is painful, but nothing is as painful as being stuck where you don't belong!

As difficult as "change" can sometimes be, "change" is necessary and inevitable!

Everything will change, and "change" will always provoke struggle.

The great Frederick Douglass once said "If there is no struggle, there can be no progress!"

The mention of "change" or "new" is quite frequent in the Bible.

In the book of Lamentations it reveals that morning by morning "new" mercies we will see. God tells His people through Ezekiel that they will get new hearts and

and new spirits placed within them.

In this ministry, we clearly understand that when you are "in Christ" you are a New Creation.

Always remember "When there is a change for the good, it will always be a good change."

*Never miss a good chance for a good change!
(*Original Reggieism)

Where are you in the wonder of "CHANGE"?



"Growth is painful, change is painful, but nothing is as painful as being stuck where you don't belong"

Narayana Murthy

Vacation Bible School 2019

ROAR! - God is Wild About You!



VBS Week July 22-26 - Each day the children received a new theme and scripture about how good God is in every situation. "God is Wild about You!" Day 1 - When life is unfair (Nahum 1:7). Day 2 - When life is scary (Psalm 23:4). Day 3 - When life changes (Psalm 106:1). Day 4 - When life is sad (Psalm 34:18). Day 5 - The finale...ROAR...God is Good!

Church Mothers Titus 2:15...1 Timothy 5:1-2

Church Mothers have served as vital members of the congregation for generations. They are fulfilling an oral tradition of passing on cultural meanings, like the value of children and passing on of the importance of self reliance to succeeding generations. Representing stability and Godly reverence to their faith, Church Mothers may help guide young women and men away from behavior that can cause troubled home lives. Just as a mother in the family home, a Church Mother is there to encourage all in her church and she will share her wisdom to help guide their way through the variables of life.

A Mother of the church is to be treated with respect, honor, acclamation, affection and reverence. With love and a holy sensitivity, they hold the right to correct incorrect or improper behavior within the church family.

Thank God for our Church Mothers...



Dedicated by Pastor R.L. Gary
June 2019

Ava Sullivan, Helen Gaddie, Frances Moten, Fredricka Flynt, Juanita Brown, Francis Winford, Rev. Margie McCall, Rev. Linda Martin, Suzie Lee, Pauline Troutman, Rev. Beverly Davis, Doris Peoples and Mary Braswell-Lawson (not pictured).

Church Fathers Ephesians 5:15-16...James 3:13

Church Fathers have served as vital members of the congregation for generations. They are fulfilling an oral tradition of "passing on" cultural meanings, such as the value of commitment and self reliance to succeeding generations of both young men and women. Representing stability and Godly reverence to their faith, the Church Fathers may help guide these young people away from behavior that could cause trouble in the home and community. Just as the father in the family home, the Church Father is there to encourage all in his church and he will share his wisdom to help guide them through the variables of life. The Fathers of the church are appointed by the pastor. These seasoned men have a love for God's word and have demonstrated a high profile Christian lifestyle.

A Church Father is a man of prayer and humility. He prays for the pastor and his family and the leaders of the church on a consistent basis. He is a man of experiences, both good and bad and can share with others in an effort to increase their walk of faith!



Dedicated by Pastor R.L. Gary
July 2019

Rudy Walker, Dale Winford, George Brown, G.W. McCall, Louis Troutman, Carlos Lawson, Harold "Gil" Johnson, Herbert Argrow, Charlie Robb, Michael Williams and Pastor Amos Johnson, Jr.

Facilities Technician

Staff Recognition



Mark A. Thomas

Who can you find in all aspects of New Creation Church facility operations...none other than Brother Mark Thomas! His many talents can be seen as he works and serves daily in the areas of security, landscaping, building maintenance and repair. On a typical day, Mark is constantly on the move from the pulpit to the outside lower parking lot and to all parts of the campus.

In addition to performing mechanical, plumbing and building repairs, on occasion Mark has volunteered to drive the church shuttle bus and has even helped decorate for special events. You can call on Mark and he is there, without a doubt!



NCC Shuttle Bus

As Facilities Technician, Mark is on call 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. He consults with Senior Pastor Gary to ensure the entire

campus is kept in pristine condition and works to ensure everything is operable and safe for our partners and guests.

Mark's duties range from selecting the type of drought-tolerant plants needed to beautify the church grounds, to overseeing the work of many vendors and contractors, and working behind the scenes to fix leaky faucets and toilets.

He has been seen on a Sunday morning in a 3-piece suit, walking with a bucket and mop to immediately clean up any undesirable facility issues, focused on restoring a pleasant environment for New Creation members and guests.



Landscaping

Mark's concern for our ministry is undeniable. He is dedicated to New Creation and says he "would never leave...this is where God has me." Beyond a doubt!

Mark became a Believer attending New Creation. Although this is the first and only church Mark has ever been a member of, his mother was very influential in his spiritual walk.

When asked how he came to a belief in Jesus Christ, he thoughtfully answered, "I just did. Throughout my life I always felt a presence. I always felt protected; I just did. When I got into trouble I always prayed."

When Mark first came to New Creation he was unemployed and unable to tithe financially. He asked "How can I help do some things around here?" From then on Mark tithed with his time. Eventually Mark was asked to track his time monthly and he was able to be compensated.

He was also inspired by the words of our dear Brother LaRue Harrington. LaRue said to him, "When I was living in the World, I gave all to the World; now that I'm into Christ I give just as much, but even more."

Mark encourages partners who have special or professional skills in maintenance or repair, landscaping, electrical, plumbing, etc.; 'Do not' hesitate to approach him to share your expertise.

Mark states the best thing about his ministry is "Everything!! Serving God and using the talents He has blessed me with."

One special thing that stands out for Mark is meeting people from all walks of life, an experience that has helped him to grow. He also advises, "If you get involved and active in the church make sure you are grounded in the Word of God! The more you get involved, the more you are exposed to church-isms (church practices or beliefs)

of other people. You are here because the Holy Spirit has guided you here. The Holy Spirit shows you the way."

A final thought he would like to share with others: "The more you study, the louder the voice of the Holy Spirit becomes."

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

I Corinthians 15:58



Security



Rainbow over NCC's Beautiful Campus

Thank you Mark Thomas for your dedicated service to New Creation Church

Minister of Music Spotlight



Mark D. Gary

Worship service at New Creation can be joyful, reverent, touching and soul stirring! An experience due, in part, to the work of our dynamic Minister of Music, Brother Mark Gary.



Young Voices of Praise

With oversight of five choirs and five staff (four musicians and one choir director), Mark has joyfully led the Music Department for the past six years. As ministry pastor he teaches Bible Study for all adult choir and staff during Bible Discovery Hour. He is an 'encourager' and reads aloud the thank-you cards, and notes received from the congregation. In addition, his regular duties range from:

- ◇ Leadership Council representative
- ◇ Hiring of musicians and selecting music
- ◇ Scheduling rehearsals and meetings
- ◇ Equipment set-up and breakdown; audio and sound checks

◇ Receiving and routing music requests from church auxiliaries and outside groups.

Before coming to San Diego, Mark was Minister of Music for 16 years in Victorville, CA. He reflects, "I believe God just put me in the place where it (music ministry) was an opportunity for me. God chose me for it."

As a leader, Mark knows that musicians must be disciplined, on one accord, and play as a team. Along with background checks he also wisely looks at their level of spiritual growth.

Mark states he deeply appreciates the choir and musicians, and the many hours they practice and rehearse for worship services.



NCC Musicians

He welcomes the cards and notes from the congregation and acknowledges that he could not do it all without the assistance from Choir Director Donell Pleasant, his 'right hand man'.

Many people know Mark is a 'preacher's kid' and younger brother to Senior Pastor Gary. He was blessed to grow up from infancy in the church, where his spiritual foundation

and love for music were nurtured. A lifelong musician, Mark discovered his love for drumming at the age of two. Thanks to his father's groundbreaking (at the time) decision to have drums in his church, Mark graduated from drumming on pots and pans in his mother's kitchen to drumming for worship service at his father's church.

Around age 13 Mark began playing keyboard and organ, by ear. But later on Mark received a special gift that propelled him from local church organist to playing for gospel artists and traveling the world. His hands were "anointed and blessed by an evangelist" and he became an accomplished musician from that very day!

We can agree NCC has an excellent, anointed team of musicians and choirs. We are blessed by Mark's "seeking the Lord's leading for the music program, to be in tune with God and what he intends to do". Looking ahead, in the next year Mark says he would like to record a CD with the Music Department; a project we hope to hear more about in the future! In his positive, upbeat manner Mark would like to leave us with his favorite quote, *"In the end, God always wins!"*



Sanctuary Choir



Angelic Voices - Little Lambs



In Unison Women's Choir



5th Sunday Men's Choir



Choir Director Spotlight



Donell Pleasant

him to join the choir where he has been ever since.

Donell's first memories around church music include growing up with his grandfather, who was a pastor. In addition to his grandfather, his father, uncles and aunts all grew up in the same area; all went to church together; and all sang together.

Shaped by early experiences singing with his family in the 'Jubilee Choir', Donell knew he wanted to be a church musician. He also credits his Aunt Cookie, who encouraged his singing from the age of four, for inspiring him to sing.

He began directing while in the Jubilee Choir and went on to direct the Youth Choir, Adult Choir, Southwest District Choir and the Western Baptist State Choir. "This is where I began to recognize my gift as a choir director.

I figured God has given me a gift and it is my duty to give my gift back to God."

Donell's most memorable experiences in music include working with Michael Sanders and Mark Gary to record a CD with the Voices of Praise and Voices of Unity. He has sung backup for Tramaine Hawkins, Brent Jones and Calvin Rhone.

As a DJ at former gospel radio station 1040 AM, The Soul of San Diego, he was introduced to many gospel artists such as brother and sister duo BeBe & CeCe Winans, Mary Mary, Dorinda Clark-Cole, Fred Hammond and Marvin Sapp.

To many of us, Donell is known by the name 'Choir Boy', his radio handle at 1040 AM. You may not know the name comes from a character in his favorite movie, The Five Heartbeats. 'Choir Boy' was the character he felt most similar to.

"There are a lot of people that call me 'Choir Boy' instead of Donell, so I have accepted the wonderful

title." Donell speaks very highly of the NCC choirs, and when asked what would you like to say to choir members he states, "I really appreciate the many hours of dedication and hard work you give rehearsing to serve this ministry in preparation for each Sunday Worship Service. God Bless you!"

We are truly blessed to have Donell Pleasant sharing his gift with us! Donell lives by his favorite scripture:

¹Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. ²Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. ³Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. ⁴Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. ⁵For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting and His truth endureth to all generations. Psalm 100 (KJV)



Black History Month



First Sunday Robes



Charger Sunday



Choir getting their Praise on!

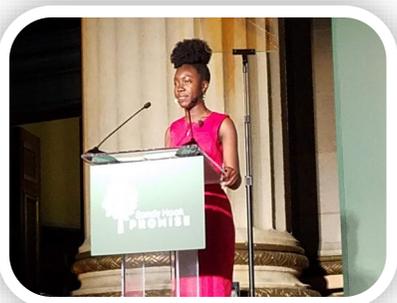


5th Sunday Men's Choir



NCC Family News

Congratulations to the Gary Family!
Pastor and First Lady welcomed their 8th grandchild Kingsley Maximillion Gary born on Sunday, July 23, 2019 to proud parents Marquis and Sha Gary.



Congratulations to Braelyn Willis!
Daughter of Ben and Anitra Willis

Braelyn is a 17 year old, 4.1 GPA senior at Steele Canyon High School.

She is a member of the Steele Canyon Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Promise Youth Advisory Club and was selected for the 2018-2019 National SAVE Promise Youth Advisory Board comprised of students across the nation.

Braelyn is featured on the SAVE website and was further honored with an invitation to speak at the Annual National Sandy Hook Promise Gala on June 19, 2019 in Washington D.C.

She spoke to a large group of senators, congresspersons, and donors on the passion she has to end violence in communities and schools. She has also traveled with the Advisory Board to Charlotte and Raleigh, NC; New Town-Danberry, Connecticut; and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This program gives Braelyn the opportunity to gain leadership and presentation skills and share her leadership qualities with other students nationwide and back at home at Steele Canyon High School.

Braelyn is an active member of NCC and serves faithfully with the Young Voices of Praise.



Congratulations to Jasmine Davis!
Daughter of Don and Sheila Davis

Jasmine is a 17 year old recent graduate of Otay Ranch High School

She graduated with a 4.24 college weighted uncapped GPA (includes extra points for honors classes), while completing 161 hours of community service and achieving the California Scholarship Federation (CSF) Seal Bearer designation. CSF is a state-wide academic honors organization whose purpose is to recognize students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement.

By her academic accolades, she was just recently accepted to University of California San Diego (UCSD) and will be attending this fall. Jasmine is an active member at NCC and serves as one of the Junior Ushers.

Congratulations
 All NCC Family Graduates

The Newsletter Team would like to invite partners to share your good news with your Church Family in one of the upcoming newsletters. Forms are available on the counter at the church office (next to the newsletter stand) or send information via email to mbratlge@nccofsd.org.

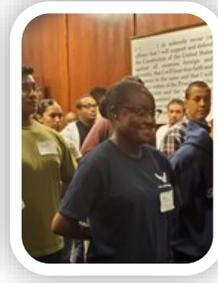


Congratulations to Da'Kandryia A. Peters and Byron Breshard Myers
Daughter & Son of Byron & Tesha Myers

They are proud to announce Da'Kandryia graduated from Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry, University of Southern California, and Byron graduated from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia.

Da'Kandryia received her Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) and is currently completing her Residency at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

Byron received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing and plans to return to Southern California to pursue a career in marketing and sales.



Congratulations to Maliayah Jackson!
Daughter of Robin Davis

Maliayah recently enlisted in the United States Air Force

She joins her twin brother Melvin Jackson, Jr. who is in the U.S. Navy in serving their country.

Maliayah is in Basic Training, undergoing Basic Expeditionary Airman Skills Training, (BEAST week). This is where basic trainees get to put everything they've learned so far about combat situations into practice. With all of our prayers they are both doing well!



Day 7

Colossians 3 encourages us to set our minds on God and not on earthly things, which cause our toxic thoughts. One of the best ways to start focusing your thoughts on God is to spend more time with Him each day in prayer and in the reading of His Word.

What are some specific toxic thoughts you need to change? What are some ways you can begin to make that change?

Read: Colossians 3:1-17

Day 8

Words can hurt you and the right words can help heal you. Those words that crush and hurt you are known as toxic words. Toxic words are incredibly dangerous not only when they are spoken to you, but when you speak them to others. This week you will read from God's Word about the dangers of toxic words and the power of life-giving words.

How are toxic words infecting your life right now?

Read: Proverbs 12:11-23; 18;21

Day 9

Our words are powerful. They have the power to kill and the power to give life. Throughout the book of Proverbs, Solomon often writes about the dangers and the life-giving abilities of our words. He was very aware of the power of words. As a result, Solomon encourages us all to be aware of the types of words we speak to others and the positive and negative affects they can have.

What types of words do you tend to speak most - toxic or life-giving? Explain.

Read: Proverbs 15:1-33

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**.