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I am learning that deep grief changes a person and we must be willing to go through the process. If we choose to work through the process, victory awaits us on the other side, and God will use every step of our journey to prepare us for what's ahead. He will use our pain and grief to make us stronger and more effective in all He still has planned for our lives. I've always said, "Difficult things **WILL** change us, but **WE CHOOSE** what we will be changed into. We will become one of two things: Bitter or Better. Oh, that each of us will be changed for the better, able to make an impact on the lives of others as we await the return of our Lord Jesus.

Lots of scriptures came to mind as I am writing this:

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

"He comforts us so we can comfort others..." 2 Corinthians 2:3-5



We all know Jeremiah 29:11. With all the loss we face in our lives, whether it's a sibling, a friend, a parent or a spouse, God still has a plan and a purpose for our lives. He still has plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a future. I truly believe, as we continue to move forward, our future looks bright!

The journey God has me on right now has caused my love for each of you to be even deeper. I am blessed with each and every conversation we have. Please know you can call me anytime. You are always in my thoughts and prayers.

**McKinley Family Update:** These three are growing way too fast for this grandma! (From left to right.)

**Aubrey** was excited to start 2nd grade and loved going fishing this summer. **Kayla**, now a 4th grader and is taking horse back riding lessons. **Bryson**, our 5th grade is going to a new school and absolutely loves playing football for Daniel Boone. He plays three positions: Center on offense, Defense tackle and Linebacker. All of which I'm trying to learn and keep up with him on the field. I can't forget **Eli**, who is 23 and his heart for Jesus blesses my heart!



**We are so blessed with our Network Leaders. Please pray for them daily.**

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### Where To Start....

As I sit alone in a small park, I realize I am really not alone. The Presence of the Comforter is here with me. There is much I want to share with you! God has truly given me a deep heart of compassion for you and others who deal with grief. I'm choosing to be transparent with you as I always am.

Since April, I have experienced five major losses in my life. It all started on April 4 with my sister's passing. I still find it hard to believe that she's gone. Besides my sister, Vicky, I have lost two very close friends to cancer and two families relocated from our church. I loved each one deeply. I'm at a place where I need the Father to heal my broken heart.

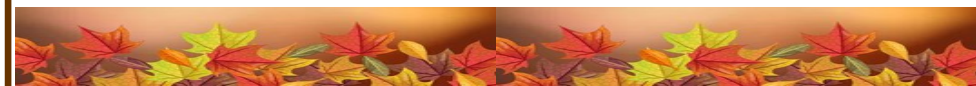
On August 31, I woke up at 2:03 a.m. with the song, "The More I Seek You," going through my head. (If you haven't heard it, please Google it.) I rested in the Presence of the Lord as I listened to the song a few times. Then, I decided to choose another video of the same song. As the worship intensified, I heard these words from the worship leader: "We're gonna go where nobody's gone before! We're gonna do what nobody's done before!" I stopped the music and quickly wrote those words down.

WOW! Immediately I thought of our More Than Conquerors Ministry and the Mission God has called me to. He is taking us to a place we have not gone before and, we are going to do what no one's done before!

When I resigned from the PennDel Women's Rep team, back in February 2008, I said to God, "I just want to be part of something bigger than me!" Well, here I am embarking on a journey that is way bigger than I could have ever imagined! I need the guidance of the Holy Spirit more than ever before. You see, I've never gone this way before. My dear friends, I truly believe God has greater things in store for all of us as individuals, as a MTC Ministry group and for the Mission He has called me to. We don't need to walk this journey alone. We need each other.

Change! That's what it comes down to and change is not easy.

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**REMEMBER YOU ARE DEARLY LOVED, DON'T EVER GIVE UP!**

*Fall ~ Winter  
2023*



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*Connecting with  
widows and widowers  
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"...in all these things we are  
**More Than Conquerors**  
through Him who loves us."  
Romans 8:37



# It's Time To Celebrate!



**Marilyn Evans** family gave her a wonderful Birthday gift experience at the Sight and Sound presentation of Moses. The theater was packed, the music and the singing were tremendous and having her family with her was the icing!



**Robert Lyle** is very excited to share that he has gotten involved with the Wellsboro Senior Center. He also joined arms with a ministry called 'Rewritten' which is an organization that rescues the abused and those caught in human trafficking.



**Becky Leake** shared, "I remember sitting at a table soon after James and I married and in a conversation with his grandparents, they told us that if we did not produce any male children, the Leak name would become extinct. Sixty years later, I see we did a good job preserving the Leake name! These are all the Leake men born in our line since then. Jim would be so proud! (missing Jim.)"



**Thomas Cline** shared, "On Sept. 17 I spoke at a nursing home not far from my house. My Pastor also asked me to do a message for Youtube. I was really nervous to learn that hundreds, maybe thousands, of people would hear me preach." Pictured with Thomas are his daughters: Debra & Judith.



**Carol Kurka:** My mom, Louise Kaylor (on the right), wanted to go to the ocean, so I asked her to go with me to visit my son Micah Kurka. Micah is a nurse at the Charleston University Hospital. He took us to so many places, it is so beautiful in Charleston. Here we are at the Pineapple Fountain at Waterfront Park.



**Nilli Oliver** shared: "Fun and so much laughter was had at the Seasoned With Grace picnic today! They are an AWESOME team!" SWG is a new group at Lighthouse comprised of people 55+, married and widowed, who love The Lord, people, and are always on the look-out to help meet the needs of others going thru difficult times.



**Mary Harman** shared, "Hard to believe...on August 12 I turned 92! Fifteen of my neighbors hosted a party in my honor. In June I flew to Toronto and spent three weeks with my sisters in Guelph. Joy is 94 and still quilting. Together we made six baby quilts which I brought back with me. I love the chorus "All my life you have been faithful, all my life you have been so, so good"... because I have found His promises to be true in my life."



Mary, Faith, Joy



**Ruth Bear** flew to Casselton, North Dakota to spend time with her family and met her newest great-grand child. After a long flight and a four hour car ride, she finally reached her destination. Ruth said, "It was quite a trip but well worth it. We have ten grandchildren and Timothy Bear is our thirteenth great-grand!"

# Praise & Prayer

**Carol Kenzy:** "Your love and prayers continue to bless me on the healing of my eye surgery. On August 15 I had laser surgery on my right eye; August 16 a great follow-up report with



healing and good eye pressure; August 22 another great follow-up with eyesight improving and pressure at nine, which is astounding. Your prayers are appreciated and still needed for dizziness, nausea and fatigue.

**Gloria Mosley** spent time in the hospital and is praising God that no cancer was found. She appreciated all the phone calls and prayers.

**Barbara Vitello:** request prayer for strength as she walks this difficult journey.

**Yvonne Ash, Maryann Vespa, Barbara Vitello:** Are all thankful for God's protection when hurricane Irma hit Florida. Each shared there was only heavy rain and no damage where they live. PTL.

**Nina Wadsworth's** twin sister, Ruth, undergoes chemo treatments every other week which makes her quite sick. Your prayers for both Nina and Ruth are greatly appreciated.

**Donna Noll** had surgery on Sept. 8. The doctors removed the upper right lobe of her lung. She is home recovering and praising God for the fall she had a few months ago, which led the doctors to the spot on her lung. All her biopsies came back negative.

**Sherry Sabella** is the first woman to ever serve as the AGWM Area Director for Southeast Europe/Balkan Area. Please pray for Sherry as she will continue the ministry she and Jim started many years ago. Pray for favor as she meets with General Superintendents from European countries who partner with AGWM. These countries are not accustomed to having women heading up ministry.

**Marie Keefauver** had a bad fall the beginning of September and spent over a month in the hospital.

**Jean Tennant** fell in June (the day before her birthday) and broke her knee. She also has a blood clot in her right leg. She is still in a brace for six more weeks. Her son Tim was in the hospital fourteen days and rehab for a month.

**Mari Lynn Richter** has pulmonary fibrosis, which is hardening of the lungs. She is now on oxygen 24/7. There is no cure.

**Betty Schell** has fallen a few times and spent some time in the hospital. She is back home now but would like prayer.

**Pastor Ken & Marlene Martin:** Pastor Ken was diagnosed with Esophageal Cancer. He underwent surgery and began radiation and chemo treatments on September 12. The treatments have made him quite sick. Please pray for Pastor Ken and for Marlene as she cares for his needs. Marlene is the founder of our More Than Conquerors Ministry.

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Peacebox Notes—Celeste Falvo

I have been re-reading Bruce Wilkinson’s book, “The Prayer of Jabez.” This tiny book packs a punch! We read in 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 that Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, “I gave birth to him in pain.” Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.

As you are reading this section of scripture, there’s a genealogy that is full of hard names to pronounce., when the writer suddenly stops listing names and BOOM there is this prayer! Why did he do that? Was he just tired and his mind began to wander? Or did God just remind him, “Don’t forget Jabez.” We may never know, but it’s there for a reason!

What can we learn from this prayer? I think something very simple, PRAY believing God is going to answer. It’s a cry for God to bless and use him. And God does! Jabez is only mentioned here in the Bible, I don’t think you see him anywhere else in history. Then we’re back to the genealogy just as abruptly. What? Wait, I want to hear more! Silence. But it has made an impact on many, including me.

My family jokingly reminds me that I am now officially OLD! But God is reminding me that he is not done using me and my generation! So many older saints of the church are stepping up and out. Sometimes leading the way in ministry. Sometimes we can feel like we have done our tour of duty, but God seems to be raising us up to get involved. Calling us to do things we may not have done even when we were in full-time ministry!

I was asked the question, “Why us?” Why not? I don’t fully know. I don’t understand. But I feel God has called me to fly across the ocean on a missions trip for the first time in my life! I’ve heard other older saints are traveling to minister in other countries, starting groups in their churches, making a difference in ways they may not have thought they would be doing at this time in their lives! God is ‘enlarging our territories.”

WHY?  
The answer I received is very shocking. It was explained to me that it is mostly because the older generation is so highly respected in other countries that they will listen to what we have to say. They want to learn from our generation and glean from our wisdom, so they listen! People are not quite that reverent in the United States but that should not stop us! As Jabez cried out, “ENLARGE MY TERRITORY!” God placed a call on our lives to serve Him and win souls for the Kingdom, not just when we are “young” but until we take our last breath. I want God to bless me, expand me, have HIS hand upon me, and protect me! Use me until I pass into Eternal Glory with Him! Even when I was housebound for while, I learned that a simple phone call could change everything for someone. A card sent, a text written, however God leads you! God’s call on your life is not complete until you hear “Well done!”

MORE THAN CONQUERERS  
NEW HORIZONS  
RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE!!  
You Don’t Want To Miss Next Year!  
May 31-June 2, 2024  
Mark Your Calendar Now!



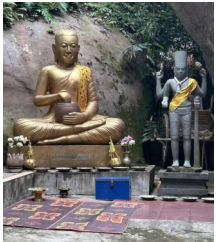
My heart is thrilled at the ministry that is taking place within our More Than Conquerors group. Check out what is happening!



Arlene Stubbs, Missionary to India, writes: “We had about 7,000 people in attendance in August for the fortieth anniversary celebration service. Our sanctuary only seats 3,000 so we had to put up a temporary shed outside to seat 4,000. Afterwards, we had a biriyani lunch for all. What a day! Our annual Missions Convention is coming up so we are working on that. Actually, we are planning a whole Missions Month. We sense the urgency to work while it is day, the night is coming when no man can work!



Otto Wegner wrote, “While in Cambodia learning the “Change the Map” prayer strategy, two lines of the Lord’s prayer, a request and a confession, captured me. The request, “Deliver us from evil,” is always appropriate, but in Cambodia with her household shrines, sacred sites, and ancient “wats,” spiritual darkness is palpable. Evil was hideously expressed in the 1970’s when the Khmer Rouge slaughtered more than twenty percent of her population. Visits to a genocide museum and a field where babies and youth, Cambodia’s future, were hacked to death with hoes, sickles, and shovels, and buried in graves so shallow that bones still break the ground’s surface. “Deliver us from evil,” took on a new meaning. A confession of faith, “For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever!” That is the Almighty’s answer! Pol Pot is dead, Jesus is alive, risen from the dead! Psalm 24 foresaw Jesus’ triumph. Israel was taught to look for “Lord of glory, the Lord strong and mighty!” John, a survivor of monstrous evil, aged and exiled on Patmos, saw the glory, felt the power, knew the victory of the resurrection and with divine inspiration wrote, “He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him . . . On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.” (Revelation 17:13-16) My spirit met with the Holy Spirit in Cambodia. I see victory in fresh dimensions succeeding over evil! Evil is real. Jesus died, was buried and rose again now lives in limitless power...with glorious authority...and is presiding over His Kingdom forever triumphant. Hallelujah! Let us pray with faith-filled confidence in the risen Christ for PennDel missionaries Brett and Rebekah Zeiler. They and their five children know Jesus has called them to plant a church in a dark place filled with evil. As we pray, Cambodia will experience the King of Glory’s salvation.



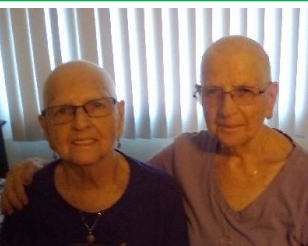
Lorna Albanese shared “How do I explain my SOS Adventure trip to Africa? Their motto is “Live the book of Acts” and that’s what it felt like. It was never a dull moment as 169,000 heard the Gospel; 12,000 BOATC Preachers were trained and mobilized; 38 deliverances; 21,600 Salvations; 18,100 were baptized in the Holy Spirit through daily street outreaches and the five day festival. I am grateful for this amazing team I worked with and for the opportunity I had to be part of what God is doing in Kolwezi DRC!!! What an adventure it was!!!



Sherry Sabella now serves as the AGWM Area Director for Southeast Europe/Balkan Area, the position her husband, Jim, held for many years. Sherry shared, “I am headed back to Europe! This will be my first trip back since Jim passed. I fly to Budapest, Hungary in mid October and will be traveling to Slovenia and Spain, possibly Croatia too while in Europe. This first trip is about five to six weeks. At the end of January I will be headed back over to Romania. I will face the first year of Jim’s passing back in the place we both loved the most, Europe. So many emotions already fill my heart.



**Gloria Mosley** is thrilled that she was able to be back in church after being out for so long. The day she was able to attend, she joined the team in putting together backpacks for school children. The following Sunday she was able to help give them out to children in the community. She shared, "I'm so blessed. The church has been so good to me.!"



**Nina Wadsworth** (Left) out of deep love and support for her twin sister Ruth, Nina also shaved her head the same time Ruth did. Ruth has non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.



**Marjorie Jones** is pictured here with her younger brother, David. (He's only 90.) This photo was taken at the home going celebration of his wife, Gwen. They were married for sixty-eight years. Gwen was Marjorie's high school friend and college roommate. She introduced them and was Gwen's matron of honor.



**Sharon Poole** shared, "As I am writing this, I am sitting in the International Airport in Nairobi, Kenya. In about thirty minutes, we will board to start our long flight back home. Our Team consists of mainly two churches: Erie First and Calvary Church. It was a trip with many unexpected twists and turns.

Over the span of ten days, we accomplished much! A tabernacle was completely built. Before we left for Kenya, I was told we would minister in four locations with a total of 200 children. The total was four schools. But the total number of students was 512! God was faithful. While I don't have a final number, there were quite a few of the children who accepted Jesus into their heart and lives.

On our final day in Kenya, we had the privilege of participating in a Language School for adults. We were all surprised at what great relationships we were able to develop in just two hours! Many of the team members were able to talk of the goodness and faithfulness of our Lord.

The night I came home, I was able to sleep in my own bed, and take a long HOT shower. I will not worry about using ice cubes. All of that will feel so good. But, the best part – I will be able to pray for and remember some very special people that I met in Kenya. Isn't God good? No matter how rough I think I have it at times, what an exciting life God gives to us!

Let me encourage you to step out and do what you can for the Lord today. He is a good God and He wants to continue to use us!!!



**Evelyn Machamer** goes out with her friendsevery Friday evening for dinner. Guess who ran into these three beautiful ladies at Shady Maple? I'm not sure who was surprised more, Evelyn or myself!



(L-R) Maxine 94, Tina 89, Evelyn 97



### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Rev. Alex & Olivia Velazquez, Jr.** We rejoice with Alex and his new bride, Olivia. They were married on June 20, 2023.

### Leroy Wiley

was surprised by his children for his 99th Birthday. A total of seventeen gathered to celebrate and then went to church with him the next day. Lots of memories were made and shared.



**Lydia (DeSantis) Olshevski, age 84**, of Northeast PA, passed away on August 3. Lydia was the daughter of Italian immigrants and later attended the University of Valley Forge. Lydia and her husband Gerald were a team— they served as AGWM missionaries in Botswana, Africa, for fifteen years; Lydia taught Sunday School, as well as college students at the Assembly Bible College in Gaborone, Botswana. In 1984, Lydia and Gerald worked side by side in co-founding Orchard Beach Assembly church (formerly known as Assembly of God of North East). She was an outstanding pianist, piano teacher and choir director. In 2008 Lydia was selected as an honoree of Women Making History by the Sisters of Mercy Center for Women in Erie. They also pastored Northampton and Landisburg.

**Joseph G. Anonby, 81**, passed into heaven on July 7. Joseph was born on April 9, 1942 in Nelson, British Columbia, after his parents had immigrated from Norway to Canada. He attended the following Canadian colleges and Universities: Summit Pacific College, Simon Fraser University, and Lutheran Theological Seminary. Joseph was ordained in 1966 by the Pentecostal Assemblies of God in Canada. In 1993, he transferred to the PennDel Ministry Network of the U.S. Assemblies of God. Joseph is survived by his faithful wife, Ellen. Together, they served as Missionaries for over thirty years, serving in Spain, the Canary Islands and the Dominican Republic. Prior to these appointments, they served with the Pentecostal Assemblies of God in Argentina.

**Bruce Williamson, 79**, passed away on August 20. Bruce was born in Allentown and became an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God in 1995. He served proudly in the United States Coast Guard on active duty and continued in the Reserves. Bruce had Chaplain Duty at the former Allentown State Hospital, and served thirty-three years with the Allentown Rescue Mission and Chaplain for the Allentown Police Dept., he was a scribe for nineteen years, a Certified Royal Ranger instructor, and much more. Bruce is survived by his wife Eileen.

**Patricia Faye Damstrom, 82**, passed away on August 29. Pat served along side her husband, Kenneth for six decades. Together they pastored churches in New England, Calvary Assembly of God in Elizabethtown, KY, as well as serving at Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, ND and The University of Valley Forge in Phoenixville, PA. Pat invested her leadership gifts in Aglow International Women's Ministry as a local president and member of the KY Leadership Board, of the Women's Ministries department in the KY Ministry Network as a sectional leader. She also served as the Women's Ministries Coordinator at Abundant Life Church in Birdsboro, PA.

**Jeffrey Carl Maier, 74**, passed away peacefully on August 27, 2023 surrounded by his friends and family. He and his wife, Maureen, were married for fifty-one years. Jeff became a credential holder with the Assemblies of God in March 2022.

**Kenneth H. Boston, 85**, passed away September 13. After graduation and continued his education at Southeastern University. He later attended our Assemblies of God Graduate School, where he graduated with a master's degree in ministry. Ken also served four years in the US Navy. He was preceded in death by his faithful wife, Joyce. Together they pastored the following churches in PennDel: Mifflintown, Mooretown/Sweet Valley and Shickshinny.

**Sando Piccione, 93**, passed away on September 26. He entered the ministry in 1971, receiving his theological training from Berean School of the Bible, Springfield, Mo., and was ordained in 1981. His ministry included prison ministry as counselor, nursing home ministry and he served as pastor at West Pittston Assembly of God for 15 years. After leaving West Pittston, he joined the staff at First Assembly of God, Wilkes-Barre, as their visitation pastor and served for five years. After retiring, the Rev. Piccione served as a pulpit supply pastor, ministering in several different churches throughout the area.

**Marie M. Keefauver, 97**, passed away on October 5. She was preceded in death by her husband of sixty years, David. Together they pastored the Palmstown AG in Newville.

**Bertran J. Flagstad, 89**, passed away on October 3. He and his wife, Delores, pastored the Kutztown AG. Bertran previously served in the US coast Guard.