

NEW DIRECTION

Formerly *New Beginnings*

August 2009

What's Happening?

Sunday, Sept. 6

Don't miss the "Great Heart and Soul" Tailgate Party featuring the best in gospel talent, games, fun and food at McCracken Field – Citrus Bowl in Orlando.

The event kicks off at 10 a.m. and features recording artist, the Rev. Smokie Norful (Um Good, God Is Able, Can't Nobody). For more info, call (407) 614-5111 or visit www.candoonlineevents.com.

Thursday, Sept. 24

The Greater Orlando Baptist Association will host its 4th Annual Working Women's Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church Pine Castle located at 1001 Hoffner Avenue, Orlando 32809.

The guest speaker is FarMor President, Suzette F. Morgan, who will speak on "Ordinary You, Extraordinary God." The cost is \$10.00. Call Sharon Burrow at (407) 293-0450 or send an email to sburrow@goba.com to RSVP by Sept. 21.

Passage to Life

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." – Hebrews 10:23-25

On Sunday, August 2 (two days after sending out the July newsletter), I woke up feeling 'heavy' – like I was having an anxiety attack. I sent a text to my business partner, Rev. Kenneth Glover, and asked him to "please pray for me and my family. I need a *breakthrough*." Then I started preparing for church.

My kids and I were visiting the Apostolic Church of Jesus (Orlando West) off Powers Drive. Sister Joyce Jenkins had invited me months ago, so I kept my word. Throughout the service, God confirmed His Word to me during praise & worship, and then with the offertory scripture taken from Hebrews 6:13-15 titled, "The Certainty of God's Promise" (NIV):

"When God made His promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for Him to swear by, He swore by Himself, saying, 'I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.' And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised."

God continued to fill my cup as the choir sang, "I feel my *breakthrough* coming." By the time Pastor Keith Hicks took the stage and affirmed that "The Promise Is Still Good" [because] "It's Based on the Promise," I was full. I knew right then that my Father had not forsaken me. In fact, He was commanding me to **hold fast to the confession of my hope, without wavering**, for He is always faithful and never breaks promises.

So I'm yet holding on to Deuteronomy 28:11-12 (KJV) which says, "*And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body ... and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee. The LORD shall open unto thee His good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in His season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.*"

As I write this letter, I'm reminded of the song by Hezekiah Walker, "*Faithful, faithful, faithful is our God. I'm reaping the harvest God promised me. Take back what the devil stole from me, and I rejoice today, for I shall recover it all. Yes, I rejoice today, for I shall recover it all.*" **And so shall you!!!**

Be blessed,
Suzette Farquharson-Morgan
Editor & Publisher

**STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD:
A Recap of the 12 Promises Highlighted Each Month in 2008**

“Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” — **Matthew 6:31-33** (KJV)

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” — **Malachi 3:10** (KJV)

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” — **John 3:14-15** (KJV)

“Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and *enjoy safe pasture* {NKJV says “feed on His faithfulness”}. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.” — **Psalms 37:3-4** (NIV)

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” — **Hebrews 11:6** (NKJV)

“Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.” — **Ephesians 6:2-3** (KJV)

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” — **John 8:36** (NIV)

“And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee....” — **Deuteronomy 28:1-13** (KJV)

“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.” — **Colossians 3:2;4** (KJV)

“Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.” — **Psalms 37:8-9** (KJV)

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” — **James 1:5** (KJV)

“Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [but] he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.” — **I John 2:23-25** (KJV)