

# NEW DIRECTION

Formerly *New Beginnings*

June 2009

## What's Happening?

### June 27

Willie Alschen of Kissimmee is having a book signing for her new autobiography, *Adventures with God* at Christian Supplies (3103 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, 32808). For more info, call (407) 414-6780 or contact [williealschen@peoplepc.com](mailto:williealschen@peoplepc.com).

### July 10

Christian HELP is hosting "Christmas in July" from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Metro Life Church (910 S. Winter Park Drive, Casselberry, 32707). Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door. For more info, please visit [www.christianhelp.org](http://www.christianhelp.org) or call (407) 834-4022.

### July 18

Women of the Village presents a free home-based shopping extravaganza which features an open marketplace for specialty businesses in the City View Downtown Orlando building (595 W. Church Street, 32805). The "Christmas in July" event is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (407) 860-2204 to register your business.

### Passage to Life:

*"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)

On June 13, I had the pleasure of speaking again at Faith Christian Center on "trust." Pastor Delores King asked me several months ago to speak at the Women's Fellowship on the topic (a week after I had written in my journal, "I will trust the Lord until I die."). Now, God wanted me to speak again on trust—something so many of us are battling as we look at our current circumstances and wonder when will our change come.

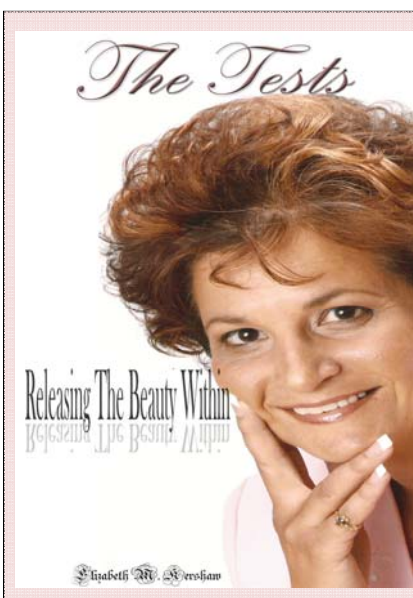
But there's hope when you trust God. In order to trust Him, you must:

1. **Get to Know Him** (develop a personal relationship with God which requires seeking Him daily with all your heart and soul)
2. **Believe & Have Faith** (understand that nothing is impossible through Christ Jesus and remain in His Word)
3. **Wait Patiently & Stand on His Promises** (be not weary in well doing, "for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" – Galatians 6:9)
4. **Hearken to His voice and OBEY His Word** (do what God says do—when He says do it! However, to be able to decipher the voice of the Lord, you must first get to know Him!

Be blessed,

*Suzette Farquharson-Morgan*

Editor & Publisher



### FarMor presents... 'The Tests: Releasing the Beauty Within'

School is out but the tests of life never end! Author Elizabeth M. Kershaw of Orlando shares in this new 228-page book how she overcame different obstacles and strongholds that have made her who she is today.

*The Tests* (retail \$12.95) is a beacon for everyone to see that our trials and tribulations lead to triumph when we put God first and obey His Word!

Available at [www.farmorphublishing.com](http://www.farmorphublishing.com), as well as in Christian Supplies bookstore in Orlando and Long's Book & Music Store in Altamonte, FL.

## FAITH? FREEDOM?

by Catherlene Braddy Hubbard

If you were to ask me about faith or freedom, I can tell you a little sump'n' sump'n' about both.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). Whom the Son sets free is free indeed (John 8:36)! And, where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty, freedom (2 Corinthians 3:17).

Why then if we know the Word of God, we don't readily trust it until we get sick and tired of being sick and tired of BEING sick and tired. However, until we can enter into God's Sabbath rest (Hebrews 4:1-3)—where we can stand on a mountaintop with our backs to the world and jump off backwards and know that God will catch us before we fall—we truly aren't free.

The Word also says we must trust the Lord with all our hearts. I'm sure most Christians desire to obey the Word of God. We want to trust Him with all our hearts but fear is the underlying factor as to why we feel we can't. Fear is always fighting against faith. Fear keeps you in bondage. Faith frees you.

Now, I am not saying to go and stand out in the middle of I-4. Because, if you do, chances are you are going to get hit and probably die. What I'm saying is, we must trust AND obey the voice of the Lord. Of course you must first know the voice of the Lord. Reading His Word, continually praying and staying in His presence, confessing His Word, living Holy, all contribute to a great relationship with Him and recognizing His voice.

If you and I never talked on the phone, you would not recognize my voice when I called. However, you can possibly think of several people you talk on the phone with frequently. Even if they tried to disguise their voice, you would know that it was them. You have to become familiar with the voice of the Lord and then you must trust that He is on your side. He loves YOU (Deuteronomy. 31:6).

When situations and circumstances arise in our lives, the Word says count it all joy (James 1:2) for all things work together for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28).

Let me share a little of my faith walk into freedom land. Whenever I get an occasion to speak somewhere, I usually begin by saying, "Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come. 'Twas Grace that brought me safe thus far and Grace will lead me on."

Now, I know that many of you have been through some things in your lives. (Many are the afflictions of the righteous but God delivers us out of them ALL! [Psalm 34:19])

I hope the portion of my testimony I am about to share with you will be a blessing.



On September 12, 2005, I was laid off from my job along with 36 others. I truly was a happy camper. I didn't know why. But about a week before, I had told a Christian co-worker that I had this overwhelming feeling that something good was about to happen. By the way, I did not have any knowledge as to how I was going to make it financially. After all, I was a Sr. Citizen and available jobs were not going to be plentiful. I just trusted God!

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Recently I heard Miles Munroe say on Benny Hinn's television program that in the Japanese language, the word for "crisis" is opportunity. Well, little did I know that being laid off from that job was the best thing that could have happened to me at the time. God's timing is always perfect.

You see, I had written an award-winning novel titled, *The Reverend Doctor* (Jawbone Publishing Company, 2002). It's about the wife of a pastor who feels she has the perfect marriage: the house, the cars, two beautiful young sons, a loving and adoring husband who was rising in the ministry. When he dies prematurely, she is devastated when she discovers he had a whole secret life that she knew nothing about. God said this book was to become a full-length motion picture for the theatre.

For awhile, I felt like Butterfly McQueen in "Gone With The Wind." I didn't know nuttin' about makin' no movie! However, as I have allowed God to lead me—taking one step at a time and keeping Him first—we are now in development and securing the necessary funding. Under God's direction, I have formed a terrific team under Olive Branch Productions, LLC, including Hollywood veteran entertainment attorney, Bill Whitacre ("Blair Witch Project").

Making a quality movie can be a long journey for a novice with limited funds. Nevertheless, through God's economic empowerment plan ([www.operationpromisedland.com](http://www.operationpromisedland.com)), my team members and I will now be able to fund the development portion which will propel us toward production.

Getting back to my testimony, being laid off opened the door for me to go out to Los Angeles and pursue the dream God gave me. So, if you have been laid off, it just might be the time to pursue those dreams and visions, gifts and talents God gave YOU.

My faith walk gave me the freedom to go after the purpose for which God put me here. Was it easy? No. Was it worth it? Yes! For me, the very thing that some deemed a crisis turned out to be my opportunity.

I would just like to say, have faith in God. He knows what He is doing. After all, Jesus came that we might have life and have that life more abundantly (John 10:10b). Trust Him. Set yourself free.

Oh yeah, don't forget, in the near future, be sure to watch for

**"The Reverend Doctor"** — coming to a theatre near you!

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### Walking by Faith Randy "R. L." Benjamin

Walking by faith  
oh, how sweet life can be  
On our way to see the kingdom  
where a soul dwelleth free.

Trusting in the name of Jesus  
For He's the one who holds the key  
To a life of eternal glory  
for the Lord has promised thee.

If you confess with your mouth,  
and believe in your heart  
He'll forgive all your sins,  
and give you a fresh start.

Just as the Savior has risen,  
then you, too, shall rise  
My Father, by the Son  
with His spirit, He'll baptize.

He'll pour in you wisdom,  
give you strength to obey  
His Word is our light,  
so light up your day.

Though trouble may come,  
just continue to remain  
And you'll find that His promise  
will remain the same.

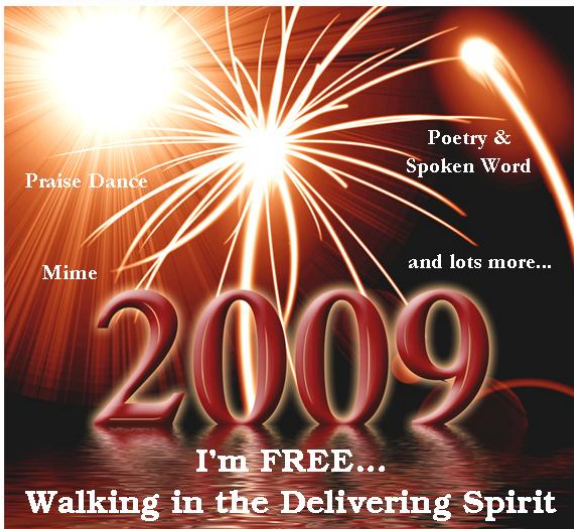
Walking by Faith

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from the CD, "The Freedom I See"

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at the Independence Celebration  
in Olympia High School Auditorium

PIVOT & FarMor Entertainment™ present...

## An Independence Celebration



**When:** Friday, July 3, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Olympia High School Auditorium  
4301 S. Apopka Vineland Road  
Orlando, FL 32835

**Admission:** \$5 (children age 5 & under are FREE)  
*Have questions? Call (407) 610-3450.*

## July 3 Independence Celebration for the Mind, Body & Soul

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 3, as FarMor Entertainment™ and PIVOT (Changing Direction for the Youth) host a pre-Fourth of July Independence Celebration entitled **"I'm Free...Walking in the Delivering Spirit."**

This two-hour concert, which will take place in the Olympia High School Auditorium in Orlando, will feature recording artists, praise dancers, poets, spoken word artists and other talented individuals from across the state of Florida.

"Our community events are designed to encourage and uplift individuals to keep the faith, pursue their passion and use their God-given talents to bless someone else," says Suzette Morgan, FarMor Entertainment President.

"The overwhelming responses from our Valentine's Day celebration at West Oaks Academy have motivated us to strive for at least three events a year so that we can continually inspire our community with messages of love, hope and unity."

The lineup for July 3 include:

- **Another Dimension** (praise team from Lakeland)
- **Charlyce Simmons** (recording artist with New Beginning Music Inc.)
- **Debra Ashley** (recording artist; founder of Angel Calling Entertainment from Jacksonville)
- **Randy "R.L." Benjamin** (youth pastor and recording artist with Poetic Wisdom™ CD)
- **Tameka Preston** (educational rap artist; motivational speaker; founder of Always Truth Incorporated)
- **Too Anointed Devine Purpose** (mime group from Palm Coast)

So grab the family and join us for what is hailed to be a memorable night of setting the captives FREE!

### About FarMor Entertainment

FarMor Entertainment is an outreach ministry designed to enrich the lives of individuals in and around the Central Florida communities through the performing arts and education. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (407) 610-3450 or visit <http://www.myspace.com/farmorentertainment>.

### About PIVOT

PIVOT is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation that provides mentoring, counseling, educational programs and other services to enhance self-esteem, personal growth and, above all, dignity for the youth and teens, especially those at risk. Call (407) 272-8309 to partner with PIVOT or to sponsor an upcoming event.