

NEW DIRECTION

Formerly *New Beginnings*

May 2009

What's Happening?

Friday & Saturday, June 5 & 6

Saturday, June 13

Featuring Randy Benjamin, Mozell Fleming, Deep Soull and a host of other artists, this festival takes place at Speer Park in Oakland from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

For more info, call (407) 614-5111 or visit www.candoonlineevents.com.

In the April newsletter, I shared my expectations for my life, family and ministry this year. I am thankful to everyone who expressed how much they were touched by the article. During these difficult times, many people are expecting changes in their finances; jobs; marriages; living situations...the list goes on and on.

How many of you know that you can't expect *something* if you don't believe that 'it' will come true? Do you also know that you can't expect something from *someone* if you don't believe that person will come through for you?

Herein lies a very important question: *What are you expecting in 2009, and who are you expecting it from?* Psalm 62:5 says, "My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him."

Therefore, the question is not *if* God is going to do something—it's *when*. Last month, the youth choir at Divine Way Ministries (Pastor Frank S. Smith) blessed us with a song by The Clark Sisters called "Expect Your Miracle."

Verse 1 says:

*I'm looking for a miracle; I expect the impossible
I feel the intangible; I see the invisible....*

Then the chorus says:

*The sky is the limit to what I can have...
Just believe and receive it, God will perform it today.*

So let's continue to believe, have faith and wait patiently on God to deliver on His promises. Remember, our breakthrough may not come how and when we 'expect' it, but know that God is faithful and He will always show up on time.

On that note, I will close with Ephesians 3:20-21, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Be blessed,
Suzette Farquharson-Morgan
Editor & Publisher

Keys to Making 2009 Absolutely Divine by Pam Perry, PR Coach

Regroup. Ok, so you had some hits. You were knocked down and around—but you're still here. Get a grip of yourself by really leaning and trusting on God. Start by fueling yourself up with the Word. Don't look at "why" things happen—just focus on what you want to happen now. Sit still, listen to God and let Him direct your paths. *"And you shall remember the Lord Your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth...." Deuteronomy 8:18*

Read. Tank up on all the knowledge you need to transform your life. Information changes the season of your life. The Lord spoke to my heart early this year to "do something different." Not knowing exactly what that meant, I just pondered it in my heart and I began to notice the clues the Lord had set around me regarding to my business. I started investigating, inquiring, exploring and READING about new business models. It has been an amazing journey and a lot of hard work but I am now breaking ground in an industry that is growing not declining. *"Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life." Proverbs 4:13*

Form Alliances. This is a major key to any success. Who you associate with determines what you get out of life. We are culmination of the people we hang around. By creating a new network of achievers has inspired me to tread in new waters.... Team work does make the dream work! This year, team up on projects and partner for profits. Creating synergy is the new "secret" marketing strategy for entrepreneurs. Cooperation is better than competition. *"...threefold cord is not easily broken." Ecclesiastes 4:12*

Write and speak your vision. Your tongue is the pen of ready writer. So, what are you writing and speaking about your future? Confession precedes possession. If you are expecting 2009 to be divine, write out your ideas, strategies, partners, plans and post them up so you can see them often. By meditating on what you want—and not on the circumstances around you—you will attract success. Keeping a vision of your expected outcome is a powerful faith tool to consistently reach your goals. So declare what you want; write out a confession. Your future does not respond to anyone else's voice but yours. Speak what you seek! *"...If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Mark 9:23*

Be productive. My late uncle, Lowell Perry, would listen to our plans and help us articulate our dreams. Then he would conclude with, "OK, now it's time to shake your fanny." Meaning, get to work. Faith without works is dead. You have got to burn the midnight oil and apply some elbow grease to situations. Nothing is going to just happen. You have to act and be consistent, diligent, persistent and relentless! You have to make preparations for your big harvest, get busy like it's coming—and it will! Expectation gives you energy to make stuff happen. *"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only...." James 1:22*

Take the limits off God. Put your ex"SPEC"tors on! Avoid the negative and respond to everything in the positive. Keep the mantra: "Yes We Can!" burning in your heart throughout the year to keep you moving towards the awesome future God has prepared for you. *"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 (New Living Translation)*

What does it mean to be FREE?

FarMor Publishing is sponsoring a writing contest for all 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders currently enrolled in Orange County High Schools (public and private).

We want to know in 500 words what freedom means to our kids. They can express themselves through poetry, short story, etc.

Submissions will be judged on:

- Originality
- Creativity
- Ability to clearly express and convey their thoughts

All entries must be submitted to info@farmorphublishing.com or postmarked to P.O. Box 585633, Orlando, FL 32858 by **Friday, June 19, 2009.**

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 winners:

- 1st place receives \$100 and publication of his/her work in the July issue of this newsletter
- 2nd place receives \$50
- 3rd place receives \$25

The winners will be announced on Friday, July 3 during the 2009 Independence Celebration, which begins at 6:30 p.m. in Olympia High School's auditorium.

Admission to the event is \$5.00 (children age 5 and under are FREE). If you have any questions, please call (321) 460-8558.

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