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C o n n e c t i o n o r I n t e r a c t i o n ; C o m m u n i c a t i o n

This publication is designed to inform, inspire, and ignite special services to our Retired Ministers and Widows. If you are doing something in your area that is proving to be successful and a blessing, this paper will always be open and available to you to share it with others.



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The Widow's Ministry Center is now accepting applications. In fact, some residents have already moved in. The formal dedication of the Center is scheduled for September 26-27, 2003. A big musical extravaganza will be held on the evening of September 26 at the New Hope Church of God in Sevierville. This will feature Danny Murray and the Voices of Lee, the great trumpeter, Phil Driscoll, and Pastor Tom Sterbens. We hope it will be possible for you to share in this grand occasion with us.

Autumn Life

Autumn Life should be delivered to your home any day. If for some reason you or others you know are not on the mailing list, please let our office know and we will be happy to send it to you. Also, you can now view the Summer 2003 issue on the Web. Go to www.cogcmc.org and click on Autumn Life.

Prayerborne

SpiritCare has taken a leading role in promoting the ministry of prayer through Prayerborne. If anyone of you would like to organize and conduct a prayer group in your area, or if you could get a retired minister or widow to start one in their area, it would be a real blessing. Our every effort for God needs to be supported by earnest prayer. If you have an urgent prayer request, please send them to us and we will pray over them and also get them in the hands of other praying people.

Milestones

Anniversaries

J.Q. and Louise Richardson

June 1

Luchen and Jewell Bailey

June 9

David and Phyllis Bean

June 10

Vernel and Annie Weech

June 16

Harold and Betty Bowman

July 2

W.C. and Ann Thurman

July 19

Birthdays

Gerry Colter

June 12

Doreen Smith

June 25

J.Q. Richardson

June 25

Freda Elliot

June 31

David Bean

July 2

William Colter

July 2

Louise Richardson

July 3

Daniel Mullins

July 4

Betty Prince

July 16

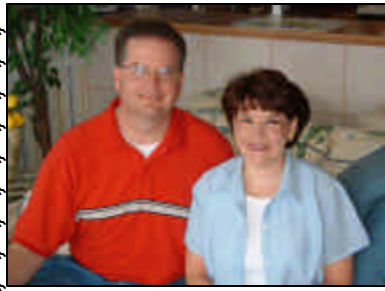
Janice Fox

July 31

Please contact us if we need to update our records. We do not want to leave anyone out!

Dear Lord, please help me to do in this world what I will wish I had done when I stand before you.

*Prayer by Dr. Bob Pierce
Founder of World Vision*



Terry and Terri Williams

Featured Representative

The Reverend Terry Williams is the SpiritCare Representative for the state of Alabama. He has great compassion for people and has a special feeling for the aged. He is doing some creative things for retired ministers and widows in Alabama such as: prescription assistance, assisting in making homes handicap accessible,

identifying retired ministers that have been overlooked, providing emergency relief and hearing aid assistance, promoting the Buddy System, and establishing a phone tree at the ChristWay Church of God for retired ministers to notify them of the death of other ministers and spouses.

Terry is married to Terri and they have two children, Ashley and Tyler, ages 19 and 16, respectively. Terry has been in the ministry for 26 years, 16 of which he has been a pastor. He is currently a Hospice Chaplain for Odyssey Healthcare, serves as Pastor of Care and Discipleship at ChristWay Church of God, and is pursuing post-graduate work in counseling at the University of Alabama.

I do want you to remember he and his family in prayer. On March 26, his mom, who was the wife of Pastor Edwin Williams, was working in a funeral home in Sumiton, Alabama. A person came into the funeral home wanting money and shot and killed Sister Williams as well as some others. It has been a difficult time for all of them. Terry and his father have both been an example of how to trust in God in difficult times. He is to be commended for his excellent work as SpiritCare Director.

Helping Hands

Everywhere you go, keep reminding our low income retired ministers and widows to apply for *Helping Hands* assistance for prescription drug costs. Just a call to 1-800-762-5656 is all it takes.



A Praise Report

On April 7, 2003, Geri had double knee-replacement surgery. She had been in almost unbearable pain for over a year. Her surgeon, Dr. Michael Tew of Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee, convinced her that there was hope through this surgery for relief from her suffering.

On the morning of our consultation with him, I asked if he was a Christian believer and believed that God answered prayer. He assured me that he was and did.

On the morning of the surgery, I laid my hands on him and prayed this prayer: "Lord, just as You touch a preacher when he stands up to preach, please touch this good doctor and enable him to perform better surgery than he has been trained to perform." Well, that was one month ago today. She is recuperating nicely. She is walking with the aid of a cane and doing so without pain. We are truly thankful to God and also to all of you who have prayed.