

July 2023 NEWSLETTER



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Unlocking Transformation: Embracing Jesus' Power to Renew

"Behold, I am making all things new." - Revelation 21:5

Welcome to July's newsletter, where we embark on a journey of spiritual metamorphosis through our encounters with Jesus Christ! Together, we delve into the extraordinary power that lies within these encounters, igniting the flames of transformation in our lives. As we open our hearts to the radiant presence of our Savior, let us be inspired by the words of Revelation 21:5: "Behold, I am making all things new." Get ready to witness the incredible possibilities that await as we embrace Jesus' boundless power to renew, rejuvenate, and reshape our lives. Let us embark on this transformative expedition together!



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"In Loving Memory of Brother Gerald Dorvil: A Legacy of Love and Harmony"

In this edition of our newsletter, we lovingly remember our dear brother Gerald Dorvil, who left an indelible impression on our lives before his passing two years ago. Gerald's presence radiated love, kindness, and generosity, making him a beacon of light within our community. As we reflect on his life, we celebrate the remarkable qualities that defined him: a peacemaker, a lover of God, and a devoted family man.

Gerald's life was a testament to the transformative power of love. His unwavering faith and deep connection with God inspired him to spread joy wherever he went. He had a unique gift for lifting spirits through his heartfelt melodies, often serenading us on our birthdays or leaving joyous voicemails that brightened our days. These small acts of kindness showcased his loving nature and the genuine care he had for each person he encountered.

As we honor Gerald's memory, let us embrace the spiritual lessons he taught us. May we, too, become ambassadors of peace, fostering harmony in our relationships and communities. Let us extend kindness, share our talents, and create moments of joy for others, just as Gerald did throughout his life. In doing so, we keep his legacy alive and continue the legacy of love and harmony he left behind.

Though we may still grieve his physical absence, we find solace in knowing that Gerald's spirit lives on. He now sings with the heavenly choir, his voice joining the symphony of angels. We are comforted by the thought that he rests in eternal peace, his soul forever connected to God.

As we navigate our own journeys of spiritual transformation, let us draw inspiration from the life of Brother Gerald Dorvil. May his legacy inspire us to live with greater love, kindness, and devotion to our faith and families. In honoring his memory, we ensure that his spirit remains a guiding light for us all.

Rest in peace, dear Gerald, knowing that your loving and harmonious spirit will forever resonate within our hearts.

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Freedom in Christ: A Timeless Journey of Transformation

BY MIGUEL CANDELARIO

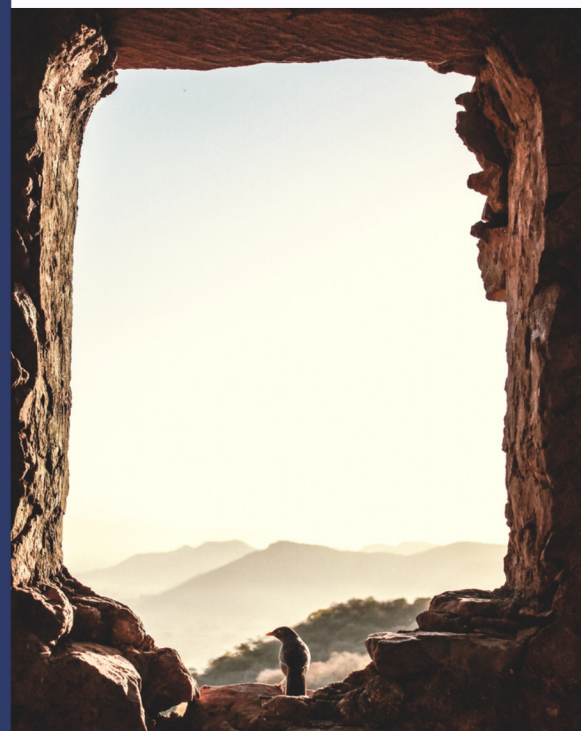
As we celebrate Independence Day, we reflect not only on earthly freedoms but also on the profound freedom found in Christ. Just as our nation's forefathers fought for independence, we embark on a personal journey of liberation through our encounter with Jesus.



Like the apostle Paul, whose life was transformed from persecutor to disciple, we too can experience a radical change. Through Christ, we are set free from the chains of sin, guilt, and shame. Galatians 5:1 reminds us, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."

Just as our nation's independence required courage, determination, and sacrifice, our spiritual freedom demands a similar commitment. As we cherish our earthly liberties, may we also remember the ultimate freedom found in Christ. Let this Independence Day serve as a reminder of the transformative power that awaits us when we embrace our Savior, Jesus Christ. May His redeeming love set us free, not only in this life but for all eternity.

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From Caterpillars to Butterflies: The Profound Transformations of the Gospel

BY GREG NEVIL

Metamorphosis is one of the miracles of nature. It is called a transformation. A change in the form and often habits of an animal during normal development after the embryonic stage.

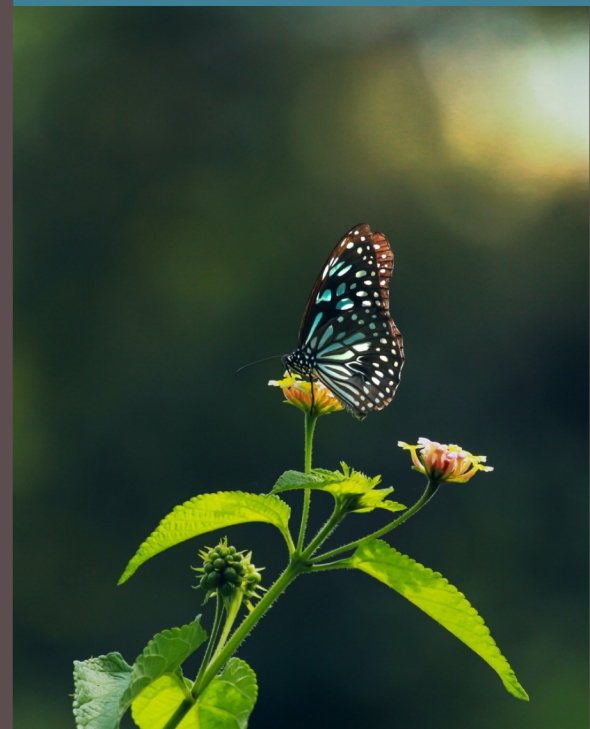
Metamorphosis includes insects, the transformation of a maggot into a fly and a caterpillar into a butterfly and, in amphibians, the changing of a tadpole into a frog. Not just a nominal change but a profound change. Who would have thought the butterfly was ever a disgusting caterpillar if he was unfamiliar with metamorphosis? But what about the human species? Where do you see the most awesome transformations in human beings?

I submit to you that nothing can so profoundly change us like the gospel of Jesus Christ. Not the various branches of psychotherapy, not self-improvement gurus, not education. I've known killers who became loving, giving human beings. You name it and I've seen the gospel change lives like nothing else can or does.

The Apostle Paul saw it too. "Do you not know the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." I Corinthians 6:9-11, I've seen in my 80 years many many transformed human beings, people who you would have thought were born with a Bible in their hand, but in fact earlier in life before their conversion to Christ were lying, thieving, debauchorous, wicked human beings. By looking at their life now you would be shocked that they were once spiritual "caterpillars" who are now beautiful "butterflies."

As Paul said in II Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come." Yes, it's true, unless there is a genuine conversion such does not take place but where there is a genuine conversion profound changes, miraculous changes take place. Lord, thank you for your power to transform our lives. Lord, please keep transforming my life.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay Connected: Discover Upcoming Events on Our Website and App!

Don't miss out on the exciting happenings in our church community! Explore our website calendar and church app to stay connected and engaged. From worship services to small group studies, outreach initiatives to special events, there's something for everyone. Visit our website and check out the 'Events' section for detailed information, dates, and times. And don't forget to download our church app, available on iOS and Android, for convenient access to event updates, notifications, and registration options. Join us as we grow together in faith and fellowship. Explore our calendar on the website and app, and be part of the upcoming events that will inspire and uplift you. Stay connected with us by visiting our website and downloading our church app. Let's journey together!" Announcements, Events, and Updates can be found on our [website calendar](#) or [church app](#)



CALENDAR

Sun., July 9th Small Group Leaders Training at 12:45 PM

Wed., July 12th Women's Midweek Service at 7:30 PM

Sun., July 16th Service Team Meeting Via Zoom 7:30 PM

Wed., July 19th Congregational Midweek Service at 7:30 PM

July 21st-23rd
ReConnect Weekend
Florida Marriage Retreat

Wed., July 26th Congregational Midweek Service at 7:30 PM

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FUEL THE MISSION



Mission Sunday: Fueling The Mission - Transforming Lives

Mark your calendars and get ready for an impactful Missions Sunday on October 22! Together, we have an incredible opportunity to reach out, make a difference, and spread God's love both locally and globally.

Our goal for Missions Sunday is to raise \$30,000, supporting three crucial areas of outreach. Firstly, we will partner with the South American Mission Society to bring hope, resources, and the message of God's love to communities in need. Secondly, our support will extend to the Caribbean Mission Society, addressing unique challenges and providing aid and relief in the name of Jesus. Lastly, we are dedicated to making a positive impact through our local mission outreach efforts, reaching out to those right here in our community.

We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and unwavering support. Through your heartfelt contributions, we can make a tangible difference in transforming lives and sharing the message of God's love with those who need it most.

Mark this special day on your calendar and join us in prayer, anticipation, and joyful giving as we prepare for Missions Sunday. Together, let's exceed our goal and demonstrate our commitment to reaching out and making a lasting impact for Christ.

Thank you for your dedication and support. We can't wait to celebrate Missions Sunday with you on October 22!

START FUELING MISSION TODAY



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Opportunities to Serve in the Church

Children's Ministry | Coordinator: Victoria Schulte
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Join our Children's Ministry and make a lasting impact on the lives of young ones. Through engaging activities, biblical teachings, and nurturing relationships, we aim to build a strong foundation of faith. As Jesus said in Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Audio Visual | Coordinator: Junior Miranda
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Our Audio Visual team plays a crucial role in creating an immersive worship experience. From sound engineering to visual presentations, we strive to enhance the message of God's word. As Psalm 150:6 encourages us, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

Worship Team | Coordinator: Troy Jacobs
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Join our dynamic Worship Team and use your musical talents to lead others into the presence of God. Through uplifting songs and heartfelt worship, we seek to honor and glorify Him. As Psalm 100:2 declares, "Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs."

Content Creator/Media | Coordinator: Jose Rodriguez
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As a Content Creator, you have the opportunity to spread God's message through various digital platforms. Whether it's writing, graphic design, or social media, you can inspire and uplift others with your creative skills. As 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace."

Feel free to reach out to the respective contacts for more information or to express your interest in serving in these areas.



Your Feedback Is Always Welcomed

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Please reach out to Miguel Candelario and let him know that you found a cassette tape somewhere in this Newsletter. It would really encourage him, if it's found.