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NEW DIRECTION CHRISTIAN CENTER DEACON MINISTRY

Reported By: Joyce O. McDaniel, Senior Editor

The New Direction Christian Center (NDCC) church body joyfully accepted Pastor Wallace's calling of adding five new deacons to the ministry.

I recently caught up with the deacons to get their input on some of their first thoughts upon learning they were going to be part of NDCC'S Deacon Board. I asked each of them the following two questions:

Question 1—What was your first thought upon learning that you were going to be a deacon? **Question 2**—As a new deacon, what will you bring to this ministry?

They cheerfully responded to the questions as follows:

Deacon Nick Ramos—**Q1**—*I didn't feel that I was qualified or had enough training to hold the office of a deacon. As a result, I do not take it lightly. Q2*—*To serve others and especially in the body of born again believers. Also, I wish to be a good steward of Jesus, my Lord.*



Deacon Omar Shepherd—**Q1**—*My first thought was just like the Army, when I put on the uniform, I know that this is my assignment. In answer to Q2, I would bring leadership to this ministry. Basically, I just want to help Pastor Wallace bring his vision to light.*



Deacon Brandon Viney—**Q1**, *My first*

thought was 'are you sure?' When the Pastor first approached me, I told him that I wasn't ready. However, since God put it in the Pastor's spirit and he asked me a second time, I couldn't say no. I felt that it's an honor to be able to serve the Lord and I accepted the responsibility. In response to Q2, as one of the younger deacons, I can provide a perspective on some of the issues that our youth and young adults may be experiencing during this period in time. I can also suggest some new ideas on how to draw the younger generation to the body of Christ.

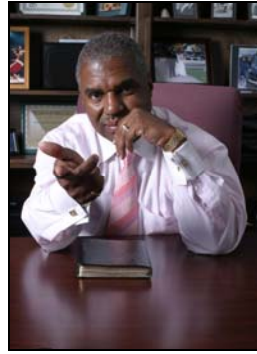


Deacon W. Louis Spearman—**Q1**. *My first thought was that this would be a new journey, a new challenge, and create new faith during this time of my life. God has brought me a long way. In regards to Q2, As a seasoned individual, I feel I can bring fresh and different ideas and a sense of commitment to the New Direction church family.*

Deacon Anthony Walker—**Q1**, *My first thought was that I have an opportunity to give back to God for all that he's done for me. I owe Him. Q2, I want to bring young men to Christ and to also encourage men like me to serve and believe in the Lord. It doesn't matter what walk of life you come from, God is in the blessing business. ▲*



A Word From the Pastor



Dr. Anthony Wallace,
Sr. Pastor and Founder

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Have The Faith-Leave Your Past Behind

God has already shown me healing for the people in 2009. I am excited because I can get a peek at 2010. My vision for NDCC is that we continue on the path worth traveling because it is filled with God given road blocks, strength, and vision. The bible teaches us in *John 3:16*, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in Him shall have everlasting life." We have to learn how to look past our pain and suffering and see what God has on the other side, which takes **faith**. People praise God because they are able to stand on their tiptoes and look past their pain. Once you look past your pain, you can see your blessing. I see New Direction in the mode of looking past our pain.

And now we are shouting because we can see our future. People are now being healed from things of their past because they see that they have the power. Close the door to your past. Don't let your past speak to your future. We've been saved by grace, which is unmerited favor.

If we look at New Direction, let's not look at where we have been, but see us as a new church. God has raised us up because we have weathered the storm. We are moving up based on what God is doing in our lives and not by what people think of us. The people now love the Lord, Pastor, and each other, including everything that we are doing.

The year 2009 is just a stepping stone for 2010. Going forward, be excited to know that where you are is not where God is going to leave you. ▲

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BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00 PM

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THE BIBLE is unparalleled in its influence, scope, and power. It is God's word. It is the source and record of God's covenant promise to His people. From its pages we learn God's will for us morally, spiritually, and relationally. We learn what is right and wrong, truth and error. It is an instruction book for those who call themselves Christians (2 Tim. 3:16). ▲

First Lady Corner

Community Outreach and Keep the Faith

As we approach the end of the year, the Women's Ministry wants to continue on the path of community outreach, which is evidenced in our recent donation to one of our favorite charities, Volunteers of America. The money was raised from our recent raffle fundraiser where we raised a net amount of \$75.00. The Volunteers of America works very closely with the community to provide such things as books and school supplies for children in the greater Sacramento area. We are proud of our efforts to give back, as a result. As Christians, we must continue on the path of doing God's will and our actions must be shown inside the church as well as outside of New Direction.

Faith has been the ongoing message to the people. We must continue to have **faith** in God in spite of what we may be going through. **Faith** has been the topic throughout the year and was eloquently spoken by Pastor William Bunton at the spring revival as well as by Pastor

Curtis Wallace at our recent community revival. Our Pastor is also spending a lot of time on the topic of **faith** and how important it is in our walk with Christ.

I would also like to reiterate on the reason for our being and that is to encourage one another. Our mission statement describes what our main objective is, at New Direction.



Minister Chanda Wallace

Mission Statement

The Women's Ministry of New Direction Christian Center is designed to provide an opportunity for women to realize their full potential and discover a place of rest in the context of the busy lives which most women lead. The goal of this ministry is for women to encourage one another and to help each other grow in their Christian lives so that they in turn be a blessing to others.

To the women of NDCC, we will resume our meetings in October. You will receive notification in the very near future. I look forward to some fresh, new ideas during our meetings in 2010. ▲

DO YOU WANT TO BE BAPTIZED?

Church baptism will be held every **second Sunday of the month**. September baptism is scheduled for September 13, 2009 at the Capitol City SDA Church. Please see **Pastor Mary Benson** for more information. ▲



August Baptisms

Emory Rackley

HOW TO STRESS LESS (By: Dean Ornish, M. D.)

Submitted By: Joyce O. McDaniel, Sr. Editor

Middle East meltdown, Global-warming meltdown. Nuclear meltdown. You can't always change what's going on in the world, but there is a lot you can do about how it affects you.

- **Exercise:** Physical exercise is a great way to discharge stressful feelings that accumulate during the day. Feel and look better.
- **Get social support:** Intimacy and community buffer stress. Call a friend. Get a dog. Go to church or synagogue. Make love. Have dinner with your family.
- **Breathe:** When you're feeling stressed, your breath becomes more rapid and shallow. Take some slow, deep breaths, which will reduce your stress level almost immediately.
- **Meditate:** You can meditate on almost anything: a prayer, song, image or word. Close your eyes, sit in a comfortable position. Take a breath, and say the word out loud, emphasizing the humming sound at the end. When you come to the end



of the breath, take another one and say the word again. And so on. When your mind wanders, just bring it back. Over time, your mind quiets down and you begin to experience inner peace.

- **Do yoga:** When your body is more relaxed, your mind feels less stressed.
- **Reduce stimulants:** Caffeine shortens your fuse and makes you more reactive to stress.
- **Practice forgiveness, altruism, compassion, service:** When you forgive someone, it doesn't excuse his actions; it frees you from stress and suffering. This is true for nations as well as individuals. Otherwise, the cycle of violence escalates. It takes strength and courage to forgive; those who are afraid to look weak are often the ones preaching vengeance. When you embody peace, people around you feel it. You become an example for others. When you meet hatred with love, fear with hope, that transforms you and those around you. As Gandhi wrote, "Be the change you want to see in the world." ▲

"When you choose to be pleasant and positive in the way you treat others, you have also chosen in most cases, how you are going to be treated by others."



EDITOR'S NOTE...

Joyce Summerville McDaniel, Sr. Editor

To God Be The Glory!

I thank God for giving the Publication Ministry staff the skills and desire to create the 'Reaching Your Destiny' newsletter. God is working in this ministry as well as in our church as a whole and we ought to be glad about it.

In this issue, the main focus is about **keeping the faith** in spite of what we may be going through in our lives. Our pastor is bringing this message to the masses as much as possible. We also got the word about **faith** during our spring revival and our recent community revival. **Keeping the faith** is important if we are going to survive during these trying times.

In conjunction with **keeping the faith** is dealing with a limited amount of stress. On page two, the 'How To Stress Less' article written by Dr. Dean Ornish gives us some ways to cope with stress.

The goal of the Publications Ministry is to provide information to our members that may help someone in their walk with



Christ as well as in their everyday lives. Remember, it is not about the Pastor, me or you, but it is all about God.

We also extend an invitation for you all to come out to Sunday School at **10:00 a.m.** and to Bible Study classes every **Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.** at the Capitol City SDA Church, 6701 Lemon Hill Avenue, Sacramento, CA. Come and get filled and educated with the Word of God taught by our Pastor, Dr. Anthony Wallace and other ministers.

If you would like to have your ministry featured in this newsletter, please contact me or **Yvette Sanders, Sr. Reporter**.

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