

# KINGDOM BUILDERS NEWSLETTER

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## IN A LAND CALLED AMERICA

Long ago, in a land called America, the fathers and mothers lived in the same home. Children had set bed-times and even wore pajamas. Men opened doors for women and pulled out the seat for ladies to sit. Young men parked their cars to meet their dates at the front door. Men worked and women stayed home to care for the children. Churches were packed every Sunday as families sat together on the same pew. Families sat at the dining table for home cooked meals. But as time passed the lives of the people became complicated. No longer did the father live in the home, and if he did, it was for brief intervals. Children stayed up after midnight and slept in the same clothes they played in that day. Men no longer opened doors for women, because many women wanted to open their own doors. Courting no longer existed. Guys never took the time to meet the parents in fact; they would meet the girl at the mall. Dating consisted of sex

in coat closets at house parties. No more movie dates, dining at restaurants, bowling, or skating, it was just sex. Men wore their pants at the knees to showcase their boxers. It was more comfortable to show off their rump roast than to wear the pants on the waste line. Boys grew to young men then to old men, but it seemed the men really never wanted to grow up. The style was baseball caps, jerseys, and sagging pants from the cradle to the grave. Girls dressed in fashions that exposed their breast and body parts to such an extent that it made you wonder if self respect existed in their vocabulary. Men no longer worked, it was the women that worked, and if there was a man at home, he was the stay at home and do nothing man. There were no more home cooked meals just McDonalds, Pizza Hut, and KFC. Kids either looked at music videos with plenty of bump and grind to entertain their minds, or talked all night on their cell phones. There were more men



in prison and fewer and fewer men in the churches.

While America grew in darkness, the Kingdom of God grew in brilliance. The Kingdom of God could be found in diverse communities. It was made up of men and women determined to live their lives in such a way as to have a positive influence on the culture around them. Though not a perfect place, you could find a peaceful simplicity. What was found among the people was **love, kindness, mercy, peace, patience...** This is a true story, or is it? You decide.

## ROMANCE

Romance is an adventure. It involves risk yet it is an exciting and a remarkable experience. Romance is an opportunity of great discovery for a male and female.

The following are just a few ideas to bring romance into your life and that of your date:

Sitting on a bench watching the sun set, candlelight dinners, walking on a jogging trail holding hands, sitting on a hilltop sharing thoughts and dreams, giving a rose for no particular reason, having a picnic for two in the park, and walking on the beach with sandals in hand under the stars.

The building of trust and the development of a loving relationship, that is the gift of romance. It should never be the tool used to exploit.

### Romance

*Exploit - To use selfishly for one's own ends.*

## PRIORITIES

*We purpose that the priorities of Wholly Committed Ministries be the same as the Lord's. This requires having the resolve not to allow fear to infiltrate our minds. It requires unconditional love for all of God's created human beings. It requires the willingness to listen, and the ability to recognize and obey the voice of the Lord.*



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The Love of a Father

*We are totally, completely, and wholly committed to a Christ centered life. We are wholly committed to submitting to the will of God, to serving and leading others to Jesus and to working with other believers to reach out to the hurting and the lost.*

## THE GREATEST OF ALL

If I could speak in any language in heaven or on earth, but didn't love others, I would only be making meaningless noise like a loud gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I knew all the mysteries of the future and knew everything about everything, but didn't love others, what good would I be? And if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, without love I would be no good to anybody. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but

if I didn't love others, I would be of no value whatsoever. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Love will last forever, but prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will all disappear.

Now we know only a little, and even the gift of prophecy reveals little! But when the end comes, these special gifts will all disappear... There are three things that will endure-faith, hope, and love-and the greatest of these is love.

I Corinthians Chapter 13 (NLT)



## A DETERMINED LIFE

The piece below is an excerpt from the book, Booker T. Washington *The making of a Black leader, 1856-1901* by Louis R. Harlan

"On a typical morning on a cotton plantation, breakfast consisted of a lump of dough or cornbread batter slapped into the skillet and turned over. The husband took his bread and perhaps a piece of fried fat bacon in his hand and started for the field, eating as he walked. Older children did like-wise, and then the

smaller ones ate while running about the yard. The mother ate her breakfast from the skillet. Then the whole family headed for the cotton field. Every child large enough to carry a hoe worked, and a mother put her baby at the end of the cotton row, to catch a little attention when she reached the end of the row. The family snatched their noon meal and supper in the same way as breakfast. This was the routine of every day in the

warmer months except Saturday and Sunday...Sunday was spent in religious services and meetings that often lasted all day, with dinner on the grounds."

*"Games I care little for. I have never seen a game of football. In cards I do not know one card from another...I suppose I would care for games now if I had any time in my youth to give to them, but that was not possible."*  
Booker T. Washington

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MONTH TO  
CELEBRATE LOVE  
AND TO  
REMEMBER  
AMERICA'S  
HISTORY



A Father and his children  
From The Pages of History

## WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN HISTORY

### Accomplished Americans

Ralph Johnson Bunche  
1904-1971

Diplomat, Statesman. Acting mediator for the UN Palestine Commission (1948-9) and won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work (1950)

Benjamin Oliver Davis SR  
1887-1970

Became the first African American General in the United States Army. Brigadier General 1940. Served his country for 50 years.

Shirley Chisholm  
1924-2005

US Representative began her career as a teacher. First African American to make a bid to be President of the United States when she ran for the Democratic nomination 1972.

Daniel Hale Williams  
1858-1931

Surgeon and Medical Educator  
First African American to graduate from medical school, performed the first successful surgi-

cal closure of a wound to the heart and the pericardium (1893)  
Perfected the suture technique for stopping hemorrhage from the spleen.

### More Who's Who

Charles Drew, Archibald Alexander, Benjamin Banneker, David Nelson Crosthwait, Percy Lavon Julian, Mae C. Jemison, and more...

*Information from Smarter.com*

## VOICES FROM PRISON

"I really felt inspired by you guys at the resource fair here at State Jail. I am interested in being connected concerning the newness of life that I have been given in Christ." Vaughn

"I thank the Lord for you, for bringing you into my life, for putting into your head and heart to give me a second of your time. You truly are the reason that I got back on the right path with God. I know it was all His

doing, but he used you to do it." Joy

I've been sexually abused, abused by men that said they loved me, I have been on the streets selling myself for crack. I've stole from family members and friends that trusted me in their homes. You name it, I've done just about everything to support my crack addiction. It is a time when a person gets tired of the way they are living...until

one day they almost loose their life over a dime piece of crack . I've been through the storm and still going through it, today I struggle with the devil almost everyday coming in crack dreams saying you know you want to steal one more time ain't going to hurt when you get out...this is the devil talking to me when I call on the Lord Jesus Christ the devil backs off...Zenobia

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...to preach deliverance to the captives... To set at liberty them that are bruised. Luke 4:18

## THE GIANT KILLER

Fear is the vicious attacker of good intentions. The most damaging to Christian relationships is the fear we have of one another and our actions that are the result. Some people fear, as did the children of Israel, hearing the voice of the Lord. For many the fear is not only hearing, but obeying the Lord. Some people fear what others in the church may think or say, that paralyzes many from stepping out in faith and obeying the Lord without hesitation. We have fear of other denominations, fear of being looked at as disloyal, fear of the lost of ones congregation to

another, and some Christian leaders fear losing their income if membership drops off.

Then there are fears that make us suspicious of others: Fear of being taken advantage of; fear that someone will come up with the better plan or get to the place that we wanted to reach first, fear of making a fool of oneself, and of losing respect, fear of being associated with the wrong crowd, and being rejected by our own, fear of undesirable people invading our territory to eventually push us out. And the fears go on...

If you don't think you have any of the above fears start participating in activities of other ministries, or reaching out to another ethnic group and see if some of these fears don't start to infiltrate your space and stop you dead in your tracks. Don't let fear kill the giant in you. It is time to move out in love, faith, and boldness. In a time of increasing deception and darkness we need more GIANTS!

Remember God did not give us the spirit of fear...

*All articles written by Sheila Green unless otherwise stated.*

YEA, THOUGH I  
WALK THROUGH  
THE VALLEY OF  
THE SHADOW OF  
DEATH, I WILL  
FEAR NO EVIL: FOR  
YOU ARE WITH ME;  
PSALM 23:4

## UNCOMMON LOVE

Just a couple of days ago I went to my mailbox to find a large envelop waiting. It was addressed to me, "Servant of the Week"! At first I looked at it suspiciously thinking it was advertisement until I recognized the name on the return address label "Gathering Texas TV".

I pulled out the letter that read: "Servant of the Week - Gathering Texas, the media outreach of

Gathering Believers Ministry, seeks to glorify God through the work of His people. We truly believe that Christianity is more about walking than about talking." I got so excited, it was as if I had won an academy award. It went on to say, "Therefore: in recognition of selfless dedication to helping others and the commitment to follow the servant model of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we hereby proclaim Sheila Green

is our Servant of the Week for the week of 1-27-08."

I do not know who nominated me for such a precious award, no one has come forth to tell me they did. The signer of this proclamation, Ed Sossen, does not know me. But ,oh what uncommon love I felt as I held the piece of paper tenderly in my hand.



The Love of a Family



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## WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe the scriptures are the inspired and infallible word of God.

We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We believe Jesus died and rose again so that our sins could be forgiven.

We believe we are to love the Lord with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength and to love others as we love ourselves.

We believe God has called all Christians, regardless of denominational and political affiliations, racial group, etc., to love work and fellowship together, thus demonstrating the same love for one another that Jesus displayed on the cross.

We believe the Body of Christ is to be united as one in honor of Jesus' prayer to the Father- "that all of them may be one... May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." John 17:21

We believe in the importance of discipleship training for new believers.

We believe that we are obligated to encourage all believers to live in holiness and righteousness.

We believe that each believer has a unique calling on their life. The main purpose of the calling is to bring hope to others by leading them to a personal relationship with Jesus.

We believe that the body of Christ is a victorious body of overcomers. And that our triumphant Christian walk will guide many unbelievers to a new life of love, hope and security in Christ Jesus.



*Walking with people through the challenging times of life*