

# Love and Compassion Ministries

*In the Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit*

## NEWSLETTER

### New Look



**Miss. Sue Giambra**

This month the Newsletter celebrates its 11th year of publication. Over the years many encouraging news articles, stories, testimonies and sermons have been shared with our faithful friends. We are grateful for all of you who stand with us in prayer and support.

Your input in regards to the newsletters has always been a blessing to us. Now that we are modifying the newsletter so that it may be printed in our office, we need your participation more than ever.

Our goals are to: help others

to be informed about Love and Compassion Ministries; be enriched by solid biblical teachings; and to see God's work among the hurting, needy, and the rejected. All of us here at Love and Compassion Ministries are working in His kingdom, called to be His voice in the "wilderness".

We pray that these Newsletters will give people spiritual hope, encouragement, help, counsel, and challenge all of us to be better servants for God. May these Newsletters always glorify our Lord!

Please feel free to reproduce these publications and send them to your loved ones! You can also download many of them from our website at [www.LoveCompassion.com](http://www.LoveCompassion.com).

If you have a story or an article that you think would be right for one of the newsletters, please e-mail it to the address below, with a letter stating that you give us per-

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mission to use it in the newsletter.

We always need people that will correct our mistakes in grammar, misspelled words, and sentence structure.

We are able to make a positive impact upon the world one life at a time by continuing to serve as a Christian outreach center helping the lost, the imprisoned, the homeless, and all who are being tormented by satan.

Many people today experience the "perfect peace" that comes from faith in Jesus Christ and obedience to the Holy Spirit, because we were available in their time of need and were able to introduce them to our Lord and Savior.

Thanks!

*Sue Giambra*

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### OUR YOUNGEST VOLUNTEER

Hi, my name is Samantha Giambra and I am twelve years old. I volunteer my services at Love and Compassion Ministries by sorting receipts, counting money, folding clothes and sorting them by gender. I help file, tidy things up at the end of the day and I make sure all my jobs are done right and that I did the best job I could possibly do. I like doing this

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because it's nice knowing it's all for the joy of the Lord. If I, a twelve year old girl, can do all of this, then so can you. We need a lot of help here at Love and Compassion Ministries in order to keep this ministry up and running. This is a great way for us to touch people's lives, and be able to point them in the right direction. I volunteer here not only for the joy of God, but to help touch people's lives all around this area, and you should to. Please pray and consider this ministry.

Thanks, Samantha



**Some of these are more true than others, but I bet we have all had some of these happen to us.**

### UNIVERSAL LAWS

**Law of Mechanical Repair** - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to hit the bathroom.

**Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, or screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

**Law of Probability** - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

**Law of Random Numbers** - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

**Law of the Alibi** - If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

**Variation Law** - If you change check out lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

**Law of the Bath** - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

**Law of the Result** - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

**Law of Biomechanics** - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

**Law of the Theater** - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

**The Starbucks Law** - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

**Murphy's Law of Lockers** - If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

**Law of Physical Surfaces** - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.

**Law of Logical Argument** - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

**Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy** - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

**Doctors' Law** - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. Don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.

**Patriot Day ::**  
**September 11th**  
 In 2002, President George W. Bush declared September 11th as Patriot Day in the USA. This day is to honor all those lost in the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

On Patriot Day, ceremonies and memorials are held across the United States. What will you be doing this September 11th?

Please keep our country and our leaders in your prayers!



Dear Friends:

My name is Edna Cannavale and I work for the Lord in the capacity of Grant Coordinator for LCM. I am generally in the office from 9:30 am. until 2:30 pm. Monday through Friday every week. My job duties are to search out and obtain small and large grants. As I complete the grant applications and related forms, I pray that these organizations will see what we do and have compassion for us.

In September, I will be going to school to obtain my certification in pastoral counseling. It has always been difficult to meet grant deadlines, and now with the schooling I will need help. My studies will be intense, making it hard to study and get the grant applications out on time.

I am coming to you with an appeal for help. We desperately need your help to fill clerical needs in the office, especially with the grant writing. The work has been overwhelming trying to gather information needed to send to the various foundations that are still giving out grants. We would greatly appreciate anyone who could volunteer a few hours a day to assist us.

We also are in need of a fast, up-to-date laptop that has Microsoft Office Suite and Adobe Acrobat so that we will be able to work from both home and office. The system we have now does not have these programs and we are only able to work from the office.

Many of the foundations ask you to do their applications online. Some want you to complete letters of inquiry through their webpage, website and email structure. If you can give of your time or wish to donate towards the purchase of a laptop computer, please call Ron Willis at 239-574-5683.

Thank You and God Bless You for your help!

*Edna Cannavale*

## The Girl Nobody Wanted

by Timothy J. Keller

*Text:* Genesis 29:15–35

*Big Idea:* Succumbing to the world's definition of success brings devastation and disappointment, but God works with, through, and in weak people to give satisfaction.

*Keywords:* Abundant life; Desire; Emptiness; Family; Happiness; Longing; Mothers; Motherhood; Parenting; Satisfaction, Self-worth, Success.

The story of Leah has many facets. Here are a few highlights. It would be good to read the story and then reflect on the following:

The story is an Old Testament love triangle. Leah was caught in a conflict with her sister for the man she loved. Leah was not as beautiful as her sister.

Laban's Plot and Leah's Lot: Jacob came and fell in love with Rachel, but their father Laban wanted Jacob to marry Leah, the first born daughter as was the custom. He tricked Jacob into 7 years of work for Rachel's hand. On the wedding night, a veiled Leah was led into the bridal chamber. There Jacob spent the first night with his bride. The untrustworthy Laban had secretly substituted Leah for Rachel. Jacob asked for Rachel's hand in marriage and worked for 7 more years for her.

Leah was doomed to a loveless marriage. It was an unhappy home. She was despised by her sister Rachel. Leah worked in vain to win her husband's affection. There were many years in Leah's life of jealousy and competition between herself and her sister.

Leah bore Jacob 6 sons. Throughout the story she must have been very unhappy and she could have become bitter. But she continued to love her husband even though that love was not returned. Leah was rewarded. Her six sons became representatives of six of the twelve tribes of Israel. It was through her son Judah's line that the Savior was born.

Bad News: Sin is hurtful and destructive.

Bad News: Life on Earth is marked by cosmic disappointment.

Good News: God works with weak people.

Good News: God works through weak people.

Good News: God works in the weakest.

Why is this story in the Bible? As I see it, the story of Jacob, Rachel and Leah shows that Bible characters were real people who made real mistakes like you and I. But, also like you and I, they were loved by God.

Through Leah we can learn that even in unhappiness and strife we must keep our eyes on the only One who truly loves us and gives us our worth. We make mistakes and fall into temptations, but even when we don't do everything the way God would want it, He sees our heart and will reward our devotion.

Conclusion: We cannot look to anything but Jesus to satisfy our longings; everything on Earth is imperfect and will disappoint us.

God Bless.

### LOVE AND COMPASSION MINISTRY NEEDS:

NEW OR LATE MODEL MINIVAN

A FLAT PANEL COMPUTER MONITOR

LAPTOP COMPUTER

AN AT&T 964 PHONE

POSTAGE STAMPS

INK CARTRIDGES - HP 95, 96, 97, & 98

INK CARTRIDGES - Canon PG - 40 & 41

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THREE TAB FILE FOLDERS AND FILE FOLDER HANGERS

SOMEONE TO WRITE GRANTS

# Spiritual Famine

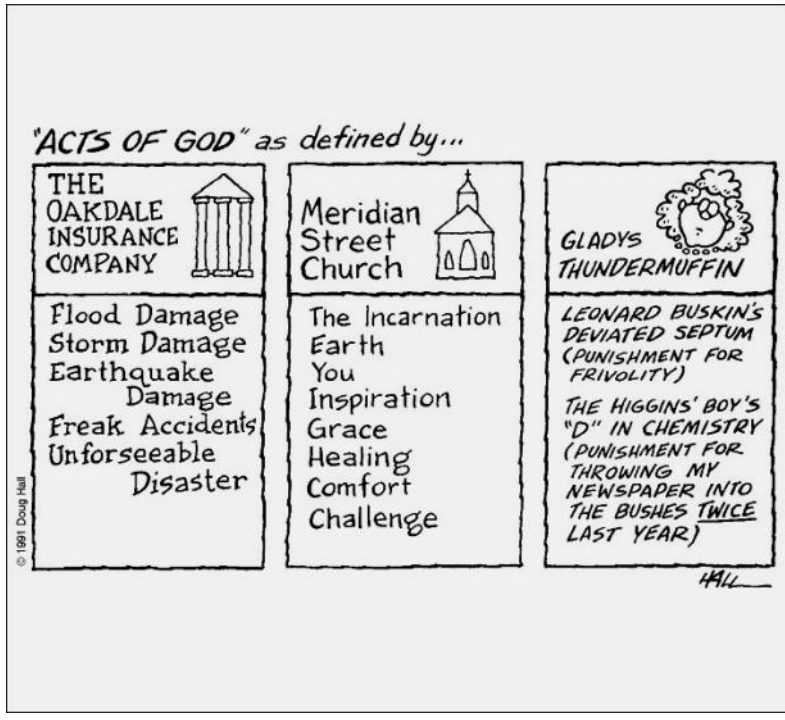
*Your word is a lamp  
to my feet and a  
light to my path.  
Psalm 119:105*



In the days of the prophet Amos, God spoke of a time when a famine would strike the land. It would be a famine worse than the times when food and water were scarce. It would be the worst kind of famine ever. Amos records these words of God: "'The days are coming,' declares the Sovereign Lord, 'when I will send a famine through the land not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord'" (Amos 8:11).

Our generation is facing a famine of God's Word. This is not because the Bible is inaccessible, but because we fail to see the feast God has placed right under our noses.

It has never been easier to open the Bible and feast on the banquet of truth contained in the pages of this glorious book. So why is there a famine? Why do so few people actually read the Bible faithfully and seriously? Because when we look at the table, we see empty dishes and cups. We fail to realize that the greatest banquet in history is the Bible, God's Word. Nothing is more satisfying.



## The Prayer of Jabez

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

**I Chronicles 4:10**

First, Jabez asks God to bless him. Second, he asks God to enlarge his territory or increase his responsibility. Third, he prays that God will be with him and stay close. Lastly, Jabez asks that God keep him from harm so that he will be free from pain.

The Prayer of Jabez reminds us that everybody struggles with choosing to rely on himself or God.

# God's Place



"Great minds have purposes;  
others have wishes."

- Washington Irving

## "PURPOSE"

Vision is "purpose". Love and Compassion Ministries has been sharing the vision of "God's Place" not as a "wish" but as a purpose. Let's begin to see homeless men and women taken off the streets and given a safe place to live and sleep. Let us begin to see the drug addict or alcoholic finding a secure haven and supervision to break the stronghold of addiction. Let us begin to see the one who needs help learn a new trade, improve a skill or learn our language. Let us begin to see those overwhelmed by life's difficulties find direction and relationship in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Will you come alongside of Love and Compassion Ministries and begin to "see" our vision for God's Place? God is the God of the impossible. Prayer and financial support are what most of us can certainly give. We need to also lift up in prayer those who are working so diligently to bring this "vision" into God's purpose.



## Love And Compassion Ministries

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite stories of the Bible is of Gideon in Judges six, seven, and eight. An angel of the Lord comes to Gideon as he is threshing wheat. We are told that Gideon's clan (family) is the weakest in Manasseh and that he is the least in his father's house, yet our Lord tells him that he is a mighty man of valor and that he would defeat the Midianites as one man (Judges 6:16).

One of the first things that he does is tear down the altar of Baal.

With no chance of defeating the Midianites, Gideon asked God for a sign. And twice God granted Gideon a sign that the Lord was with him. The Lord gave Gideon three hundred men to fight an enemy without number, as the sand on the seashore in multitude. Gideon started out with 32,000 men and as the Lord commanded he went into battle with 300 fearless men.

With God directing their course of action, Gideon and these few men did defeat the Midianites while our Lord received all the glory. Because Gideon was faithful to the calling on his life, our Lord was able to use him in a mighty way.

First Corinthians 1: <sup>26</sup> For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: <sup>27</sup> But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.

What about us today? Can we be used by our Lord to do mighty things now even though we may be weak? I believe we have such a great and awesome opportunity to reach people for our Lord as so many are in need of a Savior. Many have lost their jobs, houses, and even their families because of financial difficulties. They are in need of help in so many ways, yet many Christians have become stiff-necked waiting on the government or others to help these people.

As we come in contact with all types of people day in and day out, are we willing to tear down the altars of Baal and fight the battle set before us by our Lord and Savior? Our Lord wishes not one to perish, but yet when we miss that opportunity to witness to a person, pray for them, or show them kindness, we have allowed satan to win that battle.

As Christians, we are no more than one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread. None of us are mighty in ourselves. Without Christ we are no more than a lump of dirt with a lot of water. It is time to get off the sidelines and get into the battle. If we will allow God to bind us together and join with other Christians of the same mind, we can do mighty things that will glorify our Lord.

In the Presence of our LORD,

*Ron Willis*

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## **P R A Y E R**



**The LORD is near to all who call upon HIM, to  
all who call upon HIM in truth.  
Psalm 145:18 NKJ**

If you would like to be a part of our exciting prayer team, please send us your e-mail address and we will send you updates of people who need our

prayers.

It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares.

We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others' needs.

As we pray for their physical, moral,

and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the Body of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.

It is so exciting to see prayers being answered. May we always give CHRIST the Glory!