

# Newsletter

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## Director's Desk

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"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor."

ISAIAH 61:1-3 NIV

## Graduation Day!



Beauty for ashes. This is what God promised me. This is what He promised them. This is what He promises you! Not only did we all see the promise fulfilled in the GREAT Rebuild of our House of Hope, as the entire city watched God do what He does, but our recent graduation was also a reminder of His redeeming grace.

Life's pressing issues sometimes feel like fire. The Lord allows fire in our life circumstances and refines us like fire does gold. But another promise He made was that He would be with us wherever we go and that the fire wouldn't consume us. Although I have experienced a literal fire that caused everything to be lost, I, like you, have also experienced many fire-like situations.

Our goal in crowning the ladies during their ceremony is a tangible way of reminding them that although they have gone through the fires of life, with their choosing of Christ, Isaiah 61:3 says He comforts mourners and gives them a crown of beauty. Our ladies are proud of their crowns, proud of becoming a daughter of the King and holding the crown as a constant reminder that they have been made new. He so lovingly refreshes us, restores us, and heals us. Each day, we then have the opportunity to turn around and lay our crowns down at His feet as all we have and all we are is due Him. He uses the fires in our lives for His glory if we let Him. I'm thankful for His 'amazing grace.'

## CrossCity Church



We appreciated the recent opportunity to share all the great things going on in the lives of the women and children at The Light House with CrossCity Church. The response from the congregation was great. So many people expressed interest in joining one of our volunteer teams. With the many different facets of our ministry, there's a spot for everyone! If you're looking for a place to get involved and make a difference, we have room for you, too. A few areas of need are in

our employment training areas. Help at the Boutique is our most significant need, ranging from service areas in sorting to picking up the donations. We also need a GED facilitator to assist our ladies in obtaining their GED.

# SOUPer Saturday



Our annual Soup For The Soul was a huge success! Northwest Church's staff were so kind and helpful. We appreciate them sponsoring the event this year and are thrilled that they have adopted this event for next year as well. We had more attendees, and our speaker, Jessica

Waymire, did a fabulous job giving a timely Word. So many of our alumni who attended shared their successes and how the program helped them get to where they are today. We thank every hostess who made this event a success, from the auction items they brought in to the delicious desserts. Everything was perfect, and we felt all the love. Proceeds gained from the event will help to offer scholarship beds for women coming to our doors in search of hope, help, and healing. If you missed it, be sure to mark your calendars; this event happens every February. We'd love to have you on the hostess list.



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**The Light House**  
Recovery Center

# ANNUAL Banquet

**Friday, May 10, 2024**  
Doors Open 5:30 PM | Dinner 6:30 PM  
Cornerstone Conference Center  
1545 Fulton St., Fresno, CA

**Keynote Speaker**  
Randy White

Individual Tickets: \$60  
Table of 8: \$480  
RSVP (559) 222-4824

Our annual dinner banquet is approaching fast. Save the date and get your tickets ASAP because it always sells out quickly. Our theme this year is 'Unstoppable,' and we anticipate hearing a motivational message from Dr. Randy White, who has been instrumental, not only in our inner-city outreaches over several decades but has been such a great support in growing the ministry and businesses of The Light House and our Founder. We'll have special music, a moving testimony, and all the other fun stuff that makes this event great for all who attend. This is an opportunity for business sponsorship, and we will also unveil our 'Volunteer of the Year.' We'll be waiting for your name on the registration list!

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**Linda  
Duncan**



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