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The Things I Do

I ask not for an easy path

Nor gifts to come my way

I seek not for the golden round

But strength to live this day.

I will not whine nor cry in pain

But learn to carry on.

The darkest night must always yield

The victory to the dawn.

So in this world of joy and woe,

In this great school of life

The victor's crown will always go

To those who learn and strive.

The Victor's Crown

Until Monday morning April 20, 2009 most of us had never heard of Miss Carrie Prejean. Suddenly this beautiful and very accomplished young woman was cast into the national spotlight. Carrie became the first runner up for the Miss USA Crown on Sunday evening, April 19, 2009.

Most objective news reporters and bloggers agree that Carrie came in second place because of her answer concerning homosexual marriage. The question that cost her the crown was asked by a rather no-name celebrity blogger by the name of Perez Hilton. Hilton, a gay-activist, asked this question: *Vermont recently became the 4th state to legalize same-sex marriage. Do you think every state should follow suit. Why or why not?*

Carrie answered: *"Well I think its great that Americans are able to choose one or the other. We live in a land where you can choose same-sex marriage or opposite marriage. And you know what, in my country, in my family, I think that I believe that a marriage should be between a man and a woman. No offense to anybody out there, but that's how I was raised and that's how I think it should be between a man*

and a woman. Thank you very much."

Here's Carrie's story: Born May 13, 1987, Caroline Michelle Prejean grew up in the home of Evangelical Christian parents in Vista, California. Carrie, as she likes to be called, graduated from Vista High School in 2005. She is currently a sen-



Miss Carrie Prejean

ior at San Diego Christian College, a small liberal arts college in El Cajon, California. Carrie is majoring in special education and spends a great deal of time volunteering for the Best Buddies Program. Best Buddies is a non-profit organization that helps people with disabilities. She also volunteers for the Special Olympics.

Miss Prejean has appeared as a model for Target, Saks Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdales and Nordstroms. She has also appeared in Bliss Magazine, the PJ Salvage Fall Catalog 2008 and has modeled for E! Entertainment.

The point I am trying to make is this: Carrie is an accomplished Christian model that God has placed on

a national stage.

According to her bio, Carrie's life verse is Philippians 4:13, *I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.*

Now, I'm sure Carrie did not attain her current position without having some ambitions. She loves to win. In fact I would call Carrie a real winner. It must have hurt for Carrie to go as far as she did and then lose over one question. Especially when the question was to be an opinion question. It is one of the freedoms we cherish to be able to voice our opinions.

In an interview with the Fox News Network Carrie made this observation: *I have no regrets about answering [judge Perez Hilton] honestly. He asked me for my opinion and I gave it to him. I have nothing against gay people and I didn't mean to offend anyone in my answer. As the interview continued Carrie said: God was testing my faith.*

We often say that God knows best for our lives. Sometimes that is hard to live out. Carrie lost this crown but there is a greater crown than Miss USA. Second Timothy 4:8 says, *Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me*



Thomas Paine said:

Reputation is what men and women think of us;

Character is what God and angels know of us.



Regional Fellowship

MNI
&
World Bible Way Fellowship

**Monday
May 18th,
2009**


*Rejoice
Christian
Center*

Burnsville, MN

10:00-12:00 noon

Lunch to Follow

*An Offering
will be taken to cover
the cost!*



WBWF National
Camp Meeting

June 8 - 10 2009
Orange, TX

REGIONAL WBWF CAMP MEETING July 6,7,8 2009 - at Rejoice

Rejoice Christian Center
14020 Cty. Rd 5, Burnsville, MN
West of 35W on 42 past
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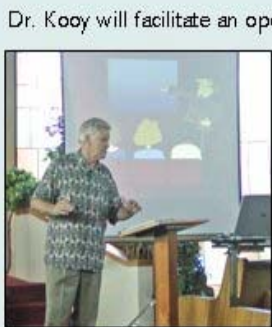
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**Gay Marriage
Secularism Rising
Devalued Christianity
Waning Bible Knowledge
Negative Entertainment**



Dr. L.D. Kramer

Dr. Kramer is concerned for you who God has given a flock of believers to lead, encourage and instruct in God's Word. These times are not receptive to the message of Jesus. We have a living Lord and many voices are speaking against Him. Dr. Kramer will exhort us to lead as true lovers of Jesus.



Dr. Don Kooy

Dr. Kooy will facilitate an open discussion on questions like:

1. How can we lead our people to a World View founded in the life and teachings of Jesus?
2. How do you encourage your flock in light of all the negative voices?
3. How can we encourage each other?

Come to learn from your fellow pastors and to minister to them as well. Be Blessed!

**Fellowship - Restoration
Encouragement - Honoring**

Our Vision

We see a fellowship of Pastors/Ministers who gladly accept the responsibility to build each other up in Jesus Christ. MNI will be a safe place for encouragement, learning and caring. In an open and honest atmosphere.

Who Are We

Ministerial Network International was established in 1998. MNI is an interdenominational fellowship of ministers, missionaries, Christian workers, churches and fellowships with Evangelical, Pentecostal, Charismatic distinctive.

Rejoice Bible Way Institute

Our course of study for the month of May will be the Work of the Holy Spirit. We will be spending most of our time on studying the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

If you have been looking for some answers in this area of ministry we invite you to join us. Classes start at 6:30 PM on Thursday evenings and we meet in the main sanctuary.

There is ample time allowed during each class time for questions and answers. The instructor has handout sheets to help guide the student through the study for each evening.

This is a part of Rejoice Bible Way Institute and credit can be applied to a ministry de-



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Al & Marilyn Peterson *Healing Service*

Al & Marilyn Peterson will be our special guests on Sunday, May 3, 2009, during the Hour of Power.

Al & Marilyn will soon be starting their 2009 campaign to Native Americans in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana and anywhere else God calls them.

The Petersons are always a special treat as they share insights into their ministry and travels. Perhaps God will call you to join them in a crusade this summer. If you sense God speaking to you about joining in a crusade please talk to Al or Marilyn when the altar call is given. There are many things they could use extra help in like driving from point to point, setting up and tearing down the tent and ministry.

A special offering will be received to help launch the 2009 season. Dr. Kramer encourages us to pray and ask God what each of us will do to help with this ministry.

Al will be preaching from the Word and Marilyn will be ministering in song this coming Sunday, May 3, 10:15 AM. Come expecting your miracle.



Dr. L.D. Kramer will be ministering from the Word and praying for the sick on Sunday evening, May 3,

6:30 PM.

Dr. Kramer is asking people to bring testimonies of healing that can be used to encourage others. You will be encouraged and blessed during this service.

Sunday Night Live

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At Rejoice

Sunday Nights

May 10 & 24

6:30 PM

*Dr. Don Wolden—
Speaking*

Memorial Weekend

*Michael McCraney
will be singing on*

Sunday morning

May 31



Men's Breakfast *Mother's Day*



Calling All Men!

Men's Breakfast

New Day

Same Old Time

**Mother's Day is
Sunday, May 9**

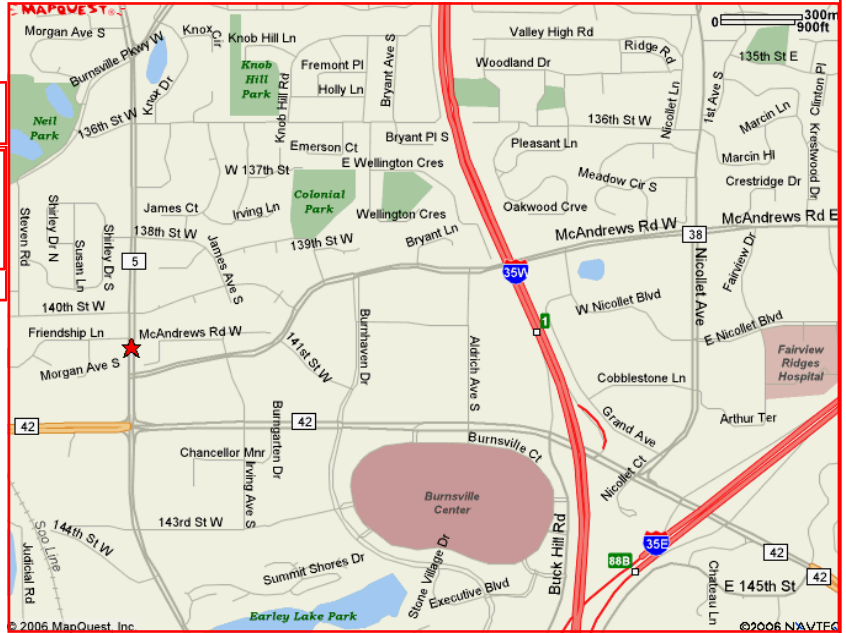
**We will be honoring all
of our Mothers during
the Hour of Power**

If you would like to purchase and place a potted flower or cut flowers on the altar area in honor of your mother please contact the church office so names can



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My Mother

Who fed me from her gentle breast And hushed me in her arms to rest, And on my cheek sweet kisses pressed? My mother.

When sleep forsook my open eye, Who was it sung sweet lullaby And rocked me that I should not cry? My mother.

Who sat and watched my infant head When sleeping in my cradle bed, And tears of sweet affection shed? My mother.

When pain and sickness made me cry, Who gazed upon my heavy eye And wept, for fear that I should die? My mother.

Who ran to help me when I fell And would some pretty story tell, Or kiss the part to make it well? My mother.

Who taught my infant lips to pray, To love God's holy word and day, And walk in wisdom's pleasant way? My mother.

And can I ever cease to be Affectionate

and kind to thee Who was so very kind to me,
 My mother.

Oh no, the thought I cannot bear; And if God please my life to spare I hope I shall reward thy care, My mother.

When thou art feeble, old and gray, My healthy arm shall be thy stay, And I will soothe thy pains away, My mother

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Women of God International—7:00	2
3 Sunday School—9:15 AM Hour of Power—10:15	4	5	6 Wednesday Night Prayer—6:30 PM Teaching—7:30 PM	7 Rejoice Bible Way Institute 6:30 PM	8 Faith Clinic 10:00 AM—4:00 PM	9 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
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