

LOVE is patient.
LOVE is kind. ♥
 IT DOES NOT ENVY. IT DOES NOT BOAST.
 IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS.
 IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING. IT DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH.
 IT DOES NOT EASILY ANGER. IT DOES NOT KEEP A RECORD OF WRONGS.
 IT DOES NOT PROTECT ITS OWN INTERESTS.
 IT DOES NOT TRUST IN ITS OWN UNDERSTANDING.
 IT DOES NOT BE JEALOUS.
 IT DOES NOT TAKE REVENGE.
 IT DOES NOT REJOICE IN VICTORY OVER THE WICKED.
 IT IS ALWAYS GENTLE.
 IT IS ALWAYS KIND.
 IT IS ALWAYS PATIENT.
 IT IS ALWAYS MILD.
 IT IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL.
 IT IS ALWAYS PURE.
 IT IS ALWAYS HONEST.
 IT IS ALWAYS TRUSTWORTHY.
 IT IS ALWAYS LOVING.
 IT IS ALWAYS FIDELITY.
 IT IS ALWAYS PROTECTIVE.
 IT IS ALWAYS PERSEVERANT.

ALWAYS
LOVE. NEVER FAILS.
 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

On Wings Like a Dove

A Ministry for the Loved ones of Prodigals and Prisoners

Psalm 55:6

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Prayer Support Groups

On Wings Prayer Support Group
 First Monday of each Month
 *** NEW LOCATION ***
 On Wings Office:
 455 S. Church Street
 (beside "God's Acre" in Old Salem)
 Winston-Salem, NC
 6:30 to 8:00pm
 February 6: Gail Foster Berry
 Depression
 March 6: Megan Anderson
 Professional Counselor

River Oaks Prayer Support
 Monthly: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
 6:30-8:30 River Oaks Church
 Room #4.
 Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall

First Baptist Church in Sparta
 meets for Prayer/Support each
 Monday night at 6:30.
 Led by: Joseph & Carolyn Caldwell
 Current study is:
 "War Room Bible Study"

Ladies Bible Study

SMALL GROUP EDITION
PRAYING TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE
 SUZETTE T. CALDWELL

Our Ladies Bible Study began a new study on Tuesday, January 17, "Praying to Change Your Life" by Suzette T. Caldwell. This inspirational study is based on the Lord's Prayer. Janet Linville, On Wings Prayer Coordinator, is leading the study. Books will be available at the study for \$15.

Pain to Gain

By Sandra Kearns

I love this quote from *The Circle Maker* by Mark Batterson: "If you don't turn your adversity into a ministry, then your pain remains your pain. But if you allow God to translate your adversity into a ministry then your pain becomes someone else's gain".

The On Wings ministry continues to grow and we have several open opportunities for ministry. If you have come through a battle with a prodigal and the Lord calls you to it, then we have needs for Family Care Sponsors. We have new families that could use an encouraging word, a hand of friendship, and some help walking this lonely journey. Our Family Care Sponsors contact their family on a regular basis, praying with and for them, possibly going to dinner, a movie, or having coffee and dessert together. If you've been in this journey, then you know how important it is to have a human soul to minister to your hurting heart, especially someone who has been there in similar circumstances. You are not expected to counsel or give advice, but share what has worked or not worked in your own experience. It's not even that you have "arrived" (and may still be going through it) but you can love on someone who may not be as far along the journey as you.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Family Care Sponsor, please contact Jan Sharp or Pat Julian at the On Wings office, 336-829-5060. Please leave a message and they will return your call. Pat is in the office on Tuesdays and Jan on Thursdays.

On Wings continues to give out Treasure Boxes throughout the year to children of prisoners and prodigals and we always have a need for supplies. At Easter, we will give Easter

baskets to the children of the Cherry Street Prisoners and will send baskets to the Bronx. We consistently need toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, lotions, and other hygiene products. Frequently, we help families with paper goods and personal care items. There are many ways to help in this area and if you would like to contribute, please bring supplies to the On Wings offices.

Be sure and check out the "Save These Dates" in this Newsletter!

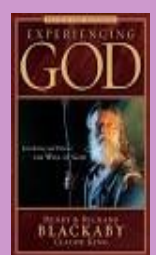


Come to the On Wings offices on Saturday, February 4, from 10:00 to 12:00 and learn how to make handcrafted Valentine's Card like this one. Gay Morris will teach us and we'll have a very lovely time! Call the office at 336-829-5060 to register for this FREE event!



"Experiencing and Knowing God" Bible Study

We're looking forward to our study on Tuesday nights, "Experiencing and Knowing God" The 12 week study will begin on Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm at the On Wings office, led by Sandra Kearns. The workbooks can be purchased at Lifeway Christian Store. Please purchase your workbooks before the class. There is still room for more. Register at 336-829-5060 or sandra@onwingslikeadove.com



The Mystery of God

Written by David Nickerson

The mystery of God, who can comprehend
There is no beginning, there is no end.
He has always been there, and until now
The secret was His alone, but just how —
Could He reveal Himself and make Himself known?

He'd create something beyond all measure
Even to Him, it would be a treasure
To start with angels, surely would do
But some rebelled, they had no clue —
Of the wonder and glory, that God had shown!

Out of this darkness, and out of this deep
His next creation, surely would seek
To know Him, for who He truly was
A God of splendor, and a God of love —
"I'll create something, that is near to my bone!"

"I'll surround it with heavens, and stars to amaze
And mountains and fishes, and cattle to graze."
He created a man, and gave him His breath
He even decided, he would never see death —
And then He rested, vowing never to disown!

But this creation fell, like the one before
"What shall I do?" And then He swore,
"I'll write them a story, clearly from above
I'll redeem my creation and show them My love"—
"I'll pay them a visit, to them I'll atone."

"I'll craft an appearance, humble and low
I'll pay every ransom, defeat every foe.
And to make sure, I've covered each loss
I'll allow Myself to be nailed to a cross"—
"Then in triumph, return to My throne!"

"I'll leave them My Spirit, to comfort and bless"
To all He'll convict, but most will suppress.
To all men He'll draw, and some with a shout
But most will ignore, and others just doubt —
Others are chosen, the reason unknown.

My day had come, to my great surprise
And how I thought, I was always so wise.
I could hardly believe it, His call was so clear,
Forgiving and tender, His love was so dear —
*But why me God? **I was home!***

Prayer Thoughts

By Janet Linville

Recently, a dear friend of mine gave me a 366 daily devotional titled "Streams in the Desert", by L. B. Cowman. At the end of one of my daily readings, I read the following words:

"Not many of us are living at our best. We linger in the low-lands because we are afraid to climb the mountains. The steepness and ruggedness discourage us, so we stay in the mist of the valleys and never learn the mystery of the hills. We do not know what is lost by our self-indulgence, what glory awaits if we only have the courage to climb, or what blessings we will find if we will only ascend the mountains of God!"

I stopped to think about this message regarding my own personal walk with the Lord. I'd thought about the times the Lord has asked me to step forward in some areas that I felt unqualified and fearful to take on, but these words assured me that God has great blessings for those who step out in faith believing that God will walk us through anything and everything He has called us to do.

"We should never be content to rest in the mist of the valley when the summit of Mount Tabor awaits us".

Save These Dates!!

Saturday, February 4: Card making with Gay Morris

Wednesday, March 15: Journaling led by Nancy Williamson

Friday to Sunday, April 7-9:

Ladies Spring Retreat

Camp Caraway in Sophia, NC

Katie Satterwhite will lead us in a study of
The Lord's Prayer

Cost is \$250, Secure your reservation now
with a deposit of \$100

Call 336-829-5060 for more information and
to register.

Scholarships are available.

Saturday, May 6: Painting with Patti H. Sheets



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