



On Wings Like a Dove

A Ministry for the Loved ones of Prodigals and Prisoners

Psalm 55:6

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Monday Night Prayer and Support Group
6:30-8:00 pm every first Monday night of the month at Calvary Baptist, Bldg B, Rm B1309.

Susan Young Martin will share her testimony with us on June 2.

We will take a break for the summer and reconvene in September. We will keep you informed of upcoming speakers through the newsletter and the website. Thanks so much for your support this past year. Feel free to contact us by phone or email.

We will gather for our Fall Retreat October 3-5 at lake James. We will not be able to accommodate as many at this facility, so please let me know as soon as possible if you want to reserve a spot. It will be \$50 for the supplies and food. As always, scholarships are available. I am not sure what our subject matter will be. I am still praying about what the Lord would have us do. I do know just getting aside and fellowshiping is healing and powerful in itself so plan to join us!

Finding Favor with the King Retreat

Many months of planning and soul searching went into our Spring Retreat at Apple Hill. As we started packing up afterwards, I expressed to a friend that it's much like preparing for a big meal. People sit down, eat, and it's over before you can blink an eye. That's the way it happened at the retreat, it seemed to be over in a blink.

But, oh the work God accomplished! The preparation was oh so worth it as we watched eyes and hearts opened to His message. The preparation was all worth it, just like the preparation Esther did paid off as she approached the King.

Tammy Priest took us into the study of Esther in such a way that spoke to each attendee. Some were familiar with the story, some never even read it but ALL were amazed by it.

My prayer is that it gave each one a picture in their minds that we as children of the King can have the same access to His throne that Esther did. We had nineteen amazing ladies come aside to the mountain. On Friday night they arrived with anticipation. Our time of fellowship was subdued, but as they worshipped together, supped together, prayed together, laughed,

cried, and praised together I believe each one felt we were one large family and were safe to share their hearts with each other.

We had a Messianic Jewish Rabbi come to lead our communion service on Friday night. He pointed out several nuggets that enriched our concept of what the Lord's Supper is all about. One of our ladies expressed it this way, "I'll never take the Lord's Supper in exactly the same way again." Thank you Rabbi Harold for new insights.

I believe God gave me some pretty direct instructions before the retreat, for example, the subject matter of the retreat, "Finding God's Favor." I have always been enthralled by Ester's story but I seemed to find myself consumed with sharing the truths within the book. After all, my main passion is to share with everyone God's desire to have an intimate relationship with Him. Esther learned what pleased the king and acted on it! He kept impressing me to find worship dancers so I inquired about those I knew who danced. Everyone had a conflict and could not come. It seemed everywhere I went I saw something about dancing for Him but up until the day of the retreat we did not have a dancer.

Helen, who came to provide music, shared with me that God had instructed her to do

a dance worship segment as we worshiped. I just rejoiced. Now I knew that the plan to have the ladies make dance ribbons was all in God's plan. He amazes me!

After communion, we planned to watch the video with Tammy's teaching. We had difficulties hearing the video and after attempting it several times I felt the Lord saying He didn't want us to do it that night. He wanted all to be refreshed and rested in order to absorb His message for them. So that's exactly what we did. Be flexible Sandra!

The dance of life goes so much more smoothly with Him in the lead without us stepping on His toes to lead in our own way. I want to learn to follow His lead in ALL things. He is continuing to teach me. We had such a special time together.

If you have never been on one of our retreats, consider joining us next time. On the back page, you will find a wonderful insight on how God spoke to one of our attendees the last morning we met together.

I want to thank each one who had a part in preparing, teaching, singing, and serving to make the weekend a memorial experience.

Sandra

"Do not be in a hurry to leave the King's presence." Ecc 8:3

Comments from the Retreat



The young mans picture is Jason Dunlap who recently was release and came to help us with chores around the office. Please continue to pray for him to find a job and transportation.

"I'm still about to burst when I reflect on Sunday morning at the Retreat. God said just as Esther went to her king to ask that the decree upon her people be reversed....I too can come to Him and ask that the decree upon my children, family, and friends and EVEN those I don't know be reversed.

All Esther knew was that her people were in danger and she needed the king to do something about it. She was confident that He **COULD** and **WOULD**. I am encouraged.

The day my son went to prison I gave him to God but **NOT** the right way. I planned his funeral in my head because the devil kept telling me he might not return to me. To convince me....the devil had his people plan an attack on my son's life. He put a thirty man hit out on him for not joining a gang. Next my son was sent to the hole for over forty-five days. With only watered down food.

During the retreat I learned that all this mess can be reversed through my prayers and favor with my King. My son will be strengthened to kill the very things that tired to kill him. Amen! "

Melissa

Additional comments:

"I love the places we go, quiet, calm and spacious where we can come close to God and feel His presence."

"I love the Retreats."

"I encourage you to keep hearing from the Lord and that's all the improvement needed because He has touched each one of us in His own way."



We are so proud of Michael Lawson who just completed 18 months of Rehab at Prodigals Community. In the very beginning of the establishment of On Wings we met his mother at a support group setting. We shared and prayed over the years in regards to Michael's addiction and I talked several times with him to encourage and pray with him.

We are praising God today for bringing him home from the enemies camp. He is now a supervisor with Prodigals Community. We are so happy for this family who persevered through the hard days of this journey.

