

Share each other's burdens & in this way obey the law of Christ



Galatians 6:2



On Wings LIKE A DOVE

A MINISTRY TO LOVED ONES OF PRODIGALS & PRISONERS

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## Prayer Support

PRAYER SUPPORT  
AT ON WINGS OFFICE

April 6th

6:30 to 8:00 pm

Karen Dyson will share her  
journey with her Prodigal

RIVER OAKS CHURCH  
CLEMMONS, NC

Meet in Room #4 2nd & 4th

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Currently studying

The Bondage Breaker

by Neil T. Anderson

Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall

## Ladies Bible Study

Each Tuesday

at On Wings Office

from 12:30-2:00

Currently studying

Ruach which means  
spirit or breath



## Tea and Talk

Words are not usually my problem, as you all know, but God certainly went beyond any words I might have used to describe what He did at our Tea and Talk. A few months ago, my vision was to have a Tea Party and invite our families. I put a plea on Facebook for teacups and pitchers. People began to offer ones they had, and we ended up with about fifty. I thought, "Wow what a response!, but we won't need that many" Well, we needed them all and more as we extended our invitation—not only to our families, but to prodigals and volunteers as well.



Melinda and I began to brainstorm about the decorations we would need and she came up with things I would never have dreamed of that made it special. We were going to set up in our church lobby where little tables and chairs are already in place, but the problem was it only seated about forty and our numbers kept expanding up to sixty, so we moved it to the Angel Room which is larger. It is also a cozier and warmer atmosphere and it turned out to be the perfect spot. There was a memorial service in the church and the family needed the lobby for those who came to offer their condolences which coincided with our Tea and Talk.

Last year I met Janelle who works for a local tea shop and shared that she also has a heart for women's ministry. She volunteered to prepare the food for the Tea and did a fabulous job. I hope you can see how God orchestrated all of it and worked out the details we could not foresee. He works all things for His purpose and for His glory as He puts all things and people in places to accomplish His will.



As I welcomed each attendee and introduced our speaker, Velma McCloud, I was overcome with what God had done. I was aware of both the beauty of the surroundings and the beauty of such diversity in the room. We had family members, prodigals, volunteers, former prostitutes and addicts, and ministers. They were all mixed in together fellowshiping with one another and worshipping our Lord in song. Velma spoke about how Love Lifted her and how all could experience God's unconditional love. It was a precious time



and if you missed it, I am sorry because it was a special time of God's

presence and power. My

hope is that you will take advantage of the events offered to both encourage you and to connect you in community so that you will not feel so alone in your journey. Coming together lifts our spirits and helps us see beyond our own need. Our thanks go out to all who planned, set up the room, prepared the food, served, or spoke. Your act of love to provide a great experience for others was not overlooked!



~ Sandra

# Spring Retreat

April 24-26

HELD AT  
APPLE HILL CONFERENCE CENTER  
IN MORAVIAN FALLS

Our Theme this Year is  
*Whispers of God's Love*

Janelle Siebsen will be our speaker  
Jennifer and Jan will be our worship leaders

*We are excited to hear what God will say to us!*

We have 30 spots available  
based on first come first serve

The fee is \$250 and we must require a \$50 deposit  
before we can place your name on the list)

*We hope you will plan to attend*

We are presently accepting names and deposits



The apostle Paul knew what it meant to endure. During a stormy sea voyage to Rome to face trial for his belief in Jesus, Paul learned from an angel of God that the ship would sink. But the apostle kept the men aboard encouraged, thanks to God's promise that all would survive, despite the loss of the ship (Acts 27:23-24).

When disaster strikes, we tend to want God to immediately make everything better. But God gives us the faith to endure and grow. As Paul wrote to the Romans, "Suffering produces endurance" (Romans 5:3). Knowing that, we can encourage each other to keep trusting God in hard times.

God  
blesses  
those who  
mourn,  
for they  
will be  
comforted.

Matthew 5:4



## Prayer Thoughts

BY JANET LINVILLE

### Clean Containers

"Hatred corrodes the container that carries it." These words were spoken by former Senator Alan Simpson at the funeral of George H. W. Bush.

Medical research reveals the damage done to our bodies when we cling to the negative or release bursts of anger. Our blood pressure rises. Our hearts pound. Our spirits sag. Our containers corrode.

In Proverbs 10:12, King Solomon observes, "Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs." The conflict that results from hatred here is a blood feud between rivaling peoples of different tribes and races. Such hatred fuels the drive for revenge so that people who despise each other can't connect.

By contrast, God's way of love covers--draws a veil over, conceals, or forgives--all wrongs. That doesn't mean we overlook errors or enable a wrongdoer. But we don't nurse the wrong when someone is truly remorseful. And if they never apologize, we still release our feelings to God. We who know the Great Lover are to "love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins"

Excerpted from "Our Daily Bread"

