

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God

I Thess. 4:16



A MINISTRY TO LOVED ONES OF PRODIGALS & PRISONERS

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Prayer Support Groups

Prayer Support
Monday, October 3rd
Jamera McQueen-Smith
will share about Mental Health
6:30 pm

River Oaks Church
Clemmons, NC
2nd and 4th Tuesdays
at 6:30 pm
Room #4
Led by Jeff & Sherye Hall



Ladies Bible Study

Each Tuesday
At On Wings Office
From 12:30-2:00

Kay Eyler is leading a 10 week
study called
Emotions That Destroy
by Chip Ingram
Come join us

On Wings of Hope Women's House

"I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place
for myself as a house of sacrifice."
2 Chronicles 7:12

The On Wings of Hope Women's House is almost completed. God has taught us so many things from the beginning of this housing journey. We have experienced opposition and bumps in the road but seeing our residents come into the homes and moving forward toward their goals is worth it all. We have waited a long time for this house to come together but we know God is always right on time!

Our first Women's House resident has arrived and is settled in her new home, working toward accomplishing her thirty-day goals. Two additional residents have been accepted and we have room for five.

Families are being healed and reunited as they see the progress of their loved one. Most of our residents have completed the process of getting their identification, license, health needs addressed, training for potential jobs and opportunities for employment. They are attending Celebrate Recovery and are involved in Bible Study and finding a church body they can be a part of and build healthy relationships.

The residents in the men's house have been a huge part of preparing the Women's House by moving furniture, painting, repairing furniture, hanging shelves and other needed chores. They help their community become a better place as they shine their light. The more we worship and work together, the more we have the sense of family, and we believe our family will continue to grow.

~ Sandra



AMY AND NICOLE



VELMA WITH OUR
FIRST RESIDENT, NICOLE



Prayer Thoughts

ARE YOU READY FOR THE RAPTURE?

When the Rapture happens, it will take most of the world by surprise. The Bible notes that in a moment millions across the globe will suddenly be taken up to be with Christ in the heavens. The Rapture is God's plan to rescue His people from the wrath of God written about in Revelation 3:10. Being taken in the Rapture is the only way to escape the Antichrist and Tribulation period. The only escape is by being in relationship with Jesus Christ. He can return at any moment. Are you ready?

Before answering consider this: In Matthew 7 Jesus spoke about the Judgment and how many will be surprised at their fate. Many will believe they were good, righteous and saved, but will not be able to enter the Kingdom of heaven.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" Matthew 7:21-23

These who are prohibited from entering the kingdom of heaven prophesied in His name, drove out demons, and performed many miracles. That sounds pretty impressive, but it is not enough to be commended at the judgment, and it is not enough to ensure one is taken in the Rapture.

A darkness is falling on the world and one day the seven-year Tribulation period will begin. It will be an unprecedented time of sorrow for the entire world. However, God in His mercy has provided a vehicle by which one can escape Tribulation period terrors—His name is Jesus Christ.

So then, how will you know that you are saved? Scripture notes that "the Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God..." Romans 8:16

The proof is that when we are saved, God extends to new believers a part of Himself—the Holy Spirit. The Spirit then lives in the heart of every believer. This abiding presence of God which comforts, directs, guides, and empowers individuals for service. The Spirit will help you understand Scripture, have a heart to serve, forgive and give, guide you in the path God has chosen for you, lead you to interact with those whom God would have you witness to, and help you to do what God wants you to do. The proof of your salvation is internal—it is God touching your heart and mind and changing your priorities and desires. Believers still have a will, and can "resist the Spirit" Acts 7:51. Maturing in Christ will take time, however, a true believer should strive to grow in spiritual knowledge.

God does not expect His children to be perfect, but He does expect His children to try, to seek forgiveness, and to "bear fruit".

Being in a relationship with Jesus is what matters most. God knows who is His and who is not. If you aren't ready for the rapture, you can change that now with a simple prayer from your heart. Repent of your sins and ask Jesus to come into your heart and begin the work that only He can do in your life. Jesus will not turn away from a sincere heart that is truly seeking Him.

Excerpted from getalifemedia.com

Kathy's Korner



Brutal

Returning home after being gone a month revealed that our formerly neat yard had transitioned into a jungle. Shrubs were

overgrown and weeds abounded. In our subsequent efforts to reclaim our yard, I learned two things:

1. Weeds are ever-present and fast-growing. We have one particular weed that I despise and been fighting against for years; I carefully ensured that there were no traces of it before we departed for our trip. On finding it abundantly present when we returned, I concluded that there must have been some hidden remnants that I had missed before our trip, just waiting to flourish unchecked while we were gone.

Oh, how that makes me think of sin in my heart! I spend time with the LORD, asking Him to search my heart and remove any offensive way in me; I read His Word for guidance and for help in knowing and growing in His ways, but what happens when I cease asking and obeying? Those noxious weeds of sin grow back – and quickly, too! Obviously there are weed stems and seeds that remain, and I need God's help to seek them out and pull them up by the roots. His eyes are keener than mine, and He more wisely discerns weeds from fruit-bearing plants.

O search me, LORD, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
(Psalm 139: 23-24)

2. Our next yard problem to tackle was the shrubbery. As we approached one overgrown, out-of-control bush, my husband, armed with pruning shears and hedge trimmer, stated, "I'm going to be brutal!". That is what was needed, as this shrub had become unsightly and, in growing beyond its boundaries, was hindering other plants' growth. Just as the LORD prunes us to refine us, increase our fruit-bearing and make us more like Him (John 15:1-2), this bush needed brutal pruning to conform it to the image we desired. Being pruned can be painful, as the sharp blade cuts away that with which we had become comfortable, but as with the LORD's discipline it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it (Hebrews 12:11).

My desire is to be a beautiful, fruitful garden in the LORD, free of weeds and growing as He intends. Am I willing to undergo the yanking of weeds out of me and the pain of being pruned of undesirable growth to become this? Oh, LORD Jesus, let it be so!