

Let us
not lose heart
in doing good

for in due time
we will reap

if we do not grow weary

GALATIANS 6:9

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Prayer Support Groups

JOIN US FOR THE
Prayer Support Kickoff
September 7
6:30 PM
To be held at
Robert F. Miller Center
3315 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston Salem, NC

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
We will begin a new study
soon called the
Gospel on the Ground
By Kristi McLelland



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Mercy Ministries

"Don't send him away empty handed. Supply him liberally from your flock, your threshing floor and your winepress. Give to him as the Lord has blessed you" Deuteronomy 15:13-14

Mercy is the word we believe God gave us for 2023. When I saw the book entitled Ministries of Mercy by Timothy J. Keller, we ordered copies for all our Board Members to read before our Annual Planning Meeting. It proved to be a great read and I have referred to highlighted sections in the book all year.

As we get ready to graduate three residents from our On Wings of Hope program, I was led to reread the section explaining the Three Dimensions of Mercy Ministry as listed below:

- Relief: Alleviation of suffering caused by unmet basic needs as portrayed in the Good Samaritan parable in Luke 10:30-35.
- Transformation: To build up, develop, and restore the person to self-sufficiency. When a slave debt was erased and he was released, God directed that the former master send him out with grain, tools, and resources for a new life. Read Deuteronomy 15:13-14 which is our focus verse at the top of the page.
- Reform: Social reform moves beyond relieving physical needs and seeks to change social conditions and structures that create those needs.

I believe it's exactly what our program On Wings of Hope does. We provide relief to the one being released from prison as we provide housing, food, medical care, and other necessities of life for a year which allows them to prepare for their own place in the future.

Our number one goal is to see each resident transformed by the renewing of their minds in the reading and studying of God's Word. His Word is our guide to successful life as we teach its principles throughout their year with us. Each resident is encouraged to develop an intimate relationship with God making Him Lord of their lives. If they do that and learn to not only hear His direction but obey it, then we believe they will be successful.

As they leave our fold, we help them not to leave empty-handed by helping them to get set up in their own space which we pray will give them success for life. We are so thankful for partners who have assisted with household items to give them a fresh start by having a space of their own.

We are so pleased to celebrate:

1. Johnny Wilson
2. Sam Snider
3. Matt Anderson

We will celebrate our Residents at the Dash Ball Park in honor of their success in the program. Please continue to pray for each graduate as they go out on their own. Also pray for our new residents coming into the program this Fall. We have seen our share of challenges in our first year of ministry through the On Wings of Hope program, but the success of our graduates makes it all worthwhile. If our efforts help just one find success, we will rejoice.

Sandra



Prayer Thoughts

Castaway Faith

THE END OF ALL THINGS IS NEAR. THEREFORE BE ALERT AND OF SOBER MIND SO THAT YOU MAY PRAY.

1 PETER 4:7

In June 1965, six Tongan teenagers sailed from their island home in search of adventure. But when a storm broke their mast and rudder the first night, they drifted for days without food or water before reaching the uninhabited island of 'Ata. It would be fifteen months before they were found.

The boys worked together on 'Ata to survive, setting up a small food garden, hollowing out tree trunks to store rainwater, even building a makeshift gym. When one boy broke his leg from a cliff fall, the others set it using sticks and leaves. Arguments were managed with mandatory reconciliation, and each day began and ended with singing and prayer. When the boys emerged from their ordeal healthy, their families were amazed—their funerals had already been held.

Being a believer in Jesus in the first century could be an isolating experience. Persecuted for your faith and often stranded from family, one could feel adrift. The apostle Peter's encouragement to such castaways was to stay disciplined and prayerful (1 Peter 4:7), to look after each other (v. 8), and use whatever abilities one has to get the work done (vv. 10–11). In time, God would bring them through their ordeal "strong, firm and steadfast" (5:10).

In times of trial, "castaway faith" is needed. We pray and work in solidarity, and God brings us through.

Taken from Our Daily Bread

Women's Day Retreat

OCTOBER 14th

Speaker is Dawn Bray

to be held in the Angel Room
at Calvary Central Campus
134 S. Peacehaven Road

Please register by October 5th
call 336-829-5060 or email
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*What a great way to step
into the Fall season*

PRAYER SUPPORT KICK OFF

September 7th
6:30 pm

Robert F. Miller Community Building
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Kathy's Korner



COLGATE FOR MY SOUL

Last year about this time, I wrote an article for my "Korner" talking about the explosion of unwanted plants in my yard while I was away, especially one disdained, prolific and fast-growing weed.

This summer, my husband and I have been attentive to be on the lookout for this weed, stopping whatever we were doing to pluck its dainty little vine out of the soil.

Despite our vigilant watch, this weed continued to pop up hither and yon, its seeds having been expertly dispersed by our friends, the birds, last summer.

Similarly sin...despite my best attempts, creeps in, often hiding behind good things in my heart, just waiting for the right time to pop out. In the same way that the persistent weed vine is actually pretty, and I might enjoy it except for its propensity to overtake the yard, sin is often attractive and looks harmless.

One afternoon with some of my friends I was discussing the problem of sin and the need for confession. Confession can get overlooked in a busy day's routine that ends with falling into bed at night, exhausted. We came up with a plan to have a time of confession while brushing our teeth. "Habit Bundling". So while I brush my teeth at night, I review my day and talk with God. Did I harbor bad attitudes during a specific encounter, were my words less than gracious? Have I allowed fear and worry to seep into my life, usurping trust and faith? Did I allow my mind to dwell on things other than true, noble, right, pure, lovely and admirable as found in Philippians 4:8? I let the Holy Spirit search me and guide me, then confess to God my shortcomings and ask for His forgiveness. I trust that the LORD keeps His promise in 1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us of all unrighteousness."

A dear woman of God and a friend in our Tuesday Bible Study often quotes Psalm 139: 23-24, "Search me, O God and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." It is a useful verse to open up my time of cleansing my teeth and my soul.

Once my teeth have been cleansed and my soul forgiven and renewed, I find that I can say, as stated in Isaiah 26:3, 'Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee.' Confession- it's good for the soul