

I LIFT UP MY EYES TO THE MOUNTAINS—
WHERE DOES MY HELP
COME FROM?
MY HELP COMES FROM
THE LORD,
THE MAKER OF
HEAVEN AND EARTH.



PSALMS 121:1-2

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Prayer Support Groups

JOIN US FOR
Prayer Support
October 2
6:30 PM

Held at On Wings Office
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 are studying
Gospel on the Ground
By Kristi McLelland



Come Join Us!



On Wings of Hope Graduation

“Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life.
Let your joy overflow! And let gentleness be seen in every relationship,
for our Lord is ever near.”

Philippians 4:4-5

The Leaders of On Wings of Hope, the residents of Hope House and their family members, the resident’s mentors, the Board Members, and friends all gathered on August 19, 2023 at the Dash Ball Park to celebrate the accomplishments of four residents. They have been in the program nearly a year and are preparing to move into their own homes soon.

They each have jobs, a saving account, transportation, and have completed a year long program with us. Each resident is assigned a mentor upon entrance into the program who walks with them for a year and that has proven to be invaluable in their commitment, support, and encouragement to their resident.

The Administrator and Director of both the men’s and women’s houses have committed to work together to supervise home operations to ensure successful operations of the ministry through frequent contact with each other, OWOH House Managers, to the house residents and ministry volunteers. Their job is both time-consuming and challenging at times, but each committed to fulfilling this call of God for them. We have all learned so much this first year of operation and we know it will be a continued effort of trial and error.

We have faced many challenges throughout the year and know God is working on us as well as each resident He brings our way. We will continue to seek His direction and adjust as we go.

We are grateful for the privilege of helping each resident get settled into the Hope House upon release. Each one is encouraged to take 30 days to acclimate to the surroundings and each other. They have paperwork to get in order and we are committed to assisting them in that process as well as getting them to the appointments needed for that. The mentors are so helpful to encourage them and often transport them to their appointments.

We have witnessed the healing and restoration take place between the resident and their family which we believe is huge in their journey. Often family ties are broken along the many years of addiction as families lose the trust of their loved ones, but it is beautiful to see these relationships restored. It was a beautiful scene to see the night of the celebration as their families came to celebrate their success with them.

We pray you will enjoy the photos we have shared of the celebration thanks to Lynda Hobson and her gift of capturing the joy of the night. As they say, “a picture is worth a thousand words.”

We are always in need of Mentors so if you are interested, please call 336-829-5060 and leave a message for Velma McCloud. You will be informed of the requirements to be a mentor and if you are interested you will be trained for the position. Our mentors have voiced the satisfaction of walking beside their resident over the year which has developed into a friendship for life.

Please continue to pray for us as we welcome new residents into the program in the coming months.

Sandra



Prayer Thoughts

Becoming the Shofar

THEREFORE, IF ANYONE CLEANSSES HIMSELF FROM THESE THINGS, HE WILL BE AN IMPLEMENT FOR HONOR, SANCTIFIED, USEFUL TO THE MASTER, PREPARED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.

2 PETER 2:21

The most uniquely biblical instrument is the shofar or ram's horn. The root word for "shofar" means "clear." A shofar must make a clear sound, and be cleared through. Any obstruction and the sound will be hindered. You can't blow through something that's clogged. You're called to be a vessel, an instrument of the Lord's purposes. You're to be the Lord's shofar that He blows through. In Hebrew "breath" is "ruach". "Ruach" also means "Spirit." As the Lord's instrument, you must be free of obstructions: bitterness, apathy, selfishness, pride, lust, carnality, immorality, fear, sin. Anything outside of God's will obstructs the blowing of His breath. Do you want God to be able to make a great sound through your life? Then His breath -- His Spirit must flow through you. Get those blockages out. Start clearing up your vessel. Anything out of God's will isn't only bad, it's stopping you from knowing a Spirit-filled life. 2 Timothy 2:21 says, "If anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor." The Lord wants to use you. It's time to become a clear vessel. Get unblocked

Taken from Hopefortheworld.org

Ladies Day Retreat

OCTOBER 14th

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

*Dawn Bray will be speaking on
Trophies of God's Grace*

Please register by October 5th
by calling 336-829-5060 or email
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We ask that each attendee bring a
salad to share with others

*What a great way to step
into the Fall season*



Kathy's Korner



CHANGE

Change is inevitable and, often, change is good. I recently got word that "Pumpkin Spice" season is about to start at Trader Joe's. It made me stop and think: do I get excited about pumpkin spice coffee, cookies, donuts...everything - or is it just the change from the norm that makes it exciting and worth looking forward to?

During this long, hot and humid summer my husband and I frequently remarked that we were looking forward to a change. We were ready to leave the heat and humidity and experience some cool, crisp days of Fall. I'm also looking forward to changing colors, different clothing and even different foods. Change can also bring things we are not looking forward to, like the early, dark evenings. Sometimes we initiate the change by creating boundaries, moving or changing jobs. And sometimes change is thrust upon us, with some good - and some not-so-good consequences.

The Tuesday Bible Study has been studying "The Gospel on the Ground" by Kristi McLelland. Kristi expands the understanding of Scripture by explaining the significance of rituals, geography and even numbers. For example, Kristi explains, "When you see the number forty in the Bible, look for change." The Genesis flood lasted forty days, the Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years, Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days being tempted and Jesus was with His disciples for forty days after His resurrection. Forty signifies something new, a transition.

There can be a season of life when we endure a "forty". We feel lost on an ark drifting on a stormy sea, or wandering aimlessly around in a desert looking for a way out, being tempted and distracted as we wait for God to rescue and deliver us. It can be a lonely time, marked with fear and worry. It can also be a time of anticipation, in which we expect the Lord to bring about change.

Change is coming. God is working. Could it be that He is the Cause of change?

I have found that when I feel lost, drifting, with waves of fear and worry crashing over me, one of the best things I can do is reach for the life rope of prayer with one hand, and for a friend with the other hand. If you find yourself similarly adrift, why don't you come join in the Tuesday Bible Study, the first Monday of the month Prayer Support or even come volunteer? Come surround yourself with others who have endured stormy seas and have learned to swim. Change happens. God promises to be here with us, during the pumpkin spice, and during the storms. The Lord Jesus is Emmanuel - God with us! What He said to Israel He also says to us:

**Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them,
for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.**

Deuteronomy 31:8





 *Congratulations* 

