

faith and prayer
BOTH ARE INVISIBLE BUT
THEY MAKE IMPOSSIBLE THINGS
POSSIBLE



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Prayer Support Groups

JOIN US FOR
Prayer Support
April 1
Annah Matthew
will share
6:30 PM
At On Wings Office
Winston Salem, NC

Ladies Bible Study

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

We are studying
"The Names of God"
By Melissa Spoelstra



Come Join Us!



A MINISTRY TO LOVED ONES
OF PRODIGALS & PRISONERS

A Newsletter from On Wings Like A Dove Ministry

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Give As You Have Been Given

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Luke 6:38

Recently, as I was on my way to the On Wings office, it was pouring down rain. To avoid a backup, I took the same exit I took for twenty years when I was working. I have been retired for thirteen years and the memories of early morning drives to my job flooded my mind when I took the exit. Immediately I began to express my gratitude to God that I was no longer going to that job even though I had enjoyed my career for forty-five years, still I would not want to go back and do it all again. My heart and soul are passionate about what I do now in reaching out to families and their prodigals.

On Wings would not be able to do what we do without our volunteers. We love our volunteers and are blessed to have about sixty-five serving in all kinds of capacities. Many serve weekly, monthly or on an as needed basis. They assist with newsletter distribution, reading letters from inmates, answering calls, assist with Bible studies, and praying for requests that we receive from families or prisoners.

We often receive calls from churches or groups offering to help us pack Treasure Boxes for children, put candy in plastic eggs for a local community outreach at Easter, and help organize our Resource Center under the direction of our Resource Coordinator. Recently, we had a group of twelve students help us with the Treasure Boxes and Resource Center and they did an amazing job.

As you read this maybe the Lord is tugging on your heart to help On Wings.

In our Hope Houses, we need donations of cleaning and hygiene products, laundry detergent and paper goods, or grocery store gift cards for food. We also need individuals willing to mentor a resident. Individuals willing to transport Hope House residents to appointments. Volunteers are placed on a call list and agree to help with transportation when it is convenient for their schedule.

We have a continuous need for supplies to be donated for Treasure Boxes. For specific information, visit our website at <https://www.onwingslikeadove.com/pack-a-treasure-box>.

Other needs are leading a Bible Study, setting up or tear down at outreaches, and help organizing our Resource Center with our Resource Coordinator's supervision. Prisoners frequently request a Pen Pal and we provide that when we have volunteers available. Additionally, we have Bible Study mentors that correspond with prisoners on the Bible studies we send them and we provide those volunteers.

If you have an interest in volunteering for On Wings in any capacity, please go to <https://www.onwingslikeadove.com/volunteer> and discover an area you can help, fill out an application and submit. Or you can call our volunteer coordinator Sheila Rothrock, at 336-829-5060.

Sandra





Prayer Thoughts

The Value of Salt



Sprinkled along the emerald-green hillside, oddly-shaped flowers appeared to bloom. Upon closer inspection, these yellow blooms were actually blocks of salt.

On our family farm, my dad scattered these salt blocks for our cattle. And the cattle loved them – as was evident by the indentions worn into the blocks by a hungry cow's tongue.

The purpose of the salt was to encourage thirst. The cow's frequent trips back and forth to the pond made it evident that the salt was serving its purpose. As dairy cattle drank more water, they produced better milk.

The Bible talks about how we, as Christians, are to be like salt. So truly, there should be something in our lives that encourage others around us to have a thirst for the Living Water that comes from knowing Jesus.

Mark 9:50 (NLT) says:

Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? You must have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other.

Matthew 5:13 also says,

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?...

So, if God said we, as Christians, are to be salt, what is the significance of that?

Besides something that prompts thirst, salt was used for so many things during biblical times:

Salt was traditionally rubbed on newborns (Ezekiel 16:4);

Salt was used to mark a continual covenant (Numbers 18:19);

Salt was both an additive and preservative of food (Leviticus 2:13);

Salt was even used as currency. The Oxford Dictionary tells us that salt was once so valuable, the Roman army was sometimes paid with salt instead of money. Their monthly allowance was called "salarium" (since "sal" is Latin for salt.)

At a time in history when there was no refrigeration, it was important to preserve meats, often with salt. And serving foods meant preserving lives!

So, when the early Christians were told that they were to be "salt," they were being told that they were highly valuable to the world. In fact, they had something to offer the world that meant life!

But the early Christians were also warned not to allow anything to negatively impact their effectiveness – like salt is impacted when impurities are mixed with it.

So, if we are to be salt, we should always remember our true purpose as believers – and not be tainted by this world. We are from a different kingdom – a place where we promote life and point people to Jesus!

Taken from CBN Daily Devotionals

March 5, 2024



His Secret Agents



We think of the word Christian as a religious term. The word comes from *Christianos*, which was given to believers in Antioch. It wasn't a religious term, but used to refer to Messiah's people, party, or partisans in the same way that they would speak of Caesar or Herod's partisans. Political parties try to affect the world and change things. We are Messiah's party. More than anything, we're to be affecting and changing the world. Unlike the political parties of the world, we have the true power to change it. We're the salt of the earth, the light of the world, and if you're not affecting the world, you're not doing your job. Are you leaving circumstances better, worse, or just the same as when you entered? We're Messiah's partisans, His party, His people, His agents on earth. We have the potential and power to make a difference. You have the power to change your circumstances, your homes, your neighborhoods, your family, your relationships, and your world. The Lord made you different so you could make a difference. You are Messiah's partisan, an agent of change.

Taken from Our Daily Sapphire

March 6, 2024



FAITHFUL AND TRUE

Recently I was looking at some verses in the book of Revelation. I was struck by these two adjectives that are repeated several times in Revelation. What does it mean to have a God who is "Faithful and True," and what does it mean to me?

Being faithful refers to being trustworthy, reliable and consistent. Doing what you said you will do. Being a promise keeper and dependable. When I think of faithful friends, they will keep their commitments, be where they said they would be and when, and do what they said. Such are people you can count on, people of integrity. When Jesus says He is faithful, it is a reflection of His character. He is who He says He is and He can be trusted completely.

Jesus also says He is True. Our culture frequently asks "What is truth?" For many, truth lies in perceptions and in personal preferences. For Christians, God's Word guides and directs our knowledge of Truth. Truth, for us, is consistent with the mind and character of God. Biblical Truth is real, unchanging and genuine. Jesus is real, unchanging and genuine.

I often feel overwhelmed with life's challenges, which can leave me a little frazzled and out of focus. I have found "Breath Prayers" a valuable tool to calm my mind and to refocus on God and His nature and character. Recently I have used these two words for my prayer- breathe in Faithful, breathe out True. Reminding myself of God's trustworthiness and truth brings me back into His peace, and knowledge that He can be relied on.

The On Wings like a Dove Tuesday Bible Study has started looking at some of the Names of God. Elohim, El Roi, El Shaddai (Mighty One, the God who sees me, God Almighty) are a few of the many Names we are learning. God's Names reflect His character, and His character is who we trust and know to be true. The more I know Jesus, the more I know He is able to handle whatever I am dealing with, my fears, concerns, doubts, worries and joy! He covers it all. Come join us on Tuesdays and learn more about Jesus and His Names.

April brings many things, including showers, flowers, warmer temperatures, longer days. We can count on the changing seasons and what they bring. Even more than the certainty of changing weather is the trustworthiness and love of the One who calls Himself Faithful and True. To Him be all glory and honor!

"I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse,
whose rider is called Faithful and True." Revelation 19:11



LADIES RETREAT

JUNE 7-9

**Unplug from the cares and worries of your daily life and enjoy a weekend
of renewing your personal relationship with God along with laughter,
sharing, worship, and fellowship at**

**ON WINGS LADIES RETREAT
Caraway Conference Center
Sophia, NC**



Velma McCloud

SPEAKER

**Package Price
\$250**



Elizabeth Trogden

WORSHIP LEADER

Includes speaker, worship leader, five meals, two nights lodging, and retreat materials. Space is limited and we request a \$100 deposit to secure and confirm your attendance that is payable upon registration. The remaining balance is due by Thursday, May 16, the date by which On Wings must confirm absolute attendance. Please note that NO REFUNDS will be issued after May 16 for any reason. Your understanding and total cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Book Review #4

The Circle Maker by Mark Batterson

The book starts out by introducing Honi, an eccentric sage who lived outside the walls of Jerusalem. He was a man of prayer and one day he drew a circle around himself and vowed that he would not move from the circle until God showed mercy upon His children.

Honi was praying for rain and as he remained in the circle it began to sprinkle and then a torrential downpour came down in answer to his prayers. Each raindrop was a triangle token of God's grace.

Our Board members have been praying prayer circles around each outreach, each resident, each financial need, each family we minister to, each prodigal/prisoner, and each issue we face as we seek to further God's kingdom. We have discovered that we need to keep on circling. Sometimes His answer is wait, sometimes no, but often yes.

"Prayer is asking God to do something, future tense; praise is believing that God has already done it, past tense". In 2 Chronicles 20:22 it says, "And at that moment they began to sing and to praise, the Lord caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to begin fighting among themselves, and they destroyed each other!" So, prayer and praise work together in defeating the enemy. Why do we resist praying to our Lord and praising Him for His answer at the same time. There is power in both.

This book is chocked full of treasures, examples of God's faithfulness, and tools to help you circle every situation in prayer to a Faithful God.

In the Epilogue at the back of the book it quotes Rodney "Gypsy" Smith: "Go home. Lock yourself in your room. Kneel down in the middle of the floor, and with a piece of chalk draw a circle around yourself. There, on your knees, pray fervently and brokenly that God would start a revival within that chalk circle".

I love this statement, "I don't know what we're going to do, but I do know what we are not going to do. We're not going to be afraid. We're going to stand still. And we're going to see the deliverance of the Lord". At OWLAD we believe it with all our hearts. God will fight our battles!

Sandra

Volunteers from Union Grove Christian School Stuffing candy in Easter Eggs

