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Tuesday-Thursday

10 am-2 pm

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Prayer Support Groups

Prayer Support Kickoff

September 9th

7 pm

Come Join Us!

Ladies Bible Study

Each Tuesday

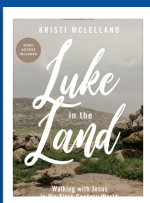
At On Wings Office

From 12:30-2:00

We are beginning a new study

Luke in the Land

By Kristi McLelland



Come Join Us!



A Newsletter from On Wings Like A Dove Ministry

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Coming Soon

"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with Me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done" Revelation 22:3

This morning as I was coming into the office, I observed a sign in our neighbor's yard which read, "Coming Soon". Obviously, they are preparing to put their house on the market. We often have people inquiring about properties that might go on sale soon in our neighborhood, so I imagine the idea was to get some interest going early even though they are not ready to have people come.

I began to imagine the owner's process in the preparation of the upcoming sale. I am sure they are purging out things that they no longer need or can't take with them. They are probably also repairing things that may have needed to be attended to for years but never got done. There may have been some painting going on, some flooring being replaced, and some staging being done so that it would be inviting to those coming in.

Our daughter and her family recently moved and were attending to these types of things. A pool in their backyard and a fence in disrepair began to fall apart in some areas but there never seemed time to fix. The back porch was a project that they had hoped to expand at some point, but it never got done and the screen was flapping in the wind as well. When they got ready to sell, they knew these items would have to be corrected before people came to see the house.

Our daughter spent a couple of months clearing out things from the house, garage, and attic as she made many trips to Goodwill. Then she began to sort through items to be given away, items that needed to be trashed and items that needed to be packed to go to the new house. It is a great way to clean and purge. Of course, they had way more to deal with than when they moved in as they had brought items into the house over the years. You never know how much you have accumulated until you get ready to move. We have been in our house for thirty plus years and I would hate the thought of moving!

I started thinking of the fact that Jesus is coming soon. What do we need to clean up in our lives, what do we need to purge or maybe even discard because we need to be clean pure vessels when we meet Him. What are some things that we have been putting off doing because we thought we had time to deal with it?

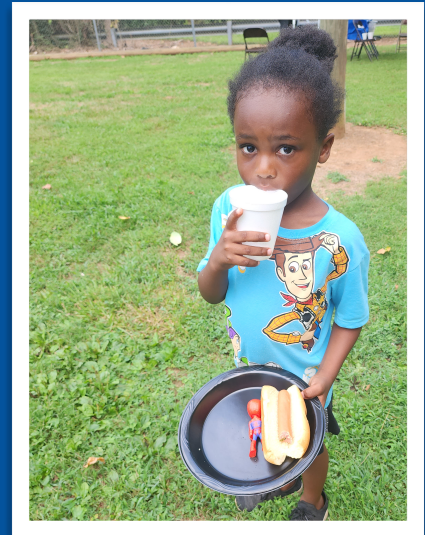
I love the song, Come Jesus Come. The last verse says:

"One day He'll come, and we'll stand face to face
Come and lay it all down, 'cause it might be today
The time is right now, there's no need to wait
Your past will be washed by rivers of grace.
Come Jesus come and let today be the day".

Aren't you glad that whatever day He comes to take us home whether individually or as His church we won't have to pack a thing? All He wants is us, not our possessions but I do believe we need to purge from our lives anything that is not of Him or that we would not want to meet Him face to face with. Maybe it is our reading materials, the things we watch on television, our language, our unforgiveness for those who have hurt us, or our actions.

Let's get our hearts ready by removing those items that might need to be dealt with or maybe by doing that Bible Study or reading His Word that we feel led to do but have kept putting it off. We won't have time to repair or change those things when He is on His way to receive us to Himself because He will come in the twinkling of an eye. Let's do it now so there will be no regrets.

~ Sandra



**OUR ROLLING HILLS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
OUTREACH HAD GREAT
ATTENDANCE AND
PARTICIPATION. SEEDS WERE
SOWN AND WE CONTINUE TO
PRAY FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO
SHARE THE NAME OF JESUS
IN FUTURE OUTREACHES. WE
APPRECIATE GALILEE
BAPTIST CHURCH IN HELPING
US ACCOMPLISH THIS.**



Johnny Pursuer is a resident in our Men's House and was baptized July 7th at Charity Baptist Church in Kannapolis, NC with his family and friends in attendance.

You can view his testimony on our website: onwingslikeadove.com under the On Wings of Hope tab.

Johnny has been changed by the renewing of his mind and heart since his entrance into our program. I was struck by his friend's comment after the service as he said; "Johnny, I thought I would be coming to your funeral, not your baptism". Wow!

We rejoice with Johnny's decision to follow Christ with his whole heart. He is the fifth resident we have been privileged to witness being baptized since the program began.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY
FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND THEIR LEADERSHIP**



TAKE IT TO THE LORD IN PRAYER

*What a friend we have in Jesus
He is our close companion and confidant
All our sins and griefs to bear!*

Not only does He know our sins, He forgives them.
He understands grief because He experienced it.
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Our concerns, our worries, our joys and excitement; our adoration and thanksgiving

On a recent Sunday we sang this beautiful, old hymn in church. As I sang and thought about the lyrics, I was reminded just how perfect they are in describing prayer and its essential role in our relationship with God.

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

On Tuesdays at On Wings Like a Dove, we recently completed a study by Kay Arthur and Mark Sheldrake, "Ignite Your Passion for God". In a world that tries to diminish our flame and passion for Jesus, how can I reignite them and keep them burning brightly? We have several tools available to stoke the fire, with Bible reading, worship, sharing the Gospel and prayer being some of them. Prayer, an intimate conversation with God. Prayer can be an extended time set apart, bringing the many cares of family, friends and ourselves before the Throne. It can also be a short few words - "Help", "Bravo, God" and "Thank You, God". Sometimes prayer is being sensitive to the Holy Spirit convicting us of an unholy thought or word, or prompting us to pray or to do something. Prayer, no matter the form, is a privilege. Prayer ignites our passion for God as we see Him working and answering our requests. Prayer brings us closer to the Father as we spend time talking to Him and listening to Him. Prayer takes our burdens and replaces them with assurance that the One who is able is working for our good and His glory. What is keeping us from taking everything to Him in prayer! What is keeping you from praying right now?

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Come join us for a Day Retreat



OCTOBER 12TH 10AM - 12PM

**FRIENDS BAPTIST CHURCH
1840 LEWISVILLE CLEMMONS ROAD
CLEMMONS, NC**

We will share how to discover your Spiritual Gift!

**WE NEED TO KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND SO WE HAVE
ENOUGH MATERIALS FOR THIS EXERCISE
THE BOOKS ARE \$5 EACH**

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Book Review #9

The Prayer of Jabez

by Bruce Wilkinson

Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, 'I bore him in pain.' And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying,

"Oh that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!"

So, God granted him what he requested

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

We find out that Jabez was more honorable than his brothers in that he wanted to be more and do more for God, and God granted his request. The author's professor asked this question one day that resonated with him; "Want a bigger vision for your life? Sign up to be a gimper for God. A gimper is someone who always does a little more than what is required or expected. In the furniture business, for example, gimping is putting the finishing touches on the upholstery, and patiently applying the ornamental extras to the almost completed project. So, do you want to be a gimper for God?"

Jabez prayed an unusual, one sentence prayer that had amazing results. In Hebrew, the word Jabez means "pain." Can't you just see him standing before God and crying out, Father! Please bless me! And bless me a lot! Somehow, we think that is a selfish prayer, that we ought to be praying for others but here he prays it for himself. In Proverbs 10:22 it says, "The Lord's blessing is our greatest wealth; all our work adds nothing to it". He wanted nothing more and nothing less than what God had planned for him. Oh, that we would be so bold and forthright to ask our God for His hand to bless us.

Then he prayed for God to expand his territory, not for more houses or land but for greater influence and to touch more lives for the cause of Christ as his impact for God brought more opportunities to make Christ's name famous. The request is not so we will gain praise or recognition but that He will receive all the glory and that others will come to know Him for themselves. I believe God wants to move out your boundary lines to be able to witness of His love and mercy to those who may have never heard His name.

As our team traveled to Jordan a few years ago I found myself sick for two days which knocked me out of going out on mission. I had come all this way only to be sick in a room by myself. But a day or so later I was walking down a steep set of steps to the basement home of a family to take them food and to share God's Word with them. He was expanding my territory and He had prepared this day to take me to a mother whose son was in prison. As she cried out in her pain, I stepped up to give her comfort from my own experience and I knew in my heart that God had orchestrated the whole event just to give this mother a word of hope.

I like this equation in the book:

My willingness and weakness
+God's will and supernatural power
=My expanding territory

I would encourage you to read the book and begin to pray Jabez's prayer for your life. Why don't we do it together right now and see what God does in our lives.

~ Sandra