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10 am-2 pm

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Ladies Bible Study

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

We are studying
12 Daring Women of the Bible
Lisa Harper and Friends

In this twelve-session video
Bible study, some of today's
best-loved Christian authors
and speakers look at the
spiritual lessons learned from
twelve daring women in the
Bible and what they mean for
you today

Come Join Us!



Press On

On Wings like a Dove has a Resource Center that receives donations such as clothing, household goods, hygiene products and sometimes furniture. Our Hope House residents need these items as well as our families. Additionally, we go to The Rolling Hills Neighborhood four or five times a year and take some of these items to bless this community.

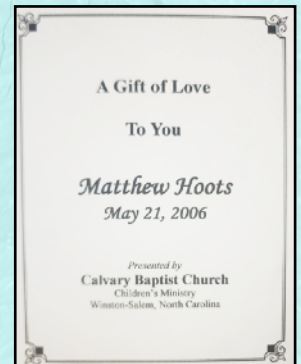
Recently, I received a call from a friend who was cleaning out his home due to the passing of his dear wife. He and his wife, Sandra, attended our Prayer Support group. Sandra also came to our weekly Bible Studies and taught some of them. This couple had a prodigal son, Matthew, who they interceded for in prayer for many years. As I traveled to my friend's house, I was reminded of the tears she shed and the times she cried out to the Lord for her son's soul to be saved as well as for him to be free from the clutches of Satan. After choosing some items for our Resource Center, Sandra's husband handed me a Bible given to Matthew from Calvary Baptist Church. It caught my breath as I looked at the label made out to him. Sandra had noted in the Bible Matthew's acceptance of Jesus. Sandra continued to see her son struggle, was estranged from him at times, and after a long battle with her own health issues, in 2021, God chose to take her home. She believed her son was saved, which was a relief, but she longed to see him completely free of addiction.

At the end of 2024, their son, Matthew, went home to be with Jesus and his mother's prayers were perfectly answered. He was completely free of addiction, from his pain, his feelings of rejection and low self-esteem. Now, we believe he understands the love of His Heavenly Father and of his earthly parents as they loved and prayed for him those many years. What rejoicing must be taking place in Heaven today as they have been reunited.

We at On Wings Like a Dove want to offer a safe place for parents to share their struggles and deepest pain with other parents who have gone through some of the same things. Prodigals often become drug addicted which often leads to incarceration which causes parents even more pain. The enemy will use drugs to place a strong hold on the life of our loved ones. As parents, we seek hope from the Lord for our prodigals and pray that God will take the blinders off of them so they will no longer be captive to Satan's pull on them. When they don't find release from its spell, it is a heart-breaking journey for everyone.

Let this hope in continuing to pray to a loving God be an encouragement to you to PRESS ON with hope for your Prodigal.

~ Sandra





HOSANNA!

I love this time of year when the whole earth around me screams of new life. The trees are budding and leafing out, flowers are starting to emerge from the ground, bees are back and the birds are quite active in their nests. The world is alive, renewed and vibrant.

Being outside in the warmer air with the world awakening and emerging makes me feel more alive, too. My energy is increased, my mood elevated and I join in creation in the excitement and celebration of renewal and rebirth.

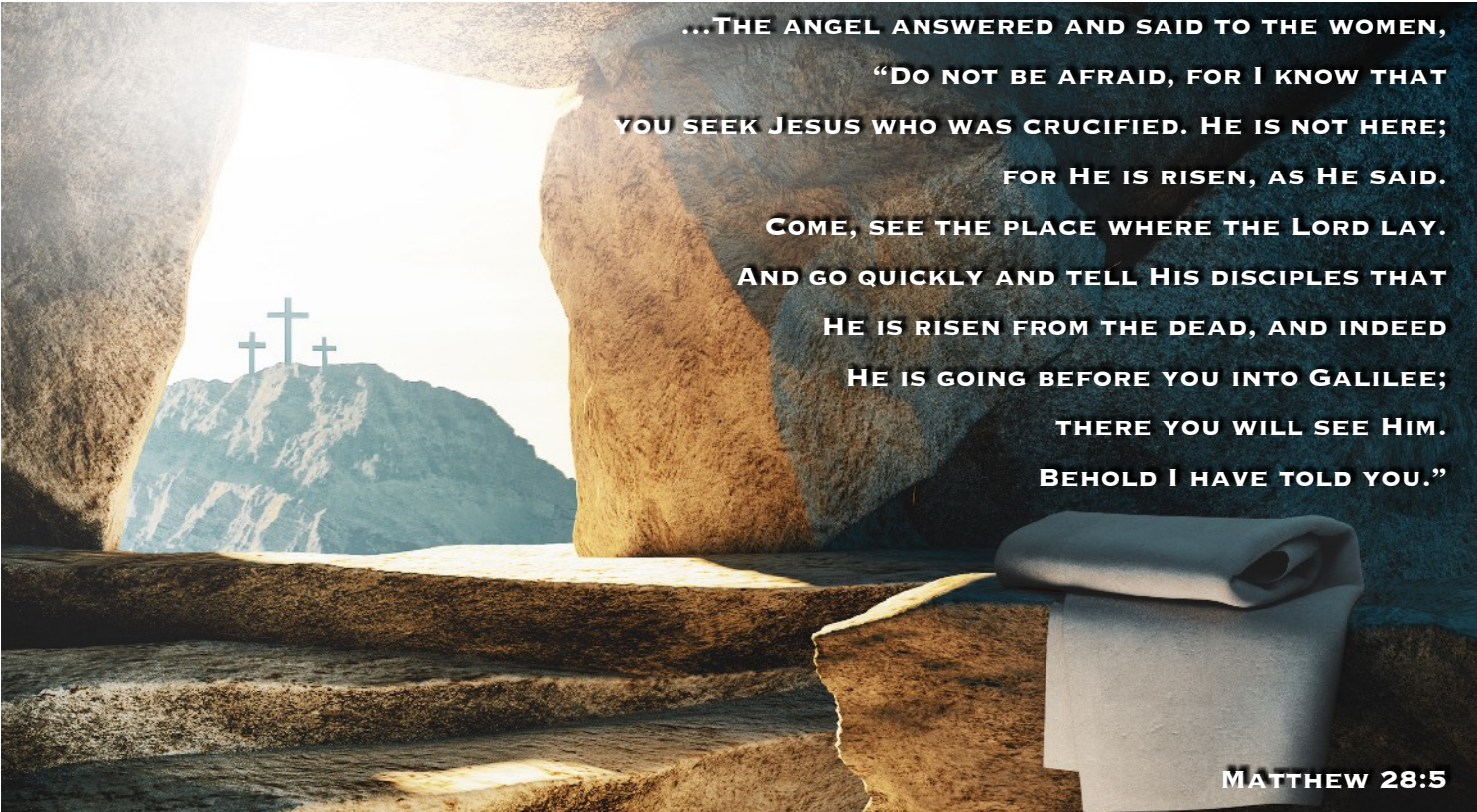
The timing could not be better for Easter. The bleak, dark, despondent winter gives way to the joyous, exciting and beautiful spring. The cold, isolated days are over as the warmer air draws many outside. The long winter has passed and spring and life are back.

A few days before Jesus walked to the cross, He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The crowd celebrated and waved palm branches crying "Hosanna!" – "Save Us!". The people in the crowd were aware of outward political pressures along with inward battles that they looked to Jesus to save them from.

As I approach Easter, a time of celebrating renewal and rebirth, I am compelled to cry out to Jesus, "Hosanna!". I need saving from my slothful spirit, my dependency on self, my unbelieving heart, my trust that tends to wane. I need saving from believing I'm not worthy, that I can't be used by God, that the bar has been set too high. I need saving from thinking some often-prayed prayers are being unheeded, that change is impossible and that prodigals will never come home. I need saving from judging, condemning and not loving many who God has created. Yes, I approach Easter with a strong cry of Hosanna!

And then I look outside.

The same God that is bringing new life from what once was dead, brings beauty from ashes, makes flowers spring forth out of clay... that same God says "Behold, I make all things new". (Rev 21:5) Where my soil is hard and my heart harder- "God, being rich in mercy ... has made us alive together with Christ...". (Eph 2:1-5) The Lord God hears our cries of "Hosanna!", and He gives us a true season of Spring, complete with new – and eternal – life. In Him we will never again need to endure the death of Winter, for every day in Christ is Spring. With Jesus, my "Hosanna!" is changed to "Hallelujah!"



...THE ANGEL ANSWERED AND SAID TO THE WOMEN,
"DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR I KNOW THAT
YOU SEEK JESUS WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. HE IS NOT HERE;
FOR HE IS RISEN, AS HE SAID.
COME, SEE THE PLACE WHERE THE LORD LAY.
AND GO QUICKLY AND TELL HIS DISCIPLES THAT
HE IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, AND INDEED
HE IS GOING BEFORE YOU INTO GALILEE;
THERE YOU WILL SEE HIM.
BEHOLD I HAVE TOLD YOU."

MATTHEW 28:5



REFLECTING GOD'S MERCY

In everything, do to others what you
would have them do to you.

Matthew 7:12

A Finnish soldier in the three-month Winter War with Russia (1939-1940) lay wounded on the battlefield. A Russian soldier walked his way, pointing his rifle. The Finn was certain he'd met his end. However, the Russian handed him a medic kit, then kept moving. Remarkably, the Finn later found himself in a similar situation, only the roles were reversed—a Russian soldier lay wounded and helpless on the battlefield. The Finn handed him medical supplies and walked on.

Jesus gave us a central, guiding principle for our lives: "In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12). Can you imagine how different our world would be if believers kept this one simple principle? Can we calculate how much oppression would end if we collectively obeyed Jesus' wisdom? If only, as He guides us, we would give others the same compassion and mercy we'd hope to receive ourselves. As we "give good gifts" to others, we reflect the heart of our "Father in heaven [who gives] good gifts to those" He loves (v. 11).

It's vital that we see others as not merely enemies or strangers or people with whom we compete for resources or opportunities. Instead, we should see their need for mercy and kindness just as we need it. And as we do, our posture and perspective will change. Then, as God provides, we can freely offer them the love He's freely offered to us.

Taken from Our Daily Bread
February 16, 2025

WOMEN'S RETREAT



May 30th - June 1st



Caraway Conference Center

Subject: Pressing On Toward The Goal

"I press on toward the goal for the prize
of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"

Philippians 3:14

Speaker - Paula Williams

Musician - Dianne Burgess

Cost: \$200.00 w/Scholarships available
includes room, food, board, and miscellaneous costs

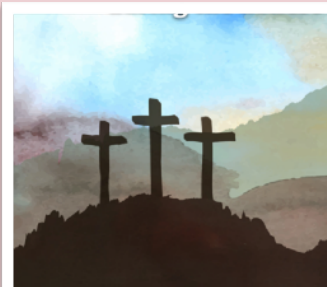
Arrive between 3:00 and 5:00 on Friday

Depart before lunch on Sunday

RSVP as soon as possible to 336-829-5060



THE DAY OF COMPLETION



God finished the work of creation on the sixth day, then rested on the seventh, the Sabbath. The sixth day is the day when work is completed. Two-thousand years ago, God again labored on the sixth day... on the cross. On the Hebrew calendar, the sixth day comes to an end as the sun sets. So it was then that Messiah finished His

work, Friday afternoon, just as the sun was going down. Why? Because the sixth day is the day when one's work must be finished. So on the cross, He said, "It is finished." Then He rested. What does this have to do with you? Most people live in a state of incompleteness, a state that is never finished, never enough, and always needing more. But Messiah labored on the sixth day so He could finish all that is unfinished. He died to give you the gift of completion. Find your completion in Him. Take the unfinished issues of your life and bring them to the cross and say, 'It is finished.' Then you, as did Messiah, can likewise enter into the blessings of the seventh day.

Taken from Sapphires@HopefortheWorld
March 12, 2025

He is
risen



WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME AT OUR ANNUAL TEA ON FEBRUARY 22



Our Annual Tea is always a great time of fellowship and inspiration. If you have never attended, please consider joining us next year. Cynthia Moore, one of our Board Members brought a remarkable message as she shared about her own struggles and how she has learned to **PRESS ON** in spite of them. We want to thank Kathy Vanhoy, our Event Planner who prepared such a beautiful table and worked so hard to make an elegant place for us to gather. We also thank Debbie Hampton and Skylar, Kathy's granddaughter for their assistance. We are so grateful for our volunteers.

We are also grateful for all who attended. Susan Burns, a prayer room volunteer closed us in prayer.

