



On Wings Like a Dove

A Ministry for the Loved ones of Prodigals and Prisoners

Psalm 55:6

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Monday Night Prayer and Support Group
6:30-8:00 pm every first Monday night of the month at Calvary Baptist, Bldg B, Rm B1309.

Mitch Monroe will come to share his testimony about his struggle with alcohol on January 6, 2014.

Patty Jo Sawvel who wrote the book entitled, *Under the Influence*, will be with us on February 3, 2014.

Susan Doub from Novant Behavioral Health will share with us on March 3, 2014.

Please check out our updated website at onwingslikeadove.com. You will find an archive of newsletters, directions to our office and a place to send prayer requests. A big thanks to Rokley Studios and their technicians, Jesse and Tyson, for their hard work and expertise. Thanks also goes to Kent Oviatt for his hours of work ensuring this project went smoothly. We can now be proud to direct people to our website.

Revolving Door

By: Elaine Altman-Eller

I removed that revolving door on my heart today; the one that kept on being used in ways that were harmful to us both. I removed it after I read and learned through my readings that you and I were caught in a cycle that wasn't healthy for either of us. That revolving door was confusing my head and taking up too much of my mind space in all the wrong ways.

I allowed it to be that way because I thought that was how it was supposed to be. That revolving door on my heart kept me so busy that I had forgotten that I was important too. I read about boundaries and enabling and saw myself in a way I had never thought of before.

I realized that by speaking out and reaching out to others that I was being used as an escape for your continued use of the very thing I want to rid you of. My heart wanted to keep you close and safe, but by allowing that revolving door to spin around and around, I was adding to your confusion as well.

So I closed it off. I have replaced it with a single

door that swings only one way. It will open up when you do and admit that you are ready to create change. It will not close completely on you, because I do love you.

I just had to come to terms with the fact that if I allow you to use me, you will never use your sense of ability to see a different way; to live a life that you can be proud of and have peace. The door to my heart is open to you, always has been and always will be. Just a slight adjustment so we both will get what it is we need from one another.

A Word for 2014 from Sandra

We began 2013 by praying the Jabez Prayer at our planning meeting and God responded by providing an amazing office space from which to minister, enabling On Wings to reach more children with the shoe box outreach, bringing more struggling families, opening the door to teach in the youth detention center, and expanding our outreach to inmates.

So it is with great anticipation that we race into 2014 knowing that God is our faithful Guide, Provider, and Counselor.

He keeps bringing scripture to me in regards to His Light. I want to encourage each of you with this passage that I sense He is giving us for 2014.

The passage comes out of *Isaiah 9:2*, "*The people (prodigals) walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a Light has dawned*". I believe He is saying that 2014 will be a year when we as His light bearers, will see many come out of the darkness; out of the enemies camp and they will see a great Light shine into their hearts and transform them.

One of our inmates wrote us: "I am so thankful God sent OWLAD into my life. I have begun to love myself again and to love Christ and He is making everything brand new in my Life. I can never ever forget our friendship because when everyone in the world thought of me as a monster, you gave me hope, encouragement, courage and peace."

This inmate, who was walking in darkness has seen a great Light. We are called to love the seemingly unlovable as Jesus loves.

JUST RIGHT (The Road From Addiction to Redemption)



Barbara Bice was born and raised in Montgomery, Alabama. She and her husband moved to Wetumpka, Alabama in the early eighties, where they continue to reside today. They have three sons, three daughters-in-law (like daughters to them) and four grandchildren. Barbara recently retired as a paralegal from a local law office after working thirty-five years for the firm.

Approximately four years ago, God put it on Barbara's heart to write a book about her husband's addiction to cocaine and his subsequent recovery. The book is titled "Just Right" (The Road From Addiction to Redemption). It is a true story of how her husband's addiction tore their lives apart; but, more importantly, it is a story of how God rescues people, heals people, and restores lives. Though it is a story of their triumph over her husband's addiction, the book is written in such a way to give hope and encouragement, not only to addicts and their families, but also to anyone struggling with others issues such as wavering faith, forgiveness, patience, and hopelessness. It is truly a story of hope.

In Her Minister's Words:

Barbara Bice has a story that needs to be told. On top of that, she has an amazing gift in telling it. "Just Right" is a realistic and inspirational book about one of the great battles in our country and in most of our families . . . drug addiction. In "Just Right," Barbara will walk you through her husband's descent into addiction and her battle to save him, her marriage, and her family. You will laugh, you will cry, and you will learn. You will learn about addiction, how to confront it, and how, by the grace of God, to overcome it. Truly, it is a story that needs to be told and a story you need to read. I have seen firsthand how this story has changed lives. You or your loved one may be the next. When you come to the end of this book, you too will say, "It is JUST RIGHT!"

Buddy Bell - Senior Minister
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We had the privilege of working with Scottie Barnes in her One Day with God camp with the kids and their Dads through Forgiveness Ministries. We were able to give 50 boxes to the kids who came that day. What a blessing it was to see their faces and hear their joy as they dug into those boxes.



A big thank you to Sheila Smith and her helper Lauren Canup. We also want to thank all who contributed shoe boxes. Salem Chapel brought 170 boxes. We also received boxes from Project Re-entry, Mt. Tabor High School, Piney Grove Church and BSF classes at Calvary Baptist Church.