

*May the Peace and Hope of
Christ's birth
be with you now and in
the days ahead.*



On Wings Like a Dove

A Ministry for the Loved ones of Prodigals and Prisoners

Psalm 55:6

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Prayer Support Group

1st Monday of each Month
Calvary Central
5000 County Club Rd
Room B 1309
6:30 to 8:00pm

December 1

Speaker: Sandy Bonzelaar
On Wings Prayer
Coordinator
Sandy will give her
testimony and will speak on
"The Importance of Prayer"

January 5

Speaker: Don Schmidt
Counselor on Staff
Calvary Baptist Church

February 2

Speaker: Ed Cameron
Federal Probation Officer
Re-entry Laws, Needs and Probation

March 2

Speaker: Barbara Bice
Author of "Just Right"
Barbara will share about the Road from
Addiction to Redemption

On Wings of HOPE

*Look for words of hope and
encouragement beginning in
January! Daily devotionals will
be posted on Facebook and on
the blogspot:
onwingslikedove.blogspot.com*

Words from Sandra

I am sitting here reflecting over the past year with amazement at God's direction, provision, faithfulness and the privilege to serve the families He has brought our way.

The On Wings family has grown in its outreach. We are now connected all over North Carolina and also in Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania, California, and Virginia. We are developing a visual of where our families and inmates are and it will be posted at the office. It's quite interesting to see how God has expanded our borders since 2006. We are excited to help families in this difficult journey of addiction and other similar struggles.



Our Treasure Box outreach (formerly named Shoebox) is now reaching over five hundred prisoner's children. We are distributing them at the Cherry Street Prison, Piedmont Correctional, Wake Correctional, Taylorsville Correctional, Lenoir Correctional and in cooperation with City Lights Ministry which does sidewalk Bible studies to over 200 children in Winston-Salem. This outreach is taking Treasure Boxes and hygiene packets to the Bronx in New York City to distribute to the ladies on the street. It will give us an opportunity to share the love of Christ with them. Matthew 10:42 "If as my representatives, you give even a cup of cold water to a little child, you will surely be rewarded". If you would like to be part of this outreach bring by office a packed treasure box or supplies for a box.



We have had lots of new volunteers to come along in 2014. As our needs have increased, God has supplied the helpers to accomplish the task needed.

We have also been able to supply an increased number of Bibles to our inmates. Many of them have written of their spiritual growth as they have read and studied and been part of the Bible Studies. We are grateful for the donor who specifically provides for this outreach. Pray God will continue to meet this crucial need.

The Ladies Bible Study on Tuesday has really grown this year. This helps the family member to grow in their own journey by learning Biblical truths. It is also a good time of fellowship and encouragement among women of similar journeys and heartaches. It is wonderful to be in a group who understands each other's pain. Thank you, Pat, for your faithfulness in leading this group and to all who assist.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a year of healing and restoration in 2015. I'm grateful for those who will have their loved one home from successful rehab or prison this year. It is so hard to have that empty seat at the family table. I remember those days well and don't take for granted that our son's feet are under our table. For those of you who are not experiencing this, my hope is that it will come soon.

Never give up!



On Wings has a new Prayer Coordinator! Sandy Bonzelaar will be in our Prayer Room on Tuesdays praying over the needs of our families. Sandy has a real heart for prayer, taught to her through her own struggles and she has a very compassionate heart for the On Wings Ministry. Sandy has been experiencing God's faithfulness as her Savior and Lord for almost 35 years learning as E.M. Bounds has said, "Prayer takes us back to God". What an awesome invitation to commune with the Lord of this universe, who cares so much for us and invites us to draw near! Sandy is married to Cal and blessed to have 5 children and 11 "grands" around the country — a good reason to travel, which she and Cal enjoy! It is Sandy's passion to know Christ and to share with others the goodness of God. Sandy will be available to pray with individuals on Tuesdays in the On Wings Prayer Room.



On Wings will be a part of "Christmas for the City" on Friday, December 19, 2014 between 4:00-9:00 PM at the Benton Convention Center. For more information check it out on Facebook or go to www.christmasforthecity.com

Prayers of Thankfulness for this Christmas Season

by Cindi McMenamin

Thank you, God for the times You have said "no." They have helped me depend on You so much more.

Thank you, God for unanswered prayer. It reminds me that You know what's best for me, even when my opinion differs from Yours.

Thank you, Lord for the things you have withheld from me. You have protected me from what I may never realize.

Thank you, God for the doors You have closed. They have prevented me from going where You would rather not have me go.

Thank you, Lord for the physical pain You've allowed in my life. It has helped me more closely relate to Your sufferings on my behalf.

Thank you, Lord for the alone times in my life. Those times have forced me to lean in closer to You.

Thank you, God for the uncertainties I've experienced. They have deepened my trust in You.

Thank you, Lord for the times You came through for me when I didn't even know I needed a rescue.

Thank you, Lord for the losses I have experienced. They have been a reminder that You are my greatest gain.

Thank you, God for the tears I have shed. They have kept my heart soft and mold-able.

Thank you, God for the times I haven't been able to control my circumstances. They have reminded me that You are sovereign and on the throne.

Thank you, God for those people in my life whom You have called home to be with You. Their absence from this earth keeps my heart longing for heaven.

Thank you, God that I have an inheritance in the heavenly places...something that this world can never steal from me and I could never selfishly squander.

Thank you, God for the greatest gift You could ever give me: forgiveness through Your perfect Son's death on the cross on my behalf.

Thank you, God for the righteousness You credited toward me, through the death and resurrection of Jesus. It's a righteousness I could never earn or attain on my own.

Thank You, Father, that You know me, You hear me, and You see my tears. Remind me through difficult times that You are God, You are on the throne, and You are eternally good.

And Thank you, Lord not only for my eternal salvation, but for the salvation You afford every day of my life as You save me from myself, my foolishness, my own limited insights, and my frailties in light of Your power and strength.

Can you begin saying "thank You" a few more times throughout your day? You may find it lightens your load.

"In everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"

I Thessalonians 5:18

Excerpted from Crosswalk Women's Newsletter

All of us at On Wings Like a Dove pray for you the most peaceful of Christmas Seasons. Filled with the special gifts that can only come from The Lord all wrapped up in the love of Jesus!

Hope

Peace

Unconditional Love

Merry Christmas Loved Ones!

