

On Wings Like a Dove

A Ministry for the Loved ones of Prodigals and Prisoners Psalm 55:6

Jesus

Hope of the nations
God's righteousness revealed
Light of the world

May God bless
you this Christmas!

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Prayer Support Groups

On Wings Prayer Support Group

First Monday of each Month

*** NEW LOCATION ***

On Wings Office:

455 S. Church Street
(beside "God's Acre" in Old Salem)
Winston-Salem, NC

6:30 to 8:00pm

December 5: Chris Collins

Journey of an Ex-Prodigal

January 2: Nancy McGlothlin

Deliverance from Drugs

River Oaks Prayer Support

Monthly: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
6:30—8:30 River Oaks Church
Room #4.

Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall

First Baptist Church in Sparta

meets for Prayer/Support each
Monday night at 6:30.

Led by: Joseph & Carolyn Caldwell

Current study is:

"War Room Bible Study"

Ladies Bible Study

Join us on Tuesdays 12:30 to 2:00 at the On Wings Office for our Ladies Bible Study. The study on the Healing Miracles of Jesus will conclude on December 13. We will have a time of fellowship before the last session at 11:30 am. Bring a dish and join us.

Bible Study

If we have enough interest, we plan to offer the 12 week course "Experiencing and Knowing God" (for men and women) on Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM at the On Wings Office beginning January 24. If interested please call 336-829-5060 or email sandra@onwingslikeadove.com

Do Not Forget The Lord

By Sandra Kearns

This has been an amazing year in the On Wings ministry. We have sensed the Lord leading in miraculous ways and we believe we have been obedient to His direction. Our 2016 key passage was from Joshua 1:16 **"All you command us we will do and wherever you send us, we will go."** In Deuteronomy 8:2, Scripture says, *"and you shall earnestly remember all the ways which the Lord your God led you these forty years (10 years for On Wings), to humble you and to prove you, to know what was in your mind and heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not."* God has certainly provided day by day just what we needed, but 2016 has been a miraculous year of increase which still amazes. Deuteronomy 8:7 says, *"For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land..."* In verse 11 of the same Chapter, there is a warning: *"Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God, by not keeping His commandments, His precepts and His statutes, which I command you today."*

The key to continued blessings remains to be two key commands: Obey God and remember where the blessings come from. In other words, Do Not Forget the Lord. Remember who is in charge.

Here are some of the highlights from the year at On Wings:

We were blessed at our Ladies Spring Retreat by the largest attendance we've had. Attendees were charged to battle in prayer and were reminded we are in a war.

We distributed more Treasure Boxes to hurting prisoner's children and by partnering with City Lights to provide boxes to those living among the drug culture, even living in houses that use and sell drugs.

To date we have responded to requests and sent into prisons over 1,300 Bibles, almost dou-

bling the amount in 2015. Only God!

Monthly, we are sending over 2,000 newsletters, which include a Bible study, into inmates in the prisons.

The Inmate Pen Pal ministry is consistently growing.

We have seen a large increase in requests for Bible Correspondence courses due to the Bible outreach.

We have been blessed with wonderful Bible study leaders in our Ladies Bible Study on Tuesdays. It's been a great wealth of diving into God's Word as mothers seek to walk their journey together with God. We have Experienced God, learned about Prayer, a Woman's Heart, and been blessed by studying the Healing Miracles of Jesus which has led to healing in our hearts.

These programs have all been supported by many willing, dedicated, and consistent volunteers helping On Wings to accomplish all that God has guided us to do. The monetary donations given this year have miraculously allowed us to continue to fund our programs and to mail Bibles into prisons, giving hope.

God is giving direction for 2017 and one of those things is to put action to the idea of involving our men in Bible studies and retreats.

We look forward to the New Year. Please pray with us as we seek His face, His direction, and His continued provision. Our decisions are not always popular but make no mistake we are seeking after God and God alone. On Wings will not forget the Lord nor what He has done in the On Wings ministry in 2016!



"Comfort, Comfort my People, says your God..." Isaiah 40:1



Store up comfort. This was the prophet's mission. The world is full of comfortless hearts, and ere thou art sufficient for this lofty ministry, thou must be trained. And thy training is costly in the extreme; for, to render it perfect, thou too must pass through the same afflictions as are wringing countless hearts of tears and blood. Thus thy own life becomes the hospital ward where thou art taught the Divine art of comfort. Thou art wounded, that in the binding up of thy wounds by the Great Physician, thou mayest learn how to render first aid to the wounded everywhere. Dost thou wonder why thou art passing through some special sorrow? Wait till ten years are passed, and thou wilt find many others afflicted as thou art. Thou wilt tell them how thou hast suffered and hast been comforted; then as the tale is unfolded, and the anodynes applied which once thy God wrapped around thee, in the eager look and the gleam of hope that shall chase the shadow of despair across the soul, thou shalt know why thou wast afflicted, and bless God for the discipline that stored thy life with such a fund of experience and helpfulness.

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God does not comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters.

--Dr. Jowett

Excerpted from *Streams in the Dessert* by L.B. Cowman

Prayer Thoughts

By Janet Linville

Wishing everyone a most joyous Christmas ever. Instead of an article this month, I'd like to share a poem and prayer for everyone.

A Prayer for Christmas Morning

By Henry van Dyke

The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will.

Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world?

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children,

And the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus sake.

Amen

A Christmas Prayer

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.

THANK YOU, LORD,
for the gift of Your love.
May I be a shining
example of that love to others.
Amen.

