GOD IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY BEYOND ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKS WITHIN US. **EPHESIANS** 3:20

TRUST IN THE LORD

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rayer Support Groups

onwingslikeadove.blogspot.com **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 January 2: Nancy McGlothlin Deliverance from Drugs February 6: Gail Foster Berry Depression

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.

Ladies Bible Study

Led by: Joseph & Carolyn Caldwell Current study is:

"War Room Bible Study"



TO CHANGE Our Ladies Bible YOUR LIFE Study will begin a new study on Tues-SUZETTE T. CALDWELL day, January 10, "Praying to Change

Your Life" by Suzette T. Caldwell. This inspirational study is based on the Lord's Prayer. Janet Linville, On Wings Prayer Coordinator, will lead the study. Books will be available at the study for \$15.

On Wings Like a Dove

A Ministry for the Loved ones of Prodigals and Prisoners

Psalm 55:6

2016 into 2017

By Sandra Kearns

It's that time of year again, a chance for new beginnings, new goals and new challenges. In preparation for our 2017 planning meeting for On Wings, I spend some time reflecting on the accomplishments of the past year and on the vision God has given for the coming year.

Here's a short review of what God allowed us to do in ministry last year:

> Distribute to prisoners almost 1,400 Study Bibles. This doubled the previous year's requests.

Provide 1,000 Treasure Boxes to prisoner's children by networking with City Lights and Forgiven Ministries.

Provide year-round Bible Study to help families grow in their spiritual journey and to develop their own health walk apart from their prodigal.

Sent 1,800 newsletters to prisoners and 200 plus newsletters to our families. The newsletters are designed to provide encouragement and hope.

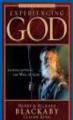
Monthly prayer support group meetings in three different locations throughout the year with speakers that spoke a message of hope and instruction.

As we look ahead to 2017, one of our visions is to reach the men in our families who have their own struggles dealing with their prodigal and supporting their spouse. We hope to accomplish this by beginning an evening Bible study for men. We also hope to have a Men's Retreat. Please pray for leaders to step up to plan these events and accomplish these goals.

Pray about how God would have you serve to help comfort others this coming year because of the comfort He has given you over the years of your struggle. Giving back in some manner brings us purpose and an opportunity to serve Him as we reach out together.

Here's a quote from "Experiencing God Daily Devotional": You live your life with the expectancy that Christ will fill you with His power in the days to come and will "stretch" you to do things in His servíce that you have never done before.

"Experiencing and Knowing God" Bible Study



We're looking forward to our study on Tuesday nights, "Experiencing and Knowing God" The 12 week study will begin on Tuesday, January 24

at 7:00 pm at the On Wings office, led by Sandra Kearns. The workbooks can be purchased at Lifeway Christian Store. Please purchase your work-



<u>Believing Despite Outward Circumstances</u> Excerpted from "Pearls of Grace" devotional book By Pam Jenkins

By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of the things which are visible." Hebrews 11:3

Faith is seeing the promises of God at a distant, through the eyes of the present, and living as if it were so; it's being persuaded from a far off and embracing God's promises for living today because, tomorrow is already secured. Faith is hope in those things which we cannot see; it believes against all odds, believing for a move of God despite outward circumstances. God moves in the supernatural realm and our present circumstances do not dictate nor do they limit His acts. No matter the present, beloved, God is able to save, deliver, keep, subdue, overcome, bless, restore, empower, enlarge, defend, build up, tear down, fill, provide, heal, and work all...all things out for His glory. Satan whispers right to the very heart of our desperation, through the eyes of our circumstances, with words of despair, hopelessness and loss. Our enemy wants our gaze fixed upon our surroundings, rather than, upon the promises of God, which are yea and amen!

It matters not what surrounds you, what your eyes see or do not see, whether there is any sign of hope or answered prayer for God is able! He is Faithful! He is the I Am; He is everything you will ever need. God is never, absolutely never limited by people, emotions, or circumstances! Our flesh seeks for a sign, any life form that declares to our heart and mind; "God is at work"! When God's work begins behind the scenes, it's wrought in the secret places, the hidden valleys of sufferings, concealed in the thorns of pain, imbedded in sorrow and then, in His time, He unveils the truth, giving way to the evidence that our soul so desperately longs to see. When we cry for evidence, He whispers; trust. When we long for hope, He speaks; believe. And when we yearn for understanding He declares, STAND.

What situation are you living with that you find unbearable, hopeless, with no sign of change? How are you dealing with circumstances beyond your control, outside of your reach or ability to change? Where do you turn when life is a mess and those you love and depend on are gone, or unable to help you? One word; God. Believe God for healing, for restoration, for renewed hope, for life, for strength, for any and everything you need. Turn your eyes away from your hopeless situation and look to the One Who is hope. Set your face like flint to Him Who sits upon the throne and there, rest ing in all that He is, cease trying to fix it. Faith is not the things we can see but, those things which are not seen, those things that only God can do. Stop striving, stop planning, stop running hard to find solutions to your problems. Put up your fix it kit and hand it over to God. Have faith, precious one, have faith in God and in God alone taking your eyes off your surroundings, off of people and off looking for a sign! He is working. God Is Able, I Am Not!!

Prayer Thoughts

By Janet Linville

This prayer from Billy Graham, written for **The Saturday Evening Post** in 2008, is just as relevant this year.

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future. We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love. In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need. In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost. And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to

