



# 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.

Jeanette Weygandt will share with us on November 4, 2013 on Boundaries

Carol Lyons from AlAnon will come to share with us December 2, 2013,

We would love to see you at our Open House November 3, 2013 from 2-4:00 at 455 S. Church Street located in Old Salem. Park and walk in through the iron gates.

"Go through His open gates with great thanksgiving; enter His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and bless His name."

Psalm 100:4.

It is a time of Celebration as we welcome you to see what God has done in bringing us to His selected home from which to minister.

"I have heard your prayer and chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice."  
2 Chronicles 7:12.

## *Free to be You*

Once again, we got away on retreat to Lake James thanks to the generosity of Frank and Cindy Miller. What a beautiful place to be enveloped by God's beautiful creation and majesty. This time we focused on God's



design for each individual through learning our spiritual gift and living it out. We learned why some things we try to do leave us drained and exhausted yet others energize us. We learned what it means to live from our God given design.

Most were unclear of what their spiritual gift was. They had an opportunity to examine it by taking a survey of things that helped them determine their dominant gift. Some were surprised, not thinking that they had strengths in their particular results. But the more we dis-

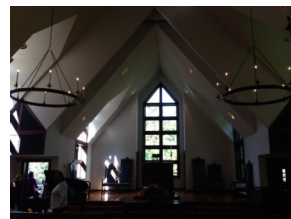


cussed and listened to the attributes of each gift their spirit was awakened to the fact. It was cool to watch each one recognize what God had created them to be!

I pray as they continue to study and develop their gift that God will use them in ministry

to others out of that realization. After all, the key is living out of God's gift in you to impact others for His glory.

We visited the Chapel at the Cove on Saturday morning. We were able to see how Billy and Ruth Graham, Cliff Barrows and George Beverly Shea certainly lived their persona (what God created them to be) as they reached many for Christ by individually allowing God to use them for His purposes. We also saw how one young man who sold cell phones stepped onto the stage on a British talent show. No one expected what they heard – after all he didn't look like anything good would come out as he stood to sing, but when he opened his mouth out came the



most beautiful opera you've ever heard. His name is Paul Potts. He stepped into his persona and today he sings before kings and queens.

Are you living out your full potential? It should be our desire. Suggested Reading: **Free To Be You**, by Elizabeth Gunter with Sylvia Gunter  
The Father's Business  
P. O. Box 380333  
Birmingham, AL 35238

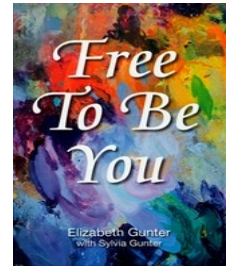
## *Comments about Fall Retreat:*

"I had never been to a retreat. My expectations were way beyond my imagination. I feel so blessed and it was from

God. God has put such beautiful people in my path. I felt rejuvenated. I learned I cannot change my son, but I can ME through God's power."

"Awesome time with God."

"Our Fall Retreat. It was a great time at a special spot. Praising God."



All of us have dreams in our hearts that seem too wild or unachievable. To pursue them could mean great gain, but it could mean great loss and pain. So, much like a rushing river whose power cannot be fully harnessed, we build walls to contain it, often without even knowing we are building them. We go through life bumping up against things, like the expectations of others fear, and rejection that lead us to quietly start laying bricks, just a few at a time, until one day we wake up and realize we have walled ourselves off from our own heart. We are no longer living out of our true selves. The Creator, the loving Artist who was so intricately involved in knitting you together in your mother's womb, is longing for you to discover the masterpiece of you. He desires for you to discover the joy of living out of everything he has put in you for life and godliness. This journey requires you to take the time to take an honest look at your story. It will require peeling back some layers to get beyond what you do to why you do what you do. True freedom is waiting when you cease striving to fit into everyone's box and become exactly who God designed you to be.

## The Power of Prayer

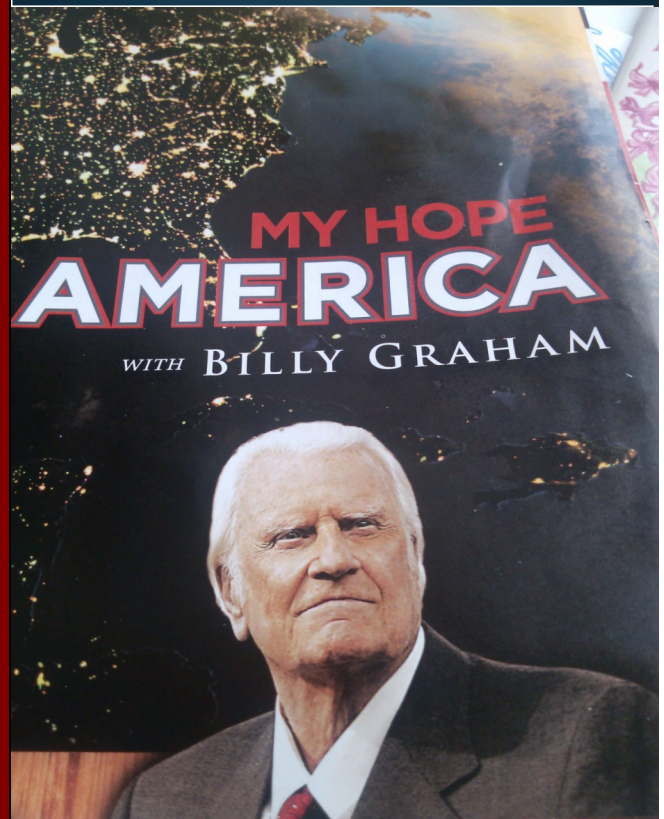
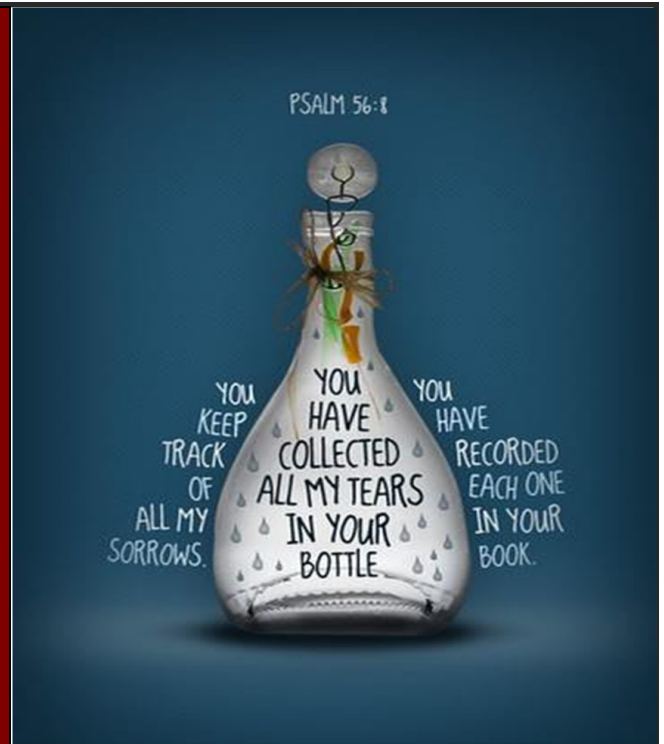
*"I will seek that which was lost, and bring back that which has strayed, and I will bandage the hurt and the crippled, and will strengthen the weak and the sick." Ezekiel 34:16a*

Several years ago, I did the *Experiencing God Bible Study* written by Henry Blackaby and Claude King. The study changed my life. I fell in love with Jesus and developed a love for God's Word. I also facilitated the study several times in a desire to help others realize that God wanted to have a personal relationship with all of us.

Years later I was privileged to attend a conference at The Cove. Henry Blackaby was the speaker and prayed with me for our son who was addicted to drugs. At the time, we did not know where he was. Henry prayed "Lord, help this mother to never give up." As the years of struggle continued, that prayer rang in my ears and gave me strength and hope.

While in Turkey on a mission trip, I was given the devotional "Experiencing God Day-by-Day" by Henry and Richard Blackaby, I have read it with renewed anticipation each year. So when the text came that asked; "Did you know Henry Blackaby is missing?" I was crushed. At that time he had been missing over 24 hours. I began to pray for he and his family, pushing away thoughts of anyone harming him. Our son came in and asked me what was wrong as tears streamed down my cheeks. I explained that Henry Blackaby was a dear friend who had prayed many years before that The Lord would help me to never give up on him to come home. My son responded, "Then don't give up on *him*." Later in the evening, I checked his website and discovered that after 29 hours he had been found. Praise the Lord our prayers had been answered. I called our son to tell him and his first words were, "I was praying for him." It hit me that Henry had prayed for our lost son. Now, years later, our son had prayed for Henry who was lost. God had brought it all full circle.

I hope this experience gives you hope in your own situation. I urge each of you to never give up on your loved one. You call to HIM and HE will call to them. These two had been lost as far as we could see but God always knows where the lost sheep are.



We will be showing the Billy Graham My Hope DVD at our office at 455 S. Church St. on November 7th at 6:30 if you would like to join us for fellowship at that time. If you cannot come down please watch it on TV in your home. You can check the airing times on Billy's website.