

GIVE THANKS  
TO THE LORD  
for He is good  
His love endures  
FOREVER

# On Wings Like a Dove

A Ministry for the Loved ones of Prodigals and Prisoners

Psalm 55:6

## Words from Sandra

Our Fall Ladies Retreat "Courage to Change" was a great time of growing in our faith and in fellowship. Our guest speaker, Lynda Simmons, led us mightily during this Retreat. Let me share her thoughts with you about it:

"I'd like to express my thoughts as well as my gratitude for a wonderful weekend with some amazing ladies at the Fall Retreat. Upon coming home I truly felt honored and humbled for the opportunity to serve the group of ladies who attended. I am reminded of how priceless the gift of giving is and when I give, I inevitably receive so much more in return. God is good like that and when we come together for His glory, we cannot help but feel blessed and richer as a result of our gathering!

In spite of the rainy weather I believe everyone had a good time and there was much rest, relaxation and restoration that took place throughout the weekend along with a renewing of the spirit! In looking at the Serenity Prayer, we focused on the Courage to Change and seeking God's wisdom to guide us in that change. Our bible verse, Ephesians 3:16 - 'I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being...' proved to be most appropriate as we tapped into our creative spirit and ultimately the Holy Spirit discovering new insights individually as well as collectively. Together we experienced laughter, tears and shared our heart-soul with each other; understanding we're all on this journey together. We do not walk alone!



I'm so grateful for the new relationships God blessed me with from our weekend and I marvel at the connection that took place between us. It

really isn't such a mystery; I know we're all connected through God's love and we truly belong to one another as His children. I think it's safe to say we were each strengthened in some way at the retreat through the activities and sharing we did. What I realized afterwards is it was definitely God's glorious riches and the Holy Spirit

within each of us that brought about that strength and His love was truly illuminated, creating a warm and welcoming experience for everyone there. Ephesians 3:17-19 goes on to say this- 'so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.' As I read that I can't help but feel, mission accomplished, prayers answered. How great is our God?

I leave you with this thought, each one of us is a shard of light and when we bring our light together, the love of God is illuminated and the world around us is brighter, more inviting. I encourage you to let your light shine so others can know the love of God through you and hopefully grab hold of the deep love of Christ so that we all may be filled 'til our cup runneth over...

Thank you again for a wonderful weekend. May we all strive to live peacefully, love freely & forgive faithfully...and find the Courage to Change as we shine on for God's glory"



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## Prayer Support Groups

### On Wings Prayer Support Group

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

### River Oaks Prayer Support

Tuesday of each week  
6:30—8:00 River Oaks Church  
Room #4.

Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall  
The group will be studying the book *Boundaries*. Books can be purchased at the study for \$5

### First Baptist Church in Sparta

meets for Prayer/Support each Monday night at 6:30.  
Leaders are Joseph and Carolyn Caldwell.

## Calvary Prayer Support Speakers

**November 2:** Katie Satterwhite will share her testimony on dealing with family mental health issues

**December 7:** Megan Anderson, Founder of Street Lights Ministry and Intern at Calvary Baptist will share with us on Setting Boundaries

**January 4:** Stephen and Michelle Powell with Transformed Lives Ministries

**February 1:** Tonya Fultz will share her testimony and about her ministry to Women Prisoners

## Urgent Need for Pen Pals for Inmates

On Wings has about thirty inmates connected with our Pen Pal Ministry. They regularly write to the Inmate to help them on their spiritual journey and let them know that someone on the outside cares. But, we have **twenty-five** Inmates on our **waiting** list. Would you consider writing an Inmate? Or telling other Christian friends about this need?

This is a great way to reach out to the prisoner as Hebrews 13:3 tells us: "Remember those who are in prison, as if you were their fellow prisoner....." You may not feel led to go into the prison but your letters can make a huge impact. On Wings sends a monthly Inmate Newsletter, with an enclosed Bible Study and when requested, we order Bibles mailed to the Inmates.

Here are just two of many responses we have received:



*"Thank you so much for writing me because my family and friends have given up on me. I never get any visits or letters except from On Wings and it means a lot to me. Now I know someone really cares".*

*"Thank you so much for the Bible you sent me. I actually jumped up and shouted. I hope you know how important it is for me to have a Bible in this place".*

It takes just a few minutes of your time and a postage stamp to make a difference in someone's life. We have very specific guidelines for writing to Inmates. Including all letters from Inmates are received at the On Wings PO Box and forwarded to the Pen Pal. If you are already writing an Inmate, many thanks for doing so, we know it makes a difference in God's Kingdom.

Our Pen Pal Coordinator is **Joan Young**. Please contact her with any questions and to be setup as an On Wings Pen Pal.

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## Prayer Thoughts

by Janet Linville

*Psalms 92:5a – "O Lord, how great are thy works!"  
Fall is my favorite time of the year. I love the crisp weather (not too cold, and not too hot), the beautiful and different colors of the leaves, sitting by a campfire with family and friends, and visiting the NC Mountains. Have you ever looked at the beauty of this earth and been in awe of God's glory and had the thought, 'How great is our God?'*

*I am currently in a Bible study by Henry and Richard Blackaby called, "Experiencing God, Knowing and Doing the Will of God". Have you ever experienced God? Have you experienced Him lately? Before you can experience God you have to have a personal relationship with Him. Romans 10:13 says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." And in John 10:10b, Jesus said, "...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." This is God's promise to anyone who simply calls on Him.*

*Isn't God awesome? Why not have life more abundantly? You can in Christ Jesus. Call upon Him. He is pursuing a love relationship with you. So...Have you ever experienced God? Have you experienced Him lately?*

## On Wings Prayer Coordinator

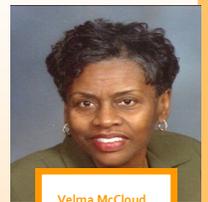
On Wings is excited to announce that we have a new Prayer Coordinator, **Janet Linville**. At On Wings, we get many prayer requests and prayer is a significant part of our journey. We take these prayer requests seriously and know it's very important to have a specific person coordinating this area. We are doubly blessed to have **Velma McCloud** assist Janet with this prayer ministry.



Janet Linville

*Janet has been married 46 years and she and her husband have three children and one grandchild. Janet recently said "My heart's desire is to see women come to know God in a deeper, loving relationship. I can't express the importance of spending time alone with God every day. This is where we meet with God and He with us. We need to seek His face daily for wisdom and guidance. This comes only*

*through daily prayer and reading His Word. In Priscilla Shirer's new Bible study, "The Armor of God", she says that prayer gives us an audience with the Father. In other words, we have direct access to God through our prayers. I think that's pretty awesome. Psalms 5:3 "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up."*



Velma McCloud

Using principles from his New York Times bestseller "The Circle Maker", Mark Batterson shares a perfect blend of Biblical yet practical advice that will revolutionize your relationship with your children. As you discover an entirely new way of praying, you'll see how prayer is your secret weapon. Batterson shares five prayer circles that will help you not only pray for your children but also pray through your children. These books will be available in the Prayer Room at the On Wings office. Come visit us and pick one up!

