

On Wings Like a Dove

A Ministry for the Loved ones of Prodigals and Prisoners

Psalm 55:6

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

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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

In July we will take a break. Kickoff will be Monday, August 29.

River Oaks Prayer Support

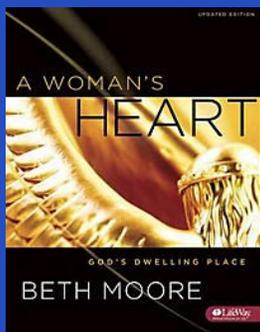
Weekly on Thursdays
June and July
6:30—8:00 River Oaks Church
Room #4.

Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall
The group is studying the book *Circle Maker* by Mark Batterson.

First Baptist Church in Sparta

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

Ladies Bible Study



Join us on
Tuesdays
12:30 to
2:00 at the
On Wings
Office. We
will be
studying
Beth
Moore's "A

Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place" Grow closer to our Lord and to other ladies sharing in the prodigal journey.

Get Your Feet Wet

My friend, Debbie, and I went to the mountains for a retreat. We have a friend who has a special piece of property called the *Potter's House* and was kind enough to allow us a visit there. There is no internet or TV and spotty cell phone service. It's the perfect place to get alone with the Lord and close out the outside world. In my readings God took me to Joshua 1:16, "All you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go." This passage is the the On Wings 2016 focus passage. All He commands us to do we vow to do.

As I read in Joshua 1:5 God reminded us of His promise that He would not fail or forsake us. There are many times we need to hear that because there are days our knees get shaky. Lord help my unbelief, right?

In Joshua 4:3 the people were commanded to step into the Jordan, gather twelve stones and take them back to their place of lodging. Likewise, Debbie and I stepped into the Jordan on the property (the brook) and gathered twelve stones which we brought back to our prayer room at On Wings. They are a constant reminder (a spiritual marker) of His call to us to get our feet wet in obedience to Him that day.

On our return to the cabin, I opened the *Circle Maker* book, written by Mark Batterson, and the page fell open to the section entitled, *Wet Feet*. The scripture instructed, "When you reach the banks of the Jordan River, take a few steps into the river." We often want God to part the waters so we don't get our feet wet, especially because the water was frigid at the time we were there, but God kept impressing on us to step into the Jordan that day.

The *Circle Maker* goes on to say, "Its often our unwillingness to take a step of faith and get our feet wet that keeps us from experiencing a miracle. God is waiting for us to get our feet wet. Some people spend their entire lives on the eastern shore of the Jordan wait-

ing for God to part the river while God waits for them to get their feet wet. Many people never see God part the Jordan River in their lives because their feet are firmly planted on dry ground. We're waiting for God to make a move while God is waiting for us to make a move. We say to God, "Why don't you part this river." And God says to us, "Why don't you get your feet wet? But if you make a move, you'll see God move. And He can move heaven and earth".

Back home, I went to my friend Patti H. Sheets studio. She had this painting that totally spoke to me. I bought the picture to remind me of this season in my life when God called me to get my feet wet. I envision the girl sitting with her feet in the water as myself, not only getting my feet wet but lingering there for further instructions from Him for my life. I have it on the wall beside my bed and look at it often while asking myself, "Sandra, are you willing to get your feet wet"? Are you willing to step out in faith and obedience to do whatever I call you to do? If we would just step in when we don't see the plan or purpose the waters will part in our particular circumstances and miracles may occur.



As we get our feet wet, I believe God has opened up avenues for us to expand our Bible outreach to the inmates bringing in the funds to accomplish that month after month. That has been a true miracle of God. We have not seen all He is up to yet as we obey even the craziest of promptings from the Holy Spirit.

Are you willing to get your feet wet? No matter how crazy it sounds take my word, He is waiting for you to step in the water as an act of obedience. If you want God to move, you have to make a move often times and just be willing to get your feet wet.

CAROL KENT

WAITING — Together —

Hope and Healing for Families of Prisoners



Due to events beyond your control, you find yourself with a loved one in prison. What now? Carol Kent has been there and knows what it's like to have life flipped upside down. She writes "Waiting Together" from a heart that understands what it's like to navigate a new normal, offering hope and healing from a Biblical perspective. This 90-day guide, filled with devotions, prayers, and Scripture, comforts hurting hearts and shows how God can bless families in similar situations.

At the recent CMCA Summit Conference in Atlanta, Carol Kent shared her testimony about her son. This devotional book I suggest you get for yourself. I am reading it now and it takes me back to so many of the emotions and struggles I went through in my own journey. I believe it will minister to you especially if you have or, have ever had, a loved one in prison.

Prayer Thoughts

The Power of the Tongue

By Janet Linville

I love the book of James in the Bible. If you are not familiar with this particular book, I would like to challenge you to read it in its entirety. It's only 5 chapters long, but contains a wealth of knowledge, one being the use of our tongues.

We have the option of either speaking words of encouragement to someone or words of condemnation to them every time we open our mouth. Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof". Meaning, I think, that what we speak comes back to us.

We must have patience in controlling our tongue. Short tempered people, Christians included, have a tendency to immediately attack someone who has said something to us that hurt our feelings or that we strongly disagreed with, so we feel compelled to voice our opinion or feelings right back to them. James 3:5 states, "Even so the tongue is a little member and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

Controlling our tongues might be one of the most difficult things for us to do. James 3:8-12 says, "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceeded blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree my brethren bear olive berries? Either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh".

Are you having trouble controlling your tongue? Ask God to stop you in your tracks before you speak any words that are not pleasing to Him. Psalms 19:14 – "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy site, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer".

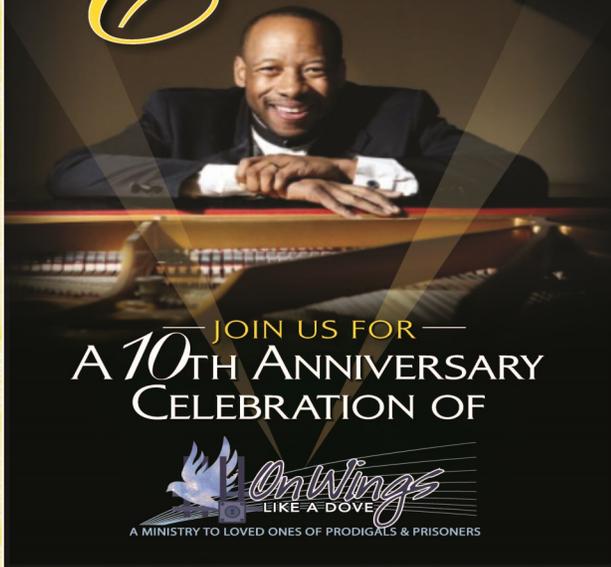
Prayer: Psalm 55:17 - "Evening and morning and at noon will I pray and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice".

Praise: Psalm 89:5 - "And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Lord: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints".

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