

A newsletter from On Wings Like A Dove Ministry

January 2020 Vol. 16 Issue 1

**455 South Church Street  
Winston Salem, NC**  
Office Hours:  
Tuesday-Thursday 10am-2pm  
or by appointment 336-829-5060  
[sandra@onwingslikeadove.com](mailto:sandra@onwingslikeadove.com)  
[www.onwingslikeadove.com](http://www.onwingslikeadove.com)

**PRAYER SUPPORT  
at On Wings Office  
January 6  
—6:30 to 8:00 pm—  
Roger Smith will share**

### *Prayer Support Groups*

**River Oaks Church  
Clemmons, NC  
Meet in Room #4  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays@6:30 pm  
~Currently~  
We will be watching various  
videos on addiction  
Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall**

**First Baptist Church  
Sparta, NC  
Wednesday night@6:30 pm  
Currently studying  
*It's Not Supposed To Be This Way*  
by Lysa TerKeurst  
Led by Joe & Carolyn Caldwell**

### *Ladies Bible Study*

**Each Tuesday at On Wings Office  
from 12:30-2:00**

**We will begin a  
New Study 1/7  
The Circle Maker and  
Draw the Circle Study**

## *The Soldiers of Darkness and Light*

(Taken from: THE BOOK OF MYSTERIES by Jonathan Cahn)

HE LED ME across a large valley and toward a mountain on its other side. "Imagine," said the teacher, "you had to make your way across this valley, to get to that mountain as fast as you could. But the valley is filled with soldiers, half of them dressed in white and half in black. As you try to make your way across the valley, you discover the soldiers in white are there to help you across and to get you to the mountain as quickly as possible. But you soon discover that the soldiers in black are there for the opposite purpose. They battle the soldiers in white, resisting every step of advance. Finally, after a long and arduous battle, you make it across to the base of the mountain on the other side. The battle is over. It is then that you notice a strange thing – the soldiers in black begin removing their outer garments to reveal garments of white underneath. The soldiers in black were really soldiers in white. The soldiers were all on the same side. And the ultimate goal wasn't to bring you to the other side as fast as possible but to get you there at the exact right time. And for that to happen, both the soldiers in white and the soldiers in black had to fulfill their mission. And though it looked like war, both sides were actually working together for your good. So then which side was against you?"

"Neither," I said. "Both were battling for my benefit."

"Exactly," he said. "And so it is written in the Book of Romans that 'God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.' So if you love God and belong to Him, He will work all things in your life together for good, the good and the evil, the beautiful and the ugly, the joyous and the sorrowful, the problems and the triumphs, all for your blessing and good. Now if both the good and the bad are working for your good, then in the end, was there any bad?"

"No, if even the bad is working for my good, then it's ultimately good."

"And so for the child of God, for you, there are only two realities ... blessings ... and blessings in disguise. Sometimes the blessings are very well disguised, but they remain blessings nevertheless. Hold on to this. And learn to see and believe through the disguise. And remember, it only looks like a battlefield. But in the end, you will see it as it always was, a field of blessings where even your darkest enemies – your greatest adversities – were, in the end, your blessings in disguise."

*The Mission:* Give thanks today for all your blessings, and for all your blessings in disguise – those of the past and the still-disguised blessings of the present. *Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 8:28*

- Sandra

## 2020 Vision

I have been looking forward to 2020 because of its very implication. We all desire 20/20 vision which allows us to see perfectly, near and far without dependence on glasses or contacts.

At the end of each year we begin seeking the Lord for His vision for On Wings for the New Year. Much time is spent alone with God in His Word and in prayer while seeking His vision. A time of self-examination begins with repentance and confession so that nothing fogs our ability to hear from Him and see His vision for us in reaching the world.

As the Under-Shepherd of On Wings, it is my job to bring clear vision to our board members as well as being open to their input as they have sought the Lord. Each member has a gift and each one has an intimate relationship with the Lord who gives them vision as well.

We usually read a book in December to prepare our hearts and minds to make His vision clear to us as He reveals it in our annual planning meeting through much prayer and discussion. We spend the first hour reading scripture and praying together. We then address each outreach that we sense God is asking us to continue focusing on in the new year and ask Him for direction for new ways in which we can reach families, prodigals and our community for Christ.

The main thing we have learned is not to come to the table with our plans but to watch to see where God is working and join Him. We need a sense of direction, but He is to be our navigator because He sees ahead. Following His plan is so much easier and effective than ours. If He is in it, it will not fail!

Examine your heart this New Year and be open to His plan for you and your family. Allow Him to change your plan if He desires. Believe me, His way is better

May 2020 be a year of blessing,

 Sandra



## Prayer Thoughts

BY JANET LINVILLE

### ENDURING PRAYERS

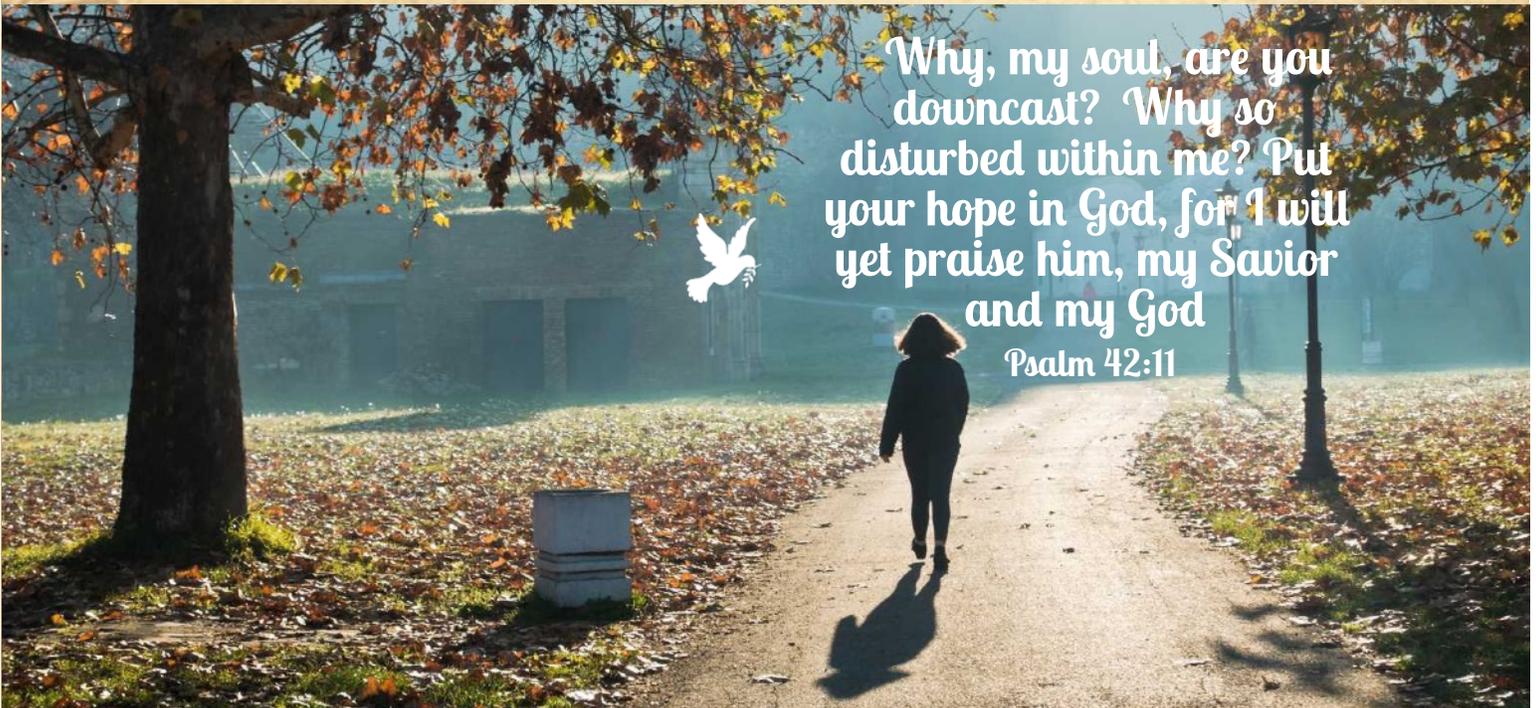
"Prayers are deathless." These are the attention-grabbing words of E. M. Bounds, whose classic writings on prayer have inspired people for generations. His comments about the power and enduring nature of our prayers continue with these words: "The lips that uttered them may be closed to death, the heart that felt them may have ceased to beat, but the prayers live before God, and God's heart is set on them and prayers outlive the lives of those who uttered them; they outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world."

Have you ever wondered if your prayers—particularly those birthed out of difficulty, pain, and suffering—ever make it to God? The insightful words from Bounds remind us of the significance of our prayers and so does Revelation 8:1-5. The setting is heaven, the throne room of God and the control center of the universe. Angelic attendants stand in God's presence and one angel, like the priests of old, offers Him incense along with the prayers of "all God's people". How eye-opening and encouraging to have this picture of the prayers offered on earth rising to God in Heaven. When we think that our prayers may have been lost in transit or forgotten, what we see here comforts us and compels us to persist in our praying, for our prayers are precious to God

When have you questioned whether God really listens to your prayers? How can passages like Revelation 8:1-5 breathe new life into them?

Prayer: Father, I thank You that You care more than we sometimes know. Help me to rest in knowing Your eyes are upon the righteous and Your ears are open to our prayers.

(taken from "Our Daily Bread" devotional)



Why, my soul, are you  
downcast? Why so  
disturbed within me? Put  
your hope in God, for I will  
yet praise him, my Savior  
and my God

Psalm 42:11