



A Newsletter from On Wings Like A Dove Ministry

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### Prayer Support Groups

NO Prayer Support  
July or August  
~ Save the date ~  
Prayer Support Kickoff  
September 8th at 6:30

River Oaks Church  
Clemmons, NC  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays  
at 6:30 pm  
Room #4  
Led by Jeff & Sherye Hall

### Ladies Bible Study

In July & August  
we will change the format  
to a brief study, a movie,  
or outings.

We will begin a new Bible  
Study in September.

Those who attended the  
Retreat will meet July 9th  
with Dawn Bray for further  
teaching and ministry at  
10am at On Wings

## That's What God Do

After Tim came to live at the men's On Wings of Hope House we all got tickled when he kept saying, "That's what God do!" We love to hear him say it and we ourselves find we repeat the phrase often.

A few weeks ago, I met in the On Wings Prayer Room with Gary Byrum, a dear friend for over thirty years. He served in leadership in my church for much of that time. His Godly reputation and loyal character did not escape my notice, but I can tell you I never dreamed that God had a plan to bring us together in service to Him.

It began at a women's conference I attended with my friend Barbara, that I almost did not attend. The table filled quickly and my friend's wife sat beside me. At the break I leaned over and said, "how is Gary doing these days?" She shared that he had stepped away from his job and was looking to volunteer. Immediately I said, "Have him call me". A week later he did and that is when we found ourselves chatting in the Prayer Room.

I began to share some volunteer options I knew he might be interested in but God had other plans. Out of the blue I began sharing how I had been praying for someone to come alongside me to take over some of the administrative duties of the ministry. All of a sudden, Gary voiced a proposal to do just that which would allow me to fulfill God's call for me to write and allow me to concentrate more on the hurting people that come to On Wings, which is my first love.

It took my breath away that God would love and care for me so much that He would orchestrate setting Gary's wife, Jan, right beside me at a conference, have me ask about Gary, and then bring us together in a meeting for such a time as this. What a blessed surprise! Needless to say, my mind started churning and I began to imagine what this process could mean both for the on going of God's ministry to so many hurting people let alone to me personally. We talked several more times, prayed, and sought the Lord in His Word for direction and confirmation. This is the passage God took me to:

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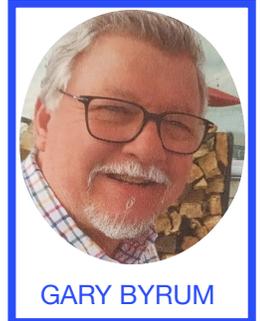
"Now this man Potiphar was the captain of the king's bodyguard and his chief executioner. The Lord greatly blessed Joseph there in the home of his master, so that everything he did succeeded. Potiphar noticed this and realized that the Lord was with Joseph in a very special way. So, Joseph naturally became quite a favorite with him. Soon he was put in charge of the administration of Potiphar's household and all his business affairs. At once the Lord began blessing Potiphar for Joseph's sake. All his household affairs began to run smoothly, his crops flourished, and his flocks multiplied. So, Potiphar gave Joseph the complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. He hadn't a worry in the world with Joseph there" Genesis 39:1-6

After reading this Scripture I knew God had spoken His perspective. Gary was a type of Joseph. I called a meeting of the Board, presented the way God had orchestrated each step and we voted unanimously in favor of calling Gary to be the Logistics Coordinator for On Wings Like a Dove. We look

forward to great and mighty things of God to take place in the coming days. Please pray for us as we work out the processes and ways that God wants to work things for His glory and the good of His ministry going forward.

That's what God do!

~ Sandra



GARY BYRUM



# Volunteer Opportunities

## **WE NEED**

Male and Female Mentors to walk alongside the men and women in On Wings of Hope Houses.

We have 2 more men arriving in July and a woman arriving in September.

## **WE NEED**

a Mentor Coordinator for the men and women's houses

## **WE NEED**

transporters for the women beginning in September to take the ladies to doctors appointments, probation appointments, and to provide food and fellowship in the home on occasion. If that is something you feel you can do on an on-call basis, let us know.

Kathy's Korner



## *How Firm a Foundation*

The Tuesday Bible Study Group has been studying the book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah was a Hebrew, who served as cupbearer to Persian King Artaxerxes during the time that the conquered Hebrew people were exiled to Persia. After the Temple was rebuilt in Jerusalem under priest Ezra's leadership, Nehemiah felt burdened because the city's protective walls remained destroyed, leaving his beloved city vulnerable. Nehemiah discerned God leading him to return to Jerusalem to take charge of the work to rebuild the walls. This book is God's account of the rebuilding process.

Nehemiah Chapter 8 details the many people involved in rebuilding Jerusalem's wall. The wall had to be built on a firm and sure foundation, and the people worked together to ensure that there were no gaps in the wall. It is worth noting the dimensions of this wall, which had been originally built by King Hezekiah: 25 feet high, 22 feet thick(!), 2.5 miles long; it was rebuilt in only 52 days! This huge wall was not constructed by one person, but by a community, working together under God-ordained leadership.

How similar this is to my life with my Christian brothers and sisters. We are building our lives on the firm and sure foundation of Jesus Christ, who is our Cornerstone (Ephesians 2: 19-22). When I need help continuing to build, or the wall comes under attack and starts to be shaken, a sister or brother steps in to help bear my load.

How do I build on the foundation that is laid in Jesus Christ? By spending daily time in the Word of God (II Timothy 3:16-17), by spending time in prayer throughout each day (I Thessalonians 5:16-18) and by actively involved in a community of fellow believers for support, encouragement, exhortation and accountability (Hebrews 10:24-25).

God's graciousness and faithfulness is clearly evident throughout the book of Nehemiah. The people responded with joy, mourning, confession of sins and renewing their relationship with the LORD God

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the LORD, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!..." (1787 hymn, author unknown)



## *Prayer Thoughts* **Giving Out of Love**



**Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.**

**Matthew 6:4**

Every day, Glen purchases his morning coffee at a nearby drive-through. And every day he also pays for the order of the person in the car behind him, asking the cashier to wish that person a good day. Glen has no connection to them. He's not aware of their reactions; he simply believes this small gesture is "the least he can do." On one occasion, however, he learned of the impact of his actions when he read an anonymous letter to the editor of his local newspaper. He discovered that the kindness of his gift on July 18, 2017, caused the person in the car behind him to reconsider their plans to take their own life later that day.

Glen gives daily to the people in the car behind him without receiving credit for it. Only on this single occasion did he get a glimpse of the impact of his small gift. When Jesus says we should "not let [our] left hand know what [our] right hand is doing" (Matthew 6:3), He's urging us to give—as Glen does—without need for recognition. When we give out of our love for God, without concern for receiving the praise of others, we can trust that our gifts—large or small—will be used by Him to help meet the needs of those receiving them.

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