

Be still and know that I am God Psalm 46:10

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Prayer Support Groups

Prayer Support Kickoff Thursday, September 8th 6:30 pm Hayworth Miller on Silas Creek Parkway at Robert Miller bldg in back Tim Greene, our first Hope House resident will share. Please come and invite others to come with you

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

Ladies Bible Study

Each Tuesday At On Wings Office From 12:30-2:00

We will have a Fellowship Luncheon Sept 20th at 12:30

Beginning September 27th Kay Eyler will lead a 10 week study called Emotions That Destroy by Chip Ingram Plan to come join us



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A Blessed. Day

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you use it will be measured back to you" Luke 6:3

Recently I spent a day filled with blessing. Tim Greene, who is the House Manager at On Wings of Hope men's house gave his powerful testimony at a breakfast for our Bible Study Fellowship class. Two other residents, Johnny and Sam also attended

After the breakfast and sharing time, we all went to the On Wings Like a Dove office to load up around 80 book bags for the local community. Several people were involved in preparing the bags as well as donating supplies. Calvary Baptist donated 25 bags which helped us bless the children in the community.

We pulled up, unloaded and within five minutes the children began coming. They called out their grade and the guys gave them a book bag filled with school supplies specific to their grade.

To witness the joy on the faces of the children is always priceless. I am energized by the ability to give to the needs of these precious children. The expense of school supplies these days is so high that many of these families struggle to provide what their child needs to be successful in school. Often it is too difficult to put food on the table, much less all the other needs they have.

We gave out of the bags and had no more to give when two more little ones came up to get a bag. The response of our guys was priceless as they passed out the supplies. The most touching thing was to hear one of them say, "I'm going to go get some more supplies and come back". He explained how he used to be one of those kids in need and he wanted to give back now that he was able.

We often have the wrong impression that we are teaching and pouring into the lives of our residents, but we need to step back and realize what they are teaching us as they open their hand to give to others even though they don't have much themselves or to forgive someone as Christ has forgiven us.

The next day, Tim misplaced his keys before church and he was in a panic because he didn't have another way to get there. We prayed and God revealed the location of his keys and he joined us for worship even though he was a little late.

It made me think about how we take for granted our privilege to attend worship. Sadly, we might have just said, "Oh well, I am going to be late so I will just stay home. Not Tim! He was frantically searching for another way to get to church if he didn't find his keys. He longs for the praise, the worship time, and the fellowship of fellow believers. That should be our desire as well.

I posted this on Facebook: "How would we feel if God only gave us the time, and attention we give Him? Would we feel forgotten? He says, My people have forgotten Me days without number". I pray we will keep pressing on and learning from these guys as they give back in

our community with a huge demonstration of God's love and mercy. We have so much to learn from them. If you want a blessing, just come sit with these who once were captive to the devil's wiles but now rejoice in their freedom. Count your many blessings today, name them one by one.

Come join us September 8, 2022 at 6:30 to hear Tim's powerful testimony. Be Blessed as you serve our Lord wherever He has called you.

~ Sandra



"All our lives long we might talk of Jesus, and yet

we should never come to an end of the sweet things that might be said of Him. Eternity will not be long enough to learn all He is, or to worship Him for all He has done, but then, that matters not; for we shall be always with Him, and we desire nothing more."

~ A.W. Tozer

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Prayer Thoughts

HEART VS. HEAD Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. PROVERBS 3:5

Your own understanding is simply your own mental processes — your own human thinking. In other words, we could read this verse, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own head." Faith will work in your heart with doubt in your head! Many Christians are defeated because when a doubt enters their mind, they say, "I'm doubting." But Jesus didn't say, ". . . and shall not doubt in his head." Jesus said, ". . . and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe . . " (Mark 11:23). It's heart faith that gets the job done — not head faith. Some of the greatest miracles that have ever happened come when you begin to make such faith statements such as, "I believe from my heart that I receive ... " - even though your head is saying, "It's not so. It's not so!" Do you ever have trouble with your head? Then just trust in the Lord with all your heart (not your head), and lean not unto your own understanding! Believe in your heart that what God's Word says is true.

Fully Known and Loved by You

Recently my husband and I returned from our second annual journey to the American West. As we talked about and prepared for the

trip, our excitement grew, fueled by good memories from last year's trip and anticipation of new sights and adventures in this trip.

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During the trip, we saw a family we had not seen for a while, friends from the distant past who are now far away, and a daughter who is working in Idaho for the summer. We visited five national parks, the size and beauty of which overwhelmed us and inspired to worship God, Whose majesty and creativity were clearly evident everywhere we looked. We also had extended times of being together – just the two of us – in the car, in hotels, even amid crowds of other tourists.

This last point probably held the most hopeful excitement for us. Last year, our first annual journey to the West was our first time since our honeymoon to have an extended period of being together, just him and me. We talked, discussed podcasts, listened to recorded books, explored feelings, discussed what was right and what needed improvement in our relationship. Our relationship grew, was strengthened and greatly improved after spending daily and quality time together.

My relationship with the Father is much the same. When I spend daily and quality time with Him I learn more about Who He is, how much He loves me, what He desires of our relationship, what is right – and what needs improvement. Do I talk with God about what is going on during the day? Things that make me laugh, cry, rejoice or grieve? Do I tell Him when I am in awe of His creation, or just in awe of Him? Do I take our relationship for granted, or am I intentionally working to improve it?

Near the end of our journey, when we were almost home, I turned on the radio to hear "Known", by Tauren Wells, playing: "I'm fully known and loved by You; You won't let me go no matter what I do. And it's not one or the other. It's hard truth and ridiculous grace to be fully known and loved by You."

Christians talk about "knowing God"; indeed, we must devote ourselves to the lifelong goal of knowing Him. The apostle Paul "...counted all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,..." (Philippians 3: 8) At best, though, our knowledge of Him in this life will be greatly limited, as Paul also wrote, "...now I know in part, but then I shall know fully, just as I am fully known." (I Corinthians 13:12)

Meditate on this last point. I am (you are!) fully known by the LORD God, your Creator, your Savior, your Judge! David marveled, "LORD, You have searched me and You know me." (Psalm 139:1) Meditate on this, too: Not only does God know you, but He loves you. "We love, because He first loved us." (I John 4:19). my gaze off my circumstances and look to Him. On Wings founder, Sandra posted on Facebook a couple of weeks ago, "Dwell on the things you have to be grateful for today, not on what you don't have. You might list them down, then praise God for them. Praise drives the enemy away."

A good practice to try today!.

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