



A Newsletter from On Wings Like A Dove Ministry

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### *Ladies Bible Study*

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

We are studying  
Tools for Living Courageously  
Led by Lori Hauswirth  
Board Certified Coach

9 week study  
(Began September 23)

This study was developed to  
meet our overwhelming need  
to understand our emotions

Come Join Us!



### *Compelled to Serve*

**"Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power"**  
Psalm 110:3

I want to share a devotional taken from Experiencing God Day by Day by Henry Blackaby that struck me years ago as I began gathering volunteers for our On Wings Like a Dove outreach. I wanted to share it here with you:

"One mark of revival, during which God comes to His people in power, is that God's people are compelled to offer their lives for His service. Many churches lack people who are willing to get involved in carrying out God's redemptive work. The mission fields are crying out for Christians to go and share the gospel with those who've never heard it. What we need is not more pleas for volunteers, but an outpouring of the power of God. When God comes among His people in power, there is never a shortage of volunteers or resources for His work!

Only the power of God can free us from our natural self-centeredness and reorient us toward the mission of God. There is no need to pray that God will come in power. That is the only way He ever comes. We need hearts that are so responsive to Him that He will choose to demonstrate His power through us. Is your heart so filled with love for God that you are watching for the first opportunity to say with Isaiah, "Here am I. Send me!"?

I have watched as the power of the Holy Spirit has touched people over the years to join in what God is doing with the efforts of On Wings Like a Dove as they may have interceded for our needs, by ministering to the families of prodigals, by stuffing newsletters monthly, by ordering over 18,000 Bibles and sending Bible Study Correspondence Courses each week to prisoners, by designing our monthly newsletters, by managing our Pen Pal requests, by making and distributing Treasure Boxes to prisoners children, by working in our Resource Center, by serving on the Board or coming weekly to answer a call, write a letter, take care of our finances, provide IT assistance, be a mentor to a resident, by donating financially, do cleaning chores weekly, to teach, pray, and/or love on those we serve in one way or another. They have each one done all they could to share God's Word in our community or to a prisoner or to an ex-offender in our Hope Houses. It was amazing to watch.

We are most grateful to each one whether they have contributed once or for 19 years routinely. We could not accomplish all we do without each one participating. Many have said as they heard all the outreaches, we are involved in that they had no idea what all is accomplished through the ministry. God has led us into many adventures over the years and has changed our direction at times, but we continue to follow hard after Him as we ask for His wisdom and direction each and every day. We want to honor our Volunteers this month!

*~ Sandra*



## CHANGE



The winds of change are blowing, I see it in the trees...and the driveway and in piles around the yard.

Change is inevitable, for the trees and for us. We can count on the tree leaves changing colors every year from mid-September to October. Temperature, rainfall and the decreasing sunlight affect the exact time frame - but we expect that it will happen. It's happening now, and it will happen again around this time next year, unless the Lord returns before then. It's interesting that the colors that are emerging on the leaves have always been there, they have been hidden under the green all along. It takes the change of seasons for the beautiful colors to emerge.

We face many changes in our lives, too. Some are predictable as we age, change jobs, change homes, change interest. Some changes occur quickly and often without warning: illness, change in mobility, change in how something is done, a newly quiet house, even a clock that stops ticking. Change can be painful and is often scary, and change gives opportunity to grow.

Sometimes change can be positive. Starting a good habit or quitting a bad one can increase health and wellness. Starting new friendships, getting involved with hobbies and outside activities can be beneficial. It can be difficult to initiate change because the status quo is comfortable, or fear and doubt hinder our being able to take those first steps. Negative attitudes and mindsets often hold us back from attempting change. When change is desired, having a clear vision of what needs to change, developing a plan and putting forth a consistent effort are beneficial for success.

While change is inevitable and sometimes unpredictable for us, we are comforted knowing that God never changes and His Word is constant. What we have seen God do in the past, we can be confident that He is still doing. "Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) "I, the LORD, have not changed." (Malachai 3:6) His love and care for us will never change. His qualities and attributes - being a strong tower, a fortress, our Protector and Defender, our Provider, our Healer, our Companion and the lifter of our heads never changes. When our world seems to fall apart, we must cling to the One who is constant.

Seasons and circumstances change. God's presence and purpose remain. God uses change for growth and for doing something new. The leaves that had their colors hidden by the green, waiting to be discovered and admired, are examples of what is true for us as well. We have beautiful, amazing, stunning qualities and abilities that God desires to make shine through seasons of change, for our growth in Christ and for His glory.

Let every colorful leaf you encounter this season remind you of the beautiful work God is accomplishing in you, and give thanks.



## Prayer Thoughts



### THE ENEMY'S WHISTLE CALL

When I was a child, I remember being in a car with my mother. She was parking next to a sidewalk, and an old man with a mustache and a whistle came running out blasting his little whistle. He didn't want anyone parking in front of his house. So if he saw a car parking there, he ran out with his whistle. Most people would move because they believed they were parking illegally. But the truth was, there was nothing illegal about it, and the man had absolutely no authority to do what he was doing. But as long as he convinced people that he did have the authority, then he did. As long as they believed him, they took off. So it is with the enemy. The enemy has no real authority. But if you believe that he does, he will. The voice of sin, temptation, fear, gloom, panic, despair, and darkness - has no authority. That means you don't have to obey it or even pay it any mind. The next time the enemy tells you to do something, you just ignore it. He's only blowing his whistle.

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## LET US PRAY

James 5:16b says:

“...The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”  
(King James Version)

“...The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.”  
(New Living Translation)

This is only the second part of verse 16 and is often quoted as a standalone principle for the believer. And while it is true that God answers the prayer of a righteous person, there is more to this scripture than what can be obtained from isolating it from the rest of the passage. Verse 16 says, “Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed...” So, we can see that James is talking about the power of prayer as it relates to physical healing. Actually, the first part of that principle starts back in verse 13. “Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you...” The verses continue in that thought with answers of healing and forgiveness.

I would encourage you, as you study the scriptures, to always consider the entire context – the before and after verses - to ensure that you understand the full details of the writer. Who is speaking? Who is it addressed to? Why was it written? How does the entire passage apply to me? Here, James encourages us to fervently and effectively pray. However, notice in the previous verses that James is discussing the needs of those with physical challenges and the related struggles they face. Again, certainly the prayer principle of effectual and fervent prayer is a powerful tool in your spiritual life. And James reminds us that for those around us who are suffering, prayer is a vital tool for the believer to use to address these needs. What makes James 5:16 so useful to us today is that many of us are facing overwhelming struggles. Since you're reading this newsletter, it's likely you've encountered some of the hardest challenges of your life in recent months and years. Maybe you are even facing serious physical illness or disease. Because of that, you've turned to God's Word for encouragement, wisdom, and guidance. Well done. There is no better plan than to seek God's help and healing.

If you belong to the Lord by accepting His Son, Jesus, and believe in that truth—surrendering your life, repenting from your sins, and committing to follow Jesus—then you have access to the greatest, most indescribable power in the universe: the power of God's Holy Spirit within you. As a result, when you face problems in life, even as children of God, He answers prayer and empowers you to pray for and serve others in your circles of influence. May the Lord bless you as you reach out to Him and access the power of the Holy Spirit to minister to your prayer requests for yourself and others.

~ Written by Dr. Kent Oviatt

## F.R.E.E. WORKSHOP

# FINANCIAL RECOVERY MEETING

Is your wreckage of  
the past holding you  
back?

### DO YOU NEED HELP WITH ?

- Fixing your Credit
- Background Issues
- Money and Banking

### LEARN HOW WITH:

DARROLYN SHARP, MSM  
FACILITATOR

**EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY  
OF THE MONTH**

**STARTING OCT 12, 2025  
ONE HOUR - 4:00 - 5:00 PM**



LOCATION:  
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**EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
SUNDAY  
4:00 - 5:00 PM**







## ROLLING HILLS BOOKBAG GIVEAWAY

We were excited to distribute the 2025 Bookbags to students on August 2, 2025 in Rolling Hills and then on August 3, 2025 we distributed the remainder to the North Side of town by Church on the Street through our own Johnetta Brown. This definitely expanded our territory this year. We want to give a shout out to Friends Baptist, Galilee Baptist, Calvary Baptist and to individuals who contributed to those efforts.



**WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOUR EFFORTS**

