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## *There is Hope In Your Future*

**"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heaven ward in Christ Jesus."**

**Philippians 3:14**

I know we say it every year, but where did the year go? The word we had for On Wings in 2025 was "Press On". Little did we know how many times we would have to repeat that in moments when we did not want to press on. It has been a challenging year in many ways and a year of change and transition, which is not always a bad thing!

I wrote Philippians 3:14 in front of my 2025 journal and reminded myself of it often. My Dad was a perfect example to me as he pressed on through many of life's difficulties. I also have it as my goal, as I do a lot of self-talk to the Lord for His strength and guidance to keep pressing on through the difficulties I face. Looking back on my timeline, I can see many hard spots in my life that could have crushed me, but due to God's grace and mercy, these have all been instrumental in shaping me into the vessel He is able to use for His purposes.

The year 2026 will be our 20th year of ministry at On Wings. We are excited to see where God will take us and what word for the year He will highlight for us. We are so grateful to have had the privilege to serve you over the years. Debbie Hampton has made it possible for us to have photo books with documentation about our outreaches over the past 19 years. Often, I sit down and review each year represented as I enjoy the faces of each of you.

Many of you have come a long way from the first time we met. Many come to share their story with me with tears in their eyes and a feeling of hopelessness in their heart. Over time, you made the choice to let go of your prodigal and walk toward a path of healing for yourself, and it has been beautiful to watch. You have learned to set boundaries, stop enabling, pray scripture over your loved one, to forgive, and to laugh again.

One mother came to us almost in a fetal position. She was full of shame and hopelessness, but by the time she shared her story, realizing she was in a safe space with others walking the same journey, she was able to sit up a little straighter. I have witnessed it many times since that moment with several of our ladies. You can come out of hopelessness to the realization that there is hope for your future.

We are finishing the year with a strong study with Lori Hauswirth, learning Biblical tools for living courageously. On Wings will continue to offer studies to help you grow in your spiritual journey with our Lord, encouraging you to find the peace that only comes from Him in especially difficult situations. Consider joining us this coming year.

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### *Ladies Bible Study*

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

We will begin  
a new study  
January 6, 2026

Come Join Us!

**Merry  
Christmas  
& Happy  
New Year  
2026**





## FIXING MY GAZE

This time of year fills our senses with an abundance of lights, a steady flow of sounds, and new and enticing aromas. It becomes so easy to become distracted and overwhelmed as my senses become overstimulated and pulled in many directions.

I think back on our Savior's birth. Mary quietly holding Jesus and gazing into His face, Joseph standing nearby observing and watching. The shepherds coming to Jesus, amazed and looking at Him. Simeon, who watched and waited for years, was finally able to say, "My eyes have seen Your salvation." The first Christmas was not one of glitz and glimmer, but one of awe, excitement, and gazing at the Savior.

Hebrews 12:2 instructs us to "fix our eyes on Jesus." The Greek word for fixing our eyes is *aphorao*, which means "to turn the eyes away from other things and fix on something". We have several examples of the disciples telling people to "look at us" and looking directly and intently at someone. Stop paying attention to the distractions, the things that pull you away, and be intentional about looking at what matters.

Lights, sounds, and activities aren't the only things pulling at us this Christmas. It's often a season of anxiety, of sadness, and sometimes isolation. The "To Do" list can be overwhelming, the decorations can be daunting, and the baking a little shy of the photo Betty Crocker is displaying. There is plenty of sadness and disappointment over who might not be joining the festive meal, over words spoken out of exhaustion or anger, and over unmet expectations of ourselves and others.

When Christmas seems to be just a little too formidable: stop, breathe, and "fix our eyes on Jesus". Let Him remind us of Whom we celebrate, the joy He gives, and His peace in the midst of chaos. When anxiety and disappointments abound, *aphorao* - turn the eyes away from other things and fix on something (or Someone).

As I gaze intently on Jesus this Christmas, being grateful for His birth and His salvation, I plan to let the lights and sounds be a constant reminder to keep my eyes fixed on Him. Hebrews 12:2 goes on to read "Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." Gaze at Him and let Jesus perfect us. That is one beautiful Christmas gift!



## Prayer Thoughts

### SEEKING WHAT YOU HAVE

Did you ever buy something and afterward realize you already had it? I've done that a few times. I've actually ordered something, only to discover later that I already had it but forgot. Or maybe it looked so good that I just didn't realize. It's one thing to do that with an order, but another to do that with your life. Too many believers spend their lives trying to obtain what they already have. They seek approval and love, striving after more money and wealth while missing the true love, riches and wealth they have in God. They seek for joy and happiness in what the world has to offer, when in God they have the potential for more joy than their hearts could contain. Is that you? Are you seeking for love, acceptance, recognition, riches, status, comfort, happiness, or... from people or from this world? In truth, you already have it! Start discovering the joy of the priceless blessings you already have, and you won't spend your time seeking imitations.

Take. From Daily Sapphires  
September 11, 2025



*the greatest gift of all*

MATTHEW 1:21



# On Wings Like A Dove Banquet 2025

On Wings held our annual Banquet on October 30, 2025, inviting our Volunteers, Intercessors, and Donors to join us in celebrating all that God has done this year—and to learn about new opportunities to serve in the coming season. It was a wonderful evening filled with fellowship, a delicious meal, and meaningful sharing.

We were blessed to have George Benner, Executive Director of Jumpstart North Carolina, as our guest speaker. He shared about their incredible work inside several prisons and the new opportunities ahead. Jumpstart's program, launched in 2008 in South Carolina, provides transitional housing and community for individuals being released from prison. It's a powerful ministry that we highly recommend to anyone seeking support after release.

During the evening, we also recognized four of our faithful volunteers for their dedicated service:

- Kathy Allen, Family Care Coordinator for several years
- Lavonda Rosenberg, Hope House Women's Administrator for three years
- Dave Nickerson, Pen Pal Coordinator
- Kim Nickerson, longtime leader in our Treasure Box Outreach

Each of them has played a vital role in helping us share God's Word and love. We are deeply grateful for their faithfulness—and for every volunteer who makes our mission possible.

Our Board Treasurer, Brent Jones, also presented our Impact Sheet, highlighting how God has worked through this ministry and sharing ways supporters may feel led to partner with us in the year ahead.



As we look forward to 2026, we're excited to celebrate On Wings' 20th Anniversary next fall—and we hope you'll join us for a very special time of thanksgiving and celebration!





*On Wings* was blessed by a generous family with a beautiful new van in September, and we recently had it wrapped with our logo and website. It looks wonderful, and we are so grateful!

Because of this blessing, we were able to pass that blessing forward. Our former Dodge Caravan was donated to *The Wells Center Transition Women's House* to help transport their residents to probation appointments and other essential needs. We presented the van to Peggie Wells, the Founder and President of this ministry, and as you can see, they were thrilled to receive it.

In addition, since we have closed our Hope Houses, we were able to gift our 2004 Honda Odyssey to Lavonda Rosenberg, who faithfully served as our Women's Administrator for three years. She plans to use it for her cleaning service—another wonderful way the gift continues to serve others.

We give all glory to God! Thank You, Jesus, for providing for every need—always right on time. We are continually amazed by Your goodness and provision.





