



**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold, the new has come**

2 Corinthians 5:17



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### *Ladies Bible Study*

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

We will begin  
a new study on  
January 6, 2026  
"The Bait of Satan"  
By John Bevere

Come Join Us!

### *Save the Date!*

Ladies Tea  
February 21, 2026  
10 am  
Calvary Baptist Church



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## *Twentieth Year*

**"I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness"**

Isaiah 42:6-7

The year 2026 marks our 20th year in ministry. Twenty years ago, God called me to step aside from facilitating women's Bible Studies to a new adventure. I must admit I resisted at first because I loved what I was doing. Thankfully, I answered His call, but it took me a while to realize what He was calling me to do. I tried going into the prison to teach women His Word, but the door kept closing. One day, I went to talk with one of our pastors about a burden in my heart regarding the heartbreak of parents who had a loved one in prison or addiction. I felt, as a church, we were lacking in ministering to them. There was definitely a great void of ministry to both the prodigal and their families.

As the Lord would have it, this pastor had recently received a call from a couple inquiring if the church had a support group for families going through this very struggle. He asked me if I would be willing to reach out to them, and I agreed to.

My husband and I had them over for dinner and were told that the husband was going to go to a Federal Prison in the days ahead. We agreed to walk with them through the process because we knew the fear and the shame it brought. It was a difficult day for this couple as he turned himself in. Hearing the prison doors close not only sent a shudder down the wife's spine, but mine as well, as I remember when our son walked into prison.

So much is unknown for the person who faces the consequences of their actions, as well as for the one who loves them as they walk away. This wife expressed the comfort she felt by simply having someone there who would walk beside her as she faced the difficult days ahead. That's when I realized what God's plan was for my life from that day forward. He had brought me through many years of struggle so that I could help those walking through the same journey.

Our name came from Psalm 55:6 "Oh that I had wings like a dove and could be at rest". That's what my heart cried for as we lived out our nightmare. In answer to my prayer, a dove came to land at my feet, and I told the Lord I couldn't go on another day without a sign that He was with me. The dove gave me hope and courage to face what was coming our way. God has been faithful to supply all our needs for 20 years, and I know He will as long as we are in operation.

*~ Sandra*



"I feel the winds of God today, today my sail I lift," starts an old hymn from the 1900s. As we enter into a new year, I wonder where the winds of God will be taking us.

Last year while visiting family, we took a sailboat out into the Potomac River. The sun was shining, the wind perfect, and the sailor experienced. He understood the need to capture the wind in the sails and position the boat and sails so as to maximize the wind's power. When he did, we silently, peacefully sailed through the water. Occasionally, the wind would shift or we'd change direction and the sails would luff – flap loudly in the wind. The peace and tranquility would be replaced with a cacophony of sound and we'd be still in the water until the sails were trimmed and adjusted to harness the wind again.

Thinking back on that pleasant afternoon, I recall the first thing to do to enjoy our sailing adventure – the ropes mooring us to the pier had to be released. As I start my sailing adventure this year, what ropes are still holding me back? Our Tuesday Bible Study at OWLAD recently completed a study on "Tools for Living Courageously," written and led by Lori Hauswirth. We looked at the lies we believe versus the truth, how our past affects us, how God sees us, shame, anger and the need for appropriate boundaries. A false belief system of who I am in Christ can keep me moored to the pier. A sailor needs a compass for direction and a map to guide in order to get to a desired destination or to return home. The Holy Spirit is our Compass and Map, pointing us in the right direction and guiding us along the path. A sailboat needs good sails to harness the wind and an understanding of tacking to maximize the potential. The Bible and prayer help me to harness the Holy Spirit's power to walk in obedience to Christ. Using sails rather than oars lets me rely on God's power rather than on my own.

Sometimes sailing requires a time of waiting for the unseen wind to reemerge. Our spiritual life frequently has times of waiting – waiting for prayers to be answered. Waiting for direction. Waiting for peace. It amazed me as we were sailing to hear the helmsman say, "we have wind coming up off the starboard side; we'll feel a gust in a few seconds." He had learned to read the signs of wind on the water, and had prepared for its arrival. We, too, can learn to read signs of God's presence and to prepare to adjust our lives to Him.

Sailing takes practice, time spent on the boat, working the sails, learning the waves and the wind. Our walk with Christ takes discipline, studying His Word, time in prayer, and going to church. The more time we do these disciplines, the more we understand God.

A larger sailboat needs a crew, people to work the rope and the sails and to turn the rudder. We need a crew, too, like-minded people coming alongside to encourage, exhort, pray with and share with us. My afternoon sailing was a delight. I enjoyed God's creation and I learned more about Him, too.

Jesse Adams's hymn, with which I began this article, ends with this verse:

"Great Pilot of my onward way, Thou wilt not let me drift. I feel the winds of God today, today my sail I lift."

Fair winds and following seas to you in 2026! "It's smooth sailing all the way with God of the Angel Armies."



## Prayer Thoughts

WHERE NEXT, LORD?

Isaiah 30:21

"Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk in it...'"

In his classic work, *The Pursuit of God*, A. W. Tozer wrote that every true believer has a motivator — a deep-seated desire within — a driving force that is the passionate pursuit of God. To pursue Him to such a degree that in the end we might hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

God has established our life's course, and that leads us to naturally assume that He knows where we ought to plant our feet. Our responsibility is to ask, "Where next, Lord?" I am convinced that God desires to lead us more than we could possibly imagine and that His voice goes out more frequently than we might have considered.

If God desires to lead us day by day, isn't it reasonable to conclude that He is also speaking to us by His Spirit through His Word, daily? And since the scripture commands "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17), shouldn't we pray ceaselessly because He desires to converse with us continually? That makes sense to me, and I believe it made sense to the prophet Isaiah as well.

Through Isaiah's words, you can hear how eager and willing the Lord is to speak to us. Christian, what appointments has God designed for you today? Pursue Him. Expect Him to speak to you often and personally. Turn your full attention toward waiting for and listening to His still small voice. God is close at hand, and He promises to guide you every step of the way.

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Real Life with Jack Hibbs  
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# Open and Closed Doors

"I have placed before you an open door  
that no one can shut"

Revelation 3:8

In 2025 we found ourselves pressing on through many obstacles and it was a difficult journey but beneficial as we continued to obey every step God led us on.

As we think back on our On Wings of Hope efforts for three years we have mixed emotions. God certainly closed the door on our housing program, but He didn't close the door of our hearts to reach out to those in prison or to those who have been released. Our goal is to help them grow in their spiritual walk.

I ran across a devotional in Henry Blackaby's Day by Day Devotional and it encouraged me so much. I'll share a little of it here: "When Paul and Silas were thrown into prison at Philippi, it appeared that the door to their ministry in Greece had been violently and firmly closed (Acts 16:22-24). The reality of their situation, however, was that their Lord had opened a door of ministry to a previously unreached group of men in prison.

From a human perspective, a door had been closed; from God's perspective, Paul and Silas continued to minister exactly where God wanted them to. What an encouragement as we believe God has slung the door open to develop an alliance with JumpStart NC. One of our Board members, Lisa and I are in training now to get inside the prison and facilitate discussions based on the writing of Rick Warren in his book, "The Purpose Driven Life". It has been on my bucket list to go in and teach the unreached and those desiring a stronger relationship with God. What better way to help these men and women understand that God has a purpose and plan for their lives. He has not given up on them and can use them right where they are. We hear of so many prisoners who are leading Bible Studies or times of prayer in their camps. Many have surrendered their lives to the Lord and are testimonies to the fact that God can transform lives to be used in furthering His kingdom.

He has many examples of characters in His Word who were changed by allowing God access to their lives. Paul was one of those—he started out as a murderer, but God totally changed his course. He not only led others to Christ in His day, but his writings guide us today in our journey with God.

We've known many who have come out of a life of crime to a life set free in Christ leading others to follow Christ. It is beautiful to see such transformation as they share their testimonies.



**For I am about to do  
something new.  
See, I have already  
begun! Do you not  
see it? I will make  
a pathway through  
the wilderness. I  
will create rivers in  
the dry wasteland.**

**Isaiah 43:19**

## **"There comes a time -**

many times, actually - in the lives of our children where we have to put the basket in the water. We have to let go and trust the plan of the Father. The world is a scary place - a place where we fear our children could drown. But we must remember that we have to let go so that God can draw them from the waters for His great purpose. He has called us to be their parents, but they were His first.

My friend, whatever water you may be getting ready to put your basket into - remember that you have to put them in the water for God to draw them out and place them into His perfect plan.

Though you might not be physically present with your child as much during the next phase of life, you can always petition the heart of the Father on their behalf."

~ Elisabeth Elliot

**Be strong and remember, it's not by day but by night that a candle burns its brightest.**

~ Corrie Ten Boom



On Wings has been going to Rolling Hills for at least 12 years or more to take treasures. This year, we went on Thanksgiving to take hot meals provided by The Crossing in Kernersville, bags of food to help with the Thanksgiving meal, hygiene products provided by Galilee Baptist, and gift cards for the children. We also took bags filled with goodies for the younger children, packed by the HomeSchool group, which meets at Calvary Baptist. It was a fun-filled day as we talked to those who came and shared God's love for them. I got to chat with a man about his relationship with Christ. He showed interest but didn't make a decision. Pray for him and for us to have another opportunity to share with him.

We have watched many of the kids in this neighborhood grow up, and when they see our van come into the community, they are eager to come give us a hug. Those little faces smiling with delight are priceless. They are thrilled with the smallest gift, and it blesses our hearts. I get energized just being in their presence.

This year, we believe God is expanding our reach as we went into Piedmont Circle to bless the people in that community, and we have been invited to come to the South as well.

We distributed Treasure Boxes filled with all kinds of items to the different age groups, which Sheila Smith and Kim Nickerson packed. The kids loved them. We had a bed frame and a lady asked if she could have it. Richard Wohlford and Wayne McComb, who went with us, took the bed up to her apartment for her and said she told them she had not had a bed in over five years. She was literally in tears as they delivered it to her home. We often take so much for granted, as we don't have to worry about essentials in order to live our lives. We should be grateful to God each day as we give thanks to Him for food, a bed to sleep in, and daily essentials. We are so blessed and don't even know it. One man said his apartment had a fire in one room, and they are still living there, unable to have it repaired. Can you imagine? He was very grateful in spite of what had happened to still have a home to live in. No complaints at all, just grateful. WOW!

We have many needs right here in our own city that we can often supply if we are willing. We will receive donations of coats, kids' clothes, blankets, socks, toboggans, etc. to be able to distribute to those in need. What is in your hand? Maybe it's time to release your grip on it and give to those in need.

