Experience Celebration!

Saturday, September 24th, 2016
Refreshments 9:45am
Meeting 10:00am-12:00pm

Jones Memorial United Methodist Church
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Don’t miss out on our National Conference early bird special!
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In light of what is happening in our nation and around the world, it is time for us as believers in Jesus Christ to press into Him like never before.

“We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12).

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (of the flesh) but they are mighty in God for pulling down strongholds…” (2 Corinthians 10:4).

One of the weapons we have been given is the Blood of Jesus. Jesus shed his blood for our sins, but there are other benefits available to us because of His shed blood. Revelation 12:11, tells us “And they overcame him (satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony…”

As we plead or speak the blood of Jesus over our lives, our families, our properties, our businesses, we can overcome the enemy through the power of the Jesus’ blood shed for us.

You will recall the story of God’s children being released from slavery in Egypt.

Moses instructed them in Exodus 12:12, “Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families; and kill the Passover lamb.”

They were to take the blood of that innocent lamb and place it on the top and sides of the door of their home.

The Lord passed through Egypt to strike the Egyptians. However, when He saw the blood on the doorposts, the Lord passed over the door and did not allow the destroyer (a demonic prince) to come into their houses to kill them.

As a child of God, you, too, can apply the blood of the Lamb today…by faith!

Your application of the blood is done verbally. I have many stories how the power of the Blood has worked in my life, but I want to share just one with you.

Several years ago we had alerts of a tornado in our neighborhood in Houston. The path of the tornado was in our direction. We immediately declared the blood of Jesus over us, our home, and our property. The tornado took the tops off of several trees, damaged some roofs and uprooted several trees as it approached us.

However, just as it got to our house it lifted up and over, but then dropped down again and damaged the roof of the house across the street from us. Later, we could see the path of the tornado but it did not harm us.

We now plead the blood of Jesus over our entire neighborhood in time of need! There is power in the Blood! It can change your body, it can change your finances, it can change your family and your future.

By faith, use the power of the blood of Jesus that He provided for you.

Praising Jesus with you!

Love,

Judy Graham
President
Celebration Women’s Ministry Inc.

There is Still Power in the Blood

Love,

Judy

There’s POWER in the blood!
News from United Methodist General Conference

News alert: “Behold, I will do a new thing. Now it will spring forth...!”

From the United Methodist Communications in Nashville, Tennessee, we have some exciting news to share from General Conference 2016. There have been changes in the United Methodist Discipline, relating to women’s ministry. This change will have a big effect on the expansion of Celebration in other United Methodist Conferences. What does this mean? We have approval from the United Methodist Church to start Celebration Women’s Ministry Chapters in churches in any conference. Help us spread the word!

Here is the wording that will appear in the 2016 Book of Discipline as the result of action taken on Petition 60614.

“256.7 Supplemental Ministries—In view of the fact that the needs of women and men are complex, dynamic, and unique in every congregation, local churches are encouraged to develop a variety of supplemental ministry programs for women and men, in addition to United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men. The legislative committee amended the submitted text and approved the following wording for the Book of Resolutions.

WHEREAS, the needs of women today are complex, dynamic, and unique in every congregation and studies show that a variety of women’s ministry programs is the most effective means of enabling and encouraging women to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus Christ, to serve in their local church, and to serve passionately in mission outreach and justice advocacy in a lost and hurting world.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the 2016 General Conference of The United Methodist Church encourages the local church to provide women’s ministry programs that fit the unique needs of the women in the church and are consistent with our values, theology, and social principles of The United Methodist Church.”

New Board Member Positions

Christi Gardner
VP of Praise and Worship

I am so humbled and honored to step into the role of VP of Worship for Celebration. I have served as the VP of Special Events for Celebration since January 2014 and I am so excited about this transition to a new position. Leading in worship has been a passion of mine since I was young and I can not wait to serve you all by leading you through worship into the presence of God at our Celebration national events.

Sheila Davis
VP of Special Events

I have been involved with Celebration for 5 1/2 years, and it all started with National Conference! I’d been invited to chaperone our youth at a “girls’ conference.” Little did I know, this was really Celebration National Conference, and I was “released” to be fed with the other ladies during the day and house a few kids in my room at night. I’ll never be the same! I immediately became active in the local Nederland Chapter, followed by helping with National events on an as-needed basis. As the new VP of Special Events, I’m thrilled to be involved regularly with an anointed group of ladies who serve our Lord with a passion through this ministry and through their daily lives. Here I am Lord - send me!
Women gathered from various churches on Saturday, Aug. 13, in Beaumont, TX. In the words of Barbara Vincent “This was an awesome event - it had a sweet spirit. I felt like we were at a mini-conference.”
Have you ever had the privilege of praying with someone to receive Jesus? Are you ready when He sends someone across your path who needs to know Him? Here are some suggestions that we teach our leaders in Celebration. They are found in our Celebration Manual on page 64. The Manual is also on our website to be easily downloaded.

“How to Share to Receive Christ as Savior and Lord:
• Share with the woman that God loves her and that Jesus Christ paid the price for her sins.
• Ask if she will admit that she is a sinner and needs Jesus to be her Savior.
• Ask if she is willing to turn from her sins (repent).
• Ask if she believes that Jesus Christ died for her on the cross and rose from the grave.
• Open a Bible and have her read Romans 10:9-10.
• Explain to her that these Scriptures tell us that confession leads to salvation and that you are going to lead her in a short prayer. Ask her to repeat after you as you pray.
• Allow the Holy Spirit to guide your prayer so that she will be sure to:
  1. Acknowledge that she is a sinner (repentance)
  2. Ask the Father to cleanse her, by the blood of Jesus, from every sin she has committed - from the day she was born to this very moment.
  3. Invite Jesus to come into her heart and to be Lord of her life.
  4. Thank God for saving her soul.

Sample Prayer
Dear Lord Jesus,
I know that I am a sinner and that I need your forgiveness.
I believe that you died for my sins.
I want to repent and turn from all of my sins. Please cleanse me of all my sins from the day of my birth until now.
I now invite you to come into my heart and my life.
Please cover me with the blood of Jesus and make me clean.
I want to trust and follow You as the Lord and Savior of my life.
Thank you, God, for saving me and for the gift of eternal life. Amen.

• Share the assurance of salvation verses with her. Emphasize that she is saved according to God’s Word, whether or not she feels any differently than she did before the prayer.
• Give lots of hugs and warmly welcome your new Sister in Christ!
Meet our speaker: Rhea Briscoe

Rhea Briscoe is an active keynote speaker who has a passion to see women experience the freedom and power found only in Jesus Christ. She enjoys sharing the love of Christ and watching women be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A native of Pennsylvania, Rhea was blessed to marry her best friend, David, who is the Pastor of Care & Connect at Elmbrook Church in Brookfield, Wisconsin. David and Rhea are the proud parents of seven children and the owners of one very naughty dog.

Rhea is the radio voice of “The Fervent Life” Radio Broadcast and is an in-demand conference speaker who ministers with authenticity and contagious love for her Lord. She expounds on the truth of God’s Word in a way that is applicable and relevant to her audience and sends them away longing for more. Drawing from her experiences of God’s faithfulness in painful times and good, she uses His Word to minister the love of Christ to others. She captivates her audience and is constantly reminding them that they are God’s treasured possessions and the one’s in whom He takes great delight.

“I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.” Isaiah 45:3 (NIV)

Registration Form 2017

Yes! I will be attending National Conference (Early bird ends Dec. 31!)

____ Adult Conference Registration ($75 early bird, $91 regular). Includes 4 meals.

____ Youth Conference Registration ($50).

Free T-shirt size: ______

_____ I would like to purchase an Adult T-shirt to support Youth Conference ($20).

Size (XS-XXL): ______

_____ I would like to support Celebration with a donation of $_______

Questions? Contact VP of Conference Sharon Wright (409.363.9985) or e-mail conference@celebrationministries.org

Please make check payable to: “Celebration” (Memo: Ntl Conf 2017) Check # _______

Amount enclosed $___________

Mail this form to our Registrar: Denise Taylor, 9649 Johnson Rd. Beaumont, TX 77705.

OR register ONLINE by credit card: www.CelebrationMinistries.org

Processing fee applies ($4).
He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield & rampart.

PSALM 91:4
Celebration Fall Calendar

September

Trinity Chapter
Tuesday, September 13
First United Methodist Church Trinity, TX
Contact: Bobbie Ledbetter @ (936) 594-9245

Eureka, WI Chapter
Saturday, September 24
9-11 a.m.
Rushford Town Hall - Eureka, WI
Speaker: Teresa Wilhite
Contact: Kathy Jungwirth @ (920) 685-2857

Reynolds Memorial UMC Chapter
Saturday, September 24
9:30 a.m.
327 W Mary St., Bristol, VA, 24202
Guest Speakers: Samantha Stinson & Kathy McAmis
Contact: jabpBristol@gmail.com

October

Experience Celebration
Saturday, September 24
9:45 a.m. refreshments, 10 a.m. meeting
Jones Memorial United Methodist Church
Contact: Frankie Watson @ frankiewatson@sbcglobal.ne

Huntsville Chapter
Monday, September 26
6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. event
Huntsville FUMC
Contact: (936) 295-441

Nederland Chapter
Saturday, October 1
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
First United Methodist Church Nederland, TX
Speaker: Denise Taylor
Contact: Brandy Stevens @ (409) 351-9725

November

Trinity Chapter
Tuesday, October 11
First United Methodist Church in Trinity, TX
Contact: Bobbie Ledbetter @ (936) 594-9245

Eureka, WI Chapter
Saturday, November 19
9-11 a.m.
Rushford Town Hall - Eureka WI
Speaker: Tammy Borden
Contact: Kathy Jungwirth @ (920) 685-2857

Celebration Women’s Ministry, Inc. Officers:

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Mary Sneed, VP of Prayer
Sharon Wright, VP of Conference
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Sheila Davis, VP of Special Events

Katie O’Neale, newsletter editor, would love to add your chapter’s news and events to our winter issue! Please send any information to News@CelebrationMinistries.org by Nov. 1. Or, if you know anyone who would like to receive this letter, they can sign up also by contacting News@CelebrationMinistries.org to be added to our list.

To receive “Sounding the Trumpet” (Chapter and National Prayers), email Julie Puckett at jabpbristol@gmail.com.

To make a donation or payment, contact Linda Johnson at Treasurer@CelebrationMinistries.org or send to Linda Johnson, 4572 Sandpiper Cove, College Station, TX 77845.

Check out our website for a more detailed list of events! www.celbrationministries.org