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President’s Address:
What is your foundation?

Our year of 2016 is coming to an end and Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations are coming soon.

Special memories of past Thanksgivings and Christmas will be ahead for us as well as the making of new memories.

We will have thoughts of our favorite foods, time with family and friends, and celebrating God’s gift to us—Jesus, the Christ.

We will be reflecting on all we are thankful for in our lives… answered prayers, good health, family, friends, living in a free country to worship Jesus, good jobs, financial freedom, walking in peace.

Some of my favorite holiday memories are from times at my Grandmother’s home in Pawnee, OK.

It is my small town America upbringing that gave me a rich heritage and appreciation of the importance of a relationship with God, regular Church attendance, a faithful support of the community, a good work ethic, and the importance of being diligent and faithful in whatever I agreed to undertake.

Recently, Pawnee, OK was in the national news. It was the epi-center of a 5.8 magnitude earthquake.

We saw photos of the rock that crumbled from the top of the old jewelry store on the town square. There were pictures of food items thrown off the shelves in the local grocery store. We also heard numerous personal stories of the quake from family and friends.

The newspapers shared stories of an earlier 5.8 earthquake in another town in the state which received much more structural damage to their buildings than Pawnee. The reason for less damage in Pawnee, it was explained, was because Pawnee was built on a foundation of bedrock.

Sounds like what Jesus shared in Matthew 7:24-27 about building your house on a rock. Sure, we are going to have storms and shaking in living life, but if our lives are built on the foundation of a relationship with Jesus and living in His Word, we will get through whatever storms we are experiencing.

The Kingdom of God cannot be shaken and only the things of God in us will remain when the shaking comes.

Here are Jesus’ words to us from the Message Bible.

“These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living.

They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.

But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don’t work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards.”

This is a strong and continuing message from Jesus for our lives today! Enjoy the holidays and remember to tap into the source of all power and peace and joy.

Love,

Judy

Judy Graham
President, Celebration Women’s Ministry Inc.
Welcoming our new team members!

Maddie Boykin: Marketing Specialist
Maddie Boykin is excited to join the Celebration team as the new Marketing Specialist! She is currently pursuing her BBA in marketing from Houston Baptist University, where she intends to graduate in May 2017. Maddie is so grateful for the opportunity to combine her passion for social media and marketing with her desire to serve the Lord well with her gifts and talents!

Helle VerHoeven: Assistant Treasurer
Helle has loved her position as assistant treasurer of Celebration so far! Helle has been an active member of Cypress Trails chapter for 8 years. She served as Finance Chair and is currently Treasurer at Cypress Trails. She retired from Aldine ISD after 35 years. Her position at Aldine as Business Manager has given her great training to support and help with church finances. She currently has a part-time job helping with payroll and other finance related issues on Quick Books. She lives in Tomball, Houston with her husband. She also has three daughters and two grandchildren.

Mary Filer: Administration Assistant
Mary is the new Administrative Assistant for Celebration! She is a sophomore at University of Houston where she is currently studying business, but is looking to change her major to English literature with a minor in education. She is an officer and small group leader in Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship on campus. She has grown up with Celebration going to the youth conferences since 2009 and attended her first conference as an adult last year. We are excited about a seasoned Celebration veteran joining our team!

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Celebration Ministries is a very important ministry to me for several reasons.

First, it allows myself, my mom and my sisters, who live in different cities, to come together in worship.

Second, this ministry, for our family, has been the source to resolve hurt feelings within our family. It has also been a spiritual fulfillment when a previous home church was not very fulfilling and been a step forward in my own spiritual walk by being baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Celebration has allowed past troubles to be left at the foot of the cross, giving freedom from burden and pain.

I am a Financial Partner to Celebration Ministries because I want to be a part of its success and I want to give others the chance to experience what our family has experienced through this wonderful ministry.

I not only give for myself, but I also give in honor of my mom who has been a very big part of my spiritual walk. Thank you, Celebration Ministries!

In His Love,
Laurie Faz
Experience Celebration:
Jones Memorial United Methodist Church

On Nov. 12, we had a Spirit-filled, first-time Celebration event at Jones Memorial UMC. We are greatly looking forward to the wonderful blessings this new chapter will bring to Celebration and to its community!
Worship Equipping Session

Led by Christi Gardner

Worship: What it is, what it isn’t, and what it should be! John 4:23 says “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.” Do you ever feel disconnected or distracted in worship? Do you feel disengaged or disingenuous? In this equipping session, we will discover together what the Word says about Worship and we will worship the Lord together in spirit and in truth!

Leadership Equipping Session

Led by JJ Sauter

We are called to lead others to Christ through sharing the message of salvation, through emotional and physical healing, and by equipping each other. God’s Word, prayer, praise and worship are all examples of tools we have been given to deepen our relationship with Him. We have access to these tools yet we still doubt our value as a leader – that is because tools alone are insufficient. As leaders, we must recognize that we are equipped to lead with our unique spiritual gifts. In the leadership breakout session, you will clarify what drives you as a leader and learn how you can apply your spiritual gifts in a way that deeply connects with others.

Prayer Equipping Session

Led by Mary Sneed

Focusing Your Prayer Life: An equipping session at Celebration Women’s Ministries National Conference. Are you looking for a more meaningful prayer life in the busyness of your life? Prayer is the way we communicate with God, and He wants to get to know us better. In Ephesians 6:18 Paul tells us, “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all.” Want to learn how to make prayer a response to all situations in your life? Come spend time with sisters in Christ discovering ideas, methods and resources to focus your prayer life on Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Looking for a great stocking stuffer this Christmas season? *Praying the Scriptures* ebook is now on sale for only **five** dollars!

Visit CelebrationMinistries.org/e-store/ to purchase!

Merry Christmas from Celebration!

Top row: Judy Graham, Sharon Wright, JJ Sauter, Christi Gardner, Mary Sneed
Bottom row: Margie Filer, Sheila Davis, Linda Johnson
Celebration Winter Calendar

December

Trinity Chapter
Dec. 8
6 p.m.
Trinity FUMC, 131 North Elm St.
Event: Christmas sharing!
Contact: Bobbie Ledbetter at ledbetter34@hotmail.com

Eureka, WI Chapter
Jan. 14
Rushford Town Hall
Speaker: Faith Gladen
Contact: Kathy Jungwirth at (920) 685-2857

January

Trinity Chapter
Jan. 10
6 p.m.
Trinity FUMC, 131 North Elm St.
Speaker: Dr. Ann Kettler
Contact: Bobbie Ledbetter at ledbetter34@hotmail.com

Nederland Chapter
Feb. 4
First UMC Nederland
Contact: Brandy Stevens at (409) 351-9725

Friendswood UMC Chapter
Feb. 17-19
Camp Tejas
Speaker: Lisa Mayhugh
Contact: Jan Lane at jlane1114@yahoo.com

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Katie O’Neale, newsletter editor, would love to add your chapter’s news and events to our spring issue! Please send any information to News@CelebrationMinistries.org by Feb. 1.

Also, if you know anyone who would like to receive this letter, they can sign up also by contacting News@CelebrationMinistries.org and will be added to our list.

To receive “Sounding the Trumpet” (Chapter and National Prayers), email Julie Puckett at japbristol@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!
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