National Conference 2018

Now is the Time
2 Corinthians 6:2

March 2-4
Hyatt Regency
North Houston

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We recently had the experience of standing before a judge in a Harris County, Texas Civil Court. It wasn’t for us, but as witnesses for a friend. Her husband passed away unexpectedly before they executed their will. She did not have the legal right to dispose of their personal property without a will, so she had to go to court to be legally assigned as administrator of their estate by the Judge. We had rehearsed with the attorney what we were to say when the judge questioned us, but it did make us a little uneasy standing before that huge, formidable judge’s desk. Would we answer the question correctly? Would we get nervous and forget our responses? When we approached the bench, the judge was very kind and friendly. We immediately relaxed and answered our questions appropriately. The judge approved her request and legally everything was settled. Afterward, we went to lunch to celebrate, of course!

I began thinking of standing before God when it is our time to be with Jesus. Did we accomplish everything He had in mind for us to do in our time here? Did we really believe all the promises He has provided for us to live a victorious life? Did we act on those promises? Did we allow the Holy Spirit to be our advocate/attorney?

We have legal rights as believers and followers of Jesus Christ. Here are some of your legal rights as a believer as set out in scripture:

1. Not Guilty – Jesus paid for your sins. John 1:29, 2 Corinthians 5:21
2. A child of God - When you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you became a son and daughter of God. “Old things that were on our records have passed away and you became a new person.” 2 Corinthians 5:18 “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.” Romans 8:16-17
3. Not Condemned - “There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk in the flesh but according to the Spirit.” Romans 1:8
4. Cared for - As one of His Sheep, He knows you, He leads you, you will hear His voice and He cares for you. John 10:27, Psalms 23
5. Guided - Jesus went to be with the Father, but He provided the Holy Spirit to be with you, in you and He will guide you in all truth. John 16:7, 13
7. Access to God - Because of whose you are… “you can come boldly to the throne of grace in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16
8. Loved - Jesus has given you God’s grace for your life, He will confirm you to the end, keep you blameless, and be faithful to you. I Corinthians 1:4, 8, 9
9. You are His light - “You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9, Matthew 5:14, 16

Your spiritual legal rights are in “the Book”! Case closed!

In Christ,

Judy
Praying for and with this ministry is vital to its success - God moves in answer to prayer. Please be one that stands in the gap and builds up the wall on behalf of those that need salvation, equipping, and healing. Pray that Celebration completes and walks in what we are called to do. Thank you.

Please pray for:
1. Renewal and revival in us and in the ministry of Celebration
2. Renewal and revival in the United Methodist Church and in our Nation
3. Luke 4:18-19 would be manifested in all of our Celebration Events
4. Wisdom, Discernment and Guidance from God for Celebration Ministries
5. Unity: that we may be one in the Spirit, one in like-mind, and one in our actions in Jesus Christ.

Sounding the Trumpet: Prayers for Celebration Ministry needs will be sent to you each Monday via e-mail and will list the upcoming events and Board and Chapter concerns. To be part of this powerful ministry please send your e-mail address to: Julie Puckett at jabpbristol@gmail.com

Personal Prayer Needs:
For personal prayer concerns please e-mail your prayer requests to prayer@CelebrationMinistries.org

God Answers Prayer!

Pastor Appreciation Month Prayer
from Frankie Watson, President of Celebration at Jones Memorial UMC, Pearland, TX

OCTOBER IS ‘PASTOR APPRECIATION’ MONTH
There is no greater gift you can give your pastor and the spiritual leaders of your church than to pray for them.

Dear God,

We want to lift our pastors up to you in prayer. They need Your wisdom and direction for Your church. Thank you for giving them spiritual, emotional, and physical strength to answer your call on their life. We pray for protection and provision for pastors, spouses, and children.

Help them to be led by the Holy Spirit and open to your direction. Jesus said, “...the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” John 14:26.

We pray for faithfulness, for quiet time to study the word, for rest and good health, for provision, for wisdom and direction, and for fellowship. Amen.

For complete prayers, visit this site: http://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/6-prayers-for-pastors-or-leaders/#ixzz4pq0nhxf
Sixty-five women from 16 churches met for the Celebration United event on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Nederland. Rev. Dr. Janice Gilbert gave a powerful message from the Celebration theme scripture, Luke 4:18-19. She reminded us that the scripture has been fulfilled in us, and that we have been anointed for “such a time as this” and then invited every woman to come forward to be anointed with oil. Dr. Gilbert encouraged us to “RISE UP!” as anointing empowers us to do the work of The King. The Celebration National Board sponsored the event. Thank you to Rev. Dr. Douglas Caldwell, pastor at Wesley, for his continued support of Celebration Women’s Ministry, and to the ladies of Wesley who provided brunch and set up for the event. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to stay informed of future events. Additional information can be found on the ministry website at www.celebrationministries.org.
Welcoming our Newest Chapter
Nederland Chapter
at Wesley United Methodist Church

On August 19, following the Celebration United event, our newest Celebration chapter was chartered at Wesley United Methodist Church. The chapter was chartered “Nederland Chapter” and is open to all women of Nederland. Carolyn Newsom is the president of the chapter with Fran Lee, Cathy Butler, Denice Alexander, Brenda Richards, Lisa Spalding, and Barbara Vincent serving on the board. The Nederland Celebration Chapter will be meeting bi-monthly on Saturday mornings. Celebration is blessed to be gaining a new chapter, and with it the opportunity to meet new Celebration Sisters!
Thank you to all the women who have made a difference in other’s lives!

Sheila Davis  Maddie Boykin Batton  Gail Wilson
Margie Filer  Julie Cheatham  Connie Wood
Christi Gardner  Beth Domingue  Mimi Buzbee
Linda Johnson  Kathy Jungwirth  Elna Griesel Cox
JJ Sauter  Katy Kettler  Nellie Griesel
Mary Sneed  Cindy Masterson  Katherine Johnson
Sharon Wright  Julie Puckett  Mary Swan
Meredith Bates  Winnie Sandel  Jane McKim
Lynne Blunck  Helle VerHoeven  Sue Sloan

Would you like to honor someone?
This person could be a friend, family member, mentor, or person who helped you in a time of need. Your donation to honor these women will pass along the opportunity to make a difference in other women’s lives through Celebration. Donate $25 to honor each woman who has made Jesus come alive in and to you. Now, let’s see who...

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Finally, brothers. rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you
2 Corinthians 13:11

Please Join Us as We Continue to Intercede in Prayer for the Entire City of Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast Areas as We Recover from Hurricane Harvey.
What to expect at National Conference 2018

Jen Cowart loves her kids, dogs, ice cream, husband and laughter – but not necessarily in that order. She and husband Jim are founding pastors of Harvest Church in Middle Georgia, where Jen serves as Executive Pastor. Harvest is a congregation that concentrates on helping people far from God draw closer to Him. With over 3000 first time decisions for Christ, Harvest has been among the fastest growing in our country in the past decade. Jen tries to take God and His Word very seriously, but life in general not so much.

Jen and Jim have written several books including Living the Five, Start This Stop That, Hand Me Downs, and G3 – a system for Community Group Growth.

Keynote Speaker, Jennifer Cowart

My full name is Adria Maria Nuñez Ortiz. I live in La Habana, Cuba. I am married and we have a beautiful 12-year-old daughter. My husband is the Superintendent of the Habana District in the Methodist Church in Cuba. Together, we are pastors in Habana Central Methodist Church. I am a professional musician, teaching piano, singing and choir direction. Besides being a pastor, I work as the director of the Liturgy area in the district of Habana and I am professor at the Methodist Evangelical Seminary in Central Habana Extension. I also lead the pastors’ wives and women missionaries in our district and frequently lead events for women in order to minister them inner healing.

Special Guest Speaker, Pastor Adria Maria Nuñez Ortiz

Lisa and Meagan Mayhugh are the ultimate mother-daughter team! Lisa was the pioneer who started the youth program at National Conference and we are so blessed to have her back to lead this year. Lisa is the wife of Mike Mayhugh, pastor of Alvin United Methodist Church in Alvin, Texas and mother of two daughters, Meagan and Mikala. She loves to use her gift of teaching and music to minister to women and girls. This year, her daughter Meagan, a youth conference veteran, will be ministering alongside her. The youth conference is sure to be time that will strengthen girls’ love for Christ!

Youth Leaders, Lisa & Meagan Mayhugh

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__ Adult Conference Registration ($75 Early Bird - ends Dec. 31)
__ Youth Conference Registration ($50) Free T-Shirt Size ___

Please make all checks payable to “Celebration” (Memo: Ntl Conf 2018) Check #_____ Amt Enclosed_____

Mail this form to our Registrar: Helle VerHoeven, 18410 Shallow Oak Court Tomball, TX 77377.
Celebration Calendar

Send Chapter news and events to News@CelebrationMinistries.org by February 1, 2018.
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To receive “Sounding the Trumpet” (Chapter and National prayers), email Julie Puckett at jabpbristol@gmail.com.
To make a donation or payment, contact Helle VerHoeven at Treasurer@CelebrationMinistries.org or send to Helle VerHoeven at 18410 Shallow Oak Court Tomball, TX 77377.

October
Reynolds Memorial
Bristol, VA
Chapter Meeting - 10/7
Jones Memorial UMC
Chapter Meeting - 10/15
10:00 am - 10:45 am

November
Cypress Trails UMC Retreat - 11/3
Eureka Chapter Meeting 11/18 at Rushford Town Hall
9:00 am - 11:00am
Jones Memorial UMC
Chapter Meeting - 11/19
10:00 am - 10:45 am

December
Cypress Trails Christmas Party - 12/2
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

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