Now is the Time
2 Corinthians 6:2

National Conference 2018
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The gift of Jesus’ coming was prophesied throughout the Old and New Testaments. This is the time of year we focus on Him. It’s all about Jesus, the Prince of Peace. I recall Zacharias’ prophecy about Jesus in Luke 1:79, “to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

As the year of 2017 comes to an end, we can look back at major events in our lives. Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, devastating fires in California, earthquakes, trouble on the international level…North Korea, to mention a few. Where do we focus to keep our peace?

For us in the Houston and Gulf Coast areas, we all have Hurricane Harvey stories. Here is how Jesus ministered to me. When continuous bands of rain remained over our area during the night, I would wake up and pray for Jesus to give me a scripture because I believe that God’s Word is alive and full of power to meet any of our situations. At 2:30 a.m. that morning, a scripture came to mind.

“You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.” Isaiah 26:3 (Emphasis is mine.)

Next morning, I looked up the scripture and found I had written several dates by this verse. 9-20-05 Hurricane Rita, 9-13-08 Hurricane Ike and I have now added Hurricane Harvey 8-27-17.

In addition to writing in my Bible I also write cards with important scriptures that I like to keep in front of me daily. One card has a definition of Peace, a gift that Jesus promised and provides: Peace - is a state of rest, quietness, calmness, an absence of strife, tranquility, a perfect well-being.

I learned “to keep the Word before my eyes” from my Mother who would tape her favorite scriptures on her bathroom mirror. Here are two of her favorites. “Peace: I leave with you. My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. “ John 14:27, and…

“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have perfect peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer – take courage, be confident, certain, undaunted – for I have overcome the world, -- I have deprived it of power to harm, have conquered it for you.” John 16:33 Amplified -

As we look forward to 2018, we thank you, Jesus, that You will keep us in perfect peace, because we choose to keep our minds on You and because we trust in You. Amen!

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Judy C. Graham
President, Celebration Women’s Ministry, Inc.
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On Saturday, October 7th, the Celebration Chapter in Bristol, VA, celebrated our 6th birthday. We started the morning with a brunch at 10:00 am of ham delights, assorted salads, chips, and fruit; followed at noon with birthday cake and ice cream. The day was very festive as well as anointed. The Lord’s presence was felt throughout the event.

After brunch and door prizes, the meeting opened with prayer. Lori Grubb and our Praise & Worship Team brought us into the Presence of God. The offering message by Kathy Hall followed. Lori Grubb presented an offering solo entitled “Step into the Water.” It was lovely and very apropos.

We were privileged to have Judy Graham, Celebration’s National President, as our guest speaker. She spoke on “The River of God – Jump In.” It was a powerful message about going deeper with the Lord – from ankle depth, to thigh, then too deep to stand and having to swim. Two women decided to step into the river for the first time by giving their lives to Christ. Hallelujah! That’s what it’s all about. Thank you, Jesus.

During the closing prayer time, Judy gave the invitation to all that wanted to be anointed with oil, for the purpose, of going deeper into the River of God. Every woman came forward! The prayer team prayed for those who wanted personal prayer. One of the testimonies is as follows: “I just wanted to say thank you so much for your prayer for my grandson. I truly felt the Holy Spirit when you prayed as well as in the entire meeting. What a blessing to be there! I love how the L ORD led you to pray a declaration and a prayer of agreement. I appreciate your encouragement and your enthusiasm.”

It’s been a privilege for us to be here, and we look forward to continuing to give the Lord a place to minister to the women in the Bristol area.

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**Save the Date**

Mary Lou Reece is speaking at Celebration’s TAC Luncheon

May 29, 2018

11:00 am

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The school superintendent was no stranger to pain, humiliation, and criticism. It had not been very long since a major crisis took place within his district, and he suffered greatly because of it. I had heard his faith was strong, and that was how he was able to endure. He was signing in for a meeting at the registration table when he honored me in the greatest way. Not because of his prestigious position, not because of his excellent education, but because of what he said to me. I greeted him in a naturally cheerful way, and he responded with this, “You know, I really appreciate your positive attitude and the way you always have something nice to say. I SEE THE LORD SHINING THROUGH YOU.” The Lord? Shining through ME? This is a public establishment, the very place the Lord needs to be seen, and this man saw Him through little old me. I consider those words of honor to be the best I’ve heard, and I greatly treasure them.

How much more should we bestow that honor on someone in our lives whom we’ve seen the Lord shine through? Who has impacted your faith, your journey, your walk with Christ? 1Thessalonians 5:11 says that we should encourage one another, and let me tell you, those words that honored me also encouraged me to KEEP ON SHINING THE LORD’S LIGHT!

A beautiful way to honor the special women in your life is through Celebration Women’s Ministry. For $25 per name, you can publicly say to them, “I see the Lord shining through you.” What a bright place this world will be when we are all shining His light! Glory to God, the Father of Lights (James 1:17).

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