Now is the Time to reflect on National Conference

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TAC Luncheon featuring Mary Lou Reece!
As a young Christian, I attended a women’s conference at Lakeview UMC campground eager to press into learning and deepening my relationship with Jesus. The speaker was sharing about “How to hear the Voice of God.” Who doesn't want to hear His voice? The speaker prayed for the audience and instructed us in a moment of silence to ask God for one word that described what He liked about us. I bowed my head and asked Jesus for that word that described what He liked about me. In my spirit I heard “Faithful.” That word just rose up to my mind like a billboard. At the time I was not very excited about that word. I grew up with dogs and they were always referred to as faithful. As the years have passed I realize how special the word “faithful” is and how it pleases God.

The reason we can be faithful is because God is faithful. He is not a man that can lie. He is not like human beings who tell us one thing but do not follow through with what they promise. He will always be there for us. God's faithfulness called you into the fellowship of His son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Jesus was faithful to go to the cross for our sins. Easter reminds us He died on the cross for us, so that we might live a blameless life before God. Jesus said His sheep, both young and old, hear His voice speaking to them.

The Hebrew definition of “faithful” is: firmness, stability, faithfulness, fidelity, conscientiousness, steadiness, certainty; that which is permanent, enduring, steadfast, to be firm, sure, established and steady. That describes who God is to us.

His precious promises tell us in Psalm 31:23, “Oh, love the Lord, all you His saints! For the Lord preserves the faithful…” In Psalm 101:6 we read, “My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks in a blameless way, he shall serve me.”

Jesus told the story about the man going on a journey who left some money with his servants according to their abilities. When he returned, he called them for a meeting to give an account of the money he had given them. I particularly liked this part of Matthew 25: 21. Jesus shared these words to the one who had 10 talents – “...Well done good and faithful servant, you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the Joy of the Lord.” We are entering a time of increasing our sphere of influence. Our authority in Christ is being increased as well as our joy as we see Him work through us.

Today, I treasure that word I received many years ago. It was such an encouragement to me that God knew me personally, loved me and had a purpose for my life. He is still speaking today because He is faithful. Now is the time for you to ask Him what He likes about you. You will never be the same!

We would love to hear the “word” God likes about you! Email us at president@celebrationministries.org

Love,

Judy C. Graham
President, Celebration Women’s Ministry, Inc.
My Chapter is Cypress Trails UMC in Spring where I have been a member of Celebration since we chartered on August 9, 2003. Currently, I live in Tomball, Texas but still drive to Spring to attend church. I’ve been married to my husband George for 50 years and we have 3 girls, 2 married, 2 grandkids and 5 furry babies. I have worked for Aldine ISD for 30+ years and for the last 12, I’ve served as The Business Manager supervising the Accounting and Payroll Departments. For the past year, I helped Linda Johnson until she was ready to retire and spend more time with her grandkids. As your new treasurer, I will do my best to keep the books balanced, with everyone’s help and support. I’m looking forward to getting to know many of the Chapters and all our Celebration sisters.

The definition of a partner is someone who takes part in an undertaking with others. For you who partner with Celebration, you have seen the work done in others lives, and also in your own life through Celebration. That’s why women partner with us. At our National Conference weekend, you saw the difference this ministry is making in women’s lives. On Sunday morning, we saw the change on women’s faces because of the work Jesus did in their lives throughout the weekend. Salvation, Healing and Equipping is what you will support.

How to become a partner: Please contact Helle VerHoeven, 832-515-4013, if you have any questions or email treasurer@celebrationministries.org.

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2018 Celebration Partners at National Conference
At National Conference this year, women from across the country came together to celebrate that Now is the Time for them to experience God’s presence. On March 2-4, 2018, the Hyatt Regency North Houston hosted a powerful gathering of women of God. We experienced worship the ushered in the Holy Spirit, led by Christi Gardner. We heard amazing messages of salvation, healing, and equipping from our speakers, Jen Cowart and Pastor Adria Nuñez with the help of our translator, Rebekah Clapp. During the afternoon sessions, we also had a time to break out into small groups led by our prayer team to discuss the messages and to have more intimate fellowship with our Celebration Sisters.

Throughout the weekend, Adria and Rebekah spoke to us about the amazing work that has been happening in Cuba and encouraged us all to trust God fully with every aspect of our lives. Salvation and healing were the focus of her messages and her prayer time afterward. Women saw amazing things happen through the Holy Spirit after Pastor Adria spoke to us.

Jen Cowart convicted and equipped us to bring the kingdom of God into our daily lives. She taught us to give people our “full face” no matter who they are or how different they are from us. She gave us the knowledge to make a difference in the lives of those around us and then in our small groups, we were able to brain-storm ways of doing that. We were stretched out of our comfort zones when asked what we would do for God if we know we wouldn’t fail and our Celebration Sisters were there to encourage us to do that.

Thank you to everyone who came to National Conference 2018! We can’t wait to see you next year!
The prayer room at National Conference is always one of the biggest ways in which women are ministered to directly and indirectly. Thanks to our VP of Prayer, Mary Sneed, this year’s prayer room was no different! Below are some of the stations from the prayer room this year!

God’s promises are found throughout the Bible. Women chose one of the scriptures (God's promises) from the jar. Ladies reported how the scripture they chose spoke to them. Some even chose some to take back to friends and co-workers. “Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill His promises to her.” Luke 1:45

Women chose a seashell to remember they were baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19

Women wrote their needs for forgiveness in the sand, then prayed and gave it to God. “Anyone you forgive I also forgive. Is there anything to forgive?” 2 Corinthians 2:10

Prayer doesn’t stop at National Conference. Our Prayer Team is working all year long. If you have prayer needs or would like to minister to women through prayer please see the information below.

**PERSONAL PRAYER NEEDS:**
For personal prayer concerns please e-mail your prayer requests to prayer@CelebrationMinistries.org

**GOD ANSWERS PRAYER!**

**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
Testimonies from National Conference

Denise Alexander stated that National Conference ignited a fire inside her and she is excited and prepared to share her faith on mission trip to Haiti!

“This weekend helped me reconnect with God.” - Cynthia Balzen

Lauren Malmay heard a word from God directing her into ministry!

“National Conference ministered to me by giving me tools for my job and life serving God.” - Jennifer Batchelor

“I was ministered to by all the love. I was shown that I’m important and I can make a change.” - Johanna Brady

Andrea Tucker stated that “I really needed this weekend to awaken me! I feel closer to Jesus more than ever!”

Tina Sweat said “My heart has been aching and thankful for the healing that I received this weekend.”

Jackie, a young woman attending her first National Conference and Celebration event stated “I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit beginning with the time I got my name tag at the registration table. National Conference has changed me forever! I am a completely new person & excited about seeing God in a new light”. She found a hunger for Jesus and stated she will be attending Natl. Conf. again and again and plans to bring other young women with her. She stated that she had no idea what she’s been missing in her life all this time!!

“There was practical application offered to us to go spread His Kingdom.”

“This weekend re-focused my thoughts, increased my faith and allowed God to speak to me!”

“I thank the Lord that I was there to gain more great sisters.” - Rachell Bell
“Grace for Today”
John 1:16 ESV

Tuesday
May 29, 2018
12:00 Noon
(Doors Open at 11:45am)
The Woodlands U.M.C.
2200 Lake Woodlands Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77380

All women & men invited!

Luncheon Ticket - $25

Checks made payable to “Celebration” (Memo: TAC Luncheon)
or register online at www.celebrationministries.org

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May
5/8 - Trinity Chapter
6:00 - 8:00 pm @ Trinity FUMC
5/12 - Cypress Trails Chapter
11:00 am - 1:00 pm in Spring, TX
5/19 - Eureka Chapter
9:00 - 11:00 am
@ Rushford Town Hall

May Cont.
5/19 - Nederland Chapter
9:30 am - 12:00 pm
@ Wesley UMC
5/29 - TAC Luncheon
12:00 - 1:30 pm
@ The Woodlands UMC

June
6/12 - Trinity Chapter
6:00 - 8:00 pm @ Trinity FUMC

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