Celebrate the New Year

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As we begin the year of 2019, there are many things to look forward to in the days ahead. I used to make New Year’s resolutions each year. My list looked something like this: lose 10 pounds, start a regular exercise routine, spend more time with friends and family, contact old acquaintances, plan a great trip to somewhere I haven’t visited, organize closets at home, get office files in order, etc. Each year additions have been added and others deleted. There is still the feeling at this time of year to make plans for the year ahead.

In 2019, for our women readers of this newsletter, we urge you to come to our National Conference, April 5-7, 2019. Our theme is “Known”! We need to know who we are in Jesus and that He knows all about us. When we are secure in Him, we can be free to do exploits for God. Yielding to the guidance of the Holy Spirit who indwells us, we can reach out to others with the testimony of what Jesus has done in our lives.

In Ephesians 2:10 from the Amplified Bible, the word says “For we are God’s own handiwork, His workmanship, recreated in Christ Jesus, born anew that we may do those good works which God planned beforehand for us, taking paths which He prepared ahead of time that we should walk in them—living the good life which He pre-arranged and made ready for us to live.”

So, here are some of my thoughts for my New Year’s resolutions this year.

1. Draw closer to Jesus every day.
2. Trust Him to be in charge of every detail of my life.
3. Obey the “still small voice” of the Holy Spirit as He speaks to me.
4. Keep a teachable spirit.
5. Let His perfect love cast out every fear in my mind.
6. Be aware of and walk in His grace and favor.

These are a few of my priorities, but I just might include a family trip to a new place and address those pounds that are hanging around, too.

In looking ahead, we do not want to miss any of the new opportunities Jesus has planned for us. May the Lord bless you and keep you, may His face shine upon you and may He give you great peace in the year ahead!

With love,

Judy
The theme for Celebration’s National Conference 2019 is “Known” with a scripture focus on 1 Corinthians chapter 8, verse 3. It reads “But whoever loves God is known by God.”

Pastor Madeline Carrasco Henners, keynote speaker of the United Methodist Rio Texas Annual Conference, has been studying being known in her doctoral program. She shares, “I’ve been studying about deepening our intimacy with God, knowing God, and being able to hear his voice.” So this year’s conference is deeply aligned with Pastor Henners’ passions.

The “Known” conference will also feature keynote Reverend Carolyn Moore of Mosaic UMC in Georgia. In her video invitation to all of us, she offers that we will talk about who we are in Christ. “Sisters, I believe this is the key. When we know who we are in Christ, we better understand our purposes and can begin to live into them. We can then become full partners in the end-breaking kingdom.” She goes on to encourage us to embrace being known by God, “we want to see God’s kingdom. We want to see his will done on earth.”

Both keynotes and our national board would like to extend the invitation for you to join us this April at National Conference 2019. Let’s deepen our relationship with our Lord and Savior and dive deeper into being known by Him!

Youth Conference: Debbie Bass & Lisa Mayhugh

Broken Chains - Galatians 4:9

“It was the ship of dreams to everyone else. To me, it was a slave ship, taking me back to America in chains. Outwardly, I was everything a well brought up girl should be. Inside, I was screaming.”—Rose, from the movie Titanic.

What made the movie Titanic so endearing was that we watched a young girl, Rose, find her breath and break away from the life that was suffocating her. She was expected to step into a life that had been planned for her rather than a life that had been destined for her. But Jack saw her for who she really was and as she became known by him, everything changed! Being known for who she was set her free. At the end of the movie, we get to see all that Rose lived out when she broke away from the chains of expectation and never went back to her OLD life.

Paul tells us in Galatians, ‘now that you are known by God, how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? Do you wish to be a slave to them again?’ We, too, have been loved deeply by God and have been known. If you have never felt like you have been known by Him, then this is the place for you to be. Come discover the freedom we have in Christ when we are known and what it takes to never go back to the OLD life. Let Him help you find your destiny rather than a plan. Everything will change when you are free from your old life.
Why go to National Conference?

“Conference helped me feel closer to Him and I got to learn more about the Bible.” – Elizabeth Hopkins

“Conference helped me reconnect with God.” – Cynthia Balzen

“Conference was Spirit-filled and I felt the love of Jesus!” – Cathy Hedrick

“Now is the Time to stop making excuses on when, where, how to open my whole heart to God.” – Andrea Tucker

“I ALWAYS get something new every year at Celebration and feel very blessed to attend.” – Andrea Tucker

“All the love, that I’m important and I can make a change.” – Johanna Brady

“Re-focused my thoughts, increased my faith, and allowed God to speak to me!” – Merline Kellum

We want to pray for you!

We believe in the power of prayer. For personal prayer concerns please e-mail your prayer requests to prayer@CelebrationMinistries.org. God Answers Prayer!

As the new year begins, we’d appreciate your support!

Your gift supports ongoing initiatives of the ministry such as speakers, the praise band, youth conference, our website, the newsletter, and more.

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For further inquiries, please contact our Treasurer, Helle VerHoeven.

Thank you!

Helle VerHoeven, Email: treasurer@celebrationministries.org, Tel. 832-515-4013, Address: 18410 Shallow Oak Court, Tomball, TX 77377
Register online at www.celebrationministries.org/e-store or mail in the form below!

Name        Church/Chapter

Street Address       City    State  Zip

Email       Phone

__ Adult Conference Registration ($99 Early Bird - ends Jan. 31 Regular Price: $125)

__ Youth Conference Registration ($50) Free T-Shirt Adult Size ___

Please make all checks payable to “Celebration” (Memo: Ntl Conf 2019)

Check #_____ Amt Enclosed_____

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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS AT

TAC LUNCHEON 2019

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019

Happy New Year from the National Board

Margie Filer, JJ Sauter, Sharon Wright, Sheila Davis, Judy Graham, Mary Sneed, Christi Gardner, Mary Filer & Helle VerHoeven
Remembering Katy Kettler

Our Celebration Sister Katy Kettler went to be with Jesus on November 23, 2018. Katy was the founding president of the Trinity FUMC chapter in Trinity, TX. The chapter started in June, 2004 because of her desire for ministry to women. She had a vision for reaching the women in her church but also the women in the community for a deeper walk with Jesus. Katy had women from all the various churches in their area attending their monthly meetings. Katy also served as our Area Representative for her District. Katy’s life impacted all of us. She was an outstanding leader and a dear friend. She will be greatly missed.

Bobbie Ledbetter, Katy’s dear friend and current Trinity Celebration Chapter President has these words to share with us.

“Katy asked me to join her in this adventure. We traveled, talked and most of all prayed. Along with several other ladies Celebration came alive in June 2004. Katy and I were already close friends but with the help of these ladies we shared a bond of friendship, love and support for each other. With Katy’s leadership we had a great team all working for the same goal.

When Katy had to step down due to health issues four years ago, we all agreed Celebration had to continue in her honor. Each month our pledge and devotion to Katy is carried out to what we expect she would want us to do. “A friend loves at all time…” Proverbs 17:17 is one of the bible verses that suits our Katy.”

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Would you like to honor someone in our next issue?

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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### Celebration Calendar

#### January
- **1/26** - Nederland Chapter Event  
  9:30 am - 12 noon @ Wesley UMC
- **1/28** - Huntsville, TX Chapter Meeting @ 6:00 - 8:00 pm

#### February
- **2/12** - Trinity Chapter Meeting  
  6:00 - 8:00 pm @ Trinity FUMC
- **2/25** - Huntsville, TX Chapter Meeting @ 6:00 - 8:00 pm

#### March
- **3/12** - Trinity Chapter Meeting  
  6:00 - 8:00 pm @ Trinity FUMC
- **3/25** - Huntsville, TX Chapter Meeting @ 6:00 - 8:00 pm

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