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In this issue of our Fall newsletter, we are pleased to introduce you to our new officers on the Celebration National Board. Welcome back to Beth Domingue who is heading up our vibrant Prayer ministry area. Kim Bell from Nederland, TX, is our new VP of Leadership. She has some great Spirit-led ideas for women in Celebration leadership. Also, new to our Board is Ann Sparks from Bryan, TX, a talented addition, who is our new Treasurer. You will love getting to read their articles in this issue and having the opportunity to connect with them in the weeks ahead.

Thinking about the changes taking place in our ministry reminded me of Paul’s writing in chapter 12 of 1st Corinthians about the body of Christ and the importance of each part of the body. God has set each member of the body of Celebration just as He pleased. Each woman who has been raised up in a leadership role for Celebration is a vital part of God’s plan to minister to women. The great part about this body of believers is that we support each other in many ways; supporting each other in prayer, enjoying quality time together and, of course, doing the work of the ministry.

The analogy of the Body of Christ also reminded me of a jigsaw puzzle. This is one of the fun things our family does when we get together. When we open the puzzle box, there are a lot of loose pieces without any form. However, the maker of the puzzle has put a picture on the front of the box showing what the puzzle will look like when it is completed. That picture is a big help as we continually go back to the picture on the box.

For us in Celebration, we know that Jesus has a plan for each of us in this ministry. At times, it may seem like a lot of loose pieces. When that occurs, we remind ourselves that “The Spirit of the Lord is upon us and He has anointed us…” to bring salvation, healing and equipping to women. Jesus has a plan for us and keeping our eyes on Him is the answer.

In this picture of the Celebration puzzle, you will see a missing piece. That missing piece could represent you...becoming an active part of Celebration in your chapter, starting Celebration at your church, or helping out with work that needs to be done on the National level. We are currently in need of a gifted person with communication talents that include preparation of a newsletter, managing our website, overseeing our social media, and marketing the ministry. Resumes are being accepted at this time at President@Celebrationministries.org. Pray about being a part of the work in Celebration. It’s a place where you belong!

Celebrating Jesus,

Judy

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Celebration Sisters,

In Texas, when September rolls around, we start dreaming of cooler temperatures, knowing that it will be a couple of months before the first BLUE NORTHER comes through. First comes the wind, rain and falling temperature. For a few days, we wake up eager to clear skies and cooler temperatures. However, soon it will be hot and humid again. Once again, we yearn for the cool weather to come south and stay!

I don’t know about you, but sometimes, my relationship with Jesus is like that. I simply cannot wait for National Conference! I know that I will be filled to overflowing with the love of God. I leave feeling joyful and ready to face anything. However, God is not like a BLUE NORTHER that comes into your life for a day or so and then leaves only to find yourself alone again.

The Holy Spirit will continue to fill and fuel our souls, as we spend time in prayer and The Word.

Celebration was founded on prayer. We have witnessed countless prayers answered through this ministry. In the next few months, I invite you to go a little deeper in your personal prayer life and praying together with your Celebration sisters.

Here are three ways you can do this:

1. Personal Prayer Time…alone with God and Your Bible. Like the Israelites, God provides the “Manna” (The Word) to accomplish his purposes for our lives.

2. Gather a few women together to pray for each other and for Celebration. Maybe you’ve always wanted a Celebration Chapter in your Church. The first step is praying together for God's timing and purpose.

3. Chapter Prayer Leaders: Set a time outside of events or meetings to pray with the leadership and women who feel called to pray for the needs of your chapter. You will be amazed at the results!

Isaiah 55 says this, “10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

Beth

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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!
Celebration’s Luncheon at Texas Annual Conference on May 28 was a big hit! We celebrated our 20th anniversary of being in ministry. Many long time friends of the ministry as well as new friends attended the Luncheon at the Hilton Americas. A timely message from Dr. Madeline Carrasco Henners inspired us with living our lives “not being conformed to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds so that we might prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” We eagerly anticipate what the Lord has for us in the next twenty years.
Conference Luncheon
We’d like to introduce Ann Sparks, our new Treasurer. Ann may be new to Celebration, but she has a lifelong passion for healing and equipping women. Her favorite definition of Grace is “the empowering presence of God to help us be all we were created to be and to do all we were created to do,” because she says, “That’s my heart for every woman I meet.”

Ann lives in Bryan, Texas and attends Aldersgate UMC. She has experience in churches and ministries in positions of administration and finance, board, and prayer ministry. She has used her gifts in a variety of ways. Ann says that “among the favorite activities that bring me the most joy is playing with my family, and, much to my dismay, I just discovered that I LOVE LOVE LOVE LASER TAG!”

In the last newsletter we welcomed our new partners and expressed our appreciation for your commitment and gifts. Without the support of our partners in their time, prayer and giving we could not impact so many women with Salvation, Healing and Equipping. Your support allows us to more than just present the gospel at the conference, but also to build and support local chapters, get the word out and generally take care of the business of the ministry.

We asked Ann to clarify how the process works. She reports:

First, you prayerfully decide how much you want to provide in support. Then you sign up and tell us how often you want to give and what amount. In addition to the cards available at our events, you can connect online.

On our website, select the “Partner with us!” link and Ann will contact you to get you set up. (https://celebrationministries.org/financial-partner-form/). You can partner One-time, Monthly or Quarterly.

We will record your pledge and send a reminder email with a link to pay with your credit card and an address if you chose to mail a check.

Many of our partners have set up online payments through their banks. Note the new address below to mail your checks. Some have also asked to have their credit cards charged regularly.

You may also use the Register/E-Store link on the website and select “Partner Pledge” to make a payment https://celebrationministries.org/e-store/ at any time.

Note that in the E-Store there is also a Donation button. We love it when the Spirit moves our friends to make a special donation.

You are such a blessing to the ministry and the ladies we support!

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Hi everyone! My name is Kim Bell and I’m so excited to be the new VP of Leadership for Celebration Women’s Ministry. My first experience with Celebration was in 2011, and I’ve been hooked ever since!

Just to introduce myself, I reside in Nederland where I attend Wesley United Methodist Church. My husband, Dewey, and I are parents to two precious (and spoiled) dogs. My mission field is in education, where I have served as a teacher, educational diagnostician, counselor, and currently as a Social and Emotional Learning Specialist whereby I support students as they grow into whom they have been created to be.

God has given me the passion and grace of sharing the good news that includes mission trips to Haiti, leading women’s Bible studies, a confirmation mentor, and developing programs such as the Backpack Buddy program, and Coats for Kids within the schools.

I’m passionate about getting to know you and hearing your stories. We have much work to do for the kingdom!

Speaking of getting to know you and much work, we have some exciting news and we cannot wait until the day we are all together again! Already on the books for our National Celebration event, April 24th - 26th, we will have a special session on Friday, April 24th, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. After much prayer and discernment, we will be able to receive a timely message on “Keys to a Daughter’s Heart”. I promise that you will not want to miss this special time! Mark your calendars and mark it early (1:00 pm - 4:00 pm) for encouragement, equipping, and having immeasurably MORE!

“Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” - Luke 12:32

Love through Christ,
Kim
VP of Leadership, leadership@celebrationministries.org

Looking for MORE?

This Spring, April 24-26, you can expect MORE at National Conference 2020! We will be at the same great location, Hyatt Regency Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas. And even MORE amazing, your room rate and registration fee are the same as last year! (Room rates of $89/single; $99/double. Early bird registration is $99 through January 31; $125 regular rate.)

We are so excited to announce speakers Kirsten Hart of Branson, Missouri, and Nicole Kuhl of Richmond, Virginia. Our theme “MORE” is based on Ephesians 3:20, “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.”

We are also happy to welcome back youth leaders Debbie Bass and Lisa Mayhugh. Be sure to invite your youth groups to this amazing weekend! Youth registration rates remain the same low price of $50!
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