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National Conference 2021

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed.”
2 Corinthians 3:18

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Light vs. Darkness... purpose to be a light!

The first of each New Year, I begin a program to read through the Bible in the coming year. Of course, we start in Genesis One. 'In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth and the earth was formless and empty. Darkness covered the deep waters and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God spoke and said, 'let there be light,' and there was light.” What was always fascinating to me was that God did not create the sun, the moon or the stars until the fourth day of His creative work.

In thinking about the darkness that covered the earth, I recalled a family trip we took to Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico when my sister and I were children. As our guide led our group into the largest cave in the caverns, he shared how the caverns were formed. The most impressive thing to me was when the guide asked parents with children to hold their hands because he was going to turn off the lights in the cavern. Dad took my hand and the lights went out. I had never seen darkness like this. You literally could not see your hand in front of your face. You also did not want to move. It was definitely not a time to pull away from your father. It was an unknown experience to us that was totally devoid of light. I would have been very afraid but I was holding my Dad’s hand and I moved closer to him for security. I remember we were on a ledge in that cavern. If you stepped off the ledge, you would fall into the bottom of the deep cavern. This was definitely a time to choose to be obedient to our leader. When the guide turned on his flashlight, we all took a deep breath. That light penetrated the darkness and dispelled my fears.

Today, as an adult when we experience darkness, it is not a time to pull away from God by being disobedient or self-willed wanting our way, it is a time to press into Him like never before. He is with us, for us and in us!

As the Word says, Jesus is the light of the world. His light in us will deliver us from the darkness that tries to invade our thinking and our lives. Jesus’ light shines in the darkness and the darkness (gloom, evil, sin, obscenity, ignorance, moral depravity) did not or will not overcome it. Jesus’ words to us in 2021:

- “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”
  John 8:12

- “Let your light so shine before me, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”
  Matthew 5:16

- “I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.”
  John 12:46

May the words of Isaiah the prophet minister comfort and assurance to us now and in the future. “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Love and blessings.

Judy

Judy Graham
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Equipping Tool: HOW TO SHARE WITH PEOPLE TO RECEIVE JESUS!

- Share with the person that God loves them and that Jesus Christ paid the price for their sins.
- Ask if they will admit that they are a sinner and need Jesus to be their Savior.
- Ask if they are willing to turn from their sins (repent).
- Ask if they believe that Jesus Christ died for them on the cross and rose from the grave.
- Open a Bible and have them read Romans 10:9-10.
- Explain to them that these Scriptures tell us that confession leads to salvation and that you are going to lead them in a short prayer. Ask them to repeat after you as you pray.
- Allow the Holy Spirit to guide your prayer so that they will be sure to:
  1. Acknowledge that they are a sinner (repentance).
  2. Ask the Father to cleanse them, by the blood of Jesus, from every sin they have committed - from the day they were born to this very moment.
  3. Invite Jesus to come into their heart and be the Lord of their life.
  4. Thank God for saving their soul!

SAMPLE PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and that I need your forgiveness. I believe that you died for my sins. I want to repent and turn from all of my sins.

Please cleanse me of all my sins from the day of my birth until now. I now invite you to come into my heart and my life.

Please cover me with the blood of Jesus and make me clean. I want to trust and follow You as the Lord and Savior of my life.

Thank You, God, for saving me and for the gift of eternal life.

Amen.

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Oh, how I have missed you! Psalm 34:3 comes to mind (O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together), but when I read it in the NLT it became an invitation: "Come... let us exalt the name of the Lord together!"

A LOT has happened since we were last together in 2019! Think about that for a moment. If I asked you to complete this sentence, "These are the things that have happened in the last two years: ___________," what would you say?

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National Conference 2021 - UNVEILED - is one for the books! We are so excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Madeline Henners and Rev. Stephanie Greenwald as guest speakers, and amazing worship with Brenna Bullock! And, for the first time ever, we are live streaming!

Katie McRae and Debbie Bass are coordinating our youth portion for girls in 6th-12th grade, so consider what members of the younger generation you’d like to invite. Many of these young girls grow into Celebration Women.

Safety protocols will be in place, including social distancing, masks, sanitizer, and temperature checks. All other information, including registration and hotel, can be found on our website at www.celebrationministries.org. Registration and room reservations are now open!

If you are like me, you exalt the name of the Lord daily. But it’s been two years since we’ve exalted the name of the Lord together. Won’t you come to UNVEILED this April and exalt the name of the Lord with me?

Love,
Sheila Davis
VP of Conference
Celebration Women's Ministry, Inc.
MEET OUR GUEST WORSHIP LEADER

Brenna Bullock

We are so excited to announce that we will have a guest Worship Leader with us for National Conference 2021!

Brenna Bullock is a Worship Leader at The Woodlands United Methodist Church for the Harvest community. She is passionate about the presence of God and believes that worship is a vehicle to communion with Jesus.

Brenna has been a worship leader, songwriter, and speaker for many years. She and her husband, Ben, live North of Houston with their sweet dog, Texas.

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Pre-order your National Conference T-shirt when you register!

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The cost of this 100% cotton T-Shirt is only $20 and will be available in sizes XS-XXL.

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CELEBRATING GOD’S GLORY!

CAMPFIRE PRAYERS 2020

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."
Matthew 18:20

In the midst of a pandemic, riots, and elections, God is still God!
"Campfire Prayers" were birthed from the word "Fire" that was spoken over me by Nicole Kuhl as she ministered to our leadership team before "Keys to a Daughter's Heart" on August 1st. In the following weeks it became clear to me that even though there were countless ministries praying for our nation, God was calling Celebration to join in this prayer movement too.

Thank you, prayer warriors for gathering in small groups across this nation to worship and intercede for THE BODY OF CHRIST AND OUR NATION. This is the Church. Ten weeks of focused prayer has moved mountains far beyond what we can see.

Celebrating Jesus!

Beth

CAMPFIRE TESTIMONIES

"The campfire Prayers have settled me down in this nationwide time of turmoil. Having guidelines and specific prayers linked me to my Christian friends in a very profound way and helped me focus on what really matters - our Lord and Savior. Thank you!

- Pam Markham | Huntsville, Texas

Campfire Prayer times were a wonderful idea! We not only prayed for our nation, elections, etc. but we also had that time to lift up our personal concerns and to share how God had been working in our lives. We all said we should continue to meet, even if it isn’t every week! We need to make that happen for our small group of 3!

- Mary Nell Benson | Spring, Texas

I am so thankful for Campfire Prayers during these days of distress and trials. They have called us away from endless "business" and caused us to focus on Him and the things that matter most... We have gathered around this campfire for warmth and purpose - a high calling and divine connection. We now have a sisterhood that is strong and sweet.

- Janice Goad | Pawnee, OK

First of all, organizing a campfire group was a little out of my comfort zone! All I can say is that God was faithful and showed up in a mighty way. He brought ladies with such different personalities together and formed them into a mighty and close-knit prayer group. As a bonus, one of our group received her prayer language. We are committed to continuing our Campfire Group into the new year and are expecting great miracles from God. We will resume in January.

- Gail Gazin | Pawnee, OK
Our Celebration Sisters in Greenville, WI didn’t let the Pandemic keep them from getting together to study God’s Word! They gathered this Fall to study “You Are More Than You Know” by Patsy Clairmont.

Below are some testimonies from the ladies on how the study and fellowship impacted them, especially through a challenging year!

This study is helping me trust in prayer. I am learning to talk to God before I talk. - Christine

This year with COVID the Bible studies helped to keep us connected and growing while making the fellowship closer and more precious too. - Dolly

I truly feel God speaking to me through the author of this book and the women I am doing the study with. Each conversation feels handpicked and relatable to my life. This study has strengthened both my faith journey and sisterhood in Christ. - Emily

I am extremely grateful for this time as Christian sisters to learn and grow together in His word so we are prepared for whatever God has planned for us next when COVID becomes controlled. - Lisa

This study has exposed me to the great depth of the enemies subtle work within our thoughts and feelings and emotions- then the power of God's word frees us. I feel like I have been sharpened to a greater degree in my walk with the Lord. - Carol

I am enjoying our Bible study for many different reasons. It is so wonderful to connect each week with our team members. We are learning many new things from God's word. We discuss what we are studying, share stories of God working in our lives, and talk of ways to improve. But best of all, the Guest of Honor Jesus is always there with us! - Mary

A truly wonderful Bible study. So relatable with my daily life. Great group of ladies who I treasure deeply. A great way for our group to grow deeper in our Faith journey together and get to know each other more on a higher level. We have very knowledgeable leaders with the study who I highly respect and honor. - Lynn

It’s been a blessing to me to have this fellowship using wonderful Biblical based studies. So much relatable material that is so human and down to earth. I appreciate this book. - Leslie

Getting together with this group of ladies has been wonderful! This world, work etc. tends to pull me down sometimes., but this study group helps me pull back up. I really like a quote from this book that "God has designed us to be capable, functional, joyful and ingenious!" - Nancy

For more information on Bible Studies, like how to organize a study, types of studies, and even suggestions on books and authors, check out page 70 - 72 of our Celebration Chapter Manual!

Don’t forget that we have our new Celebration Bible Study based on our 3-part Focus Salvation, Healing, and Equipping. All three studies will be available this Spring!

Information on how to purchase the Salvation Bible Study can be found on page 3 of this newsletter!
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Nederland Chapter Salvation Bible Study
Morning Session: February 3 - March 3 at 10 AM
Contact: Tanya Scott 409-201-2035 or Lisa Spalding 409-728-2706

Evening Session: February 10 - March 10 at 6 PM
Virtual attendance is available via Zoom
Contact: Kim Bell 409-540-3661

APRIL

17 Bristol, VA Chapter Meeting
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Speaker: Dawn Smith Jordan
Contact: Julie Puckett at jabpBristol@gmail.com

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