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FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

First Lady Trina Jenkins

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By Kenya S. Ulmer



Ministry that feeds your soul + a good cry + girlfriend time = FBCG Women's Ministries. From battle plans for prayer to not scaring away Prince Charming, to understanding the importance of forgiveness, these ministries speak to women with a voice of compassion, care and love.

We are enjoying the fruits of the labor that came before us by being involved in these ministries. The accountability, connectedness, trust and laughter that we need in this life started with an idea. And because of these real-life "she-roses," we are able to feast continuously on good food. What did these women do? They heard from God, believed and let their lights shine. Their courage and achievements have made it better for countless generations to come.

We salute the Women's Ministries founders! We asked our dear first lady, Trina Jenkins, to share some insight about the Women's Ministries.

Grace: The church just celebrated 100 years. There was a women's fellowship celebrating the Women's Ministries on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017. Tell us about that.

First Lady: It was an amazing event. We had over 800 women register and show up. That fellowship was all about the rich history of the women in our church and how they impacted First Baptist. You know, women have always played a major part in anything God ever did. So just being able to pull the history together [was phenomenal].

We still have some of our "old timers," as I call them, who were there at the church and know a lot of the history. To be able to have a "legacy panel" with them talking about what the ministry looked like to women years ago, before many of us were even born, was really cool. We were able to recognize the two pillars who really propelled the Women's Ministry into what it is today — Dr. Cynthia Bolden and Rev. Belynda Gentry.

Grace: How does it make you feel to be a part of such a rich tradition?

First Lady: Really proud; I'm honored. [It's] a rich legacy when you look at those women's examples and how they started ministries, some of which are even celebrating milestones of 20 and 25 years. There's stability and that all comes from people laying great foundations. As long as the foundation is good, you're okay.

Grace: What is it about being a woman that is so exciting and encouraging right now, if you're here at FBCG and have access to these ministries?

First Lady: I think one important thing is that we need each other. No [wo]man is an island. When you're connected to a ministry, you get connected to women to support, encourage, disciple and hold accountable through discipline. That's what our church is all about — being dynamic disciples. If you want to be a dynamic disciple, you have to be willing to be disciplined. You have to be willing to be accountable, and being a part of the ministries allows for that to happen.

Grace: Do you have a favorite Women's Ministry?

First Lady: Absolutely not. We are all one big team, one big family pushing to make an impact for Jesus. And because we're all one body, we need each other. The hand can't say, "I'm going to be a hand without the arm;" and the arm can't say, "I'm going do the arm thing without the shoulder." We all need each other and we all have our own unique and specific purpose. Everybody's so important and everything they do is so essential to what we do as we're ministering to families and to what we do as a church in developing dynamic disciples. [The ministries] are each dynamic in themselves.

Grace: Why is *Grace* Magazine so unique?

First Lady: We realize as women, with all the hats we wear, that we need God's grace. You can define it different ways, such as the unmerited favor of God — His favor that we don't deserve. In the Old Testament, King David talked about, "Oh your loving kindness is better than life ..." He talked about grace as God's kindness towards us and I think all of those are wonderful definitions. And I like to think that because of God's unmerited favor, because of His loving-kindness towards us, He gives us power — His grace — the power to do things that we wouldn't ordinarily be able to do in our own strength.

That is what's unique about *Grace* Magazine. It's helping the ladies tap into that power. Tap into who God has destined them to be and it ministers to the total woman. In *Grace* we don't just talk about spiritual things; we talk about natural things, too, such as how to stay healthy, manage your money, take care of your body and prepare good food using wholesome recipes. The articles are very relevant and I think that's what makes it really unique. [Grace] is a team of Jesus' girls "Grace Girls" who are developing other "Grace Girls" through the magazine. And it's online now, so that's pretty cool.

Grace: What advice would you give churches and organizations when heading up ministries catered to women?

First Lady: Just to stay relevant. The roles of women are changing today; more women work [outside of the home] or are able to telework from home because of technology. Everything is about being technologically savvy, so ministries have to stay relevant.

Women are so busy. [We're] going to have to figure out how to use technology to engage women. One trend we know is that women are busy and can't come to so many meetings. In my generation that's all we did — went to work, came home, helped with homework, took care of the kids and went to our church meetings. But now, more women are able to work from home instead of commuting back and forth to work. When it comes to church meetings, women also want to be able to use technology in order to stay engaged in ministries. Now that doesn't replace the assembling together. God tells us to do



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"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one ..." ~ Colossians 4:6



Welcome to the Pages of *Grace!*

We are elated to bring you the Spring 2018 Issue of *Grace!* This year's theme for our *Grace* Girls is "Shine: Believe You are the Light."

After the wilderness experience, Jesus emerged knowing who He was and His purpose. He was confident that He was the "gate" and the "door" and He came to light the way to His Father. The Bible says, *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven"* (Matthew 5:16). As you read the pages of *Grace*, believe as Jesus lives in you, that you, too, are here to light the way. Let your light shine!

So, I empower you to read God's Word and wake up daily with intention. God does not give us another day by accident. He gives us another day to illuminate the world for His glory. *"For His Word is also the lamp to your feet and the light to your path"* (Psalm 119:105).

We would love to hear how this publication has ministered to you or if you would like an organization or church to receive issues of *Grace*. Please email us at gracemagazine@fbcglenarden.org. Who knows? Your story may be selected to be featured in our next issue.

Let us illuminate through our walk, our talk and our spirit. Continue to let your light shine and be forever blessed!

Forever In His Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela A Bell".

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Money Moves

to make if a shutdown stops your paychecks

By Michelle Singletary

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Would you be able to survive financially if you suddenly found yourself out of work?

This is a question many people are asking themselves in the new year as they face job losses in both the private and public sectors.

For example, when we hear about a looming government shutdown, we usually think of the legions of federal employees who will be affected. But there are thousands of people working for government contractors who worry that they, too, might be pulled into the political tug-of-war.

If the government closes, many contractors can't work. And unlike federal employees, they may never get back those lost wages. Some will be able to take leave to ensure they get paid, but that means sacrificing their vacation time.

And let's not forget that there are thousands of other

workers across the country who have been told they're losing their jobs in the new year.

Last week, Wal-Mart announced it's closing 63 Sam's Club stores. It's unclear at this point how many workers will be affected, because some might be transferred to other locations. Wal-Mart said it will convert up to 12 Sam's Clubs to eCommerce fulfillment centers for online orders.

Meanwhile, 45 Kmart stores and 18 Sears stores are slated to close this month. And Macy's expects 5,000 job cuts because of store closings.

Whether you're a federal government worker, contractor or private-sector employee, any disruption in your income can throw you into a panic. It's tough making ends meet. More than three-quarters of workers live paycheck to paycheck, according to research by CareerBuilder.

And it's not just low-earning workers who are worried. One out of 10 survey participants earning \$100,000 or more said they usually or always live paycheck to paycheck, as well.

In the CareerBuilder survey, 20 percent of employees said they've missed a payment on some smaller bills. Seventy-one percent of workers are in debt.

When you're faced with a pending disruption in your income or you've been laid off, here are four things you must do:

Stop any aggressive debt reduction. Right now, you have to preserve your cash. You can't afford to pay extra on your debt. You may need that money to keep the lights on or buy food. Concentrate on the essential expenses until you're past this crisis.

Call your creditors. Put your pride to the side and get on the phone. Call every creditor and ask for a reprieve on paying your bill. Explain your situation and see if you can get a month or even two months of deferral.

Don't be afraid of being turned down for more time. Better to ask for help than stay silent and suffer as you try to manage bills with money you don't have.

Cut back on the nonessentials. Here's something I found astounding in the CareerBuilder survey. There were certain things employees said they would not give up even when faced with a financial hardship. People said they wouldn't give up cable (21 percent), eating out (19 percent), traveling (17 percent) and buying gifts for others (13 percent).

This is, as the saying goes, doubling down on dumb.

Cut what you can as soon as you can. Actually, lots of people not facing a shutdown or job loss could stand to revisit their budgets to cut the fat. My husband and I spent the last few months of 2017 combing through our budget to trim unnecessary spending. We got rid of subscriptions to

magazines we weren't reading. We changed cable companies to reduce service charges. And if it weren't for our kids and their threats to smother us in our sleep, we might have gotten rid of our cable altogether.

Talk to somebody. If you're covered by health care that provides behavior health services, go see a therapist.

My husband is a federal government employee, and the constant shut-down threats are nerve-wracking. And we've got emergency funds.

If counseling isn't covered under your health plan, look for free services in your community. Don't keep your angst bottled up. My fear is you'll make some bad financial moves because you've got so much pent-up anxiety.

Maybe a federal shutdown will be avoided and a long spending agreement can be reached by the Friday deadline. Or there could be another short-term funding measure that keeps agencies open so that federal workers and contractors can get paid on time. I also certainly hope all the displaced retail workers find jobs quickly. But better to have a plan in case the worst happens.

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Amelia White

Amelia was a native New Yorker. As a member of FBCG for over 15 years, she served in several ministries. She was married for over 30 years with two adult sons. She retired from the federal government with over 28 years of service. Her spirit will truly be missed.

*May your Light continue to Shine
in all of our Hearts.*



Lifestyle of Believers

By Ollie L. Jefferson

BELIEVE

means to have the faith, confidence and trust in God that the extraordinary is about to happen.

The believer's everyday lifestyle increases vision and expectancy.

BELIEVERS in Jesus Christ have an advantage. We can simply ask God anything according to His will and we have the request (1 John 5:14-15).

EVERYDAY a believer prays without ceasing and gives thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18). Believers communicate with Jesus throughout the day and evening during all occasions.

LIFESTYLE of a believer involves an intimate relationship with Jesus. We may be uncertain about our other relationships but we can trust in Jesus. The Lord declares that He has plans to prosper us and not harm us, plans to give us hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11).

INCREASES are the Lord's job, but we must decrease (John 3:30). For example, planting seeds and worrying about the harvest will not bring the increase. A believer will allow the sun or the Son of God to move on their behalf. It is not the one who plants or waters, but God who causes the growth (1 Corinthians 3:7).

EXCEPTIONAL things happen when believers "have faith as a mustard seed" Jesus promised that nothing will be impossible for them (Matthew 17:20). It is believing the seemingly impossible can and will be accomplished according to the will of God.

VISION of a believer is possessing insight beyond the natural eyes. "*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*" (Hebrews 11:1). Initially, we do not see what we are believing to happen by faith. However, the reward of this faith is to eventually see what we believe.

EXPECTANCY is the foundational motivation of every believer. "*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 4:7). There is a confidence in Jesus that He is about to do the spectacular. It is similar to watching your favorite superhero in a movie with great expectancy that he will be victorious in the end.

Our Lord has proven that He will never leave us nor forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6) through examples in the Scriptures. There was a widow who thought she had nothing when creditors were coming to take her children as slaves (2 Kings 4). However, the prophet Elisha told her to borrow some jars or vessels for the oil in her house. As a result, she sold the vessels of oil to pay off her debts and live on what was left.

During the global financial crisis a few years ago, I was reminded of the widow and questioned what was in my home. As a single mother, I was trying to maintain my good credit when foreclosures and unemployment were common across the nation. It was a time when I did not know where my family's next meal would come from. Yet, I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging for bread (Psalm 37:25). My family did not appear or act like we were lacking anything because we trusted Jesus. Then God sent a sister from church to knock on my door. She did not know of my circumstances, but she brought my family a delicious home-cooked dinner. She later arrived with another sister, and they both filled our empty refrigerator and cabinets to capacity. I praised the Lord for His provision but did not discontinue my lifestyle of praying and fasting every day.

I believed the doors would eventually open for me to be the lender and not the borrower. Then one Sunday I heard Pastor John K. Jenkins Sr. preach that when you cannot find a job it is a sign that it is time to create a job. I was led to continue building my film and theater company and writing the stage play, "*The Mommy Miniya & Me Show.*" The goal was for me to perform the stage play with my two little girls, Nailah and Miniya.

A naysayer told me that my call to evangelism was "a setup for failure for you and your family." These words were spoken in front of my oldest daughter, Nailah, whose name means "destined to succeed." The enemy was attempting to attack us where God had already affirmed us. Miniya means "much is expected of her" and she immediately recognized that the root word for Scripture is actually "script." This was a significant revelation as a playwright whose writings are inspired by the Word of God. My name means "olive tree," from which the anointing oil is often extracted. The oil discovered in my home was the anointing on my family's life. The three of us were believing, praying, fasting, reading and meditating on Scriptures as a family.

We are earthen vessels that God wants to use to spread the gospel (2 Corinthians 4:7). I obeyed God and the vision He gave me with expectancy. Subsequently, we were blessed to teach and pour into other children and families through our film and theater productions. The family stage plays produced two to four shows daily. During the first nine months of release, we toured to over 50 different stages and theaters, including the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. These open doors generated financial increase and served as a springboard into other business and ministry opportunities. This is a God-sized blessing and testimony of how the *believer's everyday lifestyle increases exceptional vision and expectancy.* *G*



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Shine the Light: An Encouraging Word Testimony

By Ashley Grier

Good morning! The Scripture for today is taken from Matthew 5:14-16, and this morning I will focus on verses 14 and 16: *“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

When I was a child, my mother would always come into my room very early in the morning to wake me up for school. As she turned on each bright light in my room, she also shouted, “RISE and SHINE!” Not being a morning person, I attempted to outsmart my mother and began to sleep with the covers over my head. This terrible sleeping habit was my vain attempt to keep out the light that would often disturb my time of inactivity and rest, which required total darkness. Interestingly enough, I was still awakened by those bright lights each morning. My decision to sleep with the covers over my head did not stop the light around me from shining brightly. The lights in my room served their purpose and did what they were created to do by bringing illumination to a place covered in darkness.

I wish I could tell you all on this call this morning that I have always shined my light as brightly as those lights in my childhood bedroom. But honestly, shining the light has been a struggle for me over the past few years. The truth is, sometimes it seems easier for me to simply hide my light rather than shine it because, for many years, like some of you on this call, I found a false sense of security and comfort living in a dark place. Unfortunately, I thought concealing my light would make those around me more comfortable while being in my presence and ward off any unwanted criticism and judgment. I thank God for shining His light on the dark places in my life and bringing me into the knowledge of the truth that is found in His Word.

In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus refers to His disciples as the “light of the world” and reminds them to shine their light rather than hide it. The light of the disciple is not for one’s self-gratification, but rather to help bring illumination to those around them who may be searching for a better way of life but unable to find it as they stumble around in the darkness. In the natural world, light is reflective, and the same principle applies in this biblical context. Therefore, as the light of the world, we have a responsibility to reflect the light of Jesus.

So I am sure there is someone listening this morning asking the question, “What is the light and how do I shine and reflect it?” Well let’s look at our greatest example, Jesus, and the word light:

The “L” in light is for love, Jesus was known for His love and as His disciples, our light illuminates when we make the conscious choice to treat others with the utmost respect and concern for their well-being, regardless if they are

easy to love or not.

“I” is for influence; God has given you and me great influence and visibility. As light-bearers, we live life from an elevated position for the entire world to see. God will use us to make a difference for His glory.

“G” is for good works. Being the light involves being the hands and feet of Jesus in order to continue His great work here on the earth. It is through our actions and deeds that solely benefit others that Jesus is glorified.

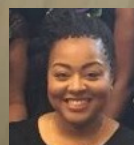
“H” is for humility. Jesus was humble and despised pride. If we are to truly shine the light, we must humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God. We do not shine the light for our own glory, but solely for the glory of God.

Lastly, “T” is for testimony. We all have a testimony that shows off the awesomeness of our God. What God has and will do for you and me is not for our own benefit, but for us to share and tell someone else about the gospel and goodness of God. Today is my day to testify and now it’s your turn to share your story. There is power in your testimony, do not be afraid to tell others about what God has done in your life. I look back on all of those years I spent living in a dark place and I realize that I didn’t start to live until I started to shine the light.

As your sister in Christ, I challenge you this morning to not rise and shine, but rather *arise and shine*. My mother’s rise and shine declaration in those early mornings served as my wake up, and for you and me, today’s devotional serves as our call to action. God desires for us to fully step into our role as the light of the world. Shining the light in the midst of darkness is not what we do, it is who we are.

Today is the day you arise and come into being everything God has created, predestined and purposed you to be. We each have a divinely ordained role to play in this adventurous kingdom narrative called life. The darkness around you cannot stop your light from shining. So, this morning I leave you with this affirmation: I am the light and I am designed to shine. I no longer hide my light. Shining brightly for the glory of God is my only option.

This concludes the encouraging word for the day. *G*



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Shine

BELIEVE YOU ARE THE LIGHT A Morning Devotional

Prayer Warrior Sisters For Your Journey

By Grace Ayers

Father, in the name of Jesus, we come before You this morning thanking and praising You for who You are. Thank You for Your love. Thank You for Your grace. Thank You for Your mercy. Thank You for Your light!

We confess any sins we've committed, and we pray that you remove everything in us that is not like You. Your Word says You are light and in You is no darkness at all. Help us be imitators and duplicators of You and Your Word, Lord. Bless us to spend time in Your Word and in Your presence. Bless us to seek Your face daily and be filled with Your Spirit so we can walk and live in Your likeness and so we can be the light of the world. Help us to drive out darkness everywhere we go.

Use us to demonstrate You to everyone we encounter. Let us be lights in our homes. Let us be lights on our jobs. Let us be lights in our communities. Let us be lights to the people you've placed in our care. Help us to build strong relationships with the people you've entrusted to us. Let us be the light in our marriages to encourage, affirm and build our husbands. Let us be lights to our children to be purposeful parents. Let us be lights to our extended family members. I pray that You fill our relationships with Your light of reconciliation and acceptance, understanding and forgiveness.

Let us be lights to our neighbors and coworkers. Let us be lights to our employers and authority figures. Help us serve our employers and authority figures with a spirit of excellence and godly submission so we may represent You well. Let us be lights in the gym, in the grocery store and everywhere we go. Even if all we have to offer is a smile or a friendly greeting, let us be lights.

*Your Word says Elizabeth's baby leaped when Mary greeted her. Let us be mindful of the power of a godly greeting. Use us to encourage our community members with godly greetings so their hope will leap, and their faith will leap, and they can be led to a saving relationship with you. Help us be a merciful and gracious light to the people in our lives, especially people who are most difficult to deal with. Help us be merciful and gracious because You are merciful and gracious. Bless us to be more like You, Lord. Bless us to think Your thoughts, to see what You see, to hear what You hear, to say what You say and to do what You do. Abba, Father, we love You. We live and breathe for Your cause. You are our hope. You are our joy. You are our life and we surrender all to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. **G***



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Why is Evangelism Important?

By Minister Gail Bussell

God commands us in Matthew 28:19-20 to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and teaching them to observe all the things that He commanded.

The goal of sharing the good news is to make disciples. A disciple is someone who has accepted Jesus Christ into their heart and has become a believer and follower of Jesus Christ. Making a disciple involves three steps: going, baptizing and teaching.

To go means to move – to get up from where you are and go forward to all people, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

It is important that when a person accepts the Lord Jesus, he or she would be baptized as a public declaration of being identified with Christ. The act of being immersed in water represents the death of the old man, while being brought up from the water represents the believer having been born again.

Teaching involves training and developing the new believer in a godly lifestyle, which includes being worship-filled, building strong relationships and regularly studying the Word of God. It also involves teaching the new believer to win others to Christ, discovering and using their spiritual gifts, developing strong families and growing to spiritual maturity. **G**



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God's Spiritual Saltshakers

By Mary Davisson



From religious convictions to legends, and through all sorts of global twists and turns, salt has played a vital role in human history. It is an ancient mineral refined for thousands of years from northern China to medieval France. Whether you are skilled at cooking or accustomed to eating at fine restaurants, salt is an indispensable ingredient in all foods. As you cook or dine out, there are a number of salts that may suit your fancy; common table salt, kosher, flake, Hawaiian sea salt, Himalayan, smoke and various season salts are just a few.

Every chef knows salt will enhance a particular dish. Kosher, for example, is a coarse-grained salt and should not be used to flavor every food; it is best for meats. Just as there are various kinds of salt to enhance a variety of foods, so it is in the kingdom of God. Jesus has a spiritual smorgasbord of salt shakers that He uses to witness to others. He has salt shakers of divine health; salt shakers of inspiration; salt shakers of prosperity; salt shakers of love and more. Yes, God has made us uniquely different, even right down to our DNA and fingerprints. So, how does the concept of “pass the salt” apply to Jesus’ statement when He said, *“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men”* (Matthew 5:13, KJV)?

I have come to realize that God is in the business of using every believer to pass the salt, so that nobody perishes (2 Peter 3:9). I’ve also discovered that passing the salt means we need to believe that God

wants to use us to make a difference in the world today. We are agents of change; just like salt alters food, as we navigate our circles, He will use us and He wants to use us to effect change; preach the gospel to the unbeliever; visit prisoners; clothe the naked; shelter the homeless; encourage others and heal the sick. As salt shakers, we must not only reach out to unbelievers, but believers, too. What about the Christian who has been saved for years, yet has become weary? What about the saint who has lost his or her way and needs encouragement – perhaps a word from another believer can help them BELIEVE in their darkest hour? Let’s not forget those who are struggling with a terminal disease? And the Christians who have lost hope due to a long-term, intense trial or test? They need to be motivated, too.

God has always used and currently uses the church or the body of Christ and specifically ministers to sprinkle salt into the troubled lives of others when they need it most. On that note, Grace Magazine asked FBCG member Stacy Bradner to share with us how the Lord has used her to be a spiritual salt shaker to sprinkle, sprinkle, sprinkle divine salt in her sphere of influence.

Grace: Tell us about yourself. What ministry are you a part of at First Baptist Church of Glenarden?

Bradner: I serve in the United Voices, the Health Ministry and in Prosperity Partners.

Grace: Where has God used you to pass the salt?

Bradner: Let me say this before I answer your question. My motto has always been to leave a person

better off than how I found them. I try to figure out where people are. Then I do what I can to help them — I love helping others.

God has used me to pass the salt at work. For example, there were two coworkers who expressed to me that they wanted to move up in the company. Instead of being jealous and blocking them, I seized the moment to pass the salt. I reassured them they could become project managers, too. As a result, I've watched God bless them in their endeavors. One person went on to become a project manager, while the other individual went back to school to take more classes. Because of this friendship, I can continue to pass the salt in his life.

Grace: What recommendations do you have for others concerning passing the salt?

Bradner: I believe some plant, some water, but it is God who gives the increase. Secondly, I believe the following:

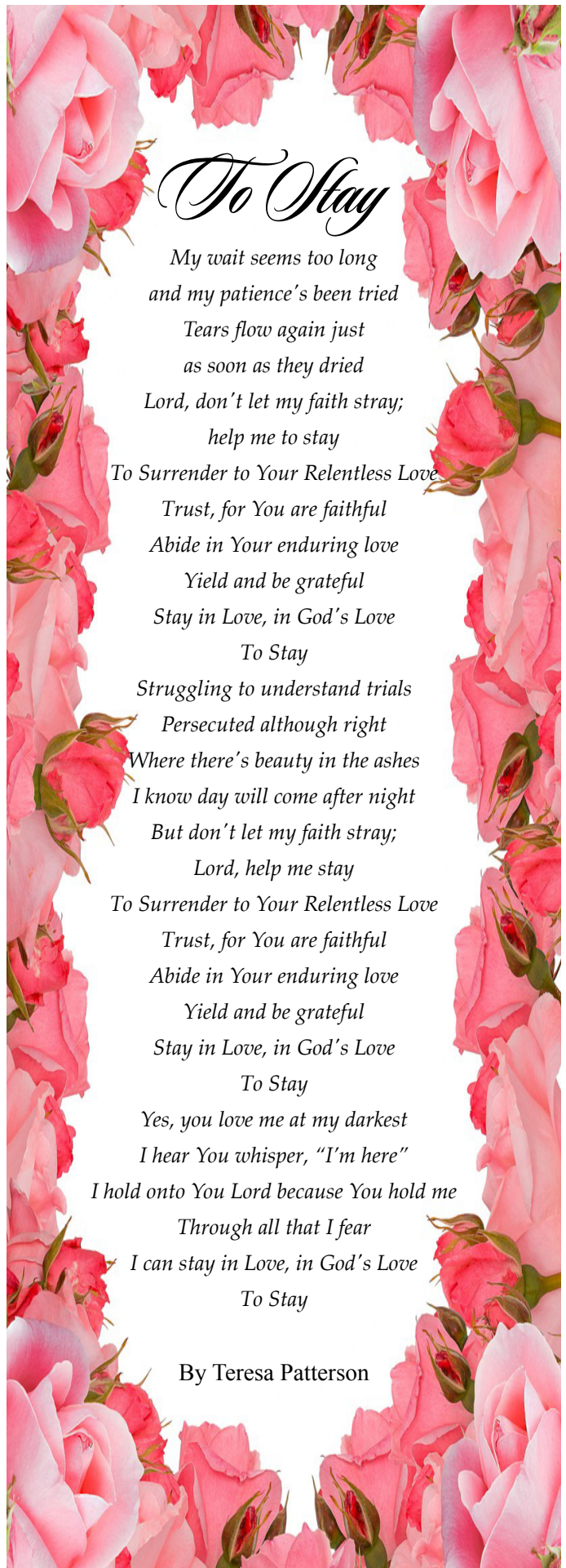
- We must want to be used by God to pass the salt in our friends' and family members' lives.
- We must recognize that we don't get to tailor how God uses us in passing the salt.
- We must also allow God to use us to light a pathway, even on our jobs.
- We must be salt to strangers; the Bible says we may be entertaining angels unaware (Hebrew 13:2).

I'm reminded of a difficult period in my life. During that time, I had seen some bazaar conditions. One day, I thought to myself, and whispered to God, *Lord, I don't see an ounce of Christ in this person.* I wasn't judging the individual negatively, as somebody who had "arrived." I was looking for "salt," the light! --- I was looking for God's light in a very dark season. I thought to myself, How else can we sprinkle salt on others if we are not in close proximity? God wants us to mingle with believers and non-believers — this is how we touch the lives of others, hopefully, bringing about a change and/or inspiration in their lives. In my view, I felt the individual had missed a grand opportunity to shine their light and pass the salt!

I realize that at certain intervals of my journey, I, too, have missed openings to pass the salt. But, I am happy to report, I have changed. I'm better at it now. All too often, I think we are not in tuned with Christ because we are sometimes too busy with personal struggles, with the twists and turns of our lives or at times we are too busy judging others (unrighteously) — especially during other people's seasons of testing and trials. No more hearing only in your circle of influence. Let's shine for Jesus! Go ... God's spiritual salt-shakers and sprinkle, sprinkle, sprinkle, in the lives of the believer and the unbeliever. *G*



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To Stay

*My wait seems too long
and my patience's been tried
Tears flow again just
as soon as they dried*

*Lord, don't let my faith stray;
help me to stay*

To Surrender to Your Relentless Love

*Trust, for You are faithful
Abide in Your enduring love
Yield and be grateful*

*Stay in Love, in God's Love
To Stay*

*Struggling to understand trials
Persecuted although right*

*Where there's beauty in the ashes
I know day will come after night
But don't let my faith stray;
Lord, help me stay*

To Surrender to Your Relentless Love

*Trust, for You are faithful
Abide in Your enduring love
Yield and be grateful*

*Stay in Love, in God's Love
To Stay*

*Yes, you love me at my darkest
I hear You whisper, "I'm here"*

*I hold onto You Lord because You hold me
Through all that I fear*

*I can stay in Love, in God's Love
To Stay*

By Teresa Patterson

Marie's Bread Pudding

Por María Johnson

*In honor of Mother's Day, **Grace** member, Hilda Johnson submitted a recipe for her mother's traditional bread pudding that's been passed down for generations.*

Ingredients:

2 loaves Italian bread
 2 cans of coconut cream (Goya)
 1 (12 oz) can of evaporated milk (Carnation)
 12 oz water
 ½ cup of powdered cinnamon for mixture
 ½ cup of powdered cinnamon for sprinkling on top

1 teaspoon of powdered ginger
 3 eggs
 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract
 3 small boxes of raisins
 1 cup of brown sugar
 ½ teaspoon of salt (if desired)



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Crumble the bread into a large bowl.
3. Add evaporated Carnation milk, coconut cream and water over the bread and mix together thoroughly.
4. In a separate bowl, scramble eggs, add vanilla extract, ginger and salt. Pour it over the bread.
5. Add ½ cup of cinnamon and brown sugar to the bread and stir in thoroughly (mixer preferred).
6. Add raisins to mixture.
7. Butter large baking pan and pour mixture into the pan.
8. Cover the baking pan and place it into the oven to bake at 350 degrees for an hour and a half.
9. Carefully uncover the baking pan and sprinkle ½ cup of cinnamon over the bread and place back into the oven for another 15 minutes or until the center is dry.
10. Remove from the oven and let cool before eating.



that because we still need the physical touch — the physical presence and closeness, but you just have to stay relevant.

Grace: How would you describe FBCG's "secret sauce" for creating Women's Ministries?

First Lady: I think the women have figured out how to really stay relational, connect with other women and love on them. And when you do that, you empower them to become vessels of God's love. Women can feel that and they connect with it.

Grace: As I look at each one of these ministries, they promote healing. Why is it important to heal and be mended by the best — Jesus?

First Lady: It's a lasting answer. We live in a society that tries to self-medicate itself. People do that in different ways: drugs, food, wrong relationships, etc. But it's all people trying to heal their pain.

When you go to the bookstore, there are tons of self-help books. Do this to get rid of this pain; do that to get rid of that pain. Do this or that to stay healthier. But the key is, we can't self-medicate. We can't heal ourselves. I believe that there's just one true healer and His name is Jesus. And when we come to Him, He heals all our sicknesses and diseases, and He makes us whole.

Jesus is the answer and He is the true God. Until we get in relationship with Him, we'll always have a void. We'll always be trying to fix it. But He's the "Master Fixer."

Grace: What should a woman do if she has just started walking with God, and is looking for that first ministry to join, and doesn't know where to start?

First Lady: The first thing I would try to get her involved in is a discipleship ministry. Or she could always do a focus study. There are always focus studies you can join to help you learn about Jesus and develop relationships with women who love Him. I would also encourage her to come to Bible study.

Grace: How can the woman who is walking in her purpose, in tune with God, and studies the Bible also benefit from joining a women's ministry?

First Lady: Well, we never arrive; we are always being perfected. Salvation is free and it happens in an instant, but becoming godly and holy is a process. We have to always remember that we have to stay humble and stay a disciple. A disciple is a learner of Jesus — we learn Him and we study Him. We'll be doing that until we go home to be with Him.

Grace: As the Director of the Family Life Ministries for all these years, what makes you smile?

First Lady: Seeing people get it, seeing them grow—that's the best.

Grace: What makes you sad?

First Lady: When people don't take Him at His Word and apply it. We have such rich teaching and training. There is no reason why we don't know the Word of God. There's absolutely no reason for that. When people don't make themselves available, that makes me sad.

Grace: The theme for our Spring issue is BELIEVE. Was there ever a time when your belief was challenged?

First Lady: Absolutely. I think we all come to times when our belief is challenged. But that's when you have to just rely on Jesus and who He says He is. The Word of God is what it says, and you just have to trust.

Grace: What turned your belief around? What restored it?

First Lady: Just trust Him. I literally said, "I don't know why and I don't know how this is going to work out, but I've seen you work it out before and I know you'll do it again." We go through things in life. God uses those things to prepare us for the next thing and then you look back, like David, when he had to encourage himself on a number of occasions. He just looked back over his life and saw the things that God had done and he encouraged himself. He said, "Why, my soul, are you so downcast?" Put your hope in God. Trust in God; and we do that by looking back on all the things He's done for us.

Grace: What will be the focus of Family Life Ministries going forward?

First Lady: I think it's the job of every Christian to be so serious about leading people to Christ. Live a life that emulates Jesus, that causes people to want to come to know Him. Be able and know how to literally lead people to Jesus. That's the focus. That has to be the focus now because I don't know how anybody can dispute that we're in the last days. *G*



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Shine REINVENTING YOURSELF

An Interview with Veronica Wise

By Cathy E. Smith

Grace: Who is Veronica Wise?

Wise: My clients would say “the hairstylist with a heart of gold” and I would definitely agree. I am a proud mother to a talented son, a creative stylist who uses my gift to make other women feel beautiful and a philanthropist. I am very determined, resilient and faithful to God. I am a hard worker who gets energized by what I do. I love to laugh and make others laugh. I seek to encourage and inspire others from the grace that God has given me.

Grace: What inspired you to become an entrepreneur?

Wise: I have always loved being in the hair and beauty industry! In my 30 years of being in this field, I have learned a lot. With lessons learned from both good and bad experiences, I had the ability to create what I did not see in the market. As a result of these experiences, I decided it was time for me to build the salon I had always dreamt of and create a space for other stylists who shared the same vision.

Grace: Are there any lessons that you have learned as a believer that you want to share with someone looking to get into or serve in the beauty industry?

Wise: As a believer, the one lesson that resonates with me is to always put God first. I do so in every decision I make! It does not matter how little the decision, I do not move until God says so. While in the process of opening my own salon, I prayed over every document I had to sign, and every offer that came to the table. I have a saying that I live by - “When you put God first, you’ll never be last.” I say this often to myself as a reminder that I can do nothing without Him.

Grace: What is your favorite Bible verse that you draw strength from as a business owner?

Wise: I have two favorite Bible verses that I draw strength from as a business owner. “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16), and “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you” (John 15:7).

Grace: What beliefs do you feel led to your desire to open your own salon?

Wise: My desire of opening my own hair salon, pHORMULA THE SALON, is knowing that I am an HEIR of God’s throne. God has a bigger plan for me than I can ever dream. It’s time to dream big! Just the thought of that gives me the strength to accomplish my heart’s desires.

Grace: What lessons as a stylist do you feel have prepared you to open your own business?

Wise: The biggest lesson I learned is to do your research. For 10 years, I gathered and researched information, before I even entertained the thought of having my own business. That was the best preparation I could have done for myself and the success of my business. If I did not do this, I would not have been prepared to launch and open my own business.

Grace: You devote your time and energy to servicing the homeless once a year. Share with our readers your idea to serve, and to help make others beautiful when they feel they have lost hope. Do you share your own beliefs with them?

Wise: The moment I encounter a homeless patron that I am going to service, I think, What if this were me? *What would I want or what would I need from the person who’s doing my hair?* After I get over those thoughts, I service the patron and my goal is to always uplift their spirits by making them see themselves differently. I realize that people feel better when they look and feel good. Just something simple as shampooing their hair helps them feel better. They often say to me that they feel like a weight has been lifted off them just from getting their hair shampooed. The hope that was lost is a thing of the past, even if it lasted only for one day.

I definitely share my beliefs with each one of them. I always recommend churches that are able to assist them as well as help them develop a relationship with Christ. I always ask patrons are they saved and if they are not, I ask if they would like to become saved. *G*



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Stand Up for Jesus!

By Taunya Sills

Lately everyone has been standing up for some type of cause, whether it be women’s rights, equal rights or Black Lives Matter. The question is, are you standing up for Jesus? There will be trials, disappointments, persecution and temptations, but through all this, we must stand firm in Christ. We have to be on guard. Not only must we firmly stand up for these things, we must stand up for our biblical truths.

Many people professing to know Christ compromise with the world and twist Scriptures to suit their lifestyles. Our Christian life is an ongoing battle against sin. We should not become discouraged, but continue renewing our minds. We must continually spend time in the presence of the Lord and pray for courage and boldness to do the will of God.

What does it mean to stand up for Jesus? Standing up for Jesus takes a few basic principles such as spending time with Him, living the Word and praying in faith. Spending time with Jesus means to set aside quiet time with God daily. We must rely on Jesus as our vine and be directly, intimately connected to Him. Just as a branch is linked directly to a vine, and through the vine connected to other branches, we are linked directly to Christ (our Vine). Spending time alone with God and in corporate worship is the best nourishment for believers. Without time alone with God, we will find needs unmet, and not truly know the abundant life He gives. Spending time alone with God rids our minds of distractions, so that we can focus on Him and hear His Word. Only when we abide in Him can we enjoy the intimacy to which He calls us, and come to truly know Him.

Living the Word is not about gaining more knowledge. The Bible is unlike other books in that it brings about lasting, supernatural change within a person. The Word of

God accomplishes His purpose. The preaching of the Holy Scriptures brings about God’s desired effects.

Praying in faith is simply pouring our hearts out to God. It involves praise, praying for others, confession, telling Him our needs and asking for forgiveness and strength in the face of temptation.

When we stand up for Jesus, we conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel. Standing up for Jesus means to stand firm in one spirit. As a church we are supposed to stand together in Christ. If one of us thinks that the church is going in the wrong direction, we must ask whether we are promoting unity and evaluate our lone stance.

God’s Word stands firm and all His promises are for you. Continue standing firm in faith. *“You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand”*(James 5:8). In trials you must remain steadfast; God’s love stands firm so we must stand firm when the devil tries to tempt us.

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness”(Ephesians 6:10-14). *G*



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Magnifying Moms in Christ – Speak Life

By LaTosha Harrison

Mama you are beautiful
Mama you are phenomenal
Mama you are uniquely made

As moms in Christ, we have a unique role for which God has called us. God equips us to use our words not to bring death and defeat, but rather to bring love and victory.

Do you ever question who you are and what you are called to be as a mom in Christ?

For the answer to this question, let us look at Timothy and the phenomenal women who impacted his life: his mother and grandmother.

Timothy was a young pastor and Paul's child in the faith (1 Timothy 1:2). Paul loved Timothy for his faithfulness to the sacred texts and his friendship (2 Timothy 3:15, 10–11). When everyone had abandoned Paul during his imprisonment in Rome, Timothy remained faithful to Paul through prayers and tears (2 Timothy 1:3–5). Paul was greatly affected by the ministry and love of his apprentice. And Paul attributes Timothy's faith and character to his mother's and his grandmother's faithful witness. Paul reminds Timothy that he learned and firmly believed the Word "from childhood" (2 Timothy 3:15).

This is a great example that shows the power and influence of a mom in Christ. It reminds us of who we are, what we were called for and most importantly, the impact we can have. We are believers and we are called to SPEAK LIFE. Timothy's mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois, invested in him to teach him about God. They spoke life into him and built a solid foundation. God has called us, as moms, to train up our children in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6).



Also, in partnering with our husbands to lead our household, we must develop the life of a believer.

- A Believer finds strength in Jesus Christ.
- A Believer finds direction from Jesus Christ.
- A Believer builds a relationship with Jesus Christ.

As a mother in Christ, one of the most important actions you must take is to be a believer, building a relationship with Christ by depending on Him for strength and direction. A believer is empowered to speak life into every situation or circumstance - good or bad. So mamas, I challenge you to SPEAK LIFE over your husband, children, community, country and most importantly, speak life into YOURSELF.

In caring for everyone, we must ensure we exhibit self-love. Charity begins at home. If your cup is empty, how can you fill other cups? There’s nothing wrong with spiritual pampering with God’s Word and physical pampering with facials and massages to relax. Every season of motherhood offers new challenges and chances for us to grow in our trust in God. It doesn’t matter if you are a brand-new mother or if you have been mothering for decades, we all want to be the best we can for ourselves and our families. Be encouraged and equipped for the task with which God has entrusted you: motherhood. We need to view this as an opportunity to connect, change and communicate with people on their journey with Christ. In speaking life inside and outside our households, we are being disciplined and faithful to God’s Word.

First Lady Michelle Obama often says, “When they go low, we go high.” This is a great example of a mom speaking the words of life and love as she encounters unfortunate circumstances. This situation helped strengthen her to handle the course ahead because she has the mindset, heart and spirit of a believer to SPEAK LIFE. When we change our mindset, it flows to create change in other areas: how we interact, what we say or what we do.

Through our prayers we can speak life. Mama, there is power in prayer.

God says that when we bring our problems, sorrows, fears and burdens to Him, He promises to help us pray with power: “The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. We don’t know what we ought to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words” (Romans 8:26).

As moms in Christ, here are seven best practices you can implement daily to speak life – Be a Believer:

- B**ecome a soldier in Christ
- E**mbrace God’s love everyday thru Prayer
- L**et your light shine so others seek you out in Jesus’ name
- I**nspire hope and change thru God’s guidance
- E**ducate everyone on God’s Word
- V**alidate God’s beauty and strength
- E**mpower God’s word through your actions *G*



LaTosha Harrison
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Women of the Bible

By Amanda Nix

“If all things are possible with God, then all things are possible to him who believes in him.” – Corrie ten Boom, Anti-Holocaust activist and author

Belief—it is an acceptance that a statement is true or that something exists; trust, faith, or confidence in someone or something. God calls us to be women of belief: in our families, our churches, our jobs and our communities. When reading about the women in the Bible who demonstrated unwavering belief in God’s promises, to some of us, it seems an act of superhuman strength. But they were ordinary women who God used to do extraordinary things. The stories of women like Esther and Sarah affirm that the same God who delivered them, and fulfilled His promises to them, will do the same for us.

Hannah

Like Sarah, Hannah prayed for a son, but she was barren. However, because of her belief and hope in God, she was blessed with a son named Samuel. Hannah fulfilled her promise to God by presenting her son’s life as a dedication to the Lord. Because of her faithfulness, *“God was most especially kind to Hannah. She had three more sons and two daughters”* (1 Samuel 2:21). Hannah was a prayer warrior; she prayed continually and believed that God would grant the desires of her heart. Women of belief never cease to pray.

Ruth

Ruth was a young widow, an outsider and a faithful daughter-in-law. During her journey of transformation, Ruth turned away from hedonism and idolatry and decided to follow God. She believed that He could transform her life and circumstances. Ruth took on a quiet life of humble service and God rewarded her mightily. Because of her faith, her spirit of generosity and her humility, Ruth’s chance at a family was restored. She became the ancestress of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ. Women of belief are selfless because they know that God will provide.

Deborah

Deborah believed that she had a responsibility to prophesy the Word of God and proclaim it to others; God made her

a judge of Israel—a position primarily held by men—and a warrior who helped defeat the Canaanites. God called Deborah to be a leader, and it was through her faith and belief in Him that she was victorious. When God places a calling on our heart, we cannot turn away from it in fear or with an expectation of failure. We must remember that God would not place us in positions of leadership or service if He did not give us the wisdom and strength to succeed. Women of belief are fearless.

We must remember that God’s presence and power is always with us when we experience challenging and uncertain times. Paul’s prayer for the people at Ephesus is one that we can cling to today: *“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his mighty power”*(Ephesians 1:17-19).

God has a plan and purpose for our lives. Every situation we experience is by His design. If you are troubled by heartache, financial crisis, sickness or broken relationships, know that God has not abandoned you, and believe that He is working everything out for your good. Hannah, Ruth, Deborah and several other women in the Bible believed that God was greater than any trouble or hardship they faced. It is during our times of trial and testing that God brings us closer to Him, and it is during these times when we must demonstrate the same unwavering belief of our predecessors. Trust and believe what God says about you: *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”*(Philippians 4:13).

When you begin to doubt, pray that God will strengthen your mind and heart to focus on who He says He is and the promises He has kept: *“Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight”*(1 John 3:21-22, KJV). *G*



Senior Spotlight: Mother Rosie Woodrick

By Sherlita Queen

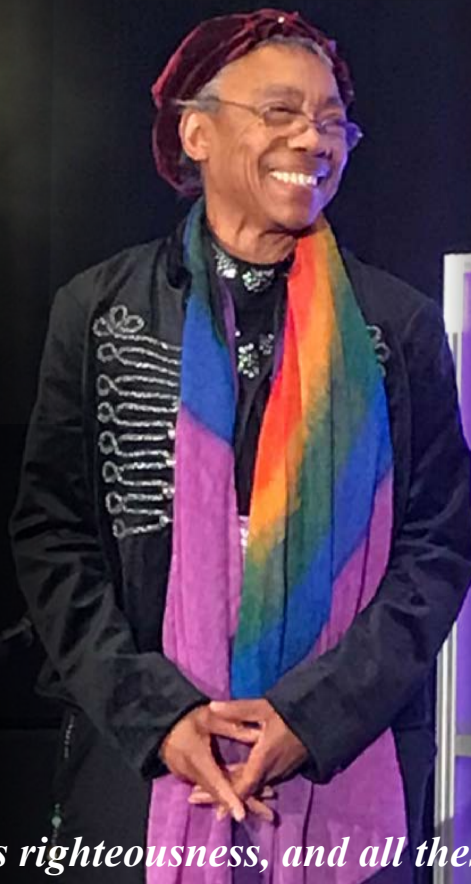
Mother Rosie Woodrick is the Director of the Sunbeams Youth Choir. Mother Woodrick, as she is fondly known, is being honored for her many years of dedicated service at FBCG. I caught up with Mother Woodrick—and I do mean caught up with her, due to her very busy schedule – for an interview. Oh, how many people would dream of having such an anointing on their lives at the seasoned age of 80!

“Once a Sunbeam, always a Sunbeam” is the theme of Mother Woodrick’s message. Her dynamic ministry teaches youth how to share the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, self-respect (being proud of one’s heritage), leadership skills and most importantly, listening to people. She says, “people will remember you when you listen and model Christ to them.”

Saved as a teenager, Mother Woodrick gives God all the glory for teaching her a valuable lesson when He spared her life and instilled in her that putting Him first is paramount to a successful personal life as a Christian.

“But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).

We celebrate her life, ministry and legacy of inspiring people from all walks of life to embrace the love of Jesus Christ and be all that God created them to be!



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First Baptist Church of Glenarden Women's Ministries

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HOMEMAKERS MINISTRY

As executives of their home, stay-at-home moms connect the heart and home. This group comes together and provides encouragement and support to one another in strengthening and upholding family life.

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Every month women gather to fellowship. This builds and strengthens relationships among the women of First Baptist as they learn God's Word together.

WOMEN IN NEED

W.I.N. assists women in crisis by providing access to resource information. It serves First Baptist members as well as women in the local community.

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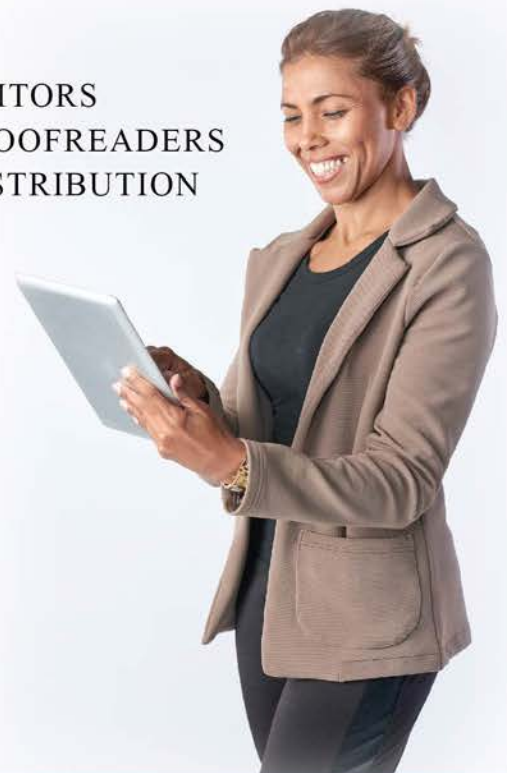
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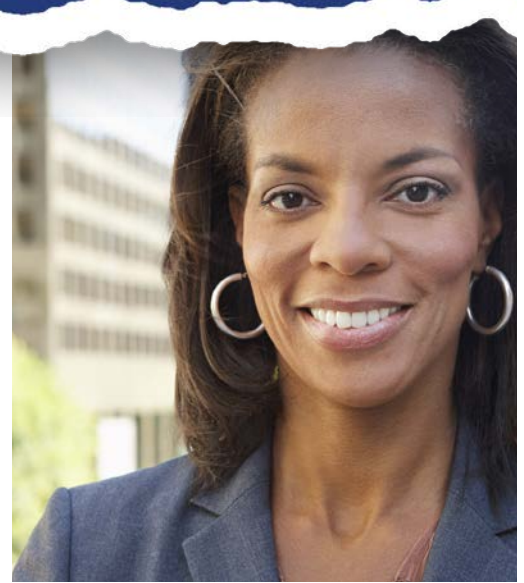
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July 28, 2018

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Helen Bryant, Director, Helps Ministries Department

First Baptist Church of Glenarden is a progressive ministry with a strong emphasis on relevant biblical teaching and preaching the Word of God. Under the leadership of Pastor John K. Jenkins Sr., First Baptist has grown to comprise more than 11,000 active members, 100-plus ministries and programs, four Sunday worship services and a well-attended Tuesday night Bible study. Pastor Jenkins and his devoted wife, First Lady Trina Jenkins, have dedicated their lives to winning the lost and developing dynamic disciples to impact the lives of people in our community and throughout the world.

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Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Worship Center and Wednesdays at noon at the Ministry Center.

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