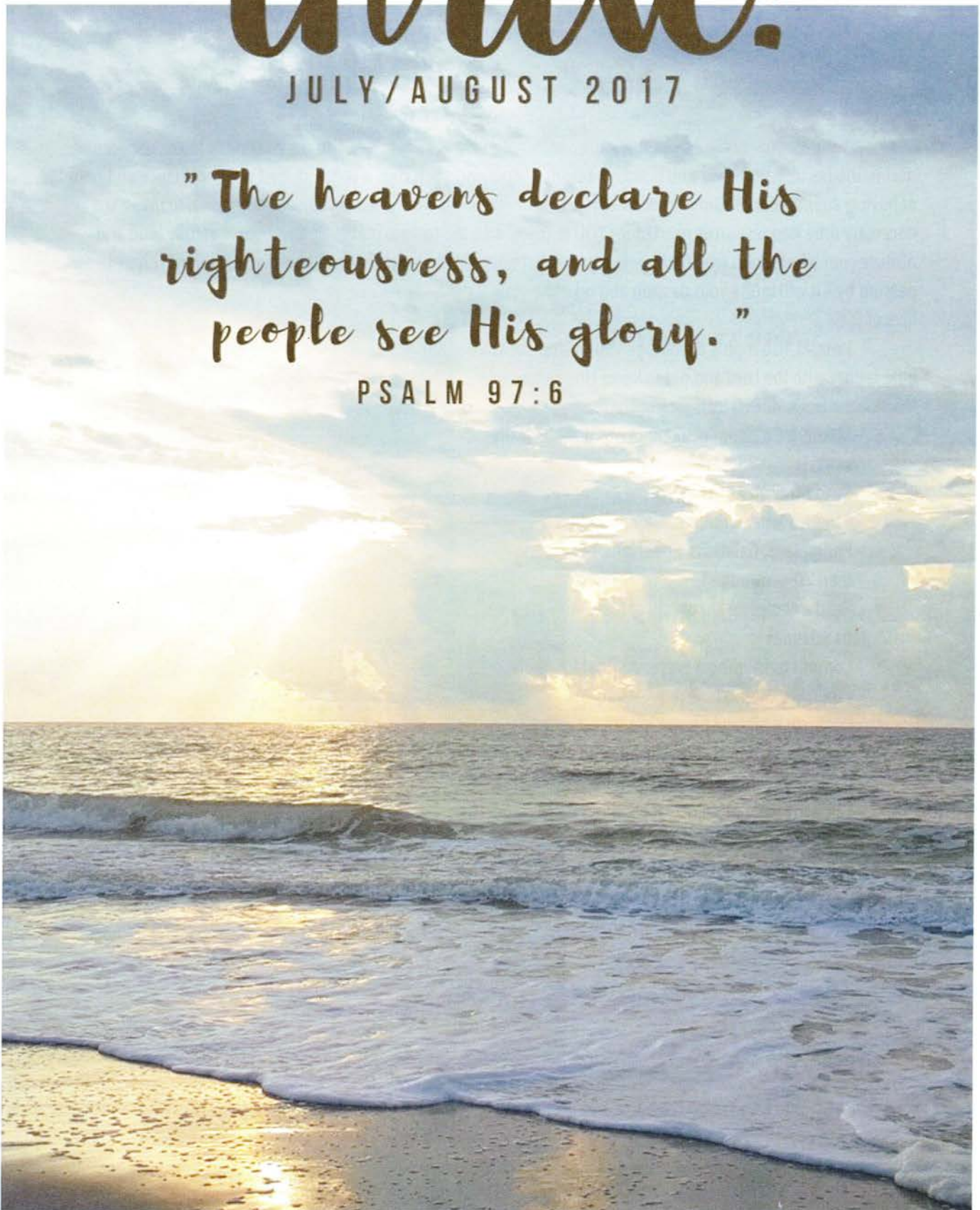


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*"The heavens declare His
righteousness, and all the
people see His glory."*

PSALM 97:6



Editor's Note

Hello, summer!

And, hello to you too, friend! I am so glad that you have joined us for another edition of the *thrive!* Newsletter. Our prayer is that you are encouraged and challenged by our guest writers: Lynette Cannon, Melanie Elliott, Karen McCorkle and Michelle Rabon. Their honest and inspiring essays will motivate you to spend a bit more of your summer 'free' time seeking Jesus Christ and growing in Him. You won't regret the investment!

Summertime also gives us more time to invest in areas of our life we sometimes push to the back burner during the hectic school year and holiday seasons. Displayinggrace.com recently shared the importance and benefits of having an intentional summer focused on using our minutes wisely. Give yourself permission to invest the necessary time and resources needed for YOU to grow. Like the tomato plants we fuss over, carefully tend and nurture your whole self - read that book, explore that new activity, branch out and try that restaurant you've been passing by - it will ignite your passion and rekindle your love of life.

I would also highly encourage you to step out a little farther with the Lord and get to know Him better.

Need some fresh ideas? Try these for starters:

- Memorize a psalm using hand motions (it really works!)
- Read through an entire epistle in one sitting as if it were a letter written just for you (think Philippians, Galatians, Ephesians, etc. - takes less than 20+- minutes)
- Read a complete chapter in at least three different translations
- Commit to keeping a Prayer Journal for 30 days especially noting how requests are answered
- Research a biblical person of interest and complete a character sketch with the ultimate goal of applying what you learn from their life to your own
- Earnestly ask God to reveal anything that is hindering your relationship with Him and be ready and willing to act on what is uncovered

I am confident that any time and effort expended to grow and strengthen yourself spiritually, emotionally, physically or intellectually will be rewarded with wonderfully unexpected results. If God has given you a summer season with more 'time on your hands' than normal, take advantage of the gift and use it wisely. You'll be so glad you did.

Have a great summer!

Julie



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July/August Calendar

July

- 4 - Independence Day!
- 10 - Grace Missions 10:00 a.m.
- 12 - James Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 17 - 21 Kid's Camp
- 22 - Ladies Night out - Bowling
6:30 p.m. (Fox Fire Lanes)
- 23 - Valor III (Special Singing) 6:00 p.m.
- 23 - Super Summer Sunday Night (Youth)
- 26 - James Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 28 - thrive! Book Club
7:00 p.m.

August

- 5 - Awaken Bible Study
10:00 a.m.
- 9 - James Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 14 - Grace Missions 10:00 a.m.
- 14 - 18 Vacation Bible School (Evenings)
- 20 - Backpack Blessings
2:00 p.m.
- 23 - James Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 24 - White Rose Fellowship
- 27 - Super Summer Sunday Night (Youth)
- 28 - Back to School!

Upcoming 2017 dates:

- 9/10/17 - Homecoming
- 9/11/17 - GriefShare begins
- October - *I Love My Church* Month
- 10/7/17 - Awaken Bible Study
- 10/28/17 - Fall Festival 11- 3 pm
- 11/4/17 - *Surviving the Holidays* Seminar
- 11/11/17 - Christmas Festival of Tables
- 11/18/17 - Ladies Day Out (Mebane)
- 12/2/17 - Toyshare
- 12/3/17 - Tree Lighting Service
- 12/10/17 - Children's Christmas Program
- 12/17/17 - Choir Christmas Program

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thrive! Book Club

July 28, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
C3 Coffeehouse Room

Join us as we discuss the
book, *Never Unfriended*
by Lisa-Jo Baker
Get your copy today!



What our ladies are saying about Book Club:

"I had a great time of fellowship with all the ladies that were able to attend. So looking forward to the next."

-Margaret Long

"I really enjoyed the first ever thrive! book club meeting!!! The fellowship was great!!! Enjoyed everyone sharing their hearts, can't wait for the next one!!!"

-Leigh Hollman

"Being the oldest lady at the book club meeting, was a joy listening and sharing. The book touched us all with insight into our need to trust God regardless of our circumstances. The author brought out the book of Ruth to life situations in an unusual way. I look forward to the next meeting."

-Julia Pope



Ladies Night Out *Bowling*

July 22, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Fox Fire Lanes

**Sign-up at the
thrive! table**

**See Beverly Butts for
more information**



Grace Sufficient, Part 2

In Loving Memory of my Friend, Lyndall Campbell

By: Michelle Rabon

Honestly, I didn't know that I would be writing part two of this article alone.

Lyndall Campbell, my dear friend, encourager and mentor, went home to be with the Lord on Mother's Day, May 13, 2017. But in a way, she is still with me because when I close my eyes I can see her smile and hear her voice.

Looking back on that day in March when she and I sat down to record her interview I could not see God's plan, I did not know how He would unfold the following weeks and what He wanted to accomplish with the first article. I had one goal, to share her story and to do my best to describe the incredible woman she was.

As I began to think about this second article, there were so many competing and worthwhile directions to take, but in the end God showed me the greatest take away from Ms. Lyndall's life to share with you.

Many months ago, right after her brain tumor diagnosis, I went to visit with her one afternoon. My heart felt so impressed by the Spirit to encourage her, love on her and just let her talk. But, in her usual way after one question about her, she turned the conversation to me. "Now, alright I want you to tell me all about this new book."

Ms. Lyndall was my mentor, cheerleader, and prayer warrior. She spoke truth to me when there was discouragement and fear, and she always reminded me that God was using me. Her love and friendship changed me.

She was a warrior for Christ and His message when she taught Spanish students at South Rowan High School, greeted customers at Quality Clothing and encouraged family and friends near and far with phone calls and texts. God

continues to use her story to lead others to Him and it stands as a witness to never stop believing in what He can do through each of us.



Her legacy of love will always be a reminder that His grace is sufficient for every need. What legacy are you creating? What words will someone write about your life one day? How will God use your story to further His Kingdom?

Neither Ms. Lyndall or I knew what would come of that article; we never

knew how it would be used or continue to be used. The day she read it, about a week and a half before she passed, she texted me to say how much she loved it, and wished that she was half the woman I described. But, the truth is, I pray that I can aspire to be the woman she was. I pray that as I grow in Christ, as I lead women to God's Word and a relationship with Him, that I will be just like her. What about you? What kind of woman do you want to be for Christ?

The Great Commission tells us; "Go, make disciples of all nations..." Making disciples is more than filling church pews or having large numbers. It's a personal, one on one, hand in hand way of showing others to Christ, opening the Word over coffee, sharing tears, and growing in the truth.

Discipleship trudges through the tough stuff and pulls the inexperienced close when they begin to drift. It is loving when

it is challenging and never giving up. This is our call; to make disciples who make more disciples.

Lyndall Campbell made disciples. If you ever sat alone with her in a purposeful conversation, she always spoke God's truth. Her testimony filled every space of her life, and her love for Jesus was beyond measure.

She brought hope to those who knew her, shared the Gospel with those who were strangers to Him and accomplished exactly what God placed her here to do.

Here is my challenge to you, friend, and one I know Ms. Lyndall would echo, ask God to show you a younger woman you can invest in and then start investing. Purposefully build a relationship with her - take her to lunch, go walking together, invite her to join in a hobby - and then open the Bible and share God's truth with her. You will be blessed as you become a blessing!

Use Ms. Lyndall's example and love people the way she did, telling them about Jesus. Don't be afraid to be bold! Go and make disciples.



For Such a Time as This {Beauty for Ashes}

By: Melanie Elliott

"...who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:13)

Esther is a powerful example of someone who was willing to give of

herself in order to serve a greater cause – the saving of her people. While we may not be required to serve in such a history-making way, we are compelled to serve the Lord in the ministry to which we are called. We read in Colossians 4:17 - "...Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it."

Esther was placed in the king's palace at a critical time in history. No one else could have fulfilled Esther's role. She was God's minister and was forced to make crucial choices that unfolded into God's plan. She chose not to reveal her true identity as a Jew until absolutely necessary. When the time was right, she risked her life by going before the king without being bidden first. She stated, "If I perish, I perish." What if she had refused to go before the king as Mordecai advised? It would have meant death for many Jewish people. Wouldn't you agree that she was fulfilling her ministry? She allowed God to use her for His purpose. We also have a God-ordained purpose.

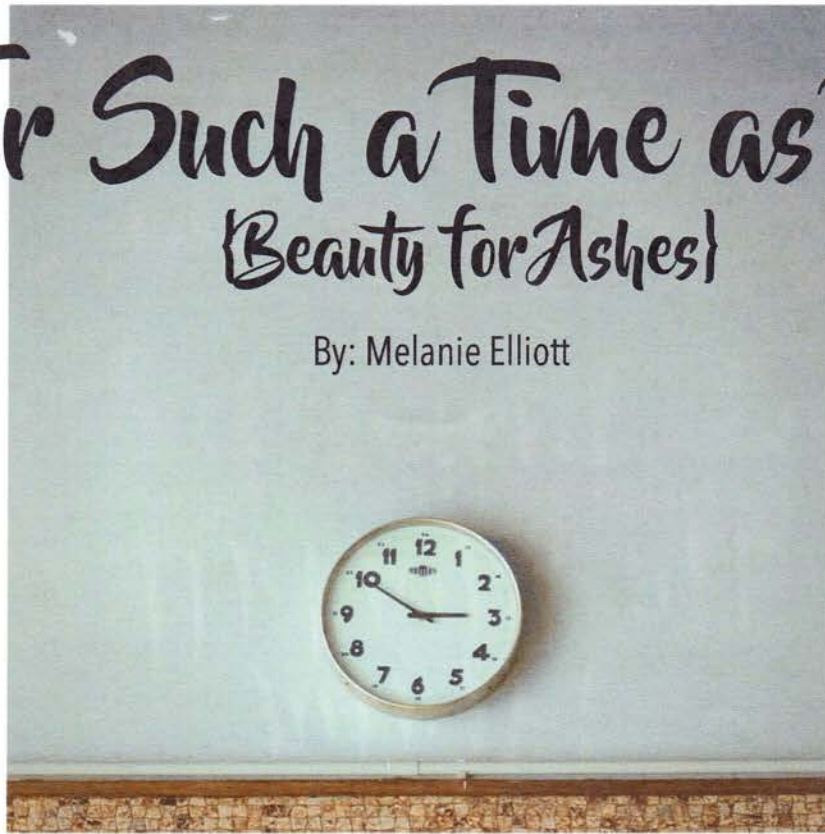
You may ask yourself, "What is my purpose, my ministry?" I have asked myself that question an untold number

of times. I wondered if it really mattered as long as I was serving. Of course, it is important that we serve. However, the ultimate service for the Lord is that special area of ministry *just for us* – a place and a purpose that no one else

can fulfill like we can.

Our life experiences often lead us to our calling. Ephesians 1:11 states, "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:" We read in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." So, what does that mean for me, personally?

As for me, I have mourned over what I thought was a wasted life for many years– one riddled with domestic violence in my first marriage. Domestic violence has often been a taboo topic among Christian circles, although, it is more common in our churches than we'd like to admit. My abuser sat on a church pew and sometimes stood behind a pulpit. I sat on that same pew beside him in misery and hid the painful truth behind a smile. Our marriage finally ended in divorce and I often wondered how anything good could come out of such an experience. Recently, those feelings have started to change.



I recalled the messages that Pastor Parker preached about Christian service and what we planned to do with the rest of our lives. He also preached on making ourselves available in service to the Lord. Lately, the Lord has been asking me, "Are **you** ready? Willing? Available? Will **you** put yourself at risk for such a time as this?" I felt the Lord calling me into a rather uncomfortable area – one that bid me to demolish some walls of protection and reach out to others who were going through what I did so long ago.

The Lord has given me strength to start stepping into places of discomfort. I have shared my story of survival with others. This has allowed me to come in contact with those who have had similar experiences. CVAN, a local battered women's shelter, presented their mission to our thrive! Leadership Team and as a result, our Seek and Serve team started supporting them through a monthly outreach. Something as simple as a pizza party for the ladies and their children has made such a difference. We have also provided copies of our thrive! newsletters and Michelle Rabon's Bible studies to the residents. These seemingly small acts, are reflections of Jesus. I see the

Lord's hand moving through all of this and He continues to speak to me in a still small voice.

I came across a scripture that resonated with me in Isaiah 61:3, "...to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified." Ah, now I see! He has given me beauty for ashes and my mourning has been replaced with joy! The LORD **can** be glorified through my painful experiences! And, oh, the blessings He has bestowed!

Throughout this journey I have found rest and unexplainable peace through Christ. I have a wonderful husband who supports me whole heartedly and my daughter has also joined me in serving these special women and their children.

I encourage you to step into what may be an uncomfortable place. God may be calling you there "for such a time as this". He longs to give you "beauty for ashes"! You are a daughter of the King, Sister! Serve Him!





2017 Bible Reading Plan

July

- 1- Psalm 62
- 2- Psalm 63
- 3- Psalm 64
- 4- Psalm 65
- 5- Psalm 66
- 6- Psalm 67
- 7- Psalm 68
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- 30- Psalm 91
- 31- Psalm 92

August

- 1- Psalm 93
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- 27- Psalm 119
- 28- Psalm 120
- 29- Psalm 121
- 30- Psalm 122
- 31- Psalm 123

War Room

By: Gail Beck

The headline captured my attention: "Christian orphans in North Korea tortured for their faith" Salisbury Post (Saturday, April 29, 2017). What?! Christian children in a godless country tortured harshly for their faith in God?

The article went on to explain, "Three of the seventeen orphans found to be Christians and had been in church, separated from their group and put in a political prison. North Korea security found out they were Christians because they discovered calluses on their knees, as they had been praying for a long time for God to help them." (Brain Showalter, Christian Post reporter)

The last Sunday morning in February, 2017, the thrive! Prayer team presented to our church God's provision for a Prayer War Room in our Grace Ladies Sunday School room. This is a place for women to go beyond our regular prayer time and cry out to our God in Heaven. When the church doors are open anyone can go and pray.

Our Tree of Life hangs above the kneeling benches, and is covered with tags naming specific needs- salvation, mental, physical, emotional, and financial needs. I have witnessed personally God's divine touch demonstrated in such ways with these requests that only He deserves praise.

My prayer for myself and our church is that God help us not to have callused hearts but callused knees. As Ms. Clara from the War Room movie prayed, "Lord, raise them up."

With those children mentioned in the Salisbury Post at the forefront of my mind, I checked my own knees - there were no calluses. God help me, like the children, to be identified as a Christian by the calluses on my knees.

"Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and right way." (1 Samuel 12:23)

Building an Intentional Summer

My calendar for the month of June looks busier than the rest of the year. How is that possible? The first month of the summer has always been full for my family. All of my children celebrate their birthdays in June, not to mention the pick up of extra summer activities including swimming, movie-going, and anything that will keep them from crying out the words, "I'm bored."

My kids look forward to filling a to-do list with all the things they want to accomplish before we start back to school. Days are scheduled with places to go, recipes to try, things to make, and of course a ton of other stuff that can't even be categorized. Two favorites have become traditions over the years; indoor camping with smores cookies and family night Fridays.

There is something about summer, its longer days brings a renewed commitment to my people. My commitment to being what they need. For our family that means cooking more meals at home, cuddling under blankets watching movies, reading books, and just talking a little while longer. Summer means friends, less rush, and more rest. It means choosing only the things that fill us up and letting everything else fall to the side. It means new rhythms of daily life.

Here are some tips we use that may help you create a more intentional summer with your family:

Meal Planning: I like planning most of our meals each month (it keeps us on a budget and helps us eat a bit healthier). Don't get me wrong there will be ice cream trips and a few fun nights out mixed in, but for the most part, I plan out the meals. Include your kids in meal planning. My kids love to share their favorite ideas for dinners and my daughter and I even scroll through Pinterest for new recipes to try.

Summer Bucket List: We don't venture far during our home school year because we like to finish early in May.

So, for my kids, summer is the time to do all the crazy fun things we've put off - interesting places they want to go, things they want to see, food they want to make, crafts to try - the sky is the limit. I let them each choose things from the list - some are as simple as an ice cream outing, whereas others tend toward the more elaborate, like making slime (yuck). I also add

some of my own likes, such as summer reading and a few other surprises.

Bible Study: Summer is a great time to get serious about your time in the Word, creating family devotional habits and personal prayer commitments. Create patterns that will be easy to transition into the school year as well. (For example, try to make your family devotions during the morning over breakfast or in the

evenings so you can continue daily into the fall).

Rest: Be intentionally serious about rest. A few months ago we created a new Sabbath rhythm in our home from Friday afternoons to Saturday evenings, or sometimes Saturday afternoons to Sunday evenings. We turn off social media, put the phones and iPads out of reach and rest. Be serious about rest for yourself and your kids.

Be realistic: Know your limits and what you really have time for, don't make a promise you cannot keep and keep it simple.

The best part about creating an intentional season is knowing what your intentions are in the first place. If you don't want your summer filled with lots of activities, take them off your list. If you know that meal planning isn't your thing, then do what is right for your family. Be realistic with your plans. Come fall, you will have created fond new habits and memories made only by being intentional with every ounce of your summer time.



Keep Calm

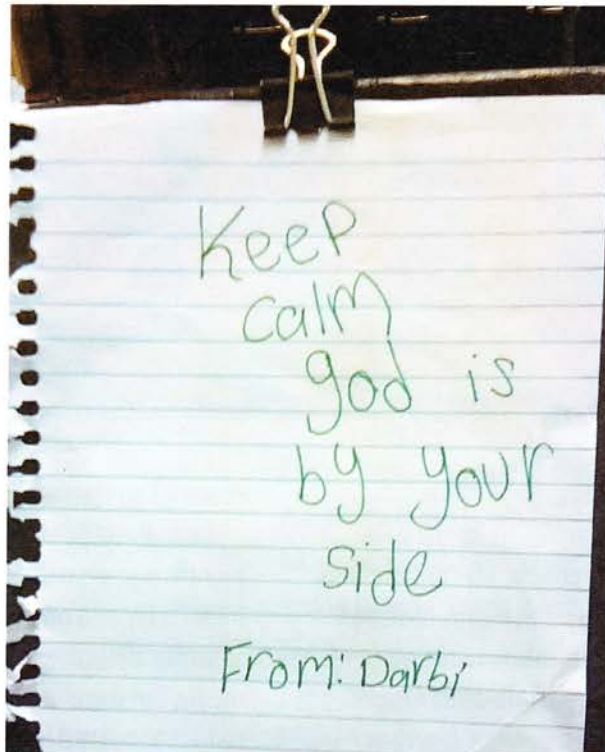
By: Karen McCorkle

Jeff and I joined Central Baptist in September, 2010. We weren't coming too long before Pastor Sydney found out Jeff could play the guitar. He encouraged him to come and play with the orchestra and as Jeff got accustomed to the practices and routine of being an orchestra member, his musical repertoire grew. With each new song he printed off the music and added the notations he needed for the guitar. He purchased a satchel-type folder with a handle to carry his music in. Each Sunday and Wednesday he carried the guitar and the satchel and sometimes the banjo, too (his favorite instrument).

After a couple of years his satchel became quite full and heavy. I oftentimes carried it for him and complained about how heavy it was. I asked him why he didn't just leave it at church altogether or at home and only bring the pages he needed. He explained that he took it home to pull out the songs he would need for Sunday on Saturday night and/or print them off and add them if he didn't already have them. Then, he took the whole thing with him on Sunday so that in case a song was changed at the last minute he would have the music for it.

Some of the orchestra members purchased iPads and loaded their music onto them. Jeff was reluctant to do this at first, choosing instead to stick with the familiar sheet music. Over time, as the satchel got too heavy to cart around any longer, he reluctantly purchased an iPad.

One Wednesday, Darbi Smith sat in orchestra practice with her mom and wrote each member an encouraging note and placed it on their music stand. On Jeff's stand she wrote "Keep calm, God is by your side". When Jeff got his iPad he took a picture of her note and saved it as his screen saver.



I began to think about this one day and wondered how often we are like Jeff and his sheet music. We carry around our burdens and problems until our satchel of worries becomes unbearable. We know we should give them up to God but we don't. We wait until it is so heavy we just can't cart it around anymore.

Here are a few verses that remind us that God cares about us and is waiting to help.

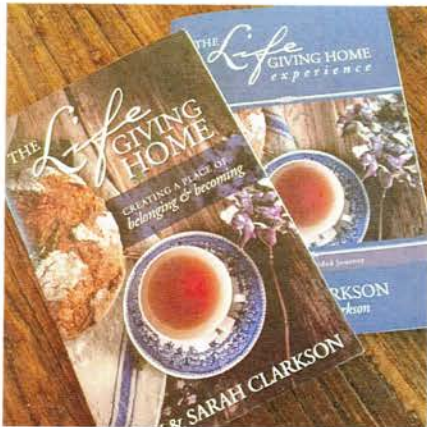
1 Peter 5:7 "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

Isaiah 41:13 "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."

Psalms 34:17 "The righteous cry and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles."

Darbi's simple word of encouragement in her elementary handwriting is a reminder to me to think about the "stuff" I am carrying around. Shouldn't I give it to God. He died on the cross for my sins and wants me to leave my burdens there. How about you? Will you put your satchel down at the cross too?

Book Hook:



Life Giving Home

What makes a house a home?
Is it the people within your walls?
A certain scent that brings back
childhood memories?
Is it cozy furniture and welcoming
decor?

We attempt to make our homes
comfortable and inviting, a place
people want to be. We fill them

with beautiful furniture and decor that speaks volumes about who we are
and what we value.

In many seasons of life the floors of our beautifully decorated
homes are filled with toys and dirty hand prints fill our windows and doors.
Home is more than just a showcase, it is a place where people go through
the highs and lows of life with joys shared and tears shed. Home isn't just
a place, it is also a haven for our people and our hearts.

What will our families remember about our home? It won't be
how clean it was or how fancy we made it but, rather, what happened
within its walls. The memories we make with our people, the
conversations, and meals, that will be what is remembered.

This book shows how to create a place for yourself and for your
family where they can grow, thrive and be comfortable. Sally and her
daughter, Sarah, alternately write about what home means to them, and
how to truly apply the concept of a life giving home in every season and
month of the year.



Back Pack Blessings
Sunday, August 20th

Please Bring new school supplies
and help us fill backpacks for
families in need.



What's on your Summer reading list?

The Undoing of Saint Silvanus

by: **Beth Moore**

-Julie Kimmins

Put Your Warrior Boots On

by: **Lisa Whittle**

-Michelle Rabon

15 Verses to Pray For Your Husband

by: **Elizabeth George**

-Karen McCorkle

Never Unfriended

by: **Lisa Jo-Baker**

-Leigh Hollman

The Unhurried Homeschooler

by: **Durenda Wilson**

-Beverly Butts

Psalms:

A Beautiful Centerpiece

By: Lynette Cannon

Why is Psalms one of the easiest books of the Bible to find? If you have ever participated in Bible Sword Drills, you know that it can be found by simply turning to the center of the Bible. Do you think that the Holy Spirit is trying to tell us something by putting such a wonderful compilation of scriptures in a central location? Just as a beautiful centerpiece enhances a dinner table, the book of Psalms enriches our lives with scripture verses applicable for each and every situation. And, just as a centerpiece is composed of a variety of flowers and greenery, Psalms is filled with words to help us in both the ups and the downs of this life. Psalms has been my go-to book more times than I can count through many different seasons of my life. No matter what I may encounter, whether good or bad, I know that if I open God's precious Word to the middle, He will have something to meet my need at the time.

The first things we might notice about a centerpiece are the brightly colored flowers, ones that are sure to catch our eye and focus our attention. Such are verses like Psalm 100:3 which remind us of Who God is and who we are: *"Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."* My heart is often encouraged by verses of thanksgiving and praise found in Psalms, the 'flowers' that bring a smile to my face: *"Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks*



unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever" (Psalm 106:1). There are so many verses like this! When I am feeling 'blue', all I have to do is open to the book of Psalms and start reading, and my spirits are soon soaring as I am reminded of the greatness of my God.

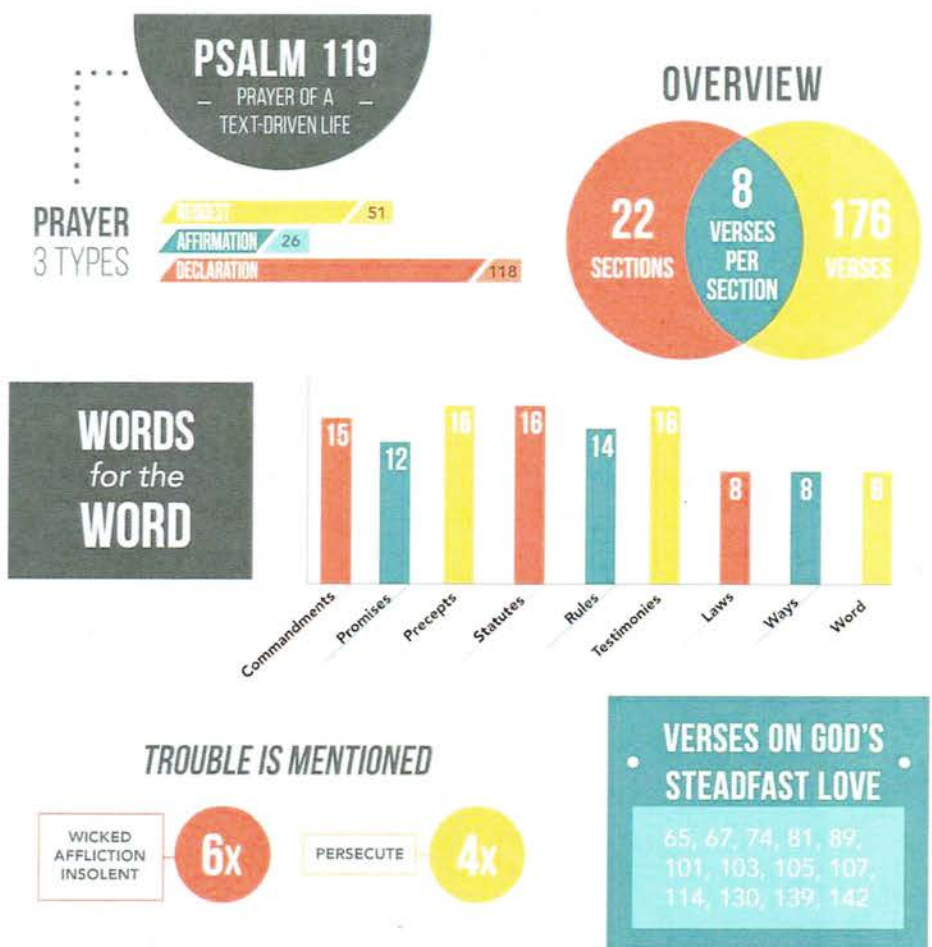
Just as a centerpiece is composed of flowers that anchor the arrangement, the centerpiece of Psalms contains verses that remind us of His saving power, the anchor of our souls. I rejoice in the miracle of my salvation experience every time I read Psalm 40:2: *"He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock and established my goings,"* and Psalm 34:4: *"I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears."* Hallelujah! Thank you, Lord, for the verses in Psalms that take us back to when You first found us! Praise Him, too, for the ones that assure us of His keeping power: *"But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me"* (Psalm 49:15). What a promise!

In addition to gorgeous flowers, a centerpiece may also contain practical greenery in order to provide background. Similarly, God has provided words of guidance in the central book of Psalms. Psalm 119:105 reminds us: *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."* He asks us to seek and follow His leadership, to prove Him, in Psalm 34:8: *"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."* I can testify to the truth of these words. In my almost thirty-six years of marriage to my precious husband, Tommy, we were blessed beyond measure. We truly found that ... *"they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing"* (Psalm 34:10b). I am so very grateful for His blessings on our lives and our marriage.

Some centerpieces have prickly stems or thorns. Even though the verses in Psalms would not be considered prickly or thorny themselves, some are there to bring comfort and peace when we *are* faced with the difficult events of this life. When we fail the Lord, and our hearts are broken, Psalms offers hope and encouragement: *"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand."* (Psalm 37:23-24) And what about the 'thorns' of death and sorrow? Never has the book of Psalms been more precious to me than in the last twenty months since Tommy went to Heaven. A multitude of verses from Psalms have carried me through some sorrowful days and nights: *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in*

trouble" (Psalm 46:1); *"What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee"* (Psalm 56:3); *"A father of the fatherless, and a judge [defender] of the widows, is God in his holy habitation"* (Psalm 68:5); and one of Tommy's favorites: ... *"weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning"* (Psalm 30:5b). And so many more than I could ever list here!! God is faithful to provide comfort and peace as only He can.

So, I do not believe that it is coincidental that Psalms was positioned in the center of God's Word. It is composed of verses that speak to all facets of our lives bringing encouragement, guidance, and comfort. It is truly a beautiful 'centerpiece' of God's Word! Just open to the center and be blessed!



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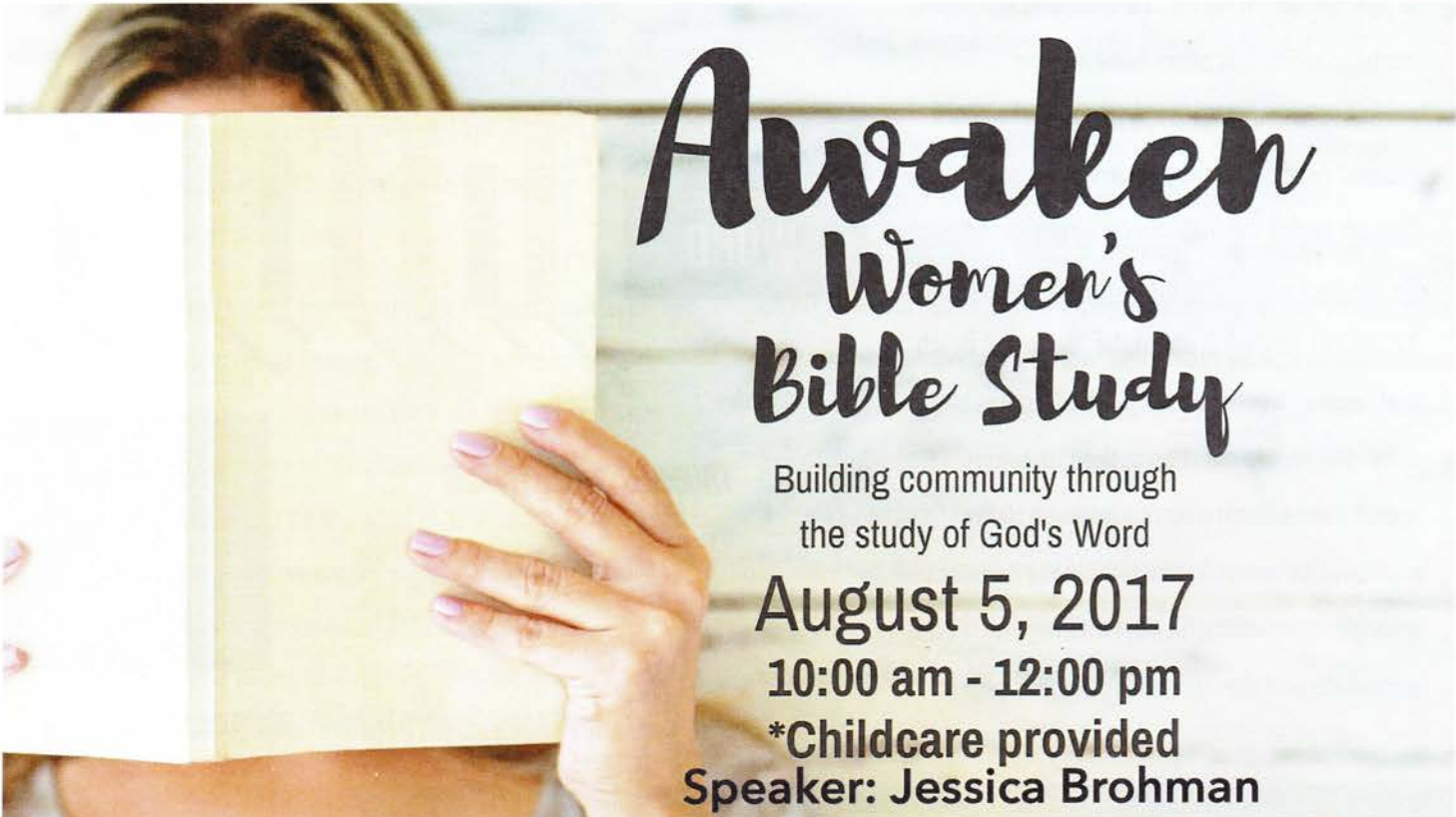
Reese's Cheesecake Brownies

Ingredients:

- 19.5-oz. box chocolate fudge brownie mix
- 8-oz. package cream cheese, softened
- 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 12 oz. Reese's Pieces candy
- 12-oz. bag milk chocolate chips
- 3 tablespoons whipping cream
- 12 large Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, chopped

Instructions:

- 1 Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly coat a 9x13 pan with cooking spray.
- 2 Prepare the brownie mix according to package directions. Spread the batter in pan and set aside. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese with hand-held mixer until fluffy. Add condensed milk and peanut butter and beat until smooth. Stir in the Reese's Pieces candies. Spoon the mixture over the batter. Spread evenly.
- 3 Bake for 40 minutes or until cheesecake layer is set and edges are golden brown. Cool for 30 minutes and refrigerate for 30 minutes. In a small microwaveable bowl, microwave the chocolate chips and whipping cream for 1 minute, or until chips are melted. Stir until smooth. Spread over cheesecake layer. Sprinkle Reese's Peanut Butter Cup pieces over top. Store covered in the refrigerator.

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