

Becoming Whole Women In Christ

Women's Ministry Newsletter



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Message from the First Lady Sis. Ellen P. Barney



WOW!!! I can't believe that we are in another season...Fall...and then soon we are in another season...Winter! According to Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, everything has its season. God is amazing in timing: a time to be born and a time to.... He even has a time to heal (v.3). I can **personally** attest to His **miraculous timing** with regard to healing; for **indeed** He is Jehovah-Rapha, **the Lord who heals!!!** Having been recently diagnosed with a brain aneurysm, **God miraculously removed the blood-filled dilation!!! Hallelujah!!!** I am **most thankful** to Christ, who not only heals the sick, but He heals us from sin and unrighteousness (Luke 5:31-32).

Also, I would like to encourage you to take the time to read this edition of Becoming Whole Women in Christ (BWWC) Newsletter. If you are interested in submitting articles, please contact BWWC ministry leaders or visit the website listed on the last page of this edition.

May you revel in God's amazing seasons and be at peace with His mysterious timing!!!

Intimacy with Jesus

By Sis. Patsy Holmes



As a maturing Christian, my relationship with the Lord is becoming closer as I spend more intimate and personal time with Him. I have renewed my commitment to God's divine order, which is: God, marriage, family, church, and government or work. Since I put God first, my mind stays on Him throughout the day. As soon as I wake up in the morning, I spend quiet time thanking Him for His love, grace, mercy, and for His **keeping power!** I praise and worship Him as well. Also, I pray specifically for myself as well as for others. Then I am able to release whatever is troubling me so that God can work it out according to His perfect will. After which, I read and study His Word to better understand what I need to do to please Him, to serve others, and to stay focused on His purpose for my life.

God is the center of my joy, and He is *now* closer to me than my husband. He is *my* Heavenly Father, *my* best friend, and *my* confidant! It is so satisfying to know that I can trust God to love me unconditionally and accept me just as I am. He also forgives me, leads me, guides me, protects me, and gives me discernment and wisdom. In my relationship with God, He has made Proverbs 3:5 come alive for me - *now* I *do* trust in the Lord with all my heart and I *do not* lean on my own understanding because He knows the ending of *everything* before the beginning! Intimacy with the Lord is the best thing that can happen to any Christian; therefore, living according to God's divine order will improve your relationship with Him. What I want more than anything else is to **continue** to draw nigh to God as He draws nigh to me!!!

What Are You Passionate About?

By Sis. Nicole Carter

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"
(Matthew 6:21 NIV).

Years ago, I remember during a sermon Pastor Barney said something extremely thought provoking ... He stated, "You talk about what you're passionate about." That statement encouraged a deep self-evaluation of my passions, as well as the content and context of my daily conversations. As much as I love the Lord Jesus Christ, how much of Him did I share with others, how much of His Grace, Goodness, and Mercies did I show and extend to His people? The dictionary defines passionate as showing or caused by strong feelings, a strong belief, or ruled by intense emotion. How passionate must Jesus have been, when He allowed Himself to be crucified? We will never know, for there is nothing created that could possibly explain the selfless act that our Savior displayed for such selfish people.

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devoted to God..."***

We have become so consumed with possessions, who we are and what we've achieved; that we are often negligent of others and fraudulent in our passion for the Lord. As blood bought, blood washed, children of God, we should be the most passionate people in the world. What are you passionate about? Does your soul long for God? Does it cry after Him? Can you truly say that a day spent with Him is better than thousands spent somewhere else ...

What Are You Passionate About? (continued)

"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked" (Psalm 84:10). We can choose to praise our God! We can choose to seek His face! We can choose to be passionate about our Lord! We don't have to be cold or lukewarm! We can be on fire!

Too many build up their heads without minding their hearts. As Christians, spiritual passion has to begin with the Scriptures. God has spoken to us through His Word, and we must cling to it! Scripture is God's passion for us and examples of those who were passionate for Him. Remember, Moses sought God every day, Job followed Him through the most devastating circumstances, Esther relied on Him at the risk of her own life; and David chased after God, as his passion gave birth to the Psalms. Many people today claim to love God but aren't rooted in God's Word and in their relationships with Him. If we desire to become passionate people in pursuit of the Lord Jesus Christ, we must strive to be as passionate, intentional and deliberate about our love for Him as His love is for you, *"The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing"* (Zephaniah 3:17).

Recall the passion and excitement you had when you first gave your life to Christ? Your passion, pursuit, and purpose for God has to be cultivated, nurtured, and ignited continuously. Our passion for God makes us, generous, active, and bold for Him! Be enthusiastic, passionate and devoted to God in a way that is obvious to everyone around. So, I ask you ... What are you passionate about?

The Journey in *MissHappenings*



The relationship situations and internal struggles of Denetta Watkins and her friends will be sure to capture every reader's attention ***MissHappenings*** (published by WestBow Press), the first novel by Chanel Trussell, which takes readers on a journey of faith, trust and revelation.

MissHappenings introduces readers to Denetta Watkins, a divorcee with three boys. She is often misunderstood by her family and friends and her biggest challenge is her loss of touch with reality as she focusses on her thoughts. Her ex-husband Anthony lives with his "roommate" Wanda Donston. Her friend Annette Kimbleton, dealing with her own inner struggles in her marriage with Jason, often blames Denetta for not being there for her. Denetta's other friend, Joanne Bakersfield, comes on the scene to create a rift between Denetta and her potential love interest, Cole Stellens. The real issues with Joanne are her deep rooted bitterness and envy that cloud her ability to have

genuine relationships. Cole Stellens provides a challenge for Denetta and their journey is intertwined between the real-life and relatable situations of her friends. In the midst of her struggles, Denetta needs to reevaluate her life and determine if she will go back to the familiar life she knew with Anthony or embark on new horizons with Cole. Who will she choose? Will each relationship stand the test of conflict? Enjoy the journey to find the answers to these questions and more in ***MissHappenings***.

The Journey in *MissHappenings* (continued)

MissHappenings was written to provide encouragement and inspiration for each reader. Readers can relate to the “real life” situations that challenge each person to think and reflect on their own relationships. It is the hope that readers will discuss the major themes and come away with a renewed desire to become better in their own relationships and are enthusiastic about seeking what thus says the Lord.

Speaking of discussion, for those who have read or will have read ***MissHappenings*** by **Friday, October 23, 2015**, you are welcome to join others in a NABCOR Rhema Bookstore Event. The time is **7PM**. Hope to see you there for food, fellowship and Christ-centered discussion.



NABCOR's Women's Ministry Fall Classes

LEAD I

This course explores the nature of spirituality (spiritual theology) and its influence on spiritual friendships and discipleship (spiritual formation through soul care and spiritual direction). It will entail equipping sisters to develop spiritual friendships to biblical truths so that relational maturity within the Body of Christ may be obtained. Also incorporated in this course is a basic theology of relationships as originally designed by God (biblical anthropology-understanding man's creation), as distorted by sin (biblical Hamartiology-understanding man's sinfulness), and as redeemed by Christ (biblical soteriology-understanding Christ's redemptive plan). Students are encouraged to develop spiritual friendships that incorporate biblical truths that embrace God's love for hurting individuals by implementing a fundamental historic Christian model of soul care (sustaining/healing) and spiritual direction (reconciling/guiding).

LEAD III

In the context of a nurturing community, students will discover how to apply spiritual theology to personal ministry. Students will learn how to think biblically (analysis through biblical wisdom), relate deeply (treatment through care), and communicate skillfully (intervention through interaction) as spiritual friends. Interpersonal interaction and dynamics, reading, lecture, role-play, evaluation of live lay encouragement, and observation will be used to facilitate personal growth.

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New Antioch Baptist Church of Randallstown's Women's Ministry is designed to boost the spiritual, emotional, and physical awakening of women of all ages and life stages. We are especially committed to the salvation and progress of our youth, relationship seekers, and women who have lost their way.

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