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Message from the First Lady

Sis. Ellen P. Barney

Welcome to our 2018 Spring/Summer Newsletter! I pray you will find each of the articles interesting and encouraging.

As I recover from knee surgery resulting from tripping and falling on an uneven side walk, I think

constantly on things once taken for granted: walking on both legs, bending, showering and getting up from a sitting position without assistance. Although presently I can't get around as I once did, I am constantly reminded that God is with me as well as with others who are His. God's ways and thoughts are beyond our finite thoughts (Isaiah 55:8).

And as He grows us more in facing and accepting the realities of life, may we shout Hallelujah to an amazing God who is King of kings and Lord of lords...even during difficult trials...He's still God!!!

Again, enjoy our Spring/Summer newsletter.

In Christ,
Sister Barney

2018 NABCOR Women's Retreat

By Sis. Donna Gray

Want to get away for time with God and girlfriends? This is your time...**Oct. 25th-27th**! Expect to be spiritually revived through uplifting praise & worship, exciting workshops and plenary sessions featuring anointed speakers. Enjoy the Christian Café and many other fun activities as well. Stay connected on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram!

Please pray as we continue work on every aspect of this special event for God's glory.

He's Still Good!

Place: **The Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa & Marina** in Cambridge, MD. Start planning now to attend and invite a sister as well. We are trusting God for an outpouring of His Spirit and a renewed hope in **HIM**.

Facebook: New Antioch's 2018 Women's Retreat

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NABCOR's Becoming Whole Women in Christ newsletter needs contributors. The goal of the newsletter is to encourage, edify and enlighten. It is more importantly a way to give God glory as we share the gifts and talents He has given us. Not a writer? That's OK. Many of the articles are personal reflections of what God has done for us or what God expects from us. Yes, many of the reflections are personal and transparent. Not ready to share in that way? That's OK. There are many talents/gifts that can bring God glory other than reflective writing. Can you draw? Paint? Take a photograph? Write poetry or short fiction writings? Can you explain financial matters? Are you a teacher by profession? Perhaps submit something on encouraging children. In charge of a ministry? Tell us about the ministry, some of the activities, etc. There is so much we

"But I don't know what to write!"

By Sis. Chanel Trussell

can share with one another. Don't want your name in the newsletter? That's OK. We can include your contribution as "anonymous".



So, please, be willing to step out of your comfort zone and pray for what you can contribute. Maybe it is time and you have a talent for layouts and design. I could certainly use the help. We are all in this together. I'd love to receive what God has for you to give that can be shared with others.

About: Women Connected in Christ Ministry

By Sis. Chanel Trussell

The Women Connected in Christ (WCIC) Ministry is a Christian faith-based ministry for women that focuses on spiritual growth, fellowship and reflection. The ministry showcases the gifts of various NABCOR women. Also, WCIC prepares events to allow ladies to have fun by infusing Christian comedy, fun, games, movie nights and more. Join them on the 2nd Friday of every month at the church in Rm. 108. See you there!

To God be the glory.

Going Through or Going Through? (Part 1)

By Sis. Yvonne Sims



So, where are you? Where have you been? Often times we hear others say “girl, I’m just going through,” or perhaps we tell others that we are “going through.” What are you talking about? How are you getting through? Are you referring to your trials or are you stuck in a holding pattern and cannot move?

Let’s just take moment to look at this phrase a little closer. Yes, we as believers in Christ are no strangers to trials and tribulations. When we encounter them, we are shocked and surprised. We behave as though no “evil thing” should enter our Christian life. Well girl, it doesn’t work that way! God did design us for perfection. We are beautifully and wonderfully made according to Psalm 139:14. However, our “perfection” departed us due to the sin of Adam and Eve. Thus, we became subjected to sin, evil and yes, trials! There is nothing we could or can do about it.

Yet, God provided a way to endure when He sent us Jesus Christ. Yes, Christ took upon Himself our sins but that did not mean He would prevent us from having trials and “going through” while we are here on earth. Somehow, we have gotten it twisted. We want to tell ourselves that our being Christians, coming to church and maybe even engaging in a bit of prayer is sufficient to block out the trials. When our trials strike, and they will strike, we become unglued, falter in our faith, seek quick answers (or solutions) from others, cry out, act out and so much more. Is it normal? Of course, it is. Why? We are human.

Is our negative response Biblical and what God expects from us? No! It’s not even close. What is really going on with us when our trials hit and hit hard? What is God trying to tell us or do to us? Are we serving a loving God?

How are we to respond and why? Just how does God expect us to “go through?”

We have to acknowledge who God is and His role in all aspects of our lives. He is not just a Sunday morning figure that we spend a few hours with, and then return to lifestyles that fall short of the mark. God places trials in our lives to grow us in our faith and to draw us near to Him. As we encounter one trial after another, He wants us to “go deep” with Him. He does not want us to remain “babes in Christ” or “surface Christians” who collapse at the first hint of trouble in our lives.

In the Old Testament, Deuteronomy 13: 1-4, we see that God permits testing to prove worth. What are you worth as a Christian? Can others look at the trials of your life and see Christ or are you displaying a beaten woman? Yes, trials can beat us down, but they should not take us out! Our trials should turn us to the Word where we find our strength and guidance (see Psalm 119:71).

Reading God’s word helps center and remind us of His presence even during the most trying trials. He does not want us to falter in times of trouble but to understand the purpose of the testing (see 2 Corinthians 1:2-11, 13:6). God doesn’t want us to fail.

He wants us to be victorious in our trials, but we must understand that we are made perfect through suffering like Christ suffered (see Hebrews 2:10). Being made “perfect” can seem to hurt us but in the end, we benefit and can bless others.

(See the Fall/Winter Newsletter for Part 2)



#WontHeDolt

How is Your Faith in the Battle? (Part 1)

By Sis. Rosalind Dyson

We, as Bible believers, are familiar with the scripture, Hebrews 11:1, "*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*". No doubt, we all confess to believe this passage without hesitation or contradiction. However, we may not really understand what this Scripture truly encompasses and requires us to do. This Scripture lets us know that our faith, hope and trust in God is not based on our senses of sight, smell, taste, touch or hearing. Nor is faith dependent upon any physical, natural or earthly evidence that proves what we are hoping for can possibly happen.

The predicament may look impossible, unreachable, unavoidable or inescapable to us. But with God, all things are possible (Luke 1:37). We must take God at His word, evidence unseen, standing on His Word alone.

Faith is believing in the Promises of God in the face of hardships, oppositions and insurmountable odds. Our faith should not be based on circumstances, time, facts, rules or regulations of man. In fact, to the world (mankind), our hope in Jesus Christ may not make sense at all. Most likely, our optimistic hope will not seem logical, rational or practical, but that does not matter. We must believe God's Promises even when our finite minds cannot figure, calculate or imagine who, what, when, where or how we can get the victory. Nevertheless, our God can bless us in ways that our minds can never conceive or imagine possible. The Lord can bless us "*exceedingly abundantly above we all ask or think...*" (Ephesians 3:20) The Bible confirms in 2 Corinthians 2:9, "*But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*"

Our Heavenly Father can step in, right on time, and change the outcome of a hopeless situation in our favor. It is our confidence and belief in God's promises that puts us on the road to victory.

In this life, we will confront battle after battle, along with trials, tribulations and hardships. As soon as we win one battle and take a breath, we soon will be in the midst of the next challenge or opposition.

Through our struggles, we may cry, hurt, and even suffer through many hardships and pains. The burdens and oppositions of life will push us to the brink, take all our strength and very well may deplete our resources. Doubt, despair and depression will try to overtake us. We may end up on our knees, weary and exhausted from the constant uphill struggles.

But, before we become discouraged and give up, we should use our last bit of strength to cry out to the Lord for help. He will hear our cry and come to our rescue. The Lord can make a way of escape (Read Exodus 14), bring down obstacles (Read Joshua 6) and can calm the storms of our lives (Read Matthew: 8:23-27), too. He will even take our battles and fight them for us (Read 2 Chronicles 20).

Because of His Promises, we must not allow the adversary (Satan) and life adversities to weaken our faith. Our Savior promises to never leave or forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6). As born-again believers, we should be anchored and grounded by the Word of God, the Bible. We must put our faith into action by literally believing for the impossible; standing firmly, flat-footed on the Word of God without wavering.

The Almighty promises to help us, "*Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness* (Isaiah 41:10). Take Him at His Word, for our blessings are right on the other side of our battle.

(See the Fall/Winter Newsletter for Part 2)

Upcoming Events

New Antioch Baptist Church Summer Camp

June 18 – August 10

Cost is \$140/week or \$1,040 for 8 weeks

\$100 non-refundable deposit due at time of registration

No refunds after April 15, 2018

Balances are due by June 3, 2018

* Contact the church for more details



Usher's 26th Anniversary

September 23, 2018 @ 4 p.m.



But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

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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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Women Connected in Christ Ministry
Diamonds in the Rough Ministry
D.R.I.V.E.N Ministry

S.W.E.E.T Ministry
Titus II Ministry
Wholesome Warriors
Bodies of Clay Dance Ministry
Aerobics’ Ministry
Newsletter Ministry

Card Ministry
Women’s Fellowship
Comfort Ministry
Grief Support Ministry
Women’s Prison Ministry

