# Becoming Whole Women in Christ



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# Message from the First Lady

Sis. Ellen P. Barney

Welcome to our 2018-19 Fall-Winter Newsletter! I pray you will find each of the articles interesting and encouraging.

As we are officially in the Fall season and then shortly in the Winter season, we recognize the quickness of another season. It seems that we were just in the 2017 Fall-Winter seasons a short time ago, and now

the 2018 seasons are here so soon! And, as the saying goes, time waits for no one, especially for those of us who are aging! Even though we are aging as well as all creation, there is One who never changes, and that is Christ, our Savior! For Hebrews 13: 8 says that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His unchanging nature never changes, although the universe will be changed...but, again, never Christ! "Like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fall" (Hebrews 1:12). His amazing grace is both presently and permanently available to all who truly believe in Him. May we indeed embrace dearly the One who created the various seasons of each year as well as enjoy His marvelous works!

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

In Christ, Sister Barney

### 2018 NABCOR Women's Retreat

By Sis. Donna Gray/Chanel Trussell

It's coming...only a few weeks away...this is your time...Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>! Expect to be spiritually revived through uplifting praise & worship, exciting workshops, and plenary sessions featuring many anointed speakers. Enjoy the Christian Café and many other fun activities as well. Stay connected on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram!

<u>Please</u> pray as we continue to work on every aspect of this special event for God's glory.

Place: The Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa & Marina in Cambridge, Maryland. 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. He's Still God!

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It's me again.
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 okay. 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 okay. There are many talents/gifts that can bring God glory

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

By Sis. Chanel Trussell

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 can share with one another. Don't want your name in the newsletter? That's okay. 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: The D.R.I.V.E.N Ministry

By Sis. Chanel Trussell

The **D.R.I.V.E.N.** (Daughters Reconciled Intimately Victoriously to Encourage Nurturing) Ministry is a mentoring and support group for single, teenage or expectant mothers. The Purpose of this ministry is to build a safe community for mothers and their children. Our mission is to encourage, equip, and educate the single mother to stimulate transformation and reconciliation through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This ministry meets on the Saturday before the third Sunday at 10 a.m. Contact Sis Alexander for more information. See you there!

To God be the glory.

### I Choose to Believe

**A Daily Affirmation**By Sis. Grace Godfrey

I choose to believe I am God's Child.

I choose to believe God is my Father.

I choose to believe I have the best Father.

I choose to believe I am on my Father's to-do list today.

I choose to believe God knows every problem I have.

I choose to believe He has a solution for every problem.

I choose to believe all things work together for good, for me.

I choose to walk with faith not with fear

I *choose* to eliminate fear.

I choose to live the rest of my life free from fear.

I choose to experience joy and peace even in the middle of a storm.

Today, I choose to believe I have the power to choose,

Because I am God's child!



A 2013 Women's Retreat Photo Submitted by Chanel Trussell

## Going Through or Going Through? (Part 2)

By Sis. Yvonne Sims



Now, to get real with you, we were having issues with our son. It seemed that we could do nothing right with him as he

spiraled out of control. I wondered why God was "punishing me." Why was I going through all of this with him? Did my faith take a dip? Yes, it did. Did I feel abandoned by God? Yes, I did. Did I feel this "trial" was too much to handle? You bet I did! I seriously had to engage in some self – evaluation and ask myself "where is your faith?"

This led me to deepen my prayer life, reach out to my prayer group (and real friends), and engage in more systematic Bible study as I drew nearer to God. Did the issues go away? No, but my response to the trial changed.

God broke down my pride regarding having a son with an illness that society does not want to address and stigmatizes. It turned out that our son is bi-polar and needed medical help. God got my attention via this trial to help him. In the process, I have been able to openly speak with others and provide them with treatment options and hope. It has enabled me to become more sensitive and patient with our son.

If you know me, sensitive is not the first word one would use to describe me. Nope, not at all. LOL. Has it been easy? No, but God has given me total peace once I surrendered to Him.

God needed me to change my course, be still and listen. Bottom line--God got my attention with this long, hard trial! What do I know now as life gets hard? (see Matthew 13:21). God allows us to face trials with confidence but remains an ever-present help (see Psalm 46:1).

For me now, a trial is just another obstacle that God is going to provide as stairs for me to walk over if I maintain my faith and hope in Him. I see my trials as opportunities for God to fix me so that I can become the person He created me to be. This trial pointed out to me the true meaning of my favorite Scriptures. The first is Genesis 50:20, "... But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good...." The second is Psalm 23:4 "... Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death ...."

I know that God brings trials into my life for some good to emerge and that I must keep walking through. I cannot falter for long, but I must depend upon Him to take me where He wants me to be.

Ladies, stop fighting with your trials and understand that you can overcome them. God has allowed them in your life for a purpose, even when it's painful and cuts deep. Remember, He tells us in Isaiah 55:8-9 that "...My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways...." Lift your head, straighten up your back, and begin to walk through life's trials, knowing that man will fail you along the way, but God truly has your back and will bring you to a place never imagined!

(See the previous Spring/Summer Newsletter for Part 1)

### How is Your Faith in the Battle? (Part 2)

By Sis. Rosalind Dyson

Always remember that God is sovereign and has preeminence over all things; He has the last word. No matter what we see, hear or think in the natural, using our senses, we will not be defeated when God is on our side. Even in the midst of the battle while the storm is

raging, go before the throne of God in prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving. **Pray** diligently to the Lord and make an earnest petition for help and deliverance.

# How is Your Faith in the Battle? (Part 2 continued)

By Sis. Rosalind Dyson

<u>Praise</u> Him and thank Him for His goodness and the blessings that he has already bestowed upon us. <u>Worship</u> and glorify the Lord for who He is, His awesome Power, Magnificence, and Splendor. Lift up the Word of God and speak it back to Him out loud, for He will honor and uphold His Word. The Lord is faithful to His Word because He cannot lie, for He is TRUTH (John 14:6). Let your faith resonate deep within your heart, mind, and soul. Focus on the Power and take your mind off the problems! Every time a negative thought comes in your mind, replace it by praising God instead.

God has graciously equipped us to withstand and overcome any battle that confronts us in life. In Ephesians 6:10, 14-17 (NASB), we are told to "put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breast plate of righteousness, and having shod your feet

with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace, in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the WORD OF GOD." Now we are dressed for victory!

The Lord wants us to trust and depend upon Him. Believe His Promises and He will show up and deliver us out of our calamity. Jesus loves to do the impossible, unpredictable, illogical, unexpected, and the supernatural on our behalf. He can take our hope, turn it into a reality and bring it to fruition. We must keep a heart and mind of expectancy. Never stop hoping! It is a guarantee that the Lord will show up and give us the victory, and He will be glorified. We will be able to testify, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57). AMEN.



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Photo taken at the Grand Canyon in Arizona – an example of God's Magnificent Creation and sign that

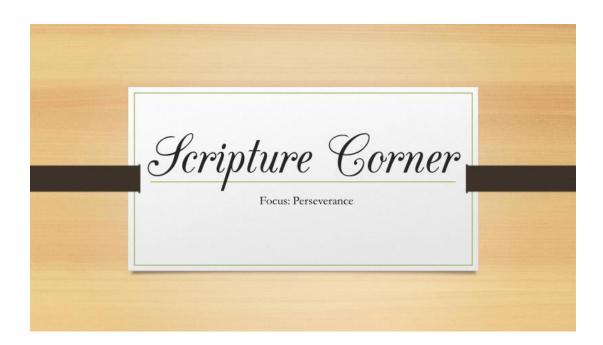
He is always with us!

Submitted by Thea Mitchell

# **Upcoming Events** (contact the church office for more information)

**Fall Harvest** October 28, 2018 Harvest Fun Fest October 31, 2018 **Senior Ministry Anniversary Luncheon** November 10, 2018 **Senior Ministry Anniversary** November 11, 2018 November 16, 2018 Youth Revival **Choir Day** November 18, 2018 Thanksgiving Service November 22, 2018 Watchnight Service December 31, 2018





Let us not become weary in well doing, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Ephesians 6:11

We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized.

Hebrews 6:11

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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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## **NABCOR Women's Ministries**

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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

