



# Becoming Whole Women in Christ

## Women's Ministry Newsletter



### Message from the First Lady

Sis. Ellen P. Barney

As leaves begin to turn and fall, Autumn starts to speak. Words, like the falling leaves, have the same effect. Relationships shatter when we promise: *I will always love you; I have your back; I will never disappoint you; till death do us part; Lord, if you get me through this crisis, I promise to serve you!* Our list of promises goes on and on. However, because of our humanity, we break promises intentionally and unintentionally. Unlike beautiful, colorful leaves cascading to the ground to indicate that the season is changing, our broken promises leave an indelible wound in the lives of others who trusted us.

Also, far from changing seasons and our sinful nature, the Lord is the *only* One who does not break His promises. Therefore, He says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). We, as believers, can bank on His Sovereignty and His Providence! He is there during critical moments of sorrow, pain, hurt, and disappointment. Often God uses these desperate times to prove our true character and faith.

He is also there during times of joy, blessings, promotions, etc. God is there! He is *not* a killjoy! God does everything for our good (Romans 8:28). Paul questioned the possibility of separation with increased intensity, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword" (Romans 8:35, NKJV)? The answer, **Absolutely Nothing!!!!**

So even when we can't seem to keep promises, God keeps His with a resounding, "...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20b).

I also want to encourage you to take the time to read this Fall/Winter edition of the Becoming Whole Women in Christ (BWWC) Newsletter. Please contact the BWWC ministry leader listed on this edition's last page if you are interested in submitting articles. And finally, enjoy our Fall/Winter edition!

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## Ready to Serve

Sis. Rosalind L. Dyson

Your life is not your own, to God it belongs.  
And He wants you to use it to help others along.

If you want to be more like Jesus, the Christ,  
You must serve others throughout your life.

Be ready to surrender your means, resources, and time.  
Be selfless, generous, and kind.

It's your Christian duty to do good works and good deeds.  
It will require sacrificial giving to those in need.

In service to others, your own desires may be put on hold,  
But in due time, God will reward you a hundred-fold.

Be faithful and diligent in the work of God,  
Although the task may be inconvenient and hard.

Stretch, extend, and go beyond the limit.  
God will provide the strength and supply the provisions.

You must put your love for Jesus and others into action.  
Show love, kindness, and give hands-on compassion.

Stay ready to serve, to go, and to give.  
Someone somewhere needs your helping hand to live.

Remember, Jesus Christ, our Savior, said,

"What you do unto the least of these my brethren,  
You do unto me"  
(Matthew 25:40).



## Prayer for Spiritual Growth



This was a prayer from the collection of suggested prayers from the May 2012 Women's Silent Prayer Walk, compliments of the Intercessory Prayer Ministry.

*Father, I thank You for salvation (Romans 10:9). I pray that at this stage of my life, You would endow me with perseverance and zeal to study Your Word more deeply. Make me to desire the sincere milk of Your Word that I may grow (1 Peter 2:2). I want to walk in Your statutes, keep Your judgments and do them. In any area where I am not progressing, Lord, due to discouragement, setbacks, or distractions, remind me of the purpose for which I was created. Romans 8:28 assures me that **all things work together for the good to those who love you and are called according to Your purpose.***

*I love You, Lord. You have continually preserved me. Help me continually abide in You so I can bear more fruit in my life (John 15:4-5). Change me where I am resistant to change; shape me and mold me for Your glory. I want to resemble Your likeness. I cannot change myself in any way that the lasting and significant transforming power of Your Holy Spirit can, so I look to You.*

*In my times of purging and renewal, enable me to see the path clearly that You have laid for me. Help me to exhibit the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and approach You daily with clean hands and a pure heart (Psalm 24:4). Saturate me with Your love that I may also increase and abound in love. Transform my mind and strengthen my faith. I want to walk like the woman You predestined and called me to be. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## Who's on Your Guest List?

Sis. Chanel Trussell

We love to have celebrations: birthday parties, housewarmings, baby showers, etc., but probably the most notable celebration in anyone's life is their wedding reception! This is a time when individuals come together to celebrate the divine union of a man and a woman.

According to John 2, there is a wedding celebration. The bride and bridegroom are in the midst of a marriage celebration when Jesus performs His first miracle. In reading, I noticed that verse 2 says Jesus was invited (NIV). For Jesus to be in the place to perform the miracle, He had to be invited first. Imagine if Jesus was not on the guest list in Cana. Who would Mary have turned to when the wine ran out halfway through the celebration (v. 3)? Who would have given the servants instructions (vv. 5-7)? But most importantly, who would have been able to turn the mere water into the best wine ever tasted (vv. 9-10)? The couple knew enough to invite Jesus, but it was the disciples who received the ultimate gift – they believed in Him (v. 11)!

Much like our salvation, Jesus is available to us, but we **must** invite Him in. Once we invite Him, then He can perform the miracle of *saving our souls*! Is Jesus on your Guest List? Have you invited Him into your heart? If not, you can do that today by saying the following prayer:

***Lord, I know that I am a sinner. But I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Therefore, I now invite you into my heart as my personal Lord and Savior. In the name of Jesus, I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.***

If you prayed and believe this prayer, as it says in Romans 10:9-13, **you are now Saved!** Your life is in Jesus' Hands, and your soul is secured for eternity – certainly an event worth celebrating. **Welcome to the family!**

Everyone *who*  
Calls on the  
Name of the **LORD**  
will be **SAVED**.



**ROMANS 10:13**



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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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