

# Becoming Whole Women in Christ

## Women's Ministry Newsletter



### Message from the First Lady

#### Sis. Ellen P. Barney

I also encourage you to read this Spring/Summer edition of the Becoming Whole Women in Christ (BWWC) Newsletter. Don't hesitate to contact the BWWC ministry leader listed on this edition's last page if you want to submit articles. And please enjoy our Spring/Summer edition!

Ahh! Spring is a season that embraces renewal. Its prerequisite is winter, which centers on the dormancy of vegetation and some animals. Winter and Spring are necessary for Summer, where previous seasons' harvests are enjoyed. God created seasons for His glory! And because seasons have their purposes, we, too, have various life seasons as part of God's creation. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 give a summation concerning a specific season for everything: a time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant and uproot, etc. **So, what is our purpose between the seasons of birth and death?**

**We are born for God's purpose.** Later in life, when the Spirit of Christ draws us to God, we begin to see the accurate picture of ourselves: self-centeredness, vanity, hate, unforgiveness, and the list goes on and on. After having Godly sorrow for our sins and asking for forgiveness, our primary concern is, or it should be, to please God. We read the Scriptures, give our testimonies, and minister. We have zeal in knowing our purpose is God's will. This is our season of excitement! "Perfect" **until** we recognize that we have a battle with the flesh, the adversary, and the world. The "zeal" season of refreshment is met with the reality that life is full of challenges, spiritual warfare, and decision-making.

But our Springs and Summers can remain by yielding to God and not wanting to control Him. **Yes...I repeat, not wanting to control God!** Our Lord is a mystery! Frequently, He allows the difficult seasons to be tumultuous, as He did for others before us (Acts 27: 14). **We will have trials and tribulations. However, we must be of good cheer because the Lord has overcome the world** (John 16:33). God has a plan for our seasons, and we **must** trust Him in each, whether smooth or rocky. He is bringing us safely to shore wherewith we can say resoundingly, *I have fought the good fight, I finished the race, I have kept the faith* (2 Timothy 4:7, NKJV). These are words of our valedictorian salutation before our death. **And with praise, we ended our seasons on earth in victory! Hallelujah!**

## Seeking the Face of Our Heavenly Father

Sis. Sabrina Jones



Photo Submitted by Sis Carla Tucker

What ransom have we paid, or sacrifice have we submitted to account for our reconciliation to our Heavenly Father? How do we express our gratitude for His death and the resurrection of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ? And lastly, what could we offer the Creator that would have any value for His everlasting gift of salvation?

### Our True Worship

As David described in Psalm 139:7-8 (NIV), *Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.* We acknowledge that there is no time or space where God does not exist, yet **somehow, we manage to ignore Him!** We move throughout our day and lives with only a passing glance or with lukewarm affection. We bless God with routines: daily devotion...check; church on Sunday...check; work in a ministry...check...and, yet our heart aches with a longing, a thirst that we don't fully understand. We feel abandoned or alone in

times of trouble because we have not had daily communion with the Lord. We long for a **Manifestation** of His presence! He is near... but we do not seek His face daily to know Him intimately. Our genuine desire should be to worship Him consistently in spirit and in truth.

The Scriptures instruct us to seek His face: *Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face evermore* (Psalm 105:4, NKJV)! The word *face* in Greek translates as countenance, *presence*, and *person*.<sup>1</sup> We are to seek His presence through earnest prayer, not just a recital of our wants and needs. **Prayer is a powerful tool!** We can communicate with God, yet rarely inquire of Him to reveal Himself or grow us in His knowledge and will. Instead, **we should want nothing more than to know Him personally and intimately!**

The Bible is full of God's character, instruction, grace, and love. David said in Psalm 27:8 (NIV), *My heart says of you, 'Seek his face!' Your face, Lord, I will seek.* **What does your heart say? Is God speaking to you? Will you listen to what He has to say?**

## The Person in the Mirror (Devotional)

Sis. Yolander Ebere

Someone said, "A friend is someone who knows all about you and loves you anyway."

What a friend we have in Jesus!

A mirror sees our image in one way. An x-ray will see our image differently, and a CAT scan will see our image in yet a third way. Each item or piece of equipment can see quite a bit about us, but each has its limitations. **Only God sees us fully and knows everything about us!** Let us remember that the Lord sees us through the eyes of His delight because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. **Now, what thoughts of joy arise in our hearts?**

Psalm 139:2-4 (NIV) declares, *You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue, You, Lord, know it completely.*



<sup>1</sup> Unger, Merrill. And White, William, editors. *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1985), 220.

## Women's History Month-March 2023

March is known as Women's History Month. Since its inception in 1987, we have been reflecting on women's historical contributions. Today we continue to celebrate and salute all women! We recognize all that women have done to benefit their families, their friends, their church family, their workplace, and the community at large. Women, continue to put God first in your lives and strive to be the women He has called us to be.

The following are two local women who excelled in their careers over the many years:

### Sandra Timmons



Sandra worked for the Howard County Police Department from 1969-1973 and for the Howard County Sheriff's Office until retirement in 2006 after 35 years of service.

Sandra started as a records clerk and was promoted to Corporal in 1988. She protected and served the citizens of Howard County and her community.

### Carla Tucker

Carla was part of the implementation team that took Maryland's procurement process from a paper-based system to an electronic one, making Maryland the first state to do so. The new online platform, eMaryland Marketplace, was launched on International Women's Day, March 8, 2000. Carla was a "C" student in school and is an example of how hard work and perseverance can pay off.

She holds a bachelor's degree and is presently a career public servant. Carla also wants to encourage young people to hold on to God's unchanging Hand to do what is right and just.





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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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*Praying for lots of submissions for the next newsletter.*

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