

July 2018

THE SPICE

A taste of what's happening for women.

Rescued! by Kristi Wile

A few weeks ago, my husband and I went to see Sight and Sound's production of "Jesus." It was really wonderful and if you haven't seen it or made plans to see it, please do! It's the story of "Love that Rescues." I was deeply touched.

You may be familiar with the story in Luke 8 where Jesus healed a demon-possessed man and sent the demons into a herd of pigs which then went over the cliff and drowned in the sea. I now see this story in a whole new light.

In the production, as the boat drew nearer to shore, the disciples realized where they were and one of them voiced fear and didn't want Jesus to go into that region. They had heard the rumors about the man who wandered among the tombs and how even chains couldn't keep him bound. But Jesus purposefully set his foot onto the shore and approached the crazed man. He set out to rescue him.

Meanwhile, the disciples began to calm the fearful one in their midst by sharing stories and singing a song about how Jesus went after each one of them as well. It was such a beautiful picture of Jesus doing his work in the hearts of humans and the dawning realization that *each one of us* has also been rescued.

While the disciples sang in the boat, Jesus went to the demon-possessed man and healed him. When the townspeople came out to see what had caused the pigs to run to their deaths, they found the man in his right mind, sitting quietly and talking with Jesus. Of course, he wanted to go with Jesus and follow Him. But Jesus lovingly told him to stay. The words He spoke in the play will ring in my ears for a long time. He said (and I paraphrase) "No, you stay here. These people are not ready to hear from Me. But they will listen to you."

What a testimony! Jesus traveled across the Sea of Galilee just to rescue one man because He knew that the townspeople would not listen to Him, but they would listen to the one who was healed by His touch. Oh, how my heart melted!

The tears rolled down my face as I suddenly understood. Jesus has rescued me. Others around me might not be ready to hear from Jesus directly, but they will listen to my story. They will be drawn to Him through the sharing of His miraculous work in my heart and mind.

What about you? Have you been rescued as well? Has Jesus pursued you and captured your heart and changed your life? Then like this man in Luke 8, we stay behind in order to share about the One who rescued us and who longs to rescue others.

Share your good news!

*Women's Ministry Mission Statement:
Encouraging women to connect in
deeper, genuine relationships
both with each other
and with Jesus Christ*



THE WORD

"Return home and tell how much
God has done for you."

—Luke 8:39a

Think About It

No matter where you have been
or where you find yourself, it is
never too dark or ugly or stormy or
messy for Jesus to reach down
and rescue you.

Once rescued, we need to share
the good news with others who
remain lost and need a Savior.

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Making Connections

This is our **VBS team**. We've asked them what they are most excited about and what their prayer is for the week of VBS. Here are their responses.



I am most excited for the coffee house! While it is not for the kids, I'm hoping it is a great outreach to parents!

Alicia and Kyle Rodgers



I'm excited for the amount of activity and creativity I see. And for the café! I pray that the children will be able to get something from these lessons and the teachers will have strength and creativity particularly with the younger children. I pray that children from the community will return and come to church sometime and that parents will stay and some will be guided in their faith walk.

Kathy and Mark Wenger

I love VBS because of the children's excitement about hearing God's word and learning that God loves them and is always there for them especially when they are sad and scared. I pray that the seeds planted at VBS in their young lives will grow and bear much fruit when they are adults. I pray, too, that we get more community kids to sign up and that new ears will hear the Word of God and that we have a week where the Holy Spirit is moving in the hearts of all attending, both staff and volunteers, along with the children.

Janet Crawford



I am thrilled seeing the kids come each night excited and ready to learn about God. I am also excited that more members of the church are able to participate this year and experience the joy in seeing the children engaged in the activities of the night. I pray that more children from the community sign up, and that their parents feel comfortable staying to enjoy the cafe this year.

Angie Nyce

I am so glad to be involved in ministry again after taking a break for a few years. I'm excited to see how all the hard work and planning come together and to see the children's excitement. My prayer is that we can shine Christ's light for those who don't know Him as well as teach our own church children that life with God is exciting! I pray each child feels His love and that they belong to Christ's family.

Martha Detweiler



As an outreach team member, we feel this is an awesome opportunity to share God's Love with our community. We are having VBS for the children and *M&M's Café* for adults with food, music & fellowship! And I pray that we as a church would be a church of invitation, filled with passion and joy to share boldly what Jesus did for each of us!

Terry Derstine

Now you know who the VBS team members are! Please pray for them as the date draws near. Much time and energy goes into this event. Also pray with them in each of their concerns. And remember each teacher and helper as well!

What's Happening for Women

thank
you!

A huge **Thank you** to everyone who had a part in the Comforter Blitz.

We knotted **97 comforters in 2 days!**

We especially recognize **Janet Derstine** for her leadership and **Ginny Landis** for her service to us in providing meals.

Every hand that helped is appreciated!

Project of the month: Yard goods, 3 yards or more

Opportunities to Connect with other Women

- Franconia's Fragrance & Spice: A closed Facebook group for daily encouragement and support. Email alternative available for those not active on Facebook.
- Monthly newsletter "The Spice" sent out by email and also hard copies available.
- Scripture Memory Challenge is underway, but you can join anytime!
- Sewing Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month.
- Fall Bible studies will be announced later this summer. Watch for information. If you are not connected and you'd like to be, contact Kristi Wile or another team member.

Prayer Walk for VBS

Vacation Bible School begins on Sunday, July 15, and continues through Thursday, July 19th.

As we are opening ourselves as a congregation to minister to the children of our community as well as our own church family, we want to take the opportunity to cover the children, the parents, the teachers, the volunteers and the leaders in prayer.

Please consider joining us on one or both occasions to pray for this outreach ministry.

Sunday, July 8th, at 4 pm

Wednesday, July 11th, at 7 pm

We will spread out and cover the areas where VBS is happening. All are welcome!. Bring a friend. You are free to pray alone or pair up with someone else. You can walk the building or grounds, or stay in one place. For questions, contact Ruth Ann Kulp, Carol Landis, or Kristi Wile.

Reminder!

Save the Dates!

- **October 27th- Scrapbooking Crop** (one day event)
- **December 8th- Ladies Christmas Tea** (9-11 am)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Prayer Walk for VBS 4 pm		Sewing Circle 8-3 Prayer Shawls 7-8:30 pm	Prayer Walk for VBS 7 pm			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:45 pm						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
Church Picnic 5:00 pm						

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