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THE SPICE

A taste of what's happening for women.

Women's Ministry Mission Statement:

Encouraging women to connect in deeper, genuine relationships both with each other and with Jesus Christ

Your Life – Wrapped in Prayer by Donna Godshall

Another article about prayer? Really?

If those words flew through your brain, no need to apologize. I would be right there with you. Don't we already hear a lot about prayer? And yet, there is so much room for growth.

We often think of prayer as situational. We pray in response to our circumstances or out of what we're experiencing. We pray before meals, when we're afraid, and if someone is sick. We offer prayers of thanksgiving, praise, confession, and intercession for others. These situational prayers are good – and important. But might God be challenging us to dig our knees deeper?

Pray without ceasing.
1 Thes. 5:17

God is calling us into constant communion with Him. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to pray without ceasing. Sounds like a good goal, but doesn't seem feasible for me. And yet, there it is – not a suggestion to consider trying – but a simple command to pray continually.

Nicholas Herman took on the name Brother Lawrence when he joined a monastery in Paris at the age of 55 where his quiet faith bore testimony of a unique relationship with God. Brother Lawrence wondered if we can have the same kind of contact with God as Christ did when He walked about on earth constantly aware of His Father. Can we attain that? The idea of living in the constant awareness of Christ may seem far-fetched. But Brother Lawrence set out to cultivate a life in which every waking moment he was aware of the presence of Christ, to live every hour in continuous inner conversation with God – a life of constant communion with his Lord. He said, "I have found that we can establish ourselves in a sense of the presence of God by continually talking with Him." He wrote, "You need to accustom yourself to continual conversation with Him – a conversation which is free and simple. We need to recognize that God is always intimately present with us and address Him every moment."

Brother Lawrence learned to commune with God continuously – in church and times of personal devotions, but also while working in the kitchen, running errands, or listening to people. He wrote, "I made it my business to be in the Lord's presence just as much throughout the day as when I came to my appointed time of prayer. I drove anything from my mind that was capable of interrupting my thought of God. I did this all the time, every hour, every minute.....By repeating these acts they become habit. The presence of God becomes natural to us."

You may have a rich and meaningful prayer life. Or maybe this is a struggle. If it is, do not give up. This kind of prayer wrapped life is developed. Where to start? Pick an hour – an easy hour – of the day. See how many minutes of the hour you can call Christ to mind. Can you do that at least one time each minute? You do not need to forget other things or stop your work – just invite Him to share everything you do, or say, or think.

Let's check in next month and see how it's going.

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*Meet our Brides ...***Making Connections****Renae Knechel and Dave Halteman**

“We met at Journey Church in Limerick for the first time but served together at church for a while before dating. We shared mutual friends that would often invite us to participate in activities with them. We quickly realized we shared a similar sense of humor, taste in music, and a love for outdoor activities. Dave proposed on a Sunday after church, in the same hallway that we had met in. We’re getting married August 14th, 2020, at the Limerick Campus of Journey Church.”

Brianna Kauffman and Steve Ralston

“Steve and I met when we were in High School on a camping trip to Promised Land State Park. Over the years we stayed in touch and eventually started dating during college. We enjoy playing games together and spending time outdoors; camping, hiking, disc golfing, and going for walks. We hope to be able to get married on September 5, 2020.”

**Janae Kauffman and Marc Ludwig**

“Marc and I met online the summer before I officially moved down to Virginia. After a few months of doing distance, he decided to follow me to Virginia and bought a house. He proposed while we were in Pennsylvania for Thanksgiving so that we could celebrate with our families. We plan on getting married June 19, 2021.”

June

A Taste of What's Happening for Women

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there are currently no Women's Ministry events or activities planned for the month of June.					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Drive-in Worship Service 10:15 am						
14	15					20
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21	22					27
Father's Day						
28	29	30				

We encourage you to stay connected to our church family and use this time to continue to grow in your faith.

- Check out personal Bible study options on RightNow Media
- Spend extra time in prayer
- Reach out with notes and phone calls to those who are isolated, especially those at retirement homes
- Participate in ZOOM meetings
- Join the Bible Memory group (contact Carol at franconiawomen@gmail.com)
- Be generous with your resources as you are able
- Stay safe and have a good month with your families!

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