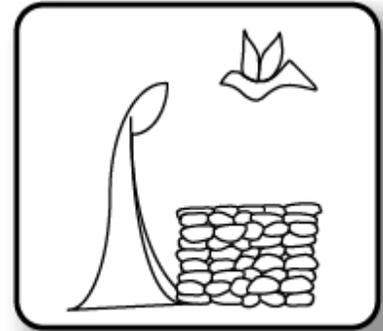


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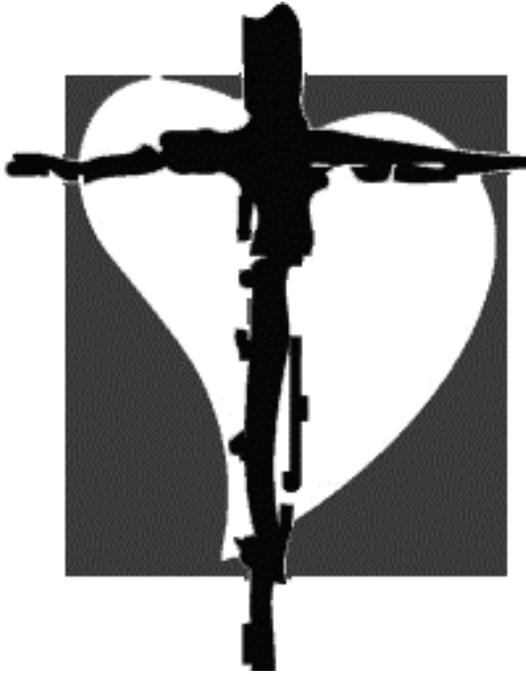
**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL TOPIC:
LOVE**

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February, 2009

Hello Friends,

What a wonderful time to write to you. There is no better time to tell you how much you mean to me than during this Valentine season. Love is in the air. Yes, that is true. Love is in the air all the time because Jesus is alive and well and is still in the soul-saving business. God sent His valentine to us in the form of the greatest love letter ever



written, the Bible. From Genesis to Revelation and every page in between, the love of Christ is poured out upon us. Funny, how many of us fail to read this fabulous book of hope, grace, mercy and love on a daily basis. I hope that with each valentine you receive, you remember the love that God sent you when He sent His Son, Jesus to die on the cross for your sins. I hope that with each valentine you send that you remember the love that Christ poured out upon you when He gave His life for you. Yes, love is in the air and it is everywhere when you take the time to look around you and see the face of God, His

handprint and His many blessings that He is always bestowing upon us.

Happy Valentine's Day from each of us at Woman at the Well Ministries and it is our prayer for all that "*the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us,*" (Romans 5:5).

Praying for you,

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NO GREATER LOVE

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends,” (John 15:13 KJV).

One of the greatest blessings in life is to be loved. Every person young and old, rich and poor, tough and weak all have an innate need to be loved. We spend our whole lives, sometimes, trying to fill that void in our heart that can only be filled by love. We look for love in many different places and in many different things. For so many of us, we are truly blessed because we have friends and family that love us dearly and protect us and care for us. But for others, they feel isolated and left out, alone and unloved. For those individuals, they may feel that they will never find love, and if they do, it can't be as wonderful as the love they see others share. But they are wrong, very wrong. There is no greater love than that of Jesus and His love is free to all who will receive it and love Him.

The Bible says, *“Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved,”* (Romans 10:13). This means you, regardless of who you are or where you have been, you have the same opportunity to have a meaningful, loving relationship with Jesus. John 3:16 says, *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* This shows the depth and breadth of His love. He loves you so much He was willing to give His life for you and did so. He knew what loving us would cost Him, yet He did so anyway. He was willing and able. No one else could ever do what Jesus has done for you. He paid a debt He didn't owe, the sin debt owed by all of us (Romans 3:23), that we couldn't pay. Only the precious blood of Jesus could cleanse us and make us free from the awful debt of sin (Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9). This He did and He did it willingly.

Romans 8:38-39 shows the strength of His love for us. *“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord,”* (Romans 8:38-39 KJV). Nothing you can do or have done will ever keep the Lord from loving you. His love is unconditional and forever.

His words in Hebrews 13:5, *“I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee,”* speak to the devotion He has to us. He wants to be with us always, so that as His children He gives us the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts (John 15:26). We are never alone because this loving, gracious and wonderful God is always with us.

So, you may not feel as if you have the earthly love you wish you had or deserve, but it is your choice, no one else's but your choice, to receive the absolutely most wonderful love available. You can, right now, choose to receive the love of Christ and to give Him your love. It requires nothing of you but your trust in Him and a life lived for Him. The Bible says in Matthew 7:7, *“Ask and ye shall receive.”* As previously noted,

in Romans 10:13, we are told that anyone who calls on the name of Jesus will be saved. Calling on the name of Jesus simply means to put your trust in Him, realizing that you are a sinner (Romans 3:23) and that you cannot save yourself. Only Jesus (Acts 4-12), the sinless lamb of God (II Corinthians 5:21), who shed His blood for you (John 3:16) can save you from your sins. It is as simple as acknowledging you are a sinner in need of a Saviour and in doing so asking Christ to forgive you of your sin; believing in Him by placing your trust and faith in Him for without faith it is impossible to please Him (Hebrews 11:6); and confessing your sins. Salvation is free and it is free to all. *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation,”* (Romans 10:9-10 KJV). *“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends,”* (John 15:13 KJV).

THE PRAYER CLOSET

The information found in the Prayer Closet section of the newsletter will help you develop a deeper, closer walk with God! A closer walk with God will lead you to a deeper, richer life. Much is learned in the closet of prayer. Many battles are fought and won while we study and pray. Stay tuned to this section for tips and ideas that you can use to make the most of your time in the prayer closet. Let me clarify that most of us do not pray in a closet. This is the term I give to that quiet, little place that you get alone with God to study and pray. Today’s tip will focus on making your requests known to God.



“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus,” (Philippians 4:6-7).

Tip: Step 5—Take time to thank God for His presence in your life and for the answers to your prayers that you know He will deliver.

Prayer is a conversation with God. It is the time we spend in His presence talking with Him. Each person has an individual relationship with Him, so everyone’s time in the prayer closet is different. However, the Bible does give us much information about prayer and it is for this reason we offer you these tips. We have talked about making sure we had a place to pray, and having our necessary materials, such as a prayer list, notepad and writing utensil. We then turned our attention to the act of praying, looking

at what prayer requests were on our heart. Then, we got down to the business of prayer as we examined ourselves and confessed our sins, which led us to praise and worship and finally making our requests to the Lord. In this section, we are going to focus on giving thanks to God. Yes, this can be considered an act of worship and a form of praise, as previously discussed. But, it is so important that we want to spend some time specifically focusing on thanking the Lord.

The Bible says that we are to give thanks always (Ephesians 5:20) and that we are to enter His gates with Thanksgiving (Psalm 100:4) remembering that all prayer should be accompanied by thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6 and Colossians 4:2). Psalm 92:1 says, *“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.”* These are but a few of the many verses that exhort us to give thanks unto the Lord. Let’s purpose in our hearts not only to be more thankful, but also to practice thanksgiving in our prayers. Here is a partial list of things for which we are to be thankful, according to the Bible. This list is a good place for you to begin thanking God. I encourage you to continue to search the scriptures to find more verses that demonstrate how and when we are to be thankful.

- Before you eat—John 6:11
- At the remembrance of God’s holiness—Psalm 30:4
- In private worship—Daniel 6:10
- To God—Psalm 50:14
- For the power of Christ—Revelation 11:17
- For victory over death and the grave—I Corinthians 15:57
- For the love of others—II Thessalonians 1:3
- For the willingness to offer property for God’s service –I Chronicles 29:6-14

Here is a quick review of the previous four steps:

Step 1: Determine the prayer requests that are on your heart and jot them down in your prayer journal. *“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much,”* (James 5:16).

Step 2: Examine yourself thoroughly, confessing your sins before God and asking for forgiveness of your sins. *“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me,”* (Psalm 66:18).

Step 3: Take this time in your prayer time to focus on God and His Son, Jesus. This is a time of praise and worship. *“O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of His praise to be heard,”* (Psalm 66:8).

Step 4: Make your requests known to God. The Bible says, *“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need,”* (Hebrews 4:16).

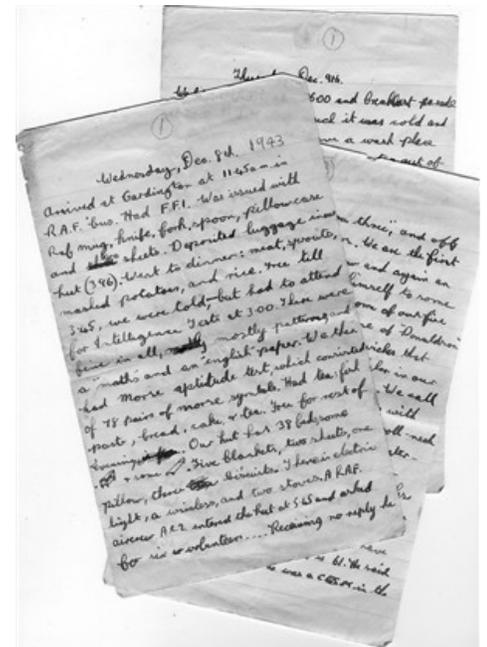
FAMILY TIME

It is during family time that bonds are strengthened, burdens are shared and memories are made. There is something wonderful about being with like-minded people, and though every family member is different, there are still strong similarities at the core.

Tip: Write a family “Love Letter” to God.

Obviously we are to love the Lord always and deeply. *“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment,”* (Mark 12:30 KJV). This time of year it seems that everyone is focused on love, but many forget about the greatest love of all, the love of Christ (John 3:16). It is wonderful to celebrate the love of others. In fact, the Bible commands us to love one another (John 13:34), but we can’t forget about the marvelous love of Jesus. So what better time than now to sit down as a family and write a love letter to Jesus.

A good family activity for Valentine’s Day is for everyone to gather around the table and write valentine’s cards. But to even make this a greater blessing, each individual could make a card or write a letter to each of the other family members. Materials such as construction paper, colored pencils and markers, as well as stickers, can really make this activity fun. When everyone is finished making their cards and writing their letters to each of their family members, it is the perfect time for the whole family to sit down and write a letter to God. Someone needs to be appointed to take notes while each person contributes something for the family letter to God. It is important to list specific things for which you are thankful and to tell Him how much you love Him. When the letter is finished and everyone has had the opportunity to express their love and devotion to the Lord, read it aloud and then fold it and put it in an envelope. In the future, perhaps once a month during one of your family devotions, read the letter aloud to your family. Another wonderful time to use the letter is when one of the family members may be going through a tough time or feeling down. When this happens, hand them the letter and let them go off privately and read it. It is a sure way to get a blessing and watch your blues just drift away. It is important to keep your letter from year to year. It will become an important keepsake for all and a blessing for years to come.



GOD SIGHTING

Good Sportsmanship or the Love of Christ?

“Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.” (Matthew 7:12). I witnessed a wonderful sight the other day. At first I thought it was just good sportsmanship, but as I pondered and prayed about what I saw, I realized that loving others in Christ is a way to employ good sportsmanship in this game of life. If good sportsmanship is treating those you consider your teammates and opponents equally in respect, then loving others impartially in Christ must be Good Discipleship. Now, ask anyone who knows me and they’ll tell you that I’m not a sports-oriented person. But in the last few weeks, I’ve gone to a number a basketball games to watch my 7th grade students play. Just this week, in a girls basketball game, I watched one of our players and a young girl from the opposing team (both of them Godly girls) accidentally knock each other down and then watched our player roll over her opponent. It was completely accidental, but our young opponent hit her head hard and it was obvious that everyone in the gym was afraid something serious had occurred. She wasn’t seriously hurt, just dazed, I think, but I saw tears in her eyes and I know that she hit her head hard. She stopped playing, sat on the bench and play continued in the game. As she sat down on the bench, though, I saw a wonderful sight. I watched our player run over to her opponent, shake her hand, apologize, and then run back into the game with tears in her own eyes knowing that inadvertently she had contributed to this girl’s pain. Now, it wasn’t anyone’s fault and it was just a part of the game. Things happen, and people fall down. But this young girl had enough compassion and love in her heart to see another’s hurt and pain and know that at that moment it was her job to do anything she could to ease that hurt. Perhaps it was just good sportsmanship, but I believe it was the love of Christ displayed in a girls basketball game.



Staff Update – Bethany S. Ross: Happy winter and Happy New Year, everyone! I have to say I feel like it is the coldest winter ever, and I am ready for the summer already! As I rang in the new year, I made a few resolutions that I am trying my best to keep. A few of them have already fallen by the wayside, but thankfully a few of them I am still holding on to! One of the things I started at the beginning of the year is a new Bible reading program for the year, only instead of reading from Genesis to Revelation, I am reading the Bible chronologically. So far, it has been insightful as I am reading it in a slightly unconventional way. One thing is true – the stories remain the same and the outcome doesn’t change!

COMING UP FROM THE WELL

It never ceases to amaze me to see the ever-flowing items we have coming up from the well – and this time is no different! One of these things is updating our Web site – www.watwm.org. We have added some photos and made a few things more user-friendly. We have so many resources on the site that we make available for you to use, so the next time you are online, be sure to check them out. The major project we continue working to expand is WATWM Radio. Our radio station can be accessed for free through the world's largest Internet radio network, Live365. We stream radio broadcasts continually as well as southern gospel and praise and worship music. This truly is such an exciting venture for us, and we have been working toward this for several months now, and we are excited that it is up and running and that we can expand it more and more to best suit you, the listener! The final bit of news we want to share is about another radio station we broadcast on in the Philippines. Last fall we began broadcasting through Mindanao Praise Radio (MPR) 105.3 FM in Malaybalay City, Philippines. MPR

is a new station run by Steve and Whelma Jean Simmons. Their mission is based on the verse Isaiah 42:12, "*Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.*" Recently we received an e-mail from them, telling us:

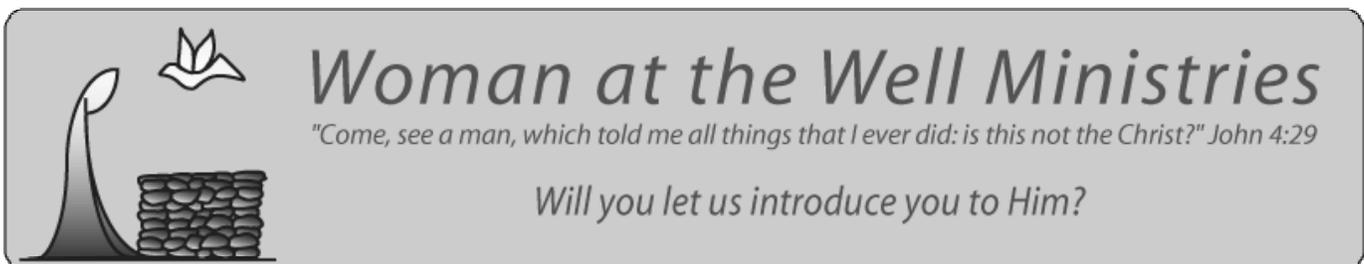
"Some news that we are ecstatic about is this. We had been told initially by the National Broadcasting Agency here that our frequency was going to be 88.5 FM. However, they instead elected to designate and assign us 105.3 on the FM dial. The only other FM station here in



Malaybalay City is that of the Secular Rock/Pop station known as Love-FM and it is located at 106.3. One can't buy advertising like this! Doubtless, thousands of listeners will in their quest of tuning in to the well-established and highly listened to secular FM station 'stumble' into MPR 105.3 as we are so close to them on the dial. Actually, I don't believe it is going to be by accident but by the Providence of God that HE chose for the Broadcasting Directors to put us right next to 106.3 FM. Many who plan on listening to Rock and Roll at 106.3 will instead end up on 105.3 and will hear via music and the spoken word about THE Rock and will show them how they can have their name added to THE Roll. It's at least a minor miracle if there is such a thing as a minor miracle. Sort of like those in the Bible who are often referred to as minor prophets, they are all pretty major in my estimation."

We agree and are so excited to know that each and every weekday from noon to 12:30 p.m., we are a part of the mission of MPR to reach their listeners. The Phillipines is exactly 12 hours ahead of us here in the Eastern Time Zone, so if you are up at midnight, say a prayer for our listeners on the other side of the globe. Thank you all again so much for your continued support – that is what is coming up the well!

Staff Update – Erika Klose: In our last newsletter, I said just how much I loved fall and winter. Well, I still love them, but I am also shocked at just how cold it has been recently! This week, I experienced my first snow day with no snow – it was just too cold to wait for school buses! I've re-learned a wonderful lesson this winter through my snow days – that time is a gift from God. My first snow day was just before Christmas. I had a million things to do and my snow day allowed me to get them all done – and then some! My second snow day fell the day that I needed to do the tax receipts and contribution statements for WATW. My last snow day fell just at the end of my semester, when I had stacks two feet high of papers to grade – what a gift of time! Just when I needed it most, the Lord provided. The lesson that God is instilling in my heart right now is that He provides exactly what we need. It's not just money that He provides, or substance, or health, but He provides exactly what we need. He is the great I AM. He is all we need. In the past few months, it's been time for me. And as I have needed, He has provided. Amen!



LESSONS IN LIVING IN LOVE

“He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes,” (1 John 2:10-11 KJV).

Loving others is easy, sometimes. Sometimes it’s hard. Very hard. We live in a world of sinful people and sinful people are sometimes hard to love. The only One who ever perfected it was our perfect Jesus, who loved us by dying on the cross for our sins, showering love on the entire human race.

As we enter this month of February, when we’re all so focused on love, how do we employ that love in loving the unlovable? How do we love the co-worker, who drives us nuts? How do we love our students, who seem to be more and more disrespectful every day? How do we love our spouse, when he or she seems to disregard what we’ve just said? Loving those who are unlovable is truly possible only through the love of Christ.

So how do we do it? How do we love the unlovable? I John 2:10 tells us that, *“He that loveth his brother abideth in the light.”* In order to truly love, especially those who are unlovable, we must be abiding in the light. What does it mean to abide in the light? To abide in is to live or to rest in – a constant place. To abide in the light is to make your home in the light. And who or what is the light? The light is Jesus Christ – the light of the world. *“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life,”* (John 8:12). So to abide in the light, which gives us the ability to love, we must be making our home in Jesus Christ.

What does it mean to make our home in Jesus Christ? First off, and ultimately, it means to have found salvation in Jesus Christ. *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved,”* (Acts 4:12). Salvation is found only in Jesus Christ. Having found salvation in Christ, we must then continue to abide or to live in Christ. To live in Christ is to maintain a daily one-on-one, or more exactly an “us-in-Jesus” relationship. How do we have a daily relationship with Christ? We talk to Him in prayer, we read His word, we memorize His word, we study His word, and most importantly – we listen to Him and the things that He speaks to our hearts. To make our home in Jesus Christ is to have Him and Him alone be the overarching constant in our days – our ultimate source and strength.

Having made our home in Christ, how do we then transfer that love for Christ to others, specifically those it is hard to love? As we get to know Christ, we’ll find out a number of things about Him. First off, we learn that He loved us first. *“We love him, because He first loved us”* (I John 4:19). He proactively loved us before we loved Him,

when in fact we were unlovable. So our first lesson in loving the unlovable is to know that we need to love proactively. Specifically, we need to “make the first move” realizing that Christ Himself made the ultimate move in drawing our hearts to Him.

Another thing we’ll learn about Christ is that He is impartial. “*For there is no respect of persons with God,*” (Romans 4:11). “*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus,*” (Galatians 3:28). Christ loves us, regardless of who we are. He loves us regardless of our past, our race, our sex, our actions, our friends, or our family. So our second lesson in loving the unlovable is to love them just because they “are” not because of who they are or what they do – just as Christ loved us, we must love them. Christ loves us because we are a person, not because of our actions or behaviors.

The last and most important thing we learn about Christ, as we get to know Him, is that He is forgiving. Christ is the ultimate in forgiving as He forgave all the sins of the world – all those we individually have ever committed or will commit. In one amazing act of forgiveness, Christ died on the Cross for us. And in another amazing act of forgiveness, Christ forgives us daily - again and again. “*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness,*” (I John 1:9). So our last lesson in loving the unlovable is to love with a forgiving heart. A forgiving heart does not excuse a wrong, but always gives a second chance. For that matter, a forgiving heart gives third, fourth, and fifth chances as well.

Christ loves us with an unmatched love – a love that forgives, that seeks us out, and that acts impartially. When we abide in Christ and get to know Him, we are more able to love as He loves – proactively, forgivingly, and impartially. Loving the unlovable always requires work and sacrifice, but nothing compared to the sacrifice Christ made on the Cross and nothing compared to the sacrifice that Christ makes when He daily forgives our actions that so grieve His heart. What is most important, however, is that loving the unlovable can reap amazing rewards for the kingdom of God. When we display the love of Christ to those who do not know Him, we are not just extending a helping or loving hand, but also an invitation. For in loving others, we are introducing them to Christ – an introduction that can have eternal and everlasting consequences.



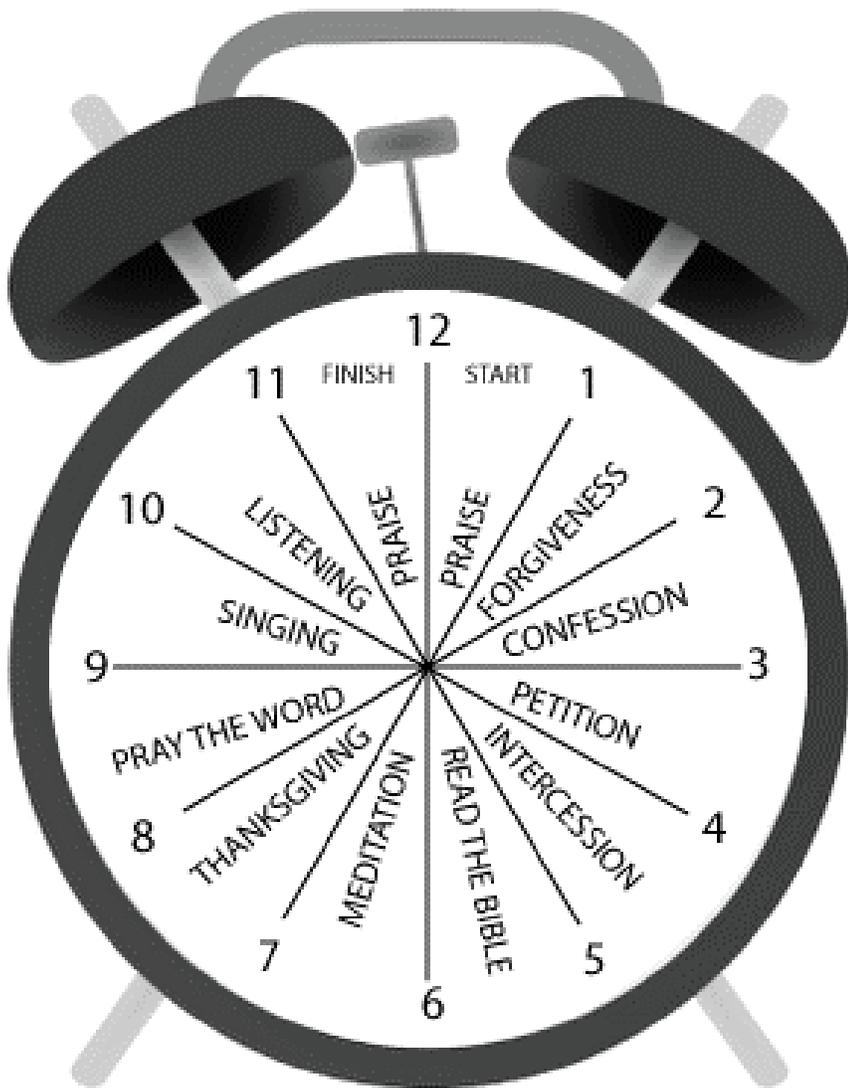
So this Valentine’s Day, abide in Christ - spending some extra time with Him and give some love to someone who seems to you to be unlovable – realizing that you, a sinner, were unlovable to your Saviour. Reach out in love remembering what it feels like to live knowing that you are loved with an unmatched love – the love of Christ alone.

READERS CONTRIBUTIONS

The Complete Prayer Clock

Ephesians 6:18 – “Praying always with all prayer ...”

This prayer clock was submitted by Kathy Faison of Colorado and created by an unknown author. The face of the clock is divided into 12 sections. If you spend just 5 minutes on each section, then you will spend 1 hour in prayer. A successful prayer life requires discipline, so you may want to begin using this prayer clock by spending 1 minute with each section. It is yours to use however you see fit. Thank you, Kathy, for contributing this wonderful tool to help our readers with their prayer lives.



1. Praise – Begin all prayer with praise. Whatever your ultimate goal may be, first praise God. In praise you esteem God for His greatness and virtues. Jesus, in His example to us, taught us to begin prayer with praise, “*Our Father which art in Heaven.*” (Psalm 22:3, Psalm 63:3; Hebrews 13:15)

2. Forgiveness – Nothing will block your spiritual progress more fatally than an unforgiving spirit. Forgiving is a complete ‘pouring out’ of any feelings that might have developed against anyone during the day. Even a small ‘root of bitterness’ will grow quickly into a serious problem. (Matthew 6:14-15)

3. Confession – Early in the complete prayer clock we deal with sin. Unconfessed sin is the greatest hindrance to prayers. Rid yourself of sin by confession and seeking forgiveness and you will

clear the road for powerful prayer. (Psalm 139:23-24; Psalm 66:18)

4. Petition – “*Ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss.*” This aspect of prayer deals with our personal needs. You may feel confident to pray for your personal needs. Jesus wants you to do it; and His heart is open to your needs. Petition is included in the Lord’s Prayer. “*Give us this day our daily bread.*” (James 4:2-3; Matthew 6:9-13)

5. Intercession – Intercession is praying for the lost and involves the most intense dimension of prayer. Intercession is God’s love flowing through us. You can expect the power of God to be released in this form of prayer. (I Timothy 2:1-2; Matthew 9:37-38)

6. The Word – It may surprise you to hear the suggestion that you should read the Bible during prayer. However, the Word is enlightening to the eyes (Psalm 19:9). When you read the Bible, new possibilities are made clear. Although ‘prayer time’ must not become ‘study time,’ a brief moment of scripture reading is vital to complete prayer. (II Timothy 3:6)

7. Meditation – In meditation you ponder the spiritual themes of God’s word and Spirit. By meditating you will experience rich understanding into the depth and beauty of God’s promises. This understanding will broaden and expand your praying as well as entire life. (Psalm 1:1-2; Psalm 77:12)

8. Thanksgiving – Although thanksgiving should be sprinkled throughout your prayer, plan to spend a special period of thanking God out loud for all the things in your life. (Philippians 4:6)

9. The Word – The word of God is brought into prayer twice. A brief period of reading the Word first, however, now you ‘pray the Word.’

10. Singing – Singing refreshes and comforts the soul, and one of the greatest thrills of singing is to sing in the Holy Ghost a ‘new song’ during prayer. (Psalm 100:2; Ephesians 5:19)

11. Listening – Prayer is not all talking to God. It also involves listening. Listening is different from meditation. When we listen, we receive direct orders from God’s Spirit. (I Kings 19:11-12)

12. Praise – We conclude every prayer session with praise. Again, we exalt the nature of God. (Matthew 6:13)

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe the Holy Scriptures are the inerrant Word of God. (John 1:1, II Timothy 3:16)
- We believe that God created all things. (Colossians 1:16, John 1:3)
- We believe in the triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)
- We believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 1:23)
- We believe that Jesus was wholly God and wholly man. (Romans 8:3, Philippians 2:6-7)
- We believe that there is a literal hell. (Matthew 10:28)
- We believe that there is a literal heaven. (Matthew 6:20)
- We believe that none are righteous and all are in need of a Saviour. (Romans 3:10, Romans 3:23, Revelation 20:15)
- We believe that Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross of Calvary and rose victorious the third day. (I Corinthians 15:3-4, I Peter 3:18, II Corinthians 5:21)
- We believe that salvation is possible only through Jesus Christ and it is His finished work on Calvary that pays our penalty for sin. (John 14:6, I Peter 1:18-21, I Corinthians 7:23)
- We believe that salvation is available to everyone. (Romans 10:13)
- We believe that salvation is free. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- We believe that the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in your heart at the time of salvation. (John 14:16)
- We believe the Holy Spirit will teach you and guide you in the way that you should go. (John 14:26)
- We believe that Christians are dead to sin and alive in Christ. (Romans 6:11, II Corinthians 5:17)
- We believe that Christians are to live Holy separated lives before man and God. (Romans 6:12-18, I Peter 1:15-16, Titus 2:14 and I Peter 2:19)
- We believe that Jesus Christ is coming back again to take His children home to heaven. (I Thessalonians 4:15-16)

THE GIFT OF SALVATION

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (II Peter 3:9)

The Bible tells us that we are all sinners (Romans 3:23, Romans 3:10) and in need of a Saviour (John 3:7). Man without a Saviour is the servant of sin and is destined for an eternal death (Romans 6:23). Man could not pay his penalty for sin, so God sent His son to pay it for us (John 3:16, Romans 5:8). Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6). He doesn't require anything from us but simple faith (Romans 10:9-10) in the risen Christ who lived a sinless, perfect life, tempted as we are yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15). He was crucified for our sins, (I Peter 2:24) buried and rose again (I Corinthians 15:4) that we might live eternally in the heavens with Him (I Thessalonians 5:10). There is nothing we can do to inherit eternal life. It is the gift of God not of (our) works lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9). It isn't about us. It is about the finished work on Calvary that bought our salvation (I Corinthians 6:20). It is a personal relationship with Him and free to all (Romans 10:13). Upon receiving Him as Saviour, the Lord will come and live in your heart in the presence of the Holy Spirit (John 14:26).



If you don't know Christ as Saviour, we implore you right now to come to Him in prayer and ask Him into your heart. Realize that you are a sinner in need of a Saviour and that you cannot get to heaven on your own merit. Confess to Him that you are a sinner and that you place your faith in Him, a God that cannot fail. Ask Him to cleanse you of your sins by His precious sinless blood that He freely shed for you on Calvary. Ask Him to come and dwell in your heart in the person of the Holy Spirit that you may feel His presence and receive His instruction. Accept Him as Saviour and live your life according to His promises, commandments and ways. Ground yourself in His Word, the Holy Bible, and find a local Bible-believing church to grow in His grace and mercy and to fellowship with fellow believers.

If you have asked Jesus into your heart and accepted Him as Saviour, we ask that you get in touch with our ministry that we may pray for you as you continue to grow in Him. May God bless you and keep you in His tender care. E-mail us at:

prayer@womanatthewellministries.org

LIVE OUT THE LOVE OF THE LORD

When I think about love, there are countless quotes that instantly come to mind. While many are cliché and heard in blockbuster movies or hit songs, the vast majority of them rings true and can apply to our lives - “It’s love that makes the world go ‘round,” “Love is all we need,” just to name a few. Again, while these common quotes can seem cheesy, they are true, especially when we think of God’s love. His love is never-ending. His love is unconditional. His love is infinite. His love is more powerful than anything we can ever imagine. God loves us so much! Take a minute to really think about just these few verses of scripture concerning love.

- “Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.” - Song of Solomon 8:7
- “Beloved, let us love one another.” - 1 John 4: 7
- “Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” - 1 John 3:18
- “Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.” - 1 Corinthians 8:1
- “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” - 1 Corinthians 13:13
- “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.” - Romans 12:10
- “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” - I John 3:18

What these verses tell me is clear: I need to show Christian love to others - not just in word but in my actions, just as Jesus did as He walked the earth and as God has always done. God made every single one of us, and He loves each of us unconditionally. Although it can be difficult sometimes to demonstrate God’s love to absolutely everyone, with God all things are possible! When left to our own willpower to love others as God does, we would surely falter. However, when we have the abounding love of the Lord surging through our hearts, we can love others and show that love to them in a big way!

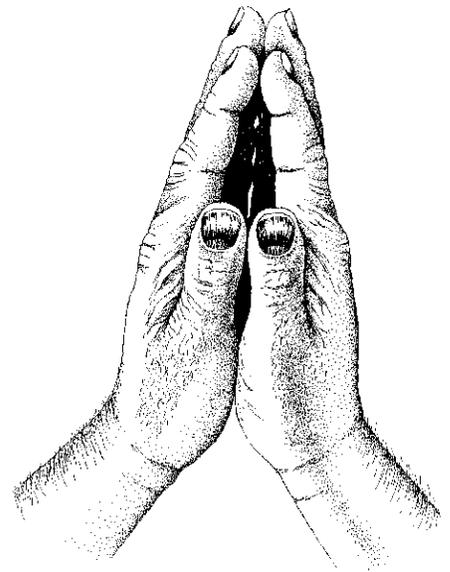
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I would like to challenge us all – me included – to show more action when it comes to our loved ones. Especially with the new year, let us resolve in our hearts to put legs on the love we have for others and take love beyond just our words and demonstrate it to all of those around us. Not only will they see that with love comes action but we will reap God’s blessings for being the servant He would have us to be!

HOW YOU CAN PRAY FOR WOMAN AT THE WELL MINISTRIES

Please pray along with us for:

- our new regular engagement at a local nursing home, where we minister to staff and patients, that as we lift up the Lord, He would be glorified and hearts and lives will draw closer to Him.
- the staff of Woman at the Well Ministries (Kim, Erika, and Beth) that we will be continually drawing closer to God, walking in obedience to Him and His call, depending upon His strength, and learning more and more from His Word each day.
- our writing projects, that the Lord would create more and more opportunities for concerted writing time.
- our listeners, that as we lift up the Lord and His Word, their hearts, minds, and lives would be changed through the saving grace of Jesus Christ.
- our speaking calendar, that God would fill it, giving us the opportunity to bring His love, mercy and grace to more and more of His children.
- financial support, that we would have the resources to take advantage of the many radio opportunities that come our way.
- financial support, that we would be able to financially support one full-time staff member.
- for more publishing opportunities that we might get His Word out to listeners through the printed word.

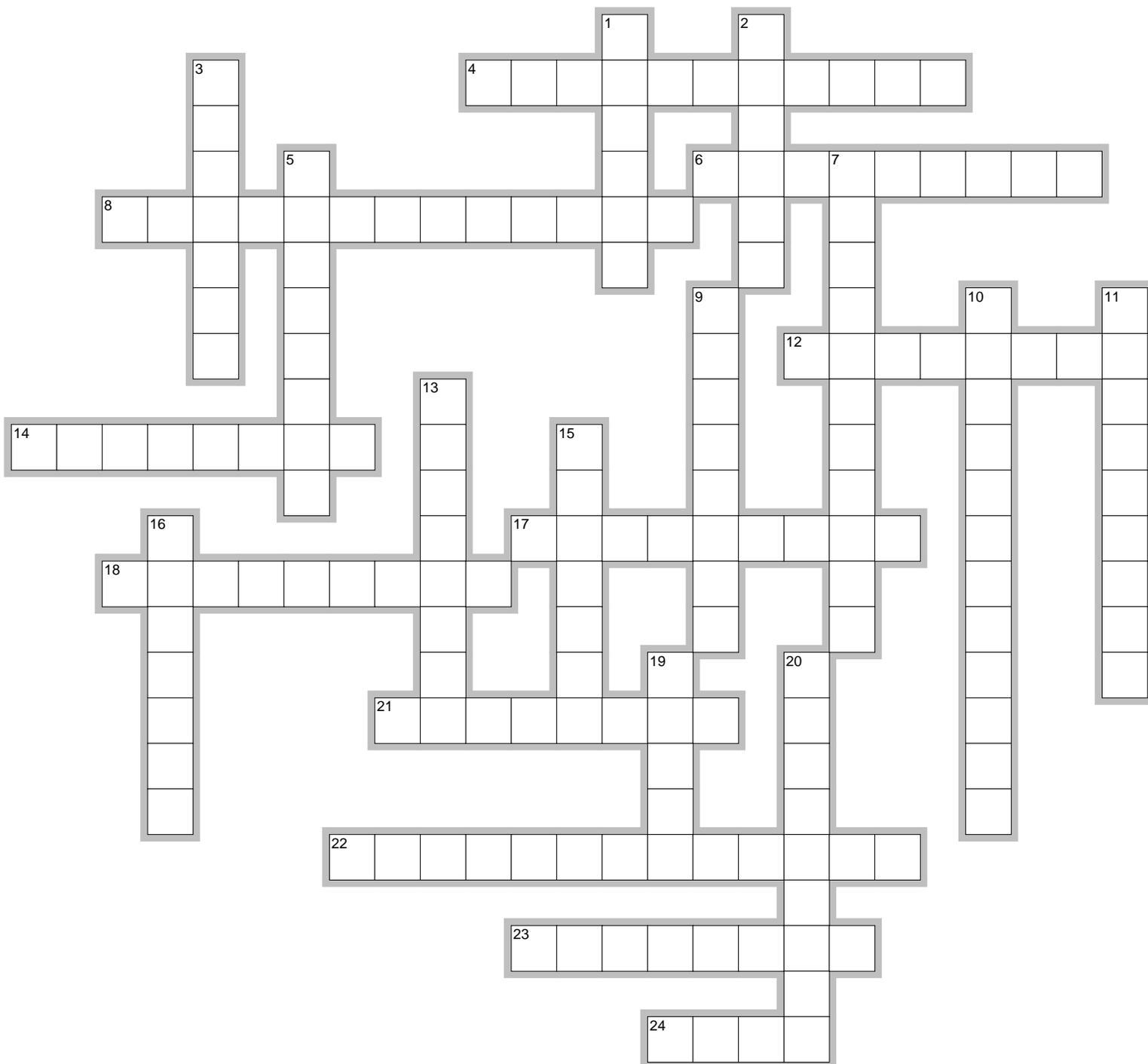




Woman at the Well Ministries
"Come, see a man, which told me all things that I ever did: is this not the Christ?" John 4:29
Will you let us introduce you to Him?

BIBLE FUN CROSSWORD

Sharpen your pencil and use your Bible knowledge and KJV Bible to complete this crossword puzzle! Try to use your memory to complete this puzzle before you open your Bible. Each of these verses relates to our topic of **Love**. As you study His word with this puzzle, meditate upon God's love; sharing His love with others; and the many qualities of His love.



CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

4. Romans 8:35 -Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall _____, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
6. Galatians 2:20 -I am _____ with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
8. Ephesians 5:2 -And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a _____ savour.
12. John 13:1 -Now before the feast of the _____, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.
14. I John 3:16 -Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the _____.
17. John 13:35 -By this shall all men know that ye are my _____, if ye have love one to another.
18. I Peter 1:22 -Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto _____ love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:
21. Matthew 22:39 -And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy _____ as thyself.
22. Romans 12:9 -Let love be without _____. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.
23. Hebrews 13:1 -Let brotherly love _____.
24. Romans 13:9 -For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt _____ thy neighbour as thyself.

Down

1. Philippians 1:9 -And this I pray, that your love may _____ yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;
2. Proverbs 10:12 -_____ stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.
3. Galatians 5:13 -For, brethren, ye have been called unto _____; only use not _____ for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.
5. Deuteronomy 10:19 -Love ye therefore the _____: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.
7. I John 4:21 -And this _____ have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.
9. I Corinthians 13:1 -Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as _____ brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
10. II Corinthians 5:14 -For the love of Christ _____ us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

11. I Thessalonians 4:9 -But as touching _____ love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.
13. I Thessalonians 3:12 -And the Lord make you to _____ and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:
15. I John 2:10 -He that loveth his brother _____ in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.
16. I John 4:7 -Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and _____ God.
19. James 2:8 -If ye fulfil the _____ law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:
20. I Peter 4:8 -And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the _____ of sins.

Staff Update – Kimberly Miller: I have spent the last couple of months remodeling my home. A great big thanks to my friends and family for their help. During the process I cleaned, moved, scraped, sanded, cleaned some more, stained and put polyurethane on my floors. This was quite a project. It took a long time and much of the work was mindless, allowing me time to reflect. As I worked along with my brother to clean out drawers, organize “stuff,” and sort through years of “treasures,” I couldn’t help but marvel at the work the Lord does every day on me. I am so grateful that He doesn’t let me go years or even weeks without helping me rid the things from my life that have no need to be in it. As I looked at the “treasures” that I and my family had held on to, I had to laugh. What must have seemed priceless as I placed it in that drawer a long time ago was no longer of use and for some of it, I couldn’t even remember how it had originally been used. I wondered what thoughts and things I had stored in my heart, negative feelings and hurt, that I had tucked away and put in there that I couldn’t even remember why I put them there and what good they were to hold. I immediately knew that my house cleaning, as I was getting ready to make my home refreshed and new, was minor compared to what I knew the Lord was going to do as He remolded my heart. As the process continued, I watched the sanding harshly remove stains and even scars on the wood that was lurking under the old carpet. I thought too how God’s hand upon my life had sometimes resulted in painful lessons and how He had scrubbed hard to get some of the world off me, more than once. But as I stained the floor, I realized that He never left me rough and that His blood, that stained the old rugged cross, had surely made me clean and smoothed out the rough edges. But perhaps what struck me most was the shine that came from the polyurethane I placed on my floors. Just as the polyurethane brought out the shine in that once dark, stained wood, the Holy Spirit, when I received Christ as Saviour, placed within my heart a light that shines into the darkest of worlds and shows the light of Christ to others. Yes, I started out remodeling my house, but finished with a remodeled heart.

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If you're looking for more information about Woman at the Well Ministries, you can visit our web site @ www.watwm.org, where you'll find:

Christian Living Resources, such as:

- Salvation through Christ Jesus
- Daily Angel Gram Devotions
- Weekly Devotions from our staff
- Bible Study Helps
- Archived radio messages
- Podcasts to download
- Our Statement of Faith

and ...

Ways to reach us in regards to:

- Booking Kim Miller for a speaking engagement
- Subscribing to our newsletters
- Ordering resources to enhance your walk with Christ
- Becoming a supporter
- Becoming a prayer partner
- And submitting a prayer request

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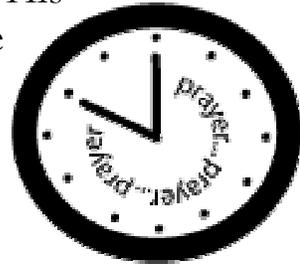
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BECOME OUR PRAYER PARTNER

Your prayers are essential to the work of Woman at the Well Ministries. As you lift us up to the Father in prayer, He works to enable us to continue to bring His message of salvation, love and personal friendship to listeners all over the world. Would you prayerfully consider becoming a Prayer Partner of Woman at the Well Ministries, to ensure that we have 24-hour prayer coverage? We ask our prayer partners to commit to praying for Woman at the Well Ministries for at least 5 minutes one day of the week. As a thank you for your prayer commitment, we'll send you a magnet to use as a reminder to lift us up to the Father. **To become a Prayer Partner, you can either fill in the information below, or sign up on our website.**



1. Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Thank you to all who have already signed up to be our prayer partners. We're so thankful for you!

2. Pick a Prayer Time:

Please choose a 5-minute block from the week, during which you'll commit to pray for Woman at the Well Ministries. For example, *Wednesdays at 10:35 PM.*

Time chosen: _____

Or:

If you can't commit to a particular time, but will commit to praying for us, please check here ().

3. Send this form back to us @
Woman at the Well Ministries
P.O. Box 875
Milton, WV 25541

4. Your magnet will be on its way back to you shortly. Thank you and God bless you!

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