

# **DRINKING FROM THE WELL**

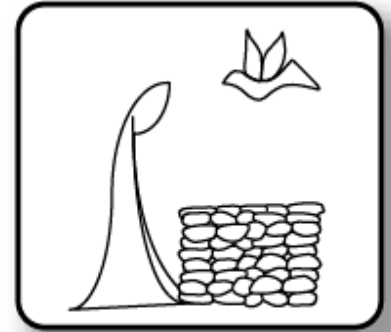
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# Happy Thanksgiving!

# DRINKING FROM THE WELL

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November, 2011

Hello Friends,

The Lord is so good! “*Daily He loadeth us with benefits*” (Psalms 68:19). Wow, it seems nearly impossible that we are approaching Thanksgiving Day. The year has flown by for me but as I sit here thinking of all that the Lord has done, I am reminded of so many things. It seems impossible that so many blessings could come my way in such a short amount of time. It seems just like yesterday that I was planting roses and waiting for them to bloom. But, looking out the window, I can clearly see that the days for blooms on my roses are quickly coming to an end. The petals are falling and the leaves are joining the leaves of my trees and lightly covering the ground. Now, as I walk through my garden instead of the quiet humming of the bees and insect wings, I hear the crunch of leaves.



Sitting here looking out my window and watching the trees throw off their leaves, I am reminded of a great lesson. I am reminded of the joy of counting your blessings. It seems that the mighty oak in my backyard is counting a blessing with each leaf it throws off. In my mind's eye I can see the great benefit I would receive, if I would just take inventory of my life, look at each piece and count the blessings associated with it. As I sit praying and watching, I can see the growth this process brings. The tree doesn't hold on to used up leaves. It

doesn't store away its blessings; it recognizes them, uses them and then makes room for new ones. Oftentimes, I think I hold so tightly to my past blessings that I cannot reach out and touch my new ones. I pray that this time will be different, like the tree, I pray I recognize my blessings, remove those things from my life that I don't need and eagerly embrace the new blessings the Lord has for me. “*Therefore I will give thanks unto Thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto Thy name*” (II Samuel 22:50). I pray that for each of us, we strive to make each day, “Thanks Giving Day”.

In His service,



## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

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*"And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house," (Acts 16:31-32).*

In this passage of scripture, the Philippian jailor asks a very important question. He wants to know how to be saved. But, what was it that brought this question to his mind? It was the actions of Paul and Silas. In the midst of great distress and torment, Paul and Silas were singing songs of praise to the Lord. They had been thrown into prison for doing the work of the Lord. It was midnight and they had been beaten and were residing, no doubt, in a cold, damp and dreary place. But instead of wallowing in self-pity or demanding justice, Paul and Silas were singing praises to God. The Philippian jailor saw this and it had a profound effect on his life.

Then the earthquake came. Suddenly, everyone's bands were loosed and they were free. However, none of them were gone. The jailor knew that something huge was happening when his prisoners did not run away. He knew that something bigger than all of them was at work. It was this realization that brought him to repentance.

What about you? Let's look at the Christian first. Does your life reflect that something bigger is going on than what meets the normal eye? Do your actions testify to the glory of God? When troubles come, do you proclaim His presence in the midst of the storm? Or would it be more accurate to say that you murmur and complain even at the smallest setbacks. Do you view every event as an opportunity to praise the Lord? There is much to learn from this passage, but perhaps for the Christian, the most important lesson found in this passage is that we are a walking testimony of God's grace, mercy and love. As such, we must walk in His ways so that others may come to know Him.

Now let's look at the sinner in need of a Saviour. The greatest need of your life is the need for salvation. Nothing will fill the void in your heart except for Jesus. Nothing will buy you a home in heaven, or give you life eternal with Jesus, but a personal relationship with Him. Make no mistake about it - you will live for eternity. The only question is where. Will you spend eternity in heaven, a place of eternal bliss and joy with the One who died for you? Or will you spend eternity in hell, a place of eternal torment, darkness and separation from God? The choice is yours. All you have to do to inherit eternal life with Jesus and to have a personal relationship with God that brings a joy unspeakable and a peace that passes understanding is *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved"* (Acts 16:31).

# THE PRAYER CLOSET

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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 "Praying for One Another."



**(James 5:16)** *"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."*(KJV)

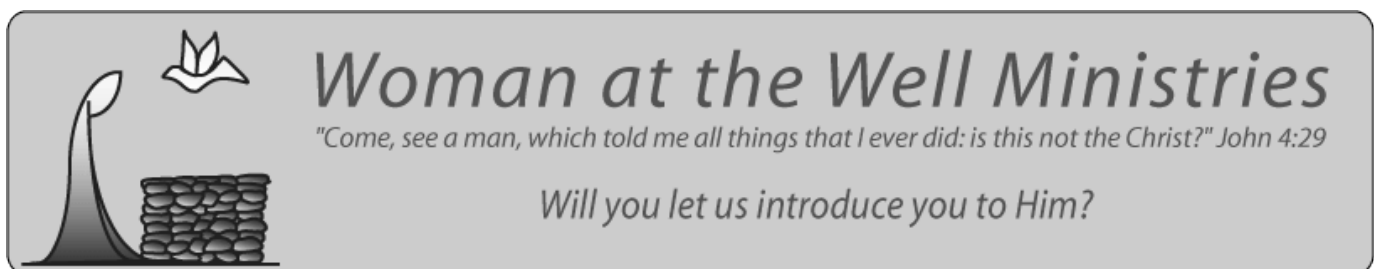
Why pray? The Bible commands us to pray, in fact the Bible tells us to **"Pray without Ceasing" (I Thessalonians 5:17)**. But, ask any child of God why should you pray and you are sure to get answers like: "It is awesome to stand in His presence," "It is where I get my directions for the day," "It is where I find my comfort and my way," "It is how I talk to my dearest friend," just to name a few. But why do you pray? The answers will no doubt vary with the number of responses. But, the important thing is that **you do pray**.

Often I am asked questions like the one above, "Why do you pray?" But, recently, I was asked a familiar question that rang deeply into my heart. I was asked, "Will you pray for me?" No, that wasn't the first time someone asked me that question but for some reason God really spoke to me as I heard those simple words, "Will You Pray for Me?" I began to think about my time in prayer. Was it a laundry list of all I wanted God to do for me? Did I even think of 1/3 of the prayer requests so earnestly and painstakingly mentioned at church in my Wednesday night prayer service? I am quick to focus on the latter part of James 5:16 but what about the first part of this familiar and important verse?

What about confessing my faults to someone else? Now, I understand I must confess my faults and sins to God (**Psalms 66:18**) in order for God to hear and answer my prayers, but tell someone else? I am not so sure about that part. Quickly, I was reminded how our earthly relationships affect our spiritual walk. Perhaps, I have hurt someone's feelings or am in the middle of a misunderstanding. Perhaps, I am at fault in a relationship. I must confess this to those people and ask for forgiveness. This makes my walk with God clear. Or, perhaps, I need accountability. Accountability is a strong

tool for every Christian. We need people who are watching not judging our spiritual walk who can keep us accountable to God. Yes, the “*confess your faults one to another*” part is in there for a purpose. Lord, help me use this valuable tool to increase my walk with you!

“*Pray One for Another.*” Is there a greater gift you can give? When you pray for another, you are sharing your time around the throne with them. You are bringing their burdens, needs and desires to your heavenly Father on their behalf. What a privilege it is to Pray and what a comfort to know that we can take our loved ones before the Lord and leave them in His loving and capable hands. “Yes” was my answer when I was recently asked to pray for someone. Although, my prayer for them benefited them (**James 5:16**), I must say those simple words from a humble person seeking help from God forever changed my mind and heart. To love someone is to “pray for them.” May God richly bless each of you as you reach out to Him in meaningful prayer for yourself and others!



**Staff Update – Kimberly Miller:** The Lord is so good. Daily I am reminded of His goodness, love, mercy and protection. Life moves so fast that without Him I could never keep up. Since we last visited with you, much has changed in my life. I know that many of you have been praying that God would “Hezekiah” my time. We have been praying that I would have time to do more for Him and to increase my service to Him. Well, He has answered. Though I work for the same Organization, He has eliminated my commute time, adding at least two hours to my day. It has been terrific. He has called for this added time in various ways and I am excited to see how He continues to use it. Please keep praying for me that the Lord uses me greatly in His service. Living in His presence, Kim

## FAMILY TIME

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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: Create a Blessing Tree

*“And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.” Deuteronomy 28:2.*

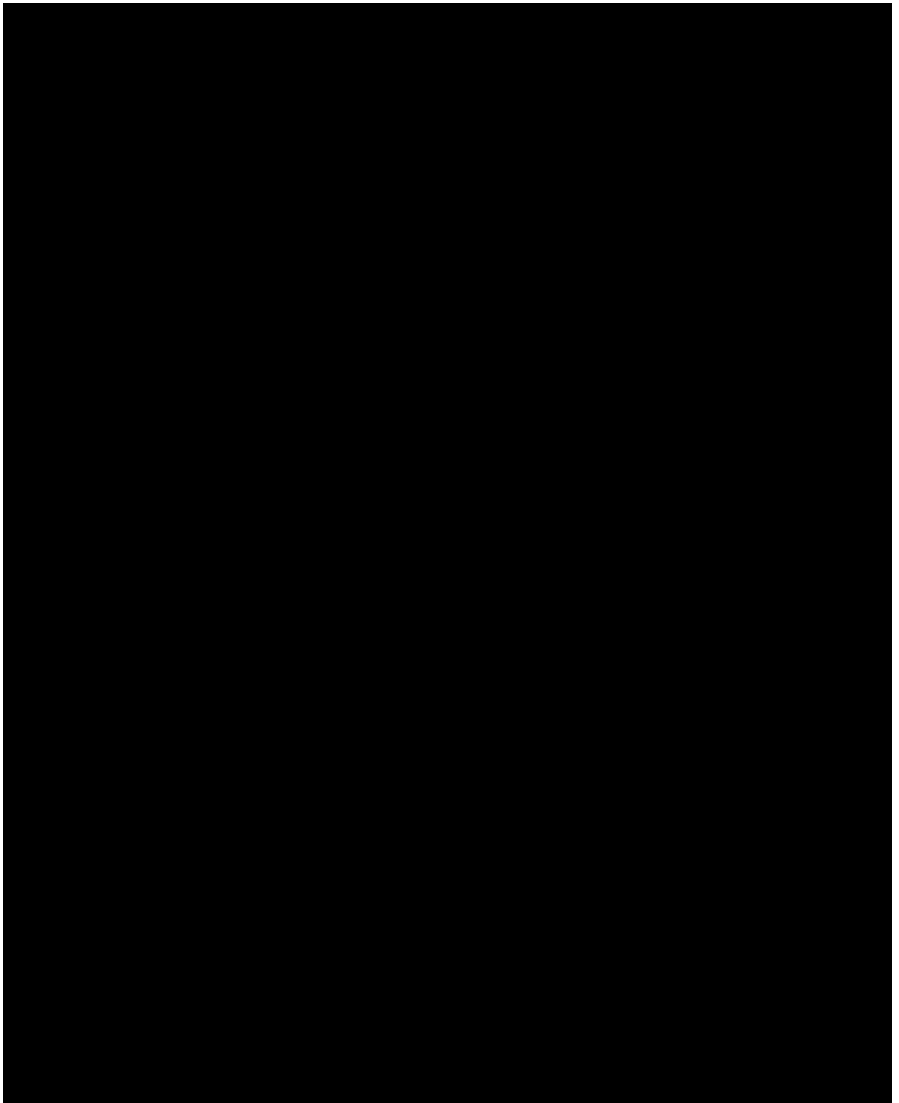
The Lord blesses His children. In fact, *“Daily He loadeth us with benefits,” (Psalms 68:19).* However, sometimes our lives are too busy to notice them and other times our lives are so out of alignment with Him that we are not where we are supposed to be in order to receive His benefits. This is a wonderful time of the year where we can really reflect upon our lives. This activity of creating a blessing tree will not only strengthen your family but it will improve your walk with God as well.

Bring your family together. Find a verse in the Bible that speaks to blessings, a few will be suggested at the end of this section. Have your whole family read and meditate upon the words of this verse. Perhaps, you may want to use several blessing verses, one for each family member. Talk about what the verse says. Look at what the verse means and then determine how you can apply the verse to your life. Have each family member spend some time in prayer, real earnest prayer. You may need to pair younger ones with older ones. Have each person ask the Lord to show them the things that are in their life, eating their time and making them less for Him than they could be. Tell them to confess those things to God. Give them to Him. Ask Him to give you the strength and the desire to leave them with Him, never to pick them up again. After each of you have spent time with God confessing your sins and making things right between you and God, (*“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not bear me” - Psalms 66:18*) count your blessings. Ask God to reveal to you all the wondrous things He does for you. As He reveals these things to each of you, have every family member create a list of the blessings He has given them and capture them on paper. After everyone is done spending time with the Lord quietly by themselves, have them share their lists with the whole family. Talk about them. Compare common themes and discuss the importance of the blessings. Ask each member to pick their top three and explain why those blessings are the most important to them. When each family member completes this exercise, it is time to create your “Family Blessing Tree.”

To create the “Family Blessing Tree” you will need paper to construct a big tree (paper bags cut and linked together to form a big trunk, brown construction paper, or maybe computer paper colored brown). Use your imagination. All you need is something that you can use to construct a tree that you can hang your “Leaves of Blessings.” Put your tree on a wall that your whole family can access. For the “Leaves of Blessings” cut out paper in the form of a leaf. Write each of your blessings from the list you created on the leaves. Have your family members place their leaves on and around the tree. Once your tree is completed, admire it. Every time you pass it for the upcoming days, talk about a blessing that catches your eye. Spend time in front of your tree by yourself and with your various family members. Let this “Family Tree of Blessing” bring you closer to each other and closer to Him.

#### Suggested Blessings Verses:

- Psalms 66:16
- Proverbs 10:6
- Ephesians 1:3
- Leviticus 22:29
- I Chronicles 16:8
- Psalms 26:7
- Philippians 4:6
- Colossians 2:7



## READER'S CONTRIBUTION

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Hello All,

I need to start this email out by saying "the devil is a liar". I have tried send an email to everyone for the past three days and circumstances have gotten in my way, precluding me from telling others of His blessings. But I awakened on Wednesday morning and could hardly make it to the shower. I was just simply tired and my mind was loaded. I started thinking of a friend of mine, who has taken on a new position with her Delta Organization, along with her full-time job. She has new demands on her schedule and needs at least 16 hours in one day. I said, "Lord, how is she handling all of her responsibility?" I immediately started praying for her and that is when the Spirt brought me back to life. A still small voice just simply said "Her Sustaining Faith." I took a deep breath and said THANK YOU LORD. So, let me say to each of you today: that if you are finding yourself overwhelmed, disappointed, no motivation, and have lost some joy, stop and pray. Your faith will sustain you during these difficult trials and your day to day activity. Also, remember that we can do nothing on our own. I encourage each of you to continue to ask God to direct your path and BELIEVE that He is doing it. I went to church (prayer meeting) last night and we closed out on a simple little song that says:

If it had not been for the Lord on my side,  
Tell me where would I be,  
Tell me where would I be.

He kept my enemies away,  
He let the sun shine on a cloudy day.  
He rocked me in the cradle of His arms,  
When He knew I had been battered and scorned.

So, if it had not been for the Lord on my side, where would I be?  
No matter what you are facing today, tomorrow, or next week, God has you in His arms.  
Stay faithful to God and your BELIEF in Him will sustain you.

To God be the Glory!

-Deloris F. Gale, Jackson, MI



## READER'S CONTRIBUTION

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Thank You, God, For Everything

Thank you, God, for everything,  
The big things and the small.  
For "every good gift comes from God" ...  
The giver of them all.

And all too often we accept, without any thanks or praise,  
The gifts God sends as blessings, each day in many ways.  
And so at this Thanksgiving Time, we offer up a prayer...  
To thank you, God, for giving us a lot more than our share.

First, thank you for the little things  
That often come our way,  
The things we take for granted  
But don't mention when we pray,  
The unexpected courtesy, the thoughtful, kindly deed,  
A hand reached out to help us in the time of sudden need.  
Oh, make us more aware, dear God, of little daily graces  
That come to us with "sweet surprise"  
From never-dreamed-of places.

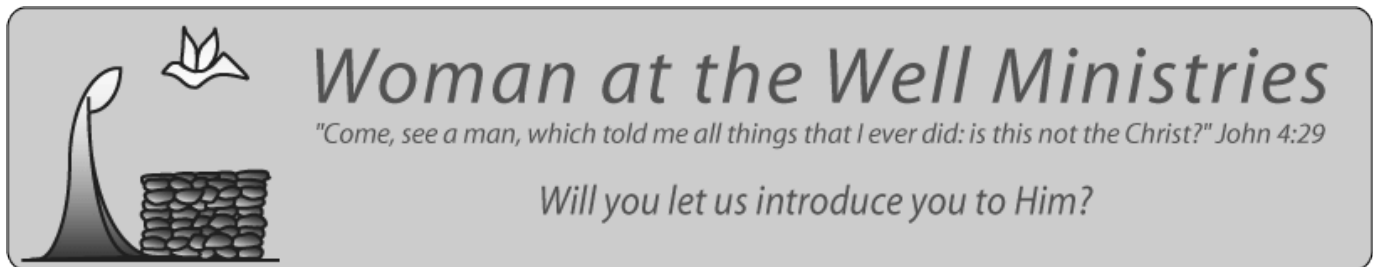
Then, thank you for the "Miracles"  
We are much too blind to see,  
And give us new awareness of our many gifts from Thee,  
And help us to remember that the Key of Life and Living  
Is to make each prayer a Prayer of Thanks  
And every day Thanksgiving

--Helen Steiner Rice

## LOOKING FOR MORE?

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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](http://www.watwm.org), where you'll find Christian living resources as well as other ways to connect to Woman at the Well Ministries.



**Staff Update – Erika Klose:** Fall has arrived and as I write this, the cold rain is falling and the mountains of WV are getting snow. Why am I always surprised when time passes? That really should never be a surprise. It happens every day. In spite of the changes in the seasons and in the seasons of our lives, God never changes.

**“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Hebrews 13:8).** So often, I focus on what has changed in my life and not on the things that haven't changed. For that matter, I focus on the things that are urgent and not the things that are everlasting. In the busyness of Fall, which for me seems to be the busiest time of the year, it is so easy to spend time on the things that pop up and scream for attention and not the things that truly deserve my attention. This is a trap of the devil, and one that he uses on all of us. What wonderful lessons the Lord is teaching me through the ministry, my job, the tennis team I coach, and the other jobs He has for me. It is HIM that always deserves my first attention, then and only then can those things that scream for my attention be filtered through His nail-scarred hands to see if they are worthy of my attention. Sometimes they are, often they are not. Regardless, because He loves me, He's teaching me. He loves you, too, and I pray that you, too, are learning to always give Him all the attention He deserves. Happy Thanksgiving.

# FALL IN HIS ARMS

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Do you ever feel like you are fighting through life all on your own? That there are some situations you go through that only you are battling by yourself? I know that I have been there, and I'm sure you have too. I think it's a natural way we go through life, but that's certainly not the only way or especially best way we can live our lives. The truth is that we are never alone! Matthew 28:20b says, "**Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.**" If you are familiar with the Footprints in the Sand story, you see that God is the One not only walking along with us, but carrying us through life.

## Footprints in the Sand

*One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.*

*In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there was one only.*

*This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints, so I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?" The Lord replied, "The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you."*

We like to think we don't need anyone's help with this problem or that situation, when in reality God can be our very best friend, guiding us through every step of life...if we would just let Him. **Psalm 17:8** tells us how much he thinks of us. "*Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings.*"

See, God is right there, whether we acknowledge His presence or not! The Bible demonstrates in account after account that He is omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent. God knows all-everything. He is everywhere, and God is sovereign. Our lives today can also demonstrate these qualities of God because He is the same yesterday, today and forever more, it tells us in **Hebrews 13:8**. All we need to do is let Him in our lives and in our hearts. He is right there - just fall into Jesus and He will be ready with His arms open wide for us. We are His Children, and He truly loves us like no one else is even capable of doing. He paid the ultimate sacrifice for us, and He would have done it

even for just you or me. Jesus loves us! "*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,*" **John 3:16** clearly states!

When you see the leaves falling down off of trees big and small this season of autumn, let that serve as a reminder to fall into God's arms. We tend to make things in our lives more difficult than they need to be, but falling into God's loving arms can be as simple and effortless as those leaves that fall.

## GIVE THANKS FOR HE IS GOOD

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*O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.*"  
**I Chronicles 16:34**

How quickly we forget the goodness of God. It seems that we are so accustomed to having everything right now and getting instant gratification that we have catapulted ourselves into a state that can't see the past nor into the future but base everything on the here and now. If our head hurts, then all is bad. If our kids are not doing what we want, then all is bad. If things at work are lousy, then all is bad. It doesn't seem to matter that our overall health is good, our kids are healthy and yes, we do have a paying job. We don't see those things. We simply focus on the negative things of the here and now. This is the philosophy of the world and a master tool of the devil. Yes, we are to live in the moment, for the "*evil of the day is sufficient thereof*" (**Matthew 6:34**) and we don't have the promise of tomorrow. But, the Lord asks us to place our faith in Him and to "*be anxious for nothing*" (**Philippians 4:6**). When we see Him for who He is, trust Him with all our heart, and live in His presence, then we can truly live our life focusing on Him and not our circumstances.

Peter, in a familiar passage of scripture, (**Matthew 14:24-32**) finds himself sinking fast as he takes his eyes off of Jesus and looks at his circumstances. It would be easy to criticize Peter for these actions, but how many times do we do the same thing? We forget all He has done for us. We forget all of His promises and more importantly, we forget who He is. He is good. Did you hear me? He is good and His mercy endures forever. What more do we need to be thankful? All the time, in all ways, in all situations and forever, the Lord is good and His mercy is everlasting.

Circumstances aren't bigger than our God. Trials are not beyond His understanding or deliverance. Temptations have no power over Him and likewise us, if we walk and talk in His presence. All the things the devil has in his arsenal are powerless against Him. Armies have tried to defeat Him, to no avail. Satan tried to kill Him, to no avail. Satan tried to tempt Him, with no success. Satan tried to keep Him down, but praise be to God, He rose victoriously. So, the next time you are feeling down, lonely or low, remember that He came to give us life and that we might have it more abundantly (**John 10:10**). He said, He would never leave us nor forsake us, (**Hebrews 13:5**). He said, we could do all things through Him who would strengthen us and that He would supply all our needs (**Philippians 4: 13, 19**). He said He would "*exalt you in due time*" (**I Peter 5:6**).

Today and always, we must give Him Thanks! We need no earthly reason. He is all we need to be thankful. He is God and He loves us and that deserves our thanks and our praise. "*Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the people*" (**I Chronicles 16:8**).

**Staff Update – Bethany S. Ross:** Hello everyone! Hope you are all enjoying this lovely weather! I normally am not a big fan of fall just because it tends to get so cold so fast but it seems to be not too cold just yet, so that is great! The leaves are still pretty, although so many of them have fallen to the ground - it's still a pretty sight to see! I don't believe many things have changed since our last newsletter, however I got to be part of a great event in September - the first-ever Scleroderma-related fundraiser in our Tri-State. It was a great event! We did this because my Aunt Ann Caldwell passed way from Scleroderma in 2004, and ever since her passing, her family and friends, including me, have attended fundraisers that benefit the National Scleroderma Foundation. Earlier this year, we decided to plan our own event called Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma 5K Run/Walk. We had a great day of walking, running, (eating of course!), prize giveaways and a gospel sing to cap the day off! It was perfect weather, and about 125 people came out to participate, and we raised about \$6,500 for the Foundation! We were so pleased with it that we are thinking of hosting another one next year. Hopefully you all can join us for a great time!

I am thankful for everything God blesses me with every day. I know I am not deserving, yet He provides for all my needs. He is the Best!!

# OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

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- 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

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*"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*

## WHAT ARE YOU REALLY ASKING FOR?

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My Pastor preached this past Wednesday night about Joshua 10:13, also known as The Long Day of Joshua. On this day, *“the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day”* (**Joshua 10:13**). This day is mentioned again in **Habakkuk 3:11**, *“The sun and moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear.”*

Joshua had been promised by the Lord that he and the men he brought up from Gilgal to Gibeon would be successful in battle against the armies of the five kings of the Amorites. The Lord told Joshua in verse 10:8, *“Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.”* The men were successful, but the kings fled. Joshua would need more daylight to catch them as they fled. So, Joshua asked the Lord to hold the Sun still *“upon Gibeon”* (**Joshua 10:12**). And the Lord did. And as promised, Joshua and his men were successful in battle.

This story is greatly encouraging. It displays the faith of a mighty man of God, who clung to and banked upon God’s promises. Joshua had faith to ask for what we would deem impossible. And yet, he asked.

This story teaches us another lesson, though. We rarely know what we are asking, when we ask it. Joshua asked that the sun would stand still in the sky. We know, however, that in order for that to happen, the earth itself had to stop spinning on its axis. Joshua didn’t know this. But he still asked. And the Lord answered. Joshua never knew how the Lord would stop the Sun. He just believed that He would.

How often, when we ask things of the Lord, do we know all that it will take for that prayer to be answered? I’d say rarely. So often our prayers require many people and events to all come into alignment with the will of God. Does this mean we shouldn’t pray for them? Of course not! Prayer is the ultimate display of faith in the power of God to work in our lives. But we need to be mindful that when prayers are not answered in a way we can see immediately, we need to know that God is working.

The Lord promises us in **Jeremiah 33:3**, *“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”* When we call upon Him, we regularly expect an answer, but do we also expect to see great and mighty things? Often, what seems like a simple prayer requires great and mighty things to accomplish. So, pray with great expectation! Pray for the things that your heart desires and your heart is burdened for – but also pray expecting to see great and mighty things around you as the Lord works.

**Romans 11:33** tells us, *“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!”* Just as we cannot know the mind of God, we also cannot know all that it takes to accomplish the prayers we pray.



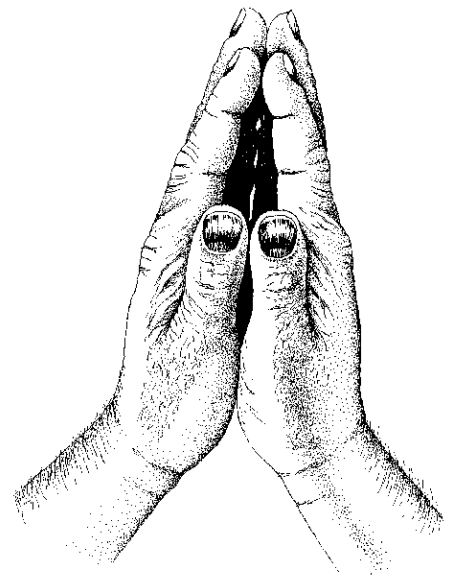
So as you pray, be mindful of all the work the Lord will do to answer those prayers, and patiently bring those prayers to the Lord with eyes open to see the great and mighty things the Lord will do to accomplish your prayer. We don't know what we ask, but still we ask because we have faith He will answer.

## HOW YOU CAN PRAY FOR WOMAN AT THE WELL MINISTRIES

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Please pray along with us for:

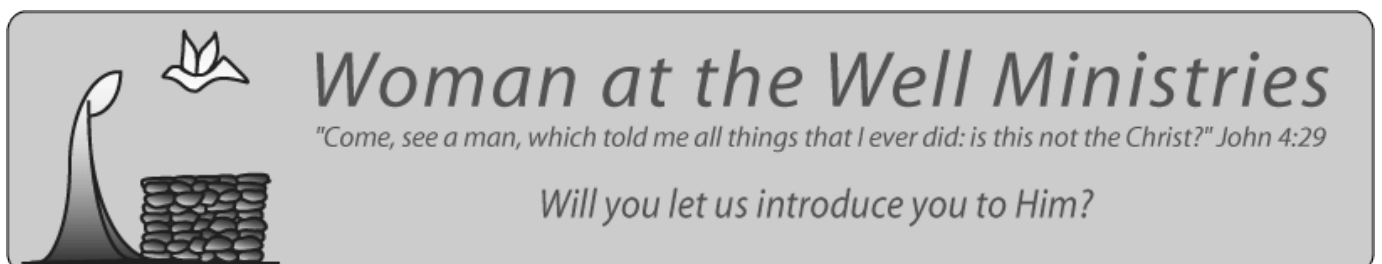
- Our regular church engagement at a local assisted living center, where we minister multiple times a month to staff and patients in services, praise and worship, visitation, counseling, and friendship. Please pray that as we lift up the Lord, He would be glorified and hearts and lives will draw closer 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. We each hold regular jobs. Please pray that the Lord would continually carve more and more time for His service from our days.
- Our recording times. These times are precious and special. Please pray for recording times that are free from interruption and technical difficulties.
- Our website. Our website, which touches many lives, is in an update stage. Please pray that the updates can be made quickly and easily. Please pray that all those that visit us online, through our website or our Facebook page are blessed. Please pray that the greater that 4,100 people that receive our daily Facebook updates receive a daily dose of Christ.
- Our writing projects, that the Lord would create more and more opportunities for concerted and concentrated 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. We have dedicated radio listeners in the Philippines and in West Virginia, as well as all over the world through our daily broadcasts on OnePlace.com. Please keep all our listeners in your prayer.
- 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. It is always our prayer to spend our time in His service.
- Financial support, that we would have the resources to take advantage of the many radio and broadcast opportunities that come our way.
- Financial support, that we would be able to financially support one full-time staff member.
- For our ministries to the old and young alike, that in all ways and with all those in our paths we would display Jesus.

## FACEBOOK COMMENTS:

We love interacting with our friends and listeners on Facebook and hearing their praises! You can interact with us at <https://www.facebook.com/watwm>. Here are just a few comments to our posts: “Amen! Give God the first part of new day. Not the leftovers at the end of the day.” “Praise! Praise! You my God!” “Thank you Lord for your call...Praise YOU!” “Thank you for all the messages of hope that you post everyday, it gives me strength in my hopeless life. Please include me in your prayer. Thank you.” “Thanks Jehova God for giving me a chance to work on the farm you have blessed me with. Give me the opportunity and heart to love those I come in contact with. Thanks for loving me and my family.” “Thank you God for all your blessings. I thank you for the opportunity you have given me to serve you. God bless....”



## BIBLE FUN PUZZLE

Find the hidden message! Each blank represents a word in the word search.  
Grab a pencil, your KJV Bible, and start looking!

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- I Chronicles 16:8 - Give \_\_\_\_\_ unto the LORD, call upon His name, make known His \_\_\_\_\_ among the people.

- Psalm 50:14 - \_\_\_\_\_ unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy \_\_\_\_\_ unto the most High:
- Psalm 92:1 - It is a \_\_\_\_\_ thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing \_\_\_\_\_ unto thy \_\_\_\_\_, O most High:
- Ephesians 5:20 - Giving thanks \_\_\_\_\_ for all \_\_\_\_\_ unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- Philippians 4:6 - Be careful for \_\_\_\_\_; but in every thing by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with thanksgiving let your \_\_\_\_\_ be made known unto God.
- Colossians 3:17 - And \_\_\_\_\_ ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ by Him.
- I Thessalonians 5:18 - In every thing give thanks: for this is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Christ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- I Timothy 4:4 -6 - For every \_\_\_\_\_ of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with \_\_\_\_\_: For it is sanctified by the word of God and \_\_\_\_\_. If thou put the brethren in \_\_\_\_\_ of these things, thou shalt be a good \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ up in the words of \_\_\_\_\_ and of good \_\_\_\_\_, whereunto thou hast attained.

# LISTEN

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You can hear Woman at the Well Ministries on the radio on the following stations:

**WEMM Radio**

<http://www.wemmfm.com>

**Saturdays**

**5:30 PM-6 PM**



**Mindanao Praise Radio**

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Malaybalay & Valencia Cities,  
Philippines

Daily at 12:00 – 12:30 PM

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# BECOME OUR PRAYER PARTNER

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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!

# PARTNERING WITH WOMAN AT THE WELL MINISTRIES

We invite you to partner with Woman at the Well Ministries through your prayers, tithes and offerings as God leads you. Our supporters contribute monthly to Woman at the Well Ministries and are an integral part of our endeavors to spread God's love through our radio broadcasts, presence on OnePlace.com, printed material and web site. Your monthly contribution supports a specific portion of one of our radio broadcasts or our day-to-day operations. Your contribution will immediately be put to use, furthering the gospel through our various ministries. **You can also donate online through our web site, [www.watwm.org](http://www.watwm.org).**

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