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"...the ministry of the Word" - Acts 6:4

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"...the Dayspring from on high has come to give light to those that sit in darkness..." --Luke 1:78-79

Newsletter

Dearhearts,

What remains, after all the dross has been scooped away, is pure gold. That which is sought after by all the world; that which created great waves of seekers to the Alaskan slopes. What remains after the chaff has been blown away, is the wheat that produces life and sustains it and from which new things are made. It is pure opium, pure cocaine, that pharmaceuticals and drug cartels go for. That which is pure is most malleable, most powerful. All the world seeks for what is pure.

What is left after 10,000 have been culled down to 300 is an army fit to do battle for the Lord. What was left, after the rich young man turned away from Christ with his possessions still in tact, was another rich man who gave his money back, four-fold, to those whom he had wrongfully taxed. The first man was of a broader fabric, culled away. The latter was of remnant cloth.

What is left over, after all the undecided and uncommitted have drifted away, is the remnant. That thin thread of people through whom God is able to move most powerfully; through whom He changes the world. The world hung once on a single strand of thread...a family of eight lone survivors of the evil that overtook the world. After the bewildered turned away in droves from One whose words they did not understand, what was left was the remnant thread of disciples and a supporting cast of women who remained twined with Christ whether they understood Him or not. Once again, the world hung on the thinnest of threads...a "family" of eleven this time charged with bringing the willing of earth into God's ark.

His ark must look different than the world...stocked with other than what the world offers...else why would people leave their world for His? The world needs from us what it cannot get anywhere else. It needs what it does not know it needs. It needs us to be what no one else can be. The world has its crusaders, its passionate, its fierce and angry...its hopeless. Only we can soften the world with grace, deflect its blows with forgiveness, assuage its fierceness with love and infuse it with the hope that ever lies within us.

No matter what happens, we are not without hope. No matter how unraveled this world is, we are not a

desperate people. We do not fear as others do. We know the end of the story. We know the author of the story. The frantic posturing we see in this country today is not of us...nor of God. This is why the world needs us. Needs us to be of remnant cloth. Needs us to be different than it...to offer what it cannot brew.

Our lives should call forth the difference. Our lives should speak to the longings of this world; our love should pour out a water that touches the deepest hollows in the human soul. The fears and anxieties and obsessions...the excesses of our time...are but echoes from caverns in the soul as yet unfilled by a Water only we carry...a Water poured out at Calvary.

If we employ the same harshness the world carries, why would it be drawn to this Fountain? If we use the same rhetoric and shrillness, how will they know of the hope placed within us at Calvary? Why would they want it? When once you and I gathered around the cross and said, "Thank you!" – when once we shed tears of contrition at Golgotha - eternity seared our soul in hope. Not as the world gives it...but hope of another sort. Nothing else matters as once it did. Eternity tethers all things. Death has lost its sting. I know I will see my family again that has gone before me.

And the urgent carries a different tone. I know that if this country unravels, it is by a Hand that moves heaven and earth and ordains kings and nations. We are not random...nor is the reign of nations. *This* hope is that which we are to speak into the world. *This* hope is that which ever lies within us that no one else can know. But the world can only know of such hope and of its Giver if it can see in you and me something it does not have...that illusive something man's soul has instinctively longed for...a pure vein in the ore.

The world yearns for what is true and real; it seeks a power greater than itself. All the world seeks for that which is pure...it just doesn't know what it really is until it sees it.

I love you,

An Evening of Conversation on Prayer *"Peace Be Still"*

November 2, 7:00 p.m.

With *Peace Be Still*, we conclude our First Tuesday series of conversations on prayer for the year. Brenda returns to where these conversations began and the stilling of our own voices so we may better hear His voice and enter into His presence. The key to empowered prayer is praying in His will. The key to praying in His will is hearing Him. The key to hearing Him is moving from a soulish focus to that of, and in, the Spirit.

The response to these "first Tuesday" conversations has remained fairly solid for almost two years. As we anticipate resuming them early next year we have not yet decided the subject matter. Next month's newsletter will carry details.

Sunday Morning Chapel Study *"The Revolutionary" - Then and Now*

Brenda's new series of lessons on the life of Christ has just begun. In looking at the radical nature of Christ's life, this study also addresses how His Holy Spirit seeks to manifest that radical nature in the lives of His followers. We are called, not just to believe, but to follow, and in following, carry Him in our bodies today to those He sought when He walked on earth: the lost and hurting, the shunned and seeking. Through us, He lives among men today. It is the only way for the revolution He began 2,000 years ago, to continue.

We will be posting this series, and other of Brenda's teachings, on our website as they become available.

Web-Site Update

Small Wedding/Vow Renewal Chapel Information.

We now have a "Small Wedding" page offering information on the use of the chapel and prayer garden for small weddings, vow renewals or memorial services.

"Little White Chapel" Video/Audio Presentation.

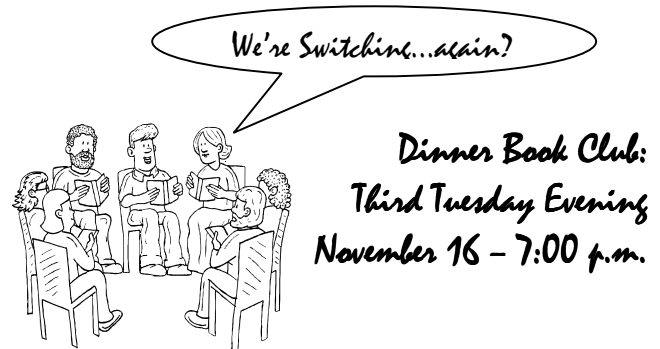
Local photographer Shelli Couch has created a slide show presentation with music of the prayer garden and chapel and has made it available on our website. We are so grateful for this unexpected and special treat and invite you to our Dayspring website, click on the *small weddings* menu page and scroll down a bit just past the first pictures to "Click Here."



Book Nook Notes

Classics Club Concludes Discussion of Release of the Spirit

Spirited discussions have surrounded Watchman Nee's book as fifteen men and women have faithfully wrestled with the role of brokenness in our Christian experience. It has been a valuable time for understanding the challenges that confront our spiritual growth through the resistance of the soul. Our study concludes Tuesday, November 9.



Dinner Book Club: Third Tuesday Evening November 16 - 7:00 p.m.

In an effort to streamline our calendar and better accommodate schedules, Brenda has decided to move the traditional Friday evening Dinner Book Club slot to the Third Tuesday evening, November 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Relax and Let God by James Duncan is our repeat selection. The genius of this little book lies in the clarity and simplicity with which he addresses the most fundamental yet powerful understandings of our faith. Written in 1975, it remains a timely spiritual guide to simplify – and magnify – our experience in Christ.

An impacting, life-changing book for all who are serious about the quality of their life in Christ, it is a touchstone book for this ministry. As such, it is a repeat selection for our Dinner Book Club.

Please contact our office as soon as possible to reserve your place around a table of soup and corn-bread and of a rich and refreshing time of fellowship.

First Level of Person of Impact Concludes

The second tier of *Becoming a Person of Impact* will pick up toward the end of January of next year with a look at the major core issues that affect how we approach life and relationships. We will also look at what the core of a person consists of and what happens when it is damaged. In this level, also, we will look at how a wounded core finds healing.

We remain gratified by the interest and attendance for the first part of this course designed to better equip Christians to minister to family and friends. From responses of many who attended, it provided heightened understanding not only for others but for their own areas of struggle or woundedness.

Among the topics to be covered in the second level are: Identity, belonging, abandonment, shame, boundaries, power and control.

Though it is best to have attended the first part of this course, it is not required for participating in the second or third levels. If you would like to attend but have not previously done so, please register by contacting our office.

At this point, the *third level* will not begin until April at the earliest. It will be comprised of two Bible studies, one on *Breaking Generational Sin Patterns* and the other on *Bringing Down Strongholds*.

Did We Miss the Bus To Israel?



NO...Planning for the trip was put on hold for a while due to a heavy schedule and to give time to reassess both optimum scheduling times and the itinerary (including an optional extension to Petra).

The tour company has encouraged us to think a year out, so the new dates we are working on are either to depart around the middle of October, 2011, or the first part of November and return 12 days later.

Our December newsletter will carry more details as they become finalized in the coming days.

Mark Your Calendars for Christmas Caroling

Thursday, December 16
7:00 p.m.



Chapel Chairs Dilemma

As we are beginning to emphasize the chapel as a small wedding / vow renewal site, it has made us more aware of the need to do something about the chairs.



Until last year we rented the chapel to small churches on Sunday mornings as a help to them and to us financially. The down-side has been the damage done to the chairs; at least ten have been torn or stained. Replacing only the damaged ones isn't possible because this chair is no longer available, so the options are to leave them as is or to replace all fifty of them. We have found a chair on line for \$24.00 per chair, including shipping. This is an excellent price, but is still beyond our reach for fifty chairs.

Given the current economic uncertainty, we know that financial constraints are upon many of you. But we are wondering if there might be enough who could purchase *one* chair that would enable us to replace all of them? If this is a way you want to help, please supply the pledge-information below and return in the enclosed donation envelope. Or, if you're like Brenda and have difficulty mailing things, you may call the office. You will be contacted for your donation if enough pledges are made to allow the purchase.

Caroling Gift Bags

We have already received several inquiries regarding our annual Christmas caroling as well as some donations for the Christmas bags we deliver to the homes we visit.

If you would like to help with these bags in any way (preparing the bags, picking up, donating or purchasing items...) please let us know.

Chapel Chairs Pledge Form

I wish to support the Prayer Chapel ministry with the following pledge:

- 1 chair, \$24.00 2 chairs, \$48.00
- 3 chairs, \$72.00 Other @ \$24.00 per chair

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Dayspring offers the following selections for your consideration as gifts for this season. The calendar and note cards are not yet priced, though we are seeking to keep the calendar under \$20.00. Proceeds from these two selections go directly to the ministry. They are also important in introducing the prayer garden and ministry to others.

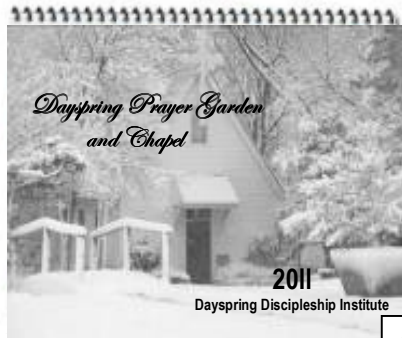
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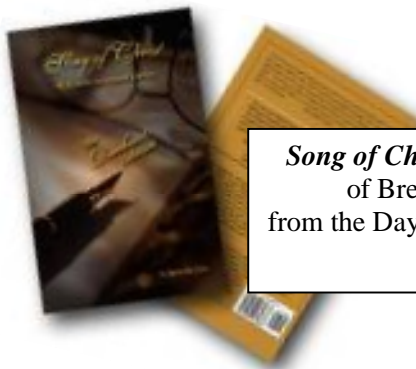
Prayer Chapel and Garden with variety of seasonal pictures



Chapel and Garden in winter



2011 Calendar not available until December



Song of Christ an illustrated collection of Brenda's dearhearts articles from the Dayspring newsletter 2002 - 2006 \$7.00