

“Notes and Quotes”

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All to the Glory of God

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! As of June of this year WNP entered into our 8th year of ministry. King David's declaration in Psalms 40:5 pours forth from my heart to the Lord "*Many, O Lord, my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; And Your thoughts which are toward us cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.*" -- We are thankful for the faithful "Kingdom focused" women in our twenty-four WNP groups from over 100 churches in San Antonio, Boerne, Shertz, LaVernia, Adkins, Universal City and Spring Branch, and *our first WNP group beyond the San Antonio area which my niece, Lisa and her friend Trisha are starting this month in Dickinson, Texas.* We are thankful for the office space that Wayside Chapel provided us in January 2002 and that we now have three desks, three computer systems, three telephone lines, our office volunteers (Debra Laden, Sandi Matthews, Chrissie Smith and Chris Castillo) who come for four hours every week. We are thankful for the husband of our members who have helped us with our equipment and the upkeep of our office

We do not take lightly God's goodness to WNP through Pastors and Ministry Leaders. Without God's favor on us and continually networking us for the last seven years, we would not have had the support of our Advisory Board and other pastors, and their influence on our behalf in our city. I am humbled at the sweet Kingdom-minded relationships that God has built through the years for WNP on a national and international level with Evelyn Christensen, the matriarch of the women's prayer movement, *Vonette Bright, the co-founder of Campus Crusade for*

Christ and our Guest Speaker for 2005; Dr. Paul Cedar, John Quam and Dr. Corkie Haan with Mission America and Pastor Ted Haggard with the National Association of Evangelicals. God alone touched the hearts of those Godly individuals and others to embrace the vision of Women's Neighborhood Prayer International - to Him be the glory.

Through these past seven years, there have been many times of souring on a mountaintop, times as if I could touch the face of God, and other times of walking through a deep dark valley. But, whatever the circumstance, God has been faithful in all things and has encouraged me through His word and His people to persevere and to not give up. I hold firmly to the following verses that God has spoken to my heart many times, the first time on May 2, 1997, a month after He had birthed WNP out of the Women's Prayer Committee of the South Texas Billy Graham Crusade - "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; *because it will surely come. . .*" Habakkuk 2:1-4

I know in my heart that there are women who have heard about WNP and not yet responded, and women who have not yet heard about WNP, whose heart's desire is to pray with other sisters in the Lord from other churches for their city and nation, that the oneness and unity Jesus prays for His people in John 17 will become a reality in their lifetime. I know in the inner most part of my being that in His timing the *vision will come to pass that He gave to me - women across the nations uniting throughout the Body of Christ to pray for the transformation of their city and nation for Christ.*

My hope is that you will join us in praising the mighty, all sufficient, and merciful God whom we serve for staying His hand on WNP for the furthering of His Kingdom, and ask God to bless His servants who have honored us with their time and support. *WNP is blessed to be a member of a family whose common purpose is to fulfill the great commission to the glory and honor of our Lord Jesus.* May you be encouraged in whatever our Lord has spoken to your heart - though the vision tarries, wait for it, it will surely come! We hope to see you at our Celebration Dinner with Faye Yates on November 12th and again

at our breakfast with Vonette Bright on April 2nd 2005.

Joan Bond, President

THE POWER OF COVENANT PRAYER By Francis Frangipane

The praying church should not limit the length (season) of her dedication to intercession. God is looking for a life of prayer, not just a season. If the duration of time required to bring change can stop us, it is obvious that the preparatory work in our hearts is not deep enough to draw divine intervention. How does all this relate to revival? Spiritual renewal is the divine antidote for our cities and our nation. It is God's answer to all who cry unceasingly in covenantal prayer to Him for help. "Lord, forgive us for wanting relief instead of deliverance, for looking for shortcuts instead of Your perfect will. Master, we know that Your heart cannot refuse the genuine cry of the afflicted, that You cannot long bear the misery of Your people without acting our behalf. So, we cry to You today! We covenant with You in prayer on behalf of our land. Send the rain of Your presence back to us! Cleanse us from our lusts for comfort and apathy. Bring us to the place where You can honor Your integrity and bring revival to our

land! For Your glory we pray. Amen."

WNP ANNUAL PRAISE AND PRAYER BREAKFAST FEBRUARY 2004



The anointed Guest Speaker, **Letty Morales**, Jubilee Outreach, San Antonio, TX



Dru Ellis, Overhead Projection and **Linda Martin**, Worship Leader, Linda Martin Ministries, S.A., TX

"The 150 women from many different churches and cultures attending the prayer breakfast experienced the excitement of praise and worship led by Linda Letty expressed what each of us needed confirmed in our hearts, that our worship of Him is the thread that holds us to Him in our deepest valleys and darkest times in life. The sisterhood we felt was obvious because of Jesus being our shared Lord and Savior. The purpose and the process of WNP were explained and even practiced. I feel very proud and thankful to be a part of this ministry." **Debra Laden**, WNP Prayer Guide & Hostess and office volunteer.



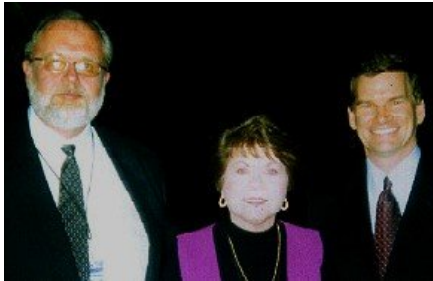
APRIL 2ND 2005 - WNP ANNUAL PRAISE AND PRAYER BREAKFAST
Guest Speaker - Vonette Bright, Author and International Speaker; Co-Founder of Campus Crusade for Christ

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 1st - Dessert Concert in Honor of Vonette Bright

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd - WNP Conference - Following Breakfast 1:00-3:30 P.M.
(Designed for current and prospective leadership beyond the San Antonio Area)**

**Mark your calendars and plan to attend -
information forthcoming in our February 2005 newsletter.**

National Association of Evangelicals Conference – March 04 Held in Colorado Springs, CO



Dr. William Hamel, President of the Evangelical Free Churches of America and Chairman of the Board of NAE; **Joan Bond**, Pres. WNP; **Pastor Ted Haggard**, President of the NAE, Pastor, New Life Church, Colorado Springs, CO.



Gayle Haggard, wife of Pastor Haggard and **Thalia Heistand**, WNP Prayer Member and Volunteer



Dr. Paul Cedar, Chairman Mission America Coalition; **Joan Bond**

PRAYER PREPARATION FOR REVIVAL From REVIVAL FIRE By Wesley Duewel

Long before 1904, God began preparing for the world-wide revival that burst into flames at the turn of the century. Dr. J. Edwin Orr, the historian of revival, considers the mighty movements of God's Spirit in revival during the first decade of the 1900s as the most extensive revival movement of all time. Revival fires burned more brightly in some nations than in others, but the spiritual fires glowed to God's glory in Europe, North America, Australia, South Africa, Korea, China, and Latin America. More than five million people in these nations were won to Christ in the first two years of this revival. Not until all God's records are opened in heaven, as God's people stand before His judgment throne to receive their eternal rewards, will we know the hours of prayer that were invested by His intercessors as they prayed for revival. Only God knows the amazing extent of the Holy Spirit's work in guiding prayer warriors to pray for the revival we now record.

WNP is a 501©3 Non-Profit Corporation – a grass roots Women's United Prayer Ministry to encourage and equip sisters in the Lord to unite to pray for the transformation of their neighborhoods, city and nation for Christ. We are fully supported by Prayer Members (ladies in the prayer groups) and Ministry Partners (those who believe that focused, fervent united prayer for revival is God's heart for every city in America and beyond, and are led to seed into God's work through WNP). "From the Neighborhoods to the Nations – Transforming Our Cities for Christ through United Prayer." LADIES, WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE WNP BREAKFAST!! SEND YOUR CHECK TODAY WITH NAMES OF ATTENDEES IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

WELCOME ABOARD LEADERSHIP TEAM!

REGIONAL PRAYER COORDINATOR: Sandi Matthews, North Central - San Antonio, TX

PRAYER GUIDES: Brenda Anchors, San Antonio, TX; Mary Dockery, Spring Branch, TX; Edna Kates, San Antonio, TX; Sheryl Mays, Universal City, TX; Beverly Perez Adkins, TX; Trisha Schafer, Dickinson, TX

PRAYER HOSTESSES: Mary Dockery, Spring Branch, TX; Beverly Perez, Adkins, TX; Mary Masters, San Antonio, TX; Lisa Ragland, Dickinson, TX; Sherry Rice, LaVernia, TX; Dora Urdialez Universal City, TX; Marci West, San Antonio, TX

THE WNP SIMPLIFIED, SELF-EXPLANATORY PRAYER KIT HAS ARRIVED!

One of the major victories in WNP this year is our Prayer Kit. It was first introduced in September 2001 at the Global Celebration Conference in Houston, Texas for women beyond the San Antonio area to start WNP groups in their neighborhoods. At that time the Prayer Guides and Prayer Hostesses in the San Antonio area attended a two and a half hour training session before starting their group. As of this month everyone is now on the same page whether starting a group in San Antonio or anywhere throughout the world with our simplified, self-explanatory Prayer Kit. As we read and hear all that is going on in our nation, in Iraq, and throughout the rest of the world, we sense that believers everywhere are all being "called to prayer" with an unprecedented urgency! Many of you in the San Antonio area and beyond are ready to pray with other women in your neighborhood for your city and nation, and we hope that you will complete the enclosed response card and return it to us. We also want to offer those of you in the San Antonio area a way to give you and those in your sphere of influence a "taste" of WNP, and the opportunity to know that the Lord is our Ultimate Guide in all our prayer meetings. A WNP Introductory Prayer Gathering would be a brief meeting held at your church, in your home, or at your place of business. The material used is from our Prayer Kit and any Prayer Guide or Prayer Hostess having purchased a Prayer Kit and gone through the material is qualified to facilitate an Introductory Prayer Gathering.

If you live in the San Antonio area and are interested and would like one of us to speak to your group, we would be delighted to do so. For those of you beyond the San Antonio area, by invitation, and as the Lord leads and provides, we will travel to your city to hold a Women's Prayer Gathering to introduce the women in your city to WNP. Please mail us the enclosed card or call us at 210-349-PRAY (7729) or toll free at 866-325-PRAY! Our prayers are with you and we hope to hear from you soon!!

*Women's Neighborhood Prayer, International,
Prayer Coordinators, Staff, and Board of Directors*