

“Notes and Quotes”

Spring 2001

ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Since our beginning in December 1996, Women’s Neighborhood Prayer has seen God’s faithfulness. Most often we don’t see this side of heaven what God is doing on this earth or in the heavenlies as we unite to pray. We have averaged thirty groups of women throughout our city praying once a month for an hour as sisters in Christ. **You are committed intercessors that come from over 110 churches-- Catholic and Protestant, charismatic and non-charismatic. You are women who believe that as you cross-denominational, racial and cultural lines to pray united in Christ that God will hear and answer your prayers.** *I wish I could share with each of you personally the many blessings God has recently bestowed on our ministry. May the blessings mentioned here encourage you to persevere in your faithfulness to unite to pray.*

Praise be to God that on February 16th, Women’s Neighborhood Prayer became incorporated! Until that time, Arms of Love was our umbrella organization that afforded us non-profit status. WNP is grateful to Soapy Dollar, their Director, for his servant’s heart. WNP is now forming the Board of Directors. **The WNP Advisory Board has been completed! We give praise and honor to our Father for the twelve Godly sisters and brothers who are serving for two years as WNP Advisory Board Members.** These include nine local ministers who are our spiritual covering, a Certified Public Accountant, an Attorney at Law, and the Chairman, our former Administrative Manager, Karen Monroe. *- We know that the members on the Advisory Board and the Board of Directors will seek God’s good, acceptable and perfect will for Women’s Neighborhood Prayer to bring glory and honor to Him*

At our annual Praise and Prayer Breakfast on February 26th, *God gave Pastor Claudette Copeland a powerful message for us as intercessors. The room was filled with His glory. Our hearts exalted our Lord as Suzanne and the praise team led us in worship and praise.* Precious testimonies were shared on answered prayer. *We hope to see you at next year’s breakfast on February 16th, 2002 at First Presbyterian Church in downtown San Antonio.*

As of March 2001 WNP has a website! We encourage you to visit us at www.wnpintl.org. You will find specific data about WNP and photographs, such as the photo to the right. Our heart’s desire is to be in the center of God’s will and to use all possible means to reach our city, and beyond for Christ. In June of last year at our annual Celebration Dinner, I presented the vision that God would take WNP beyond the San Antonio neighborhoods to the nations through the technology of the worldwide web. — **Now, English-speaking women worldwide have the opportunity to start a WNP group in their neighborhoods.** *God has been faithful to answer our prayers and reward our obedience to Him. Praise His Holy name!* We thank Greg Schipper, owner of Advent Digital for his expertise and generous spirit in helping make this vision a reality.

God opened doors for me to attend a conference on city transformation in Atlanta that was very informative. It was also very encouraging to fellowship and pray with sisters and brothers from across the nation whose sole desire is to see our Father glorified through the transformation of our cities for Christ. **Much prayer had gone into this trip. Some of the WNP women laid hands on me and prayed for me before the trip and committed to pray for me during the conference.** On the way from the airport to the conference center, God placed me in a shuttle with a 33-year-old Caucasian, passionate Christian named Harold, from Lafayette, La. The driver was a 34-year-old African-American named Darren. **This was a divine appointment!** Harold and

I began a conversation, and after the more than sixty minutes driving, then sitting in the parking lot at Harold's hotel, **Darren was eager to say a prayer to receive Jesus into his heart. — Glory to God!** *I told Darren and Harold that if I turned around and went home right then, the trip would have been worth it. I felt like I was soaring in the heavenlies. (A huge thank you to all of you who prayed for me). This reminded me that if we will passionately seek God's heart beyond the temporal in our personal lives and say "use me, Lord", He will create circumstances for His eternal purposes to bless us and others beyond measure.*

Joan Bond, Director

WHAT ARE WOMEN SAYING ABOUT WNP?

Suzanne Dollar – Worship Leader and Board of Directors Member

"It is said that Christians should first determine what God is doing and then join in with His plans and purpose. WNP has done just that by observing how God is calling out a people to pray and then provided a vehicle for unified prayer, coupled with fervent conviction. At times it is evident that God's hand is upon a ministry. This is one of these times."

Suzanne is actively involved with **City View Christian Fellowship Church**, where her husband, Soapy, is an interim pastor. Soapy is also the Citywide Director for Campus Crusade for Christ, Director of San Antonio Arms of Love, San Antonio Coordinator for the National Day of Prayer, and is a member of the WNP Advisory Board.

Mildred Hogan- Prayer Guide

"Women's Neighborhood Prayer- it sounded so right for me. I desired and knew the blessing of having and being a prayer partner and my spirit said, "Go for it". These were ladies who sincerely desired to sacrifice one hour a month to intercede for the needs of our world. To me it was no sacrifice. Our heavenly father is worthy of all our praise. I have been with our group for over a year and just started guiding a few months ago. I count it as one of my special blessings. Prayer really does change things!" (Luke 18:1) Mildred is an active member of **Cornerstone Church**.

Barbara Simpson- Prayer Hostess

"Women's Neighborhood Prayer has been a blessing to me by helping me to pray for things that I would ordinarily let fall through the cracks. I tend to forget the significance of praying for my country and city and pastor. At least once a month, I am reminded to pray for things outside my small circle of daily life, and see the "big picture" of the Kingdom of God. Thank you prayer sisters for being there to help me!"

Barbara is an active member of **Faith Presbyterian Church**. She has been with WNP from the beginning when she represented her church on the Women's Prayer Committee of the South Texas Billy Graham Crusade held in April, 1997. Barbara's husband, Mike, is an Attorney At Law and a WNP Advisory Board Member.

Hearing from God

"When I started praying with my group in WNP, God enlarged my tent (1 saiah 54:2) and expanded my prayer life beyond praying for the personal needs of people. God has given me a deeper sense of hearing his voice throughout the day as I have sought His heart for the lost, our city and nation. I heard His voice three times in my spirit one day, as He impressed upon me the need to pray protection for my niece. Early the next day I received a call from my brother telling me our niece had been in a car accident. My niece had run her car up a metal guardrail! My

brother said, "I don't know how this car kept from rolling off in the ditch. I can see where the car came up and split the wood post that the rail is attached to." My niece was only shaken up and a portion of the car frame was bent, but I know that the car did not roll off into the ditch because God protected her! God's word says, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33. I am grateful to the Lord for being able to hear His voice more clearly and to obey".

Sheila Folschinsky, Regional Prayer Coordinator

"SHARING OUR FAITH"

The "Steps to Peace with God" gospel tract written by the Billy Graham Evangelism Association will be given to every woman involved with WNP. In the future each new Prayer Member will receive one with her Prayer Member package. This will be another way that all of us can share our faith with those God places in our lives, who do not know Jesus as their personal Savior. "Thank you, Rev. Corey Webb, Pastor of Everyday Christian Fellowship in Schertz, Texas, for your love gift of "400 " of God's gospel tools to WNP"

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, May 3rd, 2001

ONE CROSS, ONE CHURCH

(Following are remarks and prayer by Max Lucado, Senior Minister, Oak Hills Church of Christ,

At the National Day of Prayer service, May 3, 2001, City Hall, San Antonio, Texas.)

Max Lucado, Senior Minister of Oak Hills Church of Christ began by inviting all ministers and pastors present to join him in declaring the unity of the cross. Lucado stated, "There is one cross, one gift of salvation. There is not one cross for the Baptists, one for the Catholics, and one for the Episcopalians. There is not one cross for the blacks and another for the Hispanics, one for the Anglos and one for the Orientals. We believe there is one cross for all. I ask that you join me in personal repentance as we acknowledge any personal actions that have been divisive among God's people. Let us say that there is one cross and one church. Let us agree that the world will be won only when the church is one."

"Almighty God, as your church, we declare that there is but one church. There is one Lord. There is one Savior. There is one gospel message. There is one promise of grace. There is one event that changed the history of mankind. And upon our faith in that event, Father, you built your church. We acknowledge, Father, that there is one faith, one baptism, one Spirit. There is one church.

"We ask you, Father, to hear this prayer of repentance. We have been arrogant. We have pointed fingers. We have been judgmental. We have spoken against our brothers before we have spoken to our brothers. We have acted in ways that must have brought tears to your eyes. We are sorry, Father.

"Lord, this prayer that we offer is so great that only you can answer it. We do not have what it takes to unite your church. We have tried. We have tried to find agreement in intellect. We have tried to find agreement in doctrinal creeds. We've tried to bring people together. But we cannot accomplish this without you. So, Father, we declare that unity of the church is the work of the Holy Spirit.

“Holy Spirit, we cry out to you in one voice: work a miracle in our midst. Fall anew on your church as you did in the upper room when your children gathered in prayer. Give us a fresh awareness of who you are. . . a distinct picture of who you are. Draw us together, oh Lord. And let those who do not belong to your church be compelled to enter because they see the love we have for one another. That was your word, was it not, Jesus? That ‘All men will know that you are my disciples when you love one another.’ Father, we are asking for a tidal wave of your love. Father, when we do not agree on doctrine, let us agree on the cross. When we do not agree on our heritage, let us agree on the cross. And when we do not agree on how the preacher should dress or the choir should sing or what kind of building we should have, let us agree on the cross. Speak to us, Father.

“Send a sweet spirit of unity to sweep across this city. And let revival be born out of the unity of the church. This is our prayer. We join with you, Lord Jesus, as you prayed the night before your crucifixion. Of all the things for which you could have prayed: you could have prayed that there would be no world hunger, you could have prayed for every family, every business, for every government. But that night before your death, you said, ‘Oh Lord, let them be one’. We join with you in that prayer and we invite you, oh Lord, to hear that prayer and answer it in San Antonio.

“May San Antonio be won for you, Father. And may your church be one. Through Christ we pray. Amen.”

Our thanks to Max Lucado for granting our request to print this prayer, and to Adam McManus “Take a Stand” KSLR Radio AM 630 for taping this prayer

WNP is a 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Corporation – a grass roots Women’s United Prayer Ministry. We are fully supported by those whose hearts are touched to seed into the spiritual and moral transformation of our city and beyond for Christ. Any amount will be appreciated, and a tax-deductible receipt will be furnished. Would you consider partnering with us each month with a love gift of \$5.00, \$10., \$20., \$25, or more to see united prayer spread from our neighborhoods to the nations across the world?

PRAISE AND PRAYER OPPORTUNITY
“Come and get in on what God is doing in our city!”

KHCE (channel 23 on cable, or 22 on regular TV) is now airing their live 2-hour San Antonio **“Praise The Lord”** broadcast on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10:30 am to 12:30. You are welcome to come join them in the audience of any of the broadcasts. You are also invited and encouraged to come and pray at the station. **Christians are needed to answer the prayer-line telephones during the program and training will be provided.** You will not only bless others – you yourself will be blessed! If you can’t be there, be sure to watch and pray, as the broadcasts are “live”. For information, call the station at 492-5679 or email Jessica Matthews at gideoninprayer@juno.com. **Also, please pray for Joan Bond, as she will be one of the guests on the June 12th show. “Thank You, Jesus.”**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

“I spent Fiesta weekend with 120 college students from Abilene who came to hand out gospel tracts and witness to the thousands of people who came to the parades and carnivals. On Friday night one of the young women came tumbling into my arms with tears of gratitude. She said the last time she witnessed at Fiesta was in 1999, but this year the spiritual climate was dramatically different. She knew that people must have been praying for the city because the crowds were so much more receptive to the gospel.”

Weldine Dossett – Prayer Guide

Let’s Make It Hard To Go To Hell From San Antonio!

“We bathed the city in prayer. But prayer wasn’t an end in itself. It was to prepare people for evangelism. It was an essential part of our primary purpose to make it hard to go to hell from Colorado Springs.” From

PRIMARY PURPOSE By Ted Haggard

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Women's Neighborhood Prayer
Fall Celebration Dinner
Thursday, September 20, 2001
7:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.
Old San Francisco Steak House Crystal Room
\$25.00 Per Person
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. David Mc Nitzky
Pastor, Alamo Heights United Methodist Church
"We encourage men to attend!"**

**PRAYER PREPARED THE WAY FOR
THE LORD**

"Celebrate America" was a great time for the Lord to bring in the awaiting harvest of souls as the Full Gospel Business Men, Intl. came to our city to spread the fire of the Gospel of Christ. Dr. Terry Peters reports that there were over 2,000 decisions to receive Christ. - God's blessings to those who helped and to those who prayed!

Until next time, may God shower you, dear sisters and brothers in the Lord, with His blessings of peace, protection, and provisions!

Women's Neighborhood Prayer, Inc.,
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