

“Notes and Quotes”

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ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD

How often I have to remind myself to not worry or doubt the Lord, but also not to get absorbed with and focused on His blessings, instead of on HIM and who He is. It exciting to reflect on 2001 and “count the many blessings –one by one.” The blessings to WNP were numerous and over and abundant above all that we had asked or thought. We ended with over 250 women praying in our neighborhoods for the transformation of our city and nation for Christ. We became incorporated, formed an Advisory Board, a Board of Directors, was asked to be a member of a global women’s ministry and a Nationwide evangelical ministry, was given a website, office space, office furniture and equipment, completed our Prayer Guide and Prayer Hostess training manuals and our Global Prayer Kits — and three women in our leadership became grandmothers --- Sheila Folschinsky, Tisha Janes and myself!!

The blessings have more than out weighed the negatives that sometimes are a part of every day life in a sin filled world, but the tragedy of 9-11 has certainly declared the negatives in my life as minute and minimal. Since then many of us have put our life issues into prospective. When I think of the families of the victims and grieve for them, my heart also swells with a “thank You Lord, for my family, friends, and the opportunity I have to serve You in WNP.” I praise God that despite any issue that may touch our lives that He is faithful to His Word when He says in Psalm 16:11 “... In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forever more.” I often refer to the saying that holds a great truth --- “joy is not the absence of pain and suffering, but the presence of God.” This has been seen in the faces of many individuals who lost loved ones on 9-11. The joy of the Lord working in our lives will testify the love of our Lord Jesus and that is what He so wants to pour through us to a hurting and dying world around us. My prayer for each of you is that whether you are in the valley or on the mountain top that you will truly experience the fullness of joy in His presence throughout this year—unto Him be the glory.

Joan Bond, President

♥ **WANTED: Women who want to pray for their city and nation to be transformed for Christ ♥**
If you live in the San Antonio area and would like to pray with women in your neighborhood please contact us. If you would like to start a WNP group in your neighborhood, we would be delighted to send you an application. Our training session is 2-1/2 hours and the suggested donation for our Leadership Manual is \$10.00.

If you live in a city other than San Antonio and would like to start a WNP Prayer Group in your neighborhood, please call, email, or look up our website for a leadership application. We would love to hear from you! The suggested donation for the Prayer Kit is \$25.00 plus postage of \$5.00 in the U.S. and postage of \$15.00 outside of the U.S.

The Prayer Kit will include:

Prayer Guide Handbook
Prayer Hostess Handbook
Prayer Member Package
20 Prayer Meeting Invitations
20 Brochures
20 Gospel Tracts written by Billy Graham

♥ **WANTED:** Someone who would be willing to translate our prayer kit into Spanish for Central and South America, please contact Joan @ 210- 349-PRAY (7729)

WNP Goes GLOBAL – We are now accessible worldwide!

God is allowing us to see His vision become a reality. Joan, Weldine Dossett, Thalia Heistand, Janie Chapa, and myself with completed prayer kits in hand were off to Houston, Texas to attend the Global Celebration for Women in the Astrodome. We saw God's generous provision for WNP as Janie Chapa's daughter and son-in-law graciously invited us to stay in their home and paid for our table registration! Thank You, Lord, for our ministry partners! Each lady representing WNP was also able to pay her own expenses for this trip and that helped tremendously! Over 179 countries were represented at the conference with over 20,000 attending. Anne Graham Lotz inspired us with her opening ceremony speech. With 9-11 still fresh on our minds, she reminded everyone to keep sharing God with others. We were reminded that Jesus was a blood donor -- Jesus gave His precious blood for each one of us -- and Jesus was a firefighter -- just as the firefighters went in the burning twin towers to rescue people, Jesus died to do the same for us; and we too are all to have this same zeal to rescue the lost. We heard of the plight of women and children being persecuted all over the world, but we saw joy on the faces of the same women who described their hardships. God is mighty and He never forsakes His people -- no matter where they are! Hallelujah!

Those 55 and older were treated to a workshop, "We've Only Just Begun," led by Evelyn Christiansen and Vonette Bright. It was encouraging to hear that mature Christian women can have a mighty ministry in HIM, reaching out to younger women, praying, and continuing to serve in their churches and communities. As we mature, we have proof of God's faithfulness and provision that we have experienced in our lives and can share these experiences with others.

God's vision is being realized as information about WNP is making its way around the world because of the opportunity to attend this Global Conference. Women around the world are now praying with us for (1) A spiritual awakening in the body of Christ that would begin in each of us. (2) God to send revival to our city, our nation, and our world. (3) Families to embrace Godly standards. (4) Pastors and churches. (5) Government officials. (6) Schools. (7) Special issues in our neighborhoods and city (8) Christian organizations. (9) Personal prayer needs for our families, our friends and ourselves.

We were changed and enriched by these sisters from around the globe; knowing that our mighty God is at work everywhere! Hallelujah, Jesus is Lord! Even though no groups at this time have been formed from the Global Conference, women around the world are now aware of WNP and in God's perfect timing we will see the vision come to complete fruition----- Praise the Lord!

Karen Monroe, Advisory Board Chairman

From a Prayer Member's
Heart
to Her Sisters in WNP

As simply a prayer member of a WNP group, the Lord touched my heart with the desire to speak up concerning the financial undergirding of our ministry. When I presented my vision to the WNP leadership, they confirmed that if each of us as prayer members could faithfully give \$5.00 a month, it would be a tremendous start to building this ministry. If most could give \$10.00 or more each month, it would make it possible to give Joan the salary that has been budgeted and help offset operating expenses. Matching funds from donors outside of WNP will be more readily available as more of us support our ministry. We would receive a blessing and WNP would too, so we can't lose! Consider this "Every time I give, I give a little of my selfishness away."-- I have been abundantly blessed by giving to WNP! Remember that our first fruits always go to our home church.

**Louree Upton, WNP Prayer
Member**

Praise God for These Blessings to WNP
And a Thank You to:

Wayside Chapel - Office space for WNP Corporate Office
Tommy and Sondra Voelter – Furniture, pictures,
and office supplies
Charles Sciascia – Computer equipment and for maintaining it
Ray and Kitty Wainner – Computer equipment
Jay and Chrissie Smith – Computer equipment
Charles and Gail Gordon – Computer equipment
Gregg Ray Painting – Painting office foyer
Mail Box Etc. (West Ave. & Blanco) – Reduced fee for collating our Prayer
Guide and Prayer Hostess Manuals
Thomas Reprographics – Reduced fee for printing our Prayer Kits
Israel and Cathy Garcia – Paying WNP display table fee for Global
Conference and for housing 5 of us.
Weldine Dossett – Microwave
Jim and Mary Ann Turner – File Cabinet

The Word at Night – Be blessed by the hearing of God's Word on Monday through Friday evenings from 10:00 to 11:00 PM on KSLR Radio; 630 AM. Host is Soapy Dollar, Campus Crusade for Christ San Antonio Director and WNP Advisory Board Member.

Our Prayers Go Out to: Elaine Schwenker at the passing of her father and to Janie Chapa- gallbladder surgery

WNP Annual Celebration Dinner

WOW! WNP's 2nd Annual Dinner was a wonderful evening in the Lord on September 27th. Alamo Heights United Methodist Church's Pastor, Dr. David McNitzky's message and Linda Martin's inspired singing blessed all those who attended. Pastor McNitzky's message, "Carrying the Mat (Mark 2:1-5)" was so applicable to our world today. *Pastor McNitzky reminded us that prayer is the communication we have with God about what we are doing together.* Just as the paraplegic's friends who dug through the roof and lowered their friend to the feet of Jesus, we too are to carry people regularly through our intercessory prayers to the feet of Jesus. Pastor McNitzky's analogy between the New York firefighters at Ground Zero and intercessors was especially appropriate. Because of the intense heat at Ground Zero, firefighters trying desperately to save lives went through a pair of boots a day. Intercessors also can feel intense heat, and their protection is to seek God's face before they seek His hand! *Pastor McNitzky said "Prayer is hard, passionate work, and we are to bring persistence and intensity to prayer - this is what WNP is all about."*

We opened the microphones inviting anyone to come and pray for our city and nation. The Lord's presence was powerfully felt during this dear and precious time of prayer as many men and women prayed what was on their hearts. *Another memorable moment occurred as we closed the evening when every man and woman spontaneously rose to their feet and joined Linda in singing God Bless America.*

If you were part of this evening we thank you for coming and supporting WNP. If you were unable to attend, you were missed. WNP hopes that you will make our two annual events, the breakfast in February and the dinner in September, a priority. Please mark your calendar now for Friday, September 19, 2002. Clifton Jansky, Recording Artist will be our guest speaker at First Presbyterian Church. You will want not want to miss it!

We love and appreciate you so much, and we want to rejoice with you in what God is doing in your life! We look forward to these annual events and invite you to join with us in praising and thanking the Lord for all His awesome blessings.

Karen Monroe, Advisory Board Chairman

WNP CORPORATE OFFICE OPEN HOUSE

You are cordially invited to help us celebrate God's abundant provisions for WNP

**Thursday, February 7, 2002
2:00 – 6:30 P.M.**

104 Ivywood Circle
First street east of Wayside
Chapel
Corner of 410 Access Rd.
and Ivywood Circle
Accessible only from N.W.
Military

WNP Annual Praise and Prayer Breakfast Saturday, February 16, 2002

Guest Speaker: Mary Ann Bridgwater President and Founder, Pray the Word Ministries, Houston, Texas

How WNP looks forward go having Mary Ann come and speak To us. For the last 15 years, Mary Ann has been involved in missions and teaching others to pray. Her teaching on preparing the heart for entering into the presence of God can easily be followed with a few simple tools. Praying the Word is central to Mary Ann's life message. She has led citywide prayer gatherings for spiritual awakening, and regularly prays for the spiritual needs of women, men, families, pastors, pastors' wives and the lost. You won't want to miss this precious morning on February 16th. Come for praise, fellowship, a great breakfast and a dear message the Lord sends through Mary Ann! Invite your friends and call for reservations now! (See enclosed flyer for details)

PRAYER
OPPORTUNITIES

• **Prayer and Fasting for the President**

(Renewal Ministries)

Register at

www.renewalministries.com

• **Justice at the Gates (Pray Texas)**

Pray specifically for a Texas Judge

www.justiceatthegate.org or

call 210-677-8214

• **Love God's Way (Citywide Youth Conference)**

February 14th Castle Hills
1st Baptist

On-site prayer or 24-prayer coverage

Call Dee Dee @ 696-1033

or email to

dsedg@uumcsatx.org

Reminder for Prayer Guides, Prayer Hostesses:

**Prayer Coordinators and Staff
Annual Regional Leadership Meeting**

March 23, 2002 9:00 – 11:30 AM

104 Ivywood Circle

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.,
Prayer Coordinators, Staff, and Board of Director