

“Notes and Quotes”

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All to the Glory of God

A philosopher, William James, made the statement "The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it." Someone else has said "life and time remains without meaning if it does not find its meaning in eternity". Since I became a Christian in September of 1976, the expression "This life will soon be past and only what is done for Christ will last," has spoken volumes to me. As I have just finished the study "The Purpose Driven Life", I have become even more aware of the commitment to invest my life for God's eternal purpose instead of my own agenda, one day at a time.

There are many ways that we can invest in eternity's purpose for our lives and make our lives count for eternity. Each of us have to make that decision on what is God's purpose for our life, and then wholeheartedly commit to it. As I reflect on my life and how I believe God has called me to invest in His Kingdom work, I believe that one of the most important truths of God's word that I need to embrace myself with and to continue to impart to women in San Antonio and beyond is Matthew 6:33 "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things will be added to you". I am humbly reminded that the women in WNP in San Antonio are investing their lives in uniting with sisters in the Lord for "Kingdom Praying" specifically for the transformation of their neighborhood, city and nation for Christ. Kingdom Praying is an entirely new intercessory experience at this time in history. It is choosing to go beyond ourselves and the world's temporal prospective, and reach into the eternal prospective of praying God's will for His kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. Evelyn Christenson, International Speaker and Author refers to it as "praying God's way". As we in WNP pray God's heart for the WNP eight main topics, the angels will be warring in the heavenlies to bring about a change in the spiritual and moral climate of our city to transform it for Christ. Many of the results of these prayers will be revealed in the here and now, but there are many more that will not be revealed until we get to our eternal home.

May each one of us in our prayer group remember as we pray throughout this year that yes, our families are a priority in God's eternal plan and we take such pleasure in the last ten minutes of each meeting when we have a time to pray for our personal needs. However, of greater importance, it brings great joy to our heavenly Father when we remain true to our main emphasis, which is praying for the first two topics on our Prayer Focus: Prayer for a spiritual awakening in the body of Christ that will begin in each of our hearts; and Prayer for revival within our neighborhood, city and nation. When we pray for these desires, we are asking God to bring each one in the body of Christ to repentance and total humility; and for Him to move in a mighty way to send His glory to bring all those without Jesus in our city to Him.

What will it take for God to send authentic and lasting revival that will not fade? It will require continuous humility, more love for each other, more love for the lost, more determination to press in to God in prayer, and continued discipline to stay focused on His kingdom during our prayer meeting time. He will be faithful to keep our minds stayed on Him and fulfill the deepest desires of our hearts. God eagerly awaits to transform our cities for Christ through the fervent prayers of His children. My prayer is that 2004 truly will be a year when each of us will seek Him and His kingdom first to fulfill His plan each day. Then we will experience the fulfilled, purpose driven life in Christ for which He died and arose again to give us, as we commit our all to Him unto His glory alone.

Joan Bond, President

WE PRAISE GOD FOR WHAT GODLY LEADERS
ARE SAYING ABOUT THE MINISTRY OF WNP!!!

"I believe that the ministry of Women's Neighborhood Prayer International evidences Jesus' prayer in John 17:21-26 becoming a reality in our day. These women are encouraging and equipping their sisters in the Lord to unite across denominations, races and cultures to pray in neighborhoods for the transformation of their city and nation for Christ. I encourage you to invest your time in becoming familiar with WNP and introduce women in your sphere of influence to this united prayer opportunity." Ted Haggard, President of the National Association of Evangelicals, Pastor of New Life Church, Colorado Springs

"In ministry, one has the opportunity to hear the vision of many wonderful people. Joan Bond, the President and Founder of Women's Neighborhood Prayer International is one of the bright lights in prayer ministry. Joan is a hand-maiden of the Lord who radiates the love and compassion of Jesus. Her passion for prayer and training leaders of prayer through WNP is contagious and a blessing to the Body of Christ. May God bless the ministry of WNP as they help us all in this critical area of need." Ted L. Elmore, Prayer and Spiritual Development; Associate Director, Mission Church Center, Baptist General Convention of Texas

ATTENTION: FRIENDS OF WNP BEYOND SAN ANTONIO

Pamphlet available "Women's Neighborhood Prayer International – Who are We?"

If you have any questions about WNP for your city, we wrote this just for you. Please ask us for a copy and we will send it free of charge.

"I believe that this pamphlet contains the biblical answer to rescuing America. Only as we Christians get completely right with God, lay aside our differences and get desperate about united prayer, will we see our country transformed for Jesus."

***Evelyn Christenson, Author and International Speaker
"The matriarch of the women's prayer movement"***

Visit her site at www.unitedprayerministry.org

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW IN REVIEWING 2003 (Praises are not in order of value or appreciation)

Invitation from churches in San Antonio to present WNP to their women – 1st Baptist & Harvest Fellowship New night group in Deerfield and new day groups in Brookhollow, Castle Hills and LaVernia (San Antonio area)

The gift from God of the 2003 Kia Mini Van and the sister and brother in the Lord who donated it
The WNP Advisory Board, Board of Directors, Leadership, and Prayer Members from 89 churches

Volunteers for the office and special projects – Sherry Schoenfeldt, Chris Castillo, Sandi Matthews, Edna Kates, Debra Laden, Chrissie Smith, Weldine Dossett and Charlene Webster

The sister and brother in the Lord who gave the funds for WNP to join the National Association of Evangelicals

Participation in the Mission America Conference in New York City

The sister and brother in the Lord who donated “frequent flyer miles” for two tickets to the M.A. conference in NYC

Participation in the National Day of Prayer in San Antonio

Participation in the first San Antonio Eddie Cantu Prayathon

Provisions for installation of the second telephone line into the office – Charles Sciascia

All those who gave donations to enable our President to receive an average salary of \$1000.00 monthly, plus pay our \$2400.00 tithe (5% to Wayside Chapel and 5% to Christian ministries) and pay our bills throughout the year

The sisters in the Lord presenting 12 churches at the Women of Faith pre-conference meeting held at the WNP office:

Barbara and Patti Richter with The Beacon Christian Newspaper’s articles on the ministry of WNP

Mary Ann Turner, Vice President of WNP being free of cancer!

“Women’s Neighborhood Prayer International – Who are We?” pamphlet to introduce WNP to ministry leaders and pastors beyond San Antonio.

All the brother and sisters in the Lord who donated/ or discounted their professional services to WNP (please see back of enclosed breakfast flyer)

Our speakers for the breakfast and dinner – Rev. Carolyn Gilbert and Rev. Soapy and Suzanne Dollar and those attending.

Janie Chapa began translating the WNP material into Spanish – several women interested

Wayside Chapel for WNP corporate office at 104 Ivywood Circle – Pastor Steve Troxel; Don Vinez, Administrator; Marsha Walenta, Women’s Ministry Director, Mary Ann and Andrea in Wayside office, Art, Bobby Joe and Clem in maintenance

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WOMEN’S NEIGHBORHOOD PRAYER EVENTS - SAN ANTONIO, TX

Annual Praise and Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004 9:30 AM - Noon

Wayside Chapel - 1705 NW Loop 410, SA, TX

Guest Speaker: Lety Morales
Jubilee Outreach Church - San Antonio, TX.
\$10.00 (See enclosed flyer)

Annual Celebration Dinner
Friday, November 12, 2004 7 - 9:30 PM

Wayside Chapel Evangelical Free
\$12.00

Recording Artist and Speaker: Faye Yates

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER EVENTS THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2004 - S.A.,TX

Gathering of Christians at the Steps of City Hall
(Corner of Commerce and South Flores - SA, TX)
12:00 Noon
For information call: 344-9394

Women’s Citywide Prayer (A sister ministry)
9:00-11:30 AM
Eagles Nest Church
14015 San Pedro Avenue
San Antonio, Texas
For information: Mary @ 651-4696

NATIONAL WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE - SAN ANTONIO, TX

Alamodome - March 18 - 20, 2004
See enclosed flyer - Don’t miss it!!
Registration: 1-888-49-FAITH (32484)

L.I.F.E. BREAKFAST
(Laborers in Fields of Education)
Saturday, April 3, 2004 8:30 - 10:45 AM
Hills Country Club - \$15.00
Speaker: Darrel Scott (Columbine H.S.)
For Information call: 494-9277
Email: mcdonaldmeme@aol.com

UPDATES ON SISTERS ANSWERING THE CALL FOR SAN ANTONIO LEADERSHIP

AREA PRAYER COORDINATORS: STAFF: PRAYER GUIDES & HOSTESSES

Mary McDonald - NC 5, Sandi Matthews - NC 5 (After Five), Sherry Schoenfeldt - SE 15; Administrative Asst. - Sherry Schoenfeldt, Email and Website Coordinator - Sandi Matthews; Prayer Guide -Denise Velarde; Prayer Hostesses - D-Shea Acheson and Ofelia Sosa

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, International,
Prayer Coordinators, Staff, and Board of Directors