

WIT

A Women's Church Ministry
First Baptist Belleview, FL

Our goal: Helping women reach beyond their circumstances by discovering strength through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

WIT MINISTRIES

1. JAIL MINISTRY
2. CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL
3. WORDS OF HOPE JAIL PEN PAL MINISTRY
4. TRANSITIONAL HOME
5. RECOVERY PROGRAM
6. LIFE SKILLS CLASSES
7. WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
8. FOREIGN MISSIONS: ZAMBIA
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

CHURCH SERVICES
10:45 AM & 6:30 PM
WIT SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 - 10:30 AM

MONDAY

LIFE SKILLS CLASSES 7 - 8:30 PM

TUESDAY

CHRISTIAN 12-STEP RECOVERY
Sunday School Room 7 - 8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER
6:30 - 7:30 PM

THURSDAY

WIT HOME BIBLE STUDY 7 - 8:30 PM

WIT LEADERSHIP TEAM

DIRECTOR: Dee Hillman
Director Emeritus: Ann Kuefner
CO-DIRECTORS:
Kathy Andriola, Vinelle Miller
Diana Hite

CORE TEAM MEMBERS:

Mona Ballard, Sandra Brewer,
Moggie Dobbs, Terrie Hudson,
Laura Jolley, Rosie Lacrone,
Colleen Malito, Denise Martel,
Sylvia Pope, Nydia Mechan,
Debra Pena, Brenda Seaman,
Sunny Sifford, Anna Thompson

**"How can I experience joy in my
Christian life?"**



Periods of sadness and depression can enter the life of even the most devout Christian. We see many examples of this in the Bible. Job wished he had never been born (Job 3:11). David prayed to be taken away to a place where he would not have to deal with reality (Psalms 55:6-8). Elijah, even after defeating 450 prophets of Baal with fire called down from heaven (1 Kings 18:16-46), fled into the desert and asked God to take his life (1 Kings 19:3-5).

So how can we overcome these periods of joylessness? We can see how these same people overcame their bouts of depression. Job said that, if we pray and remember our blessings, God will restore us to joy and righteousness (Job 33:26). David wrote that the study of God's Word can bring us joy (Psalms 19:8). David also realized that he needed to praise God even in the midst of despair (Psalms 42:5). In Elijah's case, God let him rest for a time and then sent a man, Elisha, to help him (1 Kings 19:19-21). We also need friends that we can share our hurts and pains with (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12). It may be helpful to share our feelings with a fellow Christian. We may be surprised to find that he or she has struggled with some of the same things that we are going through.

Most importantly, it is certain that dwelling on ourselves, our problems, our hurts, and especially our pasts will never produce true spiritual joy. Joy is not found in materialism, it is not found in psychotherapy, and it most certainly is not found in obsession with ourselves. It is found in Christ. We who belong to the Lord "glory in Christ Jesus, and put no confidence in the flesh" (Philippians 3:3). To know Christ is to come to have a true sense of ourselves, and true spiritual insight, making it impossible to glory in ourselves, in our wisdom, strength, riches, or goodness, but in Christ—in His wisdom and strength, in His riches and goodness, and in His person only. If we remain in Him, immerse ourselves in His Word, and seek to know Him more intimately, our "joy will be full" (John 15:1-11).

Finally, remember that it is only through God's Holy Spirit that we can find true joy (Psalms 51:11-12; Galatians 5:22; 1 Thessalonians 1:6). We can do nothing apart from the power of God (2 Corinthians 12:10, 13:4). Indeed, the harder we try to be joyful through our own efforts, the more miserable we can become. Rest in the Lord's arms (Matthew 11:28-30) and seek His face through prayer and Scripture. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

Recommended Resource: Laugh Again, Experience Outrageous Joy by Charles Swindoll.



JESUS DESIRES A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU!

Begin by reading HIS "Love Letter," the Bible. Before you begin, pray:

"Lord, please grant me a new depth of wisdom and understanding for Your Will in my life. Help me to turn from my sins and follow you more closely!" (Initial each blank after you complete the verse.)



Monday: Ecclesiastes 2:24-25- "There is no one who has tried to enjoy life more than I have. And this is what I learned: The best thing people can do is eat, drink, and enjoy the work they must do. I also saw that this comes from God." (ERV)_____

There may be days when work feels like a curse. There may be other days when you feel great satisfaction in what you do. Believe it or not, both come from God. How can you make God a bigger part of your work life?

Tuesday: Proverbs 3:5-6- "Trust the Lord completely, and don't depend on your own knowledge. With every step you take, think about what he wants, and he will help you go the right way." (ERV)_____

There may be circumstances in your life that you don't understand. The death of a loved one. The loss of a job. The betrayal of a friend. What circumstances in your life are hard for you to entrust to God?

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 29:29- "There are some things that the Lord our God has kept secret. Only he knows these things. But he told us about some things. And these teachings are for us and our descendants forever. And we must obey all the commands in that law." (ERV)_____

There are many things you do not understand in the Bible, but keep reading it anyway. Try to follow the things you understand. God will reveal the rest to you later. How goes your Bible reading?

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 5:16-17- "From this time on we don't think of anyone as the world thinks of people. It is true that in the past we thought of Christ as the world thinks. But we don't think that way now. When anyone is in Christ, it is a whole new world. The old things are gone; suddenly, everything is new!" (ERV)_____

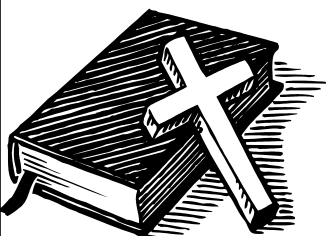
Christianity does make a difference in people's lives, but the change might not happen all at once. In what ways are you different?

Friday: Colossians 3:23- "In all the work you are given, do the best you can. Work as though you are working for the Lord, not any earthly master." (ERV)_____

You may feel as though your daily tasks aren't important to those around you. They are important to God. So, complete them with all you've got! What tasks do you have that seem mundane and unimportant? How can God use those tasks?

Saturday: 1 Samuel 2:2- "There is no holy God like the Lord. There is no God but you. There is no Rock like our God." (ERV)_____

Wandering through the desert for 40 years, the Israelites learned the value of rocks. Smaller stones could be used as tools. Large boulders provided shelter from the hot desert sun. One rock even provided water. And God, their provider, shield, and strength, was the best Rock of all. How has God helped you through the deserts in your life?



**"I run in the path of your commands,
for you have set my heart free."**

Psalm 119: 32 (NIV)

HYMN OF THE WEEK

TRUST AND OBEY

John H. Sammis, 1846–1919

But Samuel replied, "Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams." (1 Samuel 15:22)

Life can often be a restless, disrupted existence until we give ourselves wholeheartedly to something beyond ourselves and follow and obey it supremely. Such implicit trust in God's great love and wisdom with a sincere desire to follow His leading should be every Christian's goal. Our willingness to trust and obey is always the first step toward God's blessing in our lives.

In 1886 Daniel B. Towner, director of the music department at Moody Bible Institute, was leading the music for evangelist D. L. Moody's series of meetings in Brockton, Massachusetts. A young man rose to give a testimony, saying, "I am not quite sure—but I am going to trust, and I am going to obey." Mr. Towner jotted down this statement and sent it to the Rev. J. H. Sammis, a Presbyterian minister and later a teacher at Moody, who wrote the present five stanzas.

Salvation is God's responsibility. Our responsibility is to trust in that salvation and then to obey its truths. "Trust and Obey" presents a balanced view of a believer's trust in Christ's redemptive work, and it speaks of the resulting desire to obey Him and do His will in our daily lives. Then, and only then, do we experience real peace and joy.

- When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, what a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.
- Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, but His smile quickly drives it away; not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear, can abide while we trust and obey.
- Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil He doth richly repay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.
- But we never can prove the delights of His love until all on the altar we lay, for the favor He shows and the joy He bestows are for them who will trust and obey.
- Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet, or we'll walk by His side in the way; what He says we will do, where He sends we will go—Never fear, only trust and obey.
- Chorus: Trust and obey—for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus—but to trust and obey.

For Today: Psalm 37:3-5; John 8:31; John 14:23; James 2:14–26; 1 John 2:6

Experience the glory and abiding presence of Christ as you determine to trust Him more completely and obey His leading more fully in all that you do. Carry this musical reminder with you!

Osbeck, Kenneth W.: *Amazing Grace : 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions*. Grand Rapids, Mich. : Kregel Publications, 1990, S. 88.

THE WORLD WOULDN'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT WOMEN



Time Passes...

Life happens...

Distance separates...

Children grow up...

Jobs come and go. Love waxes and wanes.

Men don't do what they're supposed to do...

Hearts break. Parents die. Colleagues forget favors.

Careers end...

BUT...Sisters are there, no matter how much time and how many miles are between you. A girl friend is never farther away than needing her can reach...

When you have to walk that lonesome valley and you have to walk it by yourself, the women in your life will be on the valley's rim, cheering you on, praying for you, pulling for you, intervening on your behalf, and waiting with open arms at the valley's end....

Sometimes, they will even break the rules and walk beside you... or come in and carry you out. Girl-friends, daughters, granddaughters... Daughter-in-laws, sisters, sisters-in-law, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, nieces, cousins, and extended family, all bless our life!

The world wouldn't be the same without women, and neither would I. When we began this adventure called womanhood, we had no idea of the incredible joys or sorrows that lay ahead. Nor did we know how much we would need each other. Every day, we need each other still.

You are very special to me; or I wouldn't be taking the time to send you this!

Submitted by Ann Kuefner



NEWSFLASH

Gene Andriola is planning a yard sale to raise funds for the WIT Zambia Mission Trip. If you can help, please call/email him at:

352-245-1720 (home) 352-682-0672(cell)

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CLASS



NEWS

JEFF, NOEMI, JOSIAH & KAILA MACUMBER have moved into their new home in Guatemala City. Pray "for the right words to speak with boldness.." (Ephesians 6:19) to be theirs as they establish relationships with the Guatemalan people.

TARA DALRYMPLE needs our prayers as she goes for surgery on her jaw next week. Pray the Lord will guide the hands that minister to her needs!

WENDY MAYNARD phoned with a praise report! She is now giving back at "Jericho Road Ministries" in Brooksville, Florida. Their mission is "To lovingly proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the economically, emotionally and spiritually impoverished; by responding to the basic physical and emotional needs, and by promoting Christian growth as characterized by a productive and changed life."

DIANA HITE, WIT Sunday School teacher, continues to do an outstanding job of leading us through God's Word. February 5th's lesson reminded us that we are not the center of everything! "He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son He loves" (Colossians 1:13). Keep Him in the center daily!

NEW AT BELLEVIEW FIRST BAPTIST:

Dinners begin this Wednesday-5:30 PM

Menu: Chicken and Dumplings

Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$5.00

Students: \$3.00

Preschool and under: free

(\$15.00 family maximum)

Payable at the door

Your help is needed in several areas for this ministry. Sign-up today!



WOMEN IN TRUTH JAIL MINISTRY

FEBRUARY PRAYER REQUEST:

SUN, FEB 19 & TUES, FEB 21:

"Open their hearts, dear Lord, to Your saving grace! May they surrender to You."

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY!



Feb 3 Diana McGaw

Feb 19 Dee Hillman

Feb 21 Cindy Geer

Feb 26 Kennedy Dalrymple



PRAY! ASK GOD TO REVEAL HOW

HE WILL USE YOU FOR THE:

WIT Zambia Mission Trip

July 28-August 7, 2012

Contact **Kathy Andriola** (352-245-1720 or kandr413@aol.com) before or by February 5th to sign up.

February Calendar of Events

Monday Life Skills- 7:00-8:00pm:

February 13- "TO BE ANNOUNCED" -WIT Home with Moggie Dobbs

February 20- "Pampered Chef Cuisine"-WIT Home with Anna Thompson

February 27- "Praying God's Will"-WIT Home with Terrie Hudson

Women of all ages are welcome! Sign up in Sunday School class or call Kathy Andriola at 245-1720 or

WEEKLY WIT CALENDAR

<u>Monday</u>	Life Skills class- 7:00-8:30pm
<u>Tuesday</u>	12-Step Recovery Classes- 7:00 - 8:30pm
<u>Wednesday</u>	Prayer/Bible Study 6:30- 7:30pm-FBC
<u>Thursday</u>	PLEASE MAKE A NOTE: The WIT Home Bible Study is postponed temporarily so that we may participate in the latest Bible Study from Beth Moore: "James-Mercy Triumphs," 6:30pm-Belleview First Baptist

MONTHLY SPECIAL EVENTS

<u>Sun, Feb 19</u>	MCJ Jail Services-1:00-5:00pm
<u>Tue, Feb 21</u>	MCJ Jail Services-7:30-9:30pm
<u>Wed, Mar 14</u>	WIT Home Interviews/MCJ-7:00-10:00pm



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Saturday, February 25th

Noon-2:00pm-WIT Home Housewarming Shower for: Cina Gadson

Registered at Target

(Call Dee at 352-454-2502 for details.)