

CWIA Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, September 28, 2013, 9:00am – Noon, Holiday Inn–Eisenhower

2460 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia Phone: 703-960-3400. Near Metro Yellow Line–Eisenhower

Guest Speaker: Clare McGrath-Merkle. Clare is the proud mother of one daughter, godmother of two boys, and an aunt and great-aunt to more than 60 children. A member of CWIA since 1995 and a Secular Discalced Carmelite since 1997, Claire has a masters in Theological Studies with a certificate in Carmelite Studies from Washington Theological Union. She also earned an A.B.D. in Theology and Religious Studies from The Catholic University of America with a specialization in spirituality, and is associated with the University of Augsburg, writing a dissertation on the French School of Spirituality. Claire is an expert on New Age spirituality, including yoga, Reiki, and Centering Prayer, having learned personally about it in the 1980's. She has been a guest on Marcus Grodi's Journey Home series as well as on Johnnette Benkovic's The Abundant Life series, and published articles in various journals including The New Oxford Review, The Journal of Religion and Health, and the Carmelite Clarion. She proudly assisted in the interview process of Stella Davis' book Spiritual Warfare. Come and hear Clare discuss how to discern New Age aspects of healing and prayer practices.

Cost: \$15, Full Breakfast Included. For tickets call: Kathleen Murray (703) 451-5737, Cathy Czaja (703) 354-8331, Patti Davis (703) 971-3633, Edelmira Cruz (703) 266-4850, Gail Coates (301) 247-2442.

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Our breakfast meeting will be **Saturday, September 28, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Holiday Inn – Eisenhower**. Cost: \$15. **Men are welcome**. For info, call Patti at (703) 971-3633. Bring something for the newborns/AAA.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, our next breakfast date has been moved to Saturday, November 23, 2013. Bring your friends and don't miss an opportunity to be blessed.



If you have not already, please register for the **Christian Women in Action Charismatic Conference** on October 25-27 at the Holiday Inn Eisenhower.

Please see the website for the brochure and registration form.

Bible Study: Thursday mornings, Annandale area. Alelu: (703) 642-8378

Intercessory Prayer Meetings: Mondays, 10:30am-1:30pm. Stella: (703) 971-3633

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1. To worship, praise and glorify God in all areas of the members' lives.
2. To win souls for Jesus Christ, especially those not reached by commonly used methods of evangelism.
3. To share with believers and non-believers the full gospel of Jesus Christ, including Jesus as Lord and Savior, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit, Deliverer and Healer.
4. To work for spiritual unity among Christian believers.
5. To foster fellowship among women, especially the elderly, widowed, separated, single mothers, and the incarcerated.
6. To encourage women to participate in the activities of their local church.
7. To help women recognize their proper role and relationship according to the scripture.
8. To provide outreach meetings, bible studies, workshops, and weekend retreats for spiritual growth.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I am moved this month to write about the faithfulness of God in His promise in scripture:

"Not one word has failed of all His good promises." 1 Kings 8:56

Lately, I have heard people say they don't believe in God, or His promises are not for today, but, my dear friends, the Word of God does not change. It is the same today as it was yesterday and will be the same forever more. We are the ones that change and want things our way. Let's go take a walk with the Word of God.

As a believer, God's word is your unfailing anchor no matter what storm you may be facing today. The promises of Scripture can steady us and give us peace when we are in doubt of our relationship with the Father, wonder if He can forgive us, distrust the path He is leading us on, or question if we will be able to survive the trials that we must face in our lives. His word assures us "Not one word has failed of all his good promise."

I think about the many times I've had an especially busy or stressful week that caused me to feel exhausted as I got up to teach, like last month in West Virginia. But when I get into the Word of God I am refreshed, and pray: "God, I hardly have the energy to get up and get dressed. Jesus, you're going to have to help me." Without fail He will bring this verse to mind: "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you. Surely, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isa. 41:10) Time after time, I have been weary, but it just melts away and I can feel the power of God energizing me - just as He said He would.

Of course, there have been many other instances when His word has sustained me through difficult challenges. I go to Joshua 1:9 for encouragement as I teach. And Isaiah 54:17 carried me through some of my most contentious times. Proverbs 3:56 has been a faithful compass for every decision I've had to make. Truly our Heavenly Father does exactly as He promises!

But perhaps you are wondering: What about me? Does God give me reassurances in His word? How do I know if I am meant to claim a promise? How do I know when the Lord is speaking to me through a verse of Scripture? It can be confusing, especially because certain biblical passages apply to specific people and situations. Here are some guidelines to help you:

- First, you know you can claim a promise when it fits a personal need the Lord has pledged to fulfill. For example; repeatedly, scripture asserts that the Father has good plans for your life and wants to lead you in the best way possible. Therefore, you can be confident in claiming a verse such as Psalms 32:8 in which He says, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with my eyes upon you."
- Second, always consider the context of the promise. For instance, Psalms 37:4 proclaims, "He will give you the desire of your heart." However, that is not the full message of the verse. Rather, you must first satisfy the requirements "Delight yourself in the Lord." Then as He works in and through you, you will see the longings met.
- Third, ask: does fulfilling this promise honor God and His plans for my life?
- Fourth, make sure you are walking in obedience to God's Will because it positions you perfectly to receive the promise. Isa.30:18 "The Lord longs to be gracious to you." But the Lord may direct you in ways you do not understand in order to bless you.

"They who seek the Lord shall not be in want of any good thing." Ps. 34:10 Know always the Holy Spirit will confirm it by giving you peace. Learn Scripture – memorize some verses that apply to your situation and speak them out loud everyday - for it is your comfort in life!

Your Servant In Christ Jesus,

Stella Davis