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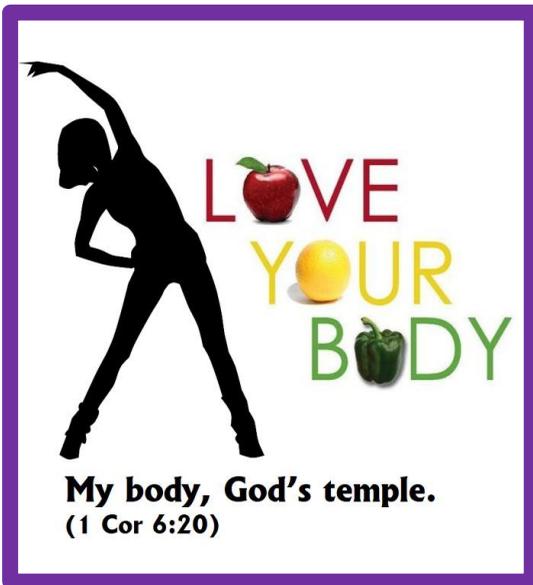
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CWIA Prayer Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, March 19, 2016

9:00 am – Noon

at our **NEW** location:

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

6401 Brandon Avenue, Springfield, Virginia 22150

Phone: 703.644.5555

2 miles from Metro Blue Line (Franconia-Springfield)

For info/tickets, call Patti: 703.971.3633

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Cost: \$15 - Buffet Breakfast

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I greet you in His wonderful Name! Lent this year should bring with it renewed energy to make some needed changes in our lives. Changes not only to our spiritual bodies, but our physical bodies as well.

One common misperception among Christians is that the Lord is only interested in our soul and spirit. In reality, He considers every aspect of our humanity important because He created each part. Our physical bodies are the means by which we interact with the world and other people, and with them we give honor to God. He marvelously designed our bodies with miles of blood vessels, coordinated muscles, intricate eyes, a complex brain, and unique fingerprints for each person. He's the one who gives us every breath and keeps our hearts pumping throughout our lifetimes.

In the first century, the Christians in Corinth believed what many still think today - that the body isn't that important, and we can do whatever we want with it. The apostle Paul corrected this misconception in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20: "**Do YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO IS IN YOU, WHOM YOU HAVE FROM GOD, AND THAT YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN? FOR YOU HAVE BEEN BOUGHT WITH A PRICE; THEREFORE, GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY.**"

In this short passage, there are four basic truths that reveal the Lord's perspective on the body:

1 Our Bodies Are The Temple of the Holy Spirit (v.19). This fact alone speaks volumes about their value in God's eyes because this is where He has chosen to dwell. Whatever we do and wherever we go, He is in us. Therefore, using our bodies in any act of sin or immorality desecrates His temple.

2 God Owns Our Bodies (v.19). Satan wants us to think, "This is my body, and no one else has the right to tell me what I can and cannot do with it." However, since humanity is God's crowning creation made in His image, we all rightfully belong to Him and must someday give an account to Him for our lives.

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My Body, God's Temple

Speaking of Christ, Colossians 1:16 says, "**ALL THINGS HAVE BEEN CREATED THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM**". Because our entire being was made for Him, He has the right to dictate how we are to use our bodies - whether we acknowledge His authority or not.

3 We Have Been Purchased By Christ (1 Cor. 6:20). The price He paid to save us was His blood shed for us on the cross. With this one act of redemption, He restored our spirits to a right relationship with the Father, began the process of transforming our soul into His image, and promised to one day redeem our physical bodies through resurrection. Because of the consequences of sin, we currently suffer from weakness, disease, aging, and eventual death. But God considers the physical aspect of our being so valuable that He has promised to "**TRANSFORM THE BODY OF OUR HUMBLE STATE INTO CONFORMITY WITH THE BODY OF HIS GLORY**" (Phil 3:21). **AT THE RESURRECTION, WE WILL BE RAISED IMPERISHABLE IN GLORY AND POWER OF GOD** (1Cor.15:42-43).

4 Finally, God Created Our Bodies for a Purpose – To Bring Glory and Honor To Him (1 Cor. 6:20). This is the guiding principle for all that we do. We only have one body with which to serve and honor the Lord, so we need to do what we can to care for it properly. Do not think that we please God, by working long hours, not resting, or not eating healthy food. He wants us to take care of it as well as our spiritual bodies, then we can please Him in all areas of our life!! There must be someone out there that needs to hear this as I only write what He wants me to!

God's Blessings to you all and a Blessed Easter!

In Christ's Love,

Stella Davis

Mark The Date!

Our next annual conference will be August 12-14, 2016 in Springfield, Virginia.

May Crowning: CWIA is looking for a 4 year old girl to crown the Blessed Mother at our May 28th meeting. Please contact any of the Board members if you'd like to nominate someone.

You are invited to our **prayer breakfast meeting** on **Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS** at 6401 Brandon Avenue, Springfield, VA 22150. 1.9 miles from the Franconia Springfield Metro station. Call Holiday Inn Express directly for shuttle info: 703.644.5555. For info go to www.cwiaholyspirit.org or call Patti 703.971.3633. Price is \$15 and includes a Buffet Breakfast and all tax/gratuities. If you wish to stay at the hotel on Friday night, the discounted rate (for the breakfast meeting) is \$89. Bring a friend. Great speakers, fellowship, praise & worship. Men and women are invited. The Lord is waiting for you! There will be a healing service afterwards.

March 19th Guest Speaker: ADOLFO MIRANDA Adolfo is husband to long-time CWIA member Maria, and together they have 5 children and 1 grandson. Educated in Construction Management, Adolfo is now President of a construction company. He worked with his hands all his life, and still does, although now in an executive capacity. When he started his business, he worked very hard and it did well the first 8 years, but suddenly the country's economy changed and business slowed. In 2012 a non-Christian consultant told him "When you pray to your God ask him for help and advice. Ask your God with your heart and he will listen and help you on your decisions." Adolfo put the company in God's hands and they succeeded. However, with this success and new-found wealth he forgot what mattered the most and who got him there. Working long hours, he dedicated no time to God. Marital and family issues followed, and he separated from his wife. One evening Maria brought him a rosary and asked him to pray. There, alone in his hotel room, he asked God to help him with his marriage and his family. After his conversion he started attending Mass with his family. He went on a pilgrimage with CWIA to Medjugorje and afterwards started praying the rosary regularly, and now puts God first every day. Yes, there have been struggles in his daily walk with God, especially when his father died, but God is his refuge and Adolfo now knows that God hears all his prayers. Come here the rest of his compelling story, and bring a friend!

Our next prayer breakfast will be Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Intercessory Prayer Meetings: Mondays, 10:30am at 5917 Bond Court, Alexandria, Virginia, 22315

Prayer Chain: For prayer, email our Prayer Chain at fraven1@verizon.net.

Columbia Trip: Our sister chapter of CWIA will be two years old on February 23rd. Stella and Susan will travel to Columbia to celebrate their anniversary, and to visit Sister Luz and the orphans and bring them food. Please keep them in your prayers for a safe trip and for a powerful ministry. Come and hear their report at the March prayer breakfast meeting.