

CWIA Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, January 25, 2014

9:00am – Noon, Holiday Inn–Eisenhower

2460 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia Phone: 703-960-3400.

Near Metro Yellow Line–Eisenhower

For more info or tickets, call Patti at (703) 971-3633.

Cost: \$15, Full Breakfast Included.

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Christian Women In Action

A Ministry to Catholics

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Our breakfast meeting will be **Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Holiday Inn – Eisenhower**. Cost: \$15. **Men are always welcome.** For info, call Patti at (703) 971-3633. Bring something for the newborns/AAA.

Guest Speaker: Mother Emily Ann Lindsey. Mother Lindsey is the Prioress of the All Saints Sisters of the Poor, a monastic diocesan community in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. A native of Washington DC, she grew up in Virginia but also claims her father's home state of Oklahoma. After graduating from Woodbridge Senior High School she attended Madison College earning a BS degree in Elementary Education with a minor in English. She accepted a full-time teaching position while earning a M.Ed. in Reading Education with a concentration in counseling. Her faith journey led her from the Southern Baptist Church in which she was raised, to the Episcopal Church, and finally to the Roman Catholic Church. Along the way, she embraced the monastic lifestyle of Episcopal Religious Community of the All Saints Sisters of the Poor, of which she is now Prioress. She has led many teaching retreats and was once reminded, "Don't treat them like 3rd graders!" Some habits die hard. She could entertain you all day with stories about bull riding and bull riders and could go on and on about pugs! Come and hear Mother's story of faith.

Our **next meeting will be Saturday, March 29, 2014.** Bring your friends and don't miss an opportunity to be blessed.

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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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I greet you in His wonderful name – Jesus Christ!

We have entered into a new year – 2014! Have we reminisced about all that we have lost and gained throughout the past year? Our desire to take stock of our lives is both necessary and understandable. It is the very Spirit of God within us, teaching us to number our days, that we may present to “God” a heart of wisdom (Ps. 90:12).

In recent days, I have been thinking a lot of a dear friend that has gone to be with the Lord. She had a true servant heart. She made sure I had whatever I needed to keep our prayer meetings and prayer breakfasts going. I could trust her with anything. She had items or money that she would bring each month and say it is time for me to get you this and that. She was an amazing sister in Christ. I miss her terribly but I am so grateful to God that I have the assurance that I will see her again in heaven.

Likewise, I am very thankful to our Father for all who have come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior this past year. Those who now have the hope of heaven as well. I think of all the people whose hearts and bodies have been healed, and have discovered the good news of salvation through Christian Women In Action. I praise God for those around the world – perhaps even someone you know – who accepted Christ through the ministry of CWIA. I am absolutely filled with joy when I consider the freedom they’ve found and all that God will do in and through them.

So who is on your mind today? I have no doubt their presence or absence affects you deeply. Are there loved ones you’re missing, or people you’ve lost or were separated from in 2013? Or perhaps you’re thinking of a new relationship that has come into your life – a new friend, family member, or someone who simply needs to experience the love of God through you!

But, as you and I contemplate how people come and go in our lives, I cannot help but be exceedingly grateful for the One who never leaves us – our constant companion, THE Holy Spirit. Not only does He comfort us in our losses and give us wisdom in relating to others, but He also accompanies us through the joys and sorrows of life in ways no one else can. How does He do so?

First, the Holy Spirit reminds us of His great and precious promises. Jesus told us, “THE Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.” (John 14:26) He is our voice of hope in every situation, reminding us that the Lord will never leave us or forsake us (Deut. 31:8.), and is faithful to fulfill His promises to us. (Isa. 55:11) No one can direct us with more wisdom or so patiently and effectively minister to our hearts day and night!

Second, the Holy Spirit reaps a harvest of righteousness in our inner person. Gal. 5:22-23 teaches, “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” These are not qualities we can produce through our own efforts; rather, HE cultivates them within us. Other people may make us feel good or cause us to react in a certain way, but only God can truly conform us to the character of Christ Jesus!

Third, the Holy Spirit refines us so that we can become all the Father created us to be (Isa. 46:9-10). THE Spirit knows exactly how to prepare us for the assignments, burdens, and blessings that are ahead in the year 2014. Therefore, we are wise when we trust His counsel and discipline above all others. Be sure to read all the Scriptures I gave you. The Holy Spirit will give us all the resources we need for the work. God will never ask us to do anything He hasn’t equipped us to do. Amen!

With My Prayers for this New Year, Your Servant In Christ Jesus,

Stella Davis