

CWIA Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, July 30, 2011, 9:00am - Noon

Holiday Inn – Eisenhower

2460 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia Phone: 703.960.3400. Near Metro Yellow Line–Eisenhower

Guest Speaker: Julia Duin

Julia is a writer for the Washington Post Sunday magazine, the Economist, and others. Baptized Episcopal, Julia met a group of evangelical Christians and committed her life to Christ at 16, later joined the charismatic movement and lived 2 years in a charismatic covenant community, and later pursued a master's degree in religion. She landed several writing jobs, including Christianity Today, a newspaper job in Florida, Houston Chronicle (religion reporter), New Mexico newspaper (city editor), and Washington Times (religion editor). She published several books, including "Quitting Church: Why the Faithful are Leaving and What to Do About It" about disenfranchised baby boomers who are leaving church, and "Days of Fire and Glory: The Rise and Fall of a Christian Community." At the age of 50, she adopted a 2-year-old girl from Kazakhstan, one of her life's better decisions. You don't want to miss this speaker!

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, July 30, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Holiday Inn – Eisenhower**. Cost: \$15. Men are welcome. Bring your friends and family. For info, call Patti at (703) 971-3633. Our next breakfast will be September 24.

Annual Conference: Mark your calendars for our annual CWIA Charismatic Conference at the Holiday Inn - Eisenhower Alexandria on October 7-9, 2011. The great Bishop Tamayo, Monsignor Brady, Sister Nancy Keller, and other wonderful speakers will be with us.

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

Intercessory Prayer Meetings: Mondays, 10:30am-1:30pm. Lunch is served. If you're staying, bring something to share. Stella: (703) 971-3633

Prayer Chain: Clara - (202) 244-7532

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Join Stella on a trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land in November. Limited spaces remaining. Registration is required with a \$100 deposit by July 2011. (First come - first served.)



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CWIA Bylaws

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.

“Love one another as I have loved you.”

My Dear Friends in Christ Jesus:

The Lord is leading me to share with you about encouraging and loving one another. Every person you know needs to be encouraged at one point or another. Everyone needs to have someone in their lives who is willing to listen to their stories and tell them they are loved.

I remember some of the most tender moments with my friend and sister in Christ, Pita Stern. We would just sit at her table or mine and just talk. She would tell me her stories and I would listen to her intently, as if I were hearing her stories for the first time. I knew that meant a great deal to her.

But, then came one of the most painful days in both our lives, when she could no longer speak or even know who I was; we could no longer say anything to each other. Although that was extremely difficult to bear, since we had been friends and coworkers for the Lord some 30 years, I was thankful we had not wasted the opportunities God had given us to express our love for one another. It gave me comfort to know we had not taken those times for granted. I was certain Pita understood how much I care for her. What about you? Is there someone in your life who needs to know how much you love him or her? Is there someone who would benefit from your kind words or listening ear? Has the Lord impressed upon your heart others to whom you should minister? If so, I encourage you to make the most of the opportunities God gave you.

Galatians 6:10 teaches, “While we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.” Meditate on these words to help you minister effectively as you show His love to one another.

Let me give you some instructions:

1. **Express your care for others verbally.** Tell them what you admire and appreciate about them. They will want to hear it.
2. **Show your affection physically with a caring hug or act of service.** You may come in contact with people who are anxious for someone to lend them a hand. Don't turn them away.
3. **Love others patiently.** It may take a long time to get through to some people with the truth of God's word. But, instead of giving up, continue to pray for them.
4. **Care for the people in your life with gratefulness.** The truth is you will find that some individuals are difficult to minister to, but ask the Father to fill you with His love for them and help you to understand their burdens.
5. **Express your affection generously.** When was the last time you gave freely to another person simply because you cared? Remember God blesses us so that we might bless others. (1 Tim. 6:18)
6. **Love others tenderly.** Be sensitive to the emotions of others, and pay careful attention to what they tell you.
7. **Always be forgiving.** When you begin to feel angry or resentful towards the people the Lord has called you to encourage, remember how many times God has forgiven you. Always show compassion.
8. **Care for others with devotion.** When you are dedicated to someone, you support and defend them when they face heartaches and difficulties. You do not abandon them when challenges or problems arise; therefore, stand by others in their time of need.
9. **Love others cheerfully.** Be sure to stay positive. Through Christ, there is always hope, regardless of the circumstances.
10. **Share your affection honorably.** Nothing blesses another person more than when you walk in the center of God's will and allow Him to work through you. He will guide you in how to best minister to those around you.

Do you know someone who needs your care and compassion today? Both Diane and I went to the hospital this morning to visit and pray for a dying woman with cancer. Her mother, from another country, showed us great love for being there for her daughter. She thanked us with tears in her eyes. That is why the Lord told me to say: Do it now! Don't wait for tomorrow – there may not be a tomorrow. He changes and enriches lives through your obedience to Him.

Prayerfully Yours,

Stella Davis