

CWIA Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, November 23, 2013, 9:00am – Noon, Holiday Inn–Eisenhower

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

Guest Speaker: Missy Smith. Marjorie Reilly Smith (Missy) is a Spirit-Filled, Born-Again, Catholic Christian and Warrior for Life. Missy, a mother of six, started her career as a floral designer and transitioned into the real estate business. She changed her pro-choice leanings after son John, born with Downs Syndrome, had a fatal heart attack as he walked with his friends at school. Then, when the news broke about the trafficking of baby body parts Missy founded W.A.K.E.U.P. She speaks to groups and at college campuses, sharing her story of being a post-abortive woman and now a champion for life. In 2010, Missy ran for Congress with the goal of running television ads of children murdered through the scourge of abortion. A federal law allows anyone on the federal ballot to run ads unedited or censored. In 2012 Missy ran for Vice President, placing 1000 ads across the US. Arrested and jailed 3 times, Missy promotes the virtues of chastity and purity which renew the sacredness of sex and bring God back into our lives, families, and relationships. Come and hear this dynamic activist.

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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Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, our breakfast date has been moved to Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn – Eisenhower. Cost: \$15. **Men are**

welcome. For info, call Patti at (703) 971-3633. Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 25, 2014. Bring something for the newborns/AAA. 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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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.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage;
yes, wait for the Lord.” Ps. 27-13-14

Why am I writing on Psalm 27-13-14? Because of what I hear and see. I want to bring some light into our hearts and minds this month. We set aside this time of the year to count our blessings; but yet, you see others enjoying the gifts you long for and wonder why God doesn't bless you, too? You may be tempted to think God doesn't love you, or that He is not interested in the problems you face. Perhaps you struggle with an affliction or responsibility that limits you, making life difficult, and you wonder why He would allow such a burden to hinder you. This is especially difficult when you're actively seeking the will of God, trying to walk in obedience, and living a life that is pleasing to Him. You may think you see an open door of opportunity, only to find it tightly closed to you. In such times, you find yourself crying out “Jesus, what happened?” “Did I do something wrong?” “Did I misunderstand you?” “This just isn't fair.”

I imagine the saints we read about felt the same way at times. For example, Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers, wrongly accused by Potiphar's wife, and imprisoned for a crime he did not commit. He must have had moments of confusion and discouragement that made him question why God would allow him to experience such profound adversity (Gen 37:39). Today, we have the benefit of knowing the Father used everything in Joseph's life to save the world from famine (Gen 41). In the end, he was able to testify, “God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive” (Gen 50:20).

Likewise, I have faced many challenges that seemed “unfair” but which were actually tools in the Lord's hand to develop my faith and help me trust Him more. Throughout my life, I've questioned “Why, Lord?” But like Joseph, the Lord used my circumstance to draw me into deeper communion with Him.

You may be feeling the effects of a difficult situation as well. I want to assure you I understand the profound pain, uncertainty, rejection, loss and even disrespect you may be experiencing. I also encourage you. The Lord has allowed this difficulty for a purpose in your life (Rom 8:28). As in Joseph's life, the Father often uses trials that seem unfair to teach us important lessons – and we will always be victorious if we trust Him and follow His direction. So how do we make sure we stay in the center of His will when all things seem to be going wrong?

1. **Remove any sinful attitude or habits.** Ask the Lord if there is any action or belief in your life that does not fit who you are as His child. If He brings something to mind, agree with Him that it is wrong “{confession}”. Remain faithful to Him in the midst of every adversity because He promises to “Make your path straight.” Prov. 5:6
2. **Persist in Prayer.** Remember, your situation is meant to deepen your relationship with the Father. Therefore, communicate with Him often. Be honest with Him, and listen for his direction. Make it your goal to know the Lord. When you do, he will certainly direct your steps, mature you spiritually, and vindicate you.
3. **Rest in God's Promises and Practice His Principles.** There is no encouragement in the world like faithfully reading the Word of God each day. Through scripture, you will be inspired and instructed by the lives of saints such as Joseph, who saw firsthand what the Lord was able to accomplish on his family's behalf, even in the most difficult and unjust situations (Rom 15:4).
4. **Be Patient.** TRUST God to work in the perfect timing. Yes, it can seem like the Father is taking a long time to help you; but remember, those who wait for the Lord will never be ashamed (Ps. 25:3). Thank God for the Good and the Bad.

I will continue to give you scripture. Please look it up and learn how God blesses you through the scripture! Have a blessed Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Your Servant In Christ Jesus,
Stella Davis

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