

DUBOIS LIGHT & LIFE CHURCH

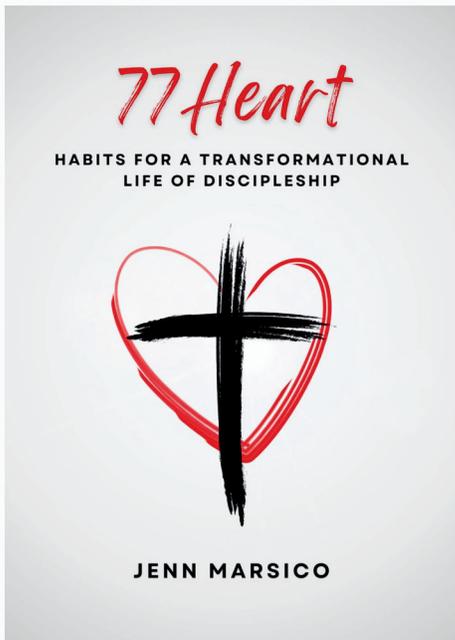
# NEWSLETTER

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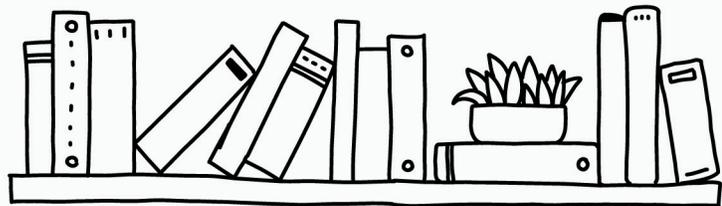


A new year and all the usual clichés apply: out with the old, in with the new; going to lose weight, clean out that old junk room; stick to my resolutions this year. After a month of celebrating His birth, and with the meaning of Christmas still fresh in our minds and hearts, rather than the same old clichés, how about we re-dedicate and recommit ourselves as not just believers, but as disciples? You don't hesitate to share your wealth at Christmas; don't hesitate to share your faith, which is worth so much more. Wishing you a new year full of faith and blessings in Jesus' Name!

- Jeanne Hoover



## Recommended Reading



**77 Heart**  
**Habits For A Transformational Life**  
**Of Discipleship**

**by: Jenn Marsico**  
**Published by: Meraki Press**

The 77Heart Life Group is dedicated to understanding and engaging spiritual disciplines TOGETHER.

This group is based on Jenn Marsico's devotional book: 77Heart. We will be meeting weekly starting Sunday, Jan 12th at 8:30am. If you're interested in joining us for "The Digital Fast" in January, see Jenn Marsico. You can join the fast or our life group at any time!

# DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



Here at Light and Life, we have an annual cookie exchange party for the women of the church! The ladies come together for dinner, silly games, fellowship, and to share two dozen of our favorite cookie recipes to swap. Every year is a blast. A huge thank you to Amy for hosting us once again this year!



For our Christmas program this year, Alanah Haag blessed us with playing two classic Christmas songs on the piano, and the Children's Church presented us with the significance of the candy cane and sang We Wish You A Merry Christmas!

Thank you to all the Children's Church workers who sacrifice their time to pour into the future generations of the church!

And finally, the elegant Jennifer Walters performed a moving and beautiful interpretive dance to "Goodness of God".



The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Our tribe came out to celebrate the birth of Jesus with worship, a beautiful message from Amy Buehrer, and singing Silent Night in candlelight.



*From members of our  
DuBois Light & Life Tribe:*

I lost my wedding band as I was getting my baby ready for the night. I sat it beside me and next thing I know, it was gone. I looked everywhere and thought it couldn't have gone far. I lifted up my pillows, and mattress, and looked underneath everything and anything I could. We searched for a good 45 minutes, we could not find it so we gave up for the night.

The next day, I prayed and asked God to help me find this ring.

I talked to my husband and we searched again and somehow, I swear by the power of God himself, we found it underneath the pillow even after searching there the night before and sleeping in the bed we found it perfectly underneath the pillow. Me and my Husband both looked at each other with such surprise, I couldn't help but just say "God is so good!" Over and over again. Could this be a coincidence? Possibly, but the God I know can do anything and that ring popped up underneath the pillow like the tooth fairy visited. Even the smallest and simplest prayers are answered. - Elissa Nelson

### God's Eyes by Elissa Nelson

**Lost and alone  
Afraid of the unknown  
I look in the mirror  
Seeing every feature**

**Messy hair, tired eyes  
But what if in His  
I was His prize**

**Freckles and pimples  
Red cheeks and teary eyes  
With Him, I will rise**

**I look in the mirror  
Seeing the other side  
The side I see  
Is His eyes**

**Scared and beat  
He looks and speaks  
Daughter you are from me**

**From the dirt  
Under the hurt comes  
Tears of grace  
Breath of faith  
Blurting out  
I am His**



## Christmas Is Heavy by Gabrielle Gamble

*Christmas is heavy.*

The older I get, the heavier Christmas feels.  
The traditions of yesteryear fade away.  
In their place comes this weight of longing for what once was.

*Christmas is heavy.*

The memories of loved ones who have passed on replay themselves stronger  
this time of year, having to navigate this season without them.  
Their presence is felt stronger, and missed even more.

*Christmas is heavy.*

The impossibilities to spend Christmas with everyone you hold dear,  
as they're spread far and wide.  
The expectations to meet as everyday life continues, with the pressures of  
work, kids, and responsibilities.

*Christmas is heavy.*

The reminder that Christmas isn't about any of this anyway,  
but about a baby born in a manger.  
Born to this world with the weight of humanity already on his infant shoulders.

*Christmas is heavy.*

The unknown that weighed on Mary and Joseph,  
to have the Son of the Most High be theirs to raise.  
A son that would save mankind from their sin.

*Christmas is heavy.*

The promise of the angels, proclaiming peace on the earth.  
A "shalom" peace - one that covers wide, like a blanket, tangibly pressing down.

*Christmas is heavy.*

The promise foretold coming to pass. Love coming down to be God With Us.  
To carry our sin on His shoulders. To bear our cross. To be human.

*Christmas was heavy for Heaven, too.*