



Sharing God's Grace

Connecting Women Through Christ

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Let's Share the Good News!



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In our theme scripture Luke 4:18, 19, Jesus tells us that because we are believers in Him, the Spirit of the Lord is upon us and we are anointed to preach the gospel to the poor. We have a three-part focus for this ministry of Celebration: Salvation, Healing and Equipping.

In the year ahead for Celebration, we are sensing the timing of the Lord to reach out with the good news to our neighbors, family members, and coworkers at our office. There are also people Jesus brings across our path. The first thought that comes to our mind is we can't speak out or, "what would people think?" We cannot be street evangelists or knock on the doors of strangers' houses. That's not what Jesus is asking of us. One of the most powerful tools of evangelism is to simply share what Jesus has done in our lives when the opportunity presents itself.

We need to be sensitive to His spirit about timing. He will nudge us when He has prepared a person's heart to hear about Jesus. A woman needs to know He took on all of her sins. All she has to do is accept that fact, ask Him for forgiveness, and then ask Him into her heart to be her Savior. When that happens, we have seen heavy weights lifted off women. The expression on their faces completely transformed from darkness to light. It is a powerful thing to see someone's life change when they accept Jesus.

The first person I prayed with to accept Jesus was my 86 year old uncle. He had always been my favorite uncle for many reasons. When I was 15, he let me drive on a country road in his new Oldsmobile. This was a real "no, no" in our family to drive before you had a license. Many years later, at a family reunion the Lord nudged me to ask my Uncle Ben if he had a relationship with Jesus. He accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior that day. This happened with the family in the next room. It had to have been the boldness and power of the Holy Spirit operating in me, because I would never have done this on my own. My uncle didn't live many more years, but now I know I will see him in heaven because of his commitment to Jesus that day.

God has plans for you to reach others for Jesus. Just tune in to the Holy Spirit who resides in you and He will "nudge" you when He has it all set up. You just have to be obedient to Him...and prepared. What a blessing to walk through an open door prepared by Him.

Celebrating Jesus,

Judy

How to Share to Receive Christ as Savior and Lord

- Share with the woman that God loves her and that Jesus Christ paid the price for her sins.
- Ask if she will admit that she is a sinner and needs Jesus to be her Savior
- Ask if she is willing to turn from her sins (repent).
- Ask if she believes that Jesus Christ died for her on the cross and rose from the grave.
- Open a Bible and have her read Romans 10:9-10.
- Explain to her that these Scriptures tell us that confession leads to salvation and that you are going to lead her in a short prayer. Ask her to repeat after you as you pray.
- Allow the Holy Spirit to guide your prayer so that she will be sure to:
 1. Acknowledge that she is a sinner (repentance)
 2. Ask the Father to cleanse her, by the blood of Jesus, from every sin she has committed-from the day she was born to this very moment.
 3. Invite Jesus to come into her heart and to be Lord of her life.
 4. Thank God for saving her soul.

Sample Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,
I know that I am a sinner and that I need your forgiveness. I believe that you died for my sins. I want to repent and turn from all of my sins. Please cleanse me of all of my sins from the day of my birth until now. I now invite You to come into my heart and my life. Please cover me with the blood of Jesus and make me clean. I want to trust and follow You as the Lord and Savior of my life. Thank You, God, for saving me and for the gift of eternal life. Amen.

- Share the assurance of salvation verses with her. John 5:24, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 John 5:12-13. Emphasize that she is saved according to God's Word, whether or not she feels any differently than she did before the prayer.
- Give lots of hugs and warmly welcome your new Sister in Christ!!!

The Power of Personal

Inviting Others to Christ Through Personal Stories

Mark 5:19



Women (and men) gathered at Celebration Women's Ministry's annual luncheon during the Trinity Conference in College Station on Friday to hear Mary Lou Reece share stories and insights from four years of Global Methodist Church travels with her husband, Bishop Scott Jones. She stated, "I can't NOT talk about Jesus. He is everywhere." As she reflected on her struggles with learning other languages, she added that a smile needs no translation. Look them in the eyes. Give them a smile or a hug. THAT is universal language. Words of wisdom from one who has witnessed and experienced the love of Jesus around the world. She was a blessing to all who attended.



Smiling Faces at Trinity Conference Continued



Invitation For You

Join us with partnering with the work Christ wants to do in the days ahead. You will make a difference in the lives of women, but also in the lives of their families.

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Your generosity truly makes a difference, and we are so thankful for each and every partner who chooses to stand with us. Thank you for being part of what Jesus is doing and for helping us continue the work He has set before us.



Date and Location Change!!

NEW DATES: April 2-3, 2027

NEW LOCATION: Sheraton North Houston

SAVE THE DATE

CELEBRATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2027

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Jesus, NAME
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*Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
Philippians 2:9*

*The Woodlands Waterway
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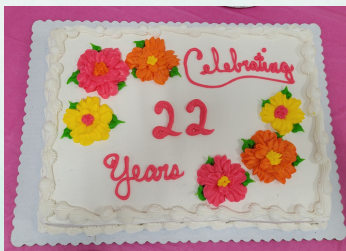


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TRINITY CELEBRATION BIRTHDAY

TRIBUTE TO BOBBIE LEDBETTER



On June 9, 2026, our Celebration Trinity Chapter celebrated twenty-two (22) years. It was originally established in 2004 by Katie Kettler and Bobbie Ledbetter. We chose a theme of "Leadership" in honor of so many godly women and leaders from Trinity and surrounding communities that have been committed to this ministry. We continue to be grateful for the support of our host church, First Methodist Church of Trinity. We were truly inspired by our three speakers and videos from Judy Graham, and previous leaders, Sue Cole, Bobbie Ledbetter, and Sandy White. Over the years, we have witnessed amazing spiritual growth resulting from our fellowship, worship, prayer, mentoring, discipling, teachings, and various testimonies from so many Speakers and Sisters! We have also had the privilege of attending multiple National Conferences, where we have always been inspired, challenged, and equipped!



Our 2026 Celebration Board Members:

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Our beloved Bobbie Jean Ledbetter, passed into glory on May 26th, only six (6) days after her 92nd birthday. She is survived by her beloved "Jimmy", married for 73 years, and a loving family, all reflected in her obituary posted on the Waller Thornton Funeral Home website. Bobbie's unwavering devotion and dedication to our Celebration Trinity Chapter, having served in many leadership capacities, inspired and motivated all of us. We will miss her smile, her quiet resolve, her encouraging words, and her overall zeal and passion regarding her desire to serve in Celebration and her home church as well.





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CELEBRATION CALENDAR

August

15 Ninety Six SC Chapter Meeting
9:30 am | Cambridge Methodist Church
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September

8 Trinity, TX Chapter Meeting
6:00 pm | First Methodist Church of Trinity
Contact Yvonne Hastings at yvlaw@hotmail.com

12 Ninety Six SC Chapter Meeting
9:30 am | Cambridge Methodist Church
Contact Sarah Deal at 864-992-0215

26 Nederland, TX Chapter Meeting
9:30 - 11:30 am | Wesley Methodist Church,
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October



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