

the Will

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Mark Your Calendar

Service Time: 10AM

3.4

Communion Sunday

3.25

Palm Sunday

3.30

Good Friday

Happy Birthday to those born in March!

Join us for a trip to Sight and Sound. See Sis. Jeania for more info.

Interested in becoming a member? Please see Sis. Vanessa Hawkins!

Spring-clean Your Mind by Jennifer Jones

Spring is here... although someone forgot to tell the weathermen. I don't know about you, but where I live, I still need to use my fireplace at night.

Nevertheless, according to the calendar, it's spring. Time to open up the house and let the sunshine in. Grab a few dozen trash bags, go through all the closets and the attic, and throw away everything that has cluttered up the house.

I decided this spring I needed to clear the junk out of my head first. Only a few months into the New Year, and I already had too much on my mind.

I still had a lot of questions built up from last year. God, why did this happen? Why did I pray for this, and it still fell apart? Why, God, why? The questions were piling up, and no answers were in sight to help with the mess.

I can be the ultimate pity party planner. Just give me one problem, and I'll sulk on it all day.

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Spring-clean Your Mind

I could feel myself going there one morning and suddenly realized I needed to get with it. Thankfully, God sent me a gentle reminder that He was more than willing to help.

The same day I got on the elevator with a heavy-set woman who had a medical boot on her leg. Thinking that she's probably been asked a thousand times what happened, I instead asked, "Is it easy to walk in that thing?"

I fully expected her to start complaining about how painful and difficult it was with this contraption strapped to her leg. However, she looked up at me and said matter-of-factly, "No, it's quite easy. I've had this on for about a year." Then, she explained to me how she's had surgery on that foot many times, and it didn't really bother her.

I know it sounds superficial but the first thought I had as I walked away was, A whole year not being able to walk on your right foot. No fun shoes. Wobbling all the time... I truly felt sorry for her. Yet, while it made me sad, she seemed perfectly fine with it.

Walking down the long hallway to my office, the situation started unraveling in my head. Here I was with the imaginary world on my shoulders, yet I was walking on both feet with breath in my lungs towards a job that I enjoy.

I started to pray, "God, I gotta get rid of this annoying habit of feeling sorry for myself when the most miniscule thing goes wrong in my day. I mean, I have so much to be thankful for, I should be skipping to work every day. But how do I do this? Where do I begin?"

I must admit that I am the queen of unfinished projects. I'm a great starter. Following through is a different story. Cleaning out the pesky demons of jealousy, ungratefulness, and general pessimism would not be easy. I wondered, How do I start cherishing my life?

I was being rhetorical, but as I turned the key to my office door, I heard that still small voice say, "You can start with every moment."

I had to pause and laugh at myself. Of course! The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step, as does any big spring-cleaning job. If I could take every moment and enjoy it to its fullest, letting tomorrow take care of itself, in no time I would look back on a life of laughter and love.

So I sat at my desk, turned on some cool jazz, and let a smile creep across my face as I began the work I so enjoy. The day looked better already.

I can't say that I completely understand how or why my life got so cluttered, but at least I know how to clean it up. And it may never be finished but as God continues to perfect the work He started, I can at least enjoy the process.

REMINDER:

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Member's Corner



Branch of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy watching and reading books involving crime and legal cases. I also love to eat good food.

What have you found most rewarding about being a member of GWCC?

Being able to worship with my family and close friends is the most rewarding part of attending GWCC.

What advice would you give a new Christian?

I would encourage them to fully understand God's love, grace and mercy. If a new Christian has a full understanding of these things and focuses on receiving these gifts, it makes it difficult for the enemy to challenge their position in Christ. If you know who you are in Christ, you can do all things through Him.

Who introduced you to Christ?

I was raised in a Christian household. We attended church and bible study every week. My father introduced me to the Lord.

What do you do for a living?

I am the Acting Associate General Counsel for the Ethics

Recipe Corner: Intense Chocolate Mousse Cake

INGREDIENTS

- 10 ounces bittersweet chocolate
- 9 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 6 large eggs, room temperature and separated
- Pinch of salt
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons brandy
- 1 teaspoon confectioners' sugar

DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Position the oven rack in lower center of the oven. Cover the outside of a 9-inch springform pan with a double layer of foil. Using a microwave oven or double boiler, melt together chocolate and butter; set aside to cool slightly.

In a bowl, whisk together egg yolks and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar until pale, frothy and increased in volume. Whisk in brandy, then fold in chocolate mixture. Place a kettle of water over heat, and bring it to a boil. Using an electric mixer, whisk egg whites and salt until thick. Add remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar, and continue to whisk until stiff and shiny but not dry.

Fold about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup whisked egg whites into the chocolate mixture to lighten it. Gently fold in remaining whites, being careful not to let the mixture deflate. Pour mixture into lightly-buttered springform pan, and place pan in a roasting pan. Add boiling water to roasting pan to come halfway up side of springform pan. Bake for 45 minutes; top of cake will be hard and inside will be gooey.

Remove cake pan from water, and place on a rack to cool completely. Unwrap foil and remove side of springform pan. Place cake on a serving platter. Just before serving, dust top with confectioners' sugar passed through a sieve.

Our Daily Bread

Spiders. I don't know any kid who likes them. At least not in their rooms . . . at bedtime. But as she was getting ready for bed, my daughter spied one dangerously close to her bed. "Daaaad!!!! Spiiderrr!!!!!" she hollered. Despite my determination, I couldn't find the eight-legged interloper. "He's not going to hurt you," I reassured her. She wasn't convinced. It wasn't until I told her I'd stay next to her top bunk and stand guard that she agreed to get in bed.

As my daughter settled in, I held her hand. I told her, "I love you so much. I'm right here. But you know what? God loves you even more than Daddy and Mommy. And He's very close. You can always pray to Him when you're scared." That seemed to comfort her, and peaceful sleep came quickly.

Scripture repeatedly reassures us God is always near (Psalm 145:18; Romans 8:38–39; James 4:7–8), but sometimes we struggle to believe it. Perhaps that's why Paul prayed for the believers in Ephesus to have strength and power to grasp that truth (Ephesians 3:16). He knew that when we're frightened, we can lose track of God's proximity. But just as I lovingly held my daughter as she went to sleep that night, so our loving heavenly Father is always as close to us as a prayer.

Lord, thank You for always being close by. Please give us strength and power in our hearts to remember You are near, You love us deeply, and we can always call out to You.

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being.
Ephesians 3:16

Weekly Activities

Morning Prayer Conference Call

Daily 7:00AM

Weekly Bible Study Conference Call

Wednesday 7:00-8:00p

Men's Bible Study Conference Call

Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm

Conference Number:

712-775-7031 Access Code: 443-268-839

Women's Bible Study Conference Call

Monday 7:30-8:30pm

857-232-0158 Access Code 262390