

# The Pillar

DVPCA WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

## *The Joy of Unity: Standing together in Christ*

This year's theme for the DVPC Women's Ministry is **The Joy of Unity: Standing together in Christ.**

Our focal verse comes from Philippians 2:2- *"make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose..."*

What better way to focus on standing together than by studying the book of Joshua. Here we see a time in Israel's history when standing together with other like minded people was absolutely detrimental to their survival. One writer says there are at least two lessons we can learn from the book of Joshua: 1st, never to make any compromises with sin. Just as Joshua was called to fight a physical battle for every square inch of the Promised Land, we are called to fight a spiritual battle for every square inch of our souls. 2nd, there is a place for every one of God's children in the everlasting kingdom of God. Just as God gave a special piece of the Promised Land to every Israelite, He is preparing a special place for us in heaven.

Please join ONE of the FOUR Circle Bible Studies being offered as we start this new study.

And be thankful that we don't have to do this adventure called Life on our own! :)

### Ways to be a part of missionaries we support:

\*Send regular emails or cards to them. They may not always reply back, but it encourages them greatly to know they are remembered.

\*Pray faithfully for God to bless their ministry, marriage, child rearing, decision making, financial needs, health, spiritual growth, fellowship with other believers, and physical strength. Keep a picture of them on your fridge or desk as a reminder.

\*Give faithfully of your tithes to the local church- part of this is used to support the work of these missionaries.

\*Ask God for an opportunity to visit a missionary in person: to be extra hands for a specific project, or just a means of encouragement for a time.

**\*There are many "fruitful" things happening in the life of our church! Be on the lookout for your sister leader to contact you with ways you can serve the Body!**



- \*West Africa Partnership-churches
- \*Frank & Cindy S- WARM
- \*Alex & Suzanne Sarran-Lyon, France
- \*Rostislav & Irene Bilosevitch-Ukraine
- \*Sam & Elizabeth Goodwin, Germany
- \*Harold & Sarah Schepian-Philadelphia
- \*Benjamin & Anna Wondrop-England
- \*Heath McLaughen-RUF, VaTech
- \*Matt Lamos-Belgium

## TESTIMONY CORNER: CORRIE SAUFLEY

A few months ago I graduated high school and realized I was going to college. While I was excited to start the next season of my life, I was also extremely anxious about actually taking that first step. All through high school, I had over-glorified college and made it out to be this huge thing that would be impossible to do. If I had just stepped back and breathed, I would have realized that God was holding my hand the entire way, and had prepared me for this. But instead, I was a stressed-out ball of anxiety. I got zero sleep, cried more than I've cried since I was a baby, and questioned whether I even wanted to go to college.

But one day, when I was talking to my mom about all my frustrations and stress, she pointed out that I needed to confide my worries to Jesus and stop trying to do it by myself. Matthew 6:25-34 talks about how even the birds and flowers do not worry because they are taken care of by their creator. Who am I to stress about a small thing like this when he has guided me so far through all the trials of life? I began to talk to God, asking him to show me how to not worry, instead of just saying that I already knew.

The biggest struggle I have had to go through with fixing this worrying problem was thinking that I knew the answers. Just going through the routines of saying that I knew who my God was, I knew that I was saved, and I knew that I didn't need to worry because God knew exactly what I needed when I needed it. I was going through the motions, not being committed, heart and soul. After mom had helped me identify my dilemma, I began to open my eyes to how much more wonder there is to a God like ours. I felt a whole lot better when I started to trust him with my day-to-day conflicts, good and bad. I am so thankful that I am blessed with faith like this, that even though I still worry, I know that I am under my Creator's wings, and am greatly loved.

