

Drawing from the Well

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“The Reason We Serve”

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“A flight attendant one day wanted to go on a trip and she received a seat that was available in first class. At no cost to her, she was able to fly to Europe. An emergency occurred on the airplane that made it so that they were in need of another flight attendant. She raised her hand and let them know she was a flight attendant, and even though she was on vacation taking a trip to Europe, she would be glad to serve as the additional help that was needed. She was not serving to get to Europe; that had already been taken care of. It was part of the package of being a flight attendant for the airline. But she had no problem

serving on the airplane either, because she was just so grateful for the benefit to be able to ride to Europe at no cost to her. That service was a joy and not a complaint.

It is unfortunate today that many people are serving Christ in order to earn brownie points to make sure they're save, rather than serving Christ out of the overwhelming joy of the free ride. God wants your service not as validation for your salvation. He wants your service out of your joy for the assurance of your salvation.”

We need to continue our service out of a joyful assurance of our salvation —glorifying our God!!

Story taken from Tony Evans' Book of Illustrations

On behalf of the outgoing Woman's Auxiliary Committee, we would like to thank the Wake Missionary Baptist Church Association for the opportunity to have served!

Do You Know What's Happening In the Woman's Auxiliary?

ShoeBox Recycling

The **Woman's Auxiliary** would like to thank each and everyone of you for your generous donations of shoes since the initiation of this ministry. The Woman's Auxiliary has raised \$456.00 to date for the Children's Home in Oxford and foot ware for individuals around the globe. The "Soles for Souls" ministry collected gently used shoes for men, women and children all over the globe. We've shipped them to individuals around the world through the Community Shoe Recycling Program. Due to your tireless efforts, we were able to make this donation to the Children's Home to address some of the needs of the children. We continue to ask for your donations!! We ask that you donate your gently used men, women and children's shoes for this worthy cause!



Potatoes, Eggs and Coffee Beans

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed. Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing. After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked, "Daughter, what do you see?" "Potatoes, eggs, and coffee," she hastily replied. "Look closer," he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face. "Father, what does this mean?" she asked. He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity— the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently. The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak. The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard. However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new. "Which are you," he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?" "Moral: In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is what happens within us. Which one are you?"

Author's Corner-Spotlight Book Review

Book Review

Stronger: How Hard Times Reveal God's Greatest Power
by Clayton King

I would like to say that this was an easy read, but in honesty, I cannot. That which the author chronicles in this book is so profound, I would read and then put it to the side for days at the time. Please do not misunderstand, it is well worth the read. And of course, a book that I recommend.

As I looked at some arbitrary show one morning, Clayton King was promoting his book. I do not remember the show but I remember the pain I was experiencing at the time and thought God could use words given to this man of God to help me. And that is exactly what happened.

Stronger seemingly was written with me in mind. Now I know that seems ludicrous since I only heard of the author that day. And though the author wrote over and over about the loss of several love ones that brought him closer to who God wanted him to be, his words spoke to my circumstance. I didn't lose nine love ones in less than twelve years, but I did recognize more intensely that I must put my trust in God and not in man.

Throughout the book, King explains how being weak directs us to God. No matter what the situation, when a believer has little strength he is more apt to depend and look to our strong God. He describes a greater purpose of weakness is to experience an intimacy in our relationship with God that we would not know any other way. He shares that weakness does not make us need God and others more, it makes us aware of the need that is already there.

King reminds us that God leverages hard times for the sake of our humility for our growth and

development as a disciple. He shares that the protection of God is not what gives hope but instead the presence of God that provides protection. God does not promise a free pass from hard times; He promises His presence. His presence is the most powerful kind of protection we could ever have.

I loved the way he defined faith as, not the absence of fear but, moving forth in the face of fear. And his definition of worship is placing all your attention and affection on God. That we must worship not around our pain but in and through our pain is worth repeating. Another quotable is there is no future in the past but there is grace when we press on to what lies ahead.

When King wrote that our experience transforms us and that transformation has more to do with what happens in our hearts that in our heads gave some explanation to the pain I endured. God uses our hard times and scars to prepare us to be used in the lives of others in order to help them through their hard times.

His statement that God uses our struggles to allow us to experience him in ways we never have before adds to my hope. Since I want to experience God in every way that He would have me to, I can thank Him for the moments of pain he has allowed me to endure.

Now maybe this review seems rambled; and it seems somewhat that way to me as well. I hope the bits that are shared are enough for you to want to delve in for yourself.

Submitted by Minister Amelia Dewberry



Community Events

Zebulon First Baptist's Mind, Body and Spirit Health and Wellness Fair

September 10,
2016

9:00 am-4:00 pm

Speakers on various health topics

Flu shots available with insurance card

Exercise workout

Information on SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program)

Informational flyers for Elder Help

Games for all ages

Lunch provided

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Wake Missionary Baptist's Woman's Auxiliary

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly
above all that we ask or think, according to the power
that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ
Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen
Ephesians 3:20-21*

*If you would like to have an electronic subscription to the Wake
Missionary Baptist Association's Woman's Auxiliary quarterly
newsletter, then feel free to contact us at ejsnelling@bellsouth.net to
be added to our subscription email list.*

*If you have information, whether, inspirational or informational
that you would like to share with the women of the Association,
contact the above email and we will include your timely submission.*

We thank you in advance for your support and continued prayers.

*The Woman's Auxiliary of the Wake Missionary Baptist Associ-
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Community News

First Baptist Church of Holly Springs
208 Grigsby Avenue, P.O. Box 181 Holly Springs, NC
Reverend Michael D. Rogers, Pastor

2016 Annual Women's Day Celebration
Saturday August 27 & Sunday August 28
"A Do Right Woman"
It's Time For A Change In Me,
(The Anointing Does Make The Difference)

Prayer Conference
Saturday August 27
9:30am 1:00pm
Carey C. Jones Community Building
309 Holleman St, Apex, NC 27502
Guest Speaker:
Evangelist Betty Washington



R.S.V.P. By August 13
Registration 9:00am - 9:30am
Registration Fee - First Baptist Women \$25.00. Guest Men and Women \$15.00
Drawing will be held for Gift Baskets. Purchase GB tickets from Women of F.B.

Annual Women's Day Celebration
208 Grigsby Avenue, Holly Springs, NC 27540
Sunday August 28, 2016

10:45am Morning Worship Service Guest Speaker Evangelist Dr. Hattie Lofton	3:00pm Join us for an afternoon of Praise and Worship
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WMBA's Annual Session

Saturday, August 20, 2016

9:00 am

Saint Augusta Missionary Baptist Church
605 Bridge Street
Fuquay Varina, North Carolina
Breakfast provided at 8:00 am

Zebulon First Baptist

Host MOVIE NIGHT

Every second Friday Night @ 7:00pm
Church Fellowship Hall

11th Annual Al Fullwood Biblical Preaching Conference

Riley Hill Baptist Church

6101 Riley Hill Road

Wendell, North Carolina

August 20, 2016 (8:00 am-2:30 pm)

***Pre-registration for the Annual Women's Conference at First Baptist Holly Springs and the 11th Annual Alfonza Fullwood Biblical Preaching Conference has ended. **However**, registration can be completed at the door—day of event.