

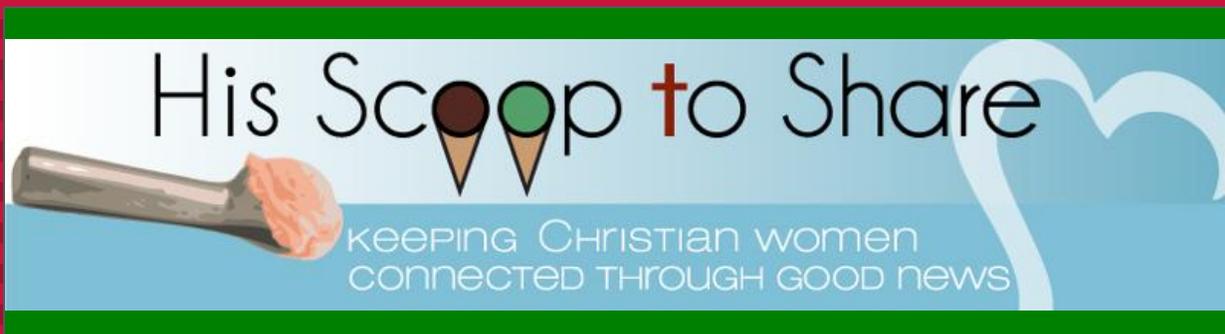
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Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel praising God and saying...

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:14



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Greetings in the name of the Lord!

Did you ever consider that God gives you or asks you to do something because you are highly favored? Our flesh may be saying, "NO" God, yet His spirit within us is telling us: *"This is my will for you to do my child...do not fret for I will help you."* God certainly asked a lot of Mary as a young girl. She must have had dreams about marriage and family and they most likely didn't include having a child that was God's son, conceived by His Holy Spirit! She faced shame in the public eye. Nevertheless, Mary accepted the angels words as the truth and with no complaining. Wow! If I don't complain outwardly, I know at times, my inner thoughts can be otherwise.

Being chosen by God to serve Him is a privilege and a sacrifice. He won't always ask us to do something we would like to do but rather what He wants us to do. He will walk by your side, equip you and give you direction when you ask for His guidance and help. This doesn't mean that it will easy. A recipe without God as the main ingredient can turn into a burnt up offering, not likely tasting as wonderful. I believe the struggle of the task, the project or the ministry He calls us to do, can bring the most blessing to your heart as it will produce the eternal fruit which God had always intended, for His Glory.

This Christmas season, let's reflect on how God has brought us blessings this past year...because of your obedience to do your Father's will. Think of just three blessings that God gifted you and thank Him. My triple scoop that first enters my mind are:

1. Traveling to a 3rd world country to love on Haitian babies.
Traveling to Iowa to care for my aging father.

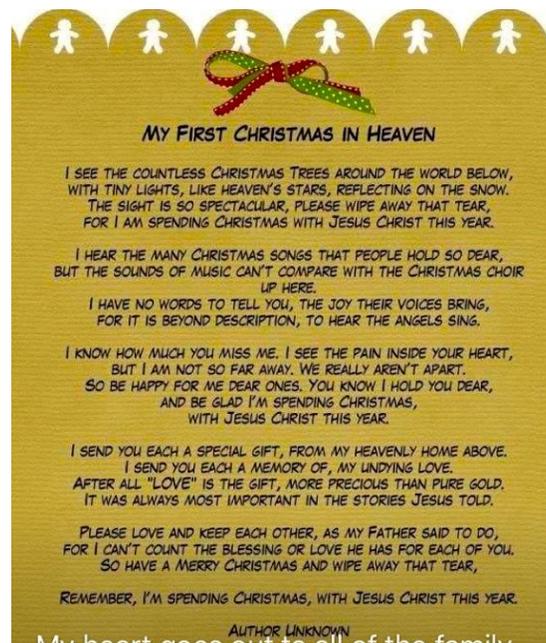
- Gift:** God showed up...LOVE in action, very humbling.
2. Learning a new skill or two (in an area that is not my natural gift).
Gift: The abilities given to serve someone and a family I dearly love.
3. Leading Bible studies...one to experience God's presence more deeply and the other to magnify God and mature His people.
Gift: Sharing God with other women, gaining eternal treasures.

What may He be asking of you in the New Year? He loves to hear a heart say "Yes" before we understand all the details. It most likely will upset our own plans but His plans are always bigger, better and filled with an adventure more than we can grasp. Like Mary, she trusted and accepted the impossible, simply because it was God's word. I want to respond like Mary did...how will you respond when His message to you is clear?

by Becki Brown

"Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished. And Mary said: My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed..."

Luke 1:45-48





A TRIPLE SCOOP OF HIS WORD...

*"Jesus said, I am the **Light** of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the **light** of life."*

John 8:12

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a *light* on my path."

Psalm 119:105

"In the same way, let your *light* shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven."

Matthew 5:16



**Hear it from the LET gals...Let Go & Let God
Louise, Ethel & Thelma
bring you this month's flavor**

Jesus' light leads to true life through faith in Him.



We are surrounded by the lights of the Christmas season...Oh what a wonderful time of year, when we focus on our one truest and pure light...which is Jesus. John 1:4-5 says: *In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in*

the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. God the Father has made him known to mankind. He came to earth as a helpless baby, performed miracle after miracle as He taught his disciples; He was crucified, buried and resurrected. His Light is yet another gift given to those who believe and follow Jesus so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, lights may shine for others to see...that our God is alive and well.

There were wise men led by the light of a star to go and worship baby Jesus...born to be our Savior and friend in all of our joys and trials. He is love and His gospel is peace. He set us free from bondage of sin and the only one who holds the power to forgive. He is the light, the truth and the way to know and live with the Father forever. To ground our lives in Jesus' truth gives the believer freedom to live the way God intended--purposefully and increasingly like the Lord Jesus lived and loved...maturing us into the likeness of Christ as we spend time with Him.

So let's think of all the Christmas lights you come to see this week as each one representing a believer. Or...they could even represent non-believers. What Glory for God it will be... when the next person BELIEVES! There are many kinds of lights that serve a purpose in our lives. His light exposes, reflects, illuminates and it can increasingly become brighter. It may flicker or dance as we gaze at a candle, which may hold a deeper meaning for us this Christmas. Be still one night this week beside your lighted candle and take the time to ponder and pray... allowing it to reveal what God wants you to know. Remembering...His light always displays Holiness, Truth and Splendor.

Christ is the Lord! He will reign forever and we shall ever praise Him for His power and glory evermore proclaim. **Merry Christmas to you all!** May your Christmas night be divine and your New Year be full of His Goodness.

Love,
Becki B. Brown



SAVE THE DATE...

**February 7, 2017 (Tues. nights at Calvary Tracy-
6:45 pm)**

or

**February 9, 2017 (Thurs. mornings at St. Paul's-
9:00 am)**

For New Year "His Scoop Study"



HSS Leaders are reviewing and praying over what our next study will be. Send us a note to let us know you are planning to come. We will let you know what the study is in the January eNewsletter issue.

For Thursday, contact: Gina Wright at sewwright@sbcglobal.net or Becky Kent at becky.kent71@gmail.com.

For Tuesday evening study contact Nina Stevenson at nisteven2@yahoo.com or Lyssa Ramirez at lyssaramirez5@yahoo.com.

OTHER NEW YEAR DATES:

SMI Board Meeting- January 26, 2017

Leaders Retreat- February 4, 2017

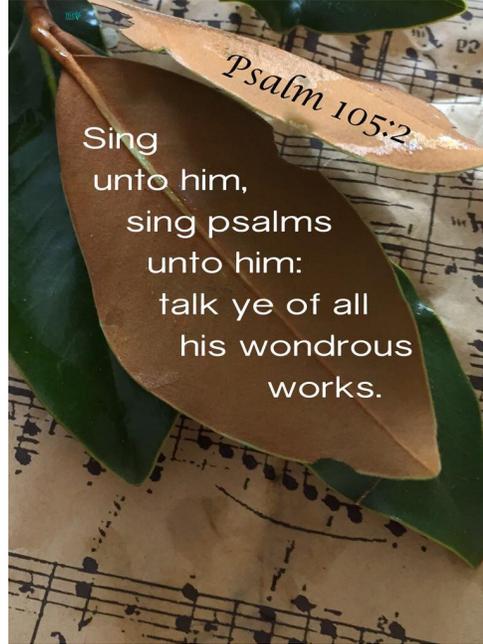
10TH Annual Scoop Conference Planning: (Feb thru Aug)

Conference scheduled for

Saturday, August 26th, 2017 at St. Paul's

It's not too early to start praying about who you can INVITE!!

A Taste to See, Hear & Do... to stay connected...



Sing
unto him,
sing psalms
unto him:
talk ye of all
his wondrous
works.

- 1. Describe what kind of light you will be for Jesus this week?**
- 2. Is there any darkness you need to surrender to the light? and if so...surrender it to Jesus now.**
- 3. Think of the last time you shared Jesus...pray for an opportunity to share Him. Pray for a closed mind to be opened to receive the light or for discernment of when and how to share your story with someone who may not be saved. God desires to use you to plant the seed...He will water it.**

MEMORY VERSE FOR DECEMBER

***"THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION--
WHOM SHALL I FEAR? THE LORD IS THE
STRONGHOLD OF MY LIFE-- OF WHOM SHALL I BE
AFRAID?"***

PSALMS 27:1

The Grant application Process for "Flavors of Hope" Program

The Flavors of Hope program provides financial support to local women who may be in a short-term crisis. All completed SMI grant applications must be submitted to and reviewed by the staff at Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin (CPFSJ), before SMI will consider the application. A recommendation must come from CPFSJ staff before the SMI board votes to approve or not approve a grant. CPFSJ staff will first inform applicants of other resources to help them get out of their crisis, before recommending them to be a candidate for a SMI grant.

Applicants recommended to be approved for a SMI grant must show efforts on their part, in recovering from their crisis. The SMI board prayerfully considers the circumstance of each applicant before awarding a grant.

SMI will review all applications in the order that they are received and grants will be awarded given the funds are available. Only one grant will be given to any one person in a calendar year, and no more than (2) grants given to any one person and/or household.

Office location of CPFSJ

Tracy Family Resource Center Healthy Connections
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