

# EBENEZER WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

## AUGUST 2018

Dear Friends,

I cannot believe that summer is almost over! How do you feel as you anticipate a coming season of new or old commitments, challenges, routines, changes...fearful, anxious, worried? As women, I think we all experience fear in various forms throughout the year. We worry about our health or the health of our loved ones; we fear failure at work or home or (yikes!) what if our kids experience failure?? We feel anxious about unknowns, and we struggle in our walk with the Lord.

Whatever your fear, worry or anxiety (big or small, life-changing or not), I want to encourage you with a verse I have re-discovered this summer: "In ALL circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish ALL the flaming darts of the evil one" (Eph. 6:16). As women, I think these "flaming darts" are most often the everyday fears, worries and anxieties that consume our thoughts. I think many of these thoughts begin with, "but what if...?" These arrows target our weaknesses where we are already tempted to doubt God's Word, question His goodness, forget His promises, exalt ourselves, control outcomes or hold on to our guilt.

As Satan throws these darts, picture yourself holding up the faith shield and deflecting them with a truth from God's Word. Try Psalm 56:3, "When I am afraid, I will trust in you." Add specific verses to your arsenal that address YOUR fears and anxieties which are different for each of us. Put your trust in the One whose "faithfulness is a shield and buckler" (Psalm 91:4).

Faith is a weapon that God supplies us with daily, and we don't need a concealed carry permit to use it. We can brandish the faith shield as we experience a multitude of mundane, extraordinary or seemingly impossible tasks, extinguishing Satan's arrows as we preach to ourselves the promises from God's Word that disarm our fears.

Praying for you as you fight fear in all its worried and anxious forms,

~Molly Baker, WM 2018 President

"Do not fear, for I am with you;  
Do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."  
Isaiah 41:10

**AUGUST CIRCLE OFFERING WILL GO TO BONCLARKEN.**



## **E V E N T S**

~Many circles are resuming this month. Check with your circle chair or Bible leader, so you don't miss out!

~Ladies Bible Study resumes the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of August, 8/28/18, and will meet at 10:00 in Room 10 in the gym.

~Next WM Board Meeting is Sunday August 26 in Room 2 of the gym. We would love to have you join us!

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### **FOR THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS...**

- Ann Graham Lotz Prayer Conference on Saturday, September 15, 9-12:30 @Winthrop Coliseum. Tickets are \$10 and are available at [www.seekingGodofYorkcounty.org](http://www.seekingGodofYorkcounty.org) or contact Fran Cope at [mcope@me.com](mailto:mcope@me.com) if interested.
- Our Ebenezer Communion Season will be October 19-21 with Dr. John Currid from Reformed Theological Seminary as our speaker.
- Our Women's Ministries Annual Christmas Brunch will be on Saturday, December 8!