

# Ebenezer Women's Ministry

February, 2019

Dear Ladies of Ebenezer,

February is here and football season is nearly over. That is sure to make some happy and some anticipate August! As with every football season, there were some great wins and disappointing defeats. During this past season there were two specific games that stood out to me because of the reaction of key figures in the game. The key figures being a head Coach in one game and the kicker in the other game. The Coach won a national championship and he thanked God immediately on national television. His praise and acknowledgment of God was a beautiful display of giving God the glory for his team's victory. In the other game, the kicker missed a field goal that would have advanced his team to a divisional championship game. He pointed heavenward and joined the other players at the center of the field for prayer. The kickers praise of God was also a beautiful display of giving God the glory, even in defeat. Both of these gentlemen reminded me of Psalm 34:1, I will bless the LORD at all times, his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

During separate interviews of the Coach and kicker, one said "football is important to me but it's not my life" and the other said "football is what I do, it's not who I am". Their interviews reflected the humble confidence of a life in Christ. They encourage us to continue to view all victories and defeats, successes and failures, triumphs and tragedies according to who God is. His steadfast love endures forever, and he hears our prayer asking him to make known his ways and teach us his paths, to lead us in his truth. (Ps 25) Please join me in praying that God would remind us to give Him the glory for all of the big or little victories and defeats in this life. For we have the hope of Christ Jesus in us until the day of salvation! (1Pet 1:3-5) Not to us O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness. (Ps 115:1)

Soli Deo Gloria  
Stephanie Friel,  
2019 WM President



The February Circle offering goes to the Retired Missionary Fund

## Psalm 145 Great is the Lord

<sup>1</sup>I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. <sup>2</sup>Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. <sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup>One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

<sup>5</sup>On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. <sup>6</sup>They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

<sup>7</sup>They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup>The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! <sup>11</sup>They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, <sup>12</sup>to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

[The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.] <sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. <sup>15</sup>The eyes of all look to you, and you them their food in due season. <sup>16</sup>You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. <sup>17</sup>The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. <sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. <sup>19</sup>He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. <sup>20</sup>The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

<sup>21</sup>My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

### Upcoming calendar items



Catawba Presbyterial Retreat - Bonclarken - February 22-23

Next WM Board meeting is March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 in BAB #2

Ebenezer Missions Conference - March 6th

Marriage Conference at Ebenezer - March 29-30