

Ebenezer Women's Ministry

March, 2019

Dear Ladies of Ebenezer,

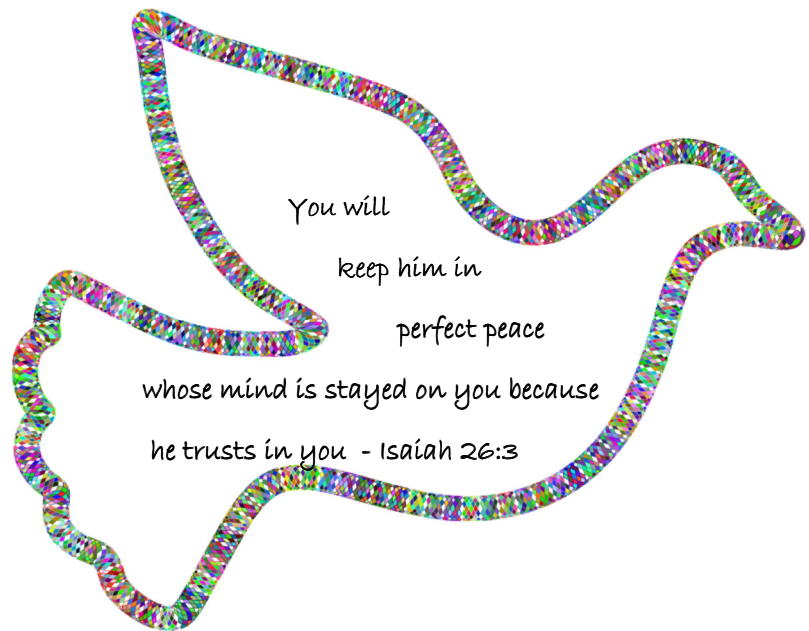
All of God's creation seems to sing His praises even louder during Spring. It is a time of joyous renewal and growth. However, it is also one of the busiest for me due to work deadlines. Busy seasons can cause us to be more susceptible to anxiety and fear. When there are moments of anxiety and fearfulness the Holy Spirit is quick to convict me to repentance and prayer, and tells me to "cast all my anxieties on him... stand firm in the faith" and remember he himself will restore me, make me strong, firm and steadfast (1 Peter 5:7-10). Psalm 46:10 says "Be still and know that I am God". Jesus tells us "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" John 14:27. In Luke 10 Jesus reminds us of God's care for the ravens and we are of even more value to Him! He remembers we are dust and in a daily battle with the flesh, the world and the devil. Our Gracious Father has provided so many ways to combat these enemies. The Father is our Helper, the Holy Spirit our Counselor and Jesus our Advocate. Prayer and His Word are the daily nutrients that strengthen us against lies that we might otherwise believe. Godly friends are placed in our lives to encourage us along the way. Our Emmanuel generously bestows help for our every need.

He will give us peace that surpasses all understanding when we pray with thanksgiving and make our needs known to Him (Phil 4:6-7). Peace first comes as a result of Christ's saving work for us. It is an eternal peace because we are reconciled to the Father through the Son. It is also an internal comfort nurtured by a close relationship with Him. As sinners, we will be fearful again but the Lord will be with us because He said so. The Holy Spirit is refining the fruit of peace in us throughout all our trials. God has commanded us "Be strong and courageous. Do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Jos 1:9. We have a great High Priest constantly interceding for us; therefore, we have confidence to draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need (Heb 4:16). How encouraging to know His truth and promises! Praying that in times of anxiety and fear, you will turn to God and he will lavish His perfect peace to you always.

Love to you,
Stephanie Friel
2019 WM President

Mark your Calendar!!

- March 6, 8 and 9th - Missions Conference "A Matter of the Heart"
3/6 @ 5:30 - catered meal and speaker
3/8 @ 6:00 - free catered meal, Kingdom Kids choir
Becky Donovan, Speaker
3/9 @ 6:00 - Movie: Tortured for Christ
*Nursery provided for each event
3/10 - Sam Cotton preaching, no evening worship



- March 29 & 30th - Marriage Conference at Ebenezer
Register by March 27th @ ebenezerarp.org/registration-forms/marriage-conference
- April 18th - Maudy Thursday
- April 21st - Easter Sunday
- May 18th Catawba WM Meet and Greet @ Neely's Creek ARP