

**WIT**

A Women's Church Ministry  
First Baptist Belleview, FL

Our goal: Helping women reach beyond their circumstances by discovering strength through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

**WIT MINISTRIES**

1. JAIL MINISTRY
2. CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL
3. WORDS OF HOPE JAIL PEN PAL MINISTRY
4. TRANSITIONAL HOME
5. RECOVERY PROGRAM
6. LIFE SKILLS CLASSES
7. WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY

CHURCH SERVICES  
10:45 AM & 6:30 PM  
WIT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:30 - 10:40 AM

MONDAY

LIFE SKILLS CLASSES 7 - 8:30 PM

TUESDAY

CHRISTIAN 12-STEP RECOVERY  
Sunday School Room 17 6:30-7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER  
6:30 - 7:30 PM

THURSDAY

WIT HOME BIBLE STUDY 7 - 8:30 PM

**WIT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

DIRECTOR: Dee Hillman  
Director Emeritus: Ann Kuefner

**SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM:**

Kathy Andriola, Mona Ballard,  
Lori Cantor, Moggie Dobbs,  
Diana Hite, Terrie Hudson,  
Laura Jolley, Rosie Lacrone,  
Colleen Malito, Vinelle Miller,  
Sylvia Pope, Brenda Seaman,  
Georgia Seaman, Sunny Sifford,  
Minerva Toothman, Bette Troike,  
Pam Viland

**"What does it mean to be a stumbling block to someone else?"**

In the midst of a series of laws regulating the treatment of others, we find "Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD" (Leviticus 19:14). Obviously, putting a rock or brick in front of a blind person is cruel, but the New Testament takes the practical adage and turns it into a spiritual metaphor.

After Peter rebuked Jesus, denying the crucifixion would take place, Jesus said, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's" (Matthew 16:23). Peter, under the influence of Satan, tried to distract Jesus from what He had come to do. He tried to make Jesus "stumble" in His path to the crucifixion. Paul reiterates the idea: "...but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness" (1 Corinthians 1:23). The idea that the Messiah would be crucified was a stumbling block to the Jews—something that tripped up their beliefs of what the Messiah would be like.

But most of the time, a "stumbling block" refers to something or someone who keeps another from a relationship with God. In Matthew 18:5-7, Jesus says, "And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!" Just as it would be better to chop off one's hand than to sin (Matthew 18:8), in the Kingdom perspective, it would be better to drown than lead a child into sin. Similarly, in Romans 14:13, Paul points out that God alone judges; we are not to judge others but be concerned that we are not the ones leading them into the sin we're so concerned about.

Stumbling blocks also arise when the path is a little more ambiguous. The mature Christian life allows some freedoms that seem contrary to an obedient, disciplined faith. The Corinthians were concerned about eating meat sacrificed to idols. Modern issues include drinking alcohol in moderation or dancing. "But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak" (1 Corinthians 8:9). Our liberty is not worth another's walk with God. If something God allows would lead another to sin, we need to avoid it. We are given great freedom as Christians, but the greatest is the freedom to consider others' welfare over our own.

Refraining from being a stumbling block means not leading another into sin. How we accomplish this depends on the situation and the hearts of those around us. The security we have in God's love and provision, both now and eternally, allows us to show concern to those who are weaker—those who need specific encouragement to understand who God is. In some situations, that means living in those freedoms to exemplify that God is a God of grace. In others, it means disciplining ourselves to building up weaker believers and not pushing them into a liberty they're not ready for. But, always, it means not encouraging another to act in a way the Bible specifically identifies as sin.

Recommended Resource: [The Quest Study Bible](#)



## JESUS DESIRES A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU!

Begin by reading HIS "Love Letter," the Bible. Before you begin, pray:  
"Lord, please grant me a new depth of wisdom and understanding for Your Will in my life. Help me to turn from my sins and follow you more closely!" (Initial each blank after you complete the verse.)



**Monday:** Joshua 3:5- "And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." (NKJV)\_\_\_\_\_

When you dedicate yourself to the Lord, you will be amazed at His mighty works in you!

**Tuesday:** Ezekiel 36:23- "And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord," says the Lord God, "when I am hallowed in you before their eyes." (NKJV)\_\_\_\_\_

There is no greater name than the Name of the Lord! When people see you live your faith out loud, they will see the Lord! It's all about Him!

**Wednesday:** Psalm 4:3- "But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly; the Lord will hear when I call to Him." (NKJV)\_\_\_\_\_

Setting aside time for the Lord can be a challenge some days. On the other hand, if you don't, then your day will be an even bigger challenge.

**Thursday:** John 17:17- "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." NKJV)\_\_\_\_\_

Truth is accurate and flawless. There is no doubt about it!

**Friday:** 1 Thessalonians 5:23- "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (NKJV)\_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to live a holy and blameless life? Keep looking at Jesus!

**Saturday:** 1 Peter 3:15- "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." (NKJV)\_\_\_\_\_

If your heart belongs to Jesus, then you will be ready to tell others. What a friend we have in Jesus!



**"Your Word is a lamp  
unto my feet and a light  
for my path."**

**Psalm 119: 175 (NIV)**



## HYMN OF THE WEEK LIVING FOR JESUS

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—which is your spiritual worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” (Romans 12:1, 2)*

For the Christian, a foremost priority must be to live for Christ and to seek first His kingdom (Matthew 6:33). That does not line up with all the talk we hear today about self-realization. The Christian, however, knows that we were created by God that we might glorify Him. Therefore, we should not live to please ourselves but rather to exalt and serve our Lord. “My dearest treasure the light of His smile”—the ultimate goal of our lives.

“Living for Jesus” was written in 1917 by Thomas Chisholm at the request of the composer, Harold Lowden, who had used his tune two years earlier with another text. Lowden, however, was not satisfied with the union of his tune with the earlier text and wrote Mr. Chisholm, suggesting the title “Living for Jesus” for the new hymn setting. Chisholm felt very inadequate for the task, but within two weeks the words were completed.

Thomas Chisholm had been an editor, a school-teacher, and a Methodist minister before ill health forced him to begin a less strenuous life as an insurance salesman. His favorite endeavor had always been the writing of poetry, and he continued to do this all through his 94 years. “I have greatly desired,” he said, “that each hymn or poem might send some definite message to the hearts for whom it was written.” Though humble in spirit and frail in health, Chisholm found that writing encouraging words such as these for God’s people to sing was his “pathway of blessing.”

- Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please Him in all that I do, yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free—this is the pathway of blessing for me.
- Living for Jesus who died in my place, bearing on Calv’ry my sin and disgrace—such love constrains me to answer His call, follow His leading and give Him my all.
- Living for Jesus thru earth’s little while, my dearest treasure the light of His smile, seeking the lost ones He died to redeem, bringing the weary to find rest in Him.
- Chorus: O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee, for Thou in Thine atonement didst give Thyself for me. I own no other Master—my heart shall be Thy throne: My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

For Today: Mark 12:33; Romans 6:13, 18; 2 Corinthians 4:10, 11. Tomorrow is God’s secret, but today is your opportunity to live cooperatively with and for Him. Make it “God’s today.” Live this day to glorify His Son in every possible way. Sing as you go!

Osbeck, K. W. (1996). *Amazing grace: 366 inspiring hymn stories for daily devotions* (p. 257). Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications.



## WIT Jail Ministry Report

August 24, 2017

Reported by Colleen Malito

Two of the women touched the hearts of the ones who visited them on Thursday. Our hearts go out to those incarcerated, or we wouldn’t be in this program. But once in a while.....

First interviewed was one who has a September 13 court date. She believes that she may be placed on probation but also realizes that the sentence could be more severe. She is married with two children. Because of the children, she realizes that the WIT program is not for her. She does know the Lord and will take Him with her wherever she goes.

Secondly was one who has absolutely no church background, but she began going to services in jail. She has been reading scriptures hungrily, and the Holy Spirit is surely drawing her.

Next seen was one for a ministry visit. She has applied for WEST and is trying to get into the Phoenix House. She told of how excited she was to hear from her pen pal and hopes that the communication will continue. She expects a two year sentence when she goes to court on October 12.

Another woman was also a ministry visit. She was excited to have been accepted into the WEST program. As she has been reading the recommended scriptures, she has been feeling a change in her life. Please pray that she will continue to grow in her walk with Christ.

The final visit was with one who is happy to have completed the first R.U. book. Having been raised in the Roman Catholic church, she was baptized as a baby and thought that she would not be allowed to do it again as an adult. She was elated to learn that she could be immersed as an adult who has been reborn and understands the purpose of baptism. With no family here, she is also anxious to become part of a church family. She brought with her an entire page of verses that she is reading and trying to memorize. How refreshing it is to see someone so on fire in her newfound faith!

### Plugged into the Power Source

*In Your hand is power and might; in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.*

*1 Chronicles 29:12, NKJV*



The crowning jewel of Creation was man himself. He was created for a distinct purpose. If the purpose is lived out, life is fulfilling. If the purpose is rejected or ignored, life will never be what it was meant to be.

A light bulb is a simple glass globe. If placed on a desk or table, it is meaningless as well as useless. But if it is fitted into a lamp and plugged into a power source, it fulfills its purpose for existence, taking on meaning as a source of light that is useful for daily living.

Apart from the Creator’s purpose, you and I are like a light bulb lying in a meaningless, useless state. We need to fit into the Creator’s original design, plugging into the power source – our relationship with Him – if our lives are to be what they were meant to be.

Blessings,

Anne Graham Lotz

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# CLASS



# NEWS

**KATHY ANDRIOLA** would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her family the past few months.

**BILL BARTLETT** (my nephew) went home to be with the Lord on Friday, August 18th. His memorial service will take place on September 9th, but I have already been privileged to hear how God used him to impact so many lives, including many children. He taught them more than the art of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu at his family-run academy in Ocala, Florida. The tributes by so many are a testimony of his love of Jesus and others!

**NICOLE DYSON** of "The Jesus Infusion" in Alachua County did an outstanding job of organizing a women's ministries luncheon on Saturday, August 26th. Six women from the WIT Ministry were able to attend this function at Mimi's Café in Ocala, Florida and gain much insight into the opportunities available for helping hurting women. Nicole will have a guide available soon that will make it easier for those in jail and prison ministry to network across the state of Florida. We thank God for you, Nicole, and your diligence in putting this together!

**CINA GREEN**, WIT core group leader, will have surgery on Tuesday, August 28th at Ocala Regional Medical Center. Pray God's hand on the medical staff that will minister to our dear Sister in Christ! May He have her back on her feet quickly, but in the meantime keep her aware of His provisions, which will supply all her needs!

**ALICE GREEN**, WIT Graduate, has been a welcome sight to see in worship services at First Baptist Church of Belleview, Florida recently! We are grateful that God has made a way for her to come, as she works long hours as an assistant manager at Wendy's Restaurant in Belleview.

**PATRICIA MOSLEY**, our precious Sister in Christ, phoned recently to ask for our prayers. May the Lord protect and guide Patricia as she seeks a new home.

**JEANETTE HELSABECK**, WIT Home resident, is a blessing to all who meet her! Pray God will open doors for employment for her soon.

**SENITA DANIELS** is preparing to take the state test for cosmetology soon. Pray the Lord will give her a clear focused mind for this goal!

## WEEKLY WIT CALENDAR

Tuesday 12-Step Recovery Classes- 6:30-7:30pm  
Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study 6:30- 7:30pm-FBC  
Thursday WIT Interview/Ministry Visits-MCJ  
 9:00am-11:00am  
 WIT Home Bible Study-7:00-8:30pm

## MONTHLY SPECIAL EVENTS

Sun, Sept 3 Round Up Sunday-Starting at 4:00pm/  
 First Baptist Church of Belleview

Sun, Sept 17 MCJ Jail Services-1:00-5:00pm

Tue, Sept 19 MCJ Jail Services-7:00-9:00pm

## WOMEN IN TRUTH JAIL MINISTRY

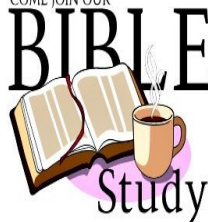
**August Praise Report**  
**Tues, Aug 15 & Sun, Aug 20**  
**36 Professions of Faith in Jesus Christ!**  
**130 Attended!**

## HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY!

Aug 15	Senita Daniels
Aug 17	Jodi McCauley
Aug 21	Dori Hite
Aug 25	Sylvia Pope
Aug 28	Colleen Malito



COME JOIN OUR



## Women in Truth Home

**Beginning Thursday, September 28**  
**Ten Women of the Bible**  
*by Max Lucado*  
 Facilitated by Colleen Malito

**Books cost \$14 and will be ordered through the church office. You may put your check/money in an envelope in the offering plate or go by the church office. Please write your name and/or the names of anyone else you may be ordering a book for on the front of the envelope and "Ten Women of the Bible Study when you place your order. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday, September 17th**. No money will be accepted after this date so that the books may be ordered in a timely manner. Thank you.**

## Bread of Life

Psalm 121:8

*"The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore."*



Walking in righteousness opens the windows of heaven over your life. Following moral laws is a catalyst for God to work mightily on your behalf. He will direct you along the path to a life of abundance.

God's way is the best way, and His will is the perfect will.

Romans 12:2

*"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*



**"We become troubled because we have not been taking Him into account. When a person confers with Jesus Christ, the confusion stops, because there is no confusion in Him."**

~~Oswald Chambers