

**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
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4. TRANSITIONAL HOME
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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  
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**SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM:**

Kathy Andriola, Mona Ballard,  
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Diana Hite, JJ Howard,  
Terrie Hudson, Laura Jolley,  
Rosie Lacrone, Colleen Malito,  
Vinelle Miller, Sylvia Pope,  
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Sunny Sifford, Minerva Toothman,  
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**"What does the Bible say about complaining?"**

The Greek word translated "complainer" means literally "one who is discontented with his lot in life." It is akin to the word *grumbler*. Complaining is certainly not a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and, in fact, is detrimental to the peace, joy, and patience that come from the Spirit. For the Christian, complaining is destructive and debilitating personally and only serves to make our witness to the world more difficult. Who, for instance, would be attracted to a religion whose adherents are dissatisfied with life and who continually grumble and complain?

The first complainer was Adam who, after he and Eve disobeyed, complained to God that "the woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it" (Genesis 3:12). The son of Adam, called Cain, also complained, although undoubtedly within himself (Genesis 4:6). We also know of the complaints made by Moses, when he met God at the burning bush (Exodus 3–4). Also, Moses cried to the Lord repeatedly for deliverance from the Israelites' grumbling and idolatry (Exodus 17:4; 32:31-32). We also know of the complaints that David offered up to the Lord in the Psalms (Psalm 2:1; 12:1-2; 22:1) and the complaints made by the prophets concerning the idolatry of the Jewish nation. However, the book of Job offers the most in the way of complaints toward God, and yet Job did not sin (Job 1:22, 2:10). That is not to say that the aforementioned people never sinned in voicing their complaints to God, but Job was a man who was able to sanctify his complaints, and that took humility.

Clearly, as believers we are challenged not to grumble or complain (Philippians 2:14-15; 1 Peter 4:9); rather, we are to love one another deeply so that we may become "blameless and pure" in God's eyes. If we grumble and complain, it shows how worldly we still are (James 4:1-3). A complaining spirit leads to fighting and quarrelling because complaints come from unfulfilled desires, which lead to envy and strife. Was that not at the root of the problem with the sons of Israel, when they chose to dispose of their brother Joseph, because of his dream (Genesis 37:3)?

Finally, while it is not wrong to complain to God, it is wrong to complain about God. Those that did so met the anger of the Lord, as was the case of Moses' sister Miriam (Numbers 12) and Korah and Dathan (Numbers 16). But note that they spoke against God's servant and, in doing so, spoke against God Himself. If we must complain, let it be to Him about our own sinfulness so that He will forgive and cleanse us (1 John 1:9) and put within us a new heart, one that rejoices rather than complains.

Recommended Resource: Lord, Change My Attitude Before It's Too Late. Revised by James MacDonald.

***"Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world."***

***Philippians 2:14-15***



## 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:** Psalm 18:35- "You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; your right hand has held me up, your gentleness has made me great." (NKJV)\_\_\_\_  
The Lord is gentle and will show you how to be gentle, too!

**Tuesday:** Galatians 5:22-24- "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." (NKJV)\_\_\_\_

Believers, the fruit of the Spirit is in you. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak through you so that others will be drawn to the Lord.

**Wednesday:** Galatians 6:1- "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted." (NKJV)\_\_\_\_

Although we should not dwell on our past sins, we do need to remember from where we came. Be gentle with those God has placed in your circle of influence.

**Thursday:** Ephesians 4:2- "With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love." (NKJV)\_\_\_\_

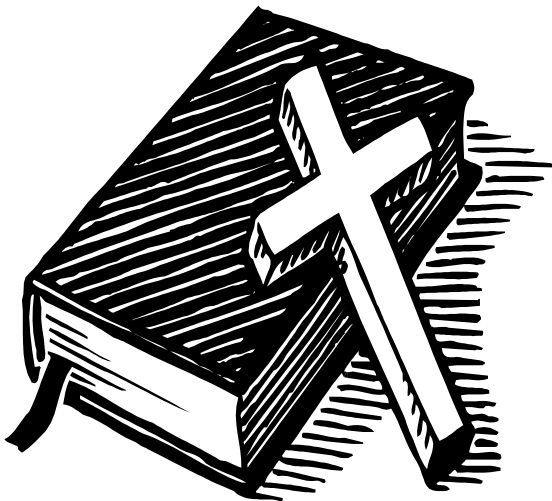
Demonstrate the compassion that was bestowed on you by Jesus at the moment of your salvation.

**Friday:** Philippians 4:5- "Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand." (NKJV)\_\_\_\_

Has God place someone on your heart that needs the Lord in their life? Ask Him to show you how to reflect Him to them!

**Saturday:** 1 Timothy 6:11- "But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness." (NKJV)\_\_\_\_

Pursue God and ask Him to fill you with more of Him to demonstrate to other His great love!



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

**Psalm 119: 175 (NIV)**



## HYMN OF THE WEEK HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Reginald Heber, 1783–1826

*“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.” (Psalm 95:6, 7)*

“O Lord, grant that I may desire Thee, and desiring Thee, seek Thee, and seeking Thee, find Thee, and finding Thee, be satisfied with Thee forever.” —Augustine

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty who was, and is, and is to come” (Revelation 4:8). These are the words of worship that believers will proclaim in heaven one day. This majestic text based on these words was written approximately 150 years ago by an Anglican minister, Reginald Heber, and it is still one of the hymns most frequently used in our corporate worship.

Worship is the cornerstone of a believer’s spiritual life. The bedrock of the local church is its worship service, and all aspects of the church’s ministry are founded here. It is only as a Christian truly worships that he begins to grow spiritually. Learning to worship and praise God, then, should be a believer’s lifetime pursuit. Our worship reflects the depth of our relationship with God. We must learn to worship God not only for what He is doing in our personal lives, but above all for who He is—His being, character, and deeds.

Reginald Heber was a highly respected minister, writer, and church leader, serving for a time as the Bishop of Calcutta. His early death at the age of 43 was widely mourned throughout the Christian world. One year after his death, a collection of 57 of his hymns was published by his widow and many friends as a tribute to his memory and faithful ministry. It is from this collection of 1827 that these words were taken:

- ◆ Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!
- ◆ Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- ◆ Holy, Holy, Holy! Tho the darkness hide Thee, tho the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see. Only Thou art holy—there is none beside Thee perfect in pow’r, in love and purity.
- ◆ Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea; Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

For Today: Psalm 145:8–21; Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:5–11; 5:13

What does the term worship mean to you? How could your life of worship be improved? Use this hymn to help.

Osbeck, K. W. (1996). *Amazing grace: 366 inspiring hymn stories for daily devotions* (p. 271). Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications.



## WIT Jail Ministry Report

August 31, 2017

Reported by Colleen Malito

Moggie and Mona had opportunities to minister to four women at the jail on Thursday.

The first they saw was the mother of an 18 year old and a 10 year old. She will be in court on the 15<sup>th</sup> and hopes to be released by the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month. She accepted Christ four years ago. She attended church when she was young and recently. Not realizing the length of the program, she decided that she is not a candidate for the home.

Next they saw one who has three children 9, 8, and 3, who are with her parents. Her release is imminent. The plan of salvation was shared. She also thought WIT was a short-term program. She was given the church phone number should she change her mind.

Someone who the team has seen several times followed, and told of loving WEST and the parenting class which is part of it. She is reading John slowly and carefully and is also studying Hebrews.

Finally, they interviewed one who said that she finds WIT to be different and understands the messages in our services. She was saved 3-4 months ago and is reading scriptures. Because her sentencing is this week, she was also given the church number if she is still interested in the program upon her release.

## His Offer

*“I am the Lord, I do not change.”  
Malachi 3:6, NKJV*



Jesus, the Living Logos, is enduringly the same today as He always has been: “He was in the beginning with God” (John 1:2, NKJV). There was no personality change in this Person from the beginning of time until John’s day to our day to the last day of human history on into eternity.

The One Who spoke all things into existence and then transformed Planet Earth from a formless, empty, dark, water-submerged blob dangling in space to a beautiful place that reflected His own image is the same Person Who has power today to transform your life and mine.

The One Who offered all men of Noah’s day salvation from the storm of His judgment if they would come into the ark is the same Person today Who offers all men salvation from His eternal judgment if they come into Him at the cross. So . . . extend His offer to someone you know.

Blessings,

Anne Graham Lotz

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# CLASS



# NEWS

**JEANETTE HELSABECK**, WIT Home resident, is now employed! Praise God for opening a door at Taco Bell in Belleview, Florida for her! She is thankful and reported that "God is teaching me patience!"

**SENITA DANIELS**, WIT member, reported that she is doing well. She has applied for her cosmetology license and is also happy to report that her hours at work have increased. Senita works at Checker's Restaurant in Belleview, Florida (Stop by for a hamburger and to say hi!).

**GARY & LORI ROSSOW & BENJAMIN**, grandparents and son of the WIT Ministry's most recent graduate, **LINDSAY CUNNINGHAM**, joined us for the morning worship service at First Baptist Church of Belleview on September 3rd. It is always a blessing to see them! Benjamin recently began sixth grade at a local middle school in Apopka, Florida.

**VINELLE MILLER**, WIT leader, and her granddaughter **N'ZANI** were also in Sunday School and church on September 3rd! N'zanni recently started second grade at Belleview Christian Academy and proudly proclaimed to me (Kathy), "I have NOT been to the principal's office!" Way to go, N'zanni!

**CINA GREEN**, WIT leader, also joined us for worship service! She is doing well after her recent surgery on Tuesday, August 29th. Pray God's continued healing for her.

**FLORIDA WORSHIP CHOIR MEMBERS** will have a fundraiser for the Miami Worship Project, which takes place in November. The fundraiser, which is a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, September 24 from 12:00-2:00PM in the church's fellowship hall started today, September 3rd. Tickets are \$7.50 and may be obtained from any Florida Worship Choir Member. They are:

**PASTOR RICH & MRS. BETH CHILDS, LINDA SMITH, CLAUDETTE MYERS, ASHLEY STEBBINS, COLLEEN MALITO, FRED MALITO, JOHN BARRETT & LONNIE KRESS.** Thank you for your support!

"MISSION TO MOSCOW" WEEKEND will take place on September 16th & 17th. A ladies luncheon with **RACHEL McDOWELL** will be held on Saturday the 16th at 12:30PM, followed by a breakfast and meet & greet with the McDowells at 8:30AM on Sunday (both in the fellowship hall). Speaking at our 10:45AM service will be **KENT McDOWELL**. The McDowells are SBC Missionaries to Moscow, where they have served for 15 years.

## 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

## MONTHLY SPECIAL EVENTS

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 SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY!

Sept 1	Tara Dalrymple
Sept 3	Debbie Bender
Sept 3	Casey Fiorentino
Sept 9	Wendy Maynard
Sept 10	Mona Ballard
Sept 25	Rutha Williams



## 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

1 Corinthians 15:57

*"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*



So often in the midst of the storm you become depressed, angry and discouraged. You set your mind on figuring out ways to be set free of the ordeal, to no avail. Your heart is heavy from the weight of the trial. Remember: God is faithful. His Word communicates that He will never leave you in your hour of need!

Isaiah 41:10

*"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."*



*"If you are always keeping blessings to yourself and never learning to pour out anything "to the Lord," other people will never have their vision of God expanded through you."*  
 ~Oswald Chambers