

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
8. FOREIGN MISSIONS: ZAMBIA
9. WEB SITE

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 is the difference between a talent and a spiritual gift?"

There are similarities and differences between talents and spiritual gifts. Both are gifts from God. Both grow in effectiveness with use. Both are intended to be used on behalf of others, not for selfish purposes. First Corinthians 12:7 states that spiritual gifts are given to benefit others and not ourselves. As the two great commandments deal with loving God and others, it follows that one should use his talents for those purposes. But to whom and when talents and spiritual gifts are given differs. A person (regardless of his belief in God or in Christ) is given a natural talent as a result of a combination of genetics (some have natural ability in music, art, or mathematics) and surroundings (growing up in a musical family will aid one in developing a talent for music), or because God desired to endow certain individuals with certain talents (for example, Bezalel in Exodus 31:1-6). Spiritual gifts are given to all believers by the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:3, 6) at the time they place their faith in Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. At that moment, the Holy Spirit gives to the new believer the spiritual gift(s) He desires the believer to have (1 Corinthians 12:11).

Romans 12:3-8 lists the spiritual gifts as follows: prophecy, serving others (in a general sense), teaching, exhorting, generosity, leadership, and showing mercy. First Corinthians 12:8-11 lists the gifts as the word of wisdom (ability to communicate spiritual wisdom), the word of knowledge (ability to communicate practical truth), faith (unusual reliance upon God), the working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues (ability to speak in a language that one has not studied), and interpretation of tongues. The third list is found in Ephesians 4:10-12, which speaks of God giving to His church apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastor-teachers. There is also a question as to how many spiritual gifts there are, as no two lists are the same. It is also possible that the biblical lists are not exhaustive, that there are additional spiritual gifts beyond the ones the Bible mentions.

While one may develop his talents and later direct his profession or hobby along those lines, spiritual gifts were given by the Holy Spirit for the building up of Christ's church. In that, all Christians are to play an active part in the furtherance of the gospel of Christ. All are called and equipped to be involved in the "work of the ministry" (Ephesians 4:12). All are gifted so that they can contribute to the cause of Christ out of gratitude for all He has done for them. In doing so, they also find fulfillment in life through their labor for Christ. It is the job of the church leaders to help build up the saints so they can be further equipped for the ministry to which God has called them. The intended result of spiritual gifts is that the church as a whole can grow, being strengthened by the combined supply of each member of Christ's body.

To summarize the differences between spiritual gifts and talents: 1) A talent is the result of genetics and/or training, while a spiritual gift is the result of the power of the Holy Spirit. 2) A talent can be possessed by anyone, Christian or non-Christian, while spiritual gifts are only possessed by Christians. 3) While both talents and spiritual gifts should be used for God's glory and to minister to others, spiritual gifts are focused on these tasks, while talents can be used entirely for non-spiritual purposes.

Recommended Resource: The Wonderful Spirit-Filled Life by Charles Stanley.



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 4:8- "I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."(NKJV)_____

The Lord watches over His children. Thank Him before closing your eyes at night.

Tuesday: Psalm 34:14- "Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it." (NKJV)_____

Social media puts everything out there that threatens to steal your peace. Keep your eyes on His goodness and mercy. Intentionally choose to look only on what is good and pure and holy.

Wednesday: Proverbs 16:7- "When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him." (NKJV)_____

Those who are at peace with God know true peace.

Thursday: Isaiah 26:3- "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You." (NKJV)_____

Are you focused on the Lord? Do you believe in His promises? Oh, what joy and peace are yours!

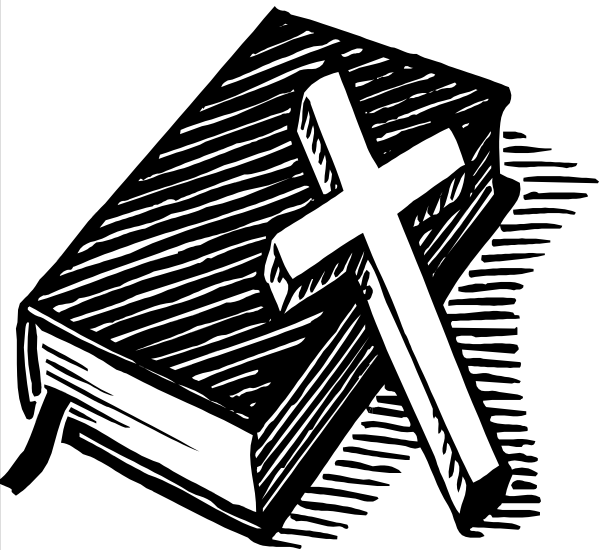
Friday: Jeremiah 29:11- "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." (NKJV)_____

God has only His good in mind for you.

Saturday: John 16:33- "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (NKJV)_____

Thank You, Jesus!

You reign!



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

Psalm 119: 175 (NIV)



HYMN OF THE WEEK TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

*“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”
(1 Corinthians 10:31)*

In this day of self-centered living and pleasure-oriented lifestyle, the total commitment to God of body, mind, and possessions portrayed in this text is difficult for many Christians to achieve. Even though we realize that we have nothing we have not received and that we are only stewards of the good gifts God has entrusted to us, we often fail to apply this basic truth to our daily lives:

The gold that came from Thee, Lord, to Thee be-
longeth still;
Oh, may I always faithfully my stewardship fulfill.
—Unknown

It was said of Frances Ridley Havergal, author of this text, that the beauty of a consecrated life was never more perfectly revealed than in her daily living. She has rightfully been called “The Consecration Poet.”

“These little couplets that chimed in my heart one after another” were for Frances Havergal the result of an evening in 1874 passed in pursuing a deeper consecration of herself to God. “Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King” was personally significant for Frances. She was naturally very musical and had been trained as a concert soloist with an unusually pleasant voice. Her musical talents could have brought her much worldly fame. However, she determined that her life’s mission was to sing and work only for Jesus. The line “Take my silver and my gold” was also sincerely phrased. At one time Frances gathered together her many fine pieces of jewelry and other family heirlooms and shipped them to the church missionary house to be used for evangelizing the lost. Nearly fifty articles were sent with “extreme delight.”

- Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
- Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee; take my voice and let me sing always only, for my King.
- Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for Thee; take my silver and my gold—not a mite would I withhold.
- Take my love—my God, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store; take myself—and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for thee.

For Today: 1 Chronicles 29:5; Matthew 22:37; 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20

Express once more your gratitude for all of God’s gifts. Dedicate yourself more completely to His glory and service. Sing these words of consecration as you go!

Osbeck, K. W. (1996). *Amazing grace: 366 inspiring hymn stories for daily devotions* (pp. 256–257). Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications.



WIT Jail Ministry Report

July 27, 2017

Reported by Colleen Malito

Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow! Thursday was a joy-filled day at the jail when Laura and Mona heard one woman’s report about her court appearance. Her hard-working public defender had done much preparation, and her daughter had written a letter to the judge. After pondering all the information put before him, the judge decided on leniency and mercy. After she serves four months in prison, she will be allowed to remain in the United States, returning to her family and her job. God is good!

After that news, the team visited a second lady. She will be released on November 23 and really believes that God is leading her to the WIT program. She wants to know God better and to feel closer to him. She is reading the Bible faithfully and praying with women in her pod. She will also be participating in WEST.

Next on the list was one who is struggling with some personal issues. Please pray for her to make good choices.

Finally, they were able to meet with one who had questions about the program. She read the scriptures that had been recommended. It was suggested that she pursue the resources available in the jail about other programs that might better meet her needs.

Praying in Faith

*“Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”
Hebrews 11:6, NIV*



Have you based your faith . . . on what someone else has told you God wants to do for you? on what you have seen Him do for another person? on what you think is fair or loving? on what you think would be in the best interest of those involved? on a doctor’s recommendation for treatment? You and I must pray in faith, or our prayer will not be pleasing to God. If your faith as you pray is based on anything other than faith in God’s specific promise given to you in His Word, then your prayer is on a shaky foundation. So ask God to give you a promise from His Word on which you can pray in faith.

Blessings,
Anne Graham Lotz

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CLASS



NEWS

MARJI DYKEMAN was encouraged by a luncheon/ baby shower at Sonny's Barbecue on July 21st. Marji is thankful for her Sisters in Christ!

SENITA DANIELS, our dear WIT Sister in Christ, needs our prayers for God's comfort as she mourns the loss of **YVONNE DANIELS**, her mother, who passed away on July 20th after a long battle with cancer. Lift Senita and her family up!

JEANETTE HELSABECK, WIT Home resident, is thankful for God's leading her here. She has a praise report: God has blessed her with employment at Taco Bell!

CINA GREEN writes: "I am still at Ansafo in Ocala; I take calls for California Medicaid. I will be having surgery on Monday, July 31 for some female issues, then will have surgery again the following day on my left knee. All is well with Willie and myself; just ready to get all this over and done with."

MOGGIE DOBBS led the WIT Home Thursday night Bible study with a lesson from **Titus 2**. There were 9 women and 1 man (Ronnie) who attended, and it was a blessed time of interaction in God's Word. One of the main themes of **Titus 2** is how Godly women are to behave, and Moggie gave us this statement to remember: "Younger women are older women to someone." Someone is always watching you!

LINDSAY CUNNINGHAM, soon-to-be WIT graduate, is going on vacation the first week of August. She plans to spend the week in Apopka, Florida with her family.

BENJAMIN, her son, will start middle school soon! Lindsay plans to spend some quality time with him.

KATHY ANDRIOLA is grateful that prayers for healing went up for her! After two weeks of rest, she is feeling much better. Praise God!

MARION COUNTY TEACHERS will be back in the classroom the first week of August to prepare for the new school year. Pray God's wisdom for those He has entrusted to touch the lives of children!

Housewarming Shower for Senita Daniels

Saturday, August 5th at 1:00 pm
Home of **Minerva Toothman**
6545 SE 112th Street, Belleview, FL

Gift cards are welcomed!

Come celebrate God's blessings on Senita with us! Contact Minerva for directions and to RSVP at 352-693-3710.



"The moment you realize that God's purpose is to get you into the right relationship with Himself and then with others, He will reach to the very limits of the universe to help you take the right road."

~Oswald Chambers

WOMEN IN TRUTH JAIL MINISTRY

July Prayer Request

Sunday, July 30

Holy Spirit, draw them near to You! Prepare their hearts and minds to receive You, Lord!

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY!

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| Aug 2 | Ann Kuefner |
| Aug 5 | Becky Spencer |
| Aug 15 | Senita Daniels |
| Aug 17 | Jodi McCauley |
| Aug 21 | Dori Hite |
| Aug 25 | Sylvia Pope |
| Aug 28 | Colleen Malito |



Bread of Life

Psalm 42:8

"By day the Lord directs His love, at night His song is with me— a prayer to the God of my life."



Prayer changes people and situations. When you are downcast and discouraged, you've become depressed. Prayer is the anti-depressant. Pray your way through your troubles.

Matthew 21:21-22

"If you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

Amen!

COME JOIN OUR



Women in Truth Home

Thursdays
7:00-8:30 PM

The Book of Titus

Teachers Ronnie & Moggie Dobbs

Pray the Holy Spirit will show you what God is speaking through His Word. Join us as we dig into the Bible around the dining room table! Bring your Bible, notebook and a pen.

WEEKLY WIT CALENDAR

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

MONTHLY SPECIAL EVENTS

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| <u>Sun, July 30</u> | MCJ Jail Services-1:00-5:00pm |
| <u>Sun, Aug 13</u> | WIT Graduation Recognition: Lindsay Cunningham-FBC-6:30pm |