

THE DRWM



*God wants to tailor you for His purpose.
Colossians 3:12-15*

New Year's Relections

As we step into a new year, let us pause to reflect on God's faithfulness in the year behind us and renew our commitment to walking in His purpose for the days ahead.

Each New Year brings an opportunity to realign our hearts with God's Word, to seek His guidance, and to grow deeper in our faith. As women of faith, we are called to encourage one another, to carry each other's burdens, and to celebrate the victories—big and small—that God grants us along the way.

This year, let's embrace the truth of Lamentations 3:22–23:

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

May this truth inspire us to step boldly into new challenges, knowing His mercies are fresh each day. Let us also remain steadfast in nurturing our relationships—both with God and with one another—building a community where His love and grace shine brightly.

Here's to a year of growth, connection, and serving the Lord with joy. May we remember that every step we take is a chance to glorify Him and point others to His light.

Blessings in Christ,
Phylinda Murchison, Newsletter & Social Media Coordinator

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Simply Devoted

Last year, in 2024, our focal word was to DWELL.

In Psalms 27:4, the word dwell means to hang out, to live, to reside, or sit chat for a while. When we choose to hang out with God, we are delighting in Him, dwelling in His presence, and that's where transformation takes place.

In 2025, this year's focal word is DEVOTION.

According to Webster, the literal meaning is the act of devoting or the quality of being devoted to a person, place or thing. Having a strong love, affection, or dedication. However, DEVOTION for the woman of God, we are constantly consecrating, constantly trusting, constantly persevering and committed to constant worship of our Heavenly Father. Which involves having strong love, affection, and dedication to one another.

As women of God, from Different backgrounds and ethnicities
We are to Encourage one another through fellowship
Visibly sharing life together in our homes and communities
By living Obedient to the Scriptures, under faithful leadership
Being Taught
And Equipped to spread the message of Christ
Trusting in the Divine help of the Holy Spirit's guidance and power.
We are simply Devoted!

There's nothing like connecting in the community of God, it is the yearning of my heart. As the early disciples decided to follow Jesus, they committed themselves to one another, through devotion, according to Acts 2:42-47. Devotion is a response of not only having a strong, loving and dedication to God, but also to one another. We partake in this through fellowship. The word fellowship in the Greek is koinonia, which means, "holding something in common" or "participation, like sharing life together". Therefore, our common fellowship or devotion has been built around our faith in Jesus Christ. We express that by, doing life together through breaking bread, studying the Scriptures, and praying. Sounds familiar?

Connection Groups are the lifeblood of Beyond the Walls Community Church. Therefore, as the Women's Ministry Director, I am making a clarion call to encourage you to get connected with your church family so that you may grow in your faith with the family that God placed you in. This is not a suggestion from me, but a call to obedience from the Scriptures. When you and I are obedient to this call, just as the early church was filled with awe and saw many signs and wonders, you and I can experience the very same things in our lives today, but we must choose to be simply devoted to God and to one another. My heart is filled with joy when my sisters find hope, grow in patience, and overcome battles, by praying for one another. I also love that we get a chance to see what we have in common, share possessions, give to those in need, and open the love letter from God to us. So again, let's be simply devoted to God and one another.

Blessings,

Lennette Felton - Director of The DRWM



"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I see after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

PSALM 27:4





Recap of 2024



"True friendship
happens in circles,
not rows."







See What the Lord Has Done!

Psalm 107:1- Let the Redeemed of the Lord Tell Their Story

This verse urges us to share our stories of redemption and freedom, reminding us that our testimonies can inspire hope and courage in others. Every time we speak of how God has rescued us, we're not just sharing our past—we're proclaiming His love and power. We encourage you to share the amazing things the Lord has done in your life with those you encounter each day.

“Let the redeemed
of the Lord say so,
whom he has
redeemed from
trouble.”

PSALM 107:2

“Twenty-twenty four has been an amazing year for me. I can't say enough about how God has continued to answer prayers. I always hear In January of people making New Years Resolutions and I use to be one of them. I now have learned to sincerely Ask, Trust and Believe that God hears my prayers and answers them according to his will for what is best for me not just at the beginning of the year but throughout. I'm most grateful for the time I am spending with the Lord. My mornings are different in a good way (morning devotion) which allows me to be more focused on the rest of my day. My year has been all about GROWTH. Grateful, Rejoicing, Obeying, Worship, Trust, Honor.”
~Cynthia E.



Volunteer Opportunities - DRWM

Business Liaison

- We are looking for a Business Liaison for The Dressing Room Women's Ministry team. This volunteer will act as a point of contact between the ministry and businesses for the sole reason of hosting events and catering. We have 2-3 major events per year. Your assignment acts as a bridge in which you are responsible for maintaining and building relationships, exchanging information, and promoting operation.

Design Coordinator

- We are looking for a Design Coordinator to work closely with our Event Coordinator. This volunteer will be responsible to plan and oversee the aesthetic elements of a project, from start to finish, under the direction of the Event Coordinator. Your assignment includes finding volunteers to help you finish a design project. We have 2-3 major events a year.

If you are interested, please see our secretary, Lola Pile.

"Daily we are to look into the perfect law of the Lord as a reflective mirror allowing Him to restore the blemishes and broken places, that we may be revived from ashes to beauty, from mourning to dancing, and from a spirit of despair to a festive of praise as lights in the world, pointing others to follow Jesus Christ."



AUDIO VISUAL MINISTRY

Volunteers needed!!! If you are interested in serving with the AV Ministry, please contact Pastor Marcus Robinson at beyondthewallsav@gmail.com

Training will be provided.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 PETER 4:10



The Bible emphasizes the importance of serving others, using one's gifts for the benefit of the community, and contributing to the work of the Church. While it doesn't explicitly use the modern term "volunteering", many passages encourage believers to serve with a willing heart. Here are some key scriptures related to volunteering in a church:

- Serving with Willingness and Joy - Colossians 3:23-24
- Using Spiritual Gifts - 1 Peter 4:10
- Serving Others as an Act of Love - Galatians 5:13
- Building up the Church - Ephesians 4:11-12
- Serving with Humility - Philippians 2:3-4



Book Recommendations

Christian books can be valuable tools in our daily walk with God by offering guidance, encouragement, and wisdom grounded in biblical principles. Here's how they can help:

1. Spiritual Growth

Christian books often explore Scripture in depth, helping readers understand God's Word better. They provide insights into theological concepts and practical applications for daily life.

2. Encouragement and Hope

Many books share personal testimonies, stories of faith, or reflections that inspire and uplift. They remind readers of God's promises and His faithfulness during challenging times.

3. Deeper Prayer Life

Devotionals and books on prayer can help readers connect with God more meaningfully and establish a consistent prayer habit.

4. Accountability and Focus

Reading Christian books can serve as a regular reminder to keep Christ at the center of our lives, helping us stay grounded in our faith.

5. Equipping for Ministry

Books on evangelism, discipleship, and leadership provide tools for serving others effectively and sharing the gospel.

6. Fostering Community and Connection

Many Christian books are written for group study, allowing readers to discuss and grow together in fellowship.

Whether it's a devotional, a biography of a Christian leader, or a book on theology, these resources can play a significant role in helping us live out our faith in everyday situations.

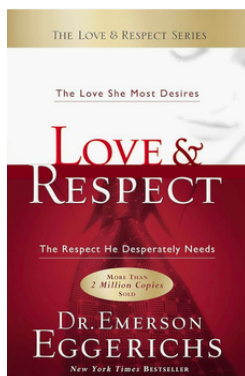
Word before the World: 100 Devotions to Put Jesus First

Well-Watered Women

By Gretchen Saffles

For Marriage- Love & Respect: The Love She Most Desires: The Respect He Desperately Needs

By Dr. Emerson Eggerichs



"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

HEBREWS 4:12

STUDY
TO SHOW
YOURSELF
APPROVED
TO GOD,
A WORKMAN
THAT NEED NOT
BE ASHAMED.

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

THEWORDFORTHEDAY



Upcoming Evens for DRWM:

January 11	Breakfast
March 8	Breakfast
April 26	Annual Tea
July 12	Outing (Location TBD)
September 13	Breakfast
November 8	Ladies Night Out (Location TBD)

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