

Fragrant
Hearts

Woman to Woman Mentoring at LifePoint Church

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Planting one's life
in another and releasing the
fragrance of Christ



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Greetings

In the Light of The Son

Ladies of LifePoint,

“Winter can be difficult, challenging, and uncomfortable, but it does make us stronger --- and therein lies its beauty.” *The Promise of Winter* - Quote by Micah Marty

During these cold wintery months, let us consider the signs of promise and presence found in the winter of our soul. We all experience the disappointments, frustrations, doubts, and despair that are a part of everyday life. Our mentoring relationships are not about survival, of “making it through the winter”, but about holding up the presence and promise of God during the transforming and strengthening nature of our winter experience.

When we open ourselves up to His unfailing Love, and experience the winter of our soul in the brilliant light of His loving Presence, we can consider our woeful condition without despair, for the assurance of His Love provides hope. Even the fiercest of winters are no match for the Power of His radiant Presence.

So then – let us entrust ourselves and one another into His capable care during these wintery months, allowing Him to transform us according to His plans for us for: *The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him. Nahum 1:7*

You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence there is fullness of joy;
In Your right hand are pleasures for evermore.
Psalm 16:11

Blessings ~ Mary Power

THE STORM

THE MORNING DAWNS IS QUIETNESS,
A SUDDEN STORM THEN BLOWS UPON MY SOUL,
WITH DRIVING RAINS OF ACCUSATIONS
DRENCHING ME HAS BECOME ITS GOAL.
POUNDING THUNDER CONDEMNING ME,
AND LYING BOLTS OF LIGHTNING STRIKE,
TORMENTING WINDS OF POWERFUL FORCE,
DEVASTATION – THE RAGING STORM DOES LIKE.
IN CHRIST MY SOUL IS CONFIDENT,
NOT FRIGHTENED BY THE SUDDEN FEAR,
HOLDING FAST TO THE POWER OF HIS WORD
MY REFUGE UNTIL THE STORM IS NO LONGER NEAR.

--- MARY POWER ~1996

The Sonlight of Christ produces a beautiful and fragrant garden

Start Young

“For you have been my hope, O Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth.” “Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.” Psalm 71:5, 17

Start young learning the ways of the Lord. This is your wisest and best investment. Youthful learning is leverage for the Lord. Start young so you do not have to wade through the muck and the mire of disobedient living. There is no need to stray and go your own way for you may end up back at the point where you originally drifted from God. Stay the course of Christ while you are young, and this will catapult you into an obedient adult. Youthful dependence on God results in an adult who depends on God.

Even as those older in the faith falter in fear, your heavenly Father frees youthful hearts to attempt big things for Him. Courage and conviction fertilize well a young and hungry heart for God. The Holy Spirit is calling faithful young people to further His Kingdom. Listen to the heart of your heavenly Father and do what He says. Yahweh is calling His youth to something much bigger than themselves.

“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12, KJV).

Help the youthful start early in their engagement with God. Teach them, train them, model for them, and then send them out to serve on the Lord’s behalf. Youth do not need to be overly protected, but set free to think big for God. The larger the vision the larger their God, therefore present to them a God-sized challenge. Expect great things from young people who have a heart to follow hard after God.

Do not underestimate their ability to be a catalyst for Christ. Release them to exceed your accomplishments in half the time. Pray for God to scatter young people across the connected planet. Now is the time to send them out in the power of the Holy Spirit. Use today’s resources to prepare for tomorrow’s results. Youth need not be coddled with the status quo, rather challenged to break out of their boxes of unbelief to change the world.

“Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them” (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

What young person has God brought into my life to invest in with time, wisdom and encouragement?
Related Readings: [Numbers 11:28](#); [Job 13:26](#); [Psalm 25:7](#); [2 Timothy 2:22](#)

[Boyd Bailey](#) is the author of [Wisdom Hunters daily devotional](#)
and two devotional books, [Infusion](#) and [Seeking Daily the Heart of God](#)

Do you have a submission
for the March Newsletter?



Send your submission to Mary
at mary.eubank@verizon.net by
the 3rd Thursday of the Month



Fragrant Hearts could use your help!

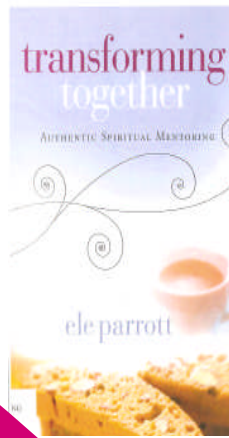
Our Newsletter editor and publisher is Mary Eubank. We are in need of additional help in the area of publicity for Fragrant Hearts – such as invitations, announcements, information updates and brochure inserts.

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THE MENTORING HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE IS
LOOKING FOR 2 MORE INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN THEIR
TEAM. THE RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE: THE
PLANNING, SET-UP AND HOSTING OF VARIOUS
MENTORING EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. IF
YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING, PLEASE
CONTACT LORRIE RUTH AT LRUTH@CBIZ.COM



TRANSFORMING TOGETHER



Mentor Book Chat February 2nd 7-9pm

Host Home: Susan Kolb
4014 Gold Hill Road in Owings Mills, MD
Cell 443-379-3433

Is God calling you to influence women to find and follow Jesus? Mentors are needed to minister to women in search of a mentor through Fragrant Hearts. If you know the Lord is calling you to the role of a mentor and even if you are not sure about being a mentor or what mentoring is all about, this six week study will help you discover how mentoring impacts another and will prepare you for a mentoring relationship.

Woman to Woman
Bible Study
6 consecutive Saturday's
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar 3, 10
9 – 11 am
At a cost of \$14

JFFs - "Just For Fun" -February 9, 2012



JFFs are casual, 'come as you are' social gatherings intended solely to bring women together to connect with other ladies of LifePoint Church. There is no agenda, homework, or format to the evening other than meet ladies that are also looking to get involved and/or make new friends. Each date will be held at a designated home in the area. Please register online. There is no cost however this will let the hostess know how many will be arriving. If you wish to bring a snack (even store-bought!) that is fine. If you're running late, no worries - come anyway!! Remember... it is "just for fun!"

The next 'jff' is to be held on February 9, 2012 at 7pm. Registration will begin in mid-January.



Sharing the Fragrance

Greetings and Encouragement from the Prayer Partners,

May this New Year be full of blessings filled with joy and peace, even as He strips us more each year of self. As the Prayer Partners gathered this month our teaching focused on the importance of the *Armor of God*. We were able to learn more about the relevance of each specific piece of armor and that each have a significant and spiritual meaning. Like the disciple Paul we realized more in detail why it is important to put into practice of "putting on" the spiritual armor daily as we meet the Lord in prayer. The armor serves to strengthen us as we run this race of life, keeping our minds renewed in Christ, encouraging us to bring the good news and reconciliation to humankind, to have a steadfast faith to help us win victoriously in battles and resist the enemy. It also serves to protect us from deception, from distorting God's truth, recognizing lies from the enemy, and keeping us from a divided heart.

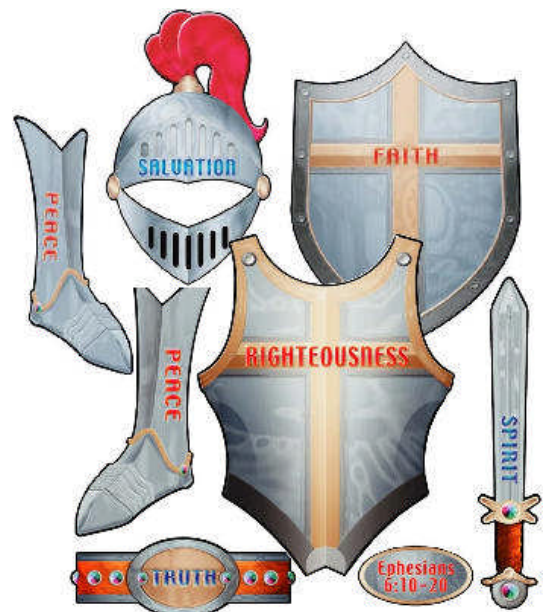
It is with great honor and privilege that we intercede for our mentors and their mentees. With our voices raised in praise and prayer we are delighted to unite as one! We are amazed how we are transformed by being in His presence.

Prayer shouldn't be like slavery....something you seem forced to do or have to do. Learn to live in prayer, a constant and continued awareness of who He is and rejoice to be granted the privilege of so sacred a task! It is more about our attitude.... how we view this beautiful act of devotion. Prayer can almost seem poetic and wondrous as it is the outflow of ones heart. It can even seem like a sweet melody that you can't help but sing, whether in tune or not. It compels you because the passion and the love you have for Jesus cannot be hidden deep within.....you simply cannot be silent! Prayer is a sacred task that should motivate us to push our own agenda's aside and desire to make Him a part of our everyday, this is something not just a chosen few have been called to do, but we are ALL called to PRAY. It is not a task to dread, but something exciting as it helps us draw nearer to Him, who desires personal intimacy with us so that we could know Him more.

May we encourage and challenge you at the beginning of this New Year as sisters in Christto press in, draw nearer still, long to reach for the hem of His garment, be purposeful in boundless lingering.....longing to be in His presence. It is there, in that moment He meets us where we are. In your stillness don't be surprised.....if you hear His voice!

Embrace His Touch,
Prayer Partners

**MONTHLY PRAYER PARTNER
MEETINGS
7-8:15PM
LIFEPPOINT CHURCH
CONFERENCE ROOM
FEBRUARY 16
MARCH 15
APRIL 19**



What More Can You Ask? --- Helen Steiner Rice

God's love endureth forever---

*What a wonderful thing to know
When the tides of life run against you
And your spirit is downcast and low:*

*God's kindness is ever around you,
Always ready to freely impart
Cheer to your lonely heart.*

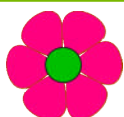
*God's presence is ever beside you,
As near as the reach of your hand,
You have but to tell Him your troubles,
There is nothing He won't understand.*

*So wait with a heart that is patient
For the goodness of God to prevail,
For never do prayers go unanswered,
And His mercy and love never fail.*



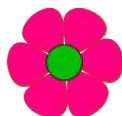
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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE TOGETHER



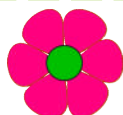
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<http://lifepointchurch.us/serve/serve-my-church/>
Ventureland Children's Ministries
Underground Student Movement
Disabilities Care
Small Groups
Guest Services
Worship
Creative Arts
Special Interests



Local Outreach

<http://lifepointchurch.us/serve/serve-my-community/>
Carpenter's Hands (LifePoint)
LifeTalks Mentoring (LifePoint)
Alpha Pregnancy Center
Good News Jail and Prison Ministry
Helping Up Mission
Red Cross (blood drives)
Shepherd's Staff
Campus Crusade for Christ
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
Young Life
Youth For Christ



Global Outreach

<http://lifepointchurch.us/serve/serve-my-world/>
Mission of Hope Haiti
Alpha & Omega (Ukraine)
Oscar & Ana Maria Campos (Guatemala)



Group Serving Opportunities

<http://lpclifesupport.wordpress.com/groupserve-opportunities/>

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