



“From the Neighborhoods to the Nations
and From the Workplaces to the World –
Transforming Our Cities for Christ through United Prayer”

“Notes and Quotes”

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ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD

God's word speaks of a “time and season” in Ecclesiastes 3:1. “To everything there is a season. A time for every purpose under heaven.” Most of us will agree that we do not know what God is going to do in the days ahead, but what we do know is that our “times and seasons” are in His hands. Through poverty or plenty, judgment or blessing - God is forever faithful! You may be asking “Is this a season when God is preparing His body for the next great awakening? If He is, we can look at the former great awakenings to receive some insight that can hasten the next great awakening to come in our lifetime.

Revival historians have told us that there have been three things that have been evident in past great awakenings: - extraordinary prayer, visible unity and explicit agreement. The latter is the networking between churches and ministries to bring a true and lasting revival. As we purpose to unite to pray, we feel that we at WPI are doing these three things. Our prayers are specific and focused, and we are a visible billboard for unity of the body of Christ as we pray and network with ministries and churches to further God's kingdom. Let me also say, however, that we never want to neglect our daily quiet time with the Lord, nor do we want to neglect corporate prayer within our churches. As in Isaiah 40 and Matthew 3, we do believe we are preparing the way for the Lord and making the path straight for Him to occupy our city and beyond. That vision is what keeps us persevering, - that with God's hand on WPI – (our Board of Directors, our staff, our faithful prayer members and me), and as we unite with other believers we will see the vision fulfilled in our lifetime. God's hand on WPI has brought about endorsements from national leaders, (as of last August I was privileged to become a member of the National Prayer Committee) has provided us with anointed Advisors, has supplied a corporate office, and so much more. He has taken us beyond San Antonio to New York, Arkansas and Tokyo, Japan.

Since a question is often asked of me, “What is the greatest difference in a WPI prayer meeting and other prayer groups”, let me share here what I answer, so that those of you who are newly acquainted with WPI will also know. Perhaps the greatest difference is that in our prayer groups, prayer requests are not discussed. A Prayer Guide leads her group through the quarterly Prayer Focus topics which enables all to pray in one accord. *The prayer topics are kingdom focused and not only affect society in the here and now, but the world that we will pass on to our children and grandchildren.* However, as we state on the Prayer Focus, the requests are not meant to be confining or exclusive, and the Holy Spirit is always the Ultimate Guide at each meeting. *The current quarterly Prayer Focus is always posted on our www.womensprayerintl.org website. You will now also find the WPI promotional DVD link appearing on our homepage, which was provided through God's blessings from Jason Roberts and Associates and Advent Digital.*

As the New Year approaches us, I can never thank God enough for His faithfulness through the seasons of my life and the life of WPI. Thank you for your prayers and support through each season. 2009 may usher in not only a new season for each of you, but also a fresh beginning for each of us. (Isaiah 43:19; Jeremiah 29:11) I pray that in 2009, we will all experience a greater love for the Lord, our families and each other. May we - *all followers of Christ – truly surrender* to His Lordship in our lives, be such vessels of righteousness and unwavering faith ... *that a lost and dying world will be drawn to the saving knowledge of Jesus*, in and through us. Whether it is in poverty or plenty, may the Lord find us faithful. **My prayer for each of us is that WE WILL TRUST CHRIST FULLY, REST IN HIM COMPLETELY, AND SERVE HIM JOYFULLY WHILE AWAITING HIS RETURN FOR HIS BRIDE. WISHING YOU AND YOURS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED AND PROSPEROUS 2009.**

Joan Bond, President



Wedding Bells for

*Joan and LC Courtney
(Sgt. Major U.S. Army Retired)*

January 10, 2009

Fall 2008 Annual Benefit Dinner
"Celebrating the Glory of God!"



Pastor Rander Draper
 Guest Speaker
 And Vocalist



Richard and Charlene Webster
 Volunteer IT
 and Computer Support



Rabbi Randy and Elaine Shapiro
 Beth Simcha Messianic
 WPI Advisory Board Member



Pastor Steve and Connie Troxel
 Shepherd's Support
 WPI Advisory Board Member



Kathy King
 WPI Treasurer
 Operations Manager



Sherry Schoenfeldt
 WPI Administrative
 Manager



Jason and Deborah Roberts
 Jason Roberts & Assoc.
 WPI Advisory Board Member



Volunteer Waiters
 Members of
 Wayside Chapel



Ruth Lankford, Florence, Broadnax, Anita Lankford,
 Leoteen Stevens, Darlene Draper, Patrice Willis,
 and Pastor Carolyn Gilbert,
 WPI Advisory Board Member

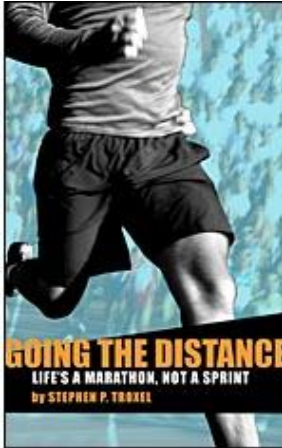


MARGIE HARRIS,
 2008 WPI Volunteer of the Year
 WPI Prayer Guide and Charter Member
 KARA BROWN
 WPI Dinner Event Coordinator and Prayer Hostess



Featured WPI Neighborhood Group
White Plains, New York

This is an amazing group of women who are embracing the vision of WPI. Sandi Matthews formed this WPI neighborhood group in White Plains, , before relocating. Sandi is now guiding a group in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, with her Prayer Hostess, Artie Schmelz. Christa Watanabe has formed a group in Tokyo, Japan, led by Nicola Panaka. Pictured left to right: Junia DeOliviera, Grace Young, Christa, Sandi, and Elaine Seberg (not pictured – Peggy Chen)



Going the Distance

Life Is a Marathon, Not a Sprint
by Stephen P. Troxel

"To run a marathon requires, among other things, patience, endurance, and encouragement. There are two instruments, which God has given to us that are eternal: His Word and His people. We need the encouragement that comes through passages from the Word and people of the Word to keep us in the race. Going the Distance combines these instruments that God has provided to keep me running."

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ANSWERS TO PRAYER!!!

**Victorious Responses on November 4th
Concerning the Marriage Amendment Act**

Praise God that the news on the issue of marriage protection was positive. There were victories in Florida, Arizona, Arkansas, and CALIFORNIA. Please keep the Family Research Council and Tony Perkins in your prayers as they continue to serve our nation to uphold Biblical principles. See www.FRC.Org

Note: The women of WPI have prayed for the Marriage Amendment Act since April 2004 under Government and government officials "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." (Psalm 33:12)

- Pray that God, through our elected officials, will protect the sacred marriage covenant between a man and a woman and that same sex marriage would not be legally recognized. Romans 1:24-27; Deuteronomy 31:8

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO YOU AND
YOURS AS WE
CELEBRATE
OUR SAVIOR'S
BIRTH**

**AND
A VERY HAPPY
AND
PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR**

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While attending the Heart Cry for Revival at "The Cove" in April, Joan Bond, WPI President and Thalia Heistand, WPI Founding Member had the privilege of meeting Franklin Graham at the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in Charlotte. Please keep Franklin and the BGEA in your prayers. Mark your calendar for November 10-14, 2009 for the Heart Cry for Revival to be held again at "The Cove" in Asheville, North Carolina. (Sponsored by Life Action Ministries) See www.heartcryforrevival.org for more information.



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"From the Neighborhoods to the Nations and From the Workplace to the World – Transforming Our Cities for Christ through United Prayer" - WPI is a non-profit 501(c)(3) servant prayer ministry – encouraging and equipping Christian women to unite to pray in their neighborhoods or places of work for the transformation of *their* city and nation for Christ, not forsaking their own assembly. Please join us at our Women's Brunch on Saturday, March 7th, and our Leadership Conference following the brunch -- invite other women! Send your check with names of attendees in the enclosed envelope by Thursday, February 23rd. Get your checks in early. You won't want to miss hearing what the Lord gives to Sandi Ross for us.

PRAYATHON SAN ANTONIO

**Saturday, January 31,
10:00 AM -3:00 PM**

Join with Christians in a spiritual event of unified prayer for our city!
**Henry B. Gonzales Convent. Center
Ballroom B Downstairs
For info: Weldine @ 342-6284**

2009 WPI SAN ANTONIO CITYWIDE EVENTS

WPI WOMEN'S BRUNCH

**Saturday, March 7
WPI LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE**

**(Please see information on the
right)**

WPI CELEBRATION DINNER

**Friday, September 18,
7:00 - 9:30 PM**

Location to be announced

Guest Speaker: SAMMY TIPPIT

WPI WOMEN'S BRUNCH

**Saturday, March 7, 2009
10:00 – 11:30 AM**

**Wayside Chapel
1705 N.W. Loop 410
San Antonio, TX**



**Guest Speaker: SANDY ROSS
Founder and pastor of Women
of Excellence Ministries,
Summit Christian Center
San Antonio, TX.**

Reservation Deadline is Thursday, February 23rd

No reserved tables, please

\$15.00 Per Person – Dressy Casual

Leadership Conference for current and potential leaders
in the San Antonio area and beyond

104 Ivywood Circle

12:00 – 2:00 PM (following brunch)

\$10.00 charge to cover material and snacks