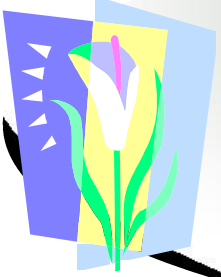


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From Pastor & Gilda,

Dear Church,

Transition is an interesting word...by definition, it is "passage from one state or stage to another, especially an abrupt change". Much of life IS transition; in fact, someone has said that one sure thing about life is that it does not stay the same, but changes. Knowing this or reading this one thing, but when faced with the "unexpected", what are we to do as believers?

As always, God's Word is our guide book. In the Old Testament, Solomon wrestled with life questions, much as we do. He concluded in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 about some of these issues; his words bring perspective to us today, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven..."

Here at SonLife, change and transition have become a way of life, many times an uncomfortable way of life. Today, let's be encouraged, as we look for His hand and hear His voice as He may call YOU by name and ask something of you...perhaps something you have never done before! That is one thing that transition does for us...causes us to ask questions and look within and without to see how we will personally be affected. For sure, none of us is an "island unto ourselves" and what happens TO us also affects those around us. The Word again speaks of this when it says, "when one suffers, we all suffer, and when one rejoices, we all rejoice".

As you consider God's plan for you and us, corporately, may you be reminded of some more of Solomon's words in Proverbs 3:5,6..."trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all of your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight". God is a man of His word and He is in the boat with us as we travel from one stage to the next...

Pastor & Gilda

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Fresh Start Classes

Pastor will lead a FRESH START class on Weds. Evenings at the church, beginning Weds., May 10th at 7pm. This important learning experience is offered to ALL NEW-COMERS to SonLife and anyone else that has never taken the class. We encourage your attendance and participation, as you discover some dynamics of your new church and family ministry.

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Prayer Corner

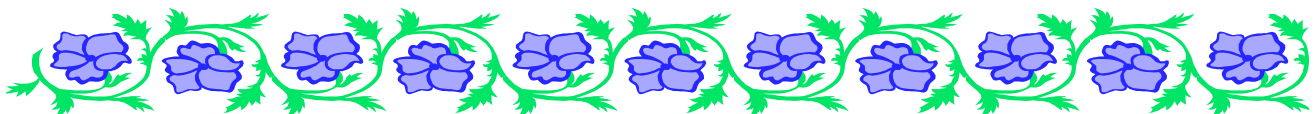
In an article by Norman and Henry Blackaby in Focus on the Family magazine this month, they mentioned some basics from Jesus' prayer life that might help you get started in a regular habit of prayer or "jump start" your devotional time. "A regular time of prayer, especially in the morning, prepares your heart and makes you sensitive to God. It also readies you for what you'll face in the day. God knows what your day holds, and He is capable of preparing you for anything if you'll spend time with Him". In Mark 1:35, we see Jesus getting up early to pray. "Some may argue that setting a specific time for prayer can become legalistic...can make...prayer life too routine. But discipline is highly esteemed in Scripture and spontaneous prayer is enhanced by a routine of prayer."

A regular place of prayer is also important. For Jesus, when He was in Jerusalem, that place was the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:39). It helps our minds become focused more easily on preparing to spend time with our Heavenly Father.

The third thing to model from Jesus' prayer life is His intensity and passion. How intense is your prayer life? My prayer is that these suggestions will enhance your time of prayer. One other suggestion: Bring your Bible with you. God often speaks to us through his Word.

Prayer concerns for May:

- V For mothers as they impact their children's lives and for those who long to be mothers but haven't been able to fulfill that desire.
- V For the SonKids' ministry and all those who are assuming more responsibility in leading, teaching, dancing, etc. (Special thanks to Rachel Alexander, Rhonda Lenehan, and Suria Rogers).
- V Jim Mattson as he recovers from surgery and awaits more chemotherapy.
- V That home sales go through quickly for Rob & Ivalene Still and Shawn & Kara Wise.
- V For traveling mercies and God's blessings on the mission trips for Tiffany Wise and Shelby Mace
- V For the men who will be attending the Promise Keepers' Conference in Baltimore in June that they will see God working in their lives.



SonLife Seniors

Birthday's Coming Up!

Doris BeBee will celebrate her birthday on May 6th.

Address Change:

Mildred Ware moved to the Johnson B. Parsons home on May 1st. We are excited for her!

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and visits. It is all greatly appreciated and are a blessing!

Women of Faith Conference:

There are a couple of tickets remaining for this event held in Philadelphia, PA. Sept. 15th and 16th, 2006. Don't miss out!! See Inge for more details or to purchase a ticket.

Ladies Team

Schedule Change!

Ladies Team night has been moved from May 23rd to May 30th, at 6:30pm. We will discuss Chapter 17 of Beth Moore's book, "When Godly People Do Ungodly Things". Bring your bible, a friend and a covered dish!

*Another need has been brought to the attention of Ladies Team. Grandparents have found themselves raising two small children on a limited budget and need help. Especially may will be a difficult month. Specific needs are diapers (Luvs-Size 3) and formula (Infamil Lipil with iron-powder), but any monetary contributions or WalMart gift cards will be much appreciated. If you have questions or would like to help, contact Rose Merryweather. Thank you in advance for your love and generosity!

Homebuilders

Recently, we received a Moments Together For Couples devotional which made a big impression on both Pete and I, and we wanted to share part of this email with you. Hope it touches you the way it touched us! Here is is:

The Importance of Expressing Love:

Love...does not seek its own. *1 Corinthians 13:4,5*

"I'll never forget at the end of a Family Life Conference in Washington, D.C., when a couple came up who had been married 31 years. I knew of this couple because of a friend who had encouraged them to attend. He had told me how much of a drought had surrounded their marriage in terms of true intimacy and sharing with one another. As this man came up, I was curious to hear what he had gained from the weekend. So I asked, "What's the most important thing you've received from this conference?" I'll always remember his answer. He said, "Dennis, I realized that I needed to tell my wife I love her." He added, "I told her I loved her 31 years ago, and I haven't told her since". I looked over his shoulder at his wife. She was seated on the edge of the platform and tears were streaming down her face. Tears of joy that she had heard the words, but undoubtedly tears of sadness too, for those years of pain from a man who was thinking of himself more than his mate.

Far too many men have trouble expressing their most intimate feelings-being open and verbal is hard work. But because we are called to meet our wives' needs, we really don't have any option.

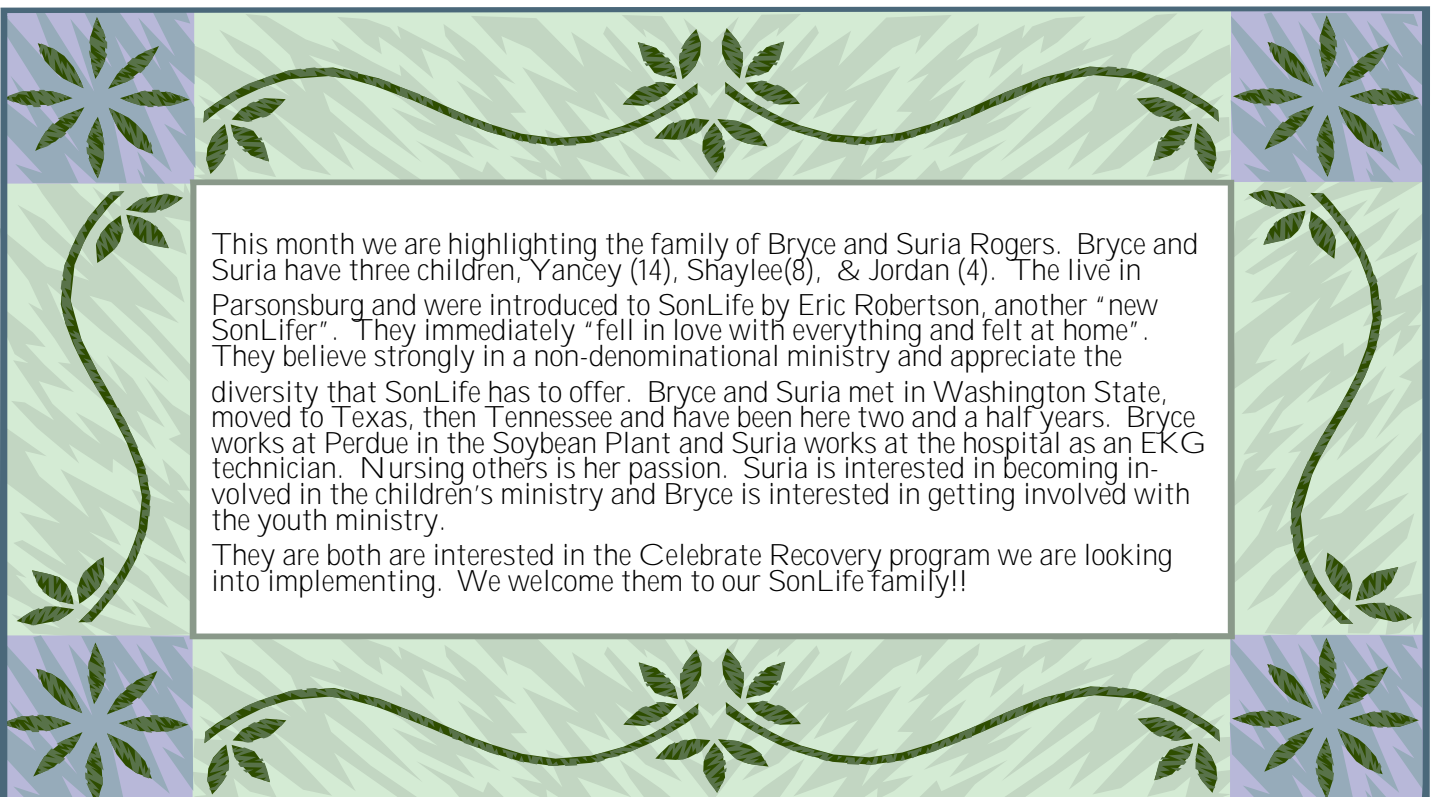
Excerpted from "Moments Together for Couples" by Dennis and Barbara Rainey

In our minds, this can apply to both husbands and wives. So...did you say "I love you" to your mate today?

May's Schedule:

In May, Homebuilder's will meet Monday, May 1st and Friday May 12th at 7pm at Pete and Inge's. Also a cook-out is being planned for Saturday June 3rd at 5pm. All couples are invited! More details to follow but mark it on your calendars.

SonLife Family Highlight:



This month we are highlighting the family of Bryce and Suria Rogers. Bryce and Suria have three children, Yancey (14), Shaylee(8), & Jordan (4). They live in Parsonsburg and were introduced to SonLife by Eric Robertson, another "new SonLifer". They immediately "fell in love with everything and felt at home". They believe strongly in a non-denominational ministry and appreciate the diversity that SonLife has to offer. Bryce and Suria met in Washington State, moved to Texas, then Tennessee and have been here two and a half years. Bryce works at Perdue in the Soybean Plant and Suria works at the hospital as an EKG technician. Nursing others is her passion. Suria is interested in becoming involved in the children's ministry and Bryce is interested in getting involved with the youth ministry.

They are both are interested in the Celebrate Recovery program we are looking into implementing. We welcome them to our SonLife family!!

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