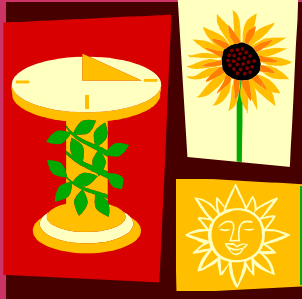


August 2006

SonLife Community Church



EXPERIENCE A FRESH START

## Dear Family,

As we head down the home stretch of this summer season 2006, do we dare look ahead to what God has in store for us?? Our answers may differ greatly depending on our current circumstances and what we perceive we are facing – positive or not so positive...Assuming you have been praying and seeking God for direction, answers are on the way! Let me encourage you to..."Expect a Move of God...Suddenly!"

I have been impressed recently by the this thought and have been challenged to exercise my faith and hope in the One who loves me best. Much of our lives is spent "waiting"...and although it would not be our choice to wait, there is much to be learned in the "waiting room". The problem is we are not very often good students of waiting and so we miss the benefits that God is trying to offer us. We are only about the "finish line" and God is all about the journey and what we learn along the way.

God never promised to do things in "our time". In Acts 1:7, Jesus said, "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority." Not knowing is something we will always have to deal with on this side of eternity. God does not think small minded and immediate like we do, unless He chooses to in a given situation. Rather, He most often responds "in due time (I Peter 5:6), at the appointed time (Genesis 18:14), at the proper time (Galatians 4:4) and in His time (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

Now that we have been reminded of these scriptures, the question is: Now what are we going to do??? The choice is ours: to wait patiently and expectantly or to try and control things to our liking and timing...to attempt to manipulate people and situations OR to trust God and WAIT. Waiting is hard on the flesh, but we CAN live in assurance and hope as we learn to rest in Him and be patient and exercise the measure of faith that we have been given.

So, the challenge for today is...Don't Give Up! God loves you and He is waiting for the RIGHT time to bless you with His good plans for your life. Even though your situation may seem the same day after day...keep on trusting. The answer is on the way.

Learning to wait,  
Pastor and Gilda Wise

## SonLife Seniors

If you have some time, why not visit one of our seniors? Be assured that you will be a blessing and that you yourself will be blessed! A warm "Thank You" to those who are faithful in spending time with our seniors. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

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Be sure to continue to check the calendar on the web!! August Dates to Remember:

**August 7th-BUDS Mtg.**  
**August 8th, 6:30pm-Ladies Team**  
**August 29th, 7pm-Shepards Team**

## Prayer Corner

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"Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken."

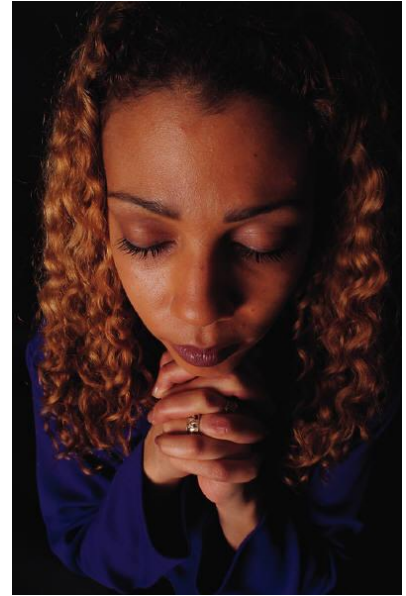
~Psalm 62:5-6

It seems God has been speaking to me lately through others about trusting Him. If I know that He loves me and He's surely wiser than I, then I need to trust Him with every care and concern. Lack of patience shows a lack of trust in God and His perfect timing. That was an eye opener for me. When I push ahead or try to make something

happen in my own strength, I'm telling God that I think my timing (NOW) is better than His.

Waiting on Him is part of the refining process. It removes impatience and the tendency to blame others for our inconvenience. "Waiting replaces fear of the unknown with peace, even when we don't understand our circumstances." Okay, Lord, help us to wait on You and Your perfect timing, to praise You even when we don't understand what You are doing.

~Linda~



## Prayer Concerns for August:

- a *For the Wises as they are away on vacation that God will give rest and renewal*
- a *All who are vacationing this month for safety and true rest*
- a *David Mattson as he recovers from surgery*
- a *Christina Mattson's health as she battles MS and diabetes*
- a *Jim Mattson as he undergoes chemotherapy*
- a *Our seniors for strength and encouragement as God meets their every need*
- a *Shawn & Kara Wise in the sale of their home & transition to a new town*
- a *Church chat in September as we seek God's direction*
- a *Women of Faith in September-all who attend, as well as the speakers, musicians, & workers who make the event possible*
- a *Scott Hughes, Scottie Glasgow's son-in-law & Carol Franz's brother-in-law, having a cardiac cathertization on August 2nd, pray for definitive and treatable diagnosis*
- a *Last but not least, for us to continue to reach out with the good news to those God puts in our lives!*



# HOMEBUILDERS

Starting this month, we would like to share some things that we have learned while studying the book Boundaries In Marriage, by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend, in our Homebuilders' group.

When couples get married they may think: We love each other so much, we can conquer anything! True, love is a very important ingredient to overcome obstacles, but it is not enough. A marriage also needs freedom and responsibility. Freedom does not exist when one feels controlled by another person. That person lives in fear, and then love dies. God's Word tells us that "Perfect love drives out fear" (1 John 4:18). The responsibility aspect can be explained by the fact that God expects us to be self-controlled in our actions and behavior. We each have that responsibility! God has given us the Spirit to be able to do so. "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:23) Both spouses have to take the responsibility for the marriage, it cannot just be one of the two. And, we need to allow the Spirit to dwell in us; then our marriage relationship will thrive and love will grow.

## Homebuilder's Schedule:

- Friday, August 11
- Monday, August 21
- Friday, September 8
- Friday, September 22
- Friday, October 9
- Friday, October 27



Plans are already being made for next year's Promise Keepers to attend the conference in San Antonio, TX, July 12-15, 2007! The theme will be: *Discover the Man of Integrity, Courage, & Action in YOU!* Don't pass up this chance to share a true God experience and spend time together at the Alamo! Since this is plenty of notice, and you can begin planning your finances now, I hope you will prayerfully consider attending! I personally would like to see each of you in San Antonio. Please contact me if you have any questions or to put your name in the hat for a ticket! ~Pete~



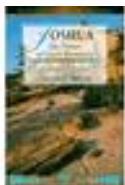
# From The Lead Worshipper

Music is truly my very heart. I have often found peace, rest and comfort listening or just quietly worshipping in the quietness of my home. I am so blessed to have been afforded the opportunity to learn and grow in my musical understanding and education since the time I was a young child...some of you have not walked this path and your gifts have taken you down different paths, so let's try and connect, OK?

We have discussed this so much; it still remains a passion of mine to share. Worship is so much more than MUSIC. It is a lifestyle and one we need to develop and nurture if we are to be close to the heart of God! The angels were created to be worshippers and we have the awesome privilege to enter that sacred realm as we too discover how to "enter into His presence". There is TRULY no more awesome place or aura...in His presence.

If this all sounds "strange" or "uncomfortable to you, let's talk about it...and pray about it. The loving Father of your life wants to see you whole...in His presence is the place to start...SELAH (pause and think about that...) -Gilda-

## Ladies Team



**We have begun a new study on *Joshua, The Power of God's Promises*. If you are interested in purchasing a study guide, please see Inge. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 22nd at 6:30pm. We'll discuss Session 2: Life Changing Faith. In preparation for our next meeting, please read Joshua 2. We'll begin with a covered dish followed by our study. Bring a friend!!**



**September 15-16  
Wachovia, Philadelphia, PA  
Be there!! Can't wait!!**



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