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Men back from Atlanta Promise Keepers

Several SonLife men will be reporting today about their trip to the Atlanta area Promise Keepers last week with its theme of "Manhood, Let the Truth be Told."

Pete Frost, who organized the trip, went to his first event in 2000 and this was his seventh. He said, "This was one of the best that I've attended." Simply put, he added, "A man was created in God's own image to do a very important job, to lead his wife, and then to lead his family in a way pleasing to the Master of the Universe."

While they were at the conference, held at a church outside of Atlanta, the group had the opportunity to hear speakers including Coach Bill McCartney, founder and former president of Promise Keepers; Dan Seaborn, the founder of Winning At Home whose church youth group



SonLife's team attending the Promise Keepers Conference in the Atlanta area visited the Olympic Park. They are Craig Larson, Tom Merryweather, Pete Frost, Pastor Marshall Wise, Rob Perkins, and Bill Digby.

started the WWJD bracelets; Bishop Larry Jackson who played a pivotal role in establishing Unified 2000 which was a ministry for breaking down denominational and racial barriers within the Christian community.

Also, Richard Blackaby, an author or co-author of many books including *Discovering God's Daily Agenda*; Josh McDowell, the author of *Evidence That Demands a Verdict* and *More Than a Carpenter*; Mike Silva, an international evangelist; Dan Davis, a former NFL linebacker who earned two Super Bowl rings while with the New England Patriots; and



Rob Still talked about his parents, Bob and Lee Still at the July 27th church service on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Rob was on his way to Romania as part of his ministry of music and teaching worship leadership.

others.

Church planning Special Motorcycle Week Sunday service planned

A committee headed by Dan and Katy Seman and Tom and Rose Merryweather is working on a special event and Sunday service for cyclists attending Bike Week in September. Many of the bikers will be staying at Winterpark Place, just across the road.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact one of the above committee leaders.

Don't miss the Women of Faith Conference

There are only 3 tickets remaining for this year's Women of Faith Conference in Philadelphia, September 12 and 13. The theme is "Infinite Grace" for the main event; the theme for the pre conference on Friday is "I Second that Emotion."



Bob and Lee Still receive the congratulations of the church and relatives as they were recognized for their 50th wedding anniversary at the July 27th services.

The special guests for the main event are Nicole C. Mullen and Max Lucado!

Nicole C. Mullen. She started singing at age two and she's been praising God with her voice ever since. The winner of eight Gospel Music Association Dove Awards, Nicole's powerful ballads and danceable tunes will have your toes tapping before you know it. But there's more to Nicole than dynamic vocals and skillful songwriting. "Hopefully, at the end of the day, they will not have just heard pretty music," Nicole says, "but somewhere between the lines, pages, and phrases, they will have heard the whisper of God to the depths of their hearts." Nicole has worked to help free the Trokosi slaves held captive in Ghana, West Africa and for more than a dozen years she has sown into the lives of young girls through her Baby Girls Club, an organization that mentors young women. She even designs her own clothing. Nicole and husband David have four children and they live on a farm near Nashville.

Max Lucado. Max has the heart of a pastor and the pen of a poet. He is a preacher who writes and a writer who preaches, though no one would call him preachy. This unique combination of gifts led *Christianity Today* to label him "America's Pastor," but he prefers to go by "Max." Since 1985, this Texas pastor has taken pen to paper, sharing his heart and his stories with readers around the globe. He's written best-selling books for both children and adults. In fact, Max won *Campus Life* magazine's "favorite author" title so consistently they deleted that category from the teen reader's annual awards. Max has spoken to Women of Faith audiences for several years now, but he recently added The Revolve Tour to his resume. At the Tour, Max appears with eldest daughter Jenna to tell teen girls about the love their heavenly Father has for them. The rest of the Lucado family includes mom Denalyn and sisters Andrea and Sara. The Lucado clan lives in San Antonio, Texas.

Other exciting speakers include:

Patsy Clairmont. Patsy's quick wit, light touch, and depth of Biblical knowledge combine in a powerful pint-sized package that's one of a kind. Despite claiming an intimate knowledge of fear, Patsy bravely tackles a subject most of us feel at a loss to approach—our feelings. But she reassures us, "You are not the only one who feels that you have more mood swings than brain cells and more hormones than hallelujahs. Take a deep breath and pop a dark-chocolate bon-bon; we girls are in this together." And who better to lead us



Ann Wiseman "attempts to strangle" Estrella Knutson during the skit "Feed and Seed" on the parables of the sowing of the seeds during the July 27 service.

through a heartfelt journey to understanding our emotions than a recovering agoraphobic with a pronounced funny bone? Her new book, *I Second That Emotion*, is the basis for our 2008 Pre-conference events. Patsy and her husband Les live in Michigan and Texas.

Anita Renfroe. Whether she's transforming the William Tell Overture into an ode to 'Momsense' or explaining how to accessorize a 'wisdom waist', Anita always makes us laugh. Maybe it's because she comes right out and says what we're all thinking! Recently, she's made appearances on *Good Morning America*, Dr. Phil, and CNN (to name a few), but this multifaceted creative artist is still just one of the girls – though possibly a touch stranger than the rest of us. Comedian, musician, speaker, and author, Anita recently joined forces with husband John to write a devotional for couples, *Songs in the Key of Solomon*. Anita and John have two "semi-grown" boys and one girl. They live in Georgia.

Jan Silvious. Jan is known for her Biblically sound, psychologically positive answers for women's challenges. Women of Faith Association members know Jan as the author of the 'Deeper Connection' Bible Study found in each issue of *Connection* magazine. The author of 10 books, her latest, *Smart Girls Think Twice*, is designed to help you make "Wise Choices When It Counts." Jan speaks to groups across the US, Canada, Europe and Central America. A frequent guest on radio and television, Jan spent five years as the co-host (with Kay Arthur) for the call-in radio program, *Precept Live*. Jan has been married to Charlie for more than 40 years and is the mother of three grown sons and grandmother of five.

When you go, prepare yourself for lots of laughter, but also tears because the speakers have a God-given ability to touch our hearts with both emotions.

This is a conference you don't want to miss! Please see Inge for more information or if you are interested in purchasing a ticket. The tickets are \$99 each plus \$10 toward the hotel cost.

HomeBuilders meet Aug. 29th

By Inge Frost

The HomeBuilders' group will continue the study of *Sacred Marriage* on Friday, August 29th with reviewing Chapter 4. Couples, if interested, it is not too late to join us! Call Pete and Inge at 410-860-2411 for more information.

Some time ago, we received a *Moments Together for Couples* devotional e-mail that made a big impression on both Pete and me. With the **Weekend to Remember** Conference coming up in September, we want to share part of this email with you to encourage couples to attend this great conference. It will strengthen your relationship!

The Importance of Expressing Love

Love...does not seek its own. -- I Corinthians 13:4,5

"I'll never forget at the end of a Family Life Marriage 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 need 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.*

Ladies' Team

Another fun night is being planned for the ladies for Tuesday, August 29th at 6:30 pm at the Larson home. Come and join us for food and laughter! Bring a covered dish and a friend. Regular Ladies' Team meetings will resume on September 23rd (every 4th Tuesday of the month). More information too follow.

Weekly team meetings

One of the strengths of our church is the opportunity to build relationships with each other and the first place that can be done is through the weekly team meetings in a member's home.

Monday evening, 7-9 p.m., The Mattson Team. Contact Christine Mattson at (410) 548-7557 or Lee Still at (410) 742-0675.

Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m., The Wise Team. Contact Pastor Marshall or Gilda Wise at (410) 548-5688.

Thursday evening, 7-9 p.m., The Larson Team. Contact Craig or Linda Larson at (410) 742-5134.

TRIBUTE TO MILDRED MAE WARE

This wonderful lady whom most of the SonLifers knew went to be with her Lord and Saviour on July 31, 2008. She spoke many times to Pastor Marshall about going home to be with Jesus and her husband, Bob. She is finally there.

But, let us not forget the impression she made on each of us – whether we knew her or not. She was a lady of convictions. She knew her Savior and wanted everyone else to know him as well. But there was more. During her lifetime, she had a very loving relationship with her husband, Bob, and brought Gilda up to love the Lord and to love to sing worship to Him. This is a legacy that lives on in her grandchildren, as well. Though there were times she did not want to pack up and move yet another time to be with her daughter and son-in-law, she did it as she faithfully followed her husband's desires.

This can be a lesson to us all. We all love the Lord, but sometimes it's hard to follow Him. Sometimes it seems He asks things of us that we just don't want to do or think we can't do. But, when we go ahead and do what He asks, we find such a blessing at the end. I believe Mildred has found her ultimate blessing as she looks into the face of her Lord and sings praises to Him with all the other saints. It reminds me of an old gospel song - "Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the Lord; soon and very soon we are goin' to see the Lord; soon and very soon we are goin' to see the Lord. Oh Hallelujah, Hallelujah – we're goin' to see the Lord" - and we can only pray that we, too, will join Jesus and the saints –including Mildred and Bob – in singing praises to God, the Father of us all!

To the Wise Family – though there is sorrow at Mildred's passing (she will be dearly missed), we know that there is also joy in knowing where she is right now. It's a great blessing to KNOW where our loved ones are when their bodies give out. Be blessed and know that we – as SonLifers – are here to support you in any way we can.

Report on Rob Still's Ministry

This is one of SonLife's supported ministries. A report on his recent activities is by photos as he travels to Romania this summer to conduct classes in worship and song writing. These photos are from the 2007 classes. You may contact Rob at rob@robstill.com.



(Above left) Participants listen to a lecture session during the School of Worship.



(Above right) Rob Still at the Music and Arts Conference in eastern Europe.

(Right) Romanian School of Worship Class of 2007 graduation photo with a proud Rob front and center.



This is your newsletter... item deadline August 31st

This is your chance to tell the rest of the church about others in the church and yourself. Your own spiritual insights are welcome also. E-mail info and photos to Ann Wiseman at Bdenver234@comcast.net or by giving her the information at church.