

## Odds and Ends

**Charles Martin**, who spoke at our Christmas banquet about his faith and writing career, is finishing his next book, due to be released in Spring 2010. The book is set in the mountains of Utah and Jacksonville Beach. Visit Charles' website at [www.charlesmartinbooks.com](http://www.charlesmartinbooks.com).

Former CFC Pastor of Discipleship **Ian Clark** had brain surgery on March 11<sup>th</sup> in California to remove a benign brain tumor. Surgery was successful. Though back at work in Piseco, NY, Ian's body, in his words, "is (functioning) at about 4 cylinders out of 6." Some hearing remains in his left ear, and his right ear is at full function. Pray for nerve regeneration, healing for the tear ducts and taste buds, and restored balance. Ian sends his love and gratitude to the CFC family, for whom he regularly prays.

**L.I.G.H.T. Homeschool Group** invites anyone (new to the church) interested in joining for the 2009/2010 school year to call Ashli Lee Crawford at 260-5328.

Do you have an event you would like published in the Fall issue of The Purple Thread or a question or submission for Odds and Ends? If so, please send information to [carolannjax@bellsouth.net](mailto:carolannjax@bellsouth.net) by the end of July.

### Save the Date

June 24

Bible Studies by Demand begin 7:00 PM

August 9

Sign-up begins for fall studies

August 26

Fall studies begin

December 4

Women's Christmas Outreach Dinner

### 2009 Women's Ministries Team

Cindy Harby, Director of Women's Ministries

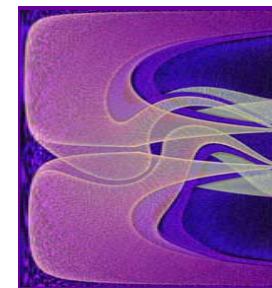
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The Purple Thread



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*"We proclaim Him ... that we may present everyone mature in Jesus Christ." Colossians 1:28*

*"Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised." (Prov. 31:30).* This issue of *The Purple Thread* features testimonies from women who participated in various classes, ministries, or events sponsored by CFC Women's Ministries this past semester. As you read, you will see lives impacted by the Word of God and how we have helped each other to reach our goals. We share these testimonies in a spirit of thanksgiving to the Lord for allowing us this place, these resources, each other, and most of all Himself, in order to grow in the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. Each testimony is a brief glimpse of a woman discovering the kind of beauty the Lord desires. *"The Lord does not look at the things mans looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."* (1 Sam. 16:7b). Summer is here, magazine covers are beckoning us to slim down, tan up and look good on the outside. Let's enter summer intentionally, not tossed by the waves of the world, but anchored by the love and wisdom of our Heavenly Father who sees within. Thank you to the Bible study leaders, the mentors and each and every volunteer who made this past semester what was. Thank you Lord, Abba, Father, Jesus, for being everything in the world to us.

## Testimonies

"For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also."  
(Lk. 12:34, NAS)

Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman  
Beth Moore Bible Study

"I was given a new understanding of God's providence to apply to my life during this study of the story of Esther. I see God's hand in mine and my family's lives in situations I would have missed before. The study was so powerful, I borrowed the tapes and am repeating it in my home with my daughter and some neighbors." - Janet Aitken

Isaiah Part 2, Comfort My People  
Precept Inductive Study

"I attended Precept studies of Isaiah Part 1 and 2. The in-depth study, consisting of daily Bible readings cross referencing topics from Isaiah as they relate to the rest of the Bible, both the old and the new testament, was a real eye, or should I say heart-opener for me. The combination of a knowledgeable instructor, class conversation, videos, Bible readings, and a workbook was intense, but well worth it. It made the Word of God come alive and kept me wanting and asking the Lord for more, it was like he couldn't feed me fast enough. This in-depth class requires a lot of time, but I would highly recommend it. It offers believers at all levels the opportunity to learn and grow in faith in a safe and welcoming environment." - Linda Goudy

Bible Studies

2009 Women's Retreat

Mending Hearts

Discipleship Groups

Amazing Grays

20-Somethings

Testimonies continue inside...



## Testimonies (Cont.)

### Scriptural Salve for Your Soul

"When I started the *Scriptural Salve* class I wanted to grow closer to the Lord and really hear His voice. I learned to really listen to the Scripture and to apply it to my life like never before. I also grew in the area of trusting God, not just when things go the way I want but I know I can trust Him in everything. It really touched my heart the way the leaders were so committed to praying for me and my life will never be the same." - Maria Faunce

### Mending Hearts

"A year ago, I observed several friends who were in *Mending Hearts* visibly changing, healing and becoming free from deep pain they had experienced in the past. This gave me hope as well as a longing for the same healing in my life. I am so thankful God is using this past year in *Mending Hearts* to begin the healing process inside of me, too!" - Anonymous

### The Lord's Table

"*The Lord's Table* was not at all what I was expecting. The Bible study opened my eyes to sin in areas of my life (such as eating habits) which I had not previously considered to be sin. I learned how I can have freedom from this bondage and turn all of my concerns over to the Lord." - Kay Harmeling

### MEMS (Mothers Encouraging Mothers)

"I have been so thankful that *MEMS* offered a Bible Study this year! I greatly enjoyed reading the chosen book and discussing it with the other ladies. We mothers were blessed to have mentors who added insight, guidance, and wisdom to the practical applications the author offered. My relationship with my daughter has blossomed as a direct result of practicing what I was challenged to do." - Julie Bollinger

### Apples of Gold

"For me, the *Apples* program was and continues to be a fresh look at the power available to me when Christ is placed squarely at the center of my heart and home. I came to FINALLY understand something I already knew in my head but had never completely applied to my life... being a Christian is not picking and choosing life a la carte, it is living every part of my life with a clear theme. I feel truly challenged to love God's word as it is written. The icing on the cake is the super friendships I have formed with people I never would have predicted." - Stacy Derr



### Amazing Grays

"Amazing Grays are beautiful saints who know it's not how you start but how you end your life with God." - Alice Mendez-Vigo

### Discipleship Program

"The 15-18 month discipleship process has been an incredible journey toward becoming a more committed Christ Follower. I benefited from the accountability provided by the small group setting. And, I feel better equipped to disciple other women who desire to grow in their relationship with Jesus." - Kim Kutsch-Hayes

### 20-Somethings

"The *20-Somethings* ministry at CFC has helped me know and understand what a modern-day Proverbs 31 woman looks like! It has given me the chance to connect with wise *older* women in the church who have so much godly knowledge to share. I have only been going to CFC for a little over a year, but through this ministry I am able to really get to know the women of this church and feel connected to a group of women that otherwise I may not have had a chance to interact with." - Kristen Potter



### Treasured Saints Luncheon

"One of the special CFC events I look forward to every April is when the Women's Ministry hosts a delightful afternoon for us *older* ladies. Each year there is a different theme, with decorations and games that follow the theme. The lovingly prepared food is always delicious, nutritious and beautifully presented. Thanks, ladies of the Women's Ministry ... you really know how to make us feel loved!" - Jackie Shears.

Some of our treasured ladies



### "Just Give Me Jesus" Revival with Anne Graham Lotz

"I decided to attend *Just Give Me Jesus* because I wanted to get to know other women at CFC. I have been attending CFC since November 2008 and don't know many of the ladies. I rode the vans to give me an opportunity to meet others. It was quite fun and allowed me to make several new friends.

The best description for the event itself was "peaceful". The theme song, "Give Me Jesus," still rings through my memory. It was a peaceful and worship-filled experience.

Next, imagine an auditorium filled with thousands of women all having a quiet-time using a new method, during the event! I just stopped and took that moment in. It was awesome. I love the Word and seeing my sisters in Christ in the Word gave me goose bumps. What a blessing. The method of study included something new for me. We were asked to pray, read, ask ourselves, what does it say, what does it mean and then (the best part) ask yourself a question related to the meaning for each verse. It really honed in on the issues in my heart and helped with application. I continue to use this study method and plan to for some time.



### "Just Give Me Jesus" Bible Study

I also enjoyed the Bible Study that followed the event, because it gave me the opportunity to continue the same method of study as part of a group, but also helped with the original goal to meet other women in the body, which I have done, and they are truly wonderful!

If you are lonely for a new friend, consider coming to an event. There are some special sisters in Christ here who would love to meet you and welcome you just like they did me!" - Melinda Haffeman

## CFC Summertime

### Bible Study by Demand – Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30 pm in D1

Because summer is a difficult time to commit to a weekly Bible study, we are offering a flexible, no-homework, come-when-you-can alternative. Each week is a single, stand alone study by a well known Bible teacher or speaker on DVD. Small group discussions will follow the teaching. This is also a great way to preview a teacher and their message before committing to a longer study. For more information, stop by the Women's Cart, June 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>. No childcare available.

- June 24 – Beth Moore - *Believing God*
- July 1 – Beth Moore - *Jesus, The One and Only*
- July 8 – Jennifer Rothschild - *Fingerprints of God*
- July 15 – Mary Kassian - *Conversation Peace*
- July 22 – Tianne Moon - *Enjoy*
- July 29 – Lisa Whelchel - *Creative Correction*

In addition to this video series, Women's Ministries has many other Bible study videos and resources available to borrow. To find out more, please call Cindy at 262-3000.

### Beth Moore Living Proof Live Simulcast

On Friday evening and Saturday, August 28-29, 2009, Beth Moore will be giving a Living Proof Live seminar in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Thanks to simulcast satellite technology, Beth will also be at CrossRoad Church on Gate Parkway here in Jacksonville. You will see and hear the same teaching and worship that Beth Moore and her team bring to their live events, in real time, without the drive! Tickets will be on sale at CFC soon. The cost is \$25.

### Deeper Still: The Event with Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer and Beth Moore

Learn to go deeper in your relationship with God and His word, in prayer and in worship at this multicultural, multigenerational weekend event at the Amway Arena in Orlando on September 18-19. For more information call 800-254-2022 or register online at [www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com).

