

The Vignette

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Praying for the Persecuted Christian

by Pastor Jim

God has been moving in my heart to be more vocal for the persecuted church! I watched Jay Sekulow tonight on the American Center for Law & Justice as he highlighted the case of Pastor Saeed, an American citizen who is in prison in Iran for his Christian faith.



Saeed went to Iran to help with a building project at an orphanage and was arrested and jailed 203 days ago because of his faith in Jesus Christ. Hebrews 13:3 says, "Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, *and* those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body." Let's pray for Pastor Saeed and his faith to remain strong, and for his wife and young children to be strong as they await his release. For more on this case check out www.acli.org and for encouragement to pray for the Persecuted Church around the world check out The Voice of the Martyrs at www.persecution.org.

God bless you!

Pastor Jim

Discover LCCC 101 Class - THIS Saturday

Our next Membership Class is this Saturday, April 20, from 9:00AM – 12:30PM, with lunch following. Class 101 is a chance for you to learn about our church's vision, beliefs, strategy, and leadership; and to meet the staff, elders, and ministry leaders. Childcare and lunch are provided. Sign up by notifying the office at 582-8040.



Safe in His Shadow - Dwellers or Visitors?

by Beckie Madson

Psalm 91:1 tells us: "He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." This past weekend's women's retreat prompted the 81 women from LCCC and their friends to consider whether they were "dwellers" or "visitors" in the Lord's presence. We can have as much of God as we want! God has so much to offer us that the world simply can't.



Oh, that we could have had each one of you, our Christian sisters, with us at this year's retreat! The opportunity to step away from everyday life for a moment to intentionally focus on God, our spiritual growth, and Christian fellowship can be likened to

a sabbatical (a period of time off for in depth focus on professional and spiritual renewal.) Our group was able to enter the weekend minus the normal responsibilities of our daily work, to worship together, and to direct our focus on God and the message He had for each one of us.

Our speaker, a warm-hearted author, blogger, pastor's wife, adoptive mom, and pioneer at heart, wove her testimony beautifully through her message on four shadows spoken of in the Bible about God. She walked us through the protective shadow of the Rock, Jesus, who shields us from God's wrath by Salvation, through the Cross (Isaiah 32:1-2). Then she spoke of the shadow of the Tree where we learn of His love for us and how he delights in us (Song of Solomon 2:3). It's under the shadow of His Wing that He teaches us to trust Him, where He grows us and heals us (Psalm 63:7), and, finally, in the shadow of His Hand where He fashions us into His masterpiece- into the women that He intends for us to become (Isaiah 49:2).

We are so grateful for all of the support and encouragement that we received from our families and our church so that we were able to carry out this retreat. And we are grateful to God, who overcame many obstacles to assure that His women were at the retreat to receive His message. If you would like to hear more about this impactful weekend, ask a friend who attended. Find out how a retreat like this can bring you to a closer relationship with the Lord. And plan to join us next year!

Happy 100th Birthday, Helen Metrician!

by Eileen Shepard

Helen Marguerite DeVore was born April 24, 1913 in Coolville, Ohio to Vidins and Ida DeVore as the youngest of five children. Her dad was a carpenter and cabinet maker; her mom a homemaker. Her first twenty years were spent in rural southern Ohio. In 1933, Helen's sister, Anne, a nurse at American Lake V.A. Hospital, sent for Helen to come live with her in Washington. Helen got a job at the hospital canteen where she met Thomas Metrician who worked as an orderly. Tom and Helen were married April 8, 1935. They had two children: Lee in 1940 and Eileen in 1944. Shortly after marriage, Helen became a full time homemaker. She really enjoyed working in her yard and garden. In the late 1940's, a neighbor invited her to church. She accepted and began going to Lake City Community Church. In the early 1950's, she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized, and joined the church. Shortly thereafter, she was asked to help in the "Little Jewels" department (2 & 3 year olds). And so she "helped" for quite a few years. Having a beautiful yard with many flowers, she was also on the decorating committee. They provided fresh flowers for the sanctuary every Sunday on a rotating basis. Tom and Helen were married for almost sixty years. Four years after Tom's passing, Helen moved in with her daughter and is still living there today.

