

Women in the Church Newsletter

As we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, especially to those in the household of faith



Bible Study Nugget:

Becoming a Woman Who Loves by Cynthia Heald

Chapter 9: Love Reconciles

When you first read the title of this chapter, you might be tempted to just close the book and "forget" to do this lesson! Don't you dare! :) Although it is a tough topic in our world *and* in our churches, following Christ through reconciliation will bear much fruit. Restoration and Unity are of supreme importance to God, who went all the way to the cross to reconcile us to Himself and thereby one another. A forgiving heart desires to remove any hindrance that might exist in a relationship. We learn that desire for unity, a willingness to humble ourselves, and a merciful heart honor and please the Lord.

Psalm 133:1 says, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

"Love works wisely and gently in a soul where he wills it, powerfully extinguishing short temper, envy, and all passions of anger and self-pity, bringing into the soul in their place the virtues of patience, mildness, peaceability, and warmth toward one's fellow Christians." Walter Hilton



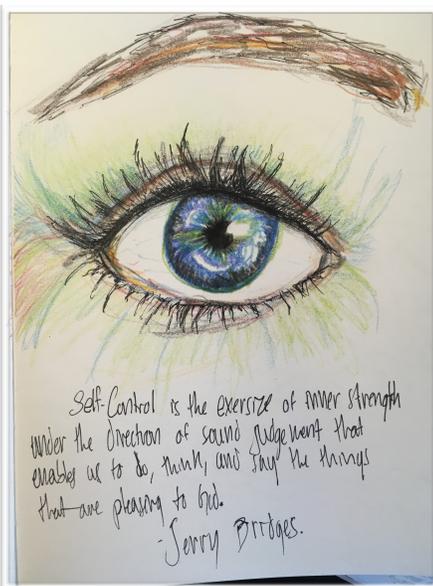
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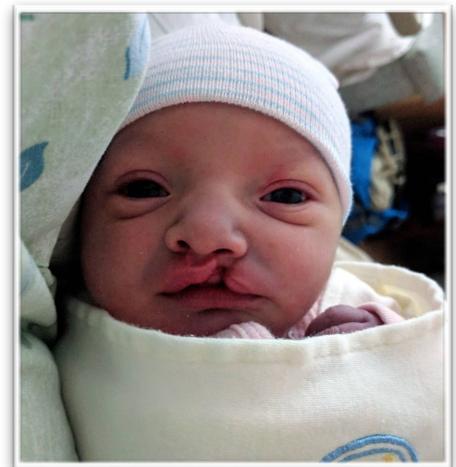


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Calling all Prayer Warriors:

VBS is close at hand. Please be in intercessory prayer for the teachers, the children & teens, and all the prep work that goes into this week long ministry.

June 24-28



**WELCOME
Mila Wren
daughter of Uriah & Bekah
Bartlett**

Pray for one another

"Help _____ grow in diligence, faith, moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love."

2 Peter 1:5-7

Testimony Corner: by Morgan Saufley

The Lord has had me in the palm of His hand since the moment I was conceived-I do not remember a time when I was not taught in His ways. That fact is a wonderful blessing, but because of that, when it came time for me to join the Church and profess my faith, it was difficult for me to discern between my parent's faith and my own. Through the years, the Lord has carefully and lovingly guided my steps. When I wander from Him (as I am very apt to do quite often) He always calls me back to Himself.

Not long ago, I got caught up in myself and my wants and desires, and started to believe lies that the enemy was telling me about my family and my church. I turned away from the truths that I knew to be solid ground and ran from loving voices, because I believed that they were ignorant and wanted to hold me back from what I could accomplish in the 'real world'. It took a broken heart to turn my eyes on Jesus again! The Lord taught me from that-my faith is not my own, meaning it doesn't come from me. It is a gift from our Father in Heaven and I thank Him that it is, because I am imperfect and I would be hopelessly lost if not for that perfect Gift that He sent down from Heaven. I had felt so lost and alone-trying to fight by myself when Jesus was right there beside me, calling me to just take His hand. I could not, so He reached down and pulled me up out of the muck.

The Lord is mine and I am His! His love and his promises are amazing because He is the Lord Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.