

# The Pillar

DVPCA WOMEN IN THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

*Standing firm in the strength of His might*



*Hinged Bible Study:*  
*Week 11 Ephesians 6:1-9*

Our ultimate aim in life is to glorify God. One way He calls us to practice this is within the context of relationships with others. Husband/Wife, Parent/Child, Master/Servant. We must remember what He's done for us: brought us to Himself, granted salvation, forgiven, redeemed, adopted us into His family. This is the Gospel. We must gaze daily into this mirror to be encouraged and motivated to love one another, and treat each other with respect and honor as image-bearers of the Lord God-Creator of all things.

**This is the covenant way, the content of the gospel within the context of relationships.**

Are the ways we treat our family, interact with one another within the church, dialogue with our neighbors or co-workers, humbly submit to people within the workplace (whether in a position of authority or under the authority of someone), displaying the aroma of Christ? Come be challenged by the Word of God and encouraged by fellow sisters on how we can do this.

**opportunities for  
fellowship and outreach**

**+Family Camp**, Hungry Mother State Park,  
August 6-8

**+Annual Meeting**  
August 28, 2021  
9am-12n

\*new Women's Bible Study will be  
introduced

**+YASLs 4th Friday Fireside Fellowship-**  
August 27th



Flavian & Inyange  
Pardigon- Various  
Countries

Murat "O"- Belgium

Blue Ridge Presbytery

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Church Planting

PCA- Retired Pastors

Greenville Pres.  
Theological Seminary

Kiersten Hutchinson-  
TEAM-Zimbabwe

Dennis & Judy "B"-  
MNA, Philadelphia

George & Martha  
Mixon- SERGE, Kenya

## REJOICING IN SUFFERING

*“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.”*

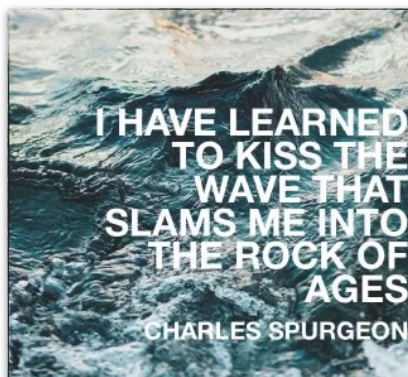
Romans 5:1-4

When I read this passage written by Paul, I was searching for biblical truth in the midst of my sufferings. I felt like I was surrounded by darkness, grief, and death. My father had passed away in August and both of my grandmothers had passed away in November. I was almost angry when I read Paul’s words. How can I rejoice in this pain and grief? How will my suffering produce something fruitful?

But God in his almighty mercy and grace had planted me here. He took a heart that was full of pain and planted it in a rich and fertile darkness, and then used that darkness to nurture me to grow into something greater than my circumstances. A seed must first die to itself to produce something new and that is what God was doing for me.

By grace through faith I was growing. I didn’t see the change every day, but over a period of time there was change. There was growth. God changed me. The **unchangeable God**, with his loving grace and mercy, changed me. He pursued me in the winter season and asked me to continue to be fruitful, and eventually I was able to grow and bask in the glory of his light.

C. H. Spurgeon once said “Our God may drench us with grief, but he will refresh us with His mercy.” Whether in the past or the future, we all experience some kind of hardships or sufferings. So as Paul says in Romans 12, I will “weep with those who weep” **AND** I will “rejoice with those who rejoice” in the midst of your suffering, because I know that God is using that exact experience to create, grow, and sanctify you into something so much greater!



Testimony Corner:

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