

Grace Way Women's Ministry Newsletter

DECEMBER
2021

Save the DATE!!

January 22nd—6 pm—8:30 pm

Winter Warm-up

Sign up on Unite link provided in email & Facebook or in Sunday School

April 23rd—Spring Event

WATCH FOR DATE/Details

June—Women's brunch

Oct - Women's conference

Dec—Christmas Breakfast/
exchange

See the Light!

"He answered, "Whether or not he's a sinner, I don't know. One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I can see!" " John 9:25

Have you ever had that moment? IF you've been a Christian very long, you know what I mean. The moment when the Holy Spirit gives you an "Aha" moment when you're reading something you've read or heard so many times. This week I had this when I did my Advent devotion on "Seeing the Light". The passages were John 9, Acts 9, and Colossians 1:9-14. As I read these scriptures and then the devotional written by Bailey Gillespie w/She Reads Truth, it hit me between the eyes. In the devotional Bailey talks about all the lovely, unique things at night which you can only see and appreciate because it's dark. Christmas lights aren't so fun or pretty during the day. Shooting stars aren't as glorious during the day. No one chases fireflies during the day. Taking this in after reading the account of the blind man being healed and Paul's conversion what Bailey wrote next slammed into my spirit. "It's the absence of light everywhere else that draws our attention to them (lights, fireflies, etc). In this sense, the purpose of darkness is to point us to the radiance of light." I should know it but it was clear to me looking at Paul and the blind man's testimony. They wouldn't have appreciated or accepted the light of Jesus in their life if they hadn't known darkness. Darkness comes in many forms; literal, spiritual, emotional, & mental darkness in the form of anxiety, depression, life struggles which feel overwhelming, result of our sin, result of others' sins, or a result of the original sin.

BUT here's what I personally realized in this moment and went on to PRAISE GOD for! The dark times & darkness in my life have drawn me closer & closer to Christ and His light! Through loss of an unborn child, miscarriage, cancer, job loss, anxiety & depression struggles, and more, I see THE LIGHT more clearly. When you're discouraged or feel the darkness suffocating you, SEE the LIGHT! Look for the it! Seek the source of THE LIGHT = CHRIST! I needed this reminder this week, and I pray during these times where the world and our daily life can feel especially dark, you will SEE the LIGHT! AND remember JESUS IS THE LIGHT!

Heather Herget - Women's Ministry Director

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Grace Way Women's conference
November 13 & 14

- 35 Women attended
- We worshipped, fellowshiped, ate, laughed, heard a WORD from the LORD, and more!
- 10+ men volunteered
- 1 crazy woman threw shirts into the congregation



KRISTI SMITH CONFUSED ON EMCEE ROLE



Worship team:
Christy Richman,
Caitlyn Solari,
James Raspberry,
Melissa Seal, &
Jason Seal

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Carla McKay, Lee Ann Null, &
Krista Sander @ Christmas Party



AND THE RACE IS ON!!!

Grace Way Women's Christmas Gift Exchange & Party on Dec 4th

- 55 women attended
- Raised \$178 for deacon's baskets
- Drank LOTS of coffee
- Ate too much food
- Worshipped
- Heard a word about Peace at Christmas from Christy Richman

