

Oakcrest Ladies' Newsletter

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Try using your concordance or an online Bible tool to locate and study MORE verses about the Spirit!

The Sheet Retreat is a newsletter published for the women of the Oakcrest church of Christ in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. It is intended to be used to encourage, edify, challenge, and unify the body of Christ. It is published in the spirit of acknowledged grace and mercy. Every effort will be made to accurately represent the Word of God in truth and to encourage individual worship in spirit and truth. The Sheet Retreat is NOT the inspired word of God and should not be used as such. It is published with prayer and a true desire to glorify the Father and the Son. Please consult the Bible with prayer and humility for His will in your life.

Future newsletters are planned! If you would like to consider contributing an item, please contact Vicki Nelson at oakcrestladies@yahoo.com or at 650-4993. Needed articles: written prayers, songs, lessons, testimonies, etc.

Spirit-Filled Holidays—Ladies Day, November 14, 2009

Please join us for Ladies' Day
Registration is from 8:45-8:55

9:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 pm

Join us for

Worship

Fellowship

Holiday Topics/Activities

Catered Lunch

This is a TERRIFIC opportunity to invite friends, coworkers, family members, etc. to join us!

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Spirit-led Women

Welcome to fall! The weather has been beautiful and such a blessing this year. One thing for sure in Oklahoma (actually anywhere) is that you never really know what the weather is going to do. Sure, we know the kinds of weather systems we experience on earth...cold fronts, heat waves, periods of moisture or drought. However, we are often surprised at what the wind blows in. John 3:8 says,

"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Being a Spirit-led woman will likely lead us to 'places' we never dreamed of, doing things we did not think we could do. Join us in this issue as we investigate the Spirit and His power in and for us.

Ladies Day Spirit-Filled Holidays - November 14

Please make plans to join us for this year's Ladies Day. We will meet on Saturday, November 14th for a day meant to support and inspire us as we go through the holiday season. This is an excellent opportunity to invite friends and family members! See page 4 for more details!



Praise and Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come to you on behalf of your women. We hear about their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and their love for all your saints. We don't want to stop giving thanks for them or stop remembering them in our prayers. So we stop now to say, THANK YOU LORD for the women of this congregation, for their faith in You and for their love for this body. O God, our Glorious Father, please give them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that they will know you better. Please let the eyes of their hearts be enlightened in order that they may know the hope to which you have called them, the riches of your glorious inheritance in the saints and your incomparably great power for those who believe...the power of the resurrection!

In Jesus' name, Amen. (From Ephesians 1:15-17, New International Version)

Time in the Light

After reading each passage, note what the Spirit does.

Romans 5:5

Romans 8:1-2

Romans 8:16

Romans 8:26

I Corinthians 6:11

II Corinthians 1:21-22

Galatians 5:22-23

I Thessalonians 1:6

II Thessalonians 2:13

Titus 3:4-6

Testimony: God's Spirit at Work!!! Luke 1

Luke 1 holds an amazing testimony of two women - one young, one old. Mary is pledged to be married. She was highly favored of God, and God was with her. The angel came to her and brought her news of life-changing proportions. Though a virgin, she would have a baby. How? By the power of the Holy Spirit. It was God's Spirit that would place Christ inside of a person. While she couldn't understand how, she entrusted herself to His will for her.

Elizabeth was older, and though not a virgin, was very surprised to find out that she would have a baby too. God's Spirit moved in her when she encountered our Savior's presence, though hidden in Mary. She was given new insight into the work of God.

So, what do we have in common with these Women of Faith? It is through the Spirit that Christ now lives inside of us (Acts 2:38.) It is also through the Spirit that we are given wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17.) Consider now, how God's Spirit has been working in you.
