

August 2022: What Can We Learn?

June Museletter



Thoughts from Jeanne Porter,

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Our theme this month is **learning**. While this topic is a great connection to the back-to-school season, it's a great reminder that we are forever learners. Learning is not designated just to our school years.

Learning is part of life. And our greatest teacher is Christ.

More than likely most of us have faced challenges. Let's face it, just living everyday life can bring chaos to our lives. That doesn't mean that experiencing lasting peace isn't possible. Remember when Jesus was with Peter? He is also with each of us. By fixing your eyes on Him, not getting distracted by the whirlwind of worry and fear, you can find rest in even the worst of circumstances. Monumental chaos has visited my family and me several times in the past few years. I'm going to be very honest with you. I don't believe for one moment that I would have been able to face those storms in my life without my faith in Jesus.

Three years ago this past May in Sarasota, Florida, my husband, Mike, experienced heart failure. The left side of his heart was quitting, it was operating at about 5%, (normal is 55%), and the doctor was puzzled that he was even walking and conscious. One week prior, he was walking 5 miles a day. After making several attempts to try to fix the problem unsuccessfully, they informed us that they had done everything they could for him. Then they care-flighted him...

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...to Tampa General Hospital where he was placed on an LVAD (left ventricular assisted device), which pumps the blood for him in place of his weak heart.

That ordeal, which turned into a 9-week hospital stay, was one of the most trying times in our 56 years together – other than the massive heart attack he experienced in 2001 that nearly took him from us on three different occasions. Then, this year, we experienced the very thing we thought only happened to others: we lost our daughter Kim to illness on April 18. Those have been devastating times of chaos, and it doesn't include the moves, building a business, or the other unexpected that life has thrown at us.

What have I learned to calm the chaos? That I had to rely on Him, I was too devastated to even think about getting through. I had to learn not only to rely on Him, but to ask Him to sustain me during these difficult times. And He did! It was the starting point for me to learn to rely on Him and not myself. Relying on Him to provide a sense of peace and calm only He could provide. I visited the scripture, especially [Philippians 4:13](#), many times. I said in a small quiet voice so often, "I don't think I can do this without you by my side." Chaos doesn't have to visit just in devastating times like my experiences; maybe it is as simple as in the needs of everyday life when discontentment threatens to cause anxiety. It might be taking care of the house, raising the kids, or paying the bills. Just remember that God hears us call to Him in our needs and the chaos of everyday life.

I have learned that when the storm comes and causes chaos in my life, I must rely on Him for the peace that overcomes all. If you are experiencing chaos or storms in your life, I encourage you to be comforted by the Lord's presence. So next time chaos hits your world, remember, it is because we have Jesus, that we can experience everlasting access to peace. He is always your key to finding calm amidst the chaos.

With my best always.

jeanne porter

Members Spotlight



Let's welcome **Cassie Barlow** to the Women in Christian Leadership Advisory Board!

Cassie currently serves as the President for the Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education. This follows a 26-year decorated career in the United States Air Force.

Cassie retired as Colonel and Base Commander at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, before taking on opportunities at Wright State University and SOCHE.

Cassie is an exemplary leader, enthusiastic mentor, avid volunteer and true friend to many. With more than 26 years of successful leadership and management experience, Cassie has a proven track record of leading and motivating organizations to produce results and exceed expectations. Her extensive background in human resources, strategic planning, budget development, and workforce development will be a great asset to our Strategy Committee.

Congratulations to Cassie for being recognized as a leader. These are just a few recent recognitions:

- 2022 Dayton Hall of Fame
- Ford Oval of Honor
- altafiber's Hometown Hero
- VAntage Point #Veteranofthe Day



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By [joining us](#), you'll find great community among other devoted, faithful and phenomenal women who will encourage you along your journey. And we hope you'll bring other believers along with you.

We'd love for you to [join](#) our sister-to-sister encouragement to [educate](#), [elevate](#), and [encourage](#).

"THEREFORE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND
BUILD EACH OTHER UP, JUST AS IN FACT YOU ARE
DOING." 1 THESSALONIANS 5:11



Coming Soon

To support the learning of our members, Women in Christian Leadership is preparing to launch two new programs. Programs launch as early as October 2022; look for more information in next month's [Museletter](#), on [Facebook](#) and the [website](#).

**COVENANT CREATORS
MENTOR PROGRAM**



**BREAD OF LIFE
BIBLE STUDIES**



Scripture Readings: What can we learn?

What can we *learn* to calm the chaos? These verses may help aid you in focusing on how God describes *learning* in the Bible.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." - Psalm 32:8

"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:9

"You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him." John 13:13-17

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11


"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Proverbs 1:7

"Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths." Psalm 25:4

*"My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline,
and do not resent his rebuke,
because the Lord disciplines those he loves,
as a father the son he delights in." Proverbs 3:11-12*

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." Colossians 3:16

*"Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long." Psalm 25:5*



Scripture Readings: What can we learn?

*"I instruct you in the way of wisdom
and lead you along straight paths." Proverbs 4:11*

"Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God;
may your good Spirit
lead me on level ground." Psalm 143:10

*"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in
heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is
light." Matthew 11:29-30*

"Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way." Psalm 25:8-9


*"Teach me your way, Lord,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name." Psalm 86:11*

"Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and
teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but
whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the
kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:19

*"Jesus answered, "My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent
me." John 7:16*

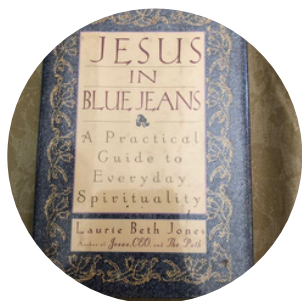
"You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine." Titus 2:11

*"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will
teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."
John 14:6*



Upcoming Events

VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE **HE KEPT HIS ALTER CLEAN**



WITH GUEST KELLEY BELL
MONDAY, AUG. 15
7 - 8:30 P.M. ET
VIRTUAL
REGISTER TODAY

COFFEE & CONVERSATION **CASTING YOUR CARES**



WITH HOST MARILYN CAPORINI
FRIDAY, SEPT. 2
9 - 10:30 A.M. ET
VIRTUAL
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VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE **HE LOCKED ONTO HIS DESTINY**



WITH GUEST MELISSA JONES
MONDAY, SEPT.
7 - 8:30 P.M. ET
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COFFEE & CONVERSATION **LEADING WITH HEART**



WITH HOST ANN VAN DER MERWE
FRIDAY, OCT. 7
9 - 10:30 A.M. ET
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