

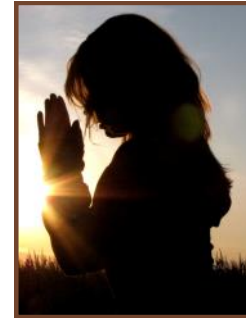
# Love and Compassion Ministries

*In the Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit*

May 1, 2016 In The Year of Our Lord

NEWSLETTER

## The Power of Prayer



Prayer is something we as believers are blessed with! By having the Holy Spirit within us, we are able to speak to God directly. God desires for us to pray in order to draw close to Him and to create intimacy with our Saviour.

We believe God proposes everything for His good and we must remember that prayers are used to calibrate our heart with God's heart. Sometimes it can be discouraging to not see answered prayer, however we must remember, when we ask for God's Will over our lives, God's Will for us may require a different answer than what we desire for ourselves. These answers include yes, no and wait! If you feel you have been getting "no" as an answer, we encourage you to place these words on your heart, "God's Grace is sufficient."

Here at Love and Compassion Ministries, we get prayer requests and have the opportunity to pray with people with many unmet needs. We are seeing an increase in people that are in need and we ask for you to pray for the ministry and ask for you to pray fervently, coming humbly and boldly before the Lord for our community. Please include us in your prayer time and let the Lord lead you to pray with us for our city and southwest Florida.

*How much quiet  
time are we  
spending in God's  
presence,  
listening to Him  
through prayer  
and His Word?*

### WE NEED PRAYER WARRIORS

Prayer can change everything. That's why we need you to partner with us. As a member of our Prayer Team, you'll receive prayer request updates weekly.

What a great privilege we have as sons and daughters of the King. We can come into His throne room with our needs, our hurts, and our cares. We know that we can leave them at His feet because He cares for us and will always answer according to His Will.

Call us at 239-574-5683 or email us at [prayerrequest@lovecompassion.com](mailto:prayerrequest@lovecompassion.com) with your prayer request or your desire to join our Prayer Team.

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Love And Compassion Ministries would like to introduce you to our newest God-appointed team member, Heidi Veres. Heidi joined our team on April 11<sup>th</sup> as our LCM office manager.

She has a beautiful servant heart and was in prayer for serving the Lord for several months prior to finding us. We are confident that our prayers and hers have been answered as we build a team to further the mission of LCM.

She resides in Cape Coral with her husband Keith and children. She has five wonderful children and is a member of Cape Christian Fellowship, where she has served the community through the internship program and Not in My City initiative. Her passion for following Jesus has lead her here and we look forward to having her God-given talents utilized for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

She wanted to share Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT). <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give to you is light."

### "When I say I am a Christian"

When I say... "I am a Christian."  
I am not shouting "I am saved!"  
I am whispering "I get lost."  
That is why I choose this way.

When I say... "I am a Christian."  
I do not speak of this with pride.  
I am confessing that I stumble  
and need someone to be my guide.

When I say... "I am a Christian."  
I am not trying to be strong,  
I am professing that I am weak  
and pray for strength to carry on.

When I say... "I am a Christian."  
I am not bragging of success.  
I am admitting that I failed  
and cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say... "I am a Christian."  
I am not claiming to be perfect.  
My flaws are visible  
but God believes I am worth it.

When I say... "I am a Christian."  
I still feel the sting of pain.  
I have my share of heartaches,  
which is why I seek His name.

When I say... "I am a Christian."  
I do not wish to judge.  
I will point you to Christ.  
I only know we are loved.

**Author unknown**

Dreams and Vision can be a part of the body of Christ in this day and time if we will open our Spiritual eyes and ears and listen to His voice.

When the Spirit was poured out at Pentecost, Peter quoted Joel (KJV Acts 2:17) in saying, <sup>17</sup>And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: <sup>18</sup>And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: <sup>19</sup>And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

Peter was speaking of the days before the return of the Lord. No one knows the day or hour that He will return, but He did tell us to *discern the times*. The signs we see today of the eminent return of the Lord are very clear. The light of the Lord is getting brighter, while the darkness is getting darker.

Though the devil is busy blinding the eyes of the world, the Lord is beginning to pour out His latter rain! The Spirit is beginning to move in the body of Christ like never before.

Please pray that people's eyes will be opened to satan's tricks!

## What Goes Around Comes Around!

He almost didn't see the old lady, stranded on the side of the road, but even in the dim light of day, he could see she needed help. So he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His Pontiac was still sputtering when he approached her. Even with the smile on his face, she was worried. No one had stopped to help for the last hour or so. Was he going to hurt her? He didn't look safe; he looked poor and hungry.

He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was that chill which only fear can put in you. He said, "I'm here to help you, ma'am. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm? By the way, my name is Bryan Anderson." Well, all she had was a flat tire, but for an old lady, that was bad enough. Bryan crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles a time or two, but soon he was able to change the tire. But he had to get dirty and his hands hurt.

As he was tightening up the lug nuts, she rolled down the window and began to talk to him. She told him that she was from St. Louis and was only just passing through. She couldn't thank him enough for coming to her aid. Bryan just smiled as he closed her trunk. The lady asked how much she owed him. Any amount would have been all right with her. She already imagined all the awful things that could have happened had he not stopped.

Bryan never thought twice about being paid. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need, and God knows there were plenty who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way, and it never occurred to him to act any other way. He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person the assistance they needed, and Bryan added, "And think of me."

He waited until she started her car and drove off. It had been a cold and depressing day, but he felt good as he headed for home, disappearing into the twilight.

A few miles down the road, the lady saw a small cafe. She went in to grab a bite to eat, and take the chill off before she made the last leg of her trip home. It was a dingy looking restaurant. Outside were two old gas pumps. The whole scene was unfamiliar to her. The waitress came over and brought a clean towel to wipe her wet hair. She had a sweet smile, one that even being on her feet for the whole day couldn't erase. The lady noticed the waitress was nearly eight months pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan.

After the lady finished her meal, she paid with a hundred dollar bill. The waitress quickly went to get change for her hundred dollar bill, but the old lady had slipped right out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back. The waitress wondered where the lady could be.

Then she noticed something written on the napkin. There were tears in her eyes when she read what the lady wrote: "You don't owe me anything. I have been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I'm helping you. The next time you see someone who needs help, give the person the assistance they need." Under the napkin were four more \$100 bills.

Well, there were tables to clear, sugar bowls to fill, and people to serve, but the waitress made it through another day. That night when she got home from work and climbed into bed, she was thinking about the money and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month, it was going to be hard.

She knew how worried her husband was, and as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a soft kiss and whispered soft and low, "Everything's going to be all right. I love you, Bryan Anderson."

There is an old saying, "What goes around comes around."

Author unknown.

## GOOD NEWS WE ALL CAN USE

### Information about wholesome Christian events in our local area.

LET'S GET A LIFE! Many churches have "Life Groups" for folks with special interest. A few are mentioned here:

#### THE FAITH CENTER

(Formerly FFWOM) 6111 South Pointe Blvd., Ft Myers, FL. Phone: (239) 278-3638

**Café of Life** - Experience LIVE Christian music, friends, food, fellowship and FUN!

MAY 27<sup>th</sup> Meets the Last Friday of every month at 7:00 PM in The Faith Center.

**The Writers Club**- Poets, creative writers, and new authors are all welcome. Get published!

May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 PM - Join us the first Friday of every month at 9:30 PM in The Faith Center.

**Breakthrough** – Break free from anything that is holding you back. Every Friday at 7 PM.

**GULF COAST BIBLE TRAINING CENTER** –Meets at Faith Center - Dr. Michael Landsman- a Pastor, Missionary, Educator, founder of a Bible school curriculum translated into 7 languages. Served 11 years as Senior Lecturer and Dean of Rhema Bible College, South Africa. For information call (239) 278-3638.

#### LIFE CHURCH

11135 Plantation Rd, Ft Myers, FL 33966 Phone: (239) 939-5433

**Fit for Life** Twice a week, Tuesdays 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM and Saturdays 9:00 AM until 10:30 AM – Location Varies – Led by Jose Mora. Get fit for life as you learn about proper nutrition, learn how to eat healthy on a budget, discover what the Bible says about fitness, work out together and more!

**Homeless & Community Outreach** 2nd Wednesday, 7 PM & some Saturdays – Led by Carrie Nameth Facilitates the Life Church food pantry in the community to reach the lost, hungry and poor.

#### First Assembly of God

4701 Summerlin Rd, Fort Myers, FL 33919 Phone: (239) 936-6277

**Help for Hurting Women** – For women of all ages. This Christ-led group meets Mondays at 7:00 PM.

**SWFL Creative Arts Academy** – Offers private art, drama and music lessons for guitar, voice, drums, percussion instruments etc. For more information contact [csawyer@farmfm.com](mailto:csawyer@farmfm.com) or call (239) 936-6277 ex. 326.

**Marriage Matters** – For both new marriages and seasoned marriages. This group meets Fridays at 7:00 PM.

#### Chapel by the Sea

2500 Esther Blvd. Ft. Myers Beach, FL Phone: (239) 463-3173

**God's Table** – Provides assistance to the homeless on Ft. Myers Beach and the surrounding area.

**Homeless Clinic** - Is on site every Friday at 7:30 AM to provide care to folks without Medicare/Medicaid.

**Next Level Church**

Two Locations in Fort Myers: 11081 Gateway Blvd. and 12400 Plantation Road Phone: (239) 274-3755

**Leadership Academy** – Ages 18-25, prepares Christian youth to serve on domestic and international mission trips.

**Serve Days** – Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. To serve the downtown Ft. Myers community by spreading the Gospel and the love of Jesus. For more information contact Neil Volz, Outreach Director (239) 274-3755.

**McGregor Baptist Church**

3750 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, Florida Phone: (239) 936-1754

**McGregor** - Hosts many Life Groups (too many to list) “Show up” Sunday is a good place to start!

**Just “Show up” on Sunday** - 9:30 AM in the Faith Building, Room F 100. We will supply the coffee and explain all the Life Groups.

**Grace Church**

13 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Pl, Cape Coral, Florida Phone: (239) 574-7161

**Celebrate Recovery**: A Christ-centered, biblically-based 12 step recovery ministry.

**Grief Share**: To help you heal from the pain of the death of a loved one.

**Divorce Care**: To help you heal from the pain of divorce or separation.

**Outside recovery groups**: Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous, and others.

Contact: Greg Mulkey Director of Recovery Ministries (239) 574-7161 ext. 234

**Gulf Coast Church of Christ**

9550 Six Mile Cypress Hwy., Fort Myers, Florida Phone: (239) 936-4554

**Liberty Youth Ranch** – A facility dedicated to the needs of abused, abandoned and orphaned children.

**Spanish Ministry** – Worship Sundays at 10:30 AM. For more information contact Moises Rocha 239-367-3475

**Cape Christian**

2110 Chiquita Blvd. Cape Coral, Florida Phone: (239) 772-5683

**Tony & Ada's Café** - Open 7 days a week 8-6 Mon-Sat and Sun 8-2. It's a great place anytime!

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Every Monday, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM.

Meetings take place in the Student Auditorium and Student Café.

**Youth Night** Every Wednesday, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, provides a great atmosphere for youth to have fun.

**Narcotics Anonymous** Every Thursday, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM.

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## PROBLEMS WITH DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT CENTERS

Love And Compassion Ministries works directly with numerous, very wonderful, Christian drug and alcohol programs. Many times we go to court and ask the judge to allow a person to complete a drug program rather than going to prison. We do our own evaluations of people who desire to stop living under the bondage of alcohol and drugs and help the ones that want the change in their lives!

We do all we can to make sure that when we recommend a person to a program that it is the right place, at the right time and that the person will be able to complete the program. Love and Compassion Ministries makes all the arrangements for the entry, including transporting the person to the program. We believe that without Jesus Christ you cannot be delivered from your addictions.

### THE PROBLEM WITH THIS SETUP IS...

1. Most of these facilities are full. Many times it takes several weeks to get a bed.
2. Many of the programs are so costly that it is impossible to get into the program.
3. Many of the programs will not take people on high blood pressure medication.
4. Many of the programs take a person in, but then have the person put a guilt trip on their family to send money in order for them to stay in the program.
5. None of the programs teach the person a skilled trade.
6. Many of the programs work the people washing cars, doing home repairs and even doing events to raise money for the program, yet they not only take their food stamps but charge people to be there.
7. Many of the programs have the clients get a job, away from the program in the first week. They then keep 90% of the moneys earned. A large portion of the money goes to run the program and the rest is saved for the person when they get out.

All of these programs are good in many ways, but they just don't go far enough.

### GOD'S PLACE

It will be a place filled with hope for the **drug addicts, alcoholics, homeless, troubled youth and those just released from prison or jail.** God's Place will not cost any of our residence a dime. The program will be designed to assess each resident's needs. We will use guidelines designed to elevate a person's attitude, trust and yearning toward positive things of life.

As residents learn skills and are given responsibilities for the function and upkeep of God's Place, we intend to be self-supporting by raising our own crops, cattle, manufacturing and merchandising items for sale and be able to sustain the group with very little outside assistance.

We will have an atmosphere that will be a healthy balance of mind, body and soul. Every person will be given the opportunity to learn a trade, earn money and have a great relation with our Lord!



## Moms are special throughout the Year especially on Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day



Deuteronomy 5:16 says: Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Proverbs 10:1 The proverbs of Solomon says: A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.

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Friends and Partners,

Today we have so many people having problems with depression. Elijah is one of my favorite and most interesting people of the Bible. His life was so filled with turmoil. One day he was up and then down the next! Because Elijah was at times bold and decisive and at other times fearful and tentative, we have much to learn from him. Elijah's life demonstrates the victory in the life of a believer as well as defeat and recovery. There are ways in which Elijah demonstrated the power of God and an instance where he plunged into depression.

Just like many of us today Elijah went through deep depression. Please read I Kings 17:1 through II Kings 2:25.

In I Kings 17:1 through II Kings 2:25 Elijah prophesies to Ahab, an evil king, that a drought is to come upon the whole land as a consequence for Ahab's evilness.

Then warned by God, Elijah hides near the brook of Cherith where he is fed by ravens. As the drought and famine in the land deepen, Elijah is told by God to go to Zarephath where God had a widow that would provide for Elijah, her son and herself as God made available. Miraculously, the widow's barrel of flour and jar of oil never run out.

We next see Elijah in a face-off with the prophets of the false god Baal on Mount Carmel. The prophets of Baal call upon their god all day long to rain fire from heaven to no avail. Then Elijah builds an altar of stones, digs a ditch around it, puts the sacrifice on the top of wood and calls for water to be poured over his sacrifice three times. Elijah calls upon God, and God sends fire down from heaven, burns the sacrifice, the wood and the stones and licks up the water in the ditch. God proved He was more powerful than false gods. It was then that Elijah had the four hundred and fifty false prophets of Baal killed. Such supernatural evidences of God's power are an illustration that it is not the vessel but God in that vessel that demonstrates power.

After the great victory over the false prophets, rain once again falls on the land. However, in spite of victory and provisions from God that he receives, Elijah enters a period of wavering faith and depression, hearing that Ahab's wife Jezebel has made a vow to kill him. Elijah feels sorry for himself and goes out into the wilderness and prays that he might die. Two times God sends an angel to give him drink and food.

Then Elijah hides in a cave and even comes to believe that he was the only one left of all prophets of God. He got his eyes off of God. It is then that God instructs Elijah to stand on the mountain as God passed by. There is a great wind, an earthquake and then fire, but God is not in any of those. Then comes a still, small voice in which Elijah hears God and understands Him. When Elijah stopped focusing on the fear of what men could do and his feelings of being alone, God's voice was heard saying, "What are you doing here?" After that Elijah meets up with Elisha and when Elijah was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind Elisha received a double portion of Elijah's spirit upon him.

Just as Elijah, when we focus on the noise and the problems of life many times we get our eyes off of the Lord. However, if we listen for His still, small voice and walk in obedience to His Word, we find victory and reward. Elijah was filled with human frailties yet was used mightily of God. God wants to use us in the same way as He did with many people of the Bible. Are we listening and obeying?

In the Presence of our Lord,

*Ron Willis*

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To God Be The Glory!

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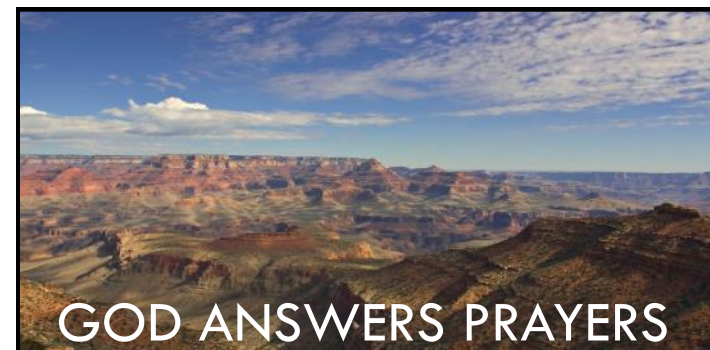
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