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"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

2 Corinthians 3:17

March 6 & 7, 2026

Ready to Run your Race and not Grow Weary?



Judy Graham

President,
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Ministry, Inc.



My husband and I went on a vacation to Jackson Hole, WY, several years ago. It is a beautiful part of the country. We signed up for an early float trip on the Snake River one morning. It was a cool, crisp sunny day. Our guide quickly pointed out several bald eagles along the way perched high in separate trees along the riverbank.

They were majestic looking. They were ready to dive in an instant once they spotted their breakfast in the river due to their keen eyesight. Watching these eagles brought to my mind the passage in Isaiah 40:28-31.

“The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. BUT those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, They shall mount up with wings like eagles They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

Isaiah used this passage to encourage us with the example of eagles and their God-created characteristics. The Hebrew meaning of the word “wait” is to bind together by twisting. Think of a three-strand piece of rope and how it is twisted together to give it strength. That is what waiting means, spending time in God’s presence and a daily relationship with Him and what it does for us. This action binds us together to renew our strength.

Back to eagles, bald eagles have a wingspan of six to seven and a half feet. When they take off from their perch, an eagle extends its wings fully to generate lift. Eagles have an amazing capacity to fly with the thermals, a rising mass of buoyant air. They can cover long distances without growing weary. In more direct, active flight, eagles use slow, powerful wing beats.

What can we learn from eagles? For us, we need to move with the Holy Spirit’s leading (our thermals) and not be flapping our wings trying to get ahead of God. Knowing when to move out when He gives us a nudge or direction comes from trust and obedience.

An encouraging thought for those of us who have walked with Jesus for a long time is comparing us with “senior” eagles’ age and experience. Usually, we think younger folks have more stamina BUT younger eagles do not have the same stamina or experience to find and utilize the thermals as adult eagles. We humans, who are more seasoned in life, have learned a great deal from God’s Word and life experiences. So, my friends, it is time for us to mount up with wings like eagles on those spiritual thermals. The Lord will strengthen us for His plans for us in today’s world.

Love you,

Judy

Save the Date

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Celebration National Conference 2026

New Location!

The Woodlands Methodist Church
The Woodlands, TX

Friday & Saturday
March 6 & 7, 2026

Keynote: Stephanie Greenwald
Dr. Kim Maas

Rev. Dr. Madeline Henners
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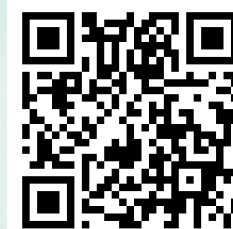
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MEET OUR 2026 NATIONAL CONFERENCE KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

Stephanie Greenwald, comes from a family of pastors and felt the call to serve Christ at age 12. Known for her kind-hearted compassion and joy, she is gifted in communicating the Good News through persuasive preaching and Biblical teaching, with an emphasis on meaningful illustrations and passionate delivery. Now the First Lady of Mid-America Christian University, Stephanie is a sought-after speaker, worship leader, and instructor for the School of Ministry at Mid-America Christian University. Formerly the Associate Pastor at St. Andrew's Community Global Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, Stephanie also served as the Director of Worship at St. Luke's Methodist Church. Greenwald has served on the global legislative council for the Wesleyan Covenant Association and the executive council for the Wesleyan Covenant Association of Oklahoma.



Dr. Kim Maas is an international speaker, author, and minister. After a radical encounter with the Holy Spirit on March 22, 1994, Kim left her twenty-two-year nursing career to serve God full-time. Her passion is for people to gain confidence in who God is and what He says so they can move forward. She is called to go into all the world to preach and prophesy the word of God with signs and wonders following, equipping, and educating the body of Christ for local and global Kingdom advancement. Kim is the author of Prophetic Community: God's Call for All to Minister in His Gifts and The Way of the Kingdom: Seizing the Moment for a Great Move of God and Finding Our Muchness: Inheriting Audacious Boldness From Women in the Bible, published by Chosen Books. She has also authored several self-published resources for personal and group studies.

Rev. Dr. Madeline Henners is an ordained elder in the Mid-Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church who served pastorally within the local church for thirteen years. She has ministered in a variety of capacities, as both an associate pastor and solo pastor. Her areas of focus in pastoral ministry have included spiritual formation, discipleship, young adult and women's ministry, administrative organization, and preaching and teaching. Madeline enjoys leading others to recognize and hear God's voice and is frequently invited to speak on the power of the Holy Spirit at revivals, retreats, women's conferences, and denominational events around the country.



Year-End-Giving

When the year's end approaches, some consider year-end giving to charitable organizations. Celebration Women's Ministry, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization which relies solely on donations, chapter tithes, partner pledges and conference offerings to pay our expenses.

You may wonder about the difference between donations, chapter tithes, and partner pledges? We here at Celebration consider a donation to be a one-time gift from an individual or a group.

A chapter tithe is a tithe from the churches who have chartered a Celebration Chapter and host local Celebration events at their churches. They usually take an offering at their local event, and we encourage them to give 10% to the National Organization for leadership expenses so we can provide guidance to help them with their chapter.

A partner pledge is when an individual has decided to partner with Celebration by providing a recurring gift on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis. Expenses we incur include our quarterly newsletter, postage, supplies, storage space, software, praise and worship expenses, and travel expenses when we promote the ministry. We also have expenses related to our National Conference and other events such as decorations, event space, and speaker costs, that the registration does not always cover. We also have two paid part-time employees. All the roles of leadership in Celebration are filled by non-paid volunteers; women who have a heart for the Lord's work and His desire to make a difference in the lives of His daughters.

Anytime I ask for funds for our ministry, I am reminded of 2 Corinthians 9:7-8. "You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.' And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need, and plenty left over to share with others." (NLT)

If you are called to give to Celebration Women's Ministry, Inc., there are several ways to do this. Go to our website www.celebrationministries.org and click the donate button. From there you will need to select a fund. Choose from donation (one-time gift), partner pledge (if setting up a recurring gift), newsletter (if you would like to help in our quarterly newsletters costs), or honoring women (with a gift of \$25 or more you can honor a woman, and we will include her name in our newsletter). Then you will follow the prompts to complete your donation.

If you would prefer to send a check, you may mail your check to Celebration Women's Ministry, 11762 White Oak Trl, Conroe, TX 77385. Please put in the memo which fund you would select if you were contributing on-line.

Every penny helps women participate in our three-part focus of salvation, healing, and equipping.

The Heart of Worship



Amber Camp

VP of Worship
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At the heart of true worship lies both reverence for God and agreement with God. Reverence is an attitude of humility, honor, and deep respect that magnifies, prioritizes, and esteems who God is and all He has done. Agreement with God is expressed through our faith—our positive response to and cooperation with Him. It is recognized in our inner being, heard in our verbal declarations, and seen through the free will expressed in our daily choices and attitudes. Together, reverence for God and agreement with Him form the foundation of deeper communion with God—worship that is not merely religious, ceremonial, or even emotional, but rather born from a heart submitted to and aligned with His Spirit in grace, truth, and love.

Entering Deeper Communion

How can we more fully align and submit to His Spirit to enter into deeper communion? Often in our walk with the Lord, mentors come along—people we look up to whose zeal, faith, testimony, intimacy, or reverence for God inspire our own desire to draw closer to Him. While such examples can ignite passion, that inspiration alone is often shallow and unsustainable compared to having direct communion and intimacy with the Source. True intimacy flows from true worship—reverence and agreement with God—which are ultimately rooted in revelation knowledge of God.

The Apostle Paul prayed in Ephesians 1:17-19:

“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe.”

True worship, then, is not an act of emotion or ceremony—it is the overflow of revelation. It is birthed from an ever-deepening understanding of who God is and what He has done to demonstrate His love toward us. Time spent in fellowship with the Holy Spirit and meditation on the Word of God is irreplaceable. This is the path to intimate worship—the kind that transforms us, deepens our communion, and reveals His heart to ours.

May Paul’s prayer for us as the Church—to walk in wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God—bring us into true worship and communion with Him, the kind that impacts, overflows, and permeates every part of our lives!

CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHT

Nederland Chapter!



The Nederland Chapter, hosted by Wesley Methodist Church in Nederland, Texas, was chartered on August 19, 2017. But its roots go much deeper, with the original charter at First Methodist Church of Nederland in 2005 under the leadership of Carolyn Newsom. We have our own Susan Monroe, VP of Prayer on the National Board, to thank for bringing Celebration to our city!

Saturday morning events are held biannually, once in February and again in October. The chapter is led by Lynn Huckaby, who also serves as Assistant to the VP of Leadership on the National Board. Other board/team members include Lisa Spalding, Tanya Scott, Shelley DeRouen, Vicki Westbrook, Brenda Richards, Denise Frantz, Catherine Hillsten, and a host of other ladies who help on a regular basis. Sheila Davis is the National Board Representative for the Nederland Chapter.



The October event was held on Saturday the 4th, with Jalie Bell Glenn as keynote speaker. She gave a powerful testimony of how God is worthy of praise through her miscarriage and pregnancy that followed. She gave birth to her son on the anniversary of her miscarriage. In true Jalie style, her song selection included upbeat praise songs, which were the perfect match for worship leader Natalie Leistikow. Natalie encouraged ladies of all ages to dance and shout to the closing song, Celebration, by Forrest Frank. Natalie is the wife of Pastor Alain Leistikow of First Methodist Church, Nederland.



HONORING WOMEN

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November

8 Ninety Six, SC Chapter Meeting
9:30 AM | Cambridge Methodist Church
Contact: Gail Wilson 864-941-2359

9 Huntsville, TX Chapter Meeting
4:00-6:00 PM | Christ the King Methodist Church
Contact: Dorothy Kyle - dkyle1013@att.net

15 Wisconsin Chapter Meeting
8:30-11:00 AM | 3413 County Road K,
Omro, WI 54963
Contact: Karen Neuman - neupine@gmail.com

December

5 Ninety Six, SC Chapter Meeting
6:00 PM | Cambridge Methodist Church
Contact: Sarah Deal 864-992-0215

9 Trinity, TX Chapter Meeting
6:00 - 8:00 PM | First Methodist Church of Trinity
Contact: Yvonne Hastings - yvlaw@hotmail.com



January

17 Wisconsin Chapter Meeting
8:30-11:00 AM | 3413 County Road K,
Omro, WI 54963
Contact: Karen Neuman - neupine@gmail.com

25 Huntsville, TX Chapter Meeting
4:00-6:00 PM | Christ the King Methodist Church
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