

FCBPW
VOICE
 A NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTIAN WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE

*Don't Miss FCBPW's Next Luncheon, March 8, 2006, 11:30 a.m.
 Town & Country Club, see www.intrinxec.com/fcbpw.htm for directions*



Kim Lende

—MN Teen Challenge

“...give unto them beauty
 for ashes, the oil of joy
 for mourning, the
 garment of praise for the
 spirit of heaviness; that they
 might be called trees of
 righteousness, the planting
 of the LORD, that He
 might be glorified.”

Isaiah 61:3
 NKJV

The Beauty of Brokenness

Kim Lende currently serves as Director of Donor Relations at Minnesota Teen Challenge, a Christian residential addiction program for teens and adults with campuses in Minneapolis and Duluth. “There is hope for the brokenness of addiction,” she says, “permanent hope and healing through Jesus Christ. Every day I see Him breaking the chains of addiction from desperate people others said were beyond hope. But God says otherwise and gives them a future and a hope.”

Kim has a passion for inductive Bible study and has taught a variety of Precept Ministries inductive Bible studies for the past 12 years. Precept Upon Precept studies

are college-level classes accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and accepted at most Christian universities and seminaries.

Feeling distinctly called to ecumenical ministry, Kim has served in several non-denominational event-based ministries by directing ministry events and publicity. These include Precept Ministries, Institute of Training, Minneapolis Women of Faith, the Greater Twin Cities Billy Graham Crusade, and Emmanuel Christian Center Women’s Ministries outreach events. Kim says that in her life’s journey God has turned brokenness into beauty and given her surpassing victory through Jesus Christ.

January Luncheon Recap

Julie Kimble of Opus was the speaker for January’s meeting, “God’s Faithfulness.” She talked about her faith walk and history,

God and her workplace experience, lessons learned and miracles revealed. Julie shared her favorite bible verse,
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LETTER FROM THE FCBPW CHAIR



Psalm 103:1 – 5
 “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

Happy New Year! I hope 2006 brings blessings, joy, peace and a time of spiritual growth to you all. As I think back over 2005, I am very thankful for your many prayers on behalf of FCBPW, its leadership and for one another. God has done such wonderful things and has answered so many prayers. For those of you who are going through trials right now, just know that God never forsakes you, He never leaves you, He is right there beside you, reach for Him.

Every Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. the FCBPW Board of Directors has a prayer conference call, in which we lay before the Lord the prayer requests received from our members and others. We continue to pray these prayers throughout the week. If you, a friend, or family member would like prayer, please let us know.

I encourage you to set aside time each day for prayer. You can start by reading the Psalms and use them as a way of praying. These historic hymns aid us in expressing every

emotion. You can experience God’s presence, while praying scripture. Pray Psalms 103 aloud and begin to savor God’s steadfast love.

Thank You All

I want to especially thank the speakers this past year. They have blessed us with sharing their experiences and journeys in their faith and encouraging us to be a light in the workplace and the world...Danita Bye, Senator Michelle Bachman, Cathy Schmidt, Mark Crea, Chuck Ripka, Linda Dallaire and Cheri Pierson Yecke. Special thanks to Gina Dingman for her leadership as Chair of FCBPW in 2005 and to Sandy Hagen who lead the devotions earlier in 2005 at the bi-monthly luncheons. And finally, thank you to all the Board of Directors, Small Group Leaders, Newsletter Committee, Volunteers and Members for your support, leadership and hard work.

— Sherry Hastings
 Frauenshuh Companies

FCBPW CALENDAR

Bi-Monthly Luncheon Meetings:

- March 8,** Kim Lende
- May 10,** Marilyn Carlson-Nelson
- July 12,** Megan Doyle
- September 13,** Janet Rodriguez Rice

Small Group Meetings:

- Downtown Mpls**—RSM McGladrey, Inc.—3rd Tuesday of every month at 11:30 a.m.
- Minneapolis**—The Woman’s Club of Minneapolis, 11:30 a.m.—February 16, March 23, April 27, May 25
- St. Louis Park**—Westwood Lutheran Church—every Friday at 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- St. Paul**—St. Paul—Frauenshuh Companies, 180 East Fifth—Last Monday of every month at Noon.
- Woodbury**—Coming Soon.

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Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” She expressed, “These are amazing words about God’s provision for our lives.” Julie quoted, Colossians 3:23 – 24, “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than men...It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.” And

Psalm 75:6 – 7, “For promotion and power come from nowhere on earth, but only from God.” She talked about humility, taming the tongue, putting God first, rest, knowing His word, trusting His goodness and the importance of continued growth. Julie concluded with how incredible God is and how His plan is perfect. She can’t wait to one day be in His presence.

Who is God?

Who is God? What is your perception of who He is? Do you see Him as an all-knowing and protective Father? A fearsome and uncompromising Judge? A glorious Creator of all things beautiful? A deeply intimate Friend? In fact all of these describe God, yet to know Him more fully we need to listen more deeply to who God Himself says He is. Though our English translations usually render references to God as simply “LORD” or “God,” there are actually a magnificent variety of names that God calls Himself in the original Hebrew translation.

Each of these precious names of God are exquisite insights into the very character and attributes of God. Taking the time to study what God has revealed about himself in each of His chosen names can change profoundly how you perceive God and how you pray. More and more, you will find yourself calling upon Him by name to meet your need according to who *He* says He is.

Elohim. Jehovah. El Elyon. Adonai. El Shaddai. El Roi. Jehovah-Jireh. Jehovah-mekodishkem. Jehovah-rapha. Jehovah-nissi. Jehovah-sabaoth. Jehovah-shalom. Jehovah-raah. Jehovah-tsidkenu. Jehovah-shammah. What do all these mean? In 2006 we will examine the beautiful way God describes Himself to us through each of these, beginning with “Elohim” I urge you to search out these truths in each of the names in God’s Word and meditate on them daily. An excellent—and free—Bible dictionary and con-



dance resource is www.blueletter-bible.org. God’s richest blessings to you in the coming year as you grow to know Him more intimately than ever before.

Elohim. “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Most of us know Genesis 1:1 by heart, but did you know that the Hebrew actually says, “In the beginning Elohim created the heaven and the earth.”?

Elohim means “Creator of All Things” and the “him” suffix is plural in Hebrew, meaning “three or more.” Through this awesome name we see in the very first verse of the Bible that all three members of the Trinity were present and active in creating the heaven and the earth. To further elucidate that Elohim is not three Gods, but one Triune God, Deuteronomy 6 says, “Hear, O Israel: the LORD (literally, Jehovah) our God (Elohim) [is] one LORD (Jehovah).” One God, used all the qualities of each person of the Trinity to be reflected in His workmanship. And you are His very inspired workmanship, for Genesis 1:26 “reads” this way in Hebrew, “Then Elohim said, “Let Us make man in our image, after our likeness...” Who is Elohim to you? Your Creator, who wove you together in your mother’s womb and you are fearfully and wonderfully made, indeed.

—Kim Lende
Minnesota Teen Challenge

“If My People...”

The Precinct Caucus is for YOU! As Christian business and professional women we encounter daily local, state and federal laws that impact us. How often do we gasp at the 40% of our income going to taxes compared to our folks paying 5% in the 50’s? Business owners get hit even harder. We are also impacted by social issues that we feel deeply about—those that threaten the very core of families. Politicians have made life itself a political football. Recognizing human life as created in the image of God has been discarded like yesterday’s newspaper. What can we do?

Some of us pray daily that our politicians will have the courage to do what is right. Sometimes we become frustrated when they don’t; we may even blame them and excuse ourselves with “I didn’t vote for him/her.” Maybe you didn’t. But probably the reason he was a candidate in the first place was because the right person for the job never got his/her name on the ballot.

In order to be endorsed by a political party a candidate must win endorsement from people (delegates) who were elected at a precinct caucus. You don’t have to be good at politics, or even like politics, to attend your precinct caucus. The fact is if you care who the candidates will be in the November 2006 election, you begin at the most local level.

The most important part of caucus participation is the process of selecting delegates/alternates: people who will represent us at political conventions and endorse candidates. These people are our neighbors. Be assured, few voters take advantage of this opportunity.

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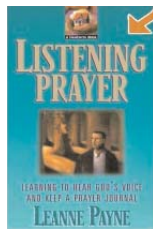


MEDIA REVIEW

Listening Prayer

Leanne Payne

If one of your goals for the New Year is deeper intimacy with God, read and apply *Listening Prayer* by Leanne



Payne. This excellent book teaches the practice of prayer journaling— involving recording your conversations with God. There are other resources that teach journaling and praying with scripture, but *Listening Prayer* goes beyond exercises and calls us into a dynamic relationship with God.

Prayer is at the core of Leanne Payne's ministry. In this book, she shares her personal experience of

prayer journaling—not just “how to,” but how it impacts life. She discusses the experience of hearing from God and emphasizes scripture as essential to this experience.

Though this book is practical and easy to use, it isn't light reading. Applying this material will involve commitment. But if you hunger for greater intimacy with God, this book will be a feast.

Listening Prayer is recommended by a variety of Christian leaders and referred to as “one of the best books ever written about prayer.” Read it and expect your experience of prayer to be profoundly affected. Most importantly, expect deeper intimacy with God.

—LD

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Consider the alternative: if you don't attend your caucus, you will be represented by people chosen without your participation. Caucusing with a party doesn't bind you to vote for all of that party's candidates. Remember, only you and God know how your vote is cast.

Caucuses also provide an opportunity to introduce resolutions that can eventually become part of the party platform. But remember this: passing resolutions isn't the most important part of the caucus; choosing delegates who share your concerns is the most crucial part of your caucus evening. The best way to influence your caucus is to bring along like-minded friends from your precinct. But if you have to go alone, go anyway.

If it's true that 86% of Minnesotans are Christians but only 25% bother to vote and even fewer to attend caucuses, one can only wonder how we've lasted this long. Precinct caucuses will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2006. For more information on what takes place at a caucus check the Secretary of State's web site. For your caucus location go to <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>.

II Chronicles 7:14 “If my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land.”
 If my people...

—Dorothy Fleming
 TIS Group Inc.

MEMBER PROFILE

Nancy Branton

People Potential Group, Inc

Nancy Branton is Owner/President of People Potential Group, Inc., providing career, life, leadership and talent management coaching. She is also the instructor for the “Certified Leadership and Talent Management Coach Program”, training coaches to work in organizations on various topics such as leadership, interpersonal relationships, conflict resolution, motivation, and creating a healthy culture. Nancy attends Woodbury Lutheran Church and is on the Steering Committee for Leadership Development. Her most recent activity on this committee is the Christian Leadership Forum, which began in November 2005 and continues through February 2006. Ken Meltrose, former CEO of Toro, is speaking on “Lead Like Jesus” on February 16th and Chuck Ripka, Co-founder and Sr. Vice President of Riverview Community Bank, is speaking on “Christian Leadership in the Marketplace” on February 23rd. This leadership forum is being held at Woodbury Lutheran Church from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Registrations are accepted at the door. Soon, Nancy will be forming a FCBPW small group Bible Study in Woodbury. Nancy and Cal Branton, her husband of 35 years, have two children: Craig (27) and Anna (21). Nancy and Cal make their home in Woodbury, MN.

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FCBPW MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Fellowship of Christian Business & Professional Women (FCBPW)

invites you to become a member. Your membership will begin on the date we receive payment and will continue for 12 months. The annual membership fee will enable FCBPW to more effectively reach out to business and professional women in the Twin Cities area.

Benefits of Membership

- Opportunity to be featured in FCBPW's quarterly newsletter.
- Be included in and receive the annual FCBPW Membership Directory.
- Be eligible to volunteer for FCBPW committee opportunities and Board positions.

Criteria for Membership

- Agreement and acceptance of FCBPW's mission, vision, values and statement of faith.
- Successful completion of the Application for Membership.

Membership Expectations and Fees

- Help promote FCBPW to business and professional women.
- Encourage and support one another.
- Annual Membership Fee is \$75.00. A portion of your membership dues may be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor for more information.

We hope you will prayerfully consider becoming a member of FCBPW and help to support our mission.

For more information contact Jaime Nolan at 952-252-3573 or e-mail fcbpw@bcmn.com or visit the website at www.intrinXec.com/fcbpw.html to download a membership application.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request that you would like the Board to pray for, please call Jaime Nolan at 952-252-3575 or e-mail fcbpw@bcmn.com

MISSION STATEMENT

Providing opportunities for women in the workplace to come together for Bible-based worship, fellowship, discipleship and encouragement, advancing the spread of the gospel for the glory of God.

VISION STATEMENT

Reaching and inspiring women in workplaces everywhere to know the love of Christ and grow in grace and knowledge of God. Bringing women together to build relationships; teaching, encouraging and equipping them for works of service to the building up of the Body of Christ.* All this for the glory of God.

*Ephesians 4:11 – 13

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe the Bible is the inspired and inerrant word of God.
- We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe that we are saved by grace through faith and that it is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He died for our sins and was raised from the dead, and that whoever believes in Him will have everlasting life.

CORE VALUES

Through the Power and Spirit of God providing:

Inspiration—Meeting the unique spiritual needs of women

Worship—Glorifying and honoring God through our example and actions

Spiritual Growth and Discipleship—Equipping each other to follow Christ

Witness—Standing firm in our faith and boldly sharing the Gospel

Community—Expressing love, support and commitment through accountability, encouragement, fellowship, love, relationships, counsel and prayer

Servanthood—Considering others first

Networking—Building relationships with Christian women in their workplace