



# HEART LINES

Heart Life Day Retreat

## Gifted 2 Glorify

8:30am-4pm Saturday, January 22 at FBC

Speaker Judy Wallace presents *Personality PLUS & In His Presents*

Tickets \$12 on sale now through January 19

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the Heart Life ministry table.

Discovering our God-given Gifts!

We are thrilled to welcome Judy Wallace, from Principles on Purpose, for this year's retreat and will conduct two seminars: Personality Plus and In His Presents. During the first, Personality Plus, Judy will use humorous personal stories to share the four basic personalities and how those personalities determine how we relate to and view life in general and others in particular. During the second presentation, In His Presents, you will gain an understanding of who God made you to be and how He specifically equipped you to fulfill His plan for your life. Judy will help you glean a better understanding of what the spiritual gifts are as well as how to discover which ones are yours.

Come spend the day with us as we worship, and fellowship together and learn how our God-given personalities and spiritual gifts are key in Reflecting His Glory.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANK YOU!

Thank you for the generous loan of your serving pieces for the Christmas Brunch. They are available for pick up in the church office.~Heart Life

### REMINDER

Anyone who bought a ticket to the Christmas Brunch and didn't receive their ornament, they are available on the Heart Life ministry table.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to David and Andrea VanSant on the birth of a son, Canyon Whitaker, born December 20.

## WITH LOVE FROM FBC

by Loretta Dismang

How do you express your love to others? A thought came to Heart Life to show ladies that we do care about them and their circumstances by recognizing them for Valentine's Day with a gift bag of personal care items. These bags will be distributed by the Manna Center, a local ministry which our church supports. The WMU is in partnership with Heart Life to do this mission outreach.



We are taking the month of January to collect at least 300 bars of soap. You may drop off your (soaps) in the basket at the WMU table by **Sunday January 16**. The WMU will be providing the gift bags and Valentines. Heart Life will be providing additional personal care items.

We appreciate the support of the church as we do these mission outreaches from time to time. We wanted to do this special gift for ladies in hope that they may long to know the Savior that we know and desire to be among a group of believers as our Heart Life and Church. Brochures concerning

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## ONGOING EVENTS

WMU | 10am | 2nd Tuesday of each month | Rm 247

Led by Loretta Dismang

Heart Life 3D Women's Mentoring

7pm | Wednesdays | Loft

Led by Laura Macfarlan

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Neighborhood Brunches | February

During the month of February our FBC women will host neighborhood brunches in their homes. Please pray for this ministry as they reach out to neighbors with the love of Christ. If you would like information on hosting a brunch in your neighborhood (and how we can help!), please email [HeartLife@fbcsiloam.com](mailto:HeartLife@fbcsiloam.com).

### HEART LIFE SPRING BIBLE STUDIES

*No Other Gods* | by Kelly Minter | Led by Laura Macfarlan  
Tuesdays, 9-11am | Fellowship Hall | \$15 | Begins Jan. 18

*Dinners, Dialogue & Devotions* | Begins the week of Jan. 10  
Contact Jeannie Abbott, [jabbott@jbu.edu](mailto:jabbott@jbu.edu)

*Revelation: Here and Now, There and Then*  
by Beth Moore | Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am | in the Parlor  
\$10 | Begins January 20  
Led by Sarah Evans & Cassie Perryman

Sign up for all Heart Life Bible Studies by emailing  
[HeartLife@fbcsiloam.com](mailto:HeartLife@fbcsiloam.com)





## BARNABAS BAGS A NEW HEART LIFE TRADITION

The Barnabas Bag is a ministry of Heart Life Women at First Baptist Church. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 states "...encourage one another and build each other up..." This new ministry is a way to touch many women. It is named for one of the early church leaders whose name means "Son of Encouragement" (see Acts 4:36). Ten new Barnabas bags will be introduced at the Gifted to Glorify Day Retreat in

January by random drawing. If you receive this bag of blessing over the year, here's what you can do next:

Enjoy and be encouraged! Then look and pray for an opportunity to pass along the blessing to another FBC woman. You can reference the list of previous recipients (which will be listed on the bag's tag) to avoid duplication. This tag will travel with the bag. Please add the name of the woman you are giving it to before passing it along.

Express your creativity in the items you include! They can be

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our church will be included in the gift bag as well as information concerning Salvation.

For those who want to know more about Christ and the Bible, a Bible Study "Solid Ground I", which will take place in March, is for new believers and Christians who wish some lessons on learning how to live for Christ, however, anyone is welcome.

Session I Salvation and Assurance

Session II Terms Christians Use and Faith

Session III Discipleship and How to Study the Bible

Session IV How to Develop a Quiet Time and Prayer.

Each session will be about an hour and half and will meet on Wed. Afternoon 1-2:30 and (Evening if need be) . No book required.

Pray that this outreach will be well received, a blessing to many, and effective way to meet the needs of women in our community. ■

300 bars of soap are needed for the Valentine project at the Manna Center in February. Valentines, sacks, and salvation brochures and personal hygiene items. This is an evangelistic outreach to share information regarding our church, Bible Studies and other programs to those visiting the Manna Center for assistance. Please drop off items at the WMU table BY **Sunday, January 16.**

For more information contact  
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purchased or homemade, a single item or a few items, or something seasonal or every day. Spending time praying over the recipient is more valuable than the amount spent on the gift. You might also like to include a scripture verse or brief note of encouragement. It may be the only item you feel led to include in your bag as you pass it along. Your gift will be unique to you and to the woman you are giving to!

If you receive multiple bags within a short time frame, please feel free to pass the bag and its contents right along to another woman. "Regifting" is understood and acceptable!

While you need not feel pressure to pass the bag along the very next day, please keep the blessing going. Send your bag of prayer and blessing along to a new person within a few weeks. Deliver your bag in person or leave it in the church office for the recipient to pick up.

If you feel led, send a short "Barnabas Bag Blessings" or story to the Heart Life team of your gratitude and how this blessing ministered to you! Email [HeartLife@fbciloam.com](mailto:HeartLife@fbciloam.com) with your own story.

Please join with us in praying that the Barnabas Bag Ministry will be a source of blessing and encouragement to givers and receivers in our church body.



## SOS NEWS

by Linda Brown

Just wanted to share this beautiful thank you with all of you!

I pray this email finds you in the grace and comfort of the Lord. I am writing to let you know that I have been receiving the care packages that your church has been sending. They have been a great blessing and a nice piece of "home" during these first few months of deployment...I think it's really wonderful what you and the congregation have committed to doing for men and women like me who serve overseas...it is always an encouragement to see how our efforts are appreciated. I am really touched that you are praying for and sending gifts to my wife especially. I firmly believe that the greater sacrifice is born by the families of those deployed, rather than the Soldiers themselves. So, thank you for helping my family to feel God's love and comfort during my absence...I don't have an actual platoon to take care of since I'm an officer on the Battalion staff, but I do fly with guys that used to be my platoon, so I have been sharing what's in the boxes generously with those men... Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our cause...may the Lord bless you and the whole congregation richly for your love and support.

Matthew A. Hill, CPT, US CAVALRY-B/6-6 CAV

## CRYSTAL LIGHT SPARKLER (PUNCH)

Ingredients:

1 1-liter diet Sprite/7Up/generic equivalent

2 containers Crystal Light or generic lemonade (or flavor of your choice)

32 oz. can pineapple juice

Directions: Mix juice & Crystal Light together until dissolved, to ensure even mixing & no clumps. Next, add soda pop. Enjoy!

