

The Cross Tie Newsletter

October 8, 2012

What I am Learning About Prayer

By Kathy Dobbins

Minister of Spiritual Formation

About ten years ago I discovered a whole tradition of prayer that has been on the margins of Christianity for a long time. These practices have been transforming the lives of Christians for centuries. Most are rooted in the practice of stillness and silence which brings greater awareness of the presence of God.

Silence is a great teacher. In silence I am aware that something deep within can pray without the use of words. When I began this process years ago, prayer had become rather dry. Finding different ways to pray was a refreshment to my faith. Prayer without words, stillness of body and mind, are working off the rough edges of my emotions and thoughts, and changing how I respond to daily life. I have a greater awareness of the nearness of God. "Be still and know that I am God."

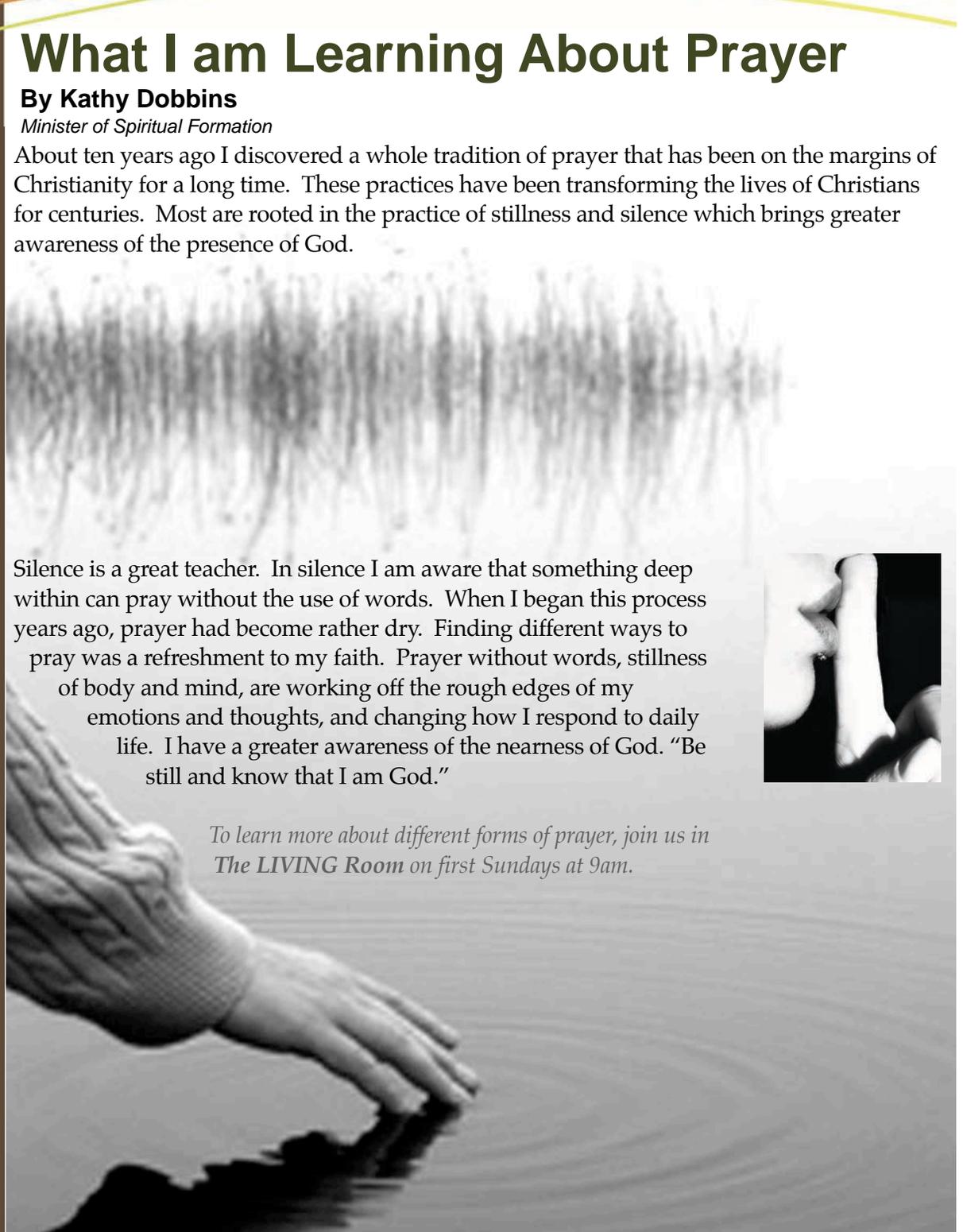
To learn more about different forms of prayer, join us in The LIVING Room on first Sundays at 9am.



Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of
every one who
thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of
everyone who
speaks of me,
Christ in every eye
that sees me,
Christ in every ear
that hears me.

I arise today

(from 5th Century Irish Prayer)





Shoes for Mission Sunday

On Mission Sunday, October 21, 2012, everyone will be asked to donate a pair of their shoes to the Lilburn Co-op. You may donate the shoes on your feet and go barefoot or bring an extra pair to donate and keep the shoes on your feet. This is a visible action indicating our generosity toward the world's needs. "Change A Life . . . Change The World".



Scholarships – Your Generosity On Mission Sunday

Another act of generosity will be an opportunity to give to the Mission Sunday Offering for Scholarships for mission team members as needed.



Thank You From FIN

Thank you, Smoke Rise, for your generous response to our request to meet the crisis in FIN (Families in Need)

funds. As always, you gave so graciously and generously to help meet the financial needs of our Smoke Rise members. Please continue to pray for and support this special ministry. Thank you.

Peggy Harris and The Families In Need Committee

Stone Mountain Co-op Pantry Needs for October

Hot and Cold Cereal, Tuna, Soup, Toilet Paper, Bar Soap, Canned Vegetables, and Canned Fruit.

Ladies Holiday Event Nov 13



Tuesday, November 13, 2012; 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

This annual event for women includes the holiday decorated tables everyone loves to see! Our guest speaker is best-selling author

and syndicated columnist Ronda Rich, known as a storyteller that rivets audiences. If you would like to host and decorate a table, please sign up with MaryLynn Manley. Tickets are \$15.00 and will be on sale beginning Sunday, October 14.

Deadline for Honduras Registration Nov 25



Our Honduras Mission Trip is open for registration. We will need to confirm air line reservations by December 1. Please register on line by November 25 if you are going. You may register on line at www.smokeriseministries.org/missions and pay \$100 with credit card. Total cost of the trip is \$1,400 and the date of trip is March 9-16, 2013. You may contact Deb Leamon at 770.923.8762 or Glenn and Pat in the Missions Office for more information.

Pray for These Men

The following men will leave for McDowell, KY (Appalachia) on Sunday, October 14 and return Friday, October 19: Bill Blanton, Wilson Echols, Page Fulgham, Jim Huston, Bob Jernigan, Bob Knell, Cliff Mueller, Gary Prophitt, Ronnie Smith, and Jim Still. Please pray for them as they travel and as they



minister through construction to the people associated with the GAP.

Wed Series Audio Download

Missed a bible study or series on Wednesdays? You can now find them on our website by going to "Special Events" under the Media tab on the church website.

What are you passing to your kids?



by Carra Hughes Greer

I feel extremely confident I am passing my children so much knowledge about softball, swimming, public speaking, making the perfect PB&J, manners, resilience, fishing, sewing on a button, de-cluttering, the perfect snuggle, eating ice cream with the spoon facing down, and the importance of a nap (even for grownups.) One thing is for sure, I feel confident to teach my children these things because I know these “areas” well.

I am discovering among families, some parents feel inadequate when it comes to “teaching” scripture and faith to their children and youth. I understand; after years of being “seminary trained” in theology, there are

times I feel inadequate too. I don’t have all the answers, sometimes I even have more questions! It’s okay.

The important thing is continuing to speak to our children and youth about faith and God. We don’t have to give answers... but we do need to have conversations. It is okay to let your children and youth see some of your own struggle with faith and theological issues.

I would like to challenge our families to sit around the table at least once a week for dinner. (Sunday night is great for getting the week started off right.) And make the topic of conversation “faith.” (Use something going on in your family or on the news that your kids might know of... What do you think God thinks of XYZ? Where have you seen /experienced God this week? What are you thankful for?) You will need to tailor your topics/questions making them age-appropriate for your children and youth. A hint: They are probably able to think much deeper than you imagine. (I’m surprised by this weekly with our youth discussions.)

As a reminder and good jumping-off point for conversation, visit www.d365.org and sign up to receive daily reminders for their EXTREMELY SHORT daily devotionals that will be a breath of fresh air to you each day.

*God, give me the strength in the business of each day to be a good example of a faithful follower of Jesus for my children.
Amen.*

The Theological Café Series

Mondays at 9:45am; Room S225

A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23

The imagery of this most beloved Psalm comes alive through Philip Keller’s classic book, *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*, in which he draws on what he learned during his own years as a shepherd.

Experience the encouragement and comfort of these words as we place ourselves in the role of those who are in need of a shepherd’s care.

Oct 15; Led by Rev. Kathy Dobbins

How The Bible Speaks of Salvation

How are we saved? What is the concept of salvation from Old Testament to New Testament? Join us for this exploration and discussion.

Oct 22; Led by Dr. Colin Harris

Roger Williams, an American Hero

The life of Roger Williams is worthy of anyone’s study: A defender of religious freedom, founder of the first Baptist church in America, and America’s first abolitionist. **Oct 29**





	Year—to—Date
Total Income	\$ 995,875.90
Expenses	
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 789,238.63
Total Ministries—Worship	10,618.05
Total Ministries—Education	37,702.17
Total Missions	78,902.24
Total Capital Expenditures	30,688.25
Total Equipment	1,261.96
Total Expenses	\$ 948,411.30
Total Difference	\$ 47,464.60

congratulations

“Gracelyn” Langston, born September 24 to John Langston & Diana Tolbert. Grandparents are Todd & Kathy Langston; great grandparents are Ben & Sandra Hawkins.



Our Ministers

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condolences

Join us in extending our sympathy to our friends and family at Smoke Rise Baptist who have lost loved ones:

Lori Dodson's father, Harold Henderson;
 Betty Banister's sister-in-law, Freida Forkner.



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Hanging of the Green

A Christmas Tradition



**Sunday, December 2, 2012, at
 7:00 PM**

Mark your calendars now for this very special multigenerational event. Contact Lynne in the Music Office if you wish to volunteer.
lginn@smokerisebaptist.org
 or 678.533.0552

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