

United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Epworth United Methodist Church Mission Statement

To be a support at the beginning –
Birth.

To be a support during the good
times and the hard times.

To be a support at the end – **Death.**

To be a place of and for faith to
bloom.

EPWORTH... A place for life:

To go from this place to love and
serve the Lord,

Through service to mankind.

Amen.

Declaración de misión de Epworth Iglesia Metodista unida

Para ser un apoyo al principio desde el
- **Nacimiento.**

Para ser un apoyo durante los tiempos
buenos y los tiempos malos.

Para ser un apoyo asta el final en la -

Muerte.

Para ser un lugar donde tu fe florezca.

EPWORTH... Un Lugar Para toda la
Vida:

Para ir de este lugar a amar y a servir
En servicio a la humanidad.

Amen

This is the year for Epworth to experience the miracle of God's power "No Wind and no Rain; Yet the valley will be filled with Water

Éste es el año para que Epworth experimente el milagro del poder de Dios "sin viento y sin lluvia; a un así el valle será lleno de agua.

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Haiti's Relief Effort

Skip Strickland, Director of Mission and Ministry for the Rocky Mountain Conference, sent out a letter updating the Rocky Mountain Conference and UMCOR's relief efforts in Haiti.

...Here is an update about Haiti relief from the Rocky Mountain Conference and UMCOR. Remember you can find continual updates both on the RMCUMC.org web site and on the UMCOR.org web site.

As I write this, Jim Gulley, is in Haiti helping UMCOR with relief planning. You can trust we will have first hand updates about what is taking place on the ground. Church members in the Rocky Mountain Conference are well on their way to donating over \$350,000.00 for Haiti relief. Thousands of health kits have been assembled and shipped to the UMCOR west depot. The outpouring is amazing.

This weekend I was in South Fork, CO, in a snow storm, speaking to folks about starting a New Church there. On my way home I picked up 72 health kits from the Monte Vista UMC. The neat part of the Monte Vista Health Kit story is that some of the materials for these health kits were collected and donated by a local 3rd grade elementary class. They heard about the project through their teacher who is a church member and wanted to help. This is an example of "Rethink church," where walls are broken down and church folks and people in the community work together for a common good. This is just one story among many that I have received, where church and community groups respond together to meet a great need. Keep sending in your stories and we will

Clases de español los domingos

Epworth inicio las Clases de español rápido y conversacional cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes de 2:30 a 3:30 de la tarde. El costo total por cada período de clase es \$5,00 (que cubrirá sus costos materiales, y una pequeña comida). Si usted no tiene el dinero, no se preocupe igual puede atender. Las registraciones, orientación y distribución de materiales iniciaran a las 2:00 pm. En el salón comedor de la Iglesia. La ministro Connie Sauls- wilkins estará esperando verte cada Segundo y cuarto domingo del mes.

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Conferencia anual de las Montanas Rocosas

La Conferencia anual 2010 empezará la 1:00 pm de la tarde. El jueves, 17 de junio y seguirá hasta el mediodía el domingo, 20 de junio. La ordenación será la última actividad de la Conferencia el domingo.

El énfasis de este año será basado en el desarrollo del liderato. Adam Hamilton Será el presentador primario y proporcionará y Dirigirá una presentación mas allá de la pared en tres partes el sábado, 19 de junio.

Todos los miembros recibirán una tarjeta postal con más información cuando sea la registración, folletos de matrícula y otra información están disponibles en el sitio

try to collect and report them on the conference web site, RMCUMC.org.

Below is the official news feed from the denomination UMCOR web site that I wanted to pass on to you for your information.

Thank you for all your good work.

Skip Strickland

UMCOR Haiti Update

An online version of this UMCOR Update is found online at:

<http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umcor/work/emergencies/ongoing/haitiearthquake/betherebehope>

Spanish Classes on Sunday

Epworth has started offering Spanish Classes every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 3-4 p.m. The total cost for each class period is \$5.00 (which will cover your material costs, and a small meal). If you don't have the money, don't be concerned!

Registration, orientation, and distribution of materials will begin at

web.

La ubicación, este año, será el Marriott Denver Centro Técnico, 4900 Syracuse del sur, Denver, Colorado.

A link to the AC 2010 Page:
<http://rmcumc.org/rmc/annualconference/519-annual-conference-2010.html>

2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Minister Connie Sauls-Wilkins will be
looking forward to seeing you every
2nd and 4th Sunday.

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Rocky Mountain Annual Conference

Annual Conference 2010 will begin at
1 p.m. Thursday, June 17th and run
through **noon on Sunday, June 20th**.
Ordination will be the last action of
the Conference on Sunday.

This year's emphasis will be on
Leadership Development. Adam
Hamilton will be the primary
presenter and will provide a Leading
Beyond the Walls presentation in
three parts on Saturday, June 19th.

All members will receive a postcard
with more information when
registration booklets and other
information are available on the
website.

The location, this year, will be the
Marriott Denver Tech Center, 4900
South Syracuse, Denver, Colorado.

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Around Town and Epworth.....

What did we personally do to commutate Black History Month? Is it now obsolete? No longer necessary or important? Integrated into general history, period? Or, is it still necessary to try to "keep hope alive," per Rev. Jesse Jackson? What? We almost lost a member here during Black History month. As you may or may not know, Epworth asks a family member each week in February to present a short history about their family. Robertha Willingham was scheduled for Feb. 14th. She had a serious panic attack about speaking in public and spent close to a week at St. Joseph Hospital as a result. Perhaps when someone is asked to speak, the coordinator should find out about their comfort level about speaking in public. Just a thought.

Speaking of St. Joseph Hospital, did you know that they have a clinic for the low income, or the no income? If you have money, fine. If you don't, no problem. They turn no one away, nor does the severity of the illness/ailment matter. There was a long article in the Denver Post Newspaper a few weeks ago about St. Joseph's program. Please help get the word out. I've spoken to people who are ill but won't go to the doctor because of a lack of insurance or a lack of funds. St. Joseph erases all of that. So, if you want health care, it's available to you right at 18th and Franklin Street in

Alrededor de la Ciudad y Epworth

Bienvenido a la "capucha". ¿Está usted enterado que Denver llegó a ser me gustaría escuchar la respuesta de ustedes.

Wallace Yvonne Tollette

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Shel-Vonne TS Gifts & Souvenirs

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Denver. Wonder if members of the United States Congress knows about St. Joseph as they continue to haggle and wrangle over health care. Maybe a trip to Denver would be beneficial for them. Somebody please call President Obama and those "fat head" Republicans. Oops, I'm a Republican.

On another note, I attended a women's ministry meeting here last week facilitated by Andriette Fields and Valerie Jackson, students at Iliff School of Theology. There were about 10 in attendance and we planned a women's history program for March 21st. Hopefully all will support the women's ministry. Minister Jackson will be preaching and there will be a special women's history moment presentation (about 3 to 5 minutes) by yours truly about Dr. Justina Ford. Do help us spread the word. Oh, but check this out--there was no food at this meeting! Imagine that! An Epworth meeting and no food!

Opalanga Pugh sends a note of gratitude and a thank you for all the love and prayers of the Epworth congregation. However, continued prayers are needed as she faces each challenge daily.

I'm continuing to work diligently to complete the history update. Some are so slow to respond. Of course, I'm well aware that what someone else is doing is never as important as what you're doing. However, a timely response would be greatly appreciated. Have a great month of March.

Wallace Yvonne Tollette 303 830-1691

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Who's Ushering In March for the 11a.m. Service?

- March 7th:
11 a.m. – Sis. Myrtle Davis
11 a.m. – Sis. Rudy Robinson.
- March 14th:
11 a.m. – Brother Clarence Williams
11 a.m. – Sis. Vera Castille.
- March 21st:
11 a.m. – Sis. Grace Stiles
11 a.m. – Sis. Kimberly Smith
- March 28th:
11 a.m. – Sis. Myrtle Davis
11 a.m. – Sis. Rudy Robinson

Servicio del mes de febrero de 11a.m.

- 7 De febrero:
11 a.m. - hna. Myrtle Davis

11 a.m. - hna. Rudy Robinson
- 14 De febrero:
11 a.m. – Hno, Clarence Williams
11 a.m. - hna. Vera Castille.
- 21 De febrero:
11 a.m. - hna. Grace stiles
11 a.m. - hna. Kimberly Smith
- 28 De febrero:
11 a.m. – Hna. Myrtle Davis
11 a.m. – Hno. Rudy Robinson

March Acolyte Schedule

Note: Sis. Myrtle Davis will need your help with names and who is available to serve in this position.

- **March 7th:**
Melissa Wilson &
Connine Sauls
- **March 14th:**
Joshua Wilson &
Kitana Aragon
- **March 21st:**
Arlene Hill &
Cheyenne Sharp.
- **March 28th:**
Melissa Wilson &
Connine Sauls

Horario del Acolyte de febrero

Nota: hna. Myrtle Davis necesitará su ayuda con los nombres de quién está disponible para servir en esta posición.

- **7 De febrero:**
Melissa Wilson &
Connine Sauls
- **14 De febrero:**
Joshua Wilson y
Kitana Aragon
- **21 De febrero:**
Arlene Hill y
Cheyenne Sharp
- **28 De febrero:**
Connine Sauls y
Melissa Wilson

Epworth's Birthdays for March 2010:

Birthdays:

1. Rev. King Harris – 03/02
2. Evelyn Davis – 03/03
3. Steven Wilkins – 03/03
4. Murel Mills – 03/04
5. Ada Busby – 03/12
6. Carol Rose – 03/21
7. Nivia Carbajal – 03/22
8. Ronald Tiggs – 03/26

Cumpleaños en Epworth del mes de Febrero 2010

Cumpleaños:

1. William Brown – 02/08
2. Ana Maria Rangel – 02/13

Epworth's Calendar

- **Morning Worship Services.** Rev. King Harris will be conducting Morning Worship services M – Sun. starting at 6 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
- **Adult, Youth & Children Sunday school classes.** All classes start at 9:45 a.m.
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- **Adult Bible Study.** Every Wednesday evening a meal is served starting at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bible study starts at 6:30 p.m. All activities end at 7:30 p.m. Rev. King Harris and Pastor Jeff Kanost heads this class.
- **Epworth's Mens Choir Rehearsal.** They rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Epworth's Adult Choir Rehearsal.** They rehearse every Friday evening from 6:30-8 p.m.
- **Epworth's Children's Choir / Youth Rehearsal and Fellowship.** They rehearse every Friday evening from 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- **Epworth UMW** United Methodist Women the Hispanic Circle meet every Saturday evening in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. For more information, please call Sis. Vicky Alvarado at 720-276- 9870
- **Epworth's UMYF.** (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) meet on Sundays at 4 p.m. For more information, please call Pastor Jeff Kanost at 720-364-8417.
- **The Fatherhood Initiative.** A group of men meet every Tuesday evening to discuss fatherhood and how to become better fathers. An evening meal will be provided. Activities start at 6:30 p.m.

Calendario de

Epworth

- **Servicios de adoración de la mañana.** Pastor King Harris estará dirigiendo los servicios por las mañanas de lunes a viernes empezando a las 6 am en el santuario
- **Clases de escuela Dominical para adultos, jóvenes y niños.** Todas las clases empiezan a las 9:45 am.
- **Estudio bíblico para adultos** Cada miércoles a las 5:45 pm estamos sirviendo comida en la cafetería , seguida por el estudio que empieza a las 6:30 pm y terminaremos a las 7:30pm Del pastor King Harris y pastor asistente Jeff Kanost son los maestros que dirigen esta clase.
- **Ensayos de coro para hombres de Epworth.** Ensayos para varones cada miércoles de 7:30 - 8: 30 P.M.
- **Ensayo de coro para adultos de Epworth.** Ensayan cada viernes en la tarde de 6:30 - 8 P.M.
 - **Epworth UMW mujeres metodistas unidas**
Reuniones para mujeres todos los sábados 5:00 pm llame a vicky al 720- 276-986 para mas información.
- **Coro de niños de Epworth/ensayo de los jóvenes.** Ensayan cada viernes en la tarde 6:30 - 8 P.M.
- **UMYF de Epworth.** (reunión de jóvenes de la iglesia Epworth) Nos reunimos los domingos a las 4 P.M.
- **La iniciativa de la paternidad.** Un grupo de hombres que se reúne cada martes en la tarde para discutir y aprender sobre la paternidad y cómo ser mejores padres. Habrá comida antes o durante la reunión. Las actividades empiezan 6:30

and end at 8 p.m. Please call Thom Foster at 303-296-6287 for more information.

P.M. y terminan a las 8 P.M. Por favor si le interesaría venir llame a Thom Foster en 303-296-6287 para más información

"Hear Our Prayer Oh Lord"

- Health –Cameron Greene, Sherlyn Thomas, Phyllis Robinson, Lauren Watson, Charles Jackson, Nicole Tuett, Monica Jolivette, All the Youth, Victoria Castille, Ida Price, Rita Dillingham, Zina Phillips, Donald Thomas, Tommy & Imogene Jackson, Lorraine Hunt, Ted White, Julie Travis, Theo Barrows, Chris Davis, and Jere' Procopio.
- Comfort & Care – Valley Vista UMC
- Encouragement – Jose Orlando and Yolanda Rivera Argentina (Missionaries).

Protection – For our Armed Forces serving here and in distant lands.

" Oh Señor escucha nuestra oración"

- Salud - Cameron Greene, Sherlyn Thomas, Phyllis Robinson, Lauren Watson, Charles Jackson, Nicole Tuett, Monica Jolivette, todos los Jovenes, Victoria Castille, Ida Price, Rita Dillingham, Zina Phillips, Donald Thomas, Tommy & Imogene Jackson, Lorraine Hunt, Ted White, Julie Travis, Theo Barrows, Chris Davis, y Jere' Procopio
- Confort y cuidado – Valley Vista UMC
- Estímulo - Jose Orlando y Yolanda Rivera la Argentina (misionarios).
- Protección - para nuestras fuerzas armadas que sirven aquí y en tierras lejanas.

The Poet's Corner

El Rincón de los poetas

I May Never See

Tomorrow

I may never see tomorrow
There's no written guarantee
And things that happened yesterday
Belong to history.

I cannot predict the future
I cannot change the past
I have just the present moment
I must treat it as my last.

I must use the moment wisely
For it soon will pass away
And be lost to me forever
As part of yesterday.

I must exercise compassion
Help the fallen to their feet
Be a friend unto the friendless
Make an empty life complete.

The unkind things I do today
May never be undone.
Any friendships that I fail to win
May nevermore be won.

I may not have another chance
On bended knee to pray,
And I thank God with humble heart
For giving me this day.

Author Unknown

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Job Or Ministry

If you do it because no one else will, it's a JOB;

If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a MINISTRY;

If you do it just enough to get by, it's a JOB;

If you do it to the best of your abilities, it's a MINISTRY;

If you quit because someone else criticized you, it's a JOB;

If you keep serving regardless of criticism, it's a MINISTRY;

If you do it only so long as it doesn't interfere with other activities, it's a JOB;

If you committed to staying with it even when it means letting go of other things, it's a MINISTRY;

If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it was a JOB;

If you stay with it even though no one notices your efforts, it's a MINISTRY;

If you do it because someone else said it needed to be done, it's a JOB;

If you do it because you think it needs to be done, it's a MINISTRY;

It is hard to get excited about a JOB;

It's almost impossible not to get excited about a MINISTRY.

Average churches are filled with many just doing a JOB;

Great churches are filled with many who are involved in MINISTRY.

If your concern is success, it's a JOB;

If your concern is faithfulness, it's a MINISTRY.

People will say, "Well Done" when you do a JOB;

The Lord will say "Well Done" when you complete your MINISTRY.

Pray that every person involved in your church will find their MINISTRY!

Author Unknown

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What's Happening at Epworth in March?

1. **March is Women's History Month.**
2. **March 4th:** 1st Thursday of the month, Admin. Board Minutes, Agenda and reports turned in to Rev. King Harris and Clarence Williams for distribution on March 7, 2010.
3. **March 5th:** World Day of Prayer.
4. **March 6th:** Epworth's Committees Meetings. Start times maybe different for each committee. Please check with your committee chair.
5. **March 07th:** First Sunday Pot-Luck. Bring your favorite dish; enough for

Que esta pasando

1. **6 de Febrero:** clases de entrenamiento para familia a familia de las 9 a.m. a 3pm
2. **6 de Febrero: todos** los comités tendrán un horario diferente para reunirse. Llame le a la silla de su comité y confirmen la hora de sus reunión.
3. **7 de Febrero:** es el primer domingo del mes traiga algún platillo, suficiente para su familia y un amigo
4. **7 de Febrero:** Examen de la historia de los afro americanos para jóvenes y adultos

- your family and a friend!
6. **March 13th**: Admin. Board Meeting at 9 a.m.
 7. **March 13th**: S/PPRC Training at Englewood UMC from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m.
 8. **March 13th**: Jacqueline Withers taking Children to Front Range Airport.
 9. **March 14th**: Spanish Classes from 3-4 p.m.
 10. **March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st**: Lenten Bible Study
 11. **March 20th**: Jacqueline Withers Real Women's Award Program at Epworth UMC.
 12. **March 28th**: Palm Sunday.
 13. **March 28th**: Spanish Classes from 3-4 p.m.

5. **7 de Febrero**: Super Bowl XLIV
6. 12 de Febrero: Juegos olímpicos del invierno
7. **14 de Febrero**: Domingo de Boy Scouts
8. 14 y 28 de Febrero: Clases de español de 2:30-3:30 pm
9. 15 de Febrero: Día de los presidentes
10. 17 de febrero: Estudio bíblico de Lenten
11. 17 de febrero: Miércoles de ceniza
12. 22 de febrero: cumpleaños de Washigton
13. 27 de febrero: conferencia anual del distrito metropolitano celebración en Trinity UMC de 8:30am-1 pm

Some Things To Remember

- Wallace Yvonne Tollette has a catalog, Internet and souvenirs business. “Shel-Vonne TS Gifts & Souvenirs” a variety of unique, quality, gifts and souvenirs primarily made in Colorado. Please call 303-830-1691 for more information or to place an order. Wallace also conducts walking tours of historic Five Points.
- The Kenyan Worship services will be held every Sunday in March. Their services are in English, so feel free to join them. Services start at 2:30 p.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Please call Epworth’s Office at 303-296-6287 for more information.
- **Epworth UMC & Family-To-Family Office Hours:**
Mon. – Thurs. – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Friday** – Noon – 5 p.m.
Office ph. # 303-296-6287
Office Fax # 303-296-7475
E-Mail address:
www.epworthumcdenver.org
- **Every (Sunday) In March** Please bring your Non-Perishable foods to the 11 a.m. Worship Services for Epworth’s Food Bank. All Food collected will provide more food to those who need it and eliminate the need for Chris Davis to close the Food Bank early. Chris also needs volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays to prepare food for distribution to clinics.

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Algunas cosas para recordar

- Wallace Yvonne Tollette tiene un catálogo, un negocio de recuerdos en Internet. “Regalos y recuerdos de los TS de Shell-Vonne” una variedad única, en calidad, de regalos y de recuerdos hechos en Colorado. Llame por favor 303-830-1691 para más información o para hacer una orden. De Wallace también conduce viajes de caminata de cinco puntos históricos.
- Los servicios de adoración de Kenyan serán llevados a cabo cada domingo en Febrero. Sus servicios son en inglés, así que siéntase libre en asistir si usted desea acompañarlos. Los servicios empiezan a las 2:30 pm de la tarde. Llame por favor a la oficina de Epworth 303-296-6287 para más información.
- **Epworth UMC y Familia-A-Familia Horario de oficina:**
Lunes-Jueves: 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. **Viernes:** 12A.M.- 5 P.M.
Oficina pH. Fax # 303-296-7475 de la oficina # 303-296-6287 Dirección del E-mail: www.epworthumcdenver.org
- **Cada (domingo) en Febrero:** Si desea traer alimentos que usted desee donar para el banco de alimentos de Epworth a las 11 mañana. y las 5 P.M. los domingos durante los Servicios de adoración. Todos los alimentos recogidos proporcionarán más ayuda a los que la necesitan y así eliminaremos la posible necesidad de Chris Davis, de cerrar temprano el banco de alimento.

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Pastores de Epworth

Epworth's Pastors
Available for
Counseling

- Rev. King Harris
- Assistant Pastor, Jeff Kanost
- Assistant Pastor, Marvin Lazo
- Assistant Pastor, Manuel Jimenez

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Epworth's Music
Ministers

- Connie Sauls-Wilkins (Director)
- Jackie Perkins (Praise Leader)
- George Nelson
- Joshua Wilson
- Steven Wilkins
- Michael Jones
- Joy Harris

Refreshing
the Soul

Collection

February – 2010

Hello My
Friend,

Since 1996 God has inspired me to write the "Refreshing the Soul" Collection. This

disponibles para
aconsejar

- Pastor successor. King Harris
- Pastor asistente, Jeff Kanost
- Pastor asistente, Marvin Lazo
- Pastor asistente, Manuel Jiménez

Ministros de la música
de Epworth

- Connie Sauls-Wilkins (director)
- Jackie Perkins (líder de la alabanza)
- George Nelson
- Joshua Wilson
- Steven Wilkins
- Michael Jones
- Joy Harris

article comes to you like a long drink of water on the road side of life, written and designed to inspire, encourage and uplift you on your journey. God is truly amazing, the main source of my life and it is my heart felt desire to share with you what His word has given me through a reflection of life that inspires the soul.

My prayer is that you will be blessed with all of the love, joy and peace that are found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. For those of you who are not sure about a relationship with Jesus Christ may these monthly articles inspire and encourage you to seek Him.

Until next time.....

In Him,
Linda Rose

**“When Life Doesn’t
Make Sense – Trust
and Believe”**

Can you still praise God after you have prayed day and night about a situation only to have it appear to be the same for months, years, or a lifetime? Can

you continue to **trust Him** when your car is being repossessed or when the bank is foreclosing on your home? Can you still say that **God specializes** when the rent is due and the lights are turned off? Can you still shout "**Hallelujah!**" when the boss hands you a pink slip instead of a raise?

As a student, can you **trust Him** when your grades are slipping; or, as an athlete, an injury threatens to end your career? Can you still **bless the Lord** when your loved one dies after you have declared boldly, "**By His stripes they are healed**"? Can you still **sing praises unto God** after you have "named it and claimed it" only to have the name move to someone else and your claim be denied? Can you still **believe in the Lord** when a natural disaster wipes out everything you have, leaving you barren, feeling lonely, and destitute; or a terrorist attack happens without warning and renders everyone it touches helpless?

Can you? Yes! You can, for the answer to these questions and more are found in Proverbs 3:5-6 – **trusting God** and **believing what He says**. Proverbs 3:5-6 states, "**Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and do not lean unto your own understanding.**"

In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.

When we trust, we are committing ourselves, something, or someone into the care of another; and belief is what we think in regard to whom we trust. What a powerful source of strength **trusting and believing** give us when life doesn't make sense or seem fair.

The Hebrew boys, in Chapter 3 of the Book of Daniel, knew something about trusting against all odds. They found that God was with them through their "fiery furnace." **They believed that the Lord** had the power to save them; but if He chose not to deliver them from what appeared to be their fate, He was still in control and could be **trusted** to take care of the matter.

Paul testifies that he prayed three times for God to remove what he called "a thorn in his side." But Jesus said, "My grace is sufficient for you" (II Corinthians 12:9). Paul was not relieved of his problem, **but he believed God's grace** was more than enough to sustain him.

Job found utter peace in his heart and a new-found, overwhelming faith after suddenly losing everything he had, including his family, health, and material possessions. Job's self-

righteousness caused him to know God only through hearsay. But through his loss, he learned for himself (Job 42:5) that **God is faithful, God's word can be trusted, and God is truly in control.**

And Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ prayed three times in the Garden of Gethsemane that God would remove "the cup," or the burden, He was sent to bear. Jesus, being comforted by the angels as He prayed, surrendered by saying, "... not my will, but thy will be done" (Luke 22:40-46). Being human and divine, Jesus showed us that in order to go through life—even unto death—you must put your **trust in God and believe in His word.**

The Hebrew boys, Paul, Job, and Jesus' **trust and belief** allowed them **to go through** the fiery furnace; **to deal with** a situation or condition that was not going away; to have **faith restored** after losing everything and **to surrender** by saying, "... not my will but your will be done."

When you **trust and believe** in God, you can truly "... mount up on wings as eagles; ... run and not get weary; and walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

Can you still praise God? Yes, you can because "He who

promised is faithful" (Hebrews 10:23).

*"I am just an Ordinary Woman, On
an Extraordinary Journey,
With an Awesome God"*
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