

CIRCLE CONNECTION



Southeast Area Ladies' Uplift Circle Newsletter

A Warm Message from our SEALC President, Sister Gelsa Staley

LET'S REACH FOR HEAVEN IN 2011

When I first moved to Florida in 1978, my family and I attended the Tampa Branch. One of the elders there would always come up with a motivational theme for the New Year. In thinking upon that, I felt inspired with the theme "Let's Reach for Heaven in 2011". Then comes the question, how do I/we plan on accomplishing that? I believe we all have to figure that part out for ourselves and if you are like me, you have already said to yourself; I am going to read and study the scriptures more, pray more often and reach out to my sisters when they are in need. And of course, let's not forget the all time favorite of most women "lose weight".

Well sisters, I have another proposal for you. Recently the GLUC had a conference call with all of the area presidents and GLUC officers. Sis Connie Frankenberg, who is the GLUC liaison to the NAOC headed up this call. She informed us of a project that we sisters can become involved with. A project that will give us the opportunity to work with the Native Americans, make the NA work a priority in our areas and be a part of the church's divine commission. Are you interested yet? There are still a lot of issues to iron out but pretty much the job would be as follows. We would need approximately ten sisters from our area to make about 30 phone calls each. The calls would be to different organizations that have received the First Voices newsletter. It is a scripted

call with a one page questionnaire. All you would be doing is verifying addresses, tribal leaders and if they received our pamphlet. If they ask you questions, there are scripted answers. If that doesn't sound like you, then how about helping with uploading information into the church's database? I have to say that during the call, we felt a sense of urgency and excitement in being a part of this undertaking. Do you feel that desire and excitement when you are reading this? If so, please make your desires known by sending me an email that you are interested in doing something and when the time comes, I will contact you. I pray that we will all have the desire to reach for heaven in 2011! May God bless you and keep you in his love. I look forward to seeing each and everyone at the March area conference in Lake Worth.

Your sister in Christ,

Gelsa Staley

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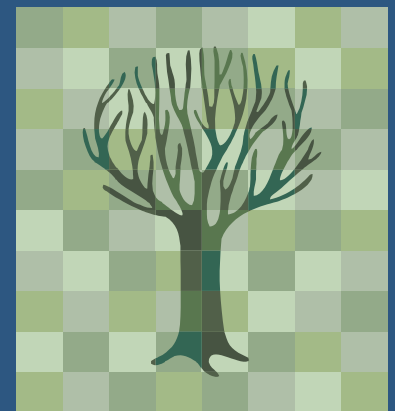
GOODNESS!

For I remember the word of God which saith by their works ye shall know them; for if their works be good, then they are good also." Moroni 7:5

Do something good ~ Be something good!

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God gave you this day to do just as you would; you can throw it away or do something good.

You can make someone happy, or make someone sad; what have you done with the day that you had?

God gave it to you to do just as you would; you could do what is wicked, or do what is good.

You can hand out a smile or give 'm a frown; you can lift someone up or push someone down.

You can lighten some load, or some progresses impede; You can look for a rose or just gather some weed.

What did you do with your beautiful day? God gave it to you, did you throw it away?

Author Unknown

*Cut out poem above & laminate for a bookmark gift.



Sister Alyssa Maddox

Age: 17

Student in 11th Grade

If you would like to share your story- see your local LC president or representative for the spotlight interview packet.

SISTER SPOTLIGHT

Favorite hymn - "He Planted Me Deep - it was the theme song of the camp I was baptized at"

Favorite Scripture - "Luke 22:38 - it's the scripture God used to call me into the church"

What do you love best about The Church of Jesus Christ? "The love of God and the love of the people of God"

What do you like best about Ladies Circle? "The intimacy we feel and the bond we have because we're all women"

What do you do when you're feeling spiritually weak? "Reach out to a brother or sister and ask for advice and pray"

What advice can you offer to others your age? "Everyone has

their own time to answer the call. There is no pressure"

What are some of your goals in life? "Graduate college, become a teacher, get married, have kids, stay in TCOJC forever"

Tell us about your baptism - "Take Root, Bear Fruit" "I knew going into camp that this would be an important week in my life. So I was prayerful all week and going into it. After hearing Bro. Paul Palmieri's seminar on "God Calls, I will answer", I opened my Bible looking for a sign. I opened to "It is enough" after asking God if I was worthy enough to belong to TCOJC. I asked Bro. Doug Obradovich and 3 days later, my dad baptized me and Bro. Tommy D'Orazio confirmed me.

Best day of my life; 2010 GMBA Camp 7/7/10"

SISTER PAL ACTIVITY

On a wintery day wouldn't it be nice to come home to good news of scripture & soup. How about sharing it with your sister pal... a good soup recipe and some of your favorite scripture!

Our Sister Pal Program activity will be a *Soup & Scripture Swap* to warm the body & soul.

Just use the bottom portion of this section or your own recipe card to write down your favorite soup recipe. Then write your favorite scripture on the back, front or up the side to share with your Sister Pal.

~Bon Appetite~



Soup & Scripture for my Sister Pal- Winter 2011 SEALC

Soup Recipe for: _____ Serves: ____

Ingredients: _____



From: _____

enjoy!

FUNDRAISER ITEMS



Forest Hills Branch has flip flops for sale- \$5 a pair in sizes; SML

Contact Sis. Gelsa Staley if you are interested in these cute shoes.

****These will be available at the SEALC Conference 3/5/11****

Email Circle Connection Editor with any other fundraiser ads.

OUR SERVICE TO THE LORD?

Your service can begin when you surrender yourself to do the Lord's will. When we serve, we experience the joy of giving. King Benjamin said it so plainly: "And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are in the service of your God"

Mosiah 2:17

Don't forget about the The General Ladies' Uplift Circle on the church website at

www.thechurchofjesuschrist.org

Just another resource for you!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

SEALC CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT LAKE WORTH BRANCH

HE RESTORETH MY SOUL...

On, Saturday, March 5, 2011, join us for a refreshing, enriching, uplifting inspirational & energizing day!

SEALC Conference will begin promptly at 10:30 am at the Lake Worth Branch. Lunch will be served at Noon and our seminar will take place thereafter at 1:30PM.

This is your chance to fellowship with area sisters... this invitation had me at refreshing... where will it have you?

There's nothing quite like spending a day with your sisters... come & see!

SEALC Editor's Request

Send information for our newsletter to my email address, indicating in the subject line

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Our Circle Connection newsletter is intended for all Sisters & friends of The Church of Jesus Christ.

After you've finish reading this... share it with someone! Pass it on... Recycle it!

PLEDGE



We pledge ourselves to read and search the Scriptures and ask God to direct and bless our Ladies' Uplift Circle in every way. We will do our duty in visiting the sick; we will neither find fault nor offend in word or deed, but will be a help to each other and helps others to the best of our ability.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 states: "... comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man, but ever follow that which is good both among yourselves and to all men"