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Dear Sisters,

You are loved!

Sometimes a simple reminder of a profound truth is just what we need. You are dearly loved by your Father - created by God, fashioned and formed, marked with the seal of the Spirit and stamped with a purpose. His love for you is evidenced in who He is and what He has done.

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." (1 John 4:9-11)

There is no greater love than that of Jesus. His love is unconditional, full of grace, steadfast and everlasting. No matter

what, God is near and his love abounds! May the truth of God's love encourage and envelope you today!

Love, Courtney Denton

CONNECT: WOMAN TO WOMAN



ANNA WYMAN

Tell us a little bit about your childhood (where you grew up, siblings, favorite parts of your childhood). Or - What life event most impacted you as you were growing up? I grew up in Charlotte and have a younger sister named Abby. My family has always been very close, and we did pretty much everything together as a family. We particularly enjoyed playing games/sports, doing crafts, and going to antique shops. Some of my favorite memories were the times when we would drive up to Michigan to visit my grandparents.

Tell us a little about your journey of faith in Jesus. I grew up in a Christian home where my parents taught me about Jesus and the Bible from the time I was little. There was never a time when I wouldn't have said I was a Christian, but looking back, I did have a very hard time grasping that Christ's work on the cross is sufficient and that life is available only through Him, not through my own "good" works. In college at USC, God used a campus ministry and an amazing church to point me back to the truth of the gospel, to my own sinfulness and complete need for Christ, and to the beautiful hope and freedom that Christ provides.

Do you have a favorite verse and why? My favorite verse is 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." First, it is amazing to think that it is even possible for us to be "in Christ" at all; he loves us so much, and he sacrificed and endured so much to bring us to himself. It is also amazing to consider what it means to be a new creation and to really rest in the assurance that the old is gone and the new has come. This is not just a temporary state or phase; to be in Christ and a new creation is to have a secure and unalterable identity in the perfect person of Christ, untainted by our old, sinful selves. I've gone back to this verse so many times and in so many

different seasons, because it reminds me of all that he has done and of who I am in him.

Tell us something that few people know about you or is there a most embarrassing or funny moment that you'd like to share. There have been many random times when I've come across lost/injured animals and tried to rescue them; a funny example was one time when I was little, I found my cat chasing after a moth, which she had injured. I was very upset about this, and I attempted to "rescue" the moth and kept her in my room and named her Sheila. She lived for about another day or so, and when she died, I buried her in the bushes and made a little wooden cross grave marker. The epitaph on the marker said, "This is my best friend Sheila. I met her when my cat was killing her."

What are some of your favorite things to do? I love to read, particularly at a coffee shop or outside on a sunny day. I also enjoy cooking, doing anything "crafty," and listening to music.

What 3 words would you use to describe yourself? Creative, Easygoing, Studious

Has the current state of our world created any sense of urgency for you and if so, how? This past year has reaffirmed for me the need to be really rooted and grounded in God's word. Between COVID and everything else that has happened, I am reminded that the Bible is the one place we can always go for truth. Also, as we continue to live as Christians in a broken and hurting world, we need God's word to draw us closer to Christ, to remind us who God is and what he has promised, and to work in and through us as we point others to Christ.

Do you have any words of encouragement as we navigate the "new normal? Something that has been encouraging to me is Hebrews 13:8, which says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Our circumstances may change, but Christ never does. As we navigate the "new normal," no matter what happens, we can trust in his faithfulness, love, and ultimate victory over sin and death.

Anna is one of our new members. She works at Westminster Catawba Christian with the preschool program and attends seminary (that will keep you busy!). She lives in Fort Mill. Her parents Michael and Teri Wyman are also members of Westminster. Connect with Anna: awyman1031@gmail.com

PRAYER POINTS

FEBRUARY IS HEART AWARENESS MONTH

- Pray that we pour out our troubled hearts to God as Hannah did even when individuals around us may not understand.
- Pray that we give our great anxiety and worries to Christ so that our hearts may have peace in him alone.
- Pray that we rise early in the morning to worship the Lord so that our hearts are prepared for the day.

- Pray for our covenant children's hearts so that they come to know Jesus at an early age.
- Pray for our local, state, and federal officials that govern our country. Pray for godly wisdom and hearts to be softened.
- Pray for revival in our nation and may it begin in us. Pray that our hearts would reveal sin so that we can confess and be forgiven.
- Pray for our healthcare providers who are working with COVID patients. Pray for protection of their health and guide their hearts to Christ daily.
- Pray for our pastors at WPC as they shepherd our hearts.
- Pray that love and energy be circulated in the hearts of leaders at WPC as they serve as the hands and feet of Jesus.
- Pray for the women of WPC as they begin their new study in I Samuel. Pray
 that hearts are open to the truths of God's Word and that women apply them to
 their daily lives.

SAVE THE DATE

Fellowship Presbytery Women's Spring Gathering Saturday, March 27, 2021 10-11:30 am

> Bethel Presbyterian Church, Clover Speaker: Ruthanna Marshall "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Pastries and beverages will be served.

Masks will be required.

More details coming soon.



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