

"Love Works"

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"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. " 1 Peter 4:10

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Throughout creation we observe that God repeatedly used the pattern of a cycle. The cycle of seasons, the rotation of the earth, night and day, birth to death to name a few. There is one particular life-cycle, however, that is very unique. In this cycle a caterpillar moves from birth and life, to a slow "sluggish" cumbersome existence, to what appears to be death (complete with a "coffin" or cocoon), to emergence of new life and beauty and liberty that looks absolutely NOTHING like the old slow "sluggish" cumbersome existence. The result is a complete metamorphosis.

met·a·mor·pho·sis /medə'môrfəsəs/ noun ZOOLOGY

(in an insect or amphibian) the process of transformation from an immature form to an adult form in two or more distinct stages.

a change of the form or nature of a thing or person into a **completely different one**, by natural or supernatural means.

Addressing the need. Creating solutions.

It is a fact that we have all experienced a cycle of transition at some point in our lives, but none supersedes the metamorphosis that occurs in the heart, soul and mind of a person like faith in God through Jesus Christ. This transformation is a miraculous act of God as a new life is planted in the heart, and the soul becomes alive (Born Again) in Christ. With nurturing, mentoring and discipleship from the community of believers the cycle of change begins and growth produces the evidence of change.

The transformation of being **FREED** from the life of sin and death to living in the resurrection of life through our Savior, Jesus Christ, is instantaneous. The process of transformation, however, from an immature Christian to a mature Christian who is complete in Christ occurs in many distinguishable stages.

As women of faith, we recognize that transition can be a painful and difficult process. We are called upon by God through scripture to "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2 We can do this more effectively if we tap into our giftedness to share our strength with those who are weak (or young) in their faith walk. Consider the following 5 avenues that we can provide support within our Walhalla Women Community.

- **F** Fellowship Walhalla Women provide monthly fellowship events.
- **R Redemption** Through fellowship, Walhalla Women are better able to connect on an intimate level and present the gospel and the redemption that is available through Christ.
- **E** Equip Equipping the Saints happens through Bible Studies and programs that lead us to discovery of our spiritual gifts and to utilize them in practical ways.
- **E Empower** Equipped Walhalla Women are then empowered to share their spiritual gifts and skills in practical ways through many missions and ministry opportunities.
- **D Discipleship** Mentoring and teaching others through their stages of growth helps them mature and grow toward completion in Christ.

Lets work together to help one another EMERGE in the the life of FREEDom that we were created to enjoy!

Go with God and EMERGE ... to be known by Him!

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Memory Verse for September

OUR NEW LOGO

We would like to thank Caroline Cannon for the creation of our new Women's Ministry Logo. Walhalla Women EMERGE is the theme of who we are at North Walhalla Church of God, and what we do to stimulate one another to good works as we find our place in ministry.

Women in Missions

As our church Missions Team prepares for the trips to the orphanage in Ramos Mexico in October and then to Romania in December, our own Walhalla Women are looming hats and scarves to be distributed to the children that will be ministered to during the outreach events. Thank you to all of you who are joining us Weds @ 6:00. Not only have we created some and amazing and some "interesting" hats, we have also enjoyed sweet fellowship! If you don't know how to use a knitting loom Stephanie Burdette is a wonderful and very patient teacher.

We will now be meeting in the Discipleship Building rather than the Fellowship hall. Our "Walhalla Women's" craft room is on the lower level. Come see!! If you can't find us just follow the sound of laughter and fellowship.



SEPTEMBER EVENT

September 16 – Saturday

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Lunch Provided

Join Us for a time of fellowship and learning as we introduce you to our newly revised Women's Ministry:

Walhalla Women - Emerge

Our women's ministry is growing and organizing so that we can better serve our church, our community and most of all our women! As we discover our giftedness, find out how you can tap into ministry opportunities that are shaped just for you.

Sign Up Today

(Materials and lunch provided. Thank you for registering early)

It's not too late to join us for the Women's Bible Study. There are still books available. Join US!

Women's Ministries Bible Study - Led by Lacey Stone

Lacey Stone will lead the Bible Study "Elijah" by Priscilla Shirer.

Join us on Sunday Nights at 6:00 pm - August 20 - September 24 in the Sanctuary

(Sign up sheets are in the foyer at the Connection Center)

EXPAND YOUR FAITH; EXPERIENCE GOD'S FIRE

Elijah emerged as a voice of unapologetic truth during a time of national crisis and moral decline. His ministry was marked by tenacious faith and holy fire - the same kind you will need in order to remain steadfast in current culture. Join trusted Bible teacher Priscilla Shirer for a fresh look at Elijah and the difficult choices of obedience that kept him anchored, sharpened his faith, broadened his impact, and invited heaven's fire to fall.