

CWIA Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, January 28, 2012, 9:00am – Noon, Holiday Inn – Eisenhower

2460 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia Phone: 703.960.3400. Near Metro Yellow Line–Eisenhower

Guest Speaker: Yevette Berry. Yevette, a Baptist church convert, has a very interesting conversion story. She was seeking from one church to another and found no peace. There was always something missing and a restlessness in her life. She prayed and asked our Lord to send her to the right church - then she had a dream. She was caught in a bad storm and looked for shelter but couldn't find any. She looked up, saw a Catholic church, and went in and there she felt peace like never before. Years later her Baptist friend became Catholic and invited her to church. She went and while there walked up to the front and began to cry. This was the church she had dreamt of and just knew in her heart that the Lord wanted her in the Catholic church. On Easter of 2000, she told the priest that she wanted to join the Catholic church. Now the Lord is using her to teach RCIA and CCD classes, and she also belongs to the Divine Mercy cell group. Yevette now ministers to her Protestant friends and they are seeing her change from the person she used to be to a peaceful one. Yevette is a single parent with two grown boys. After graduating from college, she worked for 24 years in management. She presently owns a company, "True Planner Cruise". Come, expect a blessing, and bring a friend to hear this delightful woman tell how the Lord has helped her through the trials in her life.

Cost: \$15, Full Breakfast Included. For tickets call: Kathleen Murray (703) 451-5737, Cathy Czaja (703) 354-8331, Patti Davis (703) 971-3633, Edelmira Cruz (703) 266-4850, Gail Coates (301) 247-2442.

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Our breakfast meeting will be **Saturday, January 31, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Holiday Inn – Eisenhower**. Cost: \$15. Men are welcome. Bring your friends. For info, call Patti at (703) 971-3633. Bring something for the newborns. AAA needs our help. **Our next breakfast will be March 31, 2012.** Mark your calendars.

Trips Planned:

- Mail your \$25 deposit as soon as possible if you want to join us In April on a 2-day trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see “**Jonah**” the epic adventure of the Bible’s first runaway at Sight & Sound Theater, with a side trip to the **Padre’ Pio Shrine**. Open to the first 30 registrants. Checks payable to CWIA. Mail to CWIA address on newsletter.
- Donations are being accepted for the children during our 1-week mission to **Columbia**. Our group will be leaving February 3. Mark your check (payable to CWIA) for donation.
- Next Fall we will sponsor a 12-day trip to **Medjugorje**, open to 35.

Bible Study: Thursday mornings, Annandale area. Alelu: (703) 642-8378

Intercessory Prayer Meetings: Mondays, 10:30am-1:30pm. Lunch is served. If you're staying, bring something to share. Stella: (703) 971-3633

Prayer Chain: Clara - (202) 244-7532

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CWIA Bylaws

1. To worship, praise and glorify God in all areas of the members' lives.
2. To win souls for Jesus Christ, especially those not reached by commonly used methods of evangelism.
3. To share with believers and non-believers the full gospel of Jesus Christ, including Jesus as Lord and Savior, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit, Deliverer and Healer.
4. To work for spiritual unity among Christian believers.
5. To foster fellowship among women, especially the elderly, widowed, separated, single mothers, and the incarcerated.
6. To encourage women to participate in the activities of their local church.
7. To help women recognize their proper role and relationship according to the scripture.
8. To provide outreach meetings, bible studies, workshops, and weekend retreats for spiritual growth.

Isaiah 64:3

Dear Christian Family,

As we look forward to this New Year 2012, it is a good time to recall what we know about the home God has prepared for those who love him – “Heaven”.

We know that Jesus in his resurrected, glorified body, ascended to heaven, and tradition speaks to us of Our Lady’s assumption, being taken up “body and soul” to the glory of heaven. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that Christian hope comes from Jesus and his preaching ministry, and looks to the promise of heaven, specifically in Jesus’ preaching and proclamation of the beatitudes. The “beatitudes raise our hope toward heaven as the new promised land.” Indeed, the beatitudes are called “the heart of Jesus’ preaching”, marking fulfillment of the promise to Abraham and his progeny of a territory, but to the Kingdom of Heaven!

If we take a good look at St. Francis, we’d see that he lived and practiced the beatitudes, even to seeing and hailing the face of Jesus, the face of God, in the most feared and rejected people of his world – the very ill and the poor. At the same time, St. Francis lived and experienced that which all the baptized share: by God’s grace, and surely with the sacraments, especially in the Holy Eucharist, we share a little bit of Heaven, even while we move in hope toward eternity.

The images Holy Scripture has provided regarding the new Promised Land include:

- *life*
 - *light*
 - *peace*
 - *wedding feast*
 - *wine of the kingdom*
 - *the Father’s house*
 - *the heavenly Jerusalem*
 - *Paradise!*

Yet as in St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, the prophet Isaiah’s caution about describing heaven is noted: “no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.” Isa. 64:3

I feel very strongly about this message because this past year so many of our loved ones have passed to the heavenly home, the Father’s house.

Connie (our 2nd Vice-President) lost her mother this morning; my sister went last month; we lost Lina (our intercessor) in October; Grace and Esther’s sister Teresa two weeks ago; Denise (our treasurer) lost her mother four weeks ago; Fran (our secretary) lost her best friend one month ago; even Sydney (our dog) left three weeks ago.

Yes, we will miss all of them and who knows who else will leave this coming year, but one thing we have assured is our promise that our God made to Abraham: our assurance to those of us who love him and keep his commandments. Let us help those around us to find the way to our Father’s house, by our examples, our love, and our faith in God!

Let us be fishermen, like St. Andrew and say “Come and See” what the Lord is all about! We have found the Messiah!

Your Sister in Christ Jesus,

Stella Davis