

Praise & Purpose

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“God uses us to spread His knowledge everywhere like a sweet-smelling perfume. Our offering to God is this: We are the sweet smell of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are being lost.”

2 Corinthians 2:14b-15



Love is a Simple Fragrance

*As believers in Christ we are called to love one another. 1 Peter 4:8 commands each of us to, “love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.” The love described in this verse challenges all women of faith to love one another deeply. But loving people is **simple**. Forgiving them is **hard**. Yet, we cannot run from the divine truth presented in this passage: **loving = forgiving!** The redeeming and healing love of **Jesus Christ** surrounds all believers like the aroma of freshly baked bread. And like homemade bread, this **simple fragrance** is meant to be shared. Work to share this gospel message by remembering to: **Forgive deeply and Cover with Love!***

reflections of *faith*



Pictured left to right: Bridget Keller and Patrice McCall.

Quote: "If it wasn't for God and Jesus watching over me, I wouldn't be here."—Bridget Keller

Verse: "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go . . . I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised." - Genesis 28:15

Reflection: Before Bridget Keller came to Crown College, she served as a combat medic in Iraq. On more than one occasion she was shot at, witnessed the deaths of civilians, and even the bombing of her own detachment's trucks. In her own words, "Things happened that you couldn't do anything about or stop . . . I have my share of wounds that are still healing, and some that feel as though they will always be open. But I know that without God in my life I would not be here to tell my story."

fluff & *stuff*

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Editor's Notes:

"Reflections of Faith" is accepting submissions from the women of the Northwestern District. If you have a short testimony or devotional (complete with a verse that you would like to share), please send your submission to Lisa Korthals, newsletter editor at korthalsl@crown.edu.

Life & Legacy:

This publication was created to foster prayer for the missionaries of the Northwestern District and pass on the legacy of prayer that has defined AWM for over 90 years! Included are the prayer requests of Our missionaries all over the globe and so much more! To receive this publication, contact Lisa Korthals.

Nominating Committee Formed

Your AWM NW District team is currently taking nominations for the positions of Director and Assistant Director.

Michelle Dvorak will act as the chair of this committee. All nominations must be in by March 15! Please send your nominations to Michelle via email at purplecloth1@yahoo.com.

Voting will take place at the district luncheon on April 17 hosted by Rosehill Alliance Church.

"Lead them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love."— Hosea 11:4

our community

march 10

*Simply Fragrant
Workshop* hosted by
Staples Alliance Church
More info at:
[AWM Northwestern District](http://www.nwdcma.org)

march 24

WLS – Unit 4
hosted by NW District
Team at Crown College
More info at:
www.alliancewomen.org

april 17

District Luncheon
hosted by Rosehill
Alliance Church
More info at:
www.nwdcma.org

K.I.S.S. = Keep It Simple Sister

“Starting a Prayer Group”

By Rose Laugerman

Starting a prayer group can be as simple as two or three women getting together to pray in the name of Jesus. - *Matthew 18:19-20* “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

One of the first prayer groups I was part of began very simply with two friends who had a heart for the lost in their families and in the community. The three of us had no theological training nor did we know how to pray beautifully poetic prayers. We simply wanted to come before our Lord and Savior and give him thanks, praise him, and ask him to answer our prayers. - *John 14:14* “You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

It is important to keep the focus on prayer and not on anything else. Make it very clear that you are getting together precisely to pray. It is essential that gossip is not part of the prayer group. Requests for prayer and anything shared in the group must be kept confidential.

Keep the prayer group informal. Make sure everyone feels comfortable and free to pray out loud or silently. God hears all our prayers whether they are spoken or unspoken.

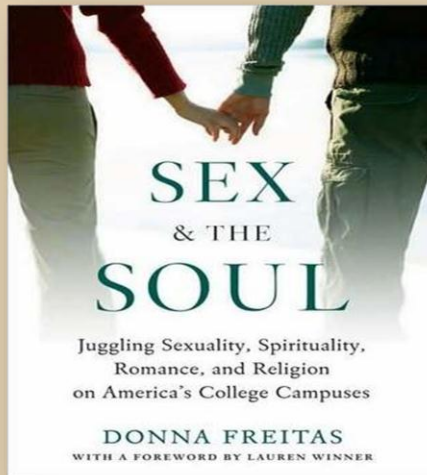
One of my prayer groups prays Bible verses. For example: *The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.* – *Romans 1:18-19*

The verse could be a prayer like this for the lost: “I pray that _____ would see and understand the wrath of God against ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth, and that he would cry out for mercy. May what is known about God be plain to _____ as you show yourself to him.”

A “prayer list” that you can refer to and praise God as you see answers to prayers helps to. Someone shared with me that I was on her prayer list before I became a believer. I thank God each day for those prayers that led to my salvation. However you decide to pray, it is important to remember that God is always waiting with open arms to hear us and answer our prayers.

For more information on these upcoming events – please check out our Facebook page [AWM Northwestern District](https://www.facebook.com/AWMNorthwesternDistrict) or contact Tija Young via email at youngt@nwdcma.org.

media report



Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Psalms 51:10

Do Christian college students talk about sex? Donna Freitas' book *Sexuality and the Soul: Juggling Sexuality, Spirituality, Romance, and Religion on America's College Campuses* provides some shocking answers. Freitas presents a realistic look at the sexual views, habits, and experiences of Christian young men and women all over the country. The results of her face-to-face interviews with hundreds of Christian college students and the implications of her research, make up the pages of this challenging must read for any parent who desires to positively influence and answer their child's religious views, beliefs, and questions about sex.



The Spiritual Code of the Alliance **A Video Series**

What does the Christian and Missionary Alliance stand for? What does it mean to be a part of The Alliance? The foundational beliefs of the C&MA take center stage in this compelling and inspirational video series known as CMA/DNA. This two-part video series details the core values and belief structures (referred to as spiritual DNA) that have motivated and inspired Alliance members to reach out to the lost in every corner of this fallen world.

"Stand up for what you believe in, even if you stand alone."

*To get a copy of this video series contact your local pastor or the District office at 952-446-9318 or nwd@nwdcma.org.