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ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online registration is now available for Ministers' Wives Retreat and Ladies Conference.

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MINISTERS' WIVES RETREAT

will be held February 26-28, 2009 at Windermere Conference Center near Lake of the Ozarks. Guest Speaker will be Judy Doughty from Mattoon, Illinois. The Restoration Day Spa Team will join us again this year to provide relaxing massages and facials for a fee. This conference is designed as a retreat for the wives of licensed ministers, or ladies who are licensed ministers. Registration fee is \$45.00.

Floodgates is the theme for **Ladies Conference 2009** which will be held in Columbia, Missouri on April 23-25, 2009. The cost is \$45 for early registration. The price will increase to \$60.00 after March 22, 2009. This conference is open for women at least 13 years of age. (No young children or babies, please). You will be blessed by the ministry of Kathy Hernandez and Jennifer Cobb. Special classes will be held for single young ladies ages 13-21 who have never been married. Jaime Morgans is the coordinator and

January is a time of new beginnings. Many people start the new year with a diet or an exercise program. Some begin a cleaning spree or a daily Bible reading plan. Each one of us makes our New Year's Resolution with a renewed determination to be a better person and to improve in the areas that we have failed before. Unfortunately, by this time of the month, many people have also already become frustrated and for one reason or another have not maintained that original determination to succeed.

Do not allow your failures and frustrations to deter you from reaching the ultimate prize - spending an eternity with HIM. Forget the failures of the past (even if that was just yesterday) and continue your quest to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Phillipians 3:12-14 states, "I have not yet reached my goal, and I am not perfect. But Christ has taken hold of me. So I keep on running and struggling to take hold of the prize. My friends, I don't feel that I have already arrived. But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead. I run toward the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize that God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done." (CEV)

God Has A Plan by Shelley Nation

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Yesterday was a challenge. It challenged not only my New Year's resolution to trust in God, but it challenged my resolve, my strength, and my emotional state of being. There was a point where I felt like throwing up my hands and saying, "Really? Really, God?" I wanted to give in to the emotions that were rolling through me and crawl in bed, but I decided to refuse to give in. Instead, I forged ahead and did things I didn't feel like doing. I spent money I didn't want to spend (fridge broke) and I accepted that God has a plan and I'm along for the ride.

Today my new fridge was delivered. (By the way, I found it on sale for half price.) My husband called from Chicago and asked the brand. I knew it was LG, but I wondered how big the company was ... so I looked it up on the Internet. LG is a global company, and its initials stand for two words: Life's Good. I now have a huge reminder in my kitchen that life and my God are good! Although I don't know the plans He has for me, He knows, and He has designed them to work out for my good. Knowing this gives me confidence, and I'm more determined than ever to ride along no matter what comes. So, to all my friends out there who

Rachel Coltharp will be the special speaker for these sessions.

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may have a challenging day coming your way, life's good and God is good. So hang in there. He knows the plans He has for you!

Rosalie Harpole - Section 1

Rosalie Harpole serves on the Missouri District Ladies Ministries Committee as the Section One Leader. She recently hosted a Section One Ministers' Wives Breakfast at Cracker Barrel and has other quarterly events scheduled throughout the year.

Rosalie was born in the St. Louis area to Italian immigrants, Ann and William Fiorino. In 1963 she married her high school sweetheart Bill Harpole. They were blessed with 3 children, Scott, Jeff and Dana and are now proud grandparents. Brother and Sister Harpole pastored Shepherd's Church in Troy, Missouri for over thirty years.

Rosalie is a self-starter, and a motivated entrepreneur. At 46, she went to college to pursue a life-long dream and became a registered nurse. She has practiced nursing for fifteen years and has worked for the past eleven years at Lincoln County Medical Center.

She shared a love of cooking with her mother, and began to cook at the tender age of eight. She is now the author of a cookbook entitled, "Rosalie Serving Italian." Her cookbook opened a door for her to do book signings at various bookstores and to teach cooking classes. She maintains a cooking website and a weekly e-newsletter and free recipe that you can sign up to receive at www.rosalieservingitalian.com.

