



WOMEN'S NEWSLETTER

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Storytelling is one of the most effective ways to connect with people's hearts and minds. The gospels show Jesus as a compelling storyteller who captured the hearts and minds of his audience by telling simple, relevant stories that illustrated life-changing spiritual truths about salvation and the Kingdom of God. He knew how to communicate God's truths in a way that went right to a person's heart. From the beginning of time, God has been telling His story, a story of His glory and the redemption of His people. By His grace we have been written into the greatest storyline ever told. From the time you were conceived in your mother's womb, God has been writing your story – a story of grace, love and redemption through Jesus Christ. He has written your story so others may know Him and join with us as His worshippers.

This month, I've invited Peiyi to share her story with us. It's a story of God's amazing transformational grace in her life. God delivered the message of the Gospel to Peiyi through one of His faithful daughters. My hope is that you'll be inspired by her testimony and the fruit from one person's obedience to share their faith with her. We all have a God-story to be told. What's yours and who will you tell?

HAPPENINGS

Double Hope
3/8 @ 11:45am or
3/9 @ 7pm



New Members Class
Saturday, March 13th
9am-1pm



Prayer Against Human
Trafficking
3/18 @ 8am



Rooted Community Groups
Registration Open Now

Are you still seeking God?

My name is Peiyi, and my faith journey began about eleven years ago when I moved to Dallas, Texas from China. In 2008, my husband's company transferred his job location to the U.S. On January 23rd, 2009, my son, who was 8 years old at that time, and I joined him. At midnight, the flight landed at Fort Worth Airport in Dallas. It was a cold day, but we were all excited. My husband, who had come two months before us, picked us up with our two suitcases (I thought I would go back after a year or less), and we started our new life. Two months later, I felt so sick. We went to see the doctor, and he congratulated us and said, "You are pregnant." He also said, "This is God's gift!" I had never heard that a child was a gift from God. I knew the name Jesus and that he was God to some people; however, I wasn't sure He even cared about me, and had never had a chance to have a Bible. However, I thought, if this is a gift from God, I will accept it. The first three months of my pregnancy were not easy because I was still adapting to my new environment, culture, etc. But whenever I was worried or anxious, I asked God to bless the baby. One day, my husband told me that we needed to move to Philadelphia because of his work. We packed our stuff and moved to the Wayne area. Everything started all over again and we didn't know anyone. Then one day I registered for an ESL class at the Wayne library. The ESL teacher, Nancy, was a passionate and wonderful teacher, and we all enjoyed the class. However, the class had to be canceled because there were not enough students. One day, Nancy invited all of the class to her home, and she talked to us about Christianity. That was my first time to hear about the Bible and Jesus. It was so fascinating, and all the words touched my heart. It made me think about who I was, why I was in the world, and where I would go. Nancy and her friend, Sue, invited us to join a Bible study group. In September 2010, a women's Bible study was established at Nancy's home.

Through attending the Bible study and reading the Bible, I started to admit that I was a sinner and that Jesus died for me. He rose again after three days, and he is the only God who has the power to conquer sin and death. On Jan. 20th, 2013, I was baptized at Church of the Saviour. My family also have become believers. Whenever I attend worship or read my Bible, I'm often filled with thankfulness to the point of tears. I do not deserve eternal life with God, but my Savior, Jesus, died for me and saved me from my sin, giving me this free gift. In my journey of seeking Jesus, I'm thankful for the wonderful and faithful women, Nancy and Sue. Without their compassion for their students, and without their leading and teaching, I wouldn't know God. Their love and care made me feel God's love and care. God planted his seed of salvation in me and it has spread throughout my family. Now, my parents and sister who are still living in China, also believe and are following Jesus.

Some friends have, also, become Christians. Are you still seeking God? Jesus said in Mathew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." I thank the Lord that I became His child. I trust in Him and that with His provision, He will lead my way.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you". Matthew 7:7



March Happenings...

Double Hope, A Cancer Support Ministry - Misery is not Meaningless to God

Monday, March 8th @ 11:45am and Tuesday, March 9th @ 7pm

Double Hope is currently meeting on Zoom every second Monday of the month from 11:45am to 1:00pm, or every second Tuesday from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. The theme this month is **Misery is not Meaningless to God**. This is open to the community, so invite a friend to join you. Email WendyTerry226@gmail.com for the zoom link.

New Members Class, Saturday March 13th 9am-1pm

At COS, we believe belonging to a community of believers says you're part of something bigger than yourself. The church is where you find belonging and community. It identifies you with one local body of believers in a reciprocal relationship between members and leadership, devoted to one another and the Kingdom work God has called us to do together. Attending this class does not obligate you to membership. If you're not already a member at COS, we hope you'll prayerfully consider committing yourself to the work God is doing at Church of the Saviour. To learn more about the new members class, [click here](#).

Rooted Community Group Open Registration, Begins Tuesday, April 6th

Rooted is an 11-week experience designed to help you connect to God, the church and your purpose. It is relevant for anyone wherever you are in your spiritual journey and is recommended as the next connecting point for people finishing Alpha or anyone who is new to Church of the Saviour looking for community. Community is built as the group connects around studying the Bible, prayer, sharing stories and serving. [Register here](#).

The award-winning documentary, *From Liberty to Captivity*, which we viewed at COS in May 2019, is now available online! This is a must-see film that will educate you on the pervasive reality of sex trafficking in the U.S. You can rent and view on Google Play, Apple TV, YouTube, Vudu, and iTunes.

