



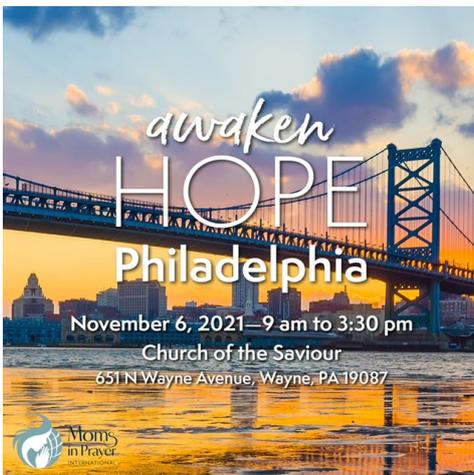
# WOMEN'S NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF WOMEN, DENEEN MCDONALD

Welcome to fall! I'm encouraged to see so many of you out and about on campus, and engaging in community. We have two special women events on the horizon you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars and tell a friend.

## Awaken Hope Conference

Saturday, November 6th 9am-3:30pm



COS is honored to host this northeast regional Moms in Prayer (MIP) conference on our campus. Focused on impacting schools and children with the gospel through prayer, MIP is an international organization that gathers women to pray for students, teachers and administrative staff. Several COS women have been involved in local small groups praying for our schools. This conference is for moms, grandmothers, aunts, teachers, etc., who have a passion to see God move among the next generation. Come and join this hopeful community of praying women! We have the added joy of having members from our COS team leading us that day in meaningful worship.

Registration is open through October 26th. Cost is \$28 and includes lunch and the book, *Start With Praise*. To learn more or to register, [click here](#).

## Wrapped in Splendor Christmas Event

Saturday, December 4th 10am-12pm

Free event with donations. Registration opens 11/10

The Christmas event will be taking on a new look this year. We'll be gathering throughout the main building (bldg A) with plenty of space to safely enjoy the Christmas season together. The building will be elegantly wrapped in holiday splendor with activities, places to visit and catch up with friends, and brunch boxes from local eatery, *Elegance*. This event is open to ALL COS women and their guests and we encourage you to begin praying who you can invite. This year one of our own COS leaders, Nancy Evans, will be speaking. We have many fun surprises in store to make this a special event. It's free for our guests with requested donations from women in our COS

family. We'll require registration only to get a head count so we can be sure we have enough food for everyone. More details about the event will be coming soon!

We need volunteers to decorate the day before the event. If you're available in the afternoon on Friday, December 3rd (noon-3pm), please email [charbarton@aol.com](mailto:charbarton@aol.com) to join the team.



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These two events have the potential to change lives. Please be praying God will use the women of COS to impact families, friends, colleagues and our communities with His transformational love and grace.

### ***Worth It Update***

With just 3 weeks remaining, the *Worth It* program is winding down. The women continue to meet on campus every Thursday through 10/28. We've grown to love these women as a few have trusted us with pieces of their stories and their lives. They've been so thankful for your outpouring of love through gifts, cards, prayers, rides and food! Thank you to those who have supported this ministry and have loved on these dear women. The seeds of the gospel are being planted because of your generosity and kindness. Pray several will join us for the Christmas event on December 4th.

### ***The View From My Kitchen Window***

#### ***Bathing In the Water***

By Wendy Terry

About this time last year I purchased a bird bath. There's a nice little section of yard outside my kitchen window and the bird bath was the perfect addition for this area. Especially in the mornings, I love to go look out the kitchen window and see which birds have gathered at the water. It's been interesting to watch these little feathered fellows. Some will stand at the edge and barely get the tips of their feet wet and take small sips, while others, without hesitation, will wade to the deepest parts and start throwing the water around and over them with reckless abandon.

I see a bit of both of these birds in me when it comes to my spiritual life. In John 4:14 Jesus tells us "but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." I mimic the response from the woman in this passage. She tells Jesus "give me this water!" *Jesus, give me this water!* And yet I oftentimes will stand by the edge and take small sips of water. I know from experience when I bathe in God's presence, in His word, I am rejuvenated, joyful, a warrior and a conqueror. And yet I continue to take small sips instead. My excuses are many: *I'm too busy; I just need to get x, y and z done; I just need a few minutes to do nothing.* Perhaps you have these struggles too! I don't want to be a woman of excuses. I want to be a woman that cries out to Jesus - *give me this water!* It is already there for the taking, if I just make the choice.

Dear God, help me to be a bird that revels in your Living Water!

John 7:38 - The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, "From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water."