

# THE SCROLL

## WILSON MINISTRY FOUNDATION

### *From the Founder*



Rev. Denise Wilson

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!!

I am excited about what God is doing in the life of his Women! Everywhere I go, I hear stories of deliverance from women who have pressed through their adversities and come forth whole again. I believe we, as women, are being postured as it says in Isa. 6:4 says to rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated. Too many women walk around with pain and frustration in dark places that have been devastated and depressed and it is our job to hold each other up in prayer while God is rebuilding a new thing is us.

The Lord spoke to me through an anointed woman of God recently that said "Denise, You're doing all the things that God is requiring of you. You're going out and preaching and teaching

the word of God, but you're missing an important thing. There is no expectation in your heart that God's going to do what he said." That really touched me. God expects something from us and we ought to be excited and have great expectation from God that he's gonna do EXACTLY what he said!! If he said he will provide, that's what he's gonna do. If he said he's gonna sustain and comfort through hard times, that's exactly what he's gonna do. If he said he's going to do exceedingly and abundantly more than we could ask or think, that's what he's gonna do.

Each morning, I now wake up expecting great things from God. I don't just wait for them to happen, I now expect them to happen and I can now watch God's manifestation in my life and the lives of his people. And he comes through every time.

This is what I want you to do. Wake up and say "God I am waiting in expectation for you to show up today". Now watch God work!!

Sincerely,  
Rev. Denise Wilson

### Being An Ambassador

By: Dedra Faine

If you exchange greetings only with your own circle, are you doing anything exceptional?" (*Matthew 5:47, PH*)

Each new school year brings about excitement, adventure and often times anxiety because there are a lot of new things that will come your way - new teachers, new friends, new classes and the list goes on. For new families entering your school, the excitement and anxiety can be doubled because of the unknown. This is where hospitality can play a major part in bringing new people into the folds of the community and it can start at school.

I remember when we moved to Metairie, LA and having that feeling of anxiety as my children began their first day at Metairie Park Country Day School. My kids and I were wide eyed and bushy tailed as we entered into school that day. Of course everyone gave us warm smiles, gracious hellos and a few introductions. However, one person came up to me and introduced herself and we talked briefly. Then she invited us out to lunch with another friend

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## A WAR OF WORDS

Submitted by Olivia Alexis

Within today's society, there are so many words being exchanged and exhausted daily. Communication can be evidenced in a myriad of ways. One can send a text, one can send an email, one can blog, one can call, one can Skype, and don't forget, one can even video phone. We depend on each of these mediums as a lifeline, and truthfully, we begin feeling lost, left apart, or left out if any of our mediums fail us. You ask how can this be? Here is the proof; think about the last time your computer broke, your hard drive crashed, your phone went blank, or you lost all contact. Silently, you may have entered and began to experience an inner sense of panic which resulted in an outward behavior of running to the Verizon store, sprinting over to sprint, or quickly contacting the Geek squad. Communication has become the lifeline for existence within humanity; yet, how does God feel about our communication urgency as it relates to priority?

Do you think God is pleased with our communication preferences?

As one reads and reflects on the Word of God, one concept is made apparent; our desire to hear God and God's desire for us to remain silent to hear from Him. Throughout the Psalm, David is relentlessly focused on the issue of silence and his continual desire to hear from God. He begs, pleads, and awaits the response of the Lord, often citing his silence in exchange for God's vocalization. This begs one question... If we live in a society where humanities existence is dependant upon vast, fast, and continual verbal communication, who is able to listen for God's utterances?

Reflect on your childhood. When your parents wanted to provide you with an instruction, there was a specific pattern which occurred.

1. In a calm, cool, vocal tone, there was a command or expectation uttered.
2. If the command or instruction obeyed, your parents were satisfied and the communication on this particular instruction ceased.
3. Now if you did not hear the command or instruction and if obedience did not occur, the tone and demand was repeated a second time, with a warning suggesting that there shouldn't have to be such time taken to have you listen.
4. Next, if the command or instruction was not followed, a louder tone followed often with a chastening and sense of intensity which you were able to feel emotionally and physically.

If comprehension was still a challenge, often there was a period of isolation and chastening which allowed you to focus on the priority of the command and/or instruction.

God responds as the eternal parent should. He speaks only when we are in a place to listen, for He is not going to engage in a War of Words! If we are not listening, He will become silent, awaiting your ability to hear. If your priority is altered and you are unable to listen, His tone changes and chastening is now a function added to the communication methodology.

There are many wars which God will undertake with us, but a WAR OF WORDS is a waste of God's time. Take time to turn aside for humanity's communication methods, such that we are able to allow space and freedom for God's direction and instruction.

**Respectfully submitted by:**  
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## Serenity of Friendship Retreat

Submitted by Dedra Faine

Have you ever shared a special time with dear friends who are kindred spirits, where the busy world that encompasses your daily life -- stops for a moment? A time and space that is harmonious in nature and the energy source that flows is of God's grace. A time where the comfort of your surroundings with cherished friends gives you the opportunity to rest your spirit and seek comfort in each other and a higher power in order to restore your physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well being.

Over the years I have been fortunate to share special times with my dearest of friends, where we have gathered together with the expectation to relax and enjoy one another's company and the outcomes are always gratifying and uplifting to say the least. In those spaces and places where we stepped into serenity, a place where many words are not spoken, but a lot is said. I believe these special times spent with friends are confirmations of God's intention to provide angels on earth to help nurture our spirits as we walk in the bond of sisterhood. These special moments help us to rejuvenate ourselves so we can be at our best as we walk in our journey to fulfill all of the roles that we have been called to be as women.

I hope you are now thinking to yourself, I want to create a special retreat for my dear friends where we can gather together to re-center ourselves and enjoy each other. I am going to help you create your "Friendship Retreat" by sharing ideas and planning tips to help spark your imagination so that you can customize it to best fit you and your circle of friends.

During a friendship retreat, it is important to touch all of the five senses of hear, touch, smell, vision and taste. **First**, you should send an **invitation** to your girlfriends. In the invitation you want to outline not only the basic details of date, time and place but you want to tell the story of what the retreat will entail. The invitation needs to be **visual** in a sense that it shows calmness through colors, wording, etc. For this occasion, you can get an invitation that shows peace – a water stream, a sunset, or relaxing colors like olive or light blue. In addition, come up with a creative caption such as – "Joy, Serenity, Sharing, Enlighten" or "Leave the Cares of the World Behind" to help engage your guests so that the excitement of having the opportunity to relax and spend time with friends starts as soon as they receive the invitation. *With my friends we have so many obligations, so it takes a special invitation to get them moving so that everything can be in place so they literally can leave the cares of the world behind them.*

**Second**, focus on creating the right ambiance in your home. You want to welcome your guests by creating a spa like atmosphere as soon as they arrive. Dim your lights and display on a table beautiful candles that will illuminate their pathway into your home. Adding a water fountain in that area will add another sensory effect. Also, display a unique container filled with comfortable footies or slippers so your guests can put on as they start their journey to relaxation. In addition, appeal to their sense of **hearing** by softly playing a cd where you can hear smooth jazz, easy listening gospel or the gentle sounds of nature such as a waterfall.

**Third**, center the retreat in an area of your home that is most comfortable for lounging. Typically that would be your great room. In that room, display low arrangements (*so you can have full eye contact with everyone in the room*). Some suggestions are bamboo plants, orchids, rocks, etc. Of course, candles, candles, candles should be the main light source of your room. This will create a nice glow throughout the space. In addition, have a wicker basket full of plush blankets that your guests can cuddle up to. Other than that, keep it very simple because you do not want to over stimulate your guest with too much activity in décor, you want to keep it calm and simple.

**Fourth**, plan a simple menu that is refreshing and light that can be prepared ahead of time with little work the day of your retreat. Look for healthy and tasteful options because when coming on a retreat you want to create a sense of physical well being. A couple of light hor'deurves such as chicken satay with curry spice on wooden sticks featured on a wheat grass display and melon balls wrapped with prosciutto would be good starters. For the entrée serve a lump crabcake on fresh greens with a citrus vinaigrette. The dessert would be an array of special delectable such as a cheese cake with fresh fruit, chocolate mouse cups and a few others. When creating your beverage list consider a wine that is complimentary to your menu and a pitcher of water infused with citrus fruits would be a nice treat for your guests. *Remember, this retreat is for your well being so consider hiring a caterer and a server to help on that day. This will ensure that your guests will have time to enjoy your company and you will have time to enjoy and relax.*

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## *Empowerment*

# 2010 Women's Conference

April 30, 2010 – May 1, 2010

### Dr. Rita Twiggs, Keynote Speaker

Rita Twiggs Ministries, Washington DC  
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(Choose Two)

**DEPRESSION HURTS!  
STOP LOOKING BACK  
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#### **CONFERENCE HOTEL INFORMATION:**

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Herndon, VA 20171

For room reservations, call 703-478-2900

Being an Ambassador (con't from Page 1)  
Submitted by Dedra Faine



I invite all of you as readers to take it upon yourself as this new school year starts off for your children,

and their children. On that particular day, when even I, as an adult, felt like a fish out of water, my dear friend reeled me into the reality of gracious hospitality. Every year after that, it became our tradition to go to lunch to celebrate our children's first day of school.

Over time, many of our dear friends at Country Day introduced themselves in different situations and extended their warmth gracious spirits by inviting our family over, giving us the

best advice on doctors, shopping, community and being like a family to us. We are forever grateful!

Here are some quick tips on how to extend hospitality at the beginning of a new school year:

- It's important to tell your children to reach out to new students. The blessings can come equally for both parties.
- Invite a new mom to lunch and give her the insights on the school and community.
- Have a new family over for

brunch.

- Give your contact number and become an ambassador to a new family.

I invite all of you as readers to take it upon yourself as this new school year starts off for your children, or any situation where you find that there is a new individual/family to extend your gracious hospitable spirits.

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Submitted by Dedra Faine

**Fifth**, you may want to incorporate activities that will inspire your guests such as: an expert on stress free living, a spa team, have each guest bring an inspirational book to share insights on higher living, a meditation coach and the list goes on. *As women we tend to know the heartbeat of our friends spirits and needs. Create activities that reflect your group.*

By following the above **five steps**, you are on your journey to create a retreat that will allow your circle of friends to come into your space and **unwind, reflect and rejuvenate their spirits**.

**Dedra Faine** is the author of *Celebrations from the Soul – An Inspirational Sourcebook for Personal Entertaining Celebrations from the Soul* is a wonderful guide to help incorporate your regional culture, design style and your family traditions into your special occasion. For more information on the book, entertaining products for your home and event consulting services please visit [ddfaine.com](http://ddfaine.com) or call 504-481-6779.

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## Upcoming Events

Please join Rev. Denise Wilson at the following Events:

**October 17-18, 2009**

Women's Conference Clinician and Speaker  
First Baptist Church of Merrifield Falls Church, VA

**November 6-8, 2009**

Youth Crusade  
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church  
Herndon, VA

**November 15, 2009.**

Women's Day Speaker  
Second Baptist Church  
Falls Church, VA

**January 31, 2010**

Tinner Hill Day Speaker  
Galloway United Methodist Church  
Falls Church, VA

**April 30-May 1, 2010**

**Save the Date**  
Wilson Ministry Foundation's  
2010 Women's Empowerment Conference

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