



## Fall F.E.S.T.

### (Faith Empowered Sisters Together)

**Saturday,  
October 1, 2011**

**Speakers:  
Jeannette Clift George  
and  
Rev. Michelle Hall**

**Time:  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
(Doors open at 9:30 a.m.)**

**Location:  
The Foundry UMC  
8340 Jones Road  
Houston, TX 77065**

**Individual Ticket: \$25.00  
Table of 8 \$180**

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[Registrar@CelebrationMinistries.org](mailto:Registrar@CelebrationMinistries.org)

This year's Fall F.E.S.T. will be on October 1st at the Foundry United Methodist Church. We have two very appointed speakers: Jeannette Clift George and Rev. Michelle Hall.

Last year we chose a new format for our Fall Luncheon with a morning session and an afternoon session and this year we have two speakers!



**Jeannette Clift George** is the founder and Artistic Director of the A.D. Players, the Houston-based Christian Theater Company which offers plays throughout the world. Jeannette's film debut was in *THE HIDING PLACE*, portraying Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch woman who saved the lives of Jews during the Nazi occupation. Jeannette is equally well known as an author, playwright, Bible teacher and national speaker. In her radio program, *Jeannette Clift George from Center Stage*, her unique wit and keen insights illuminate Biblical principles. She is author of

several books and is currently working on two more books.

Our afternoon session will be with **Rev. Michelle Hall**. She is currently serving as chaplain for Wiley College. Prior to coming to Wiley in August of 2008 she served for 4 ½ years as an associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. She is passionate about sharing the love of Christ and His empowering, transformative and redemptive love.

Reverend Hall accepted the call to ministry during her tenure as an administrator at the Texas Medical Center and while serving dual roles as chaplain for the Harris County Hospital District and The Methodist Hospital. She is an ordained elder in The Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

She volunteers at Good Shepherd Hospital, Marshall, Texas. Reverend Hall enjoys preaching and speaking throughout Texas. She is certified as a pastoral care specialist. She and her husband Hollis Hall have been married for almost 26 years, and they are the proud parents of "an incredible person and a great son, Garrett Hall" who is a senior at Texas State University.



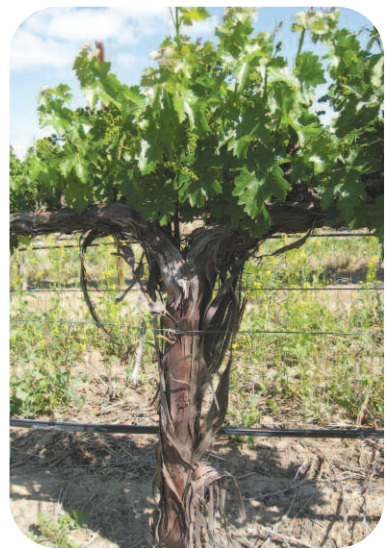
## It's Been a Long Hot Summer *How is your fruit production?*



**Judy Graham**  
President

*Celebration Women's Ministry, Inc.*

..... retirement. It is a grape-growing region and they had a desire to own a vineyard. So they bought the land and planted 40 acres of various types of grape vines.



and September, the grape clusters on the vines are being watched carefully for the perfect time to harvest them in October.

Our friends, Joe and Karen, had both grown up in farming families so growing grapes was another opportunity to farm and return to their "roots." What interested me was the care and concern Joe had over his vines. Each morning he would be in

**W**ith the conclusion of our Summer months and the approaching Fall season, I was reflecting back on a trip my husband and I took to Paso Robles, CA, earlier this year. We were visiting friends from my high school days who decided to buy property in that area after early

retirement. It is a grape-growing region and they had a desire to own a vineyard. So they bought the land and planted 40 acres of various types of grape vines.

As we toured their vineyard, the words of Jesus in **John 15:1-8** came to me. What a visual experience to see the vines with their beautiful lush green leaves. At the time we were there, the tiny buds of future blooms were among the leaves. In August

the vineyard early to check the moisture monitors to see that the vines had the right amount of water. He regularly tested the soil for the chemical



compounds that were required for the vines to produce the best fruit. He was vigilant in watching for pests that might attack the vines. Crews come in at an appointed time to prune the branches that are not beneficial to the fruit production and are robbing the nutrients to the main branches.

Jesus words became so real to me during that visit. Jesus is the vine, we are the branches and God, our Father, is the vinedresser. Just as Joe carefully watches over his branches, so does God lovingly care for us and supplies all of our needs when we look to Him. He has given us His Word and His Spirit. As individuals in the Body of Christ, many of us are going through a time of pruning, removing the things that are not essential for a powerful walk with the Lord. But this pruning is a good thing because it will help us produce more of the right kind of fruit for God's Kingdom. Selah!

With love,

*Judy*

Judy C. Graham

## John 15:1-8

### *The Vine and the Branches*

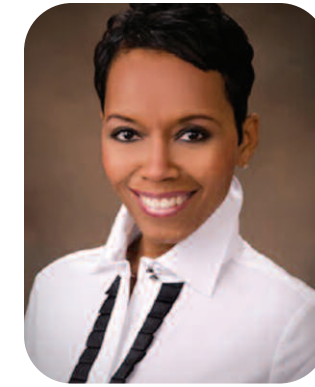
**1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.**

**4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the**

**vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.**

**5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.**

**6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.**



**Save the Date for 2012 National Spring Conference**  
**March 2-4, 2012**

*Featuring:*  
**Pastor Melva Henderson**

**Doubletree Hotel Houston Intercontinental Airport**  
**15747 John F Kennedy Blvd., Houston, TX 77032**

**By Brandy Stevens, VP of Conference**

**God** is doing a new thing! He is always up to something new and fresh. Are you missing something new that He wants to do in your life? If we are not looking carefully, we might miss what He brings to us. When the busyness of life overwhelms, our eyes are usually focused on all that WE have to do and we may be missing what GOD is already doing. He calls each of us to something new every day of our lives and in every season of our lives.

You don't want to miss what He is doing, so mark your calendars now!

**March 2 – 4, 2012, Celebration Spring Conference** will be held at The Doubletree. The Doubletree is located near the airport and will provide FREE transportation to and from the hotel for our out of town Celebration Sisters! This refreshing weekend will include leadership training on Friday afternoon and will also include several powerful workshops for you to choose from.

This year's keynote speaker will be Pastor Melva Henderson. Pastor Melva has a mandate given by God, to reach the world. Melva and her husband Ervin are the founding pastors of World Outreach & Bible Training Center located in Glendale, Wisconsin. Melva travels nationally and internationally as a humanitarian, and an itinerate teacher. She is the author of the daily devotional Fresh Baked Manna which has generated popularity through various social media streams. Melva is a 1992 graduate of Rhema Bible Training College, wife, mother of 5, and grandmother of 2.

**Mark your calendars now and watch for more surprising details to come!**

# Celebration on the Move! *Did You Know?*

## Spotlight on Chapters

Nederland, Texas chapter offers a Bible Study on parenting with the women at their local Pregnancy Center.

Texarkana, Texas chapter has a relationship with the local women's shelter. They started with "hands on"- fixing up their bathroom for them, then invited the ladies to attend their events, sending someone around to pick them up.

Ninety-six, South Carolina chapter takes Celebration into the women's prison close by their town.

Is your chapter doing something innovative to reach women for Christ? Let us know so we can share your idea with others!

## Facebook Page

Did you know we are on Facebook? Become a fan! We have a group page and a Church/Religious Organization page. Please follow us on Facebook. Go to Celebration Women's Ministries and click "like"! You can leave comments and upload photos.



## New Happenings for Celebration

September 10, 2011 will find us in Lock Haven, PA starting a chapter of Celebration. Barbara Yoder and the women in that area have a big day planned.

Julie Puckett, on our prayer team, has moved to Bristol, VA. She is in the organizing stages of starting Celebration at her church, Reynolds UMC.

Habla espanol? We met Rhonda Saldivar at the Texas Annual Conference. Rhonda contacted us about her Spanish women's ministry group at Foundry UMC being a part of Celebration. We are very excited about this opportunity.

Mary Byerman, our National Representative in Florida, is working with women from two other churches in the Florida Conference about starting Celebration.

## Celebration National Treasurer moves

Celebration Treasurer, Linda Johnson, has moved. Please note Linda's new address:

Celebration Women's Ministry, Inc.  
c/o Linda Johnson  
4572 Sandpiper Cove  
College Station, TX 77845-9339  
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Register early to get a good seat! Tables reserved early will get the best possible view.

Checks can be made payable to Celebration (Memo: Fall FEST)

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Mail this form and check to:

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Cypress, TX 77429

For more information/To volunteer contact:

Carol Munch, Event Chairman  
rncmunch@yahoo.com  
Cell: 903-539-5256

**Registration Deadline is September 25, 2011**

To make your payment by credit card, please register online at:  
**www.CelebrationMinistries.org**

## Celebration Leaders' Retreat

November 4 and 5, 2011

Camp Cho-Yeh, Livingston, Texas

*Renewing Our Vision*

Luke 4:18-19

Leaders' Retreat is a special time away to encourage and strengthen those of you who are on the front lines of leadership. This year, we are offering this retreat for your entire Celebration Leadership Team. Presidents, please encourage your entire team to come! You will be blessed by the fellowship, the worship, and the teaching. You will have time to share and pray with other leaders and renew your vision for Celebration for the year. This year's retreat starts on **Friday at 6:00 PM with supper and ends at 3:00 PM on Saturday.** (Registration will begin at 4:00 on Friday, so if you want to arrive early and have time to relax, you can.) **The cost is \$80.00 per person and includes all linens and meals.**



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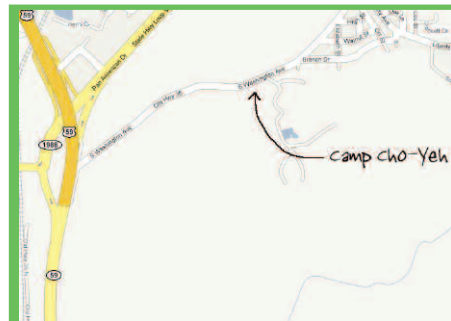
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**Registration due by  
October 26, 2011**

**Mail registration and check (payable to Celebration) to: Cindy Masterson, 7641 Cobblestone Terrace, Lumberton, Texas 77657. For more information, contact Cindy at (409) 227-5019 or at leadership@celebrationministries.org**

**To Camp Cho-Yeh FROM HOUSTON:** Heading north on Highway 59 – As you enter Livingston, you will pass Gabriel Jordan Ford dealership on your right. Approximately ONE MILE from the dealership will be a large blue food and lodging sign followed by a SMALL green highway sign stating “CAMP CHO-YEH”. The highway will form an exit lane for the “Business 59” exit on your right. Get in the exit lane IMMEDIATELY and make an actual right turn off the highway. (TURN BEFORE THE EXIT). East Texas Realty will be on your right when you turn onto the service road. Follow the service road to the first street and turn right. This is South Washington Avenue. Camp Cho-Yeh is approximately one mile down the road on both sides of the street.

**Also, mark your calendar now for Leadership Training at National Conference on Friday afternoon, March 2, 2012**

### September 2011

Saturday, September 10  
**Alvin FUMC, Alvin, TX**  
**Time: 9:00 am -12:00 noon**  
Prayer Breakfast  
Speaker: Shannon Perry  
Tickets are \$20 (catered event)  
We will be collecting gently worn dress shoes for *Dress for Success*.  
Contact: Jimmie Bedford at (713) 899-4246 or mis-jim@att.net

Saturday, September 10  
**Huntsville FUMC, Huntsville, TX**  
**Time: 9:30 am - 4:15 pm (Doors open at 8:00 am)**  
**Beth Moore Live Simulcast**  
Tickets available now: \$15.00 per person (includes box lunch)  
For more information contact Lynda Henry, Celebration Chapter President at (936) 295-0499 or email at lyndahenry@hotmail.com  
Church phone number: (936) 295-5441 www.huntsvillefumc.org

Saturday, September 10  
**Nederland, TX Chapter**  
**Time: 9:30 am to Noon**  
Free Brunch and child care provided  
Speaker: Karen Bidingler  
*"Able to Forgive"*  
Contact: Carolyn Dixon, dixlife@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, September 17  
**Eureka UMC, Eureka, WI**  
**Time: 9:00 - 11:00 am**  
Speaker: Joyce Lee  
Contact: Kathy Jungwirth at (920) 685-2857

Saturday, September 24  
**Cypress Trails UMC, Spring, TX**  
**Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**"Back-to-Basics" Luncheon**  
Speaker: Judy Graham  
Contact: Stacey Elsasser, (281) 451-2286

Saturday, September 24  
**Hardy Memorial UMC, Texarkana, TX**  
**Time: 2:00-4:00 pm**  
**"Back-to-Basics" Luncheon**  
"Olde Fashioned Gospel Tyme"-  
Music by the McBays, Testimonies, Home made ice cream.  
For babysitting, call (903) 838-3507

Thursday, September 29  
**Friendswood UMC, 302 W. Edgewood, Friendswood, TX**  
**6:45 pm**  
Speaker: Ann Pouns  
Contact: Janet Lane, jlane1114@yahoo.com

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Saturday, October 15  
**Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL**  
**10:00 am - 11:30 am**  
For childcare or transportation contact the church, (813)839-4297  
Contact: Kay Stauffer, r-kstauffer@mindspring.com

Saturday, October 15  
**Lanes Chapel UMC, Tyler, TX**  
**10:00 am - Noon**  
Speaker: Rachel Norris –  
*"In the Potter's Hands"*  
Contact: Gwen Jackson, gmjackson@embarqmail.com

Saturday, October 29  
**St. Mark's UMC, Houston Heights**  
**Time: 9:30-11:30 am**  
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Carolyn McCall  
Free Breakfast & child care provided.  
Contact: Sharon Sawallisch, (281) 450-6204.

### November 2011

Friday, November 4 at 6 pm -  
Saturday, November 5th at 3pm  
**Leadership Retreat at Camp Cho-Yeh, Livingston, TX**  
**ALL Celebration leaders are invited to attend this retreat.**

Contact: Cindy Masterson, Leadership@CelebrationMinistries.org  
Saturday, November 12  
**Nederland, TX Chapter**  
**9:30 am to Noon**  
Free Brunch and child care provided  
Speaker: Mak Young  
Contact: Carolyn Dixon, dixlife@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, November 12  
**Eureka UMC, Eureka, WI**  
**Time: 9:00-11:00 am**  
Speaker: Kathy Jungwirth  
Contact: Kathy Jungwirth at (920) 685-2857

### December 2011

Saturday, December 3  
**Alvin FUMC, Alvin, TX**  
**Time: 9:00-12:00 noon**  
Speaker: TBA  
Contact: Jimmie Bedford at (713) 899-4246 or mis-jim@att.net

Saturday, December 3  
**Nederland, TX Chapter**  
**Time: 9:30 am to Noon**  
Free Brunch and child care provided  
Speaker: Cindy Masterson  
Contact: Carolyn Dixon, dixlife@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, December 10  
**Eureka UMC**  
**The Gathering Place**  
**Hwy. 21 West, Omro, WI**  
**Time: 9:00-11:00 am**  
Christmas Brunch with Katie Nelson  
Contact: Kathy Jungwirth at (920) 685-2857



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## Prayer Focus *by Sondra Browne*

I recently suffered a great loss. My one and only sibling has now gone to be with the Lord. My parents left this world years ago. It would be easy to feel abandoned again at this moment and allow an orphan spirit to take up residence. I refuse to allow that.

My sister was a Christian. Her daughter is a Muslim and buried her in a Muslim ceremony. I was able to participate in that ceremony as a Christian and many thoughts and

emotions have surfaced this last week. My dearest Christian friends traveled, some at a great distance, to be with me at this funeral. How precious are the hands that serve the community of Jesus Christ.

What compels me the most to write this is how much our Lord must grieve when even one of His sheep has gone astray. If we, being the simple humans that we are can grieve the loss of our loved ones, how much

more He must grieve at the loss of just one soul to the world or to some religion that relies on works and denies the diety of Jesus Christ.

As I tearfully prayed very early one morning for His comfort, His Holy Spirit reminded me of the words to an old song I sang in church many years ago. "He Lives" is the title. I challenge you to look it up and read the words. I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today!

*May God bless you with the knowledge that you are precious to Him and may you forever walk in His presence!* Matthew 10:29-33

Please send in your chapter event calendar and web info to [news@CelebrationMinistries.org](mailto:news@CelebrationMinistries.org)

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