Dreams are the substance of all great achievement! When God wants to change the world, He plants a dream in the heart of a man/woman. But a dream is a revelation of the finished product. It does not reveal all the intricacies of the building process. Though a dream can be received in a night, it cannot be manifested overnight!

Sleep is for dead people, but dreams are for those who are full of life, potential and a future! After a dream is encountered, the next step is to wake up or get up and start the planning and the preparation steps to make it a reality. Action is the bridge between dreams and reality! Increase comes by action!

A dream is the seed of possibility planted in the soul of a human being, which calls him to pursue a unique path to the realization of his purpose. Every dream has needs:

1. Land
2. Facilities
3. Money
4. People
5. Time

I encourage you to pray and ask for God’s guidance, then start where you are and use what you have! Do not be concerned with speed initially. The most important thing is DIRECTION! As long as you are moving in the right direction you’ll eventually realize your dream!

This is your year to make quantum leaps in the fulfillment of your dream! As you remain committed to the process of growth and development and are willing to be obedient to the leading of God in your life, your dream will come to pass! It won’t happen overnight; it will happen over time. So you will need patience because dream realization is a PROCESS! Here are the six phases of a dream:

1. Dream
2. Decision
3. Delay
4. Difficulty
5. Dead-end
6. Deliverance

There are numerous biblical examples of those who experienced all six of these phases in waiting.
for their dream to become a reality. Think about Joseph who had a dream. He made a decision to tell his family about the dream. He experienced delay…approximately 15 years. He encountered difficulty…his brothers plotted to kill him and Potiphar’s wife lied concerning him. He found himself at a dead-end—locked in prison for years! Finally, he experienced deliverance because someone remembered his gift of interpreting dreams!

I could walk you through the same phases for Moses, David, Jesus, Paul and a host of others. But I think you get the point. So look over your life and see where you are in the scheme of things. And know that there is a deliverance waiting for your dream to thrust it into reality! Remember that nothing becomes great until it overcomes opposition! Don’t be fazed by a phase!

“As long as you are moving in the right direction you’ll eventually realize your dream!”
The Last 7 Words of Christ on the Cross

**The 1st Word:**
"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34 At the height of His physical suffering, His divine love prevails and He asks His Father to forgive His enemies.

**The 2nd Word:**
"Truly I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." Luke 23:43 The second word again is about forgiveness, this time directed to a sinner. Jesus shows His divinity by opening heaven for a repentant sinner.

**The 3rd Word:**
"Jesus said to His mother: “Woman, this is your son.” Then He said to the disciple: “This is your mother.” John 19:26-27 Jesus and Mary are together again, at the beginning of His ministry in Cana and now at the end of His public ministry at the foot of the cross. His concerns are for the ones that love Him.

**The 4th Word:**
“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” Matthew 27:46 & Mark 15:34 One is struck by the anguished tone of this expression compared to the first three words. This cry is from the painful heart of the human Jesus. We too, will be all alone at the time of death. Jesus completely lives the human experience as we do, and by doing so, frees us from the clutches of sin.

**The 5th Word:**
“I thirst.” John 19:28 The fifth word of Jesus is His only human expression of His physical suffering. Jesus is now in shock. The wounds inflicted upon Him in the scourging, the crowning of thorns, and nailing on the cross are now taking their toll.

**The 6th Word:**
When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished”; and he bowed his head and handed over the spirit. John 19:30 The sixth word is Jesus’ recognition that His suffering is over and His task completed. He gave His love to mankind by redeeming us with His death on the Cross.

**The 7th Word:**
“Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit.” Luke 23:47 The seventh word is delivered just before He dies. He died at the ninth hour (3:00 P.M.) about the same time as the Passover lambs were slaughtered in the Temple. Christ became the Paschal Lamb as noted by Paul: For Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed” The innocent Lamb slain for our sins, so that we might be forgiven.”

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**INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY presents**

**Understanding the Tallit and its Symbolism**

Saturday, April 7, 2012
Life Training Center, Room 218
9:00 A.M.- 12:00 NOON
“For you brethren, were indeed called to freedom; only (do not let your) freedom be an incentive to your flesh and an opportunity or excuse for selfishness, but through love you should serve one another.” Galatians 5:13

The exceptional and dynamic leaders featured on the following pages are expressing their individual gifts within the body of Christ. God has designed us all with a unique purpose. It is with that divine appointment that they have come to understand their role within the church. They are being fulfilled in their lives and ministries; glorifying God and edifying others. Please join WOF Times as we honor and affirm our young adults who have attained outstanding levels of responsibility in ministry. They are answering the call to serve one another!
Michael Shackleford is a senior at Colonial Hills Christian School in Douglasville, Georgia. He has attended Word of Faith since age three and at that time became a regular member of Sunday School. Later, he joined the Youth Ushers at age 12 and now serves in the adult ushers. For the past two years he has gone on mission trips to the Dominican Republic. Both times, he was surprised to witness how joyful the children and adults were despite the fact that they had little material wealth. In the future, he plans to go to college and major in criminology in hopes of working for the FBI.

Christian Baylis is an 18-year-old home schooled, high school senior. In the summer of 2010, she was asked to co-lead the 212 Youth Ministry group of middle schoolers. She developed a heart for them, took ownership of the position and was soon promoted to middle school leader. Her responsibilities includes: preparing sermons, leading worship, planning events and disciplining young people. All of this came to her at a very young age, but she believes that God has blessed her to do it. She added, “I love these students so much and have seen them go deeply into God’s truths. I am excited to see what He has planned for their lives.” After graduation, her plans are to simply follow the path God has laid for her.
“Tasha” Graham has been a faithful member of Word of Faith since 1995. In 2004, she became involved in (DWC) *Down With Christ* and the WOF Eagles (cheerleaders). Energetic Tasha later joined Expressions of Praise and was invited to serve as co-leader as well as for *Jesus in Motion* (ages 5-12). Last year, Tasha added Mime Ministry to her list of endeavors. It is her distinct gift to offer praise and worship through interpretive arts. She is now leading or working alongside over 150 young kids and teens. She looks forward to mentoring youth and helping them to conquer peer pressure, bullying and other coming-of-age stress. Tasha explains, “in today’s hectic family lifestyles, kids need positive and encouraging words.”

Daaron McKnight, a member of Word of Faith for ten years, has been involved in various ministries ranging from audio/visual to dance and mime, thus creating a unique and undeniable passion for worship. He has ministered and shared his passion for worship on numerous occasions in many venues across the United States. Daaron is actively serving as a youth leader for 212 student ministries, as well as a leader with “Conquerors” Mime Ministry. Daaron believes that if the body of Christ would study to know the truth of God’s word, others can be lead to Christ and change the world.
Kephren J. Harris is a junior at Westlake High School in Atlanta GA, where he is a member of the National Honor Society, Golf Team and the Westlake Mixed Chorus. He is known for his helpful nature, warm smile and enthusiastic personality. Kephren enjoys animals and has a long standing passion to become a veterinarian. A member of WOF all of his life, Kephren has served in numerous ministries including: Boy Scouts, Voices of Light, Jesus In Motion, Harvest Seed, CEO Drama and Stage Crew, Salt and Light Teen Choir, WOF Youth Praise Team, Hospitality Ministry, and 212 Ministry.

Madison is a ninth grade student at Hillgrove High School in Powder Springs, GA. She especially enjoys working in the Harvest Seed Ministry (infants - 2 year olds) because she loves babies and toddlers. In the future, she plans to become an obstetrician; caring for expectant mothers and helping to bring children into the world. Madison has already visited Oxford University (England) and Johns Hopkins University as part of her college tour. She believes that through the Harvest Seed Ministry, she sets an example for other teens by letting them know they have a place to serve at the church.
Girl Scout Troop 2759 was initially formed in January 2009 with only 12 members (Brownies). Within 4 years, it has grown to 76 members to date. We are a multi-level troop currently consisting of girls from kindergarten (Daisy) to 10th grade (seniors). Our members reside in Cobb, Douglas, Fulton and Clayton counties and many are members of Word of Faith. We are not confined to our meeting rooms but venture out into the community through various camping trips and events (i.e. ice skating, Rock Ranch and skate lock-in). The troop also participates in numerous volunteer opportunities from cleaning debris at the King Center to organizing a clothing drive for Noah’s Ark Children Care Home. Each leader brings energy, knowledge and a hunger to help enrich the lives of all girls. Our parents are also involved by being chaperones, committee members and helping the leaders with their meetings. As Girl Scouts celebrate their 100th anniversary on March 12th, Troop 2759 finds itself expanding and facing more opportunities and challenges as it continues to welcome more girls from all grade levels. We take pride in knowing that the girls in Troop 2759 are not only developing skills that will last them throughout their lives, but we recognize that each girl is different. We also stride to help develop their full individual potential in any area where their gifts might lie. In today’s world that could be anything from painting to public speaking to choreography.

Troop 2759 invites girls of all grade levels to establish lasting friendships, have fun and learn more about Girl Scouts by attending one of our meetings. We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the Life Training Center at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Troop Leader, Erica Holmes @ troop2759@yahoo.com
If you’re over the age of 25 and reading this article, ask yourself this question… “Would you have liked to have had a class that taught you how to create a household spending plan, manage your credit, properly handle your checking account, understand how insurance works and set up a savings account for you when you were 15 years old?” Well, this is exactly what the teens at the Teen Financial Academy are learning in the Personal Financial Literacy course.

The Teen Financial Academy is designed to assist teens in attaining skills and knowledge which can help them make wise financial decisions early in their lives. The Academy was created and started at Word of Faith Family Worship Cathedral in 2010, by Pastor Courtney Wright. Pastor Wright has over 30 years in the insurance and financial services industry and has a heart for our youth. Of course this type of endeavor can never be done alone. With a volunteer team of many other financial professionals from the banking, accounting, financial services and insurance industries, they deliver two different sessions at the Academy: Personal Financial Literacy and the Stock Market Game®.

The Personal Financial Literacy course is designed to help our youth not repeat the sins of previous generations, when it comes to financial management of ourselves and our households. It focuses on following the Mind and the Heart of God versus the Pull of the Culture as it pertains to household finances. This 10-week course is designed to engage the teens through classroom facilitation, video presentations, small group and team interaction, games and monetary rewards. The teens will have a great time!

Teen Financial Academy sessions follow the academic school year. We offer sessions in the Fall (late August) and early Spring (late January) of each year. Please look for our registration information in the Word of Faith announcements and at www.woffamily.org - under Youth.

The Teen Financial Academy is sponsored by Living Life in Financial Terms, Inc. (L.L.I.F.T.), a federal income tax exempt organization (501c3). This means that you may now give donations to our organization to help many more teens take advantage of this valuable resource and your donations are tax deductible! We can and will make a difference in the lives of the next generation. We thank you in advance for your support!
Remembering History and Fighting for Destiny: Women Continuing the Legacy of Marriage and Family

“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”

I Timothy 6:12 NKJV

As women of faith seeking the advancement of God’s kingdom, it is important to understand the roles we play in establishing the fulfillment of God’s will (Jeremiah 29:11). This means that we must learn to embrace the discipline of looking to our past in order to effectively secure our future. A well-known dictum declares, “Those who do not remember history, are bound to repeat it.” Knowing the roots of our past will help us understand what fruit to anticipate in the future. When our lives trace back to strong origins, we can confidently build from a solid foundation and work towards fruitfulness and multiplication. But when a retrospective look reveals corruption at the core, then more importantly, through prayer we know what to negate. This is why remembering history is such an important part of fighting for destiny. As a woman, wife, or mother advocating God’s plan for marriage and family, you will undoubtedly have to fight. At some point, doubts, fears, intimidating circumstances, and unexpected setbacks will inevitably accost your dreams and you will be required to boldly exert your faith.

You may be a single woman waiting for a husband; a married woman waiting for your husband to change; or, a wife waiting to have a baby; in either case, the wait is creating your struggle. In that day, do not forget the divine encouragement I Timothy 6:12 offers, but “lay hold on eternal life, to which you were…called.” When you face opposition from the enemy, stand your ground, make your confession and pray, knowing that God has your back! “For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So we may boldly say: the Lord is my helper; I will not fear…” (Hebrews 13:5). Thus, woman of God, as you face opposition on the quest towards your goals and aspirations, do not waiver in your faith, but remember “You are not fighting for victory; you’re fighting from it!” Jesus Christ secured your victory at the cross. He destroyed sin at its root and freed you from the consequences of your past. Consequently, do not allow the enemy to steal your marriage and family. “Remember how you were made, not how you were raised;” and, remain committed in your decision to build your house (Proverbs 14:1). Then, with the measure of faith you have been given, believe and keep advancing the fight! By daily employing your faith to overcome the struggles of your history, you are diligently securing God’s promise of destiny (Jeremiah 29:11).
The Baptism Ministry operates under the Pastor of Congregational Care, Rev. John Williams. Traditionally, Baptism was conducted during the Pillar of Fire service on the first Sunday of the month. As the church has grown, this holy ceremony is now held approximately 3-4 times a year, upon notice by Bishop Bronner. All candidates have to be at least 12 years of age and there is a limit of 60 persons per Baptism.

The process begins with the registration of participants whose names are placed on a roster and are called weeks before the upcoming event. Deacon James Sneed coordinates registration/logistics and makes certain that each registrant receives a Baptism Handbook and that a certificate is prepared for each participant. On the day of Baptism, all the candidates sign-in and prepare to be escorted to the baptismal area. After being welcomed by Rev. Williams, the candidates are also given instructional information and spiritual preparation.

Next, it’s on to the dressing areas, where each person is assigned fresh towels, robes and head wraps. These are distributed in numbered bags so that the candidates can make a smooth transition back into their street clothing. During the wait outside the baptismal area, some of the candidates experience anxiety and are provided comfort and encouragement by the ministry volunteers. The volunteers try to maintain a spirit of reverence as they perform their tasks, keeping pace to make sure that things run smoothly.

Once the candidates reach the baptismal area, they proceed in a line alternating by gender. Rev. Alvin Hobbs performs the official rites, assisted by other deacons. According to Deacon Sidney Montgomery, the 60 candidates can go through the process in under 15 minutes in a pool of 400-500 gallons of water. After the last candidate has been baptized, the ministry volunteers begin the duties of retrieving the robes, etc. for laundering and storage until the next use.

Two longtime ministry servants (15+ years) are: Peggie Wimby who assists with sewing when needed and Anna Frazier who continues to serve regularly beyond health challenges. Janet Gaffney who has served as the coordinator for the past six years, was joined by her two sisters: Frances Harris and Marjorie Kelly. Other servants became involved through the Get Connected sign-up or simply asked to serve. There’s is a great team who are faithful, personable and represent all that is expected of WOF ministries.

Ministry volunteer, Cheryl Bush adds, “The Baptism Ministry is wonderful! We meet and serve a lot of different people who are excited and love God. Their faces express what this moment really means to them.”
Spring Festivals

76th Annual Dogwood Festival (April 20-22, Piedmont Park). Virtually, every kind of art imaginable is represented, with a nationally renowned Fine Artist Market that includes sculpture, painting, pottery, jewelry, photography, and more. Kids Village features huge inflatables, arts & crafts, face painting, as well as the ever-popular 24-foot rock-climbing wall. There is a wide array of diverse musical offerings. Follow the aromas to funnel cakes, gyros and crab cakes!

Sweet Auburn Springfest (May 11-13, Auburn Avenue). Celebrating the rich history and heritage of Atlanta’s Sweet Auburn/ML King, Jr. district. Some of the festival venues include the Health & Fitness Fair, Car & Bike Show, World of Soul, Sports Zone Challenge, Business & Tech Expo and the Seniors pavilion and the Fun Zone for kids.

Inman Park Spring Festival (April 27-29, Inman Park). Inman Park Spring Festival takes place in one of Atlanta’s oldest and most scenic neighborhoods. Now celebrating its 40th anniversary, the festival offers something for everybody. There’s music, kids activities, a Tour of Homes, a marvelous street parade, an artists’ market and some of the city’s best people-watching.

Alive! Expo (April 28-29, Georgia World Congress Center). A wellness weekend event that showcases natural products and green living ideas. Alive! Expo brings together local and national companies that specialize in natural and organic products and foods as well as and environmental/green products for the home, pets and whole family. Among the exhibits, the show also offers healthy cooking demos, interactive fitness exercises, a farmers market and free health screenings.

Atlanta Food & Wine Festival (May 10-13, Midtown). A weekend like no other that brings together the best of Southern food and drink. Meet barbeque pit masters, award-winning chefs, master sommeliers, fry cooks and local grocers in the spirit of celebrating Southern traditions. Culinary sessions including: Hog Heaven, Shalom Y’all, Cast Iron Cook-Off and Southern Cakes & Pies. Enjoy the tasting tents and the tour of the Sweet Auburn Market.

Atlanta Jazz Festival (May 26-28, Piedmont Park). This is the 35th anniversary of this free weekend of jazz. The festival showcases local and national jazz greats, a neighborhood jazz series, youth jazz band competition, a kids zone and many other family-friendly activities. Atlanta Jazz Festival is an annual musical showcase with venues throughout metropolitan Atlanta during the month of May. It culminates Memorial Day weekend and is regarded as one of the country’s largest free jazz festivals.
Come celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday, April 8th!
6:00 A.M. (Sunrise Service)
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

introducing eliana
(Hebrew name which means “God has answered”)

Eliana Grace Zimbron

March 3, 2012
6 lbs., 3 oz.

Parents: Neiel & Luis Zimbron
Grandparents:
Bishop Dale & Dr. Nina Bronner