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Widow's Might Ministry
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The Widow's Might ministry began informally with 22 widows gathering for their first meeting in the fall of 1998. The purpose of the Widows Might was to empower and equip widows to live alone again by providing a program and resources on issues related to widowhood.

Three out of every four married women in America will be widowed in their life time. The median age of a widow is 56 years old. The Widow's Might ministry is not a grief counseling ministry, but rather, a ministry that helps widows cope after they've gone through the grieving process. The ministry helps widows live alone again.

Widows throughout the Spokane area meet four times each year. The meetings are held at the Spokane Valley Nazarene Church on Sullivan. Research shows that Sunday afternoon is the loneliest day of the week for widows. Therefore the Widow's Might ministry meets on Sunday afternoon from 1-3 p.m.

The program consists of a nice lunch, special music and a featured speaker who addresses issues of widowhood. A chef from Spokane Community College spoke on the subject of cooking for one, a Deputy Sheriff addressed the subject of living alone safely, and another speaker warned the ladies about identity fraud.

The Widow's Might has grown from the initial 22 ladies eight years ago to well over 140 today. The next meeting is September 25th where Liberty Quartet from Boise, ID will be the featured program. There is no charge for the luncheon, but a free will offering is taken to help with expenses.

The mission of the Widow's Might Ministry is to fulfill James 1:27: "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

This ministry is also one way we can encourage Pastors in smaller churches where it is sometimes difficult if not impossible to meet the needs of a widow. Be assured that your designated gifts to this ministry are shared personally and wisely. We are grateful to Wes and Adrienne for their faithful service.

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ESM VAN CHALLENGES



The Sunday before camp, I preached at Fairfield Bible Church in Fairfield, MT. I am standing in front of the church just before I locked my keys in the van.



The good news was that Diane did have her extra set of keys in her purse just in case I did something like that. The not so good news was that her purse was locked in the van too. The next picture shows the young man who attends the church who is

an auto body repairman and knew how to get into the van. With the electric lock system, it is nearly impossible to get into the van without breaking a window. We were most grateful for God providing just the right person at just the right time to cover my mistake.



Creation Camp Theme Well Received . . .

On our return from the camp at Montana Wilderness School of the Bible, where I spoke on the theme of Creation and the overwhelming evidence of design in our world, we had another unexpected challenge. We left after the last evening service to make it home to spend a few extra days with our daughter and family visiting from Portland. They were able to stay a few extra days so we wanted to hurry home. It's about a 5 hour trip and we knew we would gain an extra hour on the way home with the time zone change, so we decided to leave at night instead of waiting until morning.

We took a back gravel road with a one-lane bridge that saved a few miles. Not long after driving over the bridge, we blew a front tire. Changing a tire involves emptying most of the equipment in the back of the van. I positioned the jack and began raising the van only to have the long crank/handle buckle in the middle making it useless. With the 90 degree temperatures, mosquitoes and equipment failure, a root canal may have been more fun.

I was able to use a vice-grip tool we had with us to hold the long jack crank together enough to just barely get the tire off the ground to change. We finely got back on the road. Needless to say, we lost the hour we had hoped to gain. We arrived at home about 2:00 a.m.

We are thankful that we were only traveling at about 30 mph and not yet on the highway. Things could have turned out very differently. I was also able to service the jack and repair the handle for the next time it is needed.

When I took the van in to check on a new tire, I learned it was just out of the road hazard warranty and of course we needed two new tires. That was an unexpected cost of about \$260. Along with recent maintenance expenses and the increase in fuel costs, there is a definite opportunity for some to assist in meeting these additional costs. If you are able, your gifts will be used wisely to help us serve others.

A Word From Diane

Have you ever been someplace you just didn't want to be? Have you wished there was a way you could be anywhere, do anything to disengage and poof, instantly you'd be back in a safe place of peace and solitude? My dear friend calls it living on the river of "de-Nile." So many times in my life I've been there and have been able to trust God to get me through. These last 2 ½ years, since the death of our son Ben, have been the longest and hardest I've ever faced. A loving sovereign God gave me those years and the loving Father He is, never, ever chastised me for the time and journey He sent me through. He also gave me a husband that treated me with the same nonjudgmental patience that God has. What a blessing to live with that much love!

This past February God made it clear to me that I was to pick up my pace in the race and be my husband's encourager again. Traveling with him, helping him drive and doing what I can in any physical way to help him do the work God has given him to do. Does this mean to forget where I came from and what we've gone through? Absolutely not! Reading both the Old and New Testament would contradict those thoughts. God just told me, "Diane, the time has come to get back out in the fast lane." So, this summer I headed out with my husband to a camp in the middle of Montana.

What a blessing God had in store for me! I watched what God has been doing in my husband's life and ministry for the past two years. He opened up a broken heart, led through dark valleys and used him for His own glory. I watched a week of ministry unfold and realized once again that God indeed called George to minister. George gave up himself to the work God has left for him to do. He not only spoke to teens but to adults, pastors and other young people that had given themselves up to Christ.

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From Pastor John Hunsucker, Serving at a Sponsoring Church for the Sun River Valley Bible Camp at Montana Wilderness School of the Bible:

"Yes we did have a great week. There were two girls who trusted Christ as Savior that final night. Also the cabin talk was very earnest and open.

Thank you for the week with us at camp. The theme and Bible truths will be making a lasting impact on this group of youth. You did a great job and you are greatly appreciated.

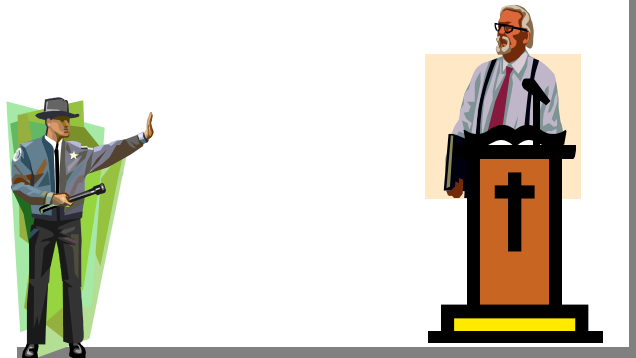
Thank you for also being willing to make the stop in Fairfield. It gave our families a sense of what was in store for their children at camp, and they were prayerful and excited. Lord willing we will be able to work together again some day if the trumpet doesn't sound first."

Thank you, Pastor John



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Open House presentations as we are able to schedule — DVD in final production

(A Note from Diane — continued from page 3)

George makes a difference every day of his life, not in his own strength, but by burying himself in the Lord's arms. We hold on to our Savior. We survive as a ministry by the strength of God's people holding us up in prayer and support. George has made strides in ministry through the tools people have made possible and he's taken years of files and has steadily updated them using tools of the new millennium. He's done this day after day, even in the midst of pain and God has provided the strength and encouragement through His Word, family and friends.

Do these trials and blessings of service belong to us alone? Absolutely not! They belong to all of God's people to the glory of God's kingdom. Praise HIS name.

Hang on believer. I've seen God work. He is an awesome God. He will never leave us, never forsake His own. Is there still pain? Yes. There is a young man, still with children in his home who was a part of our youth group in Southern California who is facing eternity early (to us) and a nephew with teenage son's, who's facing life with cancer. We can all talk of the pain as well as the wonder of serving Christ. Hang on, it will all be worth it all.

Standing Firm, Diane I Corinthians 15:58