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*Purpose Filled Women of God—1 Peter 4:8-11*

*September 2023*

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Happy Fall Ya'll!! Fall is in the air!! Can you feel it?

I thought I would share with you some insights from a session of the Bible Study our Wednesday Night group did last year: Lois Evans' "Seasons of a Woman's Life—"The Season of Harvesting"

*"Catch all the foxes, those little foxes, before they ruin the vineyard of love, for the grapevines are blossoming!"* Song of Solomon 2:15

Watch out for these "little foxes" that will steal your harvest and rob your enjoyment of your "harvest" or the spiritual seeds you have planted and watch grow.

- In harvest, guard against complacency.

**Contentment:** a grateful satisfaction for what is, while still expectantly looking towards the future.

**Complacency:** seeing what God has done and *choosing to settle* without anticipation of the future; contentment devoid of hope, excitement and a future-oriented perspective. Complacency is a distraction.

When we fall into complacency, we lose our connection with the source of our blessing and we become so enthralled by our surroundings that we lose sight of our calling. When we are content, we trust that God has placed us in this season (whatever it is) for a reason. Choose to be grateful also known

as "*proactive gratitude*". Gratitude helps you cultivate contentment.

- In harvest, guard against the spirit of fear: afraid of what the new season might bring.  
Be fearless! One of the things that can hinder us from thriving in whatever season we're in is fear.

The spirit of fear is different than the emotion of fear. There is healthy fear—a valid emotion. But fear becomes unhealthy when it controls us. Giving in to fear and allowing it to control us, takes our eyes off Jesus and limits His power in our lives.

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.* (Joshua 1:9).

- In harvest, guard against giving up.

*"I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the Land of the living. Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord."* (Psalm 27:13-14)

No matter what "season" we are in, we must learn to walk through it with patience. Psalm 37:7 tells us that we must wait patiently on the Lord.

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***The Season of Harvesting (Continued)***

When the Lord calls us to walk through a particularly long season, we can grow weary and become anxious to move on. With our limited view, we cannot see any reason to remain in our present season. But, remember, the Lord is the One who determines the length of each season and we must remain where we are until He says move.

He uses the seasons of our life to fulfill the purpose He has for us. Maybe this acrostic will help you remember God's intentions for us as we allow Him to work in your life, according to His calendar.



Blessings,

*Chris Williams*

Lanier Methodist Women



*Lanier Methodist Women (LMW) is a community of women whose purpose is to know and trust God; to connect women of all ages, supporting each other spiritually and personally; to provide opportunities for growth and fellowship; and, serving our church, community, and Christian sisters worldwide*



**REMINDER!**  
**CREATIVE ENTERPRISES**  
**YARD/BAKE SALE**  
**SEPTEMBER 22**  
**9:30 A.M. TO 5 P.M.**

**COLLECTION DATES FOR DONATIONS**  
 (Clean, gently used Clothes, household items, small furniture, tools, shows, toys, sports equipment, etc.)

Thursday, Sept. 21st 8 AM to 3 PM

Friday, Sept. 22 8 AM to 9 AM (before the sale)

Bring items to the back of the building

410 Pilgrim Mill Road, Cumming 30040

Visit <https://forsyth.creativeenterprises.org> for more information



**UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:**

*The LMW monthly Brunch Meeting is held on the 4th Saturday of the month unless otherwise announced.*

*Please note all dates are subject to change.*

*Watch the Sunday bulletin and church newsletter*

**SEPTEMBER 23**

**Day of Service—Lake Lanier Shore Sweep (On your own participation)**

**No Regular Brunch Meeting**

**OCTOBER 14**

**Dean Hall Consecration Sunday Set-up and Food Prep. Volunteers needed. Light Breakfast—8 AM. Work begins at 8:30 AM till ?**

**OCTOBER 28**

**Regular Brunch Meeting at 10 AM**

**We will be collecting gift cards for Jesse's House—an emergency shelter in Forsyth County for adolescent girls who were experiencing abuse and neglect. Gift cards requested: Visa, American Express, Amazon, Wal-Mart, or Target. Any amount will be welcomed.**

**NOVEMBER 25**

**No Brunch Meeting**

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26**

**Decorate church for Advent**

**DECEMBER 1**

**Ladies Christmas Dinner**

**No December Meeting**

**DECEMBER 9**

**Serve Pancake Breakfast to UMM**