

Happy New Year 2023

“Behold, I am making all things new. Write, for these words are faithful and true.”

Revelation 21:5

I just LOVE new beginnings, don't you? As the first golden rays of dawn break through the darkness, turning night into day. Or that moment at the altar after the kiss, when the pastor announces this young lady - is no longer a miss! Or the first peek of purple, (that silly crocus) in early spring, impresses me again as it presses through snow that refuses to go. All are promises of HOPE; of beautiful days and better things yet to come. Things longed for.

But more than these fresh new beginnings, I really love a HAPPY ending! Because happy endings indicate or suggest that what went before had been broken ... or sad ... or lost. Have you ever had the opportunity to witness a life headed straight for disaster, miraculously turn around?

With a pounding heart, she presses the pedal all the way to the floor just for the thrill of it. She feels powerful, mysterious - adventurous. So, she turns off the headlights. Oblivious now to what's out there... maybe she could just disappear. No more worries, no more responsibilities, no more guilt. Suddenly out of nowhere a brilliant light illuminates her surroundings and reveals the cavernous pit directly in front of her! And just like that, she sees, and she hits the brakes – HARD.

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” John 8:12

The LIGHT, that marvelous light saved her. She hadn't realized the danger she was in. Silly girl. Or how life-altering her choice could have been! Consequences. She didn't deserve to be saved; nor had it even occurred to her to ask, and yet ... grace. GOD'S GRACE. God had chosen to redeem HER. It was a miracle!

Is this your story? It's mine. My circumstances were different, and God used different methods, but the outcome was just as miraculous. When God opened my eyes to His love and showed me the path to redemption through Christ, everything began to change. Whether the miracle was in revelation or repentance or the life that followed, I'm not sure. It was all of God. I know that I was lost. When I realized that I had a Heavenly Father who loved me, my life took on a new meaning. As I matured and grew in my faith, my relationships began to center more around Christ and living for Him. He made all the difference. I found HOPE, and oh so much more when I found JESUS!

BEHOLD, HE is still in the process of making all things new – people too! Go, tell anyone who will listen – that JESUS SAVES. For these words are FAITHFUL AND TRUE!

We love you Hayden Bible Church Women! There are many opportunities for you to join our teams, so please, let us hear from you today!

Love from your Women's Ministry Team,
Cindy, Michele, Kelli, Laurie, Lori, Andrea & Daryn

