



September 9, 2018

IN THE Spotlight

- **Ladies Day Retreat: IMPORTANT MEETING !!!** The last meeting for the Ladies Day Retreat will be held on September 9th, immediately after Bible Class. The meeting will be in the fellowship hall (new building) . If you are attending, please be present to discuss deadlines, collections and logistics.
POC: Sis. Lori Stevenson or Sis. Roslyn Correia.
- **Kisha Redcross: KJ is back in school and our addresses are below;**

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- **Charles Town Church of Christ: 6th Annual Ladies Day.**
“Breathe!”
Guest Speaker: Linda Norris
September 29, 2018, registration: 8:30 - 9:00 am
1587 Old Country Club Road, Charles Town, WV 25414
- **Silver Spring Church of Christ:**
Ladies Inspirational Day
“Sowing Seeds In Difficult Times” (1 Corinthians 3:6)
Saturday, October 20, 2018 , 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
100 East Franklin Avenue, Silver Springs, MD 20901
- **Mount Vernon Church of Christ Annual Ladies Day;**
“Strengthen Your Sister” Luke 22:31-32
October 27, 2018
8607 Jeff Todd Way, Alexandria, VA. 22309
- **Woodbridge Church of Christ: Fall Gospel Meeting**
October 28-31, 2018
Guest Speaker: Eric Lyons
- **Gail Flemons:** If you or someone you know is adept at creating floral arrangements, please contact me. Sister Deborah Reeves is in need of someone with those skill sets.



From the Shepherd's Desk



I have had the pleasure of teaching our youth for many years. I have found it easier to teach Christian concepts from the parables of Christ. For example, Luke 15: 11-32 records the story of the “lost son.” This is a rich story of a loving father, and two sons that want what their father “owes” them. The difference between the sons is how they perceive their responsibilities to their father, their rights to their inheritance, when they want what is due them, and their father’s response to their selfishness.

The characters in this story are the generous loving father, the responsible and patient older son, and the irresponsible, impatient younger son. By Jewish law, the sons would receive a portion of the estate upon the father’s death. In this family, two thirds would go the older son and one third to the younger. The younger son was impatient for his share, Dad was in good health and did not want to disappoint his youngest son, so he gave him his share of the family business. The youngest son then left town. By all appearances, he did not plan to return. His father had given him what he wanted, with no “strings” attached. Reading through the rest of the story we find the younger in a foreign land without food, shelter, money, family, or friends to provide support. Ask your children questions from this story. Where could he go for help? Why would he even think about going home and ask his father for a job on the family farm? What was the father’s reaction to the younger son’s request? How did the older son respond to the father’s direction to throw a big party? How does this story answer the questions relating to responsibilities, rewards, love, grace, and “justice” and our roles in God’s family? How does God respond to our decisions as a child of God?

Our children may surprise you with their responses.

Joe Price, Elder

