

# CAMT WELLSPRING: RESOURCES FOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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## WELCOME TO CAMT WELLSPRING

Welcome to the inaugural issue of Wellspring! Have you ever had one of those days when you really needed to have a cup of coffee with a woman who truly understood your ministry struggles? Think of this as a "virtual coffee" with women from all over the country. Here ideas can be shared, events posted, and stories swapped.

Women all over the country are serving faithfully in their home congregations, month after month, year after year. Some of us are well supported, and some are not. From time to time, we all need encouragement, new ideas, and assistance. The prayer behind this newsletter is to

provide a place where women can turn for ideas, sharing, and encouragement.

We have lined up the best contributors for it—you. For this dream to be realized, your help is needed. Although this newsletter will likely evolve to meet changing needs, initially several areas are planned. All are now open for submissions.

The Christian walk is not one that is taken alone. Rather, it is one that is taken with others. In John 4:13-14 Jesus promises that those who draw from His water will never thirst. Rather, within them this life

-giving substance will bubble up and keep her satisfied. As we begin this journey together, we will be able to encourage and learn from one another. Together, let's gather around the well.

- Anessa Westbrook  
(Searcy, AR)

### General Information

- Deadline: 17th of each month.
- Wellspring cannot pay writers' fees.
- Author retains copyright.
- Include biographical information.

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

We are accepting submissions for the following categories in Wellspring:

Women's Ministry Articles  
Contact Anessa Westbrook to pitch a topic.  
adwestbrook@harding.edu  
Length: 175-250 words.

Words for Life  
Biblical passages with short, encouraging reflections.  
Length: 75-150 words.

True to Life  
Original illustrations that illuminate a biblical message. Must be nonfiction.  
Length: 75-150 words

Event Board  
Notification of women's ministry events in your area.

Bulletin Board  
Monthly idea swap shop. All submissions will be edited for length and/or clarity.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Harding University  
Masters of Ministry  
Women's Ministries Class  
A Hybrid Class Offering

Online: January-May 2009  
In Person: February 27-28

For more information or to register contact Debbie at  
dstewart@harding.edu



\*New\* Women's Ministry  
Conference  
February 27-28, 2009  
Harding University

Speakers: JoEtta Deaton,  
Julie Harris, Sherry Pollard,  
& Anessa Westbrook

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WINGS 2009  
Theme: GPS -  
God's Positioning System  
February 27-28, 2009  
Harding University

For more information:  
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Submit your event to  
Wellspring@harding.edu

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Question for December:

“What was your most successful event?”

When we are planning events some seem to go over better than others. Sometimes, we hit upon a felt need that was unexpected. One women’s minister reported that their most successful event was a potty-training class!

We’d love to hear your success stories! Send us your ideas that went over well. We would love to hear what types of events are meeting the needs of your women or new ideas by December 1st.

Have a question you have always wanted answered? Send that in as well!

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We need your help!

Wellspring needs a logo, and we would like your Input and ideas.

Send your suggestions or artwork to [Wellspring@harding.edu](mailto:Wellspring@harding.edu).

## TRUE TO LIFE: THEIR WORLD IS NOT THE SAME

“IF THIS MUCH HAS CHANGED, WHAT ELSE WILL? TODAY’S CHILD WILL FACE CHALLENGES THAT WE CANNOT IMAGINE TODAY.”

One morning before school, my nine-year old daughter walked up. I saw a white spot on her cheek.

Trying to figure out what it was, I said, “It looks like you have white out on your face.”

She replied by asking, “What’s white out?.” I tried to explain how we used white out to correct typing mis-

takes. Confused, she could not figure out why we did not use backspace to fit it.

It was then I realized how much the world had changed! I tried to explain that a type-writer caused the machine to physically hit the paper. All she could imagine was a computer and printer. She had no

schema to imagine anything else.

If this much has changed, what else will? Their world is not the same as ours. Today’s child will face challenges that we cannot imagine today. As adults, it is our job to help them find a foundation to meet those challenges.

## WORDS FOR LIFE: JUDGES 6 & 7

Have you ever felt like you weren’t worthy? Like you weren’t qualified for a certain task? Most of us have, and in Judges 6-7 we find Gideon who thought he was not the right choice to deliver the Israelites from the Midianites.

God calls on Gideon to save Israel. Twice the Lord provided signs to reassure Gideon. Although he wavered, in the end he defeated the Midianites with God’s help.

No matter how little, weak, small, or unqualified you think you are, with God you can do anything. Everyone is mighty with God.

- Brynna Watkins  
(Oscola, FL)

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