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**OAK CLIFF  
BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**



**FOR WOMEN AT  
THE CLIFF**

**2018  
ALL ABOUT WOMEN**



## **DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER**



**By Samantha Clark-Childs**

There are times when our deepest hurts can consume us and cause us to become paralyzed. Unfortunately, when this happens, this can cause us to become "stunted or stuck due to a deep root of pain. Fear develops and then produces disobedience. That's what happened to me, until God reminded me of who I was.

In 2006, I felt one of the biggest pains I could ever imagine. It wasn't the bankruptcy, foreclosure, divorce or even failed attempts of reconciliation that

stumped me. It was Tuesday, November 14, 2006 that sent me into a state of shock – the day the husband, the one to whom I longed to be reconciled to, died.

Eventually, the days and nights of my tears being my food came to an end. I accepted God's sovereignty and love. His peace comforted me. His grace and mercy kept me in the midst of the pain. I was able to get back up, grow stronger, and keep moving. But something was still missing.

It has taken me about eleven years to admit that I've been hiding. Dreams, passions, goals and overall purpose have been tucked away, put on a back burner and even forgotten. Sure, there were glimpses here and there, but I have to be real – I forgot who I was. Because of the pain, I had become only a shell of all God had called me to be.

Awhile back, I was having coffee with a friend and in the context of our conversation about my "memory lapse," I was reminded of the story of Simba and Mufasa in Disney's *The Lion King*. Simba was an ambitious lion cub who would one day be king, but his father was killed while trying to save him. On top of that, an enemy had convinced Simba he was to blame. Dejected, ashamed and burdened by a painful past, he ran away and chose to forget what was supposed to be.

It only takes one story gone wrong to rock our worlds. For some it might be a natural disaster. For others it may be a death of a loved one, loss of possessions or positions. But don't forget to remember that our circumstances, situations, bad decisions, test and/or trials don't dictate who we are. Our core essence is tied to the God we serve and to the purpose that He placed in each of us before the very foundation of the earth. (Ephesians 2:10 NASB)

When we remember who God is, we easily remember who we are. Don't forget to remember! Unpack the pains that try to cover-up purpose by remembering that He is using it all for our good (Romans 8:28). Trust Him with it all to become your all.

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### **THIS MONTH'S VERSE FOR MEMORY/MEDITATION:**

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

**Romans 8:28**

### **JUNE PRAYER FOCUS**

Thank God for the gift of Fathers.

Pray for fathers; single fathers and fathers of wayward children.

Pray for men who desire to be fathers. Ask God how you encourage a father in your life this month.

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## **SAVE THE DATE!**

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**42ND OCBF ANNIVERSARY**

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# 42<sup>nd</sup> Church Anniversary and Family Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 3 through  
Wednesday, June 6

Worship Center | 7 pm nightly



with Speaker  
**Dr. Caroline Leaf**

Musical Guests:



**Micah  
Stampley**



**Trinity Church  
Praise Team**



**Gayn  
Arbuckle**



**Myron  
Butler**

Comedy provided by:



**Marcus D.  
Wiley**



**Jorel  
Quinn**



**Ms. Shirleen**

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There's one night left! Join us tonight at 7 PM for our Church Anniversary & Family Vacation Bible School event that will celebrate the glory of God in our lives! There will be activities for adults, children, and youth.

**DFJ: REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

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2018 WOMEN'S



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**ANCHORED**

GOD'S GOT YOU  
ISAIAH 26:3



**ANITA  
CARMAN**



**BEVERLY  
CRAWFORD**



**ELEANOR  
WEBB**



**LOIS  
EVANS**



**PRISCILLA  
SHIRER**



**JUNE  
EVANS**



**CHRYSTAL  
HURST**

As women, we know life can quickly spin out of control where we find ourselves in a stormy season that can rock or uproot our world. God's promises you peace...for when you are Anchored: God's Got You.

We are excited about this year's conference lineup of amazing Kingdom women who are passionate about God and committed to helping you become anchored, knowing that God's got you in every season of life. Join Dr. Lois Evans, Anita Carman, Eleanor Webb, June Evans, Beverly Crawford, Chrystal Evans Hurst as our Praise & Worship Leader and Conference Emcee Priscilla Shirer.

Register today at [ocbfchurch.org/dfj](http://ocbfchurch.org/dfj) and get ready to experience God personally, His people collectively, and His purpose uniquely just for you!

The cost is \$35 with children's ministry available for \$10 per child.

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## HOT TOPICS

### RACE · SEXUALITY · FALSE THEOLOGIES

Don't miss hearing Pastor Tony Evans on the failure of the Church to set God's standard in the culture.

THAT'S WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ THE CLIFF

Pastor Evans will address hot topics in our culture today. We'll have conversations on race, sexuality and false theologies. Each week you'll have an

opportunity to submit a specific hot topic that'll be addressed on Wednesday night. Join us for the first Wednesday of Hot Topics on **June 13th**.

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## **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**



### **Worship Center Rooms 4 & 5 | After 2nd Service**

If you are a cancer patient, survivor, or care-taker, the OCBF Counseling Ministry wants to meet you.

Learn about the Comprehensive Cancer Support Group after 2nd service in rooms 4 and 5. For more information, call 214-672-9100 x 9152.

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## **CPR CLASS**

Interested in learning how to save a life?

The Preventive Medicine Ministry will have a free CPR class on Saturday, June 30th, from 10 am to 1 pm in the medical room.

This class is ideal for new parents,





grandparents, babysitters & others.  
Space is limited so sign up quickly  
by leaving a message at extension  
5117.

**NOTE: This class does not meet  
job requirements for health care  
providers.**

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## ENCOURAGEMENT FOR YOU



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