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"Cultivate" is a bimonthly electronic publication of ASK Network USA that informs and encourages ASKers in the work of praying for the church, community and all the nations. It seeks to cultivate a deeper relationship with God and with one another.

## A Different Calendar



By Art Rader

Some have suggested that one of the things that could help the Lord's people be more fixed on the Kingdom of God on a daily basis is to use a different calendar than the one the world uses. So that days important to the world would lose their significance, and the Lord's calendar would become more

important. The seasons of the church year would become more important than the corresponding secular seasons or days. So, in this season, Thanksgiving/Harvest, Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany would take the place and importance of Black Friday, weeks of shopping frenzies, preparing and partying. Christmas would really be a season of welcoming the Lord, and Epiphany (celebrated as the time the wise men arrived to worship Jesus) would become a time for a new revelation of Jesus.

But, you say, how would this work in real life? To be honest, I don't know exactly. And yet, there is in me a desire to be more intentional about this sort of discipline. There are, for instance, Christians in our circle of friends, who choose not to celebrate Christmas as the world celebrates it. They surely do welcome the Lord and celebrate His birth but refuse to get caught up in the frenzy, if you will, of all the other trappings of the season.

So, as I think of you and of ASK, I make my prayer one of ASKing for you, as Paul did in Ephesians 1:16ff - "I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking" ...asking that you would grow in your knowledge of our Lord and that you would find ways to be more intentional about fixing your eyes on Jesus.



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Third Saturday of each  
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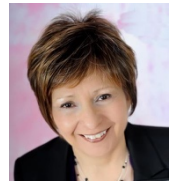
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Where did all the girls  
go? Let's ASK God

## Introducing the Zone Leaders---Midwest Zone

By Gerri Winfrey



I grew up in the state of Colorado, became a Christian in 1972 in the state of Florida and moved to Illinois in 1980. I was introduced to Lydia Fellowship in 2005 after the death of my husband. Being part of a group that prayed with biblical meditation felt like a spiritual rebirth. Learning how to hear God speak through His written word was so exciting to me. I am now re-married with a blended family of nine children and 27 grandchildren! God is so good. He turns our mourning into dancing!

As zone facilitator, I am excited to see what God is doing in our Midwest Zone. We have a zone team made up of ASK leaders from five of our nine states with active groups in each of those five states. We are continuing to grow and multiply, seeing men and young adults joining with us to pray. We are praying for divine connections within the four other states. We were able to share the vision of ASK at the first Midwest Gathering in September with pastors Ivan and Linda Doxtator of "First Nations Restoration Ministries" sharing on God's Call to Wholeness.

My vision for the Midwest zone and for ASK can be summed up in Psalm 71:18 *"Yes, even when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not, (but keep me alive) until I have declared Your mighty strength to (this) generation, and Your might and power to all that are to come."*

*"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy." -1 Peter 2:9-10*

Join us in this beautiful historic city as we ASK together for our Continent. ASK with us for God's CHOSEN out of every Nation to join us.

**ASK 2018 ASK North American Continental Gathering**  
**St. Augustine, Florida • January 25-27, 2018**

- ❖ Speakers include Rob Parker, Tony Sperandeo, and Stuart McAlpine.
- ❖ Registration is \$250 for a single, and \$425 for a couple.
- ❖ Registration covers lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday and bus transportation to prayer sites
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- ❖ Rooms are \$130/night, with up to four to a room. If you need a roommate contact Judy French at [judyfrench365@gmail.com](mailto:judyfrench365@gmail.com) or 704-339-8284.
- ❖ To register and for more details visit [www.asknetworkusa.net/upcoming.html](http://www.asknetworkusa.net/upcoming.html).

## Gathering

In early November the ASK support team gathered in Tennessee to pray and seek the Lord for ASK USA. One of the things we sensed the Lord urging was to look again at the ASK vision statement to remind ourselves who we are and what we are to be about.

***“Gathering all generations to pray for all nations, asking God to do what only He can do and doing what He asks of us.”***

We identified words and phrases in the vision statement to more fully define and to suggest ways we might implement them locally, in our zones, or nationally. The words and phrases are: *gathering, all generations, pray, all nations, asking God to do what only He can do, and doing what He asks of us.* We will look at each of these statements in this and future issues of Cultivate.

In ASK we gather, assemble or meet, to pray. Sometimes we gather in person, other times we gather by Skype or on the phone. We meet in twos or threes or in much larger groups. We need only one other person with which to pray, for Jesus said, “Where two or more are gathered in my name there I am also.”

As ASK USA we gather on the third Saturday each month for the National Prayer Call. National and zone leadership gathers each month by Skype or phone. We gather at ASK Days, locally or in our zones; we meet at national, continental or international gatherings. Our primary purpose is prayer, but we also fellowship with one another, build relationships, and encourage one another.

Were you once part of group that was ASKing, but for some reason it no longer gathers? We encourage you to find one other person and begin again. God will meet you there.

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## Opportunities to Serve

The ASK Support Team has identified several areas in which we need people with particular skills or who are willing to learn the skills they need for the job. These areas are:

- Writers with experience in Microsoft Word
- Those with interest and skills in simple, basic website management
- ASKers willing to be back-ups to facilitate the National Prayer Call in case the designated facilitator is unable to do so.

If you are interested in helping in any of these areas please contact Art at [art@asknetworkusa.net](mailto:art@asknetworkusa.net)

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