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ASK Days 2013

—by Cheryl Cannon

I'm bursting at the seams to share more with you about “our” ASK Days 2013. These are days set aside in response to God’ invitation to join Him around ASK family tables all across our nation and to model what ASKs looks like. We are “*gathering all generations to pray for all nations, asking God to do what only He can do.*” 1 John 3.22

At ASK Days 2013 ... we gather around our family table ... we COME to ASK! come to fast denying our flesh - ASKing God to feed and satisfy our soul through the nourishing, refreshing meal served by the embrace of the Holy Spirit as we enter the session of heaven. Matt 6.17; Isaiah 58.6-7

come to drink deeply from the well of *Living Water* through worship - ASKing Jesus to quench our hearts thirst by engaging us with His Presence. Matt 12.21; John 4.13,14,24

come to feast upon the *Bread of Life* – ASKing Jesus to fill our hunger by revealing to us through the Holy Spirit what is on His heart through meditation on God’s Holy Word and how we can join with Him in prayer. Ephesians 1.17; John 6.35, 53-58

come to obey by sharing, praying and responding – ASKing Jesus how we are to obediently respond together to what He ASKs of us for communities, nations and His Church. Ephesians 5.26-27; Ps 2.8, James 1.22

come to thank by pouring back on Jesus the love and gratitude our hearts overflow with for the privilege of sharing in His ministry of intercession. Jude 25

This invitation is a family invitation. All are welcome, as well as, anyone else who feels the pull of the Holy Spirit to join us. It’s an opportunity for us to invite someone God has been nudging us about; someone whose face He might bring to mind; someone we would like to share ASK with.

We come with fasting preparing our hearts. What parent doesn’t ask their child to wash up before a meal and to come to the table with clean hands and face? We will savor the cup of worship, chew the bread of meditation, obey His ASKing in prayer & response as we enter the session of heaven and share the sweet fellowship of family.

God sets the table for us. Jesus provides the meal. The Holy Spirit is our server. It is our delight, our choice to COME and obey!

Arkansas - ASK Day 2013

— by Sheila Moyer

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord.” Zechariah 4:6

It was the Spirit of the Lord that made the Arkansas ASK Day possible. Shirley Crowell, the longtime state leader moved to Missouri last fall so Arkansas was without a state leader. The only ASK group in Arkansas is in Little Rock and is made up of ladies who have been praying together since the 1970s. But it was God’s plan that the ASK Days begin in the heartland of the nation. Shirley agreed to make arrangements for the day and Colene Zaiser came alongside with feet in the state. God began opening doors in Fayetteville where Shirley had sown many seeds of prayer at the University of Arkansas and the surrounding area. Local ministries joined ASK Network to make the ASK Day a reality. Dennis Peterson, director of the Fayetteville House of Prayer, was excited by the opportunity for college students to learn how to pray with biblical meditation. He served us by providing a place to meet, transportation for the Little Rock ladies, and lunch for the leadership. David Kimler, Global Worship, led us to the throne room in worship. The morning arrived and the room was almost full with all generations from teens to octogenarians. We worshiped, Cheryl cast the vision of ASK, I shared about Biblical meditation, and Colene facilitated the meditation and the sharing. We prayed out our meditation in small groups, and ended our time together with communion. Initial fruit of the ASK Day is two new state leaders. Colene is stepping into state leadership in Arkansas and Shirley in Missouri. Colene is meeting with a young woman to start an ASK group at the House of Prayer.

ASK Monthly National Prayer Call Invitation

The first Saturday evening of every month is a wonderful time of praying with your fellow USA ASKers. Beginning at 10 PM EST, we share the joy of bringing our petitions before the Lord! From east coast to west coast, north to south each participant adds a dimension in covering the nation and asking in one accord.

Look for the e-mail invitation. In it you will find: a Scripture on which to meditate before the call, a prayer target, and the conference call # with access code.

We begin each call celebrating communion, so be prepared with your elements. Using our Scripture meditations we then invite Holy Spirit to lead our prayer.

Come, join in and grow in relationship to our Lord and one another!

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March/April: Learning to ASK & ASKing for the Nations, Jamaica & Tanzania

Getting to know our ASK family ...



Karen Stobaugh, Support Team

When I entered the solemn gathering of intercessors, I had no idea that my life would be changed forever by that single act. I initially came reluctantly. I loved my private communion with God but there was great dread in praying aloud. As a young mother, I had left my three, under age four, possible “excuses” at home with my pastor husband. He encouraged me to accept the invitation to a day of prayer, probably because an influential parishioner extended it. Now here I was alone, and imprisoned for the day!

But it was that day in 1983 that I began praying out what God revealed as I meditated on His Word. As His Words were put into my mouth, I experienced great freedom and confidence in praying in alignment with God’s heart. I followed His script and no longer prayed what was right in my own eyes. Joy replaced reluctance as I walked through a door and found fellowship with those who wanted to know God with greater intimacy.

Today, as I serve on the USA National Support Team, I am blessed by the rich spiritual influence I have received through my ASK family relationships over the past three decades. It has strengthened me to be a grandmother to four who call me “Granna”; a mother to two daughters and two sons, and life partner to my pastor husband, Jim. We, two, Jim and I, still live in the old rambling farmhouse in the Laurel Highlands of rural Pennsylvania.

Carol Moyer, Pastoral Team West



From a family of two we have grown to a family of ten. Our son is married and has two daughters. And our daughter is married with two daughters, as well. Neither of our children lives in Phoenix so we are traveling grandparents. It is such a joy to be a grandmother.

My entry to Biblical meditation and prayer came in a unique way in 1983. I had asked God to teach me how to pray and a friend gave me some literature. As I sat at my desk reading it, I ‘knew’ I was called to start group in Arizona. This was new for me, but the California state coordinator took me under her wing and helped me get started. In 1993 I stepped out of the group to accept the opportunity at a Christian School to realize my dream of teaching Home Economics. Jim and I were doing mission work in Russia for 7 years while teaching. The Lord had me start the mission program at that Christian school as a result of the years of missions work. Then, to my surprise, the Lord called me back in 2006.

As a part of the Pastoral Team, my delight is to nurture and support state coordinators through calls, emails and prayer. I desire to foster relationships that have a sense of a caring, supportive family among the state coordinators.



Pat Kirby, Pastoral Team East

Prayer has been my life from age 4 as I gave my heart to God. 21 years ago I asked God to teach me to be an intercessor. ASK Network has been an answered to the prayer He birthed within me. I am very grateful to be part of what He is doing (fulfilling another heart’s desire of making a difference in this world) and so humbled to be in the company of such awesome, godly women and men of God. I am honored to serve on the Pastoral Team of ASK, giving support and prayer to the state leaders of ASK.

I once asked God what I could say when the thought came of what my dad always told me, “you’re not very strong, Patty.” God said to say, “But I am like an olive tree, flourishing in the house of God.” I have since learned the olive tree is one of the hardiest of all trees. In Alabama, God gave Cheryl a dream which I was in. In the dream, I told her to read Zechariah 3 & 4; it had to be plain.” I also read that day in Habakkuk 2:2 to write the revelation and make it plain. God is carrying that out through Cheryl and through us. What an awesome honor.

Dick and I have two boys, Corey and Craig, wife Michelle and granddaughter, Briana, age 18. I stayed home with our boys and Briana, worked in school offices, instructed adult on computer 20 years and 22 years in a church office. I’m an online missionary for Global Media Outreach, captain of our 24/7 prayer house and active in my church.