



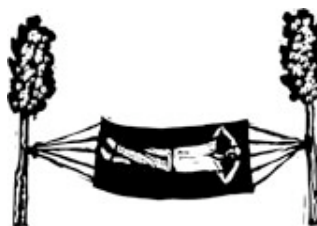
Women in God's Service

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

I Peter 4:10



Marty the Magician: Community Outreach Night— Saturday, April 24, at 6:30 pm. Invite your friends & family. This show is free of charge to all! Put it on your calendar.



Day of Worship & Rest

Next Sunday, April 25, 9-11 am. Nursery attendants will be available both hours & Bible Hour will be held. There will be no evening worship.

Prayer Marathon

24 hours of prayer, May 7 & 8. Place your prayer request cards in to the box in the foyer. Additional prayer cards can be found at the back of the auditorium and at the Information Center.



Showers

Two of God's many blessing are babies and weddings. Keep checking the bulletins for time and place so you don't miss the opportunity to attend a baby or a wedding shower.



Cathy Lovelace

One lovely lady in this congregation who has a whole bunch on her plate is Cathy Lovelace. She teaches in the College of Nursing at the Oklahoma

Hi, Cathy It's good to know you!



University Schusterman Center, works in the St. John pediatric intensive care a few days a month "to keep in touch" with the hospital room and is on active duty in the Naval Reserve. Last summer she worked in Belize with the Broken Arrow Medical Mission and had planned to go with the mission team to the Ukraine this summer - until she was notified that she will be going to a field hospital in Afghanistan on July 9. Don't tell this Nurse Practitioner that you are sorry that she has to go to a hot country and a war zone. She will just say, "It's my job, I've been trained to do it and it's my turn."

Cathy began teaching nursing at the University of Alabama in Huntsville in 1983. She had a one year break from the University of Alabama when she went to Auburn on a mission of mercy in the Nineties.

That heartfelt mission was for the purpose of donating bone marrow for her twin sister, Cristy, the sister with whom she shared a birthday, nursing school, graduate school, baptismal day - her life-long best friend.

Cristy passed on to her heavenly reward in 1998 and Cathy returned to Huntsville and her University of Alabama teaching position. Three years ago she resigned to come to Broken Arrow when husband William's job brought him here.

Kay and the late Tom O'Bryant are Cathy's parents. The twins were the delight of the hospital staff as they were Christmas babies and the first set of twins born in the Henderson, KY, hospital. Kay O'Bryant named her girls after two of the nurses that cared for the babies in the hospital.

When the girls were two years old the family moved to Huntsville, AL. Tom was in the Navy and an electrical engineer with the NASA program. "I think I take after my father when I get involved in so many things. He was an elder in the church, a Navy man, a Bible class teacher, a NASA engineer, a barber and a television repair man. My father did multiple jobs," Cathy says. Cathy and Cristy wanted to be nurses but engineering and military connections ran in the family. They knew their dad wanted them to be engineers, or so they thought. When they finally told him they wanted to be nurses, he praised them for thinking on their own and said he had known all along that they didn't want to be engineers.

Along the military line in addition to Cathy's father being in the Navy, her son David is a former Marine, her brother is a retired Navy Captain, her nephew is in the Navy, her sister-in-law is a Navy Commander and her husband William is a former Marine. Cathy has been in the Navy Reserve for 21 years.

The O'Bryants came from Christian families and attended David Lipscomb and Freed Hardeman Colleges. Her mother was a bookkeeper until the children started coming, seven in all, then she dedicated herself to rearing her children and homemaking. She was a frequent substitute

teacher in the winter. The O'Bryants lived on a mountain. When winter storms struck Kay O'Bryant stepped up to teach when a regular teacher couldn't get up the mountain.

Cathy learned homemaking from her mother and today finds time for several hobbies such as cross stitching, gardening, arts and crafts and writing. She walks a mile daily. In the future she plans to write non-fictional stories featuring things that happened to her as a nurse, funny things patients said and funny things that nurses said. Another title most likely will be "It Doesn't Hurt to Die" based on a statement Cristy made to Cathy before her death.

Cathy has experienced adversity in her life, the death of her sister and a brother, the death of her father last year and the end of a 17-year marriage following unfaithfulness of a husband. She spent 10 years as a single mother to "two good kids". David, almost 26, is a former Marine and Jonathan is 24. Both are in graduate school at Auburn University. The boys and Cristy's two girls did their undergraduate work in engineering together at Auburn.

Her sons introduced her to William, an electrical engineer. She and William have been married five years and hopefully will celebrate their anniversary together on May 15. William has been transferred to Michigan. He is coming home the first part of May for an interview and hopes to be here for their anniversary.

"I am happy with my life," Cathy says. "Sometimes it didn't work out the way I expected. The support from my sustained me. I have and a good William. Sometimes the bumps before am doing what I love people."
We pray for Cathy months and thank heart.



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