



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**

**SECRET SISTERS** - The revealing earlier this month was loads of fun, except we did miss Sharon. She is feeling much better and working with Shelley Gillion, planning for the next Secret Sisters session. Shelley has agreed to accept the responsibility for organizing and directing Secret Sister. Welcome, Shelley, we all are excited to work with and help you.

### *Mentoring.*

The WinGS Mentoring program kickoff took place and several women of the congregation were paired as mentor and mentee. The relationships are developing and growing. If you are interested in becoming a part of this program, it isn't too late. See Kim Binkley, Fran Garrett, or Loretta Turner.

### *Lap Quilts for Cancer Patients and Ladies' Bible Class*

At the Oct. 13 luncheon, the quilts were given to the cancer care guests at the luncheon. 200+ quilts were given away and more will be made to give away during the coming year. Beginning Oct. 20, women will start on the cancer quilts to be given away next year. You are invited to help; you don't need to know how to sew. This is such a rewarding program for everyone involved. These quilts bring comfort to so many who are desperately ill. Mark **Nov. 10** on your calendar & join the ladies of the class for a potluck luncheon & the West View Boys' Home "Piggy" Shower.

### *Do you know Evelyn Rue Graham??*

If you don't, you should; you'll never meet a more interesting or gracious lady! Her family consisted of 6 girls. When her twin sisters died as babies and her father deserted the family, her mother was left with no resources to raise her daughters. Consequently, they were "farmed out" to family members and her mother took a job as a maid. Her mom soon realized she needed her girls with her and the girls needed her, so she sought employment with a family where she could keep the girls with her. She was such an excellent employee that when her employers discovered she was leaving, they built an apartment above their garage for her and the girls a home. This is where Evelyn grew up. Evelyn cleaned houses on weekends and in evenings for \$1.50/week until her senior year in high school. At 18 she became a telephone operator and thought she had found her life occupation. But then, like now, there were cutbacks and she was the "new man" so you know what happened. About this same time Gov. Leon C. "Red" Phillips moved his family to the governor's mansion in OKC and discovered his daughter needed a nanny. Family friends knew this nice young woman from Okemah who would make an excellent nanny. Thus began Evelyn's career as nanny/maid in the mansion of the Governor of Oklahoma. Evelyn was the nanny to the governor's daughter and served guests at the governor's evening parties. All this time, she worked for \$10/week and sent her paycheck to her mother. She stayed in OKC until Gov. Phillips' term was up, then she had another career decision to make. She had become friends with men serving in the governor's military guard and through them became interested in the military, especially the Navy. Her friends tried to discourage her from enlisting in the Navy because they thought the detrimental influence of the military environment would cause her to start cursing, drinking, smoking and carousing around. Little did they know that the influence would go the other direction. The Navy couldn't divert this fine young Christian from her love and service for Christ. Her plans were to do her military service near Chicago but the Navy had other plans and sent her to Cedar Falls, Iowa. Needless to say, this was a disappointment; nothing much to do in Cedar Rapids, not like Chicago. After her time in the service, she worked for Phillips Tire and Supply Company for 2 years. She then went to Phillips Petroleum in Okmulgee and thought she was settled for life. She had just bought a house and had her mother living with her when Phillips transferred her to Bartlesville and she thought nothing would be the same. But she loved Bartlesville, her job, loved the church, and lived there for 36 1/2 yr. In 1985 she retired from Phillips in Bartlesville and left her church home and friends to be close to her sisters in Broken Arrow. Evelyn has never regretted a moment of her life. She is 89 yr. and 9 mo. old and was baptized in Henryetta 76 years ago.

This story can't end without giving a little more insight to the heart of this "Christian lady". (Evelyn please forgive me if I embarrass you, but this has to be told.) In 1984, she was ready for retirement, had put pencil and paper to her options, and decided she it would be time in a year. At the same time, Phillips decided to cutback. Evelyn worked with 2 young single mothers and it looked as though one, if not both, would lose their job because of the cutback. In her heart, Evelyn questioned: How could she continue to work for a year and a young single mother lose her job? The answer: She couldn't! So Evelyn made her decision: She would retire early, thereby decreasing her retirement, so both women could keep their jobs. Thankfully Evelyn's department was excluded in the cutbacks, but a decision, incomprehensible to the world, was made by a loving, sacrificing, Christ-like heart. God shows us He is so good through ladies like Evelyn. Get to know her. You'll be blessed!