



**A NOTE FROM RENEE NAIL,
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THE PEARL

"Precious in My sight" Isaiah 43:4

Pearls, one of my favorite gems holds a lustrous beauty that is incomparable. A beautiful single entity, they are the only gem that is organic - formed in a living creature. They are not cut or polished as other gemstones are. They are created through the suffering of the oyster. These natural pearls, when found are precious.

Isaiah tells us that we are precious - a treasure to be cherished and loved. However, today, the word "precious" is rarely used to describe how a person feels about another. How often do you hear that you are precious to someone - that you are dear, beloved, treasured, cherished...*precious*? That's what you are to God.

As believers, the Lord is also precious to us. The love He demonstrated for us on the cross, shows His preciousness as He deigned to die in our place that we might be saved. Second Peter 1:4 tells us that He has given us His precious promises. First Peter 2:7 speaks about how precious He is to the believer: "Unto you therefore which believe *He is precious*..." His Words are more precious than pure gold and His thoughts toward us are precious.

Matthew 13 talks about the merchant who finds a pearl, sells all he has and buys the pearl. The merchant is Jesus, the pearl is His Kingdom - you and me. He sought us and purchased us with all that He had - His very life because we are precious to Him. Think of that!

Our response to this amazing love is to give our soul, our life, our all to gain THE Pearl - Jesus our greatest Treasure! What a love! What a Savior! May your heart be filled as you consider the preciousness of His love.

Praising Him,

Renee



“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10, TNIV)



HELICOPTOR

Robert Wood Johnson, former chairman of Johnson & Johnson, had a reputation for being especially stringent when he inspected his manufacturing plants. One day, a plant manager got a tip that Johnson was on his way and would arrive at the plant in 30 minutes! The manager hastily spruced up and ordered several large rolls of paper transported to the roof of the building for temporary storage.

When Johnson arrived, he was furious. His first words were, “*What in the world is all that junk up there?*” Unbeknownst to the manager, Johnson had arrived by helicopter and landed on the roof!

Sometimes we’re tempted to clean ourselves up just to impress someone else. Perhaps we’re meeting with someone whom we view as important so we move some things around in our lives to make it look like we have it all together. Instead of canceling the areas we need to improve, make it a goal to work on those areas this week...and welcome the helicopters!

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Source: Executive Leadership



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MARKETPLACE LUNCHEON**



LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Dr. Elaine Swafford

**Executive Director,
Chattanooga Girls
Leadership Academy**

In July 2012, Dr. Elaine Swafford took the helm as the CEO of the Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy, the first all-girls public charter STEM school in the State of Tennessee. She and her team are in the eighth year of overseeing a school turnaround process and are meeting expectations of leading exceptional gains in student progress and academic achievement. After being on the brink of closure prior to her arrival, the school has now earned Reward School Status, among other awards. As the Executive Principal, she successfully led the Howard School of Academics and Technology in turnaround reform efforts from 2004 to 2007.

She left the Howard School to become Area II Superintendent for the Hamilton County Department of Education.

Prior accepting her purposeful impact calling eight years ago to lead CGLA, she returned in July 2008 to assume the position as the Vice President of Student Affairs at Chattanooga State, where she had previously served as Vice President of Economic and Community Development. Elaine is in her 38th year of serving in both public and higher education.

Dr. Swafford's community involvement during her career includes participation as a member on numerous local community boards and service organizations. She was a member of Class V of Leadership Tennessee and accepted the nomination to become president of the Downtown Rotary in 2020. Dr. Swafford has experience in building and implementing pioneering educational programs, geared to promoting academic progress for at-risk students and those who can achieve, but are often underserved. While at Chattanooga State, she created innovative programs to include Project AHEAD, Diploma Completion Program, the Middle College Collegiate High School, and the Building of Outstanding Service Scholars (Boss). She uses her educational experience, leadership ability, energy and passion to inspire and motivate young people, while having a positive impact on the community.

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UPCOMING EVENT:

**NETWALKING: JULY 9 & JULY 23
6:00PM**

**TN RIVERPARK @ the Chickamauga Dam
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Meet us at the pavilion nearest the river @ 5:45pm. You enter the Riverwalk nearest the dam. We will park at the dam entrance and begin walking at 6:00pm. This will be a fun, refreshing and healthy way to network! Make new connections! If you need directions call 423-664-3280.



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MARKETPLACE BIBLE STUDY



Tuesday 12-1 pm - Kathryn Geddie, Leader

Location: TVA

Starting January 8

"Fundamentals of the Faith"

by John MacArthur

3rd Tuesday 4-5 p.m. - Flo Samuels, Leader

Lee Hwy/Hickory Valley Retirement Center

3-4 pm 4th Wednesday: Flo Samuels, Leader

East Ridge Residence Center

Tuesday 10:30 am - Noon - Pam Morris, Leader

Location: Hixson First Baptist Church

"Reading God's Story"

by George Guthrie

Wednesday Noon - Starting Sept. 5

Cadence Coffee - 7th Street

Sarah Newby - Leader

"Hebrews. A Better Blend" by Leah C. Adams

Morning Pointe of Chattanooga

Daily Devotion with staff, Emily Thibodeau, Leader

ANNOUNCING A NEW BIBLE STUDY

MARRIAGE BY THE BOOK

August 9 @ Noon

By: April Taylor

Location: Sound Living Counseling
6727 Heritage Business Ct., Chattanooga, TN.

"Cultivating Holy Beauty"

By: Jessie North

Time and location TBA

Coming soon! TBA

Hixson - Leaders Rosalyn Hickman & Rita Waller
Shallowford Rd @ Covenant Asthma & Allergy Care
Habitat For Humanity - downtown Chattanooga

If you are interested in joining these studies, email Yvonne@scwn.org

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