



*"Women Reaching Women...in Brevard" is an outreach of real women with real women's issues in a world where there is much opposition to the call of Christ and to the fulfillment of destiny. We extend our arms and hearts to encourage one another in His faithfulness.*

**Women Reaching Women Newsletter**

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# Women Reaching Women

## A Faith-Based Ministry Right to the Heart

The opening meeting of Women Reaching Women (WRW) on August 4, 2008 was a huge success. There were about 85 ladies in attendance, and they enjoyed a lovely spread of chocolate-covered strawberries, dainty cookies, and ice cream as they fellowshiped together before the meeting began. The tasty delights were just a preview of what was to come as the worship team, led by Amanda Walker, took their place. What followed was a wonderful time of praise and worship that ushered in the sweet presence of God. Women from 15 denominations were united as their hearts were uplifted to the Lord.

The theme of the meeting centered on military families. Jeannette Ahmi, who served in the Air Force for 22 years, shared her testimony of being

Following Jeannette's testimony, banners were presented to women who had loved ones that had given their lives serving our country or who are now deployed.



*Opening Meeting of Women Reaching Women in Brevard*

called up to serve during the Gulf War. She said it was a time in her life when she totally depended on God, and He took care of her and her family back home.

Donna Long, Director of Women Reaching Women, stepped to the podium clad in jeans, a WRW t-shirt, and wearing a sword. Donna shared the passage from Mark 9 where a father asks Jesus to heal his demon-possessed son. *"If you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us,"* the father pleads in verse 22. Donna keyed in on the word *us*. When you help one, you help the family. By helping

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## Women Reaching Women...in Brevard

*WRW is a faith-based organization that endeavors to come along side of single moms, military moms and women in general in order to honor, support and encourage one another through life's trials.*

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**Special points of interest:**

- *Women Reaching Women Program Schedule*
  - ◆ Oct. 6th - Women Honoring Women Dinner Celebration - Women in Ministry
  - ◆ Nov. 3rd - Childcare beginning for Women Reaching Women Events for ages 1 thru 5
  - ◆ Nov. 3rd - Kick-off for Overcoming Substance Abuse Seminar
  - ◆ Dec. 1 - Christmas Party - Targeting Single Moms and Military Families...toys for all kids!
  - ◆ Jan NO MEETING
  - ◆ Feb 6th - WRW's Biggest Give

## Spotlight on Pastor Kevin Wright, Faith City Church

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If there was one word that would describe the vision of Pastor Kevin Wright, it would be *building*. His vision for the newly-formed Faith City Church in Cocoa is to build families, build faith, and build dreams.

Although this is a new church in the area, Pastor Kevin and his wife, Terri, are not new to ministry. They were youth pastors for 15 years. In ministering to thousands of young people over the years, they realized that they had a desire to minister to whole families. That dream was born in February of 2008 as they began meeting in the Wrights' living room. In just a few months, the church grew to an average attendance of 100 people.

The Wrights took steps of faith along the way to lay the foundation for Faith City Church. In 1998 they felt led of the Lord to drop everything and move to Crowley,



Texas to attend Heritage of Faith Bible College under the leadership of Dr. Jerry Savelle. They graduated from Bible College in 2000.

Another faith step involved traveling on mission trips to Thailand and the Dominican Republic.

The Wrights were called back to their hometown area to minister to the many hurting people here on the Space Coast. Pastor Kevin has a passion to minister to people that are facing divorce, sickness, and poverty. His desire is to "reach people with life-changing messages from the Bible."

Faith City Church is interested in building kids, parents, and teens.

They have ministries that address each part of the family, and they also have a ministry to the surfing community. FLOW or Fellowship Led on Water, has a vision to save souls in the surfing community, no matter what the age.

The atmosphere of Faith City Church is casual. Pastor Wright usually wears jeans as he ministers, but dressing down doesn't change the power of the Gospel as it is preached. As Pastor Wright shares, "We are not only a place where people can build their faith, but a place where you can get connected, build relationships, and experience God."

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## Spotlight on Military Family, TSgt Desmond Barnhill

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One of the outreaches of Women Reaching Women is to be an arm of support to military families. Fran Barnhill, whose son Desmond is in the Air Force Reserve, recently attended a WRW meeting. Here is what she had to say:

*"When I arrived at my first Women Reaching Women meeting, I did not know what to expect. I didn't know anyone or what these meetings were all about. I found the women very welcoming, warm, and friendly. I was very touched. At one point when we were singing, I got a bit overwhelmed because of the words of the song and the picture of the kneeling soldier that was presented. It reminded me of my son. Women Reaching Women is what I have needed and have been looking for."*

Desmond Barnhill was among those recently deployed from the 920<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing out of Patrick Air Force Base to Afghanistan.



Desmond graduated from Astronaut High School in 1992 and received a bachelor's degree from Embry-Riddle University. He has two sons, Jacob (4), and Logan (2 ½).

Desmond is an Electronic Countermeasures Specialist flying on helicopters on the rescue squadron.

This is his second tour of duty to Afghanistan. He has also served on two tours of duty to Iraq, and also to Kuwait and Turkey. He has been in the Air Force Reserve for 12 years.

When he's home in the states, he works as a Payload Specialist for the Shuttle Atlantis. He is also working on his Master's Degree in Airport Management at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

We salute Desmond for his service and the sacrifice that he pays on our behalf as he puts himself in harm's way for our freedom. Our prayers are with him as well as all those serving our country around the world.

## Brevard Is Seeing Pink!

As we approach voting day in this 2008 election year, colorful signs are everywhere promoting candidates from both parties and for all kinds of offices from County Commissioner all the way up to the President. Among this multitude of messages, pink signs for Women Reaching Women are popping up all around Brevard County.

Women are seeing these signs, wondering what WRW is all about, and are calling the number to find out. Director Donna Long shares a few testimonies from these calls (initials are used in place of names.)

“D. F. saw a pink sign in Titusville and called. As I explained to her who we were, she burst into tears and said she was just released from the military and had just received a bad report at the V.A. hospital. She is only 23 years old and needed to talk to someone because she also suffers with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (severe depression). I was able to pray with her, encourage her and give her hope that she

would be okay. I assured her that we would stay in touch and others from WRW would also contact her with follow-up. Since then we have stayed in touch not only with her but with her mother.”

“C.L. saw a Women Reaching Women sign in a different part of Titusville and wanted to know all about who we are because her sister had tried to commit suicide the night before and was hospitalized. I was grateful for the phone call because I was able to connect her with other health organizations that could support her sister in getting the extra help she needed.”

“K.T. happened to see a sign in Merritt Island and called to inquire as to what Women Reaching Women was all about. As I explained to her, she was silent on

the other end.” I thought possibly this was not what she was looking for until I told her that we gave away Blue Star banners to those who are deployed and Gold Star banners to the families whose loved ones have actually given their lives for our freedom. She choked up (and so did I) when she said “My brother was killed in Iraq in 2005”. She

eagerly said “I will be at the next meeting and will bring a friend”.

We continue to thank God for using simple pink signs to point women in our direction. Women Reaching Women ...a faith-based ministry...right to the heart!



## A Note From Donna... Director of Women Reaching Women



We live in a world today where there are wars on every front. We are battling spiritually.

We are battling in life's circumstances. We are battling militarily.

To be truly victorious we must assemble ourselves together to fight for one another by way of

encouragement and also with whatever means we have in our hands to give.

After 9/11/01, we saw our nation rally together, praying for each other and serving one another. In this historical catastrophe our nation grew stronger in relationships and in faith.

Today, in our local community we see crises all around us as the demands of life war against us. Let us never forget that together we can make a difference when motivated by faith and hope;

serving one another in brotherly love.

We cannot help everyone, but someone!! We cannot do everything, but something!

*In you O Lord, I put my trust;  
Let me never be ashamed;  
Deliver me in your righteousness.  
Bow down your ear to me,  
Deliver me speedily,  
Be my rock of refuge,  
A fortress of defense to save me.  
Psalm 31:1-2 (NKJV)*



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