

Heart Beat Newsletter

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FOUNDATION BUILDING

"So everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts upon them [obeying them] will be like a sensible (prudent, practical, wise) man who built his house upon the rock. And the rain fell and the floods came and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock."¹

The goal of Heart Menders for 2008 is to encourage each friend and partner to check the foundation they are building and continue to build in a way pleasing to the Lord.

Recently, the pattern of the early Church was pointed out to me. The Lord made it clear that I should be using this model for my home and ministry. The Scripture is Acts 2:42: **"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers."** Therefore, our homes and churches should all feature being founded on the Word, sharing research and revelation, healthy communication, having fun together, sharing meals, and praying together.

The obvious measurement for this is loving the Lord and loving one another, as our Lord gave as the basic commandment we are to carry out.

Do our days resound with the praise to the Lord and appreciation of each other that smoothes our lives? Do we notice the helpful acts that come our way each day and speak a recognition for them? Are we rejoicing in each other's growth in the Lord and sharing what we are learning? Are we encouraging putting the Lord first in the family or community of which we are part? Are we walking in forgiveness and being quick to repent when we miss it? Are we kind

and encouraging to those around us? Are we ready to share the load when another is struggling?

Are we giving a listening ear? Are we too busy to sit down for meals together and share the ups and downs of our day, so that we may share deeply of one another's lives. Do we help solve problems? Do we take time to pray together over issues? Do we take time to play and laugh together with our family and associates, or is life just too serious. We know our Father must have a sense of humor. Just look at the odd things He created!

One of the most profound changes that will come is when we purpose to see others as also new creations in Christ, and begin to treat them as such. I went into that in detail in the November letter, but it is too important not to emphasize again. We must train our eyes and hearts to see each other as Father sees us.

All our relationships should be rooted in honor. Without treating others with respect, we will never have the healthy interactions we long for. The Fifth Commandment, the first relating to other people directs us **"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you."**² This is foundational to living life in accord with the Lord. The healing of our hearts toward our parents, no matter what the circumstances of our childhood, is essential to a whole life. We must have respect flowing from generation to generation for the blessings of the Lord to manifest in our lives. Equally, we must bring up our children in an atmosphere of respect. They should see respect and honor modeled between their parents. They should also know that they are honored and loved, and how to show honor to others, as well.

We all know that if the foundation of a structure is faulty, the building will not stand. We are building lives and families on the Word of God. Thank the Lord that He has provided abundant wisdom!

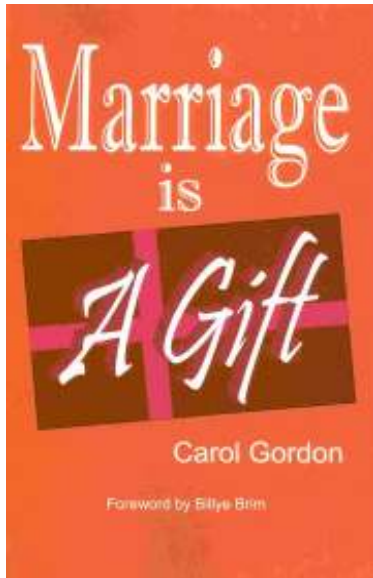
1 – Matt. 7:24-25 AMP

2 – Ex. 20:12

(All Scripture references are from the New King James Version unless otherwise noted)



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RECENT EVENTS

- Carol and Chrissy minister once a month for Hand Up Women's Facility. The girls have moved to a new location and this will be our first month to meet with them there on the 17th.

CAROL'S SPEAKING SCHEDULE:

Please contact Heart Menders to schedule **Carol Gordon** to speak at your women's conference, luncheon, women's group, home group, etc. She brings a fresh and powerful word about the healing of families through the outpoured rain of the Holy Spirit in these last days. List of topics on website.

You can hear Carol's weekly radio program on KTOK 1000 AM at 7 Sunday mornings locally or on the web at www.ktok.com.



SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT HEART MENDERS EVENT

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SEND YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS TO:

CarolGordon@heartmenders.org

TESTIMONIES

I just wanted to say thanks for your continued prayers for my wife and I. The last three weeks has been a great turnaround. We have opened up more than ever before, and have spoken a great deal for the first time in seven months. I also want to thank you for sending me the book on BLESSING YOUR SPIRIT. Today I am on the last prayer and will start over with day one tomorrow. I really see God moving in our marriage. Again thanks, M. OKC

From a Christmas Greeting:

Thank you, Carol, for your tireless efforts to fulfill God's call on your life. We love you, M & C

One of the testimonies from the Anniversary celebration:

Approximately two weeks after we married, we went through Heart Menders Healing Seminar. What a way to start!! We both experience healing and started our marriage on a strong foundation. After 17 years of marriage, we have been through a lot of ups and downs and we have been able to live a blessed life together. We are thankful to this ministry for helping us put down strong roots that have helped us grow a healthy family. S & M, OKC

NEWS AND NOTES

My dearest Friends and Partners:

I trust you enjoyed the Christmas Season, remembering the coming of our Lord Jesus to set us free! We prayed for all the family gatherings to be full of grace and mercy! I stayed close to home this year, had a great time with Karen's family, who are so welcoming to Faithe and I. Heart Menders had a nice Christmas party between the ice storm and the snowstorm. At our first meeting of 2008 we celebrated my birthday.

Thanks to those who are signing up for the Radio Ministry Prayer Team. More are welcome. We have had some wonderful praise reports this past year from those the Prayer Request Team prayed

for. I am grateful for the prayer support I have received from the Heart Menders and Carol Support Team.

You may have noticed that the message was not so long this month. This was because we are making some changes in the mail out letter. We will be sending the printed version quarterly instead of bi-monthly. It will have to be compacted and the articles not completely reproduced. To get everything in, we had to print everything small, which did not make it easy to read. We hope to include more graphics in both versions.

We appreciate so much those who send support monthly or intermittently. Your gifts of large or small are each significant and very appreciated. We are asking the Lord to enlarge our group of financial partners. We are careful stewards of the work.

Our call to address our culture with the message of wholeness in the Kingdom of the Lord continues to expand in our hearts. Please pray for Heart Menders, Heart MENTors (the men's ministry), and HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS. Also, please pray about a facility to serve and heal the very deeply wounded. I am seeking the Lord's plan for the stirrings in my heart. Please do your part and pray! It is a pleasure to pray for you regularly. Please keep praying, "LORD, HELP CAROL FULFILL THE CALL ON HER LIFE."

Your sister in Him,

Carol Gordon

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