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“THE SASSY WAY”

Upcoming Events:

February 26, 2011

Tabor City SASSY Brunch
St. Stephens Holiness Church Fellowship
Hall
203 Fair Bluff Rd
Tabor City, NC 28463
10:00am-12:30pm
Contact Person: Javonna Long @ (910)
625-8405

March 12, 2011

Wilmington SASSY Brunch
10:00am-12:30pm
Location TBA
Contact Person: Francena Robinson @
(910) 512-0018

If you or your organization would like to host an event in your area, just contact Regina @ (864) 344-1917. Also, check the calendar on EWATE.com for updates.

Stay SASSY!

Recommended Reading:

Sassy, Single, & Satisfied

Can you really be single and satisfied? In the world of blind dates, countless bridesmaid's dresses, and weekly interrogations from Aunt Mary, are you struggling to find the pleasures of being single? It's time to realize your primary purpose for existence-being fabulously you! Rediscover all the incredible opportunities you have to live a joyful & fulfilled life regardless of whether or not Mr. Right comes along. Using her fun, tell-it-like-it-is style, **Michelle McKinney Hammond** shows you how to... *get your priorities in order *squeeze the most out of being single *prepare your heart, mind, & soul for a mate *be wise about the man thing *have your deepest desires fulfilled. Journey with Michelle as she shares a host of secrets to loving the life you're living and being single, sassy, and, best of all, satisfied.

Hello SASSY Women! Seems like forever since I wrote you last. It's been a very challenging few months, and I am so thankful to all of you for your continued prayers for our team. As I sit here now and reflect on 2010 and plan for 2011, I am reminded that He is with me. When I look back over the last year and I see blessing after blessing, I know that it is not by my power and might but by His Grace and Favor that our endeavors continue to prosper. Thank you Father!

This past year, I've met some amazing women and heard some incredible stories of faith and hope. The testimonies continue to come forth & strengthen my faith daily. And the one constant in all of them is JOY. Some of them have been faced with circumstances that would seem to buckle the knees of the most faithful of women, stories that for most would challenge everything they believe. But instead, their faith in the One Who knows all and sees all is still strong. They know in Whom they have believed and it has carried them through trials and placed them on the other side full of JOY. This is not to say that they haven't had days of tears or pain or even questions concerning their experiences. But through it all, they were able to hold firm to the hand of Him Who holds everything in His hand and they emerged from the ashes of their past, their struggles, their disappointments with a peace that passes all understanding, full of His JOY.

So when I'm having days where everything is not going my way or I feel discouraged or alone or hurt or downright disgusted with the circumstances I see, I am reminded of these great women and their testimonies and that He is with me too. He will never leave me nor forsake me. He is the source of all I need and He will bring me JOY.

So I'm ready for 2011 and all that it might bring. I'm ready to continue this journey towards my dreams. I'm ready to face my obstacles and overcome them because I know that He's with me. And if I trust Him with all that concerns me and allow His will to be done, I too will walk through 2011 full of JOY!

*And my soul shall be JOYFUL in the LORD; It shall rejoice in His salvation.
Psalm 35:9*

*Be blessed. Stay SASSY!
-Regina*

We'll Help You Get Your SASSY Back!

Single & Waiting on God

-Donna L. Brooks

Divorced for almost 13 years, I hated being single. I hated it with a passion. When you enter into the single arena after being married, it's even harder getting used to that idea. I had a hard time adjusting. I stayed at home as much as possible because when I went out I saw couples everywhere I went. For me that was a constant reminder that I was alone. Because I was lonely, I found myself getting into situations and putting up with people just so I wouldn't be. That got old really quick. I began to cry out to the Lord. I would ask, "Why am I in this situation?" "Why am I so lonely?" I would pray to God to fill the emptiness I felt. I did well as long as I was busy with the day to day routines of life. Kids, grocery shopping, working, paying bills, things like that but when the day was winding down and kids were in bed, it was just me. Well, me and God and His Word.

I was given a book called Sassy, Single, and Satisfied by Michelle McKinney Hammond. As I was reading this book, it began to open my eyes and open my mind. IT EMPOWERED ME! It helped me to realize that I needed to get my priorities in order.

First thing was to stop thinking about being single. I needed to put my focus on my two children who needed me. I then had to re-establish my true identity. The one God gave to me. I am the apple of His eye. I am accepted in the beloved. I could not have done that if I had not been studying and meditating on His Word as well. Then the preparation period came, which is where I am now. I am preparing myself for the time when I won't be this single woman. I want to be God's best presentation when He presents me with His best. God's word says that He will give me the desires of my heart if I delight myself in Him. I trust His Word, it will not return to Him void! I desire to be married and I will be married but, in this season of my life, I'm preparing. I'm getting my finances right, my body tight, reading to gain knowledge, building and rebuilding relationships. In other words, I'm embracing my season of being single instead of regretting it as I did before. As we all know, seasons do change.

And remember, just because you're alone doesn't mean you have to be lonely and you don't have to have a lover to experience love in your life. GOD IS LOVE!



NEEDS VS. WANTS

If you ask the average American today to define poverty, it would go a little something like this: only two working cars, a 2000 sq ft home, some food in the frig and the pantry, several outfits and pairs of shoes and the opportunity to have one vacation a year along with grooming appointments weekly or at least every other week.

We are eager to be better providers and earn more, not realizing that as our income increases often times so do our wants. Many of us would really benefit from re-examining what I call our "need" meter. Do we really need a club membership, Netflix, or a book of the month club? Do we need the tons of subscriptions to magazines we never seem to find time to read that just get old and collect dust? Is eating out twice a week really a need? Do we need a new car? Do we need that new living room suite? Do our children really need that PS3 for Christmas? These are all valid questions we should ask ourselves. You see, many of us have confused our needs with our wants. Sadly the things we thought we needed, we don't. And the things we really do need, we can't afford to buy because we spent our need money on our wants.

We are quick to set our dental appointment for our annual cleaning. We make sure to SEE our Optometrist. There is definitely no hesitation or forgetting to make our appointment for our annual physical exam. We give everything a check-up often times not even thinking to add our lifestyle or finances to the list of things we need to check. This year when you are writing down all the appointments you need to make, be sure to make an appointment for your finances. -Pam

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