

Three Strands



Based on Ecclesiastes 4:12, *"A threefold cord is not quickly broken," Three Strands* is a new Women's Ministry of CCA devoted to knitting the hearts of older, mature believers with those who are younger in age and faith. The passage states that there is great value in such a relationship: *"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor, for if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken"* (4:9-12, NKJV). A friendship with Christ at its center, provides support, comfort, and strength.

Here's how it will work: At this year's Spring Tea (April 14th) "older" participants will draw the name of a "younger" participant. Without disclosing her identity, the older woman commits to pray for and encourage the younger woman through weekly handwritten correspondence. The younger woman will make her requests known using an outline on stationary provided by the church. All correspondence is to be kept confidential.

The outline will include:

Thanksgiving (Praise to God for all He has accomplished.)

Revelation (What one has learned about God and self.)

Confession (Struggles, shortcomings, and/ or sins.)

Supplication (Specific requests and needs.)

Faith (Dreams or desires that seem impossible.)

In response, the older woman will record her thoughts and/or experiences, including Bible references or verses. Both parties will keep the correspondence as record of all that God has accomplished.

Stationary, envelopes and outlines will be located in the front office, along with two bins labeled "Incoming" & "Outgoing". Only the younger woman's name will be displayed on the envelope. (Parties must use discretion when placing correspondence in the bins to maintain anonymity!)

On Saturday, September 22nd participants will attend the "Reveal Party", where they will disclose their identities to one another. It is my hope that life-long intimate friendships will be cultivated and that all who are involved will know that God hears their prayers and acts on their behalf.

If you would like to participate, please see Julie. The deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, April 11th.