



GLITTER & GRACE

A GRACE IN THE WILDERNESS MINISTRY

"With a little glitter and a lot of grace, we're spreading God's love all over the place."

In this issue:

- Move Closer to God by stepping up for Christ
- Meet your new writer and friend, Kayla Rampey
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Step Up

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit." Galatians 5:25

Every day we take a step towards something. We get out of bed, our feet hit the floor, and our days begin. Day in and day out, we are on the move. What are you moving towards? In life, you are moving one of two directions; closer to God or further away? Which direction are you going? What can you do to get closer to God?

Who am I?

My journey to ministry began before I was even born. God had a plan for my life that I couldn't see or even imagine in my mind. My parents didn't know, and probably would not have believed that one day I would be serving God by teaching teen girls about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I was your typical teenager, dramatic and rebellious, boy crazy and in love, hormonal and struggling to keep my head up in an overly materialistic world. I was playing church every service, pretending to be someone I was not, avoiding God's will because I was not ready for what He had in store for me. I was lost. It took a long time and several lessons learned for me to open my eyes to what God had in store for my life. I'm still a work in progress but God is using me to share His light with this world. I thank Him every day that I'm not who I used to be. I'll share my testimony in future articles, but for now you can know that I am blessed to be a child of God. I'm a mother of two young boys, Carson is 3 years old and Asher is 9 months old. My husband, Dustin and I work with the Youth at Crosswell First Baptist Church in Greenville, SC. I've also worked with the GA girls and Youth at Elljean Baptist and the Youth at Griffin Baptist Church. My mission in life is to share God's Word, make disciples, and be a Light in this dark world. I am working to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus Christ wherever I go. I'm not professional by any means, but I am saved by the Grace of God! I look forward to getting to know you all and growing in His Grace every day.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

-2 Corinthians 5:17

*"I am a child of God." -
Kayla Rampey*



The Story of a Girl You Never Knew

Every person has a story, a moment in life that changed them from who they were to who they are now. Some of us have dealt with divorced parents, homelessness, suicidal thoughts, and tragic life moments that have brought us down to a point so low that all we could do was reach up and cry out to Jesus. Others have barely experienced a bad day or ever had a life changing moment. In my ministry experiences, I've come to the conclusion that everyone's' life is changed by the experiences that they go through.



Everything we go through impacts our life and how we will react to future situations. In each newsletter, we are going to have a section called "The Story of a Girl You Never Knew." In this section we will have articles and stories from girls that have a story to tell yet aren't ready to reveal their names. This section will be completely anonymous. We will use alias names for characters in the story and the author will remain unknown to the reader. Some of people are afraid to tell their story because they don't want others to judge them. This is a way to tell your story without judgement, without fear, and without anyone knowing the story is about you. I'll respond to each story in the newsletter so you or the writer can get a biblical insight on how to handle certain situations. This is a great way for us to get to know each other and share the tough situations we've all been through. You never know how your story could impact someone else's life.

To submit your story go to:

www.WildernessGrace.org

Click on the Contact Us tab. Fill out the form as follows:

Name: Grace Girl

Email: unknown@yahoo.com

Subject: The Story of a Girl You Never Knew

Thank you for your boldness! May your story change the life of someone in need!

What's your story?

Submit it today! Share your story— save a life!

'Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'
Isaiah 41:10

"I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well." Psalm 139:14



Gracie's Way is making some changes!

- ◆ The new name for Gracie's Way Newsletter is: Glitter and Grace
 - ◆ The newsletter will be focused for teen girls grades 6th - 12th
- ◆ At the beginning of each month you will receive a newsletter with upcoming events, stories, contests, and devotions
- ◆ Every Monday I'll send out a brief weekly devotion to start your week off with
- ◆ We will continue to have Empowered Jesus Girl Conferences and events for you and your friends to join us at! Make sure you mark your calendars and join us for a great time of praise and worship!
 - ◆ We are so excited to announce that the next Empowered Jesus Girl Conference will be this November! Watch your email and follow us on Facebook for more details!
- ◆ We know you are busy so we'll keep our newsletters brief and our prayers long for each and every one of you!
- ◆ We look forward to the future God has planned for this ministry!
- ◆ May God Bless you and show you His Grace every day!

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16