



# 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."*

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## UPCOMING EVENT

# EMPOWERED

Jesus  Girl

**Saturday, January 21, 2017**

**10am - 1pm Return Baptist Church**

**733 Return Church Road, Seneca S**

### Empowered Jesus Girl 2017

For those of you that missed the Empowered Jesus Girl Conference in Fall of 2016, here is your opportunity to join in on the fun in 2017! Empowered Jesus Girl is coming back to the Upstate in Seneca, SC next January!

This event is going to be awesome! Bring your friends for a Girls Day Out and a lot of fun! We're going to be having Praise & Worship, speakers, Door Prizes, and Fitness Fun with Fallon Brucke!

You don't want to miss out on this event! It's going to be a blast! Be there and be in prayer!

I look forward to seeing you soon!

We will also have a Chick-Fil-A lunch following the event! Cost for the event is \$6/each. You can Register your group online at [www.WildernessGrace.org](http://www.WildernessGrace.org)

If you have any questions, just give me a call. Kayla Rampey (864) 915-8094 [KaylaRampey@yahoo.com](mailto:KaylaRampey@yahoo.com)



**"In the Eye of the Storm— He remains in control."**

As the fires rage all around us, it's easy to get overwhelmed, scared, stressed about things we cannot control, but when we look to Heaven, we can see past the

smoke and into the eyes of Jesus Christ. Stay focused on your blessings, look to Him for your strength, and know that God is in control.

November 5th 2016, a small fire near Chimney Rock started with a spark and grew into a massive wildfire that spread across thousands of acres in North Carolina. Party Rock was in flames for the whole month of November. As of November 29th 2016, the flames are finally 100% contained but the risk of returning flames are still there.

A few days later, Pinnacle mountain experienced the same thing. Acres upon acres went up in flames as bystanders experienced shortness of breath from the heavy smoke in the air.

At the end of November, Gatlinburg, TN went into flames as well.



Pinnacle Mountain



In the book of James, the Bible says,

“See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh.” James 3:5-12



James compares the tongue to blazing fire. One small spark can start a raging flame, a forest fire that can destroy anyone in its path. The old saying goes that “sticks and stones can break my bones but words can never hurt me.” As a woman myself I have to say that in my lifetime, that saying isn’t true. Words can break a person, burn them, and destroy them without the offender even realizing it.

As women in today’s society, we are brought up to be independent, strong, powerful and beautiful. However, it’s not always easy. As a child of God, I ask you to consider your words carefully. When you speak to each other, text each other, or even post something on social media, consider who you are representing and how your words can define you. If you had a recorder recording everything you said in a day, would you be embarrassed to let your pastor hear it? Would it hurt someone’s feelings? What do you need to change about the way you talk to (or about) others?



Suicide is a subject no one likes to talk about, but in my lifetime, I've dealt with it more than I ever thought I would.

In college, I met a guy that was hilarious. He always had a smile on his face and no matter what the day was, he had a joke or funny story to tell. He seemed to be on top of the world. As a freshmen in college, he attended a lot of parties, had a lot of friends, and overall seemed to be a typical college student. I had every class with him my first semester. Over time, we grew apart but would occasionally see each other on campus or around town. One day, I got on my laptop and read the news... he had died. In his early 20s he felt the need to end his own life. The smiling, happy go lucky, always positive guy I knew, was gone. I never knew if he was a Christian. I never asked. I never told him about Jesus. To be honest, my witness was worthless in college. I was living in sin and I left Jesus behind when I went to college. I wonder now what was going through his mind when he decided to kill himself. Why did he do it? What happened that was so bad that he couldn't handle it anymore? Could I have stopped him if I would've been there for him? Should I have asked more questions or spent more time with him? These questions will haunt me forever, but I have peace in knowing that God is in control of every situation. From my experiences, I can tell you to watch out for your friends, your classmates, and your family. A smile on someone's face is not always a sign that everything is ok with them. It's ok to ask a person how they are, if they need anything, or even if they know Jesus. Jesus is not a bad word. Don't be afraid to ask others about their relationship with Christ.

One day, you may be left like me, wondering what went wrong. The hardest thing in the world is to have to wonder if the person lying in a casket in front of you was truly saved.

As you hear about the flames all over the area, remember the real flames burning in Hell. It's not something we like to think about but the flames are real, and the fear of earthly struggles is nothing in comparison to a life without Christ.

If you or someone you know is struggling with depression or has had suicidal thoughts, please contact us or the suicide hotline for more information. You are not alone, and no matter what you are going through, God is in control and will give you strength if you will just trust in Him.



Save this number in your phone, Share it on Facebook,  
Save a life!

**Text me your prayer requests at 864-915-8094**





Glitter and Grace Teen Ministry is always looking for talented young ladies to help contribute to the weekly devotions and newsletters. If you have a talent you would like to share with others, please contact me at [KaylaRampey@yahoo.com](mailto:KaylaRampey@yahoo.com). I'm looking for young ladies that have heart for God and a passion for using their talents to spread the love of Christ. If

you are a writer, write for Christ, share your story, or share a verse that means something to you. Share whatever God puts on your heart! I'm not looking for professionals just passionate ladies that love Jesus Christ and love sharing with others!

Photographers—get out your cameras and capture the beauty of Christ. Send me your pictures and share what God teaches you through your camera lens! Capture the world around you and show others the need for Christ in this area.

Singers and Musicians: Do you have a song that has made a difference in your life? Send me your videos and I'll be glad to share them with the other girls! We are always looking for talented musicians to help us in future events!

Whatever your gift may be, use it for the glory of God and I promise you will be blessed!

You can contact me at on the website at:

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I look forward to hearing from you soon!



May God Bless you and show you His Grace every day!

