

*Women behind the Scenes (Bob Hoffman)*

In Acts 1, we observe women meeting with the apostles to pray. The apostles are mentioned by name. In the next few days they will emerge as leaders as they go out, speaking the gospel to the world But what about the unnamed “certain women”?

Throughout the Acts story, we find women coming to faith (8:12; 17:4), being baptised (8:12; 16:15), suffering persecution for their faith (8:1-3). In a male-dominated society, they still claim their role in building the church.

When Mary Bethune went to college, her desire was to become a missionary to Africa. When she was told that black missionaries were not needed, she went on to dedicate her life to improving the quality of education for African-American girls. In Lincoln Park beside the Lincoln memorial and the Emancipation Monument there is a statute in tribute to Mary Bethune.

The small school Mary Bethune founded became a university, and her work of racial integration in churches eventually led her to found the National Council of Negro Women. Its stated goal was to improve the quality of life for women and their communities regardless of race or creed.

The “certain women” of Acts 1 are remembered for the way they lived the gospel, built the church, and taught with their lives. Unlike Mary Bethune, they remain nameless, but we remember them for their service and their great faith.

***God, we thank you for women of faith who went before us, many of them unknown to us, none of them unknown to you.***

*Prayer*

Oh, not for more or longer days, dear Lord,  
My prayer shall be –  
But rather teach me how to use the days  
Now given to me.

I ask not more of pleasure or of joy  
For this brief while –  
But rather let me for the joys I have  
Be glad and smile.

B.Y. Williams



**Blessings**

LINDEN LODGE  
WORSHIP SERVICE

February 28, 2010

9:50 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Uncertainty and expectation are the joys of life.  
(Richard Congrave)

# Linden Lodge Worship Service

February 28, 2010

## ***Thought for the Week:***

*You have never really learned to live until you've done something for somebody who can never repay you. (Guideposts – March 2010)*

**Key Verse:** By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped when he leaned on top of his staff." Hebrews 11: 21

## ***Opening and Prayer:***

### ***Songs:***

Faith of Our Fathers 320

What a Wonderful Savior 174

### ***Scripture Reading:***

Hebrews 11:20-22

Psalm 91

**Special music:** Jonquil Thiessen and sons,  
Caleb, Ethan, and Zachary

**Message :** Passing on a blessing

### ***Closing Hymn:***

Hiding in Thee 316

**Benediction:** Hardy Friesen

**Postlude:** Jean Thiessen

*When life seems just a dreary grind,  
And things seem fated to annoy,  
Say something nice to someone else –  
And watch the world light up with joy.*

## *Dwelling in God (Psalm 91)*

In God my shelter will I trust  
All else will surely turn to dust.  
Disease and death may soon arrive  
His faithfulness will be alive.  
Terror at night or arrows by day  
God's love and mercy keep them at bay.  
Thousands may stumble and surely will fall  
But God is at our every beckon and call.  
God's angels will guard us in all of our ways  
Holding, uplifting us for all of our days.  
As we acknowledge His wonderful name  
He'll give us salvation and show us His fame.

I have found such joy in simple things;  
A plain clean room, a nut-brown loaf of bread,  
A cup of milk, a kettle as it sings,  
The shelter of a roof above my head,  
And in a leaf-laced square along the floor,  
Where yellow sunlight glimmers through a door.  
I have found such joy in things that fill  
My quiet days: a curtain's blowing grace,  
A potted plant upon my window sill,  
A rose fresh-cut and placed within a vase,  
A table cleared, a lamp beside a chair,  
And books I long have loved beside me there.  
Grace Noll Crowell

## *When business is tough (Humour)*

A man walked into dress shop and asked the owner how business was.  
"Terrible!" he complained. "it's so bad, why I only sold one dress yesterday. And today it's even worse."  
"How could that be?" asked his friend.  
"Today she returned the dress she bought yesterday," wailed the proprietor.