

Naomi's Circle

Widows Ministry Outreach

Naomi's Circle began in September 2007 at the Stratford Heights Church of God in Middletown, Ohio, with the understanding that God has a special concern for widows. James 1:27 says, *"Pure and undefiled religion (worship) before God and the Father is this: to visit the orphans and widows in their trouble and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."* We offer this ministry as a warm fellowship for women who have lost their husbands and who are in need of understanding, comfort and times of sharing. We also offer help to those who occasionally need transportation or assistance around their home.

Our mission is to plead the case of, provide assistance to, and promote the spiritual growth and ministry of widows.

Based on Isaiah 1:17, Naomi's Circle strives to fulfill the Biblical mandate to *"plead for the widow"* in a variety of ways, including:

- Distributing a monthly newsletter - if you would like to be added to our monthly newsletter mailing contact Barb Rogers.
- Maintaining a prayer list that is distributed to 74 widows currently on our mailing list to be "Prayer Warriors", intercessors to the throne room of God on behalf of the needs of our church family, our community and our nation.
- Offering a faith-based GriefShare DVD series to assist widows through their journey of grief. This ongoing mission is to care for and love these ladies on their journey into and through widowhood by providing emotional and spiritual support.
- Hosting a quarterly luncheon in honor of our widows. We meet in our church fellowship hall and enjoy good food, fun and fellowship. During the luncheon, we have a devotion, make a craft, and hand out door prizes donated by area businesses.





Job 29: 13 says, "*I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.*" And that is the goal of this ministry!

2009 Events:

Easter Dinner Friday, March 27, at 6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall

Ladies Tea Saturday, June 27, at 12:00 noon. in the church fellowship hall

Fall Luncheon Saturday, September 26, at 11:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall

Christmas Luncheon Saturday, December 5, at 11:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall

This is a vital ministry to our church and community. I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have. For information contact Barb Rogers, Widows Ministry Coordinator, by phone at 513-727-0077 or by email: barb.rogers@sbcglobal.net

HAVE FAITH ...God is always with you though it may not seem so,
HAVE HOPE ...God's love surrounds you much more than you know,
HAVE PEACE ...God has a special plan just for you,
HAVE JOY...for always, come what may, God will help to see you through.

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