

Hello United Women in Faith!

I had such a busy April! Between UWF and the Ms. Tennessee Senior Pageant, I was one busy woman. But both kept me surrounded by women with a true love of Jesus and fellow human beings.

I grew up going to church every time the church doors opened. I remember spending summers with my grandma. My three sisters and I would follow her into the Noxapater Baptist Church like little ducklings. "Here comes Mrs. Willis and the Brown girls" the church members would think. Our first stop was the church library since grandma was the church librarian. We were always encouraged to check out a book. It didn't take much time for us to locate a book since we were all avid readers. To this day, I can find books that I checked out as a teenager! Next, grandma would lead her little parade into Sunday School classes and then to the sanctuary. For some reason, we were always in stair-step order. Oldest to youngest; dressed in our Sunday clothes with patent leather shoes.

As a board member of the Ms. Tennessee Senior Pageant, I am in charge of the judges and writing the script. I am always pleased to see how important Christ and church activities are in the lives of these women. This year I had one beautiful lady talk about being a part of United Women of Faith. While listening to the women talk with each other, I learned of their faithfulness. I am reminded that this is not a "beauty" contest. It is a chance to show the world what God has done in your life.

Being around UWF helps me continue to improve my walk with God. I strayed from church and God for many years until I started driving my mother everywhere. She was the one who introduced me to (at the time) UMW and encouraged me to go back to church. Each day I work on my walk with God and strive to live the life He would want me to live.

My life seems to have come full circle. I am now the Nolensville United Methodist Church librarian and the Crazy Book Lady for the Harpeth River District and the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference United Women in Faith. I love spreading the word of the

wonderful books selected for the UWF's reading list and encouraging women to read.

If any of you have not read "Four Winds", please get a copy, and read it. Every time I mention the book in any meeting, I get several approving nods from the group.