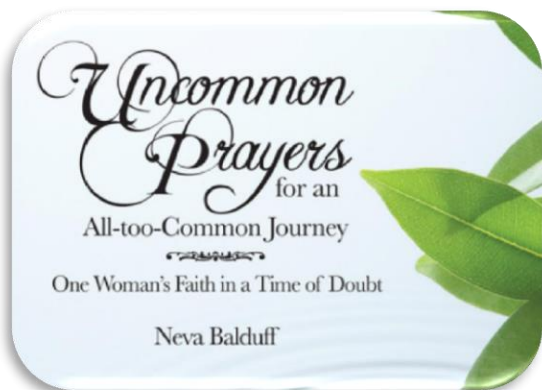


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## UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT

At the church on fifth Street, on the marquee were printed letters, which greatly intrigued me; “Upside Down and Inside Out” was the title of the sermon to be preached about.

I wondered to myself, *how it could be that the preacher would give a sermon based on me.*

For that’s surely how my life has been, turned upside down with the outside in, ever since that faithful day on January 3<sup>rd</sup> when, over the phone, the professional voice I had heard, informed me my husband had fallen in the street.

She said he wasn’t responsive— my heart fell to my feet.

To make a long story, not quite so long, I’ll tell you briefly what went wrong.

My husband’s heart momentarily stopped, causing him to faint, and then he dropped, splitting his head on the bricks below.

He sustained a deadly, life-threatening blow!

For three days it appeared he might not make it, and, if that were the outcome, I wasn’t sure I could take it— but recover he did, to some extent—

I believe due to medicine and knees which were bent in earnest prayer, day by day.

Others interceded when I was too tired to pray. Now we’re home and things are not the same.

Every day we experience a waiting game— what will get better, or maybe worse?

I decided to keep a record in rhyming verse.

So the following is my offering of every day thought.

I hope it will be helpful if you’re in a similar spot, and you will find my words and inspiration, even though sometimes they are born of desperation.

God has been my comfort when nothing else will do, and my earnest prayer is that God will also comfort you.

~Neva Balduff

More Next Week...



Dear Friends—

There just aren’t enough ways to say “thank you” for the fellowship lunch we shared Sunday. The Challengers did a bang-up job on the meal and the Inquirers couldn’t have done a

better job with the decorations. The cards and good wishes for retirement were so kind . . . now to find out who they were meant for (lol)! I have been truly blessed with your care and confidence over the last eight or so years and I look forward to serving alongside you as I move into this next chapter of life! I pray God will continue to bless the work of FCC.    Onward— Arlene



We are happy to welcome Edie Magner as our newest member of First Christian Church of Ponca City. She moved to Ponca City last fall. Edie is the mother of John Adams and is happy to be close to John, Karen, William, and others here in the Ponca City area.