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## A SPIRITUAL SAFARI

Summertime is in full swing now and before we know it, we'll be gearing up for back to school. With that comes Girls' Ministries Week in September and our new annual theme. First things first, though. Power Chicks '19 is upon us. By the time you get this issue, it will be about three weeks until the start of our fourth quadrennial girls event. It has been an honor for me to be part of the formation team that started it all in 2007 and to have watched it touch so many girls and leaders over the past 12 years.

Each event has had a different theme and a project that challenges us to reach beyond ourselves and help with a need somewhere around the world. When Summer Sneed accepted the invitation to be our Saturday night speaker for Power Chicks, the Girls' Ministries Board chose Africa as the project to receive the funds raised at the auction and the offerings the churches are encouraged to bring. The theme was set with Africa in mind: WILD About God: A Spiritual Safari. The money raised will help fund girls conferences in Africa during 2020. We are sad to announce, however, that Summer Sneed has had to cancel her speaking commitment. I assure you, that will not deter our commitment to come alongside the girls in Africa. We want them to experience Christ and His love at girls retreats and conferences just as we do in the U.S. The Power Chicks theme and project will remain the same. Check out the last article for the announcement of the new speaker and all of the breakout speakers in addition to the all-girl band.

The third quarter of 2019 also encompasses the Discipleship theme of Steadfast in Prayer. Everything we do must be grounded in prayer. You will find articles, devotions, and resources related to that theme on our website during the course of these three months. In this edition of Girl Talk you will find our first Girls' Ministries article on prayer and ideas on how to involve your girls in prayer. Since it's summer, the Social Butterflies page highlights apps for children.

And finally, whether you are attending or not, we ask that you commit to pray for Power Chicks '19! Pray for anointing over every speaker, event personnel, and for every leader and girl from the local churches. Our goal is to provide the best time possible during this 3-day event. Most importantly though, we want to be willing vessels to receive God's best. When you are on a safari, your guide has to think like the animals in order to find them. He has to know their feeding and sleeping habits. It takes a lot of investigation and sometimes long stretches of searching for the animals. Life is like a safari; instead of searching for animals, we are searching for wisdom and answers to life's questions. We chose Ecclesiastes 7:25 as our theme verse: "So I turned my mind to understand, to investigate and to search out wisdom and the scheme of things..." (NIV). As a disciple of Christ, we are each on a journey of becoming like Jesus. A journey (safari) requires strategy and tools. Put on your pith hat (think armor of God), study your guidebook (Bible), make sure you have food and water (God's Word), and cover everything in prayer. You would never head out on a safari without a guide. Likewise, you should never attempt to live life without God!

*Irvina Parker*

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Girls' Ministries Director



*Discipleship Happens at the Table*



# CLUB UPDATES

## Project Africa



### A Spiritual Safari for Girls

Our project at Power Chicks '19 will help fund girls conferences in Africa in 2020. Bring your offering to Power Chicks or send it to our office in Oklahoma City (earmarked Project Africa 02205P). All proceeds from the Friday night auction will also benefit this project. You can make a difference!



# Project Africa



## A Spiritual Safari for Girls

### What, When, & Where

On Friday night of Power Chicks '19, IPHC Girls' Ministries will highlight its newest missions focus—Project Africa. We challenge you and your girls to dig into your piggy banks and give to this exciting project by bringing money for both an auction and a separate offering. Our total goal is \$5,000! All proceeds from the safari-themed auction will be added to Monday's offering. Bring your bidding money on Friday night and an offering from your church to Monday's celebration rally. It will be a fun *sherehe* (celebration)! If you cannot attend Power Chicks but would like to participate, money can be sent to IPHC Girls' Ministries and earmarked Project Africa 02205P.

### Why?

In 2010, IPHC Girls' Ministries director, Irvina Parker, and her sister, Evelyn Harlow, felt God calling them to offer their time to conduct the first Girls' Ministries training in Nairobi, Kenya, before they traveled on to South Sudan for a medical missions trip. With no funds available from Girls' Ministries for the trip, it started as a personal commitment. It was the beginning of a ministry that has continued to expand and multiply under the capable leadership of Summer Sneed, IPHC missionary and director of Girls' Ministries in East Africa. During that first training, Summer acknowledged that God had called her to serve the girls. Region by region, He is putting His plan in place and girls are gathering to worship and honor Jesus Christ at conferences designed just for them. This most recent girls conference was held in Lilongwe, Malawi. Funding for events of this nature is challenging for the missionaries with limited budgets. You can be sure that our funds will be used wisely!



### Dress the Part!

On Friday night, we will celebrate "safari style." We invite you to come dressed for the party (we will provide the guide)! We hope to see you in your best tropical get-up. We still ask that all girls and sponsors follow the Power Chicks dress code. We will have judges who will be watching as you arrive for the most unique ideas of presenting the African safari theme—Wild About God. Be sure to get your photo taken!

### Girls Without Borders!

There is an organization for international medical assistance called Doctors Without Borders. They give of their time and energy to travel abroad using their skills. It takes them out of their offices back home and puts them in clinics and villages all over the world. If you have memorized our Girls' Ministries Fivefold Purpose, you know that the final point challenges you to think beyond the walls of your club rooms. Let's teach our girls how to think globally by participating in this project which is designed specifically to help IPHC girls in Africa. Let's become girls without borders as we respond in love.

### Going Once, Going Twice, Sold!

Auctions can be lots of fun, especially when it's for a good cause. All proceeds from our Power Chicks '19 auction will support the girls conferences that will be held next year. For our 2019 auction, churches will bid on safari-type gear, a large stuffed animal or two, and some special Kazuri bracelets that GM director Irvina Parker purchased on her last trip to Africa as a donation specifically for this auction. Churches are also encouraged (but not required) to bring a theme-related item to add to the auction.

The church with the winning bid chooses a sponsor from its group to wear (or carry) the items they won ALL day on Saturday. Bring your money to bid on one of our items. Remember, the auction is in addition to the offerings you will present on Monday morning.

### Celebration Rally on Monday!

We challenge each church to bring a special offering to present at our parting celebration rally on Monday morning. Let's help provide an experience that will make a powerful difference as African girls journey to become more like Jesus Christ.



# SEASON SELECTIONS





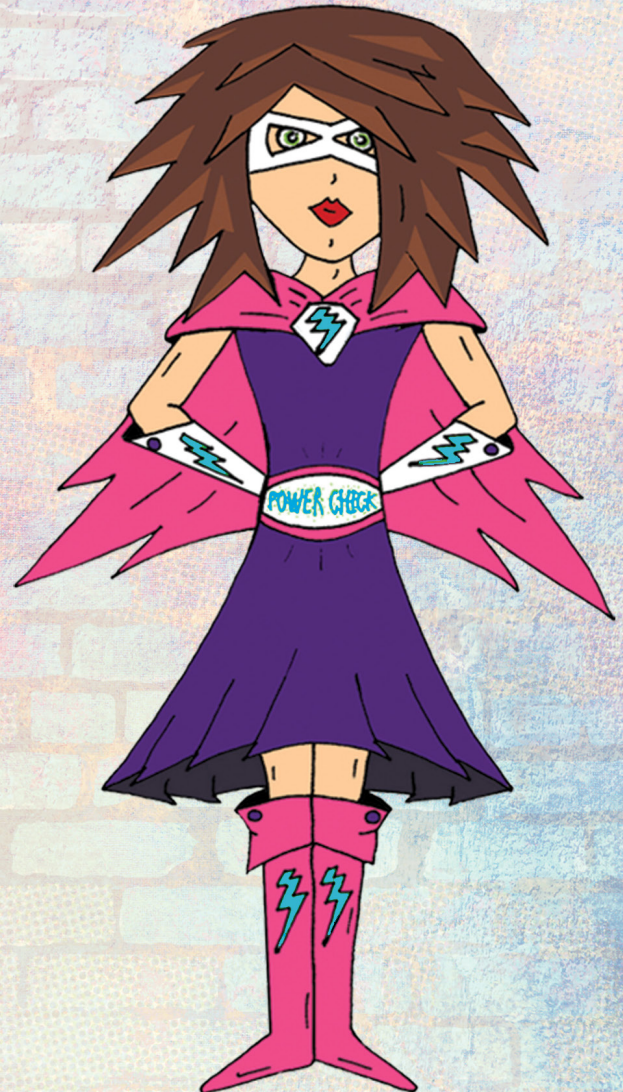
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# SUPERHERO

**A  
Champion  
of  
Justice**

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**girls**  
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**Think About  
Just Things  
(Phil. 4:8)**



**“Learn to do good; commit yourselves to seeking justice. Make right the world’s vulnerable—the oppressed, the orphaned, the widow.”**

**(Isaiah 1:17, VOICE)**

# Girls’ Ministries Week

## September 8-14, 2019





# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## SEIZING THOSE PIVOTAL MOMENTS

by Irvina Parker

Whether you are a parent or a teacher, I am sure you can look back and recall moments in time that became powerful teaching moments. Or, perhaps you can think of a few times where you realized later that you missed the perfect opportunity to teach a valuable lesson.

Paul's instructions to the Christians in Thessalonica set a clear example for us regarding our Christian lifestyle. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, ESV). On the surface, those mandates seem like an impossible task, and humanly speaking, they are. Can I really rejoice when my car won't start and I'm late to my

Girls' Ministries meeting? How do I pray while I'm on the clock at work? How do I give thanks when my circumstances have gone from bad to worse?

The answer to those questions comes directly from the words of Jesus Christ in Matthew 19:26 when he said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (NIV). Faith in God allows us to see beyond circumstances and believe for answers. I learned some of these lessons early on through life experiences that my parents used as pivotal teaching moments.

As the daughter of church planters, life had its challenges. My parents followed the call of God to several new locations to plant a church where



there was no P. H. church. Needless to say, no established church meant no salary compensation, no parsonage to live in, no guarantees on anything. When he had no car, my dad would hitchhike to his job of driving a school bus to help provide for his family. He and my mother relied fully on the fact that God turned impossibilities into possibilities. Prayer and faith were integral factors in daily life. They chose to involve me and my sisters in praying for our needs to be met. On more than one occasion, I can vividly recall them calling us together to pray for groceries. The pantry was bare and there was little or no food left for the next meal. We would pray together as a family and without fail, our prayers would be answered. Usually, it came as a knock on the door and we would find a bag of groceries and no one in sight. These faith building moments were incredible experiences for me.

While I am grateful that David and I never had to worry about where our next meal might come from, I had learned the importance of being involved in praying for answers. I did my best to seize any opportunity to involve our son and daughter in faith-building prayers. One of those “top-of-the-list moments” came early in 1989 when our 8-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter were watching Alvin and the Chipmunks (one of my personal favorites). I was working that morning in my home office and my son came to me in tears. In that episode, Alvin and the Chipmunks were traveling to Berlin. As the story played out, it showed how families had been divided by the wall. His heart was broken as he asked me if this was real. As we talked about the unfortunate events, I realized that God was giving me a great opportunity to turn this into a faith-building experience. We immediately prayed for those affected by the Berlin Wall and proceeded to pray over the few months on a regular basis.

Early on the morning of November 9, 1989, as I watched the morning news, they showed a breaking report of ordinary citizens knocking down the wall! I ran to Ryan’s room to wake him up. I wanted him to see first-hand that God was answering his prayers. It was a powerful faith-building experience for him and his sister. Our prayers, combined with the prayers of untold hundreds, had touched the heart of God and we witnessed the results that morning. It was pretty

neat too that their Grandpa was in Berlin during those days when the wall came down. The kids were able to hold a piece of the concrete that he had picked up from the crumbled wall.

Lesson plans are valuable tools for teachers. However, some of the most powerful lessons happen when you allow God to take over the moment and you follow His lead. Remind children that God’s timing is perfect. When we were praying for food, the groceries almost always arrived in hours. However, not every prayer is answered immediately, so continue to pray for specific needs. Over the months, as we prayed for Berlin, we talked about Germany and learned about the culture that the war had created. It took months for us to see our prayers answered, but when it happened, we acknowledged it for what it was—the hand of God at work. We celebrated it!

If you use the Mpact and TGM curriculum, there are units on prayer in each age level and plenty of suggested activities in the resource sections. If you don’t use that curriculum, look for books or articles. Check out the website for helps such as the Five-Finger Prayer and the ACTS guide (watch our website and Facebook page to see the one we have created for you using that acrostic). Emphasize that prayer is our way of having a conversation with God; it involves talking to him and listening to Him. Put legs to your prayers by doing a prayer walk around your church or nearby neighborhoods. Make a prayer wall in your classroom for prayer requests and answers. Decorate a prayer chair for children to sit in for special prayer. Help them see that prayer should be part of their daily lifestyle by using everyday occurrences as pivotal teaching experiences.

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# SOCIAL BUTTERFLIES







## KIDS APPS: FINDING THE RIGHT BALANCE!

### AWARENESS:

Like it or not, technology and kids are synonymous. We must learn how to navigate the complex maze and find the right balance for our family. We live in a society where we are exposed to media without boundaries. Whether it's television, the cinema, news, entertainment, or music, it streams into our lives 24/7 and is often devoid of any filters. "Marching Off the Map," by Tim Elmore and Andrew McPeak point out that our young are exposed to so much adult information, "they lose (1) their sense of innocence, (2) their sense of wonder and (3) their sense of trust." Unfortunately, they point out, "this information does not necessarily translate into maturity." However, they are also quick to mention that as a society, we have lowered our standard for adult behavior. Ouch! "We want to look young, feel young, dress young, talk young, and act young," they say. "We argue with our children's teachers. We push our kid's coaches to get them special treatment. We're not good at delaying gratification, and we frequently don't keep commitments we make...very much like children.

### CHALLENGE

We, as parents and leaders, must know how to combat the technology challenges AND how to benefit from them as we teach our children. We must learn how to use media to enhance our positive message whether it's about serving God or learning life skills. We must do this while undergoing a self-evaluation. What are we modeling?

### HOW CAN TECHNOLOGY IMPACT LEARNING?

- A picture IS worth a thousand words. Studies show that imagery, connected with right-brain functions, greatly enhance learning over simple text. Retention increases as we add more senses to the process.
- In a study done by the authors of the book cited above, three preferred instruments emerged as students shared how they learned best: music, experiences, and images. You can quickly draw your own conclusions then as to how and why the correct apps could be very useful.
- Overload Warning: Our brains are not wired for all the data overload it receives. Studies show that the 24/7 deluge can lead to addictive lifestyles and high levels of stress. So, BALANCE is the key to proper learning.

### FIND & TEST THE APPS

Find the apps for your own mobile device (or your child's if you have reached that point) that will reinforce the messages you want to teach. You can search for apps for kids that are inspirational, educational, or just for fun. We've given you links to a few below that are recommended from reputable sites. The secret is to test it first and read the reviews BEFORE you hand it over to your child. Some are free; some have fees.

### LINKS TO APPS YOU MIGHT LIKE

<https://www.faithgateway.com/top-bible-apps-for-kids/#.XR-BmOhKhPZ>  
<https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app-for-kids/>  
<http://www.cbn.com/superbook/superbook-free-kids-bible-app.aspx>



# POWER CHICKS '19 UPDATES

## EVENING KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

If you read the director's page at the beginning of this issue, you saw that we had to make a change in our Saturday night speaker. We are pleased to announce that **Katlyn Moncrief Bryan**, the reigning Mrs. Georgia, will take the place of Summer Sneed. Katlyn had already accepted our invitation to be a breakout speaker on Saturday and to participate in the Girl Talk session which is a talk show format. Katlyn is an inspirational speaker, TV host, Success Koach, and author. She holds her master's degree in Organization Leadership from Regent University and is a certified John Maxwell speaker, trainer, and coach. Katlyn has a heart for ministering to girls and sharing her personal testimony with them. She is especially passionate about seeing this generation of students set up to succeed through leadership skills and discovering their personal identity. Her favorite quote is: "It's easier to prepare than to repair." When she isn't speaking, coaching, or writing, she enjoys running, reading, mentoring, spending time with family, drinking coffee, and cooking yummy Mexican food! Katlyn is a Georgia Peach who currently resides in Atlanta with her husband, Jeremy Bryan. She will leave Power Chicks just a bit early to go to Las Vegas where she will compete in the Mrs. America pageant. We wish her the best as she allows God's light to shine through her



## BREAKOUT SPEAKERS

Katlyn will be joined as a breakout speaker by Christal Potter, Meredith Light, and Jennifer Terry. Christal will also participate in the Girl Talk session with Katlyn (hosted by Mary Alice Treviño) on Saturday. **Christal** is an inspirational speaker whose goal is to reach as many women and girls as she can to

encourage them to see themselves as the Heavenly princesses they are: "fearfully and wonderfully made" in the image of God. She has experience in communications and broadcasting and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Media from North Greenville University. Christal, originally from South Carolina, comes from a family with a rich heritage in the IPHC. She is a talented vocalist and worship leader. She loves to share her story of overcoming insecurity to lead a purpose-filled life in Godly confidence.

Christal is a local titleholder in the Miss South Carolina pageant. She was second runner up to Miss South Carolina 2016 and fourth runner up in 2017. Not surprising, if you've ever met her, she was voted Miss Congeniality 2017. While Christal says she never really intended to pursue a title in the "pageant world," God has used pageants as a platform for her to reach many young people and point them towards Christ. Her heart for girls will be obvious as she shares from personal experience the overcoming power of a relationship with Christ.

**Jennifer Parker Terry** is no stranger to Power Chicks, having participated in all three to date as an intern and two-time breakout speaker. She holds a master's degree in Library Media from Oklahoma University and is the director of the Media Center for middle and high school students at Heritage Hall, a large private school in Oklahoma City. Although the school is secular, she models a strong Christian lifestyle for her students. She is an avid runner and loves literature and encouraging young girls and teens to put down their devices and pick up a book!







**Meredith Light** is returning to Power Chicks to share her heart in the classroom setting. She blessed us in 2015 as she led the praise and worship team in anointed worship. Meredith is a life-long IPHC girl with a heart for ministry to women and girls. She

graduated from Southwestern Christian University with a Liberal Arts degree. Meredith vividly recalls being called to ministry while standing backstage at Power Chicks '15. She is now the children's pastor at her local church, Compassion OKC, and works in the Discipleship Ministries office at our national Global Ministry Center as a creative specialist. She also serves on the national Student Ministries Advisory Team (SMAT).

## POWER CHICKS ALL GIRLS BAND

As always, we will have an all-girls band and praise team for Power Chicks '19, made up mostly of young ladies from the Emmanuel College Conquest group. We would like to thank Trés Ward (from Emmanuel) for working with us to put together the right group of young ladies who will lead us in worship and serve as interns. Pictured with GM director from left to right are the young ladies from Emmanuel. Back Row: Lydia Adams, Hannah Adams, Michaela Dove; Front Row: Emmalee Bell, Irvina Parker, and Madison Starnes.



IPHC Girls' Ministries

# POWER CHICKS '19

National Girls' Event

## JULY 26 - 29, 2019

Blue Ridge Mountains • Ridgecrest, NC

Guest Speakers

**Katlyn Moncrief  
Bryan**

**Janice Marshburn**

Total Cost of Power Chicks

<p>Housing and Registration ages 11 &amp; Under*</p> <h3>\$194.00</h3>	<p>Housing and Registration ages 12 &amp; Up*</p> <h3>\$239.00</h3>
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For details and info:  
[iphc.org/girls/power-chicks](http://iphc.org/girls/power-chicks)  
 405-792-7134

\*Event designed for girls going into 3rd grade through high school



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

This is our third and final installment in the series, "Where Are They Now?" We are so proud of all of them and their accomplishments—both then and now. Erica (Radford) Campbell and Rachel Fenters were interns for Power Chicks '11. They were students from Emmanuel College at the time and part of their dance team. They helped wherever needed and performed a dance to the song "Mirrors" which reflected both of their testimonies of overcoming low self-esteem and lack of identity.

Erica graduated from Emmanuel in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in the School of Christian Ministries. She and her husband Jon live on the campus of Emmanuel College where he serves as the Director for Residence Life. They also serve with the Awakening as leaders for the Traditional Internship at Emmanuel College. Erica works at LifePoint Ministries as the Communications and Events Coordinator. She serves as the Girls' Ministries Director for LifePoint and on the IPHC General Women's Ministries Board.



When we asked Erica about her favorite Power Chicks memory, she shared about the opportunity to pray with the girls at the altar. "I prayed with one young girl, Brianna, who just graduated from Emmanuel College," she recalls. "She remembered me praying with her and told me several times how much that prayer meant to her. She and I became close over her four years at EC, and for her Senior project she planned a women's conference at EC. It was an honor that she asked me to mentor her through the planning process. God is just so amazing how He brings relationships full circle and uses you in small ways that may slip your mind over the years but that were very impactful to that person in that moment."

Rachel Fenters graduated Magna Cum Lauda from Emmanuel College in 2013 with a Bachelor of

Science degree in Biology and started medical school that fall in Spartanburg, SC. She graduated from Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2017 as a physician. She is currently in residency at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, SC, where she will become board certified in Family Medicine in the spring of 2020. She loves using her medical skills on missions trips and in volunteer work. On one specific trip to Honduras, the team saw over 900 patients, and 10% of them came to Christ! Rachel's missions statement is powerful: "I believe the call of God on my life is to look into the eyes of the hurting, to hold the hands of the crippled, to embrace those who suffer from illness, and to bring quality medical care to the whole person by being a family physician."



When asked about her favorite memories from Power Chicks, Rachel loved having the opportunity to minister to the girls through dance and forming bonds with fellow interns, the all-girl band members from Southwestern. She had a highlight moment with IPHC missionary, Sharon Wooten. "As she was ministering to me," recalls Rachel, "she told me something that I will never forget: 'don't take things, personally. You are on God's mission. He has equipped you with a sword to spread His word to all the earth, but He will be your defense.' That has stuck with me through every season of my life."

We can't wait to see what God will do in the lives of our new group of interns, girls, and leaders as we come together again in Ridgecrest, North Carolina, July 26-29, 2019! Power Chicks really is a life-changing experience for everyone!

