



March 5, 2022 – 10:00 am
Zion Lutheran Church
624 Barnett Street, Kerrville, Texas
(In the Old Sanctuary)

We are honored to have Karla Solomon and Brittany Thompson join us as guest speakers this month.



KARLA SOLOMON currently serves as the Director of Outreach & Training at Mercy Gate Ministries, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping those affected by human trafficking, exploitation and sexual trauma. She also serves as a Council Member for the Human Trafficking Survivor Leader Council for the Office of the Governor for the State of Texas. Karla is a Consultant for the Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign where she assists with various projects regarding training and education. She works closely with many different organizations to combat human trafficking.

Since 2017, Karla has effectively reached audiences throughout the State of Texas and far beyond our nation. She shares her personal lived experiences of child sexual exploitation and adult commercial sex trafficking. She trains and equips individuals and communities with tools to recognize exploitation and where/how to report it. She utilizes her testimony, knowledge, and expertise to educate, empower and be a voice for the voiceless.



BRITTANY THOMPSON, FOUNDER AND CEO, BSN-Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) is the founder of The Retreat Home for Children. In 2018, after moving to Boerne/Kendall County she discovered a lack of services available to child survivors of sex trafficking in the region. She saw a great need ... A place where child survivors of sex trafficking can find safety and have access to the proper therapeutic services for healing from the trauma they've endured.

Now, The Retreat Home for Children is one of the few places in Texas that will treat young girls who have been sexually exploited or trafficked. The Retreat's mission is to "show the love of Christ to each and every child and family to whom we serve and beyond. We do this by creating a culture where the needs of children, families and staff are seen and met in creative and innovative ways". Brittany states: The story of The Retreat reflects God's story to all of us in Psalm 119:114: *"You are my place of quiet retreat. I wait for your word to renew me."*

SAVE THE DATE

May 13-15, 2022

Central Texas Area Aglow Spring Conference "Holy Spirit Fire"
Inn of the Hills, Kerrville, Texas

This impression was inspired by our Aglow President: Jane Hansen Hoyt

EXPOSURE, EXPECTATION, and ELEVATION

As she pondered the thought of being in God's waiting room, three words started to form within her spirit:

EXPOSURE was the first: She states "Things will be exposed this year. In his mercy, He has waited on people to choose to do what is right. My sense is that He gives us time, and time, and more time, as a parent would with their children. Yet, as we refuse to allow His dealings to bring us to a place of repentance, as a merciful Father, He has no choice but to expose what is hidden. He does it so that we will begin to make other choices that align with the purposes of Heaven."

EXPECTATION is the second word. Jane says "We might not be giddy like a kid before Christmas, but there is a deep sense of expectation that God is at work and something is going to emerge. I particularly felt this in relation to where we are in the Third day Awakening."



She goes on to say "It seems that it has begun and it is unfolding around us. It brings a sense of expectation in many areas of our lives. Hope for a fresh outpouring. Hope for a harvest of souls. Hope for promises fulfilled."

ELEVATION is the third word. She states "I believe that as He exposes and cleanses us, and adjusts our expectations, there is coming an elevation. I believe it has begun. He is gracious and there are not thousands of people waiting ahead of you. This word of Elevation primarily includes our walk with Him. He is bringing us higher".

Jane Said: As I have read, I found myself drawn to 1 John 5:18. The words WE KNOW jumped off the page. That says a lot right there. There is a knowing deep within us that has grown and flourished and flowered. It is unshakable and immovable.

WE KNOW that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God, keeps himself. "Keeps himself!" And the wicked one does not touch him." (NKJV)

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing, and perfect will. Romans 12:2

"Louada Raschke will be leading us in anointed worship."