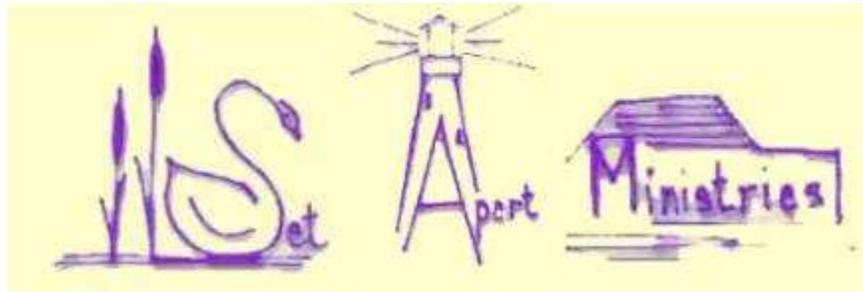


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Set Apart Ministries Inc. Newsletter Introductory Newsletter

July 2005

Greetings!

With this first edition of our newsletter we welcome you to join us in the adventure of learning to Walk more fully in the ways of our Messiah, Y'shua of Nazareth. Set Apart Ministries, Inc. is a non profit organization incorporated in January, 2000. Our mission statement is found in Hebrews 10: 32-39.

As we have sought to come alongside people who are coming out of extremely difficult, occultic or abusive lifestyles, we also learned that we needed to come out of the traditional church system as we studied Torah from a Messianic perspective.

In these past five years, as Y'shua is developing a Torah pursuant community here, we have learned a great deal about maturity in all areas of life. Our Messiah calls us to grow up in every way into Him Who is our Head. This can be an incredible challenge! Through speaking with others in Messianic communities around the country through Messianic Israel Alliance, we have found that a common experience is forming a community, only to have it break up over internal conflicts and inability to resolve concerns. A strong Biblical knowledge foundation is not always the same thing as having the maturity and skill in leading a community. Our calling is to come alongside the Body of Messiah and help develop the individual and corporate maturity that we will all need in the coming days.

We are now ready to share what we have learned with you from our professional perspective of five years in dealing with the challenges presented when re-aligning your life with Torah. We would also like to share our expertise in working with interpersonal relationship issues as well as conflict management: both a reflection of the maturity level of the individuals involved. In the coming weeks and months, we will offer a series of articles detailing the concerns that often arise in the first year of coming into Torah observance personally. We will also

At Your Service

Founder of Set Apart Ministries and Personal Life Coach: Barbara L. Klika, BS, MSW Barb has been a clinical social worker in practice since 1983 with an abiding interest in working with attachment/bonding and maturity issues for individuals, couples and groups. She has been a congregational leader for over 20 years in several areas, including Bible study and vocal and handbell choir direction. She is also a certified Bethel Bible Study teacher who has participated in serious study of the Word since 1993 through such organizations as Precepts Ministries and First Fruits of Zion. She has completed basic coaching training through MentorCoach, Inc. and will be continuing work toward an additional Masters degree in coaching. Barb has provided the clinical leadership in pursuing the Life Model group and individual teaching and processing emotional and maturity issues for the past 3 years. She offers her gifts of exhortation, discernment, intercession and prophecy to the Body of Messiah, both locally and in our extended community via telephone and the internet.

Board Member and Personal

offer information that will help both individuals and groups develop the emotional, intellectual, and psychological maturity that is so necessary to walking together in Torah after our Messiah.

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Walking in Torah 101



As leaders within our previous church communities and trained Bible Study teachers, we have both walked through the first years of coming into Torah observance and supported others who are coming along. We have

observed that there are many common areas of concern and that, all too often, a person or a family who becomes convicted to observe Torah is too far away from others of like mind to develop a regular community. Since the concerns are so often similar, we will offer a series of observations and suggestions for coping in the following areas:

- Refuting Legalistic Concerns
- Personal Feelings of Anger, Shock and Regret
- Extra Biblical Holidays left behind; now what?
- Managing Reactions of Family and Friends
- Re-assessing My Faith
- Keeping Sabbath
- Employment/School Scheduling Concerns
- Finding a Faith Community
- Levitical Food Guidelines
- What will I "be"? if not Lutheran, Catholic, Methodist, etc.

Teleconference Group on Walking in Torah 101

In the coming months, we will be offering an opportunity for people from all over the world to join together by telephone for an hour's discussion of these concerns. In the wake of



Life Coach: Marilyn Guffey. Marilyn had been a congregational leader in her home church for over 20 years, providing Bible study, worship opportunities and lay counseling for women in transition for most of that time. She has completed her basic coaching training through MentorCoach, Inc. Marilyn has been the co leader in the provision of group and individual teaching and relationship development through the Life Model for the past 3 years. Marilyn is a serious student of the Word and has participated in and provided many Bible study opportunities, most recently with First Fruits of Zion and numerous additional Messianic Torah study materials. She thrives on offering her gifts of mercy, discernment, encouragement, intercession, and helps and has a strong desire to support the Body of Messiah in growing in maturity and faith, both locally and in our extended community via telephone and the internet.

Board Member (VP) and support person: Janell Schroeder, BS works professionally as a computer reports specialist for a very large transportation company. She has been instrumental in the founding of Set Apart Ministries, functioning as a support person for people going through trauma recovery. She has attended numerous training experiences in this area and has participated in the Life Model program since it's beginning. Janell is a certified Bethel Bible Study teacher as well as a certified Precepts Bible Study teacher. She has also been in leadership in her previous congregation as a member of church council and in Adult and Child Education. She is currently working on her Bachelors Degree in Messianic Studies and plans to complete

the decision to make major lifestyle changes often comes the need to talk out loud and express oneself...often repeatedly! about the whole experience. This initial introductory group will be free of charge and limited to the first 25 people who register. The long distance fee is covered by the caller and with a phone card, such as from Sam's Club at 3 cents a minute the fee can be as little as \$1.80 for the opportunity to speak with others of like mind.

Maturing in Messiah

In becoming Torah observant, we begin to learn new lifestyles that are foreign to us. By doing so, we also face opposition from family and friends. How do you react when faced with rejection or people telling you you're wrong--anger, explosive, defensive or just run away? And as we work to build Torah communities, what about all the relationship problems that develop?

One of our goals at Set Apart Ministries is to learn to walk the way Y'shua walked and to become the people He created us to be. Living in the world has caused us to have gaps in our maturing process and we don't always act the way we would want to, in a way that glorifies our Adonai (Romans 7:19). In the coming weeks, we will be discussing the concepts of growing up and maturing. The good news--through the work of Y'shua, we're not stuck!

If you would like to be a part of a FREE introductory telephone virtual group on Maturing in Messiah, let us know at info@setapartmingb.org. Class size will be limited to the first 20 people. We look forward to hearing from you.

Your Voice Can be Heard Too!

We have developed a survey for those who have come into a Torah Pursuant lifestyle regarding what has been your most pressing concerns during the first year of transition. So whether you are IN your first year of walking in Torah now, or if it was some time ago, we would welcome your viewpoint. The list of concerns priority in this newsletter is being developed from the responses we have received so far. If you would like to add your voice, please click on our website address below and then, click on the navigation box item: First year Torah Observance Survey. Thank you for your participation!



a Masters Degree through the Messianic Bible Institute Yeshiva. She brings her spiritual gifts of teaching, mercy, helps and intercession to our home Set Apart Ministries community.

Board Member, Secretary Treasurer: Robert Klika, BS , currently works professionally as a supervisor in the area of milk sanitation for the Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture. Bob has been a leader in previous congregations through service on church council as well as in men's ministries. He provides leadership in several areas of our home community, particularly in the areas of practical arrangements for gatherings, youth ministry and fun nights, and corporate prayer as well as keeping accounts and necessary organizational paper work. He completed his high school education in a Roman Catholic Seminary and has participated in Bible study since then through several studies, including the Bethel Bible Study series and Messianic Torah for the past 4 years through First Fruits of Zion and many additional supplemental materials. He offers his gifts of helps and administration in our home Set Apart Ministries community.

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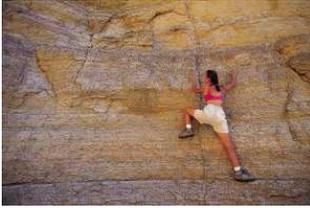
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Personal Life Coaching



When your concerns and struggles are too personal to share in a group setting, we offer personal life coaching. In the privacy of your own home or office, you can speak with a member of our staff. Coaching services are tailored to fit your needs, usually conducted by telephone, and give you a place to receive prayerful, Biblical support as you make any important life transitions.

Obtaining a personal coach who will stand with you, help you develop your plans and reach the goals you desire is very simple. ***The first call is always no cost, no obligation.*** Ongoing calls are usually 30 - 45 minutes long, one to four times a month, depending on what you request. Fees are determined ahead of time with monthly payment plans so there will be no surprises. Just give us a call at Set Apart Ministries and Marilyn or Barb will be available to get acquainted and find out if coaching is an option for you. You can also check our website for additional information on what coaching can be for you.

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