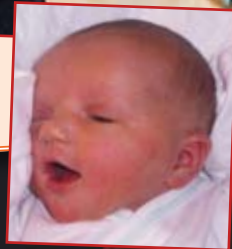


## SPOTLIGHT: Joy...In Due Time

**Brandy Marshall**, a Young Woman Representative from **Tucson, Arizona [English District]**, shared with her sister YWRs at the LWML Convention in Sioux Falls how she and her husband had been praying for a year and a half about trying to start their family. During the convention, the YWRs prayed for this request, and a month later, Brandy discovered that she was indeed expecting a baby. The Marshall family welcomed Rhyleigh Charlotte at the end of April. Praise God for this bundle of joy!



## So you've been asked to be a Young Woman Representative?



Here's some advice from **Krista Niemoth, Nebraska District South**: *Keep your heart and mind open during your experience as a YWR. You never know when God will be speaking to you through someone you meet or something someone says. Do not be afraid to hear Him. He may be calling you to serve, to learn something about yourself, or maybe just to remind you of His greatness and His love.*

Check out the LWML Web site ([lwml.org](http://lwml.org) > **resources**) for the latest *Impressions* — the online newsletter just for young women!



### Quotable Quotes

Serve the Lord with gladness...and joy! Betty Duda

I asked God for all things, that I might enjoy life. God gave life, that I might enjoy all things. From "Soldier's Prayer" [author unknown]

*So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.* Matthew 28:8.



*Triple Joys as YWRs! Monnica Westendorf (2008), Michell Westendorf (1992), and mother Ella Westendorf (2006). All three have been YWRs for the Kansas District LWML!*

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## Attitude: JOY!

*Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior (Habakkuk 3:17-18).*

Where do we find joy? Commercials would have us believe it is found in the latest anti-aging cream, the newest diet, the finest sports car. If that were true, what happens when the wrinkles appear, the pounds don't drop off, or the vehicle breaks down?

Young Mary knew the source of true joy when she sang ...*my spirit rejoices in God my Savior* (Luke 1:47).

Joy is not dependent on having or not having things. It is an attitude of the heart. When we rejoice in the Lord, our surroundings and possessions take their proper places in our lives.

Today's woman might reword Habakkuk's words in this way: "Though gasoline prices are higher than I like, though my hours at work are long and stressful, though my responsibilities weigh heavily upon me, though my house is too small and my bills are too big, yet I will rejoice in the Lord."

Lord, when earthly things block my heavenly view, remind me that You are God. Help me to find my greatest joy in You. Thank You for Your love. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

## Happy Trials to You!

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds (James 1:2 TNIV).*

Excuse me! Let me read that again Consider it...joy...whenever you face trials. Come, now! Joy and trials are not synonyms. Trials do not bring joy — or do they?

*No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it (Hebrews 12:11).* God shows His love even in the trials and disciplines that beset us. Through them He sustains and brings us closer to Himself. Faith is strengthened, and He gives us the victory.

What trials do you have in your life? Be assured that a *harvest of righteousness and peace* is a part of His divine plan, and He will bring it to pass for you.

Dear Lord, when I am brought low by trials and troubles, give me strength and understanding. Show me the joy that You have promised to me and to all who trust in You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Taken from: *Living in Joy: Mustard Seed Devotions.*