



*She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at
the days to come*

Proverbs 31:25

Inspiring women to develop an outward style to reveal their inner
beauty!

Hello Beautiful Friend!

Here we are already in August, and this month has a way of bringing mixed emotions. Summer is still in full swing, yet many of us are sending kids or grandkids back to school, wrapping up vacations, and wondering where the season went. This summer has been full of memories for me (both happy and sad). **It's possible to feel both happiness and sadness at the same time—to cherish the memories we've made while also feeling the busyness and changes that come with a new season.** In the middle of the summer chaos, don't forget to take a little time for yourself. Whether it's updating your wardrobe, enjoying a quiet cup of coffee, taking a walk, or simply pausing to breathe, self-care isn't selfish—it's essential. When we take care of ourselves, we're better able to care for everyone else too.

I thought I would share some of my summer memories from last month and particularly last week! I would love to hear some of yours too!



I sailed to the Bahamas with my BFF Shari, and we had an amazing trip. We celebrated milestone birthdays aboard the ship, and I'd recommend a cruise to anyone looking for a special getaway. The food and entertainment were excellent, the weather was perfect, and the scenery was absolutely beautiful. Of course, we loved dressing up for dinner each night and embracing our inner fashionistas.



After a few days to catch up from the trip, it was full steam ahead! I offered color analysis pop-ups at the Hair in the Smokies Hair Show in Sevierville, TN while promoting Style By Color's Academy course for hairstylists. I love what I do!



On Tuesday I picked up my brother at the airport after his flight from New York City so he could be here for our mom's 82nd birthday. She is now in the final stages of Alzheimer's and is in a nearby memory care facility. We had a tender visit, though it was heartbreaking knowing it might be the last time he sees her on this side of heaven. The next two days we returned to spend as much quiet, meaningful time with her as we could. I see her often, and it's always painful to grieve the mother she once was, but having the three of us together made it especially hard. This disease is truly devastating.



On Thursday afternoon my son and his fiancé got married! They had a small ceremony on the courthouse lawn which was absolutely precious! Since my brother was still in town, he was able to attend. Stephanie and her son, Cade, have already been family in our hearts for the past 5 years but now Jeff and I officially have a daughter in love and a very special grandson! We couldn't be any happier!

Believe it or not, this was all in less than a week, but I enjoyed every minute of the chaos! I hope you have been enjoying your summer! Let me know of any fun places you have been. As back to school starts this week in most areas, I know a lot of you will be quite busy in the hustle and bustle. Don't forget to slow down and take time for some self-care so you can take care of everyone else.

I am looking forward to events this fall and sharing trends and fashion tips, so be watching your email for those! I still have some open dates for fall and winter if your ladies group is looking for a speaker and am also currently booking for spring 2027 and would love to get you on my calendar!

*From a heart filled with grace
and veins filled with glitter,
Donna*

P.S. Is your church or ladies organization planning an event? I would love to be your Guest Speaker! [Email](#) or call 865.599.6682



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