

Women's Ministry Newsletter

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Looking ahead

Fall Women's Bible Studies

The Word of God is living, active and sharper than any two-edged sword!

Hebrews 4:12

Those of you who are regularly studying the Bible know the truth of this verse. The Women's Ministry Team at BPEFC places a high value on the study of God's Word, and is pleased to offer new Bible studies, starting this fall. At 6:30 on Wednesday nights, beginning September 15, you can choose *Genesis Part III*, a Precepts lecture and DVD series, which includes the life of Abraham and an in-depth study of chapters 12—26 of Genesis. Or you could take a good look at the life and ministry of John in a Beth Moore DVD series, called *The Beloved Disciple*. Childcare is available. Teachers will be announced.

Thursday morning Bible study will be another Precepts study with teacher, Gail Lyon, *Genesis Part I*. This inductive study begins "In the Beginning" and is full of thought-provoking exploration of the foundations of our world and God's relationship with His creation. Kurt Wise delivers lectures on DVD that will make you eager to explore Genesis for yourself, and solidify your knowledge of this book. And Gail will direct our discussions. Use this opportunity to get to know other women through small group interaction, fellowship and study time together. Childcare is provided for a small fee.

Sign-up for all these studies is coming. Watch the bulletin for dates!

Successful Spring Tea

The Spring Tea held on April 17 raised over \$700 from raffle tickets for "Party in a Purse." These funds have been allocated for the retreat. Thanks to everyone who participated in this successful event! We had over 100 women in attendance, and Pat Laubersheimer did a fabulous job as our speaker! Check out pictures at www.BrooklynParkChurch.org.

Teacher Training

If you are interested in teaching Precepts Bible studies, leaders' training is required. There will be training sessions in Rochester, MN on July 30-31. Check out the website for details – <http://store.precept.org/p-1240-rochester-mn-training-workshop.aspx>. If you are interested, contact Cheryl through the church office by June 29. Financial aid is available to help with the cost of the training.

Women's Retreat 2010

Excitement is building for the Women's Retreat coming this October 1-3 at Ruttgers Resort (ruttgersresorts.com). Planning meetings have begun and we are hard at work trying to make every aspect of this retreat a time of rest, relaxation, worship and challenge for the women of BPEFC. Joining us on the weekend will be the women of Grace EFC/Fridley, and we hope they will feel welcomed and included. Vicky Tiede, from Rochester MN, will be our speaker. Look forward to encouraging, uplifting and humorous messages from her!

We hope you have been doing your best to set aside funds for the weekend, little by little. Scholarships are available through the Women's Ministry for anyone who needs help with the cost. Sign-up for the retreat will begin July 18, and there are a limited number of



rooms available to us. Be sure to get your name on the list as soon as possible! And come prepared to sign up for appointments in the resort spa, breakout sessions and other opportunities.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of the retreat. If you want to join us in making this the best retreat ever, please contact Cheryl or Laurel through the Church Office.

Get to Know the Women's Ministry Team Corrine Rucks

My name is Corrine Rucks and I am part of the Women's Ministry Team.

I have been married to my wonderful husband, Rich for almost 19 years. We are the proud parents of three boys: Richard Charles, almost 16, and fraternal twins Aaron and Andrew, who will turn 13 in July.

In 2006, we sold our home in Brooklyn Park and moved to Rogers, MN. I work for the Osseo School District at Maple Grove Junior High as a food nutrition assistant, otherwise known as a "lunch lady." My husband works at Home Depot as head of the Electrical Department. In my spare time I enjoy working on crafts, reading, listening to music and spending time with my family.

My life for the most part has been a waiting game... waiting for things to happen, things to change.

When I was seven years old, I watched my parents divorce. That meant being separated from my own brothers and sisters and being placed in a foster home for two years. I was placed on an adoption list and I had to wait for someone to adopt me as their daughter. I've had to deal with feelings of neglect, anger, bitterness, and the feeling of being unwanted and unloved as a child.

Through all of my life experiences, I have learned that to wait on God simply means to sit back with an attitude of rest and assurance, with an expectation that what you are waiting for will eventually come to pass.

Psalm 62:5-7 says, "My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God."

Waiting, for me as a child, seemed to take a long time, but in God's timing, I gained new parents who taught me God's love, helped me heal from past hurts and gave me hope for the future!

I see now that God had a specific purpose for my life, and learning to wait on Him helps me to appreciate what I have today. Through my experiences I learned that all the glory belongs to Him.

I love this song by John Waller:

I'm Waiting

"I'm waiting on You, Lord
And I'm hopeful
I'm waiting on You, Lord
Though it is painful,
But patiently I will wait
I will move ahead bold and confident
Taking every step in obedience
While I'm waiting
I will serve You
While I'm waiting
I will not faint
I'll be running the race
Even while I wait"

What are you waiting for? Are you willing to remain in a state of stillness before God? Remember, waiting teaches us discipline; it forces us to turn our minds from ourselves and focus them on God, where they rightly belong.



Women's ministry team leaders - Cheryl, Laurel, Corrine, Melissa, Connie and Carmen.