



Women's Ministry Newsletter

Grounded In CHRIST

For this reason I kneel before the Father from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name, I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:14-19

What's in Your Box?



Salem Women's Ministry

Salem Women's Ministry Mission

We prayerfully seek to glorify God by offering events and activities for our church and community that are biblically focused and address the spiritual needs of women, support missions, and promote fellowship, thereby encouraging and strengthening each woman's relationship with Jesus Christ. Through prayer, God's word, and the power of the Holy Spirit we desire to create a fellowship of women that serve others with compassion and love each other with a spirit of grace and forgiveness.

Imagine putting all of the things you hold near and dear into a box – a treasure box, of sorts. What would your box of treasures contain? A special piece of jewelry? Family members? Photos? A beloved piece of furniture? Your car or house?

Matthew 6:20-21 states "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The things of this earth (all of our material possessions) are only temporary and subject to destruction. But the love of Jesus and the sacrifice He made on the cross is everlasting.

Do you count Jesus among your treasures? If Jesus isn't in your treasure box, would you consider making space for him?

Admit – that you are a sinner (have done wrong) in need of a Savior. (Romans 3:23).

Believe – in your heart that Jesus is Lord, that he died on the cross, and rose from the dead. (Romans 5:8)

Confess – with your mouth these things and accept the forgiveness and redemption that is only available to you through Jesus and you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

No wrong is too great to be forgiven for WE are God's "treasured possession." (Deuteronomy 7:6)



But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

Mark Your Calendars for the Following Women's Events

Popcorn

Movie

Sundaes



PMS Night – FOR WOMEN ONLY, Thursday, September 9th, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

On Thursday, September 9th from 6:30-9:00pm the Salem's Women Ministry is sponsoring a movie night. As we complete the SWM's theme of Hidden Treasures, join us for a fun Treasure theme night. We will enjoy a movie along with popcorn and sundaes. There might even be a Treasure Hunt. So mark your calendar now!

Fall Retreat - November 12-14, 2010 - Save the Date!

Leave the daily grind behind and join us in North Myrtle Beach for our Fall Retreat, "Good to the Last Drop".

We'll be rooming in beautiful 2 and 3 bedroom ocean front condos at the Avista Resort. Your weekend away will include worship, engaging sessions, fellowship, food, and lots of fun.

Cost for the weekend is just \$175 per person and includes accommodations, Friday dinner, breakfast Saturday morning, lunch on Saturday, breakfast Sunday morning, and tickets to the Alabama Theater on Saturday night

Of course you'll also enjoy some free-time on Saturday afternoon when you can grab an espresso, walk on the beach, nap in your room, or go shopping at one of the nearby malls.

Registration forms are available in the church office, church lobby, and online at www.salem-bc.org/upcomingevents

SWM Email List

Would you like to get the latest and most up-to-date information on SWM events and activities? Did you know we sent out a Monthly E-Newsletter? Don't miss out! Sign up for the SWM list at http://salem-bc.org/mailman/listinfo/swm_salem-bc.org. Please note that this is a message-only list (not a discussion list).



For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

II Corinthians 2:15

Bible Studies and Discipleship

Bible Studies

Sunday Evening Studies beginning September 12, at 5:30pm

Jonah (Women's Study): Many times, like Jonah, we run! In this 7-session Bible study, Priscilla Shirer redefines interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city. This study will be led by Becky Wise in Room D122.

Faithful, Abundant, True (Women's Study): Join Beth Moore, Kay Arthur, and Priscilla Shirer in a women's Bible study recorded live at the Orlando Deeper Still conference. While these three women each speak on the distinctive topic the Holy Spirit had lead them to teach, the messages result in a marvelous blend. Kay challenges us to faithfulness in difficult days. Priscilla points to the essential of trust in God's ability, and Beth teaches on how to discern truth from error in these difficult days. Annette Eaton will lead this study in Room D130.

Wednesday Night Study at 6:30pm beginning September 8

One In a Million (Women's Study): In One in a Million, teacher Priscilla Shirer invites us to change that pattern for good, loving beyond our circumstances and expecting to see God move in miraculous ways day after day. This study will be led by Becky Wise and will meet in Room D226

Weekday Bible Studies

The Mind of Christ: This 14 week study will provide deep insights into the character of Jesus Christ and the example He set for us. We will examine our own thoughts and emotions by the standard of God's Word, which will bring us closer to Him. This class will begin September 14 at 9:30am in Room D124 and will be led by Roxanne Fricke. Childcare will be provided (registration required).

Pursing More of Jesus: If you want MORE than the bare minimum God has to offer, MORE than what the average Christian seems to settle for, MORE than just enough to get by, then join Anne Graham Lotz in Pursuing MORE of Jesus. In this dynamic study from John's Gospel, you'll spend time in the upper room with the disciples, absorbing the rich depth of all that was on the mind and in the heart of Jesus as He shared intimately with them during the Last Supper. This class will begin Monday,



Sister to Sister

Dearest Sisters in Christ,

As been our tradition for the last three years, the Women's Ministry has selected a theme and verse to guide our prayers and plans for the next year.

This year's theme will be "Grounded in Christ". This is our prayer for each one of our Sisters in Christ. It comes from Ephesians 3:14-19 (English Standard Version), "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

I challenge each one of us (me included) to ask God to reveal what we need to do to be more firmly rooted and grounded in Him this next year. What does "grounding" mean for you? Perhaps that means this year you'll dedicate yourself to spending time in His word daily. Maybe you'll sign up for your very first Bible study. Is it time for you to start (or restart) a daily time of prayer? Whatever you choose to do, know that God rewards those who earnestly seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)

May God strengthen and bless your walk with Him.

Cyndee Ownbey

Women's Ministry Director

Moment for Missions

OIAM

You may have either heard or seen these letters in the past few weeks and wondered what they mean. Or since you didn't really know what they meant, you figured it didn't apply to you – but it does! OIAM stands for Operation In As Much. It is a 1-day missions emphasis for our church based on the scripture Matthew 25:40, "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." The goal of OIAM is: "To involve Salem Baptist Church in a one day mission's effort to reach out to the community in physical ways in order to reach them spiritually".

Basket of Blessings

Our Baskets of Blessings ministry provides encouragement to women in our church experiencing a difficult season of life. Baskets are filled with such items as a devotional, candle, note cards, chocolates, tea, Kleenex, CD, and a handwritten note.

Over two dozen women at Salem have been blessed with a basket. It's just one more way we can love and care for one another.

We have many more needs than we currently have volunteers on this team. If you would be interested in packing baskets, writing notes, or making deliveries please contact Cyndee Ownbey (290-2652, cownbey@nc.rr.com).

Small Groups

Barker Howell: Barker Howell continues to have great participation at Spring Arbor on the last Wednesday of the month. Join them for their next Hymn Sing-Along on Wednesday, Aug 25 at 10:00 AM. The Barker Howell circle also actively visits our homebound church members. For more information contact Mary Lou Booth (362-6168, cdrboothandnana@bellsouth.net).

Grace Givers: New Night for Grace Givers! Grace Givers will be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month beginning on September 21. We will still meet in Fellowship Hall at 7:00. Come join other Sisters in Christ as we fellowship while discussing a particular topic, participating in a craft, or preparing for a visitation to Salem's homebound members. For more information, contact Debbie Barnes @ 303-0660 or d2barnes@earthlink.net.

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Events Coordinator

Missions Coordinator
Mentoring Coordinator
Newcomers/Welcoming Coordinator

Barker Howell
Girls in Action Team Director
Grace Givers Leader

Mission Friends Leader
MOPS Morning Coordinators:
(Mothers of Preschoolers)
Operation Christmas Child Organizer

We will have a variety of projects in which you can be involved including painting, construction, yard work, baby sitting for others who are participating, providing or delivering lunch to work crews, small sewing projects, prayer walking, etc. Our desire is to involve as many members of Salem as possible. There will soon be sign-up sheets in the lobby of Building D. Please take a moment to look at the lists to see where you might be able to help to minister to those in our area. God has placed Salem where it is to minister to those around us. Please begin praying now where God would have you be involved as we reach out in His name.

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