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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

Hidden Treasure

My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
Colossians 2:2-3

Grab your girlfriends, daughters, neighbors, and mother and join us for a faith-filled, fun fashion experience like no other! On Saturday, May 15th from 5-8:30 PM, Shari Braendel will show you how to dress the best for your body shape, teach you the right colors to wear to be radiant, and will explain how to make simple changes to highlight your best features!

The cost (includes dinner) is: Individual—\$15 per person, Bring a Friend—2/\$25; 3 or more \$12.50 each. Registration begins for Salem members and attendees on Sunday, April 11th and opens to the public on Sunday, April 25th. You can register on-line (www.salem-bc.org) or after the 8:30 and 11:00 services (look for sign-up desks). We encourage you to register early, as seating is limited. This event is recommended for women of all ages and youth in grades 6 and above.

Everyone at the conference will have a personal color analysis, compliments of Shari and her assistant. You'll leave inspired and ready to accentuate your God-given natural assets while unveiling your true, inner beauty.

For more information on Shari, please check out her website at: www.sharibraendel.com.

Volunteers Needed to Assist with the What to Wear Event on May 15th

We need a few good men to help during our dinner at the *What to Wear Conference*. Help is needed from: 6-8 PM. Responsibilities include: refreshing the buffet, refilling water/tea pitchers, clearing plates, etc.

We are also in need of a number of women to assist with book sales, greeting, set-up, and clean-up. Volunteers will still be able to participate in the event.

If you can assist, please contact Amanda Beard at 208-4671.

Grace Givers: Want an awesome opportunity to fellowship with women of Salem Baptist Church? Come to Grace Givers on the third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Grace Givers will also be meeting on April 15 and May 20. If you have a special ministry or talent to share please contact Debbie Barnes (303-0660) or Rhonda Quattlebaum (363-7222).

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).

Wednesday Evening Bible Studies

We are currently looking for ladies who would be willing to lead a Bible study during the summer. Studies can be held in your home or at the church. If you are interested in leading or participating in a summer Bible study please contact Teresa Bucy at 342-4775, btsbucy@nc.rr.com. Summer studies would start in June or July.

Dearest Sisters in Christ,

I must admit I am a bit overwhelmed by the length of my "to-do" list. The really sad part is it doesn't even include those daily duties like cooking dinner, washing dishes, and the endless loads of laundry.

Do you ever get so focused on crossing off those items on your list that you miss what God has in store for you? I know I do. While I may relish those check marks, God doesn't care about the number of tasks I've completed, He cares about His people. 1 Timothy 6:18-20 (NIV) says, "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."

Satan whispers in my ear, "Oh, but your list is so long and there are a lot of important things on there. You do so much already. How can you possibly do more than you are already doing? God wouldn't want you to burn yourself out or stretch yourself thin." Oh, how tempting it is to believe those lies. The truth is we are called to be compassionate even when it is inconvenient. When others see that we take the time to stop, notice, help, and care they see Jesus in us. We miss out on what is truly life when we are so focused on ourselves rather than others. The truth is the dishes will still be there tomorrow and the dusting can wait another day, but the tears of a friend or neighbor need to be attended to promptly. Compassion trumps convenience every time.

May we each be generous and willing to embrace those that God places in our path,

Cyndee Ownbey

Women's Ministry Director

Sister Six Registration - Get connected with other women at Salem - sign up for a Sister Six Group. You and 5 other women will meet over the next six months (May through October) for 4-6 fun activities. Your group may choose to meet at a restaurant, rent a video, host a game night, plan a potluck dinner, or even go bowling.

A group leader will make the initial contact with group members and will select the first group activity. You and your group members will help plan the remaining activities. The possibilities are almost endless!

Don't delay - registration forms must be received by Monday, April 26th and groups will begin meeting in May. Registration forms for Sister Six Groups will be available at the church office, welcome desk in Building D, and on the WM bulletin board in Building C.

Thursday, April 22nd at 7 PM - Ladies Newcomers Fellowship - The Salem Women's Ministry has scheduled its first quarterly Newcomers Fellowship for Thursday, April 22, at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Whether you are a new visitor or a frequent attendee, we hope you will come and connect with other Salem women. In addition to fellowship, coffee and dessert, information will be available about Women's Ministry activities and upcoming events. All women are invited and encouraged to attend. There is no need to RSVP. *Please note that future quarterly fellowships will be offered at varying times of the day to meet the scheduling needs of all women.*

This year as one of my personal goals I have committed to reading the Bible all the way through. In the past, I had started to do this several times as part of a New Year's resolution, but usually got sidetracked before January was over. I decided that I would use a Bible we had which was set up with passages from the Old Testament, the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs for each day.

Here we are a quarter of the way through 2010 and I am proud to report that I am still on track. But what, you might ask does this have to do with missions? Initially, I would have probably asked the same question. But a week ago as I was reading in Deuteronomy God spoke to me. In Deuteronomy 10:19, God tells the Israelites that they are to "...love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt." Look around your children's schools, your office, or for that matter, your neighborhood. How many of the people you encounter would God consider "aliens"?

In my work in the Durham schools, I know that a significant portion of the population in the schools I cover would fall in this category. God once again challenged me to look at my attitudes toward these people He had placed in my life. One of the first things He reminded

me was that He loved them all, whether they were here legally or not. Ouch!

This past Saturday, I had the opportunity to spend some time at West Haven, an apartment complex in Apex. We were doing an Easter egg hunt for the children there. Over half of the children there were from Spanish speaking families. As we made bunny bags, hid eggs and played Easter bingo, I saw these children as God sees them. I saw them as His children who needed to know about His love for them.

I would encourage you, if you have not had the opportunity, to spend some time at West Haven and see what God is doing. There are several opportunities for you to be involved. On Sunday night Salem hosts a Kids Club. On Tuesday nights, Salem does ESL classes. On Thursday nights, Salem hosts a Teen Club. About once a quarter, the Women's Ministry has been hosting a special event there. There is always room for more volunteers. You can contact either Kathy Ward or I to volunteer.

Nancy Hoopingarner

Mission Coordinator

Barker Howell: The Hymn-Sing A-longs at Spring Arbor continue to be a blessing to all who participate.. All are welcome to attend their next meeting on Wednesday, April 28 and Wednesday, May 26 at 10 AM. For more information contact Mary Lou Booth (362-6168, cdrboothandnana@bellsouth.net).

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