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Salem Women's Ministry

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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

Scrapbooking, Saturday, July 31, 1:00pm - 10:00pm

Do you have hidden treasures in boxes in your closets? You know the ones, the special moment in time that you just had to capture as a visual memory (photograph). Then why are they hidden in boxes? Schedule some time to appropriately display/preserve those memories and join us for a day of scrapbooking. You may find an additional hidden treasure; the joy of fellowshiping with other Christian women. No cost. Just bring a snack to share and money for pizza.

Popcorn

Movie

Sundaes



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

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, this is one time you can look forward to **PMS**.

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. Registration forms will be available in late July/early August.

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.

We hope you can come; it's going to be a latte fun!

If you are interested in being on the planning team - please contact Cyndee Ownbey (290-2652, cownbey@nc.rr.com) as we will be setting a date to meet soon!

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://saalem-bc.org/mailman/listinfo/swm_saalem-bc.org. Please note that this is a message-only list (not a discussion list).

Bible Studies

The Inheritance (A Bible study by Beth Moore) - This nine session lecture only DVD series is a topical study of Inheritance throughout God's Word. Key verse: Psalm 16:5-6 "The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance". (Please note this series does not have homework.)

Teresa Bucy will be leading this class and will meet in Room D-122. Sign up by calling the church office or register online at www.salem-bc.org/upcomingevents.

This study will be meeting on the following dates: June 8, 15, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; and August 3, 10.

Lead a Bible study? Who me!?!?

Are you feeling prompted by the Lord to lead a study but feel unequipped? Are you burdened for your neighbors but don't know where to start? If you would be interested in learning more about leading or coordinating a Bible study, contact Teresa Bucy at btsbucy@nc.rr.com or 342-4775. A training session is being planned for later in 2010.

Habla español! If you speak Spanish and would like to help lead a Bible study at Westhaven, please contact Teresa Bucy at btsbucy@nc.rr.com or 342-4775. Residents are interested in having a Bible study. Let's not miss out on an opportunity to minister to the body of Christ.

Dearest Sisters in Christ,

On my bathroom mirror hangs this verse from Philippians "Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." (4:9) That verse is a constant encouragement and reminder to me to step out in faith into the areas in which God has called me to serve. I am called (as are you) to put into action those things which He has and is teaching me.

Just over three years ago God called me to a task which was utterly and completely overwhelming. A task for which I was totally unqualified, but for which I had a burden and a heart.

My prayer partners could see what was coming long before I ever did. At our weekly prayer meetings we would cover not only our personal requests but also our church. For months we prayed God would call someone to serve as our next Women's Ministry leader, but the spot continued to remain unfilled. Burdened to continue to pray and greatly in need myself of WM events that would connect me with other women, I would often confess "Lord, I know it's not me." I was busy with MOPS, two little boys, and greatly lacking in Biblical knowledge and wisdom. I had just barely gained confidence in group prayer. I couldn't quote scripture. I wasn't a born and raised Baptist (surely that was an unwritten qualification!).

After much prayer and some serious efforts on my part to convince God that He had the wrong girl, I stumbled upon a verse that confirmed my calling. I was more afraid of being disobedient and out of God's will than I was of failing.

I continually thank God for the privilege I have had serving Him and all of you in this capacity. You are an amazing group of women and it has been such a blessing to serve you. I have been pushed and challenged. I have cried tears of frustration and tears of joy. My faith has been stretched. It's been hard on many levels but I am better for the stretching.

God has put together an incredible team of women that work prayerfully and diligently to provide events, ministries, and opportunities for each one of you. It has been an honor to serve with each one of them.

I have a favor to ask you, would you please pray for the woman that God is calling to step into this position this fall. She is going to need your prayer support and the strength and courage to step out in faith.

May God grant us each the courage to go where He calls us,

Cyndee Ownbey
Women's Ministry Director

Over the past few months I have had to throw several bras away and ended up with only a couple in my drawer. So about a month ago, I went to the store and bought some new ones. I wore an unusual size and always had trouble finding the bras I liked in the size I needed. This time was no exception, so I ended up buying a few different ones. I wore the new bras a few times but they didn't seem to fit right. The straps kept falling off my shoulders. So I went back to the store to see if they could help me. Their suggestion was to tighten the straps a little more and hook the bra on the middle hooks. Well, I must say they were right that the straps didn't fall off my shoulders, but every time I tried to lift my arms (which I seem to do a lot in my job), the bra would ride up several inches – very uncomfortable and potentially very embarrassing. The bras were also so tight and uncomfortable that I couldn't wait to get them off at night.

So last week I went back to the store again and told another sales person my problem. This time I was hooked up with the "fitting expert". She measured me and told me that I was trying to wear the wrong size bra! Unfortunately, the new size she measured me for wasn't any easier to find than the previous size. We were able to find one bra in my new size – a

sexy black one. The fit was really good and comfortable. She had me sit with it on for a while, move around in it and lift my arms. It didn't ride up or threaten to cut me in half! I really liked this new bra. Then she showed me the price - \$62.00! Now I must admit that I've never been one to buy my bras at WalMart or the Dollar Store, but \$62.00 was still shocking to me. But because the bra fit so well, I ended up buying it.

Over the past week, I have thought about that bra and its price tag. I've also thought about all the women who can't just go out and buy a new bra or new underwear whenever they want or need it. I look in my lingerie drawer and see enough to make it through a week without doing laundry (even longer) and am convicted. I would challenge each of you to take a look in your lingerie drawers. If you have more than a few bras and a few pairs of panties, you have more than a lot of women do. The Salem's Women's Ministry has an opportunity to help some of those women. We are currently collecting lingerie to donate to INTERACT, a shelter for battered women. Please join us and "drop your drawers" in the drawers placed around the church.

Nancy Hoopingarner

Barker Howell: The Spring Arbor sing is such a blessing to all who attend and we were honored when Spring Arbor presented the church with a beautiful floral arrangement in appreciation of our ministry there. Hope all of you saw it on Mother's Day. We will take a break in June because of VBS but back on schedule in July. I was able to attend the ice cream social that honored volunteers in early May. Many of our members take an active part in visiting the homebound and support for those who have lost loved ones. We look forward to a great summer serving the Lord in any way we can. The next Hymn-Sing A-longs at Spring Arbor will on Wednesday, July 28th at 10 AM. For more information contact Mary Lou Booth (362-6168, cdrboothandnana@bellsouth.net).

Grace Givers: Grace Givers will resume meeting on the Third Thursday of each month in September. For more information please contact Debbie Barnes (303-0660) or Rhonda Quattlebaum (363-7222).

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