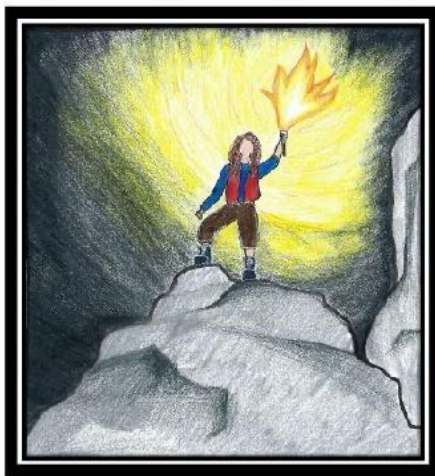


Women in the Church Newsletter

*Transformed to pursue the glory of God in our daily lives
-Becoming What We Behold-*

It Matters That We Stand



*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."
- Ephesians 6:10-11 (ESV)*

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Please make plans to attend the WIC Annual Meeting:

August 29th 9am-12n

In these uncertain times, we need to gather and encourage one another. Come join us and enjoy a morning brunch followed by a time of information and inspiration. We will welcome new leaders, and also give you an opportunity to see where you might fit in being a life-giver to the body of Christ through women's ministry. You will also be hearing about the coming year's Bible Study as well as signing up for which time you would find convenient to attend one of our 4 monthly Circle Bible Studies. We are happy to welcome Becky Dunlop, who will be joining us to share her thoughts on **STANDING** in these challenging days.

New Study beginning in September: Hinged Bible Study on Ephesians

"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called." Ephesians 4:1

In the book of Ephesians, Ch. 1-3 focus us on being vertically connected to Christ, challenging us to think on who God is. Ch. 4-6 focus us horizontally on being vitally connected to each other. It is important that we keep these two truths in the correct order. Who we are in Christ instructs us and enables us to live out that reality. Our position "in Christ" connects to our practices in the home, church, and workplace.

The cost for the books is \$13.99, but we are only charging \$10. If you would like to pick up a book at the annual meeting, please bring cash or a check made out to DVPC with a note "Adult Discipleship".

Testimony Corner: Shay Sumner

When I was asked to write a testimony for the WIC newsletter, I was somewhat anxious. I'm ashamed to say that I've never given a spoken testimony to my faith in Christ, except to answer when asked at baptism whether I had believed on the Lord for salvation. Claiming to be shy and self-conscious really isn't acceptable, but that's my excuse.

However, the current atmosphere in our world has brought me to the conclusion that I had better learn to be vocal in my belief and be prepared 'to give an account for the hope' that is in me.

I don't have a stirring story of strong faith; I have a story of faith that falters and stumbles. But, thanks be to God, I have a Savior who never falters or stumbles and will never leave me or forsake me. I have a glorious hope and a glorious destination. This world, with all its confusion and animosity, is not my home. I look forward to a day when I, and all who trust in Christ, will live in a world renewed and cleansed of all that brings pain, sadness, and sorrow. We can rest in His promises and be assured that He will bring us to that destination.

The only hope and consolation I have when I see the hatred and misery in our nation, and all over the world, is that my blessed Savior has defeated Satan and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will return to reign on earth and we will see righteousness cover the earth. None of God's purposes will be thwarted. What He has ordained, in the church and in the world, will be accomplished!

Let us therefore 'continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His Name.'