

Women in the Church Newsletter

Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, encouraging one another in the Lord



photo from Women's Annual Meeting



Bible Study Nugget:

Becoming a Woman Who Loves by Cynthia Heald

As we take a look at the first lesson in the book, the author focuses on The Supremacy of Love. God has demonstrated the highest love, for in Christ's sacrifice He has accepted His dependent followers unconditionally.

She brings out the idea of God being the host who actively invites and welcomes His "parasitic" children to cling to and depend on Him. The connotation of the word *parasite* is usually negative because a parasite can ultimately destroy its host. But a few positive synonyms for that same word are *follower* and *attendant*, which perfectly describe those who choose to hold fast to the Lord God. Far from destroying this loving Host, God's children bring Him pleasure when we acknowledge and accept His kind invitation to be fed, protected, and nurtured by Him. He wants us!!

Monthly studies: 1st Tues: 10am & 1pm, 2nd Tues: 6pm
1st Wed. 5:45pm It's not too late to join in ;)



Pray for our
Missionaries

*Dennis & Judy B.
-MNA, Philadelphia

*Kiersten
Hutchinson
-TEAM, Zimbabwe

*Covenant College

*George & Martha
Mixon
-SERGE, Kenya

Upcoming Events

Monthly Bible
Studies

Reformation
Celebration: Wed.
October 31st

GIVING:

Money for Christmas
Missionary gifts

TESTIMONY CORNER BY: ESTHER OGLESBY

As a young mother who had just settled in the valley, I had not been very active in the life of the church, other than regularly attending Sunday School and Worship Service. One day a dear lady, who I would later call my spiritual mother, telephoned me to ask if I would take an active role in the Women in the Church by accepting the job as Vice President/President Elect on the WIC council. I was shocked, and my first response was that I didn't even attend Circle groups. She told me that did not matter. As a member of DVPC, I was a member of the Women in the Church. This was a four-year commitment, so I told her I would think about it and pray about it. With encouragement from my husband, I decided to accept. I certainly did not feel qualified, but could not have imagined how God would work in my life simply by just being willing. I had a new desire to open my heart to His Word, I developed wonderful new relationships, and could use gifts that He had given me to work for His Glory! My life had a new meaning! I say new meaning because in the years preceding, I had returned to school to complete my degree so I could begin a career in the business world. Our daughter, Laura was two when I graduated from Radford University with a BBA degree. I was ready to conquer the world. God had other plans for me. Laura was truly a momma's girl, and demanded that I was available to her at all times. I gave up on job interviews and just enjoyed time with my precious daughter. When she began school, I thought now I can go to work. Nope! She was ok with being at school, but wanted the security that I was there for her anytime she needed me. It just didn't seem meant to be for me to go to work. I was upset that nothing worked out until the day that I accepted the fact that I was not meant to have a career outside my home. I was then filled with peace. It was at that same time that I got that telephone call. For four years I put everything into this job that God had planned for me to do. I was rewarded by His blessings continuously. At the end of those four years, it was time to hand the job over to someone else. I was relieved in one way, but had an empty feeling when I walked out of that last meeting. "What now, God?" He gave me that answer about 6 weeks later when I found out I was pregnant with Rose. Blessed with 2 girls ten years apart, a new chapter began. My spiritual mother was Ann Armbrister. She told me once to never assume someone will say No if you ask them to do a job. She said give them the opportunity to say Yes. I'm so glad she asked! What a blessing and a privilege to have so many dear sisters here at Draper's Valley Presbyterian.

"We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing." – 2 Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV)