

Women in the Church Newsletter

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A note from the Women's Ministry Board:

Hello ladies! We would like to encourage you with a goal for the year 2019. Last year's goal was to "consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together as is the habit of some, but exhorting one another and so much more as you see the Day approaching." **Heb.10:24-25**.

To follow up and extend that focus, we would like to introduce the goal of encouraging one another to pray for a Spirit of Kindness and Goodness to pervade the living out of our helper design to be life givers and image bearers. As Jerry Bridges puts it, "*Kindness is a sincere desire for the happiness of others and goodness is the activity calculated to advance that happiness...Kindness being an inner disposition, created by the Holy Spirit, causing us to be sensitive to the needs of others physically, emotionally, and spiritually. **Goodness is Kindness in action, words, and deeds.**" In other words, Kindness is what the Spirit fills us up with so that the Goodness spills out. :)*

Our focal Scripture verse will be from **Galatians 6:10**—"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

Did you know?

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Wondrop- Church
Planting, England

*Andy & Amy Wood-
RUF, VA Tech

Mark your
calendars!

*Women's
Spring Event
May 4th*

Art work by Terri Pratt



WELCOME!!

Barrett Russell Taylor
son of Cody & Stacy Taylor



*Please continue to pray for
our expecting mothers!*
*Makenzie Carter
& Bekah Bartlett*

What's Going On?!

Apron Strings sister group has been providing a light snack for the Session to enjoy during their monthly meetings. Included with the food is an encouraging note to the men. They highly appreciate ALL of our prayers of intercession on their behalf. These men, along with our Deacons, need the Spirit's guidance and wisdom as they continue to lead DVPC.

TESTIMONY CORNER BY GAIL DAWSON

In 1989, my son, my husband and I moved to Draper. We weren't Presbyterians, but DVPC was two minutes away. Providence.

I had never witnessed a church where God was using so many women. Virginia Allison, Ann Armbrister, Ernestine Hall, Jane Kelley, and Margaret Humphries were just a few that impacted me. As I think of intentional women, these come to mind. Yet I never heard of specific intentions or mentoring. They taught, healed hearts, and served wherever they were needed.

The history of these blessed women might be viewed as a legacy. I don't particularly see it that way. I see it as a guide from the Holy Spirit for the "mature" women of our fellowship.

I believe that God, through his Spirit shows us, as I'm sure He showed those ladies, where we need to be within the church family and our community. We are called to love and care for this family as Jesus loves and cares for us.

I want to be hospitable, be a sister, and be a mentor. But more than these, I want to aspire to be a Jane Kelley, the lady that made sure the kids were learning the Catechism whether the adults in the church knew it or not. That is a bit of a high calling. Then again, the Word is full of those.