SEPTEMBER 6-7, 2013 WOMEN’S MINISTRY FALL RETREAT

Plans are underway for the 2013 Women’s Ministry Fall Retreat to be held in the peaceful setting of Camp Allen in Navasota. We have invited Shannon Perry to return for an encore. Her love of God and her desire to share His word makes her our most favorite retreat speaker. Look for the Save-the-Date cards and posters for the details. Early Bird registration began May 26: space is limited, so sign-up now! The first 50 registrants will receive a t-shirt supporting the Karen Taylor Scholarship.

Transportation will be available from the church. The cost for transportation is $5 payable along with registration. Contact Cheryl Padgett for more information at 936-588-6275 or cheryl.padgett@aol.com.

Karen Taylor Scholarships Awarded on May 19th

Erin Brumley is the recipient of the KT Scholarship for an individual who is continuing to pursue educational goals at the university level. She is currently enrolled at Sam Houston State University in the Teacher Education program. Her career goal is to teach in the Language Arts area at the junior high level. At this point in time, she has maintained a 3.5 GPA. She is a member of WCBC; a married mom of four children; active in her sons’ boy scout troops; and participates in a number of our other church activities.

Jessica Roetman is the recipient of the KT Scholarship for a young lady who graduated from high school this past May; and meeting this criteria, Jessica received her high school diploma from Covenant Christian School, Conroe, Texas. She has been a member of WCBC for the last three years: has been accepted to Sam Houston State University; and will be entering the Teacher Education program for a specialty in Elementary Education. She has been active in extra-curricular activities at Covenant as well as activities at WCBC. She is the daughter of Tim and Carolyn Roetman.
Meet the Women’s Ministry Leadership Team

Debbie Boker has the title of Clerk but she serves in many areas. She prepares the Pink Bags for the women visitors. You may have seen these cute bags stuffed with information and goodies at the Information Desk in the foyer as well as the youth side entrance. She assists with the different ministry group events and functions wherever they can use a hand and even serves as a Sunday morning greeter. She likes to keep busy and feels that there is a blessing in helping others.

She was born in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and as an infant was lucky enough to be placed in a foster home with a Nazarene pastor and his wife. Debbie was 14 when this same family was able to adopt her. Even though her parents were a bit protective, she feels that she had a wonderful upbringing. She was active in the church choir growing up and this is a favorite memory of an activity that she and her dad shared. She has been in the Conroe area for 25 years now and a member of WCBC since 2007. While looking for her new church home, WCBC stood out because of the church’s friendly nature. It made an impression with Debbie who feels that she never meets a stranger here.

She spent a lot of time studying the Word of the Lord growing up and continues to enjoy exploring the Bible with her church family at WCBC. We say church family as both Debbie’s parents and two siblings are deceased and she looks at WCBC as her extended family. Debbie’s passions are reading, visiting with friends, walking, and swimming. With the warmer weather coming up, it won’t be long before she can enjoy a well-deserved dip!

Apples of Gold “Titus 2” Graduates

Class Photo of the first Titus 2 group to complete the Apples of Gold six-week program which was designed for older women to nurture younger women in the Word of God and to encourage them to obey that Word. Their last meeting was mixed with smiles and hugs. The principles are based on those taught in Titus 2:2-3 with the practical application of cooking skills, relationships, homemaking and hospitality. It is hoped that other teams will get inspired to conduct other sessions in the fall and spring of each year. For more information contact Emily Eenigenburg at 832-922-5841.

Pictured: (left to right) Forefront: Emily Eenigenburg, Emily Lewis, Staci Maxey
Back: Jennie Drude, Michelle Taylor, Jeanne Seyb, Melinda Mallett, Katherine York, Pam Wear, Cheryl Padgett and Jean Calhoun

Jeanne Seyb and Emily Lewis
Emily Eenigenburg and Jean Calhoun
Pam Wear
Melinda Mallett
Melinda Mallett & Michelle Taylor
Betty Lou Martin
DEVOTIONAL

By Amy Hyden

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

We recently moved into a new-to-us home. While unpacking boxes for the bookshelves, I unwrapped a figurine that has sat on every bookshelf in every home we’ve lived in over the past fifteen years. When we married, country was in style, and I collected cows. A well-meaning couple gifted us a porcelain cow. It has wings, sits upright, has crossed hind hooves, and bears a creepy painted smile. It’s hideous, really, hideous. We place it on our shelves because it is simply too ugly to dispose of, and the running joke between my husband and me is too precious to destroy. As I positioned it beside the books this time, I felt a small voice ask, “How many other ugly things have you kept over the years?” What? “I made you new.” Oh. Ouch.

If we read 2 Corinthians 5:17 carefully then we should focus on the small word in the middle of the first sentence: is. When we are in Christ, His identity is now ours. His thoughts are now available as our own thoughts. His actions are our actions. There is no future tense implication to this passage. The transformation is immediate before God. When Jesus does the work of reconciliation in our hearts, then God instantaneously creates a new person, not a worked over version of the old. This is an important distinction, and one I think Paul wanted to make since he emphasized that the old is completely removed and says twice that the new has taken permanent residence in the life of the believer. Why, then, do we insist on carrying around our former self, and occasionally (or not so occasionally) putting it on display? Three things come to mind. (1) We don’t actually believe God. We instead, heed the voice of the enemy who insists we can alone make ourselves new. It’s a perpetual effort in futility. (2) We don’t understand the difference between struggling with sin and living in it. We will never be removed from our sin battle on this earth, but in this passage we have assurance that it no longer wields power over us. Jesus accomplished the work of freedom. (3) We fail to abide. Many want the power of God and the benefits of God while denying Him the seat of prominence. He did not redeem and reconcile His children to play second fiddle to our worldly priorities. To be sure, God wants to be on full display as a watching world witnesses transformed lives, but that only happens when we, as His name-bearers, daily submit to life on His terms. Got any ugly cows on display? Meet with the Lord. He wants you to take hold of your life as a new creation, under the power of His transformation.

momsLife

Moms’Life has concluded the Friday morning sessions for the summer but has added a Wednesday night session. Cyndi Fields is leading the session and topics include: When You and He Disagree, Not Normal like Me, Cultivating Character, Raising Daniels: Integrity, Honesty and Self-Discipline. Classes meet in Room 219 and begin at 6:30. Moms are welcome even if they have never attended a class before. For more information contact Cyndi at cyndi_fields@sbcglobalnet.com or 832.205.4123

Girlfriend Time

Anna Nallie and Sandy Temple enjoy meeting on Wednesday night during the Fellowship Meal to get to know each other. Anna invites visitors and/or new members to Supper Club each week as part of the Women's Ministry effort to develop relationships and encourage women to get connected at West Conroe. For more information contact Anna at a_nallie@yahoo.com or 281.777.7601
**Women’s Ministry Book Club**

The book for our next book club meeting is THE PROMISE by Tony Evans. It will go right along with Pastor’s recent sermon. Our next meeting date is Monday, June 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

**Calendar of Events 2013**

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**Girls’ Night Out with Natul**

On April 11, the ladies of West Conroe dined in the Garden Room, as Natul Middlebrook prepared and demonstrated for our GNO. The food, which included Spring Asparagus and Spinach Soup, Stewed Flank Steak with Peppers and Onions (Ropa Vieja), Perfect White Rice, and Guava Creme Brûlée, was wonderful and elegantly prepared. Many thanks to Natul for teaching us all something new.

**Krafty Krafters**

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
in Room 215

**Quilt 'til You Wilt**

Ministers to Pregnancy Assistance Center North and the neonatal units at local hospitals by spending one Saturday a quarter putting together squares to make baby quilts.

Quilt ‘til You Wilt meets June 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Chapel

Contact: Kelly Ray 936-242-3070

**GREETERS**

Do you have a few minutes on Sunday morning to welcome women visitors to WCBC? Women’s Ministry needs you to help our guests find their way to the children’s area, Bible Study or to the Sanctuary. Stop by the Information Desk and pick up a Pink Badge and be there for someone God leads to us.

**Pink Bags**

Was the women sitting next to you in church or Sunday Bible Study today new to the church? Please bring her to the Information Desk in the foyer to receive a Pink Bag filled with goodies and information about how to get connected to Women’s Ministry.

**Women’s Ministry of West Conroe**

Our Mission

We will reach women for Christ; nurture women in their faith; involve women in kingdom service; engage the next generation and support the church staff and our church family.