

A Newsletter for Women By Women

# Cornerstone Christian Women's Ministry



Fall Edition 2008

## CCC Women's Ministry

By Cathy Householder

Soon, some of us will be welcoming in a new school year and we will be saying our farewells to the summer of 2008. Along with that, we are beginning to look ahead to fall 2008 and into 2009. But, before we look too far ahead, I need to share my sincere thanks to all the ladies who have been involved with women's ministry this past year. As we wrap up our first 'official' year, God has truly blessed us as a women's ministry and as a congregation. There were several times in the past year that I thought we were coming to a place to be able to take a breath and focus on what we were already doing when God placed another need and challenge in our path. And each and every time, the women of Cornerstone came through to help fill the need. Thank you, thank you, THANKYOU! More and more I know that when God asks us to do something, He enables us and gifts us to complete what HE has asked of us. I have seen that in you!

We are living in such an exciting time. God continues to show us where we need to grow, both individually and as a church body. We will be starting the fall off with the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Women's night on Sept. 4 at the church. You will want to "Come and Taste" what the Women's ministry has for you this next year. You can read in the rest of the newsletter many opportunities that are starting soon. We continue to look for ways to share God's word with women so that they can not only taste HIS goodness but will *know* HIM and HIS love. It must be more than just knowing of/about HIM, but we must *know* HIM. We all know of George Bush, but how many of us can honestly say that we *KNOW* George in a personal, intimate way? Christ knows all about you and loves you even so, and one of HIS greatest desires is to make Himself known to you so that you too can *KNOW* HIM. **Come**, join us as we learn, serve together and encourage each other, and **Taste** and know of the goodness of GOD!!



## Ladies for Christ

Ladies for Christ is an organization of the church that supports various ministries/missions here at our church, in our community, and around the world. The Ladies for Christ Ministry is very important to the Women's Ministry. Presently, the group has decided to step back and reevaluate the program. You will hear more from them in our next Newsletter. Please keep this group in your prayers as they examine their ministry and ask God for the direction he wants to see it grow into.

### 2008-2009 Women's Ministry Team

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**Meals for Needs:** Cathy Householder

**Bible studies:** Alicia Crutcher and Beth Dawkins

**Mentoring:** Angel Spreitzer and Regina Hamilton

**Winter Retreat:** Terrie Carroll and Holly Brown

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By Jodi Goodnight

The MOPS International theme for 2008-2009 is *Adventures in Mothering*. This theme equips moms to learn more about themselves as they go through the adventure of motherhood. They will celebrate and embrace the fun in the experiences, even in the midst of daily mom life that stretches them emotionally and spiritually. The theme verse of *Adventures in Mothering* is Ephesians 3:18: "...how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." The dimensions of this verse express how God is with us in our mothering adventure. The knowledge that God is with us on the mothering adventure gives hope. God's love is big enough for the magnitude of the adventure.

Your Cornerstone MOPS group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month starting September 8<sup>th</sup> through May 11<sup>th</sup>. Our meeting time is from 9am till 11:30 am. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Jodi Goodnight.



## Us Name This Newsletter

We want your help to name our newsletter. Our goal is to send out a newsletter every 4 months: April, August, and December. Just send your ideas to us at [womensministry@cornerstone-ch.org](mailto:womensministry@cornerstone-ch.org).



## Volunteers Needed

Do you have Monday Mornings Free? Are you young at heart? Consider helping us by watching our preschoolers during our MOPS meetings. We meet from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday (September to May).



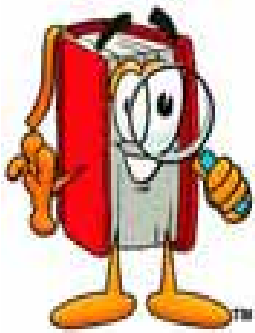
Here are some of our social adventures that we have planned for the fall:

- ☺ **Tues., August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm:** Welcome meeting at Cornerstone.
- ☺ **Sat., September 13<sup>th</sup>:** MOPS/POPS & volunteer pizza party at Shenanigans in Belleville
- ☺ **Fri., September 19<sup>th</sup>:** MOPS dinner night out
- ☺ **Fri., October 17<sup>th</sup>:** MOPS night out at Pottery Hollow
- ☺ **Sat., October 18<sup>th</sup>:** We will be joining the preschool at Eckerts for pumpkin picking 10 - 11:30
- ☺ **Sat., October 25<sup>th</sup>:** MOPS/POPS Bonfire
- ☺ **November 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>:** Antiquities photo fundraiser
- ☺ **November 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>:** MOPS night out "Scrap and Wrap Night"
- ☺ **Fri., December 12<sup>th</sup>:** MOPS Christmas Party
- ☺ **Fri., December 19<sup>th</sup>:** MOPS night out St. Louis Mills shopping trip.

# Women's Bible Studies

By Alicia Crutcher

Ladies, you are invited to attend Women's Ministry Fall Bible Study.



**Where?** Cornerstone Christian Church

**When?** Tuesday Mornings 9:00AM starting Sept. 9th and Wednesday evenings 6:30PM starting Sept. 10th, 2008.

**What are we studying?** A Woman's Heart God's Dwelling Place by Beth Moore a video/workbook series.

This study includes in-depth Bible Lessons which are designed to be completed over 11 weeks through a combination of daily, individual study and a weekly group session. Every week contains 5 daily lessons, each of which will require about 45 minutes for you to complete. Participants meet together for a two hour group session each week for discussion and to watch a 50 minute teaching video by Beth.

In this study, Beth invites you to enter the sanctuary of your God and let Him reveal marvelous mysteries through the study of the tabernacle in the wilderness. You will learn the fascinating account of its construction, the significance of its intricate design, the pivotal role in God's eternal plan and the grand fulfillment of its purpose by Jesus Christ.

Beth Moore will encourage you to develop a more intimate relationship with God allowing you to learn more about His will for your life, His provision for your life, your fellowship with Him, and your role as His priest in the world. Finally, you will be challenged to prepare your heart, like the Holy of Holies, to become a home for His love and glory—a dwelling place for the Most High God.

Come and be a part of examining the most vivid portrait of God's Son in the Old Testament: the tabernacle. Come walk with Beth Moore through the wilderness wanderings, where we will surely discover streams in the desert.

You can sign up at the Connection Center or contact us at [womensministry@cornerstone-ch.org](mailto:womensministry@cornerstone-ch.org). There will be a cost for the book plus a \$5.00 registration fee.

We hope to see you in September.

# Devotional Thought

When was the last time you really considered the meaning of grace? What were your findings? As I was looking at this word, I found some things that I hadn't considered before and I would like to share them with you.

Have you ever thought about where grace comes from? I mean, what drives it? This is the thing I discovered, that it is the attitude of the very heart of God, it's HIS delight to offer it to us as a gift and it is HIS investment, if you will, in each of us. HE offers grace to us for HIS pleasure.

As I was reading through a few verses, I noticed that there was a theme that kept repeating itself to me and that was that GOD'S grace came to us in the form of Jesus. HE revealed the very essence of HIS grace through Jesus for all time and walked among us declaring HIS desire. HE chose for us to receive HIS loving Grace that we might be redeemed for HIS pleasure. It is HIS Grace that has established our favor in HIS eyes, the likes of which we cannot begin to comprehend.

The Bible says that once we acknowledge and accept this Grace, it gives true life to that which is dead and reserves a seat for us in the heavenly places.

You and I were designed to have a relationship with our Father from the very beginning of time. It has always been HIS desire to share with you His joys and HIS thoughts and HIS time. This separation thing has always been a problem not only to us but to God Himself. This perfect gift of Grace is the solution for all mankind as we cannot make things right between ourselves and God on our own.

(Rm. 5:17; Eph. 2:4-9)

Submitted by Rosann Milby

*...just a thought and my point of view.*

Ladies Winter Retreat

Todd Hall Retreat Center

Columbia, IL

March 6-7, 2009

\*\*\*\*Save the Dates\*\*\*\*

# Mentoring

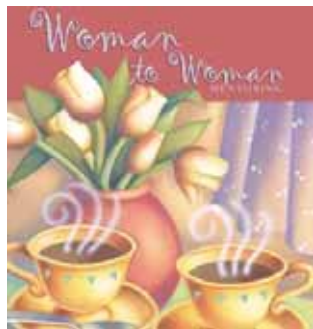
By Regina Hamilton

Titus 2:3-5 is the basis for the Woman to Woman mentoring ministry. "Teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God."

Are you willing to come along side another woman in Christ to help her to realize her purpose according to God's plan? Are you a good listener? Do you have patience, a sense of humor, flexibility and accountability? Are you willing to use your life experiences to assist another to problem solve? If these things are true of you, then with God's help, you can be a mentor.

On the other hand, are you a new Christian or feel that you need to have a more mature Christian woman to support and encourage you; you can find this relationship by becoming a mentee.

The purpose of the Woman to Woman mentoring ministry is to match those who need Godly support with someone who is more spiritually mature and willing to use their God given talents in this area to help other women. You don't have to be "old" to be a mentor nor "young" to be a mentee. You just need to be willing to give and receive Godly support and guidance from another woman.



To become involved in this year's Woman to Woman Mentoring Program, stop at the connection center before or after Sunday Services and sign up to attend the next Woman to Woman Mentoring Brunch. It is scheduled to take place on September 13 from 10am to 2pm.

You can also find out more about Woman to Woman Mentoring at the Ministry Fair on August 31. You can meet mentors and mentees who have experienced this wonderful relationship.

# Upcoming Events...

**Mark your calendars....**

*(Refer to MOPS article for additional events.)*

**August 31:** Church Ministry Fair - Be sure to attend church on August 31 during the regular morning service times to see the many opportunities for you to get involved in Cornerstone. Women's ministries along with other ministry areas in the church, will have tables set up with information attended by persons actively involved in the particular ministry.

**September 4:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's Night. You will want to "Come and Taste" what the Women's Ministry has for you this year.

**Beginning September 9, 10:** Fall Bible Study: A Women's Heart: God's Dwelling Place. Tuesday Morning at 9:00AM or Wednesday Evening at 6:30PM

**September 13:** Woman to Woman Mentoring Program Brunch from 10AM to 2PM

**September 26-27:** The 2008 Daybreak Women's Conference at Harvester Christian Church in St. Charles, MO. The featured speaker is Elizabeth George. You can get more information about this year's conference at [www.harvestercc.org](http://www.harvestercc.org).

**September 27:** Spaghetti for the Soul (a celebration of the abundant life). Kathy Troccoli and Elie Lofaro will be at St. Matthew UMC on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 until August 15, then they will be \$35. Lunch is included.

[www.stmatthewumc.org](http://www.stmatthewumc.org)

**October 24-25:** Scrapbooking Retreat at Bond Camp. For more information go to [www.bondcamp.org/events.php](http://www.bondcamp.org/events.php).

**October 24-25:** "Called to Serve" Women's Conference at SLCC. Discounted registration prior to 10/10. Begins on Friday at 4:00PM. For more information go to [slconline.edu/events/called\\_to\\_serve](http://slconline.edu/events/called_to_serve).

**November 6:** Ladies for Christ delivers meal to Ronald McDonald House in St. Louis.

**December 4:** Bake Cookies to be Donated for Violence Prevention Center Annual Cookie Walk.

**December 16:** Ladies for Christ meet to create Christmas Baskets for the shut-ins of our church.

**March 6-7:** Cornerstone Ladies Winter Retreat at Todd Hall Retreat Center in Columbia, IL. Mark your calendars now and watch for more information in bulletins and e-mails.

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