

Women's Ministry Newsletter



Our Mission: The Women's Ministry of The Church on the Mountain exists to exalt the Lord through serving and encouraging the women in our local church body and extending God's love and grace to our community and around the world.

A Meditation on our 2019 Verse

"So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law." Galatians 5:1 NLT

Jesus is serious about our freedom. So serious that he submitted himself to death to fulfill the law. A law that generations of history proved could not be met by humans.

Our freedom is given to us when we put our trust in Jesus. Staying free and walking in our freedom is something we choose continually. We can become enslaved to religion and performance in an attempt to justify ourselves. We can continue in slavery to sin which the work of Jesus has released us from. Either way, we allow ourselves to be burdened with a yoke of slavery again.

The good news is, we don't have to be slaves again! We don't have to try to live up to some arbitrary standard set by church culture to prove our salvation or our worth. We don't have to compromise our walk because of popular culture or our flesh. We are set free to live lives directed by the Holy Spirit. We are set free to live according to the truth of God's word by the power of his Spirit that indwells us. We are free to not be burdened by the opinions of others and to care only what Jesus says of us.

Do you know what Jesus says about you? Take the time to learn who Jesus says you are and then tell yourself the truth! That truth will set you free indeed!

Freedom from death is a free gift from our Father God through Jesus; we simply accept and then receive our salvation. Freedom from the burden of law and sin is a gift we choose continually. Will you choose today the freedom for which Christ set you free?

- Kenda Alexander

Women's Retreat

Plans are underway for our spring retreat and it will be here before we know it. We are going again to Falls Creek Retreat Center in Raymond, Washington, April 26th - 28th.

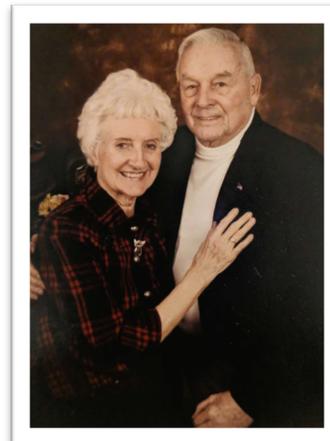
We will have brochures available starting on Sunday, March 10th at the Chuckwagon at the Lion's Club. **We will begin registration on March 17th and our last day for deposits will be March 31st. Final payment will be due April 7th.** Registration fee will be determined after the Chuckwagon. Remember we will have scholarships available!!!

Now that's a lot of dates and numbers but the most important thing is: **WE WANT YOU TO BE THERE** to enjoy our speaker Janice Mathers as she helps us to see what the Bible has to say about faith, hope and love. It is a great opportunity for fellowship and time away with your sisters in Christ. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Getting to Know our Women - Betty JoAnn Bauer

I was born on October 25, 1931 in Burns, Oregon. When I was 11 months old, my parents moved to the Oregon Coast, (I was an only child). We lived on a dairy farm near Port Orford, where I attended First Grade. Next, we moved to Gold Beach, where I attended second through Fourth grades.

The 2nd World War began about the time we moved to Portland. My parents purchased a Variety Store in North Portland. My father worked in the shipyards and my mother ran the store. I attended a Christian School and helped in the store. My mother became ill, so we sold the store and moved to Beaverton. I attended 8th grade there. Then we again moved, this time to Salem, Oregon. I went to Laurelwood Academy (an Adventist boarding school). After High School I worked two years for the State of Oregon and saved a little money for college. I attended Walla Walla College for one year, ran out of money, so I then went to work for the Corps of Engineers in Walla Walla, Washington.



My parents divorced and my mother and I took a Greyhound bus to Denver, Colorado. We spent two years there working and living in a cabin in Kittridge, Colorado, a suburb of Denver. My mother fell and got hurt, so we moved back to Oregon in 1955. I met my first husband and we married in 1956. We became parents of four children (in 5 years). I stayed home to care for family for several years.

I went to work at Bonneville Power Co. as a Draftsman in 1963. I retired as an Engineer Technician after 26 years in 1991. My personal life went through several changes during that time. I was divorced from my children's father after 15 years. I had a short disastrous marriage after that time and then also found myself in trouble with alcohol.

In 1977 I went to AA meetings and got lots of help. I also met the "love of my life" Dick Bauer. We attended AA Meetings, Bible Studies, and church together and gave our lives to Jesus. I was baptized in the Oregon City Evangelical Church (along with my children).

Dick and I married in October 1981 and have spent many happy years, camping, square dancing, line dancing and taking trips (cruises, bus tours, etc.). God has blessed us with 7 children, 11 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. We lost one precious granddaughter. We know we will see her soon in Heaven. We moved from West Linn to Mt. Hood Village in 1998 where we have lived 20 years. I taught line dancing at the Village. We joined Thousand Trails in 1979 and camped in a tent until we purchased RVs. We spent summers at the beach and winters in Welches. We are now full time in Welches, and attending Church on the Mountain, and waiting for Jesus to take us HOME.

Women's Outreach Project

The chill of winter will soon be subsiding, yet we know there are those to whom we can show our warmth and support with a blanket; handmade with love and prayers. We are launching a springtime knotted blanket campaign to serve those who need to know we are thinking of them and praying for them, whether in illness, homelessness, or hopelessness. You can find the directions for making them at www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Fleece-Tie-Blanket or if you would prefer a printed copy of the instructions there are some at the table in our Church foyer.

If you would like, you can to start to make them now. We will also be making them during our retreat. Kits can be purchased at Joann Fabrics and most other fabric and craft shops. Please join us in making one or several. Our prayer is that you will be blessed as you create your personal "cup of cold water" to bless others.

Women's Bible Study - A warm safe place...

As human beings we require several things to sustain life such as food, water, and shelter. But for me there is one more additional thing that gives me true life...Bible Study.

Though I was reluctant to go to my first Bible Study I am so grateful I followed the Lord's gentle tapping on my shoulder. I found that though I knew of God, I didn't know God. And oh, what a wonderful journey it is.

My first study was on *King David*. It stunned me that David committed some serious sins, and the Lord continued to love him. And when he cried out to the Lord, he was forgiven...that gave me such hope and promise. When we studied the *Names of God*, I learned how much deeper our God is and how much He loves us. Now in our current study, *The Promises of God*, we find shelter and encouragement in His promises to each and every one of us. God doesn't want us to just know of Him. He wants us to know Him, face to face and heart to heart.

God has blessed me in our study group with sisters who laugh, listen, love, pray, and cry together. My wonderful sisters continue to walk with me on my journey without my son and husband. They encourage me, they pray for me and in return I am blessed to do the same for them.

Bible study is a warm safe place to be guided and sheltered by our Lord while being held and loved by His daughters.

- MaryAnn Kassahn

Women's Christmas Tea Recipe

Several women asked for the recipe for the cherry tarts that were served at the Christmas tea. Here it is.

~ Linda Eby

Noel Tarts

(Adapted from *Treasury of Holiday Cookies*, Publications International, Ltd. 1994; p.167)

Makes 3 dozen

1 cup (2 sticks) butter
 ½ cup sugar
 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 ½ small bag of semi-sweet chocolate morsels
 1 can cherry pie filling
 Fresh mint leaves



Pre-heat oven to 375°

Shortbread cups

Beat butter in large mixer bowl until fluffy. Add sugar; beat until light and fluffy. Gradually blend in flour, salt and vanilla. Press rounded tablespoonfuls of dough into 1 ¾ inch muffin cups. Bake in preheated oven 18 to 20 minutes or until pale golden in color. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Carefully remove from pan; cool completely on wire racks.

Filling

Melt semi-sweet chocolate in double broiler or microwave. Drizzle about a teaspoon of chocolate into each cup. Spoon cherry pie filling into each cup and garnish with a sprig of mint.

Spring Bible Study

We invite all of you, our Christian sisters, to join us this spring as we study Galatians. Our theme verse for the year, Galatians 5:1, comes from this beautiful book that Paul wrote to the Galatian church. **Starting on May 13**, we will be joining together Monday nights and Tuesday mornings to study the truth of God's rich and life-changing words to the Galatian Christians which are relevant to us in our lives and church today. We will study one chapter each week. A list of resources will be made available, allowing each woman to do as much or little "homework" as they are able. We look forward to seeing you and sharing with you from God's word.

Christmas Tea Memories...

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Christmas Tea last December. We look forward to enjoying more time together this year at the Chuckwagon Bonanza, Women's Retreat, and other upcoming events. We hope you can come and create more memories with us!



How can you be involved?

As the Women's retreat approaches in April, there are lots of ways to help, before, during, and after the event. We can use support to run the registration table at the retreat as women arrive. We always need help with set up, decorating, and clean up for the retreat. Jan Mathers, our speaker will have a table with her books and jewelry to sell. We would love to have some women to help at the table during some of the breaks at the retreat. We are also looking for a couple of women who would be willing to take photos at our events. Please contact one of the ministry team members if you would like to serve.

CALENDAR of ACTIVITIES

Save the date! Join us if you can!

Mondays, 7 - 8:30pm & Tuesdays - 9:30-11am
- Women's Bible Study
The Shelter of God's Promises with Sheila Walsh

March 3, 10am - 3pm
- Day of Prayer (for all family members)

March 10, 12 - 2:30pm
- Chuckwagon Bonanza - Mt. Hood Lions Club

April 26-28, Women's Retreat
- Falls Creek Retreat Center, Raymond, WA
Faith, Hope, and Love - the story of Rahab with Jan Mathers

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