

Women's Ministry

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Greetings, dear ladies!

I thank my God upon every thought of you! You are a joy to serve the Lord and walk through life with! It's time for me to update you on a few of our planned activities for the months ahead and share some changes in leadership.

I am very excited to share that Lynn Davey has accepted the opportunity to provide the leadership of the Women's Ministry Team this year, and I'd like to introduce you to the rest of the ministry team. I am thankful to the Lord for Lynn's willingness to follow His lead to serve in this role. She has a heart for women and the ability to administer the program aspects of the job. The remainder of the team includes: Alicia Moffatt, Kathy Freese, Lois Boone, Claudette Presley, Esther Neer, Amy Ervin, Emily Dobkins, Amy Thompson, Tami Cernetic, Elizabeth Omolewa, Marilyn Meyer, Char Gates, and myself.

Bible Study News:

Kathy Freese will be teaching a 10 week series on Wednesday nights starting at 6:30 PM, beginning **September 7th, 2016**. Room number is 106/107. The subject is the *Sermon on the Mount*.

Marilyn Meyer will be teaching a Kay Arthur Precept 11 week study on Thursday mornings starting at 9:30 AM, in room 106/107 beginning **September 8th, 2016**. The book study is *Ephesians*.

One of our dear members has shared her desire to provide the funds necessary for creating a Prayer Garden on the church grounds, and the Women's Ministry Team will begin preparations for that reality. We will invite participation from all of the interested women in the church family once we get started on the actual work involved.

Our first event this fall is to participate in the "Cry Out Simulcast" on Friday evening, **September 23rd** at 7:00 PM! It is a Nationwide Prayer Event for Women, presented by Revive Our Hearts and Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. The website for additional information is:

<http://www.cryout16.com/>. We are absolutely excited about this opportunity to worship and pray together for our world, nation, cities, churches, and homes; and we encourage all of our women to plan to attend. Please mark your calendars now. Women from other churches in our area will be joining us, too.

We want to encourage everyone to begin praying about participating in our church **October** Block Party outreach.

We are very excited to share that we're planning a church-wide Dinner/Auction on Sunday evening, **November 6th** at 6:00 PM. More details will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars for a fun evening of fellowship and an opportunity to get better acquainted with one another as a church family. Steve Thompson will be our auctioneer!

We have begun preparations for another Mental Health Seminar in the spring, so mark your calendar for **March 18th, 2017**. Amy Thompson will once again be our point person for this ministry. We are delighted to share that Dr. Kris DeWitt will be our keynote speaker.

Our Mom 2 Mom leadership team met, and decided that as of now, we will not be planning monthly events this year. This was a difficult decision to make, but with the start of AWANA and a number of other factors, we felt that this was where the Lord was leading. We will continue to have Playdates in the auditorium with Mr. Denny, and an occasional brunch at strategic times, but not on a monthly basis. The Mom 2 Mom Facebook page will continue to be active with information and updates, and Meal planning for families with new babies and special needs will continue.

The Lydia Ladies Mentoring Program will be kicked off in **January 2017**! Claudette Presley and Alicia Moffatt are providing the leadership for the program details. This is an opportunity for ladies

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with skills and abilities to teach and share those skills with other ladies who are interested in learning. We are very excited about this ministry getting started again! It's a wonderful way to bring the generations together for fellowship with one another. More details will be coming. Please see Claudette or Alicia if you have a gift or skill that you would like to share in this format.

Please don't hesitate to approach any of the Women's Ministry Team with ideas for additional opportunities, and interest in participating in any of the ministries planned.

On a personal note, I want to share that I'm thankful for the opportunity to take a break from the leadership of the women's ministry, but will remain involved as women's issues and needs are a sincere burden on my heart. I also love the opportunity to be involved with ministries that encourage women to be serving and ministering to one another in our church family and beyond. Thank you for your participation in the events that are being planned for you!

All my Love in Christ,

Sarah Young