

Women of Purpose

A newsletter for the women of University Baptist Church



Fall 2009

Discover ~ Equip ~ Reach ~ Renew

Take some time to familiarize yourself with what's available to you in each of the four ministry areas outlined in this newsletter. Then prayerfully consider how you can get involved.

Biblical Womanhood

Time for some self-examination, ladies...does this title intimidate you? Does it make you want to turn the page for fear that it might expose some of your, well, inadequacies? If that's the case, you're probably not alone. The good news? There's hope and it's wrapped in God's grace.

You see, apart from Christ, the concept of biblical womanhood **is** intimidating. It would be like trying to teach a class on a subject in which you are unfamiliar. But, we have a Savior in Christ Jesus who gives us the grace to understand and live out the spiritual mandates of biblical womanhood.

Let's break it down a little further. Christ has left us His Holy Spirit to lead us to truth. As we study Scripture and pray that the Spirit will guide us in our understanding, we learn that biblical womanhood is concerned with two major issues:

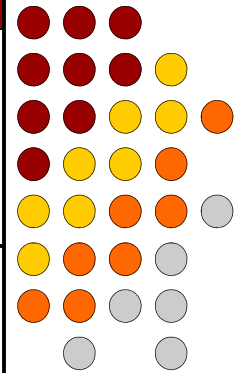
1. God's creation order
2. God's creation design

God created man first, therefore placing him in a position of authority and headship. Now, society today would tell you to stop reading this now. Men in authority over women??? Men and women are supposed to be equal! Well, they're right about the latter, at least. Men

and women **are** equal. In Genesis 1:27 we read, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." God created men and women both in His image, but He designed us differently.

God saw that Adam needed a helper suitable for him. So, God created woman out of man. God designed man to be the head of the wife, to lead and provide for her. To adequately provide for her, man must listen to her concerns and consider her needs. He is not to treat her as a doormat. God designed the woman to be a help to her husband. And, yes, being a helper means submitting to man's authority.

Insert grace. By God's grace, we can see in Scripture numerous examples of submission in Christ. The ultimate example: His submission to death on a cross. God also gives us Himself as our ultimate example of Helper. "Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield." (Psalm 33:20) So, through God's grace, we can better understand our roles and our complementing designs. Believe it or not, there's peace and happiness when we fulfill our roles! "*Perfect submission- all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest...*" (Blessed Assurance, Crosby)



The passion statement of the UBC Women's Ministry is to help our women to glorify God by treasuring Christ above all things and to reach others that they might find lasting joy in Him.

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Mentoring 101

Does the thought of mentoring intimidate you (even just a little)?

Are you interested in mentoring another lady but have no idea how?

Do you have some Godly wisdom and personal experiences to share with a young lady on being a Godly woman but are unsure if there are ladies interested in your insight?

Have you heard God's call in your life to mentor but just need a little encouragement?

Would you like some tips on the "nuts and bolts" of mentoring in a relaxed setting?

If you answered yes to any of these, then you are invited to attend our "**Mentoring 101**" workshop on Saturday, September 12 from 9-11am. Join Jan Lumpkin and a panel of UBC ladies in Randall 308 to learn more about God's command to older women to train the younger ladies and what those mentoring relationships might look like. (See Titus 2:3-5)

No commitments!
Ladies of all ages invited!
Get your questions answered!
Meet other ladies interested in mentoring!

For more information, please contact Jan Lumpkin at janlumpkin@yahoo.com or 445-6801.



Discover

Mark Your Calendars!

Here are some events in the works, ladies. Free up your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

- ** Fall Lunch Bunch on October 20, 11:45 and 6:30.
- ** Christmas Decorating on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1
- ** Christmas Party either Dec.10 at 6:30
- ** Decoration Tear Down on Jan 4-5

Food for Thought

Do you remember your first time visiting a new church? How did you feel? Nervous? Overwhelmed? Alone? Did someone reach out to you and make you feel welcome? Sometimes a smile and a handshake might be all a person or a couple needs to feel like they may have found their church home. Be bold! Be hospitable! Make a difference in a visitor's life. Your welcoming spirit might be the most pleasant thing a visitor experiences all week.

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.”
Hebrews 13:2

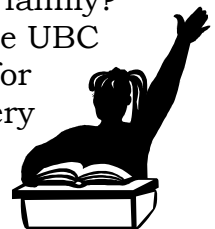
Want more info?

We invite all ladies of UBC, members and visitors alike, to contact the Women's Ministry Team with any questions, comments, and/or concerns you may have concerning women's ministry opportunities. Contact information:

Ella Patton, 935-4042 or msuturfgirl@yahoo.com

UBC Discovery Classes

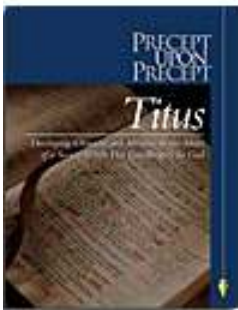
Interested in learning more about UBC? Considering joining the UBC family? Stay tuned to the UBC Worship Guide for the next Discovery Class.



Equip

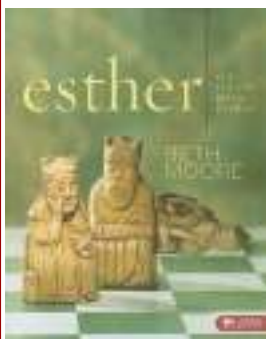
Equip for Women

The Equip for Women studies are nearly here! New studies will resume again on **September 15**. You may click on the picture of each study to learn more about it. We encourage you to jump start your Fall with a 3-lesson study on the book of Titus. The study will begin on August 26– the same evening the new Wednesday night programs commence. Why not take part in this 3-lesson study to learn more about how the church body should be living!



Titus - Developing Character and Integrity in the Midst of a Society Which Has Lost Respect for God -(3 lessons) -- How do you live with integrity in a nation without morals? Can the church effectively engage and change this destructive condition in our society? How does your life reflect your faith? You can change the culture into which God has called you.

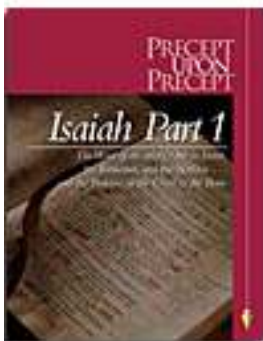
Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm, Aug.26 thru Sept. 16



Beth Moore's newest Bible study is **Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman**. Going up against heavyweights bent on her destruction, Esther trusted God and landed a blow that saved her people. The Old Testament story of Esther is a profile in courage and contains many modern parallels for today's woman. Esther's destiny can be yours as you know more deeply the God who is in your corner.

Tuesday mornings, 9:00-11:00am, beginning September 15

Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm, beginning September 23



Isaiah Part 1 - The Word of the Holy One to Israel, the Remnant, and the Nations. . . and the Promise of the Child to Be Born (14 lessons) (chapters 1 - 39) -- Isaiah is the crown jewel of Old Testament prophets, a book that strikes awe in the heart of its reader, especially when its poetry is read in the Hebrew.

Prophecies from Isaiah are mentioned in twenty-two places in the Gospels, Acts, and Romans. The words of Isaiah were often found on the lips of the Christ, the Messiah prophesied in Isaiah. If Jesus, God incarnate, honored this grand and glorious book so highly, then you and I ought to do the same. In Isaiah Part 1, we'll meet the Holy One of Israel, and learn how He deals with

those who claim Him as God but don't honor Him as God in the way that they live. And we'll find the destiny of nations, the future of all mankind . . . including ours.

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Equip

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Mom 2 Mom

Creative Marriage and Parenting

Timeless principles based entirely on Scripture. God has promised success in every area of life to those who read, obey, memorize and meditate on His Word. Living by His principles will equip today's woman first to experience a oneness with God by having an intimate relationship with Him and second to achieve harmony in marriage as she practices Biblical guidelines. The Bible also contains priceless instruction on child-rearing and these principles will help moms to mold their children into realizing all the potential for which God created them. Some topics that will be covered include:

- * Foundation for Fulfillment
- * Establishing Priorities
- * Understanding and Accepting Your Spouse
- * Communication in Marriage & in the Family

Tuesday Mornings, 9-11am

Equip for Women Kickoff!!!

Please **sign up** for the Equip for Women Studies at the Equip desk in the church foyer or by calling the church office. We need to get a tally of ladies so that we can order the materials for each class.

If you need childcare for the Titus study, please sign up no later than August 19! If you need childcare for the Tuesday morning studies, sign up by September 3!

Then, come on the 15th at 9:00am to enjoy some yummy breakfast treats before heading off to your first lesson!

Attention Women's Bible Study Leaders:

A leader's training workshop is scheduled for **August 28th** from **10am until 2pm** in Room 104 of the Sanctuary building. Leadership guidelines and expectations will be Discussed. This training workshop will be more interactive, with a special emphasis on role-playing to better help you lead your attendees more effectively. Please contact Diana Page if you have any questions.

Reach

Put Titus 2 into action by teaching what is good and **training younger women** to be godly women. There are many college women who desire to be taught and trained by women who are older than them within the church. Become a mentor to a college woman by emailing Becca at bmooddy@ubccollege.com.

Bikes, Blues and BBQ

September 23-26

We will need help with serving food on Thursday and Friday nights (6:00-7:30) and help with our Cafe (set up in the zone) 9:00pm-11:00pm on Thursday - Saturday. Contact Ryan Martin for more info at rmartin@ubcfayetteville.org or 442-5312 ext. 224.

Need for Bibles!

Compassion House is in need of Bibles for the young ladies that stay in the home. For only **\$11**, you can provide these ladies with the "living and powerful" Word of God. Please make checks payable to UBC with the designation "Bible(s) for Compassion House" in the memo line.

U of A Sorority Recruitment

Reach out and welcome college women as they go through Sorority Recruitment. UBC will be opening our doors for these girls to cool off and refuel in between house visits. Volunteer an hour or more of your time and/or bring refreshments during the following times:

Tuesday, **August 18th** 8am- 6pm
Wednesday, **August 19th** 8am-6pm
Thursday, **August 20th** 8am-6pm
Friday, **August 21st** 11am- 5pm

This is a great way for us to build relationships with these college women and let them know about UBC. Sign up at the Equip Table in the sanctuary foyer or email Becca at bmooddy@ubccollege.com.



Adopt-A-Hog

prayerfully models Christ-like family relationships to college students while away from their own families. This program strives to connect one family unit with one college student for the purpose of encouragement and fellowship as we experience the depth, height, and breadth of the greater body of Christ here at UBC. If you would like to be a welcoming family to a college student, please sign up at the Equip table in the church foyer or email Becca Moody at bmooddy@ubccollege.com.

Renew

WOMEN, RENEW!

Our pastor has expressed Renew as living out our passion by “helping members care for one another, renewing their passion for Christ, and His bride, the church.” One of the opportunities for doing that within the context of women’s ministry is to pray through scripture for yourself, your family and the church body.



For instance, from II Chronicles 15:17, “May I remove the places of idolatry from my life, and let my heart be fully committed to You all my days.”

If you would be interested in receiving a weekly email to aid you in praying scripturally, please contact Katherine Brill (katherinebrill@yahoo.com).

Opportunity to Care

Compassion House is a residential home with the primary purpose of offering a safe, nurturing environment for young women ages 12-28, facing a pregnancy under difficult circumstances.

Individualized programming equips women to break unhealthy past patterns and make positive plans for the future. Residents may live in the home during their entire pregnancy and up to six weeks after delivery.

To learn more about Compassion House, visit their website:

<http://www.compassionhouse.us/whoware.html>

Please contact **Vickey Lloyd** to learn unique ways you can help with this ministry by “renewing” its workers. vickey.lloyd@att.net

Dixie Jackson

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As you begin to prepare your heart this fall for the Dixie Jackson Week of Prayer, take this virtual prayerwalk to learn more about some of the state mission projects. Just click on the link below:

<http://www.absc.org/MMT/dj09/DJ-VIRTUAL-PRAYERWALK-2009.html>

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Jeremiah 33:3