



Women Of The Word

Welcome

As followers of Jesus, we endeavor to be Women of The Word. We continually look for ways to bless the women in our fellowship. To that end, welcome to the first publishing of the *Women of The Word* newsletter. We pray that the articles found here are encouraging and empowering as we are ever pressing onward in our walks with Christ.

At present, we plan to send this newsletter out quarterly with the future goal of either monthly or bi-monthly. As in all things, we will see what God's will is. If there are features you would like to see added, please contact either Jennifer or myself, as we will happily take ideas into consideration. Bear in mind, that not all ideas will be the right fit.

Blessings to you all,
 Melanie Woltje
 Women's Ministry Team Leader

Mission Statement

FBC Women's Ministry exists to empower our ladies to use their God-given gifts in accordance with God's will.

God's Word Has Answers

If Anxiety and Fear Take Up Room In Our Hearts

My youngest daughter has precious memories of an antique rocking chair that my mother inherited from her aunt. I was rocked in that chair as were each of my children. The rocking chair, now over 100 years old, doesn't rock without making all sorts of squeaky sounds, that's part of my daughter's love for it. This week the chair went home with her to be used and loved. But what does she hold most dear about this chair? Being held in my arms while rocking.

As adults, don't we sometimes wish we could again be held in the arms of our mom where we found peace, love, and comfort?

Friends, we are held by our loving heavenly Father every day.

I have found that even at the end of a hard day, I can pray for God to hold me in His arms as I rest for the night. There is peace in that prayer and He has answered with rest. His Word assures us of His peace and love:

- "For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I am the one who helps you.'" Isaiah 41:13 ESV
- "Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7 ESV
- "Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10 ESV
- "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 ESV

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- “I will be your God throughout your lifetime – until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you.” Isaiah 46:4 NLT

Today may we empty our hearts of worry, anxiety, and fear and fill them with the wonderful promises of God from His Word. His promises never change and they are new every morning for us. Great is His faithfulness!

Dear Father, thank You for all Your promises found in Your Word. Help us to be in Your Word daily that we might hide it in our hearts. Thank You how Your promises bring us peace, comfort and assurance of Your love. May we fill our hearts with it each day. In Jesus Name, Amen. - Faye (Real Women Ministries)



Upcoming Events

Jhett's Lunch - Tuesday, July 12 @ 11:30
We meet the second Tuesday every month.

Girls' Night Out - Tuesday, August 2 @ 6:15 - We will meet at Trails Cafe for a meal and time of fellowship.

Girls' Night Out - Saturday, September 24 - Bonfire and Cookout @ Nona Germans. Please check Facebook and website for more details as it gets closer.



Bible Studies

Wednesdays @ 9:30 am - Joan Little's Home - Topic Varies

Wednesdays @ 4:00 pm - Church Library
Old Testament Reading Plan - Will begin meeting again August 3.

We are planning one or two additional fall studies.



Follow Us

Did you know we have a Women's Ministry Facebook Group? If you are not currently part of the group, we would love for you to be in the group. Look for us as Holton First Baptist Women's Ministry or click <https://www.facebook.com/groups/244260275623062>



Online Resources

Proverbs 31 Ministries

At Proverbs 31 Ministries our deepest desire is to connect women all over the world with Truth. You can find Bible Studies, blogs, and resources to purchase.

<https://proverbs31.org/>

Daily Grace Company

The Daily Grace Co. exists to equip disciples to know and love God and His Word by creating beautiful, theologically rich, and accessible resources so that God may be glorified and the gospel made known.

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Hagar: Genesis 16 & 21

Hagar was caught in a mess that was not her choice. Her mistress, Sarah, who had not had any children, concocted a plan to do things her own way and provide her husband an heir through her servant, Hagar. As a servant, Hagar had no choice in the matter. Abraham listened to Sarah. Hagar became a wife to Abraham, and soon she became pregnant. Sarah dealt harshly with Hagar, and we see a pregnant and likely very scared Hagar flee into the wilderness. It is in the wilderness that Hagar is met by the angel of the Lord. He encourages her to return to Abraham and Sarah but makes her a promise. Abraham had been promised a great nation, and now we see this servant girl promised that her offspring would be multiplied.

The Lord tells her to name her son Ishmael because God has heard her. Hagar then calls the Lord a unique name, El Roi - meaning the God who sees. Hagar recognized that the Lord saw her right where she was. He saw the mess that she was in, and He cared enough to come to her.

Perhaps your life has not turned out the way that you had planned either. Perhaps the circumstances of life, whether caused by yourself or someone else, have left you feeling desperate and alone. There is hope. Our God is the God who sees. He hears your burdens, and He sees you right where you are. He is good, and He is faithful. He will provide water in the wilderness and hope for your soul.

"Our God is the God who sees."



Non-Fiction



Don't Waste Your Life by John Piper

Piper has a passionate message for today's generation: Life is short---make yours count! Dare to live for the "great and glorious things that matter"---take risks in relationships for the sake of righteousness, in financial decisions for the cause of the gospel, and in witnessing to the truth and beauty of Christ.

Fiction



*The View from Rainshadow Bay
by Colleen Coble*

Shauna McDade is a young widow whose husband, Jack dies in a climbing accident. She blames his best friend Zach Bannister for his death. Shauna owns a helicopter charter business in Lavender Tides, Washington State and has a five-year-old son, Alex. When a bomb kills her business partner, Clarence, she becomes concerned that she is in danger. When secrets from her childhood begin to surface, she must learn to let go of her anger and accept help from Zach.

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