



FBC DURHAM

Women's Ministry

Calendar

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Women's Ministry Vision Statement

The vision of the Women's Ministry Team at FBC Durham is that every woman develops a growing covenant relationship with Jesus Christ as the centerpiece for their daily life. Therefore, our mission is to establish and facilitate ministries that encourage women to grow in intimacy with Christ, in authentic relationships with one another and in discovery and development of their spiritual gifts to impact our church and community for Christ.

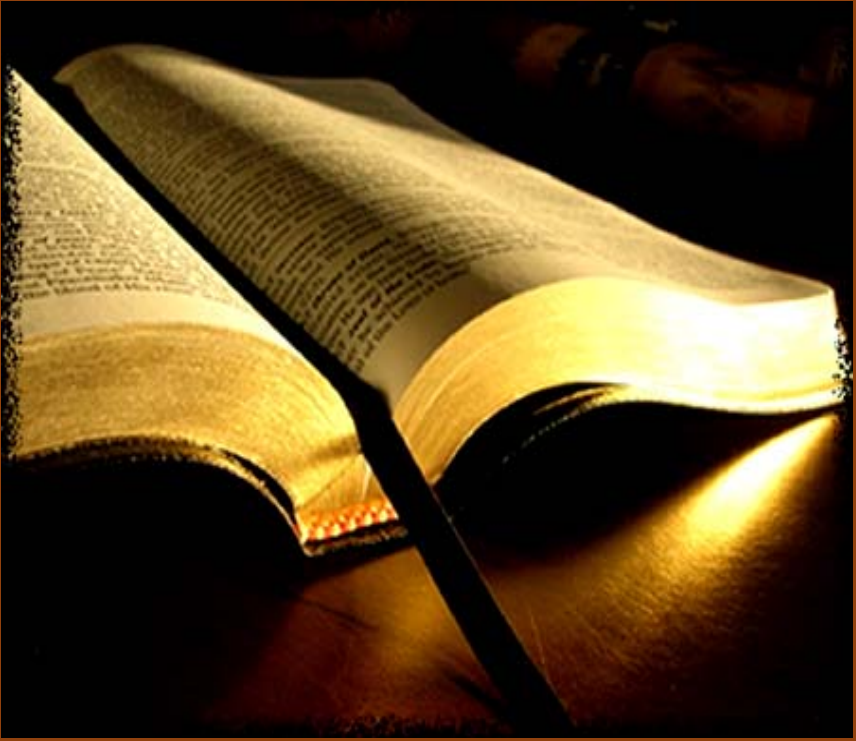
Equipping the Saints

No matter how far we've come in our Christian walk, there is always more to learn. This season, we are excited to offer many opportunities to deepen our walk with the Lord by strengthening our Christian friendships, discerning God's will for our lives, training in leading a Bible study, and initiating conversations about Christ. The foundational building block for our journey is a concentrated study on the power of prayer. Our hope is that this year-long focus will transform our lives and the life of our church as we discover together what can happen when women fervently pray.

Our prayer for this year is “to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ” (*Eph 4:12*). We welcome your participation in Women's Ministry at FBC Durham and issue the challenge for all of us to step outside of our comfort zone in our service to Christ. When God calls us, He most certainly will equip us.

Yours in Christ,

The Women's Ministry Team



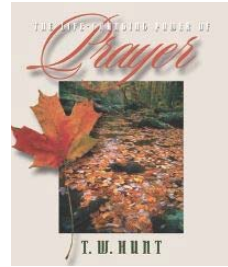
ACTS Class—Ladies Only

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us, with groans that words cannot express.” *Romans 8:26*

Wednesdays
6:00-7:30pm
Room 246

***The Life Changing
Power of Prayer***

by T.W. Hunt



Class Facilitators:
Kyle Howard and Alana Parrish

September 14, 2011

Chapter 1—*The Foundation of Prayer:*

The God Who Cares. Prayer is built on the foundation of the sovereignty and character of God. It is the cry of the heart to the great God of the universe.

October 12, 2011

Chapter 2—*Our Example and Our Helper in*

Prayer. Jesus taught on at least 11 occasions about prayer — including the role of the Holy Spirit in our prayer lives.

December 14, 2011

Chapter 3—*Prayer that Transforms.* Discussion centers on the five types of prayer identifying biblical examples of each in order to make prayer lives more meaningful.

January 11, 2012

Chapter 4—*Answers to Questions About Prayer.*

If God knows everything, why should we pray? If people are free to make choices, what good is praying for others? Does prayer change God's mind?

March 14, 2012

Chapter 5—*Overcoming Hindrances to*

Effective Prayer. Christians must understand the primary hindrances to prayer in order to overcome them. Prayerlessness is spurning the very word of God.

April 11, 2012

Chapter 6—*Participating in God's Plan*

Through Prayer. Prayer in our lives today is a significant way God shapes us for His use now and through eternity.

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**June 13, 2012 — *Spiritual Warfare***

**July 11, 2012 — *Prayer for Healing***

## *Time to Pray?*

I woke up very early, and rolled out of bed,  
Got right down on my knees, closed my eyes,  
    bowed my head,  
All excited to spend the first part of my day  
With the Lord. The wee hours are a great time to pray,  
Before all life's distractions come up and crowd in--  
And I thought it was great, till I woke up again.

Well, by then I was late with my day's careful plan,  
But I thought if I rushed I could catch up, and then  
Take some time from my lunch hour to quiet my heart,  
And although I'd not gotten that great of a start  
I'd still fit in my prayer... but, alas, this too failed,  
As the "urgent affairs of the world" all prevailed.

So I promised myself that I'd certainly fight  
To make sure that I prayed before bedtime tonight.  
One thing led to another, the clock ticked away,  
And at last, now in bed, I decided to pray,  
But the best I could manage, fatigued as could be,  
Was, "I'll pray more tomorrow, Lord, just wait  
and see."



— by Sarah Bowen



## *Daytime Study*

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “You are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.” *Luke 10:41-42*

**Friday Mornings**  
**10:00-11:30am**  
**FBC Parlor**

## **Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World**

by Joanna Weaver  
Beginning September 16, 2011

The life of a woman today isn't really all that different from that of Mary and Martha in the New Testament. Like Mary, you long to sit at the Lord's feet ... but the daily demands of a busy world just won't leave you alone. Like Martha, you love Jesus and really want to serve him ... yet you struggle with weariness, resentment, and feelings of inadequacy.

Then comes Jesus, right into the midst of your busy Mary/Martha life—and he extends the same invitation he issued long ago to the two sisters of Bethany. Tenderly he invites you to choose "the better part"—a joyful life of "living-room" intimacy with him that flows naturally into "kitchen service" for him.

**Workbook - \$9.00**

Class Facilitators:

Peggy Pigg and Ali Campbell

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## *Satellite Group Studies*

“And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.” *Col 1:10*

## *Monday Night—North Durham Study*

Beginning September 12, 2011

7:00-9:00pm

Home of Janet Whichard

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Durham, NC 27712

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## *Monday Night—South Durham Study*

Beginning September 12, 2011

7:45-9:30pm

Home of Lori Kaufman

325 Whitney Lane

Durham, NC 27713

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## *Tuesday Night Supper & Study—Creedmoor*

Beginning September 6, 2011

6:00pm Supper

6:45pm Study and Prayer

8:30pm Close

Home of Callie Clayton

1069 Anjanette Lane

Creedmoor, NC 27522

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## *Thursday Night—Various Locations*

### ***Reflections— Book Discussion Group***

Meets the first Thursday of every month 6:30-8:30 pm.  
Read September's book, Everything's Coming Up Josey  
by Susan May Warren before the first meeting, October 6,  
6:30-8:30 pm, at the home of Sarah Bowen.

***Vision:** To delight in the glory of God as we celebrate His  
creation of words and stories; to display the glory of God  
as we fellowship with one another and seek to grow together  
through engaging our minds; to declare the glory of God as  
we take what we've learned and apply it in our lives.*

#### **First Meeting October 6, 2011**

Home of Sarah Bowen

304 Plum Lane

Chapel Hill, NC 27517

For more information contact:

Sarah Bowen (919) 967-8832

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Subsequent meetings will take place in participants' homes.  
Please note that the location will change each month. The  
name of the book, information and meeting place will be  
posted in the FBC library, Bulletin, Beacon, and online.

***Reflections—  
Books to be Discussed***

10/6/11: Everything's Coming Up Josey  
by Susan May Warren (humor)

11/3/11: A Garden to Keep  
by Jamie Langston Turner (romance)

12/1/11: Danger in the Shadows  
by Dee Henderson (suspense)

1/5/12: Hinds' Feet on High Places  
by Hannah Hurnard (allegory)

2/2/12: Lady of Milkweed Manor  
by Julie Klassen (historical fiction)

3/1/12: Freefall  
by Kristen Heitzmann (mystery/suspense)

4/5/12: TBD

5/3/12: TBD

6/7/12: TBD



7/5/12: Stepping Heavenward  
by Elizabeth Prentiss (older fiction)

8/2/12: TBD



## *Fellowship Gatherings*

**“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25**

**Thursday, October 20, 2011**

**7:00—8:30pm, Room 246**

***“Discerning the Will of God”***

Juanita Perry, Bible Teacher and  
Women’s Ministry Speaker

How do we clearly know when God is speaking to us? Examples from God’s Word offer practical applications for our daily walk. Experience a deeper relationship with the Lord as you learn to discern His will for you.

**Thursday, December 1, 2011**

**7:00—8:30pm, Morgan Hall**

***“Christmas: A Time of Reflection”***

Let’s begin the Advent season together with cookies, carols, contemplation and worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Saturday, February 25, 2012**

**10:00—12:00noon, Room 246**

***“The Blessings of Covenant Friendship”***

Stephanie Tarant, PhD and  
Women’s Ministry Speaker

Learn what the Bible says about building friendships God’s way. Discover the blessing of applying covenant principles to your friendships with other women.

**Thursday, March 22, 2012**

**7:00—8:30pm, Various Homes**

***“March Madness—Ladies Night Out”***

Take a break from basketball to fellowship together with other Christian women as ladies in our congregation open up their homes for food, fun and fellowship. You choose which home to go to based on your interest. Choices will include cooking, cake decorating, knitting, and other craft activities. Look for details and locations in early 2012.

**Thursday, April 26, 2012**

**7:00—8:30pm, Room 246**

***“Leading Others”***

Cathy Creedy and Dana Dixon, Co-Leaders

Would you like to lead or host a Bible study, but lack confidence and training? Come grow with us as we discuss personal and practical aspects of initiating and facilitating a Bible study for one other person or a small group. Leave equipped as a woman ready to be a part of giving out God’s word.



## **Growing Women's Ministry**

There are many opportunities and avenues for growing women's ministry at FBC Durham. The following are some guidelines to consider:

### ***Protocol for Initiating New Areas of Ministry:***

- Is there sufficient interest?
- Is there a specific plan?
- Is there leadership and a team of women willing to execute the plan?
- Is there budget money available or a plan to create needed income?
- Has there been consistent prayer and time devoted to seeking God's guidance?
- After confirmation and clarity of the above, a plan is submitted for the elders' approval.

### ***Protocol for Starting Bible Studies for Women's Ministry:***

- The study is presented to Women's Ministry Team Deacons.
- The Women's Ministry Team Deacons will review the study.
- The study will be submitted for elders' approval.
- Upon elders' approval, materials will be ordered through FBC.
- Members of the group will reimburse church for their individual study materials.

For video studies – Once study is completed, leaders will return the leader's manual and video material to library to be catalogued and made available for future use.

For information on studies currently available for check out, visit our church library.

If you feel God calling you to get involved, please consider the above and contact Cathy Creedy (919) 846-1256 or Kim McKeel (919) 949-4890.



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