

# Women's Ministry Calendar

2013-2014





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WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
CALENDAR

2013 — 2014



*Every morning  
I tell You what I need,  
and I wait for Your answer.*

**PSALM 5:3**

“Before you face the day, face the Father. Before you step out of bed, step into His presence. I have a friend who makes it a habit to roll out of his bed onto his knees and begin his day in prayer. Personally, I don’t get that far. With my head still on the pillow and my eyes still closed, I offer God the first seconds of my day. The prayer is not lengthy and far from formal. Depending on how much sleep I got, it may not even be intelligible. Often it’s nothing more than thank you for a night’s rest. I belong to you today.”

Max Lucado  
Just Like Jesus

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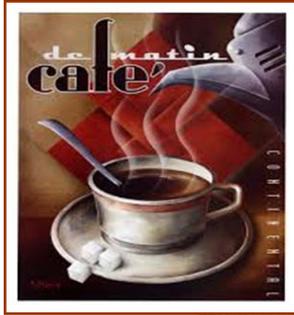
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## Women's Ministry Vision Statement

*The vision of the Women's Ministry Team at FBC Durham is that every woman would develop a growing covenant relationship with Jesus Christ as the centerpiece of her 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 to discover and develop their spiritual gifts to impact our church community for Christ.*



## ***Eternal, Unchanging God—***

When we consider the attributes of God, it gives us great comfort to know that He is unchanging. Yet the world we live in is constantly changing as are our own private circumstances. These changes can be a source of stress and anxiety as in the loss of a job or the death of a loved one, or they can be a time of great excitement as you look forward to graduation, plan your wedding or anticipate the birth of a child or grandchild. As Christians we know that every change we face, whether joyful or devastating, small or monumental, planned or unexpected, has been ordained and allowed by the sovereign God of the universe — according to His purpose, for our benefit and for His glory.

This year our internal and external journey will have us consider how we embrace, accept, and prepare for the changes in our life. Will we change the way we witness and react to those who are different from us, or will we just keep quiet because it is easier to do so? Will we change the way we focus on Christ and celebrate Christmas? Do we have sins in our lives that have become habitual, and are we willing to allow God to transform the way we view our sin and enable us to put it to death? And when we look back over our lives, will we testify to the faithfulness of God and the truth of his Word? Will we allow Him to be our very present help in trouble? (Psalm 46:1). Will we trust God to bring us through the changes in our life — to use them to draw us closer to him? No matter the circumstance, will we proclaim that “every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” (James 1:17).

Our prayer for the women at FBC Durham is that we allow God to transform us. That transformation is a lifelong process that started with our salvation — we repented, we were changed, and we became a new creation. The world changes, our lives and circumstances change, but through it all one thing that remains constant is our eternal, unchanging God.

*Yours in Christ,  
The Women’s Ministry Team*



**Café Connections**  
*Fellowship Gatherings*





As for God, His way is perfect:  
The LORD's Word is flawless;  
He shields all who take refuge in Him.

—2 Samuel 22:31

**Thursday, August 22, 2013**  
**FBC Welcome Center / Sanctuary**  
**7:00—9:00pm**

**FBC Durham Women’s Ministry**  
**is pleased to present**



**Rosaria Butterfield**  
**Author of**  
**Secrets of An Unlikely Convert**  
**(Crown & Covenant 2012)**

“As a leftist lesbian professor, I despised Christians. Then I somehow became one.” Ladies, please join us as Rosaria shares the story of her “train wreck conversion” from a tenured professor specializing in feminist and queer theory to the wife of a Reformed Presbyterian Pastor, homeschool mom and writer. She is a testimony to the power of God’s Word to change the heart of the wayward soul.

**Thursday, October 3, 2013**

**FBC Morgan Hall**

**7:00—9:00pm**

***“Handling Change God’s Way”***

**Guest Speaker: Rachel Stone**

Don't be afraid of CHANGE!

God's ways are consistent with His principles and peace.

As Christians we know that every change we face is allowed by our Sovereign God according to His purpose, for our benefit and His glory.

Yet, learning to handle change God's way is a life-long process of being transformed into the likeness of Christ.

Come join us as Rachel Stone takes us on a journey through the book of Ruth and helps us consider how handling change God's way enables us to live an extraordinary Christian life.



**Thursday, December 12, 2013**

**FBC Morgan Hall**

**7:00—9:00pm**

***Celebrating Christmas: “A Fresh Look”***

**Speaker: Pat Portman**

Christmas is coming and the battle within **BEGINS AGAIN!**

Bah, Humbug!—all the work!

collides with

Oh, Wow—my Savior’s birth!

The stress and the sacred—what do we do?

Come share a special night set apart to refresh your perspective on celebrating Christmas through a *unique presentation* by Pat Portman based on the life witness of *Mary of Nazareth*.

Let God change your focus and celebrate anew, seeing what The Almighty will do.

Luke 2:11—Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord.



**Thursday, February 6, 2014**

**FBC Morgan Hall**

**7:00—9:00 pm**

***“Besetting Sins”***

**Speaker: Peggy Pigg**

Do you have "pet sins" — sins you just can't seem to conquer no matter what you try? Have you even seen these sins repeated by your children? Do you feel trapped in a revolving door of seeking forgiveness?

Let's get together and explore ways to remove these "besetting sins" from our lives for good!

**Key verse:**

"... let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us ... "

*—Hebrews 12:1*



**Thursday, March 20, 2014**

**FBC Morgan Hall**

**7:00—9:00 pm**

***“Wisdom Gleaned: Collected Bit by Bit”***

**Discussion Panel**

Our approach to trials and tribulations determines our response! Do you long to live a life that is a powerful witness to the reality and faithfulness of God?

Do you yearn to consistently demonstrate faith and trust even when changes, challenges and crises enter your life?

God gifts us with sisters in Christ willing to share their lives and testimonies so that we can learn from one another. Come glean with us as a panel of FBC women share their faith stories, difficult circumstances and wisdom learned bit by bit while daily walking with God.





**Plugged In**  
*Satellite Group Studies*





*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*—Phillippians 4:6-7*

## **Monday Night—North Durham Study**

Beginning September 16, 2013

7:00—9:00pm

### ***Women of the New Testament***

(using Scripture, Bible commentaries  
and internet predominantly)

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## **Monday Night—East Durham Study**

Beginning September 16, 2013

8:00pm

### ***Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God* by Francis Chan**

Cost of book: varies from \$8.00 to \$11.00

Book offers a radical call for evangelicals to live a crazy  
“God-focused” life.

Eadie Carroll (Hostess)

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Rotating hostess homes

**Note:** In the spring, this group will study Proverbs.

## ***Monday Night—Hillsborough***

September 9, 2013 — May, 2013

7:00 —9:15pm

### ***The Book of Romans***

Expositional study of the Book of Romans experienced in a small group setting discussing questions regarding the night's particular passage and praying for application of the passage in each person's life.

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## ***Tuesday Night—Durham Study***

4th Tuesday Evening of Each Month

7:00—9:00pm

### ***Creative Counterpart***

**by Linda Dillow**

Ladies, come join us once a month as we read and discuss Linda Dillow's book on marriage which includes suggestions on how to encourage your husband, live above your circumstances, and develop a plan to become the woman, wife and mother you long to be. The book may be purchased online through various sources and includes the Bible Study and Project Guide for personal application.

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## *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 or 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 the church for their individual study materials.

For video studies – Once the study is completed, the leaders will return the leader's manual and video material to our church 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.

# Women's Ministry Team

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## Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging,  
Mysterious and unknown.  
Your boundless love unfailing;  
In grace and mercy shown.  
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight  
Around your glorious throne;  
Their voices raised both day and night  
In praise to you alone.

### *Chorus*

Hallelujah!  
Glory be to our great God!  
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Lord, we are weak and frail,  
Helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with your angels,  
Hold us in your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy,  
His pleasure is our harm.  
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee  
Before our Sovereign God.

Let every creature in the sea  
And every flying bird;  
Let every mountain, every field  
And valley of the earth;  
Let all the moons and all the stars  
In all the universe  
Sing praises to the Living God,  
Who rules them by His word.

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