

Women in the Church Newsletter

Transformed to pursue the glory of God in our daily lives

-Becoming What We Behold-



ground breaking ceremony



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Chapter 4: Eve in Exile

Our key focus for this month's study compares the battle between the Seed of the woman and seed of the serpent. After the fall of mankind, life would never be the same. Yet even in Genesis 3 we are given our hope: that one day, our Savior would destroy Satan. Jesus did come, defeated our enemy on the cross, and made it possible for us to be life-givers. The *capacity* is now there because of Christ in us, but the *practical living it out* is the battle we each face. Every day holds the choice of whether we will choose 'I' or 'others'. Will we doubt

God's Word as Eve did and say in our hearts,

"Did God really say that He will never leave me nor forsake me? Did He really say His grace is sufficient in my weaknesses? That this light, momentary affliction is working for me an eternal weight of glory?" On and on our list goes. As we grow in grace, may we trust and obey the Word of God in all circumstances.

*WIC Leadership Training:
March 27-28 @DVPC

*Ladies Spring Event:
May 15th

*Annual Women's Meeting:
August 29th-more details to follow!!

Testimony Corner: Monica Kelley

Last week I had a free hour between teaching my co-op class and Wednesday night supper. I took this time to go for a walk. One thing some folks may not know about me is that I like old cemeteries. Not in a "morbid" kind of way, but I love looking for the oldest dates and reading the inscriptions on the stones. That day I walked through our own Draper's Valley Cemetery. In my short 17 years of attending our church, I have met a lot of people. I was amazed at how many of the names on the tombs I actually knew. As I came across a name I recognized, a memory also flashed through my mind. Ann Armbrister's faithful teachings, Karen Pratt and my toddler son cutting her finger during Sunday school class, Mary Wagoner and her friendly smile, Don Pratt and the wedding gift he gave to Peter and I, Jane Kelley and her catechism questions to the kids, Hunter Arehart being a shepherd and holding my baby daughter as a lamb. Family names: Kelley, Pratt, Hall. Names of friends that have walked through the valley of the shadow of death, Shuler and Mathews.

I had a flood of emotions come over me. At first I was so sad over death in general, what it does to families. Then, as I thought of individuals and their impact on me, I became so thankful! Thankful for the Body of Christ and for the ways I have seen God continue to build His church. I thought of something Gina tells us singers during the Cantata: "look around you, see the people next to you. It will look different next year, folks will be added or taken away. So enjoy and be grateful now." Last, I thought of Jesus. How grateful I am that He came and died for me, and then rose from the grave!

As I walked back to the building, I was reminded that I have work to do. I'm still here. There are kids that need teaching, families that need encouraging, a battle still raging around us, people that need love.

"Since we are surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance that race that is set before us, looking to Jesus..." Hebrews 12:1

"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Return, O Lord! "How long?" Have pity on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days....Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes establish the work of our hands!" Psalm 90