

Women in the Church Newsletter

Transformed to pursue the glory of God in our daily lives

-Becoming What We Behold-



"Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head."

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Chapter 3: Eve in Eden

This month in our study we will be digging deeper into Genesis 1 & 2. Yes, we may think we know these passages of Scripture inside and out, but have you thought about these truths?

God is our reference point, the place we run to when we must make choices, or how He shows that His Word is our authority when He said, "Let there be light", and the light obeyed. Have you ever seen the similarities between the cultural mandate (Gen.1:28) and the gospel mandate (Matt.28:18-20)? And what exactly does the phrase "spread Eden to the ends of the earth" really look like?

Please join one of the circle Bible studies to find out the answers. If you can't make a meeting, call or visit a sister and share something new you've learned about our Savior!



Pray for one another

Give _____ victory over seeking the praise of people. Help them to be ready to give to the Lord's work without expecting any recognition from others. Matt. 6:2

*College Valentines Boxes: goodies due by **Feb. 9th**

*Ordination service for Matt Lamos:
Feb. 15th, 2pm

*Ladies Spring Event: **Early May**

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

Testimony Corner: *Stacy Taylor*

We don't get to know everything. That's a lesson the Holy Spirit has been teaching me lately. We don't get to know why our loved ones suffer, why we suffer, we don't always get to see the good that God means it for. That's hard. I have always wanted to know why... to everything. My father tells me it was my least desirable quality as a child.

My sinful self wants all the answers so I can defend God, to myself and others. But, God doesn't need defense, He is perfect and everything He ordains is right. This was a hard truth for me to swallow, so I prayed for more understanding. I didn't know what I ought to have prayed for, and I suppose the Holy Spirit interceded.

I didn't get more understanding; it wasn't what was best for me. Instead I got peace and comfort from the very thing that was causing me grief. Through interactions with fellow Christians and, believe it or not, discussions with the 3-5 year olds I teach on Wednesday night. I learned that I am a child of God and just like I don't tell my children everything, all my reasons, God doesn't tell me all. I ought to trust Him and thank Him for what He gives and what He doesn't. My children don't understand why I keep certain things from them, but I know it is for good.

I easily accepted God keeping things or people from me for my good. But keeping knowledge from me? That I couldn't accept, until recently. God is faithful and He loves us. Whatever my God ordains is right, whether I can prove it or not. I thank God for this new peace.