



Tapestry Newsletter

Women's Ministry

Wow! Look at *That!*

"Stop and consider God's wonders. Do you know how God controls the clouds and makes his lightning flash?" (Job 37:14-15)

The New Year is beginning and it is filled with wonder. Each day should bring a few "ooooh"-s and "ahhhh"-s, a few "wow"-s and "that's amazing!"-s. If not, then maybe like many of us you have become numb to the wonder life. A pastor once suggested that "we are so mesmerized by technology, so wrapped up in our drive to produce and our need to succeed, make, acquire, amass, display, that our faculty for awe has been anesthe-



tized." (Campbell) John Piper writes that one of the tragedies of growing up is that we get used to "the redness of the rising sun, the roundness of the moon, and whiteness of the snow, the wetness of the rain, the blueness of the sky, the buzzing of bumble bees...the weirdness of noses and ears, the never ceasing crash of countless waves..."

STOP. Take a deep breath, pause long enough to consider God's wonders. Did you notice the snail crawling up the side of the house, or the color on that tree, or the way the rain-drop just hangs on the leaf? Did you marvel at the unusual cloud display, or beauty of the bird's song this morning? Are you going through the motions expecting to see what you always see? Restore the wonder in your eyes. Let God surprise you today. Look for His handiwork around you on the way to work, or the store, or church. It is time for us to have more "Awe" moments!

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ☐ January 5—New Bible Studies starting
- ☐ January 17—Third Tuesday with Friends "Vessels for the Master's Use"
- ☐ February Bible Studies

Third Tuesday with Friends January 17th, 2012

Haven't made it to Third Tuesday with Friends yet? Now is the time! It is a great night of games, laughter, refreshments and devotions. A relaxing evening with friends or a chance to meet new people. We've got a great new year planned! This month is...



"Vessels for the Master's Use"

Have you ever looked around your home and noticed the things that are just cluttering up space? Some things even stay in perfect condition but if they aren't useful, they are just taking up space. Are you just taking up space? Come find out how we can be of use to the Master.

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Winter Bible Studies for Women



January "Heart to Heart" is back! Come and listen as a few of our own share 'heart to heart' what God has done in their lives! Each night we will hear a personal testimony followed by a related Bible Study discussion. Thursday evenings in the House Annex from 7:00-8:30pm. Begins January 5th!

February-March

Please note there has been a change in studies for February and March. We will offer two different 6 week studies on Thursday evenings and Friday mornings. These will be followed by our "Simple Truths: For When Life Gets Complicated" study(mentioned in last month's newsletter) taught by Shellynne Wucher in late March-early May.

Thursday Evenings: "Free to Forgive" This six week study will meet in the House Annex Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30pm beginning February 3rd. Cost is \$10.00 per book. Led by Debbie Walker. Stop by our table and sign up!

Friday Mornings: "The Virtuous Woman: Shattering the Superwoman Myth" by Vicki Courtney. This six week study will meet Friday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall 9:30-11:00am beginning February 3rd. Childcare provided, but please let the office know how many children you are bringing. Cost is \$10.00 per book. Led by Beth Johnson. Stop by our table and sign up!

Pull Tabs Collection



In February we will be taking all the pull tabs we've collected to the Ronald McDonald House in Austin. Please bring your pull tabs either to one of the upcoming Third Tuesday

with Friends OR bring them to our table in the Worship Center Mall. If no one is at the table, just leave them there. If it is a huge amount, please leave them under the table. We will pick them up. If you have not yet collected any, you still have time!

January Ministry Highlight:

The **Intercessory Prayer** Ministry.

Do you think of prayer as a last resort?
Or, do you see prayer as the most exciting ministry for God's people today?

Perhaps one of the least known ministries in our church is our Intercessory Prayer Ministry. Tucked at the back of the Student Center is a small room that serves as our Intercessory Prayer Room. But before you read the logistics of when, where and how, let's talk about the What and Why.

God calls us to pray for one another. Interestingly, our prayer attitude is often more defensive than aggressive. "If we are to grow in strength, with some large experience of God's power...and to bring down real blessing on others, there must be more definite and persevering prayer." (Andrew Murray)

The marks of a true intercessor are: "a sense of human need; a Christ-like love in the heart; a consciousness of personal impotence; faith in the power of

prayer; courage to persevere in spite of refusal; and the assurance of an abundant reward."



Our life and work are dependent on God's empowering. And prayer is His chosen means for giving us that power. Are we willing to be intercessors for others?

Our Prayer Room is open from 7:00am-9:00pm, and typically people go weekly for one hour. There is a sign-up for the designated hours. In the room you will find notebooks with new and on going prayer requests. There are note cards available in case you would like to send a note letting someone know you are praying for them. Confidentiality is an important aspect to this ministry.

Here, in the quiet of this room, as you read the requests, as your own heart is moved by the needs expressed, as you lay them at the feet of our Lord, here—you can feel the heartbeat of our church. Please contact Daniel Roucloux (251-3052) if you are interested in being a part of this vital ministry!