



Valley Baptist's Women of The Word Ministry team is devoted to helping women live out the gospel through their God-given design and purpose. Our passion is to see women grow in knowing and living out the Word of God through biblical study, special events, mentoring and serving others in the love of Christ.

January 2021 Women's Ministry at Valley Baptist Church

The New Year holiday is one of my favorites. I love going online to read all of the year end recaps and the lists of the top new movies and books. I love hanging a new calendar on my kitchen wall. I love the anticipation of what's to come in the year ahead. I love a good story and I love a blank sheet of paper. I suppose it's the writer in me. Always looking ahead towards all of the possibilities. But some years end differently. As 2004 ended, I was a 24-year-old mom with a four-year-old and a one-year-old. My year was full of baby giggles, pre-school and joy, but it also held tragedy. Two of my childhood friends lost their dads, one to cancer and one to early onset Alzheimer's. A high school classmate died in a car accident (the first loss in my graduating class). A young mother I knew passed away unexpectedly, leaving behind a heartbroken husband and a baby the exact same age as mine. I was desperate to see 2004 come to an end. I was desperate for change, desperate for hope.

At 24, I wanted it to be as easy as putting up a new calendar and getting on with a new year. At 40, I understand that life is a lot messier and a lot more complicated than that. I have learned to turn to God's Word during painful times. Isaiah 43:2 states, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you" (ESV). These beautiful words remind me that I will never face anything alone. Throughout the trials of life, God is with me. In John 16:33, Jesus said to the disciples, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (ESV). These words remind me that I can expect challenges to continue to find their way to me and that is okay. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus overcame the world. Nothing that happens to me can take away my salvation or the peace I find in my Savior. So, as we end a challenging year and turn our eyes to the future, I pray that each of you will turn to God and to His Word when you seek comfort and hope. Happy New Year, ladies! ~~ Katie

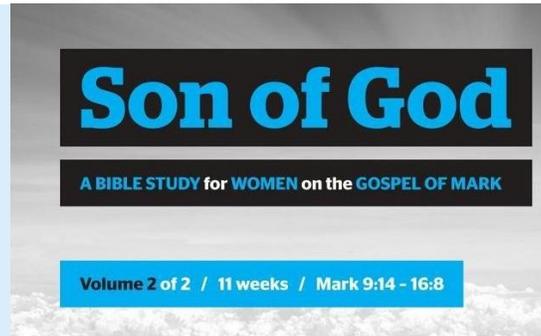


Women In Prayer (W.I.P.) meets the first Saturday of each month to pray for VBC's many ministries, outreaches and servants. We would love to have you join us **Saturday January 2nd at 8:00am via zoom**. Watch for an email invitation with the zoom link. You may also contact Karen Warren or Sue Shepard for more information.



*Ladies, please join us for our next monthly fellowship via zoom.
Saturday, January 16, 2021 9:30-11:00am
We will be sharing a devotional and will also have time for you to share
Scripture passages that the Lord is using in your life.
A zoom invitation will be emailed the day before the event.
Contact Erin Long at 920-558-0206 with any questions*

Women's Winter Bible Study



Do you want to grow in knowing Jesus? Join us on a verse-by-verse journey through the second half of the Gospel of Mark. Together we will study Jesus' teaching, His interactions with others, and His death and resurrection. Daily homework (about 30-40 minutes, 5 days per week) will prepare us for weekly class discussion on Zoom. Our discussion time will help us understand and apply what we are learning, and will bless us with fellowship as we learn together.

This exciting 11-week study is Part 2 of the Son of God study and covers Mark 9:14-16:8. All women are welcome to join. It is not necessary to have completed Part 1!

There will be two days and times offered:

- **Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm** January 12-March 30
Led by Paula Weber
- **Thursdays 9:00-11:00 am** January 14-April 1
Led by Heather Erdmann

Books will be available in the Church office

Do you have questions, or would you like to sign up?

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Women of The Word Team At a Glance

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Happy New Year to you all! Our prayer is that you grow even closer to our Lord and Savior this year. Often the new year is a time to start a new habit or improve upon an old one. One habit we would like to encourage is reading God's Holy Word daily. Reading the Bible is how we get to know God and His character. As we end 2020 and welcome 2021, let us place our trust and hope not in the new year but in the One who will make all things new! "And He who was seated on the throne said, Behold, I am making all things new." Rev. 21:5

If you are looking for a Bible reading plan, below are some links to reading plans you may want to try.

Download a free [Reading plan](#) from Crossway

You may also find a reading plan at the [Blue Letter Bible](#) web site

The [Navigators](#) have many reading plans on their web site.

Blogger Tim Challies has shared a 5-day reading plan [Here](#)

The 2021 Women's Retreat is still tentatively scheduled for Apr 23-25, 2021. We are prayerfully considering how God wants us to proceed. Look for more information to be available in mid to late January. Until then, please keep the retreat leadership team in prayer