

# Women of the Word

Stay informed, connected, and encouraged

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, prayer, special events, mentoring, and serving others in the love of Christ.

## January 2023 Women's Ministry at Valley Baptist Church

Here we are, January of another new year! We've just finished celebrating the birth of the Messiah, our precious Lord Jesus—the greatest gift ever given, a Son, born so that He could die to cover the guilt of our sins with His own blood. But gloriously He rises again! And when He ascended to heaven, He promised that we would always have His Holy Spirit with us always.

There is another profoundly beautiful gift we have been given—God's Holy Word!

In Mathew 4:4 when Jesus is in the wilderness and the enemy is tempting Him with hunger, He replies; *"But he answered, 'It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

Jesus is actually quoting Deuteronomy 8:3. In this passage we are told the reason for the manna. It says that God humbled the Israelites and let them hunger, then fed them with manna to make them know that man lives by **every** word that comes from the mouth of the Lord!

Every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord... we know that today as the Bible. Every word in it is breathed out by God for us today. The English Standard Version of the Bible contains 757,439 words (I Googled it). That is a lot of words!! Jesus is telling us that man lives by **every** word... the Word of God is our food and substance! He is telling us that every word in Scripture is important.

I want to encourage us to be reading God's Holy Word... the Bible, all the many thousands of words in it! Each and every one of those 757,439 words is from God Himself for us to read today, each word having **His** life in them. Each word is profitable and holy. I think you might know where I am going with this. We should read the Bible. All of it!

Now, this is where you might be thinking that I am going to tell you to start on January 1<sup>st</sup> in Genesis 1:1 and make sure you end with Revelation 22:21 on December 31<sup>st</sup>. I am not going to do that. Nowhere in the Bible does it say we have to read the whole thing in one year. However, I am praying that you will make it a priority to read through the entirety of Scripture, at your own pace, in your own personal way. Find a Bible reading plan that works for you. Make a decision that you will try to read the whole Bible. I promise it will bless your socks off!

Happy reading ladies! I am praying for you and cheering you on, Paula

### Mark Your Calendars

#### Winter Bible Study

Wednesday PMs and  
Thursday AMs starting  
January 11 & 12, 2023

#### Connected Event

Saturday, February 18  
11am-1pm

#### Women's Retreat

April 21-23

**Save the dates and plan  
to join us!!**

Some Bible reading plans to choose from:

[Five Day Bible reading plan](#)

[Reading plans from Crossway](#)

[Blue letter Bible reading plan](#)

[From Revive Our Hearts](#)

Many Bible apps on your phone have reading plans such as:

**You Version** or **Bible Gateway**.

### Women of The Word Team at a Glance

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*It's Worth Reading*

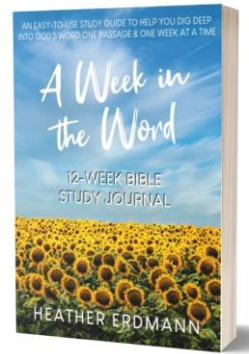


Want to get more into the Word this year and Dig Deep into any passage of Scripture you choose?

*"A Week in the Word"* by Heather Erdmann is a customizable, inductive Bible study journal that guides you through daily activities each week including: **context, keywords, verse mapping, cross-references, commentaries, attributes of God, prayer & praise, and most importantly—life application!**

Helpful references and easy-to-follow instructions will get you deep into God's Word in a manageable, enjoyable way!

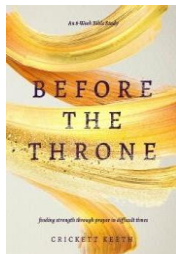
Get it here: ["A Week in the Word"](#)



Join us for our winter Bible Study.

We are starting the year off with an emphasis on prayer.

Where do you go when life overwhelms you? *Before The Throne*...this eight-week study will help us turn our focus toward God's character through prayer. God will supply the strength we need to face whatever is before us because that is the privilege we have when we come *Before The Throne*.



There are **TWO** options for you to choose from:  
**Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm via Zoom**  
January 11 through March 1, 2023  
For questions contact Heather at [bhte03@gmail.com](mailto:bhte03@gmail.com)

**Thursday mornings 9:00-11:00am in person**  
January 12 through March 2, 2023  
For question contact Paula at [gandpweber@gmail.com](mailto:gandpweber@gmail.com)

To sign up please see the Ministry Connection Table in the Welcome Center.

*Ladies, save the Date for Our Annual Women's Retreat April 21-23, 2023 At the Osthoff Resort*



We have a special guest speaker joining us:

**Leslie Bennett!**

She serves on the Revive Our Hearts Ministry team in Women's Ministry Initiatives. It will be a tremendous blessing to have Leslie share with us at our retreat.

The Women's Retreat is always a time of great teaching from the Word of God and prayer. There is wonderful fellowship and time to connect with other women and build friendships.

Plan to join us!

