



November 2024 Women's Ministry at Valley Baptist Church

“We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.” 1 Thess. 2:8 CSB

Our key verse for this ministry year is 1 Thessalonians 2:8. As I've been spending time with the Lord, I've been camped out in 1 Thessalonians, reading it over and over and over to be sure I understand the context of our theme verse. It's truly a warm book, as Paul, Silas, and Timothy **express their thankfulness** for the believers at Thessalonica.

This observation made me think: Have I **expressed my thankfulness** to my church, specifically the women of my church? While no church is perfect, we have so very much to be thankful for. Specifically, here are some things I have been thanking God for over the past year that I want you to know about:

- You are serving one another in love. Time and again, I hear of you meeting one another's needs with practical, life-giving, every-day service.
- You are growing in love for one another. You welcome new ladies while continuing to grow in your established friendships.
- You are sharing your faith, inviting friends and family to events where they will hear the Gospel.
- You have been so patient with us. We are in no way a perfect women's ministry team. As we attempt to serve you, we make mistakes. Things don't go the way we planned. We miss the mark. Yet, we receive so much encouragement from you all, whether it's a note in our mailboxes or a phone call or a hug. Thank you for encouraging us!
- You renew your minds in God's Word and align your lives to it. I cannot tell you the joy it brings all of us on the women's ministry team to learn from all of YOU as you share what God is teaching you each week whether at Bible study, Sunday school, church, in your quiet times, etc.
- You pray for one another and with one another.
- You speak well of one another. Normally, as women gather, you would expect to hear a lot of gossip. But honestly, that is not the norm here. You lift one another up instead of tear one another down. I truly believe our women as a whole provide a very safe place where others will be encouraged and loved.

If you are new or you've been attending for a long time but haven't gotten involved with the women here, please know there is a spot at the table for you!

Thank You, Lord, for blessing me with the women of Valley Baptist Church!

With gratitude,

Erin Long

***We're so pleased to welcome Sue Shepard
to our Connected Women's Ministry Team!***

**Mark Your Calendars:
Connected Events**

Get to know our new Pastor's Wife, Susan Moffett

Saturday, November 16, 9:00-11:00 A.M. AND

Tuesday, November 19, 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Plan to attend the one that's best for you.

Christmas Joy

Monday Dec 9, 6:30 - 8:00

**Connected Team
at a Glance**

Jean Kielisch,
Coordinator

Beth Dunning
Katie Land
Erin Long
Sue Shepard
Paula Weber

*Newsletter:
Sherri Darby*

You're invited to our
**WOMEN'S CAFE
CONNECTION**



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Saturday, November 16th from 9-11am
or
Tuesday, November 19th from 6:30-8pm

**(Plan to attend the one
that best fits your calendar)**

Light refreshments provided.

RSVP appreciated at

www.Valleyconnex.org/womens-ministry



**2025 Women's Retreat
April 4-6, 2025**

**The Lodge at Leathem Smith
Sturgeon Bay**

Valley Baptist Church's
CONNECTED WOMEN'S MINISTRY
invites you to an
evening of

Christmas
JOY

Monday, December 9th
6:30-8:00 pm
in the Welcome Center

We will enjoy fellowship, worship, teaching,
and prayer as we prepare our hearts for
Christmas and celebrate Jesus' birth together.

Light refreshments provided.

Bring your Bible and a friend!

RSVP appreciated at

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