



October 2024 Women's Ministry at Valley Baptist Church

Connected. Are you connected? What comes to mind when you hear that word? Webster's defines it as being "joined or linked together." Many of us immediately think of relationships we have with family members, coworkers, or neighbors. Some may even think of connections they have through social media. It's a beautiful thing to live out that relational part of God's design for every human being. But as women who know God personally through Jesus Christ, we're connected in a special way through the Holy Spirit. What an amazing gift that is! We're so excited about this that we've changed our women's ministry name to **Connected**. But it's not just a name change with updated graphics. **"Side by side, together for the Gospel"** is the expression of a deepening focus and conviction the Lord has been forming in our hearts, and we want to share it with you as we begin a new ministry year. Though our name is different, the foundation of our ministry remains the same – the Word of God. It is our beginning point and our ending point, so we are still women of the Word!

As we met in July for our day of focused prayer and time in the Word, the theme of being connected in community with one another, and intentionally building relationships, showed up everywhere. We were created to be relational and so we crave deep connection with others. This is no accident. God intends for us to live out our love for Jesus *together*. Paul expresses this in many of his letters. In Philippians, his love for those believers comes out in his references to them as *partners* and working *side by side* for the Gospel. (Phil 1:5,7,27; 4:3) In Ephesians, we see that believers are being built *together* into a dwelling place of God as we *together* build up the body of Christ in love. (Eph 2:21-22; 4:16) There are also many references to *one another* in scripture: "*Comfort one another, confess your sins to one another, love one another, pray for one another, instruct one another, build up one another, be kind to one another, carry one another's burdens.*" Wow. What a picture of being truly connected through Jesus Christ! This experience of sharing our own lives with each other and serving side by side as we share and live out the Gospel, is beautiful. We want more of it ourselves, and we believe you do too.

We desire to be used by God to create opportunities for women to build these relationships with one another, growing deeper in love for Him and for each other as we do so. What drives us to do this? As members of the body of Christ at Valley Baptist church, you are dear to us! We echo Paul's statement to those in Thessalonica: "***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 Th 2:8 CSB)

Will you join us? Together, let's pray for opportunities to grow in this area of our lives. Let's look for practical ways to live out those *one another's* in order to shine as lights in this world and advance the Gospel. Let's take advantage of opportunities to connect with other sisters in Christ and experience the joy of community centered on the love of Jesus. Let's take the time to *stay connected, living side by side, together for the Gospel*.

Together for the Gospel,
Jean

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

Erin Long

Katie Land

Paula Weber

Newsletter:
Sherri Darby

Pray about joining us this Fall for Bible Study

JESUS
SWEETEST NAME I KNOW

Jesus, the Sweetest Name I know

Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 PM

October 9 - November 20, 2024

Facilitated by Heather Erdmann

We will be using a study guide with homework to do each week, then gather together for a time of discussion.

This topical study on the life and nature of Jesus Christ walks readers through the pages of God's Word to see what it says about the most notable figure in human history -- the One who claims to be both God and man, the sinless One who conquered death, paid the penalty for sin, and offers life and a future even to those who fear they're beyond hope.

REGISTER FOR CLASS

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



Come get to know our new
pastor's wife, Susan Moffett.

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

Save
the Date

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

The Lodge at Leathem Smith
Sturgeon Bay