



January 2025 Newsletter

Women's Ministry at Valley Baptist Church

“So being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.” 1 Thessalonians 2:8

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...” (Ecc 3:1)

I love the change of seasons. It's one thing I appreciate about living in Wisconsin and it's been on my mind a lot lately. It's easy to think of seasons when we're talking about the weather, but it's also a spiritual reality we face as believers, no matter where we live and what the weather is like. The Lord has driven home this truth as He has revealed a new season to come in my life.

It has been the joy of my life to be in women's ministry leadership here at Valley. Growing with, praying with, and serving side by side with all of you has been a rich blessing throughout this last decade. (Has it really been that long?) When I stepped into this role, God put on my heart the conviction that our job as women's leaders is to disciple and equip the next generation to know and love God and His Word deeply, infuse all our activities with gospel truth, and share in the joy of heart transformation together. And that has happened – in many wonderful ways. That conviction is even stronger today, as I have the joy of “passing the baton” to the next generation of leaders. I will be stepping out of leadership as of January 1, and Erin Long and Paula Weber will be taking on the responsibility of being Co-coordinators of our *Connected Women's Ministry*. What a joy it is to see them move into this role and I am so excited to think about how the Lord will use them and the rest of our *Connected team* in the future.

Another seasonal change I'd like to share with you is a change of address for us sometime this new year. The Lord has clearly reminded us in the last six months something we all “know;” our time on earth is limited and we are called to “...tell the next generation the glorious deeds of the Lord; and His might and the wonders that He has done.” (Ps 78:4) What that means for us is the opportunity to do this with our grandchildren as we prepare to move close to them in Wausau. Six months ago, we didn't see this coming, but the Lord has a way of making His will clear, and we must simply say “yes, Lord.” We dearly love our church family here and yet we know the Lord goes before us and will provide for every detail going forward. Paul expresses our sentiment well in [1 Thess 2:8](#): “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.” (CSB) Both Kurt and I look forward in anticipation and joy to what the Lord has next for Valley Baptist Church!

In His great love, Jean

Winter Women's Bible Studies

RUTH & TITUS

Wednesday Evenings 6-7:30
January 8th-March 12th
Facilitator: Erin Long

1ST & 2ND PETER

Thursday Mornings 9-11
January 9th-March 20th
Facilitator: Paula Weber

Each class will include homework for you to do on your own during the week. We will gather and have Bible conversations centered on the text from your study time.

*We are not using a published study guide for these studies. We will provide you with additional materials as needed.

Register for class [HERE](#)

Connected Team at a Glance

Paula Weber & Erin Long, Co-
Coordinators

Beth Dunning
Katie Land
Sue Shepard
Jean Kielisch

Newsletter:
Sherri Darby

WOMEN'S ONE-DAY
MINI-RETREAT

Save the
Date!

SATURDAY,
MARCH 29TH, 2025

Happy
New Year
2025



Christmas Joy was such a special evening! We were expecting 65 ladies, and over 90 showed up – WOW! Thank you to all who made this event possible. Make plans to join us next year, you won't want to miss it!