



March 2025 Newsletter

Women's Ministry at Valley Baptist Church

***“He poured out His Spirit on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior so that, having been justified by His grace, we may become heirs with the hope of eternal life.”  
Titus 3:6-7 CSB***

Do you ever throw pity parties for yourself? I do. \*Blush\* I confess to looking at the lives of others and wondering, “Does God love her more than me? He sure seems to bless her. Why does she get “ABC” and I instead get “XYZ?” I was having one such pity party this week. (Oh, the shame!) It doesn't matter what I was complaining about - what does matter is how God gently dealt with me and renewed my mind in His Word. This is why it is so important to be faithful to meet with Him through His Word and in prayer each and every day. He takes us as we are and graciously changes us. So, there I was, “poor me-ing,” and got out my Bible for my time with the Lord. I was in Titus chapter 3, and as I searched for what this passage taught me about God, I was struck with the rich wording of verses 6-7. I decided to do a verse map to learn more. (See “Bible Study Tip” on next page to do your own!) As I slowed down and considered the meaning of each word in context, the veil lifted from my eyes. I am so blessed. I have nothing to complain about.

According to these verses, God has **richly, abundantly, copiously** poured out His Spirit, the third Person of the Godhead, on me through His Son, Jesus Christ my Savior! This stopped me in my tracks. He changed my thinking right then and there and enabled me to repent from envy and distrust. How abundant His love, His grace, His kindness. I have the very Presence of the Living God living inside of me. There is nothing that I lack. Even when I go through difficult seasons, He is with me. He isn't withholding good from me - He has given me Himself! In His mercy, God changed my pity party into worship.

“Oh, the unsearchable riches of Christ!  
Wealth that can never be told;  
Riches exhaustless of mercy and grace,  
Precious, more precious than gold!” (Fanny Crosby)

Abundantly rich in Him,  
Erin Long

## BIBLE STUDY TIP: VERSE MAPPING

A verse map is simply a Bible study tool wherein we zoom-in to examine the words of a verse, in its original context, to better understand the meaning.

While there are many templates online for verse mapping, this is a simple way to do it:

1. Write out the verse, leaving room on the page around it.
2. Define the words. This can be a simple sentence or even a page or two long - it depends on what you find! We can use free Bible tools online - such as Blue Letter Bible, a Bible dictionary, concordance, lexicon, multiple versions of the passage, cross-references, etc. to find the definitions and meaning behind the words.
3. In the blank space around the verse you previously wrote out, write in short definitions to bring it all together.



4. Write a summary/paraphrase of the verse.

God our Savior richly, fully, and amply distributed His Spirit, the third Person of the Godhead, on believers through Jesus, the anointed Son of God, who delivers us from sin and death.

### Connected Team at a Glance

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## CONNECTED Women's Mini-Retreat

"Side by Side, Together for the Gospel"

Saturday, March 29th  
from 8:15-4:00  
at Valley Baptist Church  
3600 Chippewa St., Appleton

Registration begins online February 21st and ends  
March 21st. Check our website for details, including  
cost, as they become available:

[www.valleyconnex.org/womens-ministry](http://www.valleyconnex.org/womens-ministry)

"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



Did you know that we have a meal train ministry here at VBC? It is a beautiful practical ministry that makes it easy to schedule meals to be delivered in a time of need from your church family. Having meals delivered after a new baby arrives home, or if you have had a surgery, a lengthy illness, or maybe a death in the family can be a huge blessing!

Carol Jalonon coordinates this ministry. Please reach out to her at [caroljalonen@outlook.com](mailto:caroljalonen@outlook.com) if you would like to participate in the delivery of meals OR you need to receive a few meals.

Register for mini-retreat