



May 2025 Newsletter

Women's Ministry at Valley Baptist Church

"My heart is full to overflowing!" This was the heartfelt response of one of my dear sisters following our recent retreat. My response was - and continues to be - "Amen and Amen!" Throughout the day, women of all ages were connecting, sitting side-by-side eating, worshiping, laughing, singing, talking, making new friends, learning new skills, and listening intently as our speakers and panel shared the gospel so powerfully as well as shared their lives. God's Word was lived out that day in our retreat theme verse, 1 Thessalonians 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 so dear to us."*

The challenge before all of us is continuing to live out this wonderful *connectedness* that we experienced at retreat. Is there another gal that the Lord is prompting you to reach out to? Then do it! Is there someone you would like to get to know better? If so, you will bless her by letting her know that! Or perhaps there is someone who is going through a really hard time and she needs someone "to carry hope" for her. Would you be her someone?

Don't you just love how Jesus modeled this for us? How he reached out to people - Zacchaeus, Matthew the tax collector, the woman at the well, the blind man He healed at Bethsaida, the rich young ruler, the family He saved from embarrassment by turning the water into wine at the wedding in Cana, Nicodemus, Peter who betrayed Him, His precious mother at the cross. There are so many more examples of Jesus' love and care for His people. But none is greater than *"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* (John 3:16) How I pray that the love Christ had for us - continues to have for us - will compel us to reach out with His love and walk side-by-side, sharing the gospel and also sharing our lives.

Your sister,
Beth

LADIES PLAN TO JOIN US THIS SUMMER!



Connected Women's Ministry Summer Bible reading. Thursday mornings in June and July.

We will read portions of Scripture aloud together.

No registration required, just show up with your Bible and we will read together.

**Thursdays June 12, 19 and 26. July 10, 17 and 24.
We will meet from 9:00-10:30am.**

*The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. Psalm 19:7-8*

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