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Women's Ministry

"Side by Side, Together for the Gospel"

"Whose I Am" By Beth Dunning

This past summer was unusually busy but wonderful and full of blessings! In the middle of traveling and company and other responsibilities, it was not always easy to maintain my morning time with the Lord, which I so treasure and love. Although it was not always daily, the Lord so blessed me as I read and wrote out Psalm 119. Not only is it the longest psalm, but it's also the longest chapter in the Bible. It is composed of 22 stanzas, each stanza having eight verses.

As I read and reread Psalm 119, the Lord touched my heart in so many ways to pray His Word.

Lord, please help me to keep Your Word diligently to walk in Your Word and ways.

Please teach me and broaden my understanding.

Open my eyes to see the truth of Your Word and to be Your faithful servant.

Please show me if there are things to which I am clinging that are worthless. Please hold my feet from every evil way and rid me of any false ways.

Empower me to speak of Your testimonies before whom ever You place in my life, and that, as I speak, I will have a tongue of righteousness.

Lord, make my heart be open to learn in the tough times.

Lord, You are my hiding place and my shield. In You, I find safety and peace and healing and rest because of Your presence and power.

Lord, You are salvation and steadfast, unfailing love.

When You unfold Your Word, there is light.

I love that You are always near.

How I praise You because all of Your Word is truth!

I want to stand in awe of Your Word as the psalmist did. Please renew my wonder for Your Word.

was especially touched by the last verse of Psalm 119 -

"I have gone astray like a lost sheep, and I do not forget Your commands."

Lord, sometimes I do wander like a lost sheep, but I know that you are my Good Shepherd, who never leaves or forsake me. You draw me back to Yourself. You continue to teach and remind me to ABIDE in You.

Abiding in the Lord and His Word through prayer...there is no better place to be.

In His love,
Beth

Whose I Am

Jesus, Master, whose I am,
Purchased Thine alone to be,
By Thy blood, O spotless Lamb,
Shed so willingly for me;
Let my heart be all Thine own,
Let me live to Thee alone.

Other lords have long held sway;
Now, Thy name alone to bear,
Thy dear voice alone obey,
Is my daily, hourly prayer.
Whom have I in heaven but Thee?
Nothing else my joy can be.

Jesus, Master! I am Thine;
Keep me faithful, keep me near;
Let Thy presence in me shine
All my homeward way to cheer.
Jesus! at Thy feet I fall,
Oh, be Thou my All-in-all.

--Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)

Praying the Scriptures

By Paula Weber

Learning to pray scripture has been very helpful in my prayer life. When I don't know what to pray, scripture gives me the words. When my heart is heavy over a particular burden, scripture helps me put into words what I want to pray. The same goes for when I am rejoicing, prayers of thanksgiving come right from the Bible. When we take the very words that God breathed for us, and pray them back to Him, it can be reassuring and comforting.

A verse that I pray often, for myself and others is Romans 15:13, *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."*

The word "you" in that verse represents yourself or a loved one that you are praying for. Do you, or someone you know need more joy, peace or hope? The prayer forms itself from the words of scripture.



On the Calendar:

Current Women's Bible Studies:

Wednesday Evenings 6:15-7:30pm -

Sermon on the Mount,

Facilitated by Erin Long and Tabitha King

Thursday Mornings 9-11am -

Sermon on the Mount,

Facilitated by Paula Weber

1 Timothy (Precepts Study),

Facilitated by Debbie Knitter

Christmas Joy - Monday Dec 8th 6:30pm

More details to come!



God has gifted each of you with spiritual gifts and natural talents! Throughout the ministry year, we have a LOT of opportunities that come up for you to serve in women's ministry. Please take a few minutes to fill out our survey. Filling it out does not commit you to anything. It is simply a tool for us to know you better and how you may like to serve in the future as opportunities arise.

Thank you so much!

Flashcards - For You!

By Sue Shepard

I have made many many "flashcards" through the years... First, as a student to use to remember the necessary facts to help study for a quiz or exam. Then when teaching Special Education students, I would make individual packets for each of them to learn "Sight Words" and "Math Facts".

Now I am using 3X5 index cards to write down those Scriptures that "jump out" and speak to me as I am reading in my quiet time and/or studying for a Bible Study. I try to review them as often as I can throughout the day and/or week. These are also handy to refer to when writing a note or card to someone and want to include an appropriate verse to minister to them.

In the past, I have also made my own "perpetual calendar" of sorts by punching these 3X5 cards in the top two corners and then putting a ring through each side. I can then flip these cards on a daily, weekly, or whenever it works out to review and remember. You can sort your cards by dates (if you have dated them as you write them out), by topics, or by books of the Bible, etc.

Enjoy your journey of writing out and collecting Scripture as you read His Word that "speaks" to you for such a time as this! Enjoy reviewing and remembering these "gems"!

Scripture Memory: Romans 15:5-7

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:5-7 is our theme verse for the 2025/2026 ministry year. Here's a fun way to memorize it - use the first letter of each word (printed below) to help your recall!

M t G o e a e g y t l i s h w o a , i a w C J , t t y m w o v g t G a F o o L J C . T w o a a C h w y , f t g o G .

*Serving you in love,
the Connected Women's Ministry Team*

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Valley Baptist's Connected Women's Ministry Team is devoted to helping women live out the Gospel through their God-given design and purpose. Our passion is to see women grow in knowing and living out the Word of God through biblical study, prayer, special events, mentoring, and serving others in the love of Christ.