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A Year of Pilgrimage

Opening Breakfast - Saturday September 22, 2007

Blessed are those whose strength is in You, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. Psalm 84:5

Our opening event will be a special time to begin our year of pilgrimage. The teaching will focus on Psalm 84's view of the perspective of our earthly journey in view of our heavenly destination. How do we set our hearts on pilgrimage? What do our hearts truly yearn for? What does it mean to be a "stranger and exile on earth"? How do we withdraw from earthly things and draw near to the Lord, maintaining a fixed eye on Him during our earthly journey? What is

pilgrimage and how do we live as a pilgrim on earth? Brent Curtis and John Eldridge share in *The Sacred Romance*, "It is only by leaving home and taking a pilgrimage that we will begin to see how our own stores are interwoven with the great romance God has been telling since before the dawn of time. It is on this pilgrimage that we begin to see that each of us has a part in the cosmic love affair that was created specifically with us in mind...Entering into the sacred romance begins with a decision to become a pilgrim of the heart." God invites us to be His pilgrim and find our home in Him and Him alone



and to live life here and now as journeying through a foreign land seeking a country — HEAVEN! This is a mindset and a heartset— a resolve to dwell in God realizing the world is not your home and life is IN CHRIST ALONE! Is this the passion that flows from your heart? Join us at our opening breakfast as we enjoy fellowship, fun, and most importantly, explore our pilgrimage on this earth.

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Upcoming Events (Mark your calendar):

- Opening Breakfast - Saturday September 22, 2007
- Fall Consignment - Saturday October 13, 2007
- Heart to Heart Opening Event - Tuesday Evening October 16, 2007
- Walk Humbly with the Lord - Monday Evening October 22, 2007
- Christmas Craft Event - Sunday afternoon November 18, 2007
- Strength & Honor are her clothing—Fashion Show—Saturday January 19, 2008
- Annual Ladies Retreat—February 29– March 1, 2008

Fall Consignment - Saturday October 13, 2007



Our semi-annual Children's Consignment Sale supports families with young children in our community and raises funds for mission-related ministries.

Consignors receive 70% of their sales. The remaining 30% is used to support other ministries within our community.

Numerous volunteers are needed to set up, manage, and break down the sale.

Volunteers and consignors have the opportunity to shop before the sale is open to the general public. Look for sign up at the women's ministry table and on the web beginning in September.



Heart to Heart— Be Shepherded or be a Shepherdess

Is anyone there who would like to share in my life? ...Could we pray or talk through my day, share in my joy and sorrow, today and tomorrow? Heart to Heart...

Are you a woman in need of encouragement or a spiritually mature woman that desires to share her life, experiences, and God's Word with another woman? Heart to Heart is a ministry for women based on Titus 2. There are times when each of us just needs a friend

to talk to, someone to listen to us and encourage us as we make tough decisions and ordinary day-to-day decisions of our lives. Each of us have been through experiences that we can share with someone else to help them in their Christian walk. Stop by the women's ministry table beginning August 12 for more information about this valuable ministry. Training for the mentor is October 1 and the Heart to Heart Kick Off will be October 16.



Are you looking for someone safe to be present with you in your pain, someone who empathizes, someone to remind you that there is hope? Are you in pain? Or do you just need guidance on how to grow in your faith, be a loving wife, raise your children, live as a single woman, deal with the business world and other numerous issues? If so, you need a loving shepherdess with compassion and understanding to lead you to the One who can fill your hurting heart and meet your deepest needs. Are you a woman of compassion and understanding whose heart desires to shepherd woman through various life issues. If so, you need to be a shepherdess.

Seeking Him Bible Study

Experience the joy of personal revival in your pilgrimage by joining ladies in the Nancy Leigh DeMoss Bible Study "Seeking Him". "Are you tired of trying to be a good Christian? Are you overloaded and worn out with church activities? Do you sometimes feel as if you're just going through the motions of the Christian life? Do you often find yourself running on empty spiritually?" Come join Debbie Arthur at her home approximately once a month on either Monday or Thursday evening beginning the week

of September 10 as we answer God's call to something deeper in our relationship with the Lord. Sign up begins Sunday August 12, 2007.



"Revival...Not just an emotional touch...But a complete transformation! It can happen...in your heart, in your home, in your church, in your world."

Mom's Monthly Meeting

Mothers desire to love, serve and nourish their families. But many mothers are feeling empty and worn, having no time to rest, receive and renew. On the second Thursday evening of each month from September through May, mothers meet at the church to nurture each other, study God's Word and discuss issues relating to their current life situations as a mother. These special times of caring and sharing are open to all mothers. Child care will be provided. For more information, contact Celina Lord 703-971-0323.



GOD IS! I lean upon the garden wall, and looking on my garden small, these foolish words I then recall: The fool contends that God is not! Not God? In gardens? When the eve is cool? No God to fashion rose and vine? Ah, this I know, from time to time, God walks in mine! - Ord L. Morrow

Pilgrimage of the Heart Bible Study



Satisfy your longing for adventure with God as you grow and develop your quiet time with the Lord in your pilgrimage by joining ladies in the Quiet times for the Heart Bible Study "Father, lead me on a pilgrimage of the heart." Come journey with us through the Psalms—and on

that journey/pilgrimage, come away with the Lord, dwell with Him, commune with Him, and delight in Him. Spend time getting to know God. Enjoy the adventure of pilgrimage with God. Meet with Debbie Arthur at her home one Saturday morning each month, beginning September 29. Sign up begins Sunday August 12, 2007.

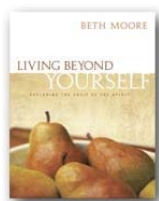


Pilgrimage with Debbie



Dear Ladies, This summer as I have been preparing for the new year of ministry exploring our pilgrimage on this earth, I have been reminded that Jesus, when He spent time on this earth (with the goal of doing the Father's will and giving His life for us), lived a life of compassion for people in pain, emotionally, psychologically, spiritually and physically. He both felt compassion and acted with compassion. In His story of the good Samaritan, Jesus describes two types of people: 1) Those who see the beaten traveler but do not get involved, hurrying to do "ministry" elsewhere, and 2) Those who see the beaten traveler, feel true heartfelt compassion, cross the road, get involved, and in fact get dirty. In our religiosity, we can become immune to the pain of others, busy with our "good deeds" and "religious acts" - not willing to get dirty, to really see the pain of those around us. It just might be uncomfortable or inconvenient or painful to get involved—to truly act in compassion. But, should we forget as we travel this road to Zion, that Jesus was the model of pilgrimage? He listened. He saw into the heart. His heart broke for the broken-hearted people in the world. Jesus did not worry about what people thought of Him. He was concerned about doing the Father's will during His brief sojourn on earth. He knew that His citizenship is in Heaven. And so it is with us — our citizenship is in Heaven. We are just passing through on the way to our final destination—Heaven. This is not our home. Hebrews 11:13 says that we are strangers and pilgrims on this earth. Beth Moore emphasized in the Women of Faith pre-conference that we are just here "running an errand". This is not our permanent abode. So, as we travel, our heart should be focused on God and eternity, and then we will develop the heart of God and have hearts of compassion that are reflected in our actions here during our journey on earth. So, come join me on a pilgrimage of the heart this year in the women's ministry. My heart is on fire for the Lord and what He has planned for all of us. You are on my heart and in my prayers, dear ladies. Love in Jesus, Debbie Arthur

Living Beyond Yourself



In this Beth Moore Bible Study, ladies will learn about the freedom of a life filled with the fruit of the Spirit, with biblical instruction primarily from Galatians 5:22-23. The goal of this Bible Study is to equip and empower you to live by the Spirit, be led by the Spirit, keep in step with the Spirit, and be filled with the Spirit. Heather Dowlen facilitates this Bible Study on Tuesday mornings beginning September 18 at 9:30am at the church in Cottage A. Sign up begins on Sunday August 12, 2007.

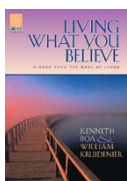
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Effective Parenting in a Defective World



Join ladies every Monday morning to discuss this timely Chip Ingram book at the home of Mary Ady. Mom's will have the opportunity to share and learn about such topics as raising positive kids, relationships that bond, developing your child's full potential, how to teach obedience God's way, effective discipline, punishment vs discipline, and many other useful topics to being an effective mother. Sign up begins on Sunday August 12, 2007.

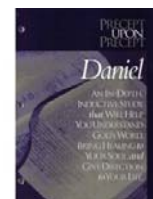
Living What You Believe



Come study the book of James in a relaxed home setting guided by Terry Gerton on alternating Friday evenings. This study is from "The Guidebook Series" a series of books written to make your spiritual journey interesting, understandable and enjoyable, but most of all, life-changing.

After the study of James, Terry will guide ladies through at least two others in the series, "Pursuing Wisdom" & "Wisdom at Work". These studies are for the spiritual traveler who desires to develop Christlikeness in their life. They include insights, side trips, vignettes & pictures to illuminate & expand the traveler's understanding along the way.

Daniel - Part 1



This Kay Arthur precept study will be offered on Tuesday mornings and Friday evening in Cottage B at the church. Lorraine Hatcher is always delighted to lead ladies as they study God's Word precept upon precept. Part 1 of Daniel, *Living Out a Biblical Worldview*, will be the Fall study. Threatened with death, Daniel stuck to his guns and refused to adopt a pagan

lifestyle. His world view had God at the center and he lived it out even under extreme pressure to change. Learn to adopt a biblical world view and adhere to it even when it is not the norm. This study begins the week of September 11. Sign up begins on Sunday August 12, 2007.

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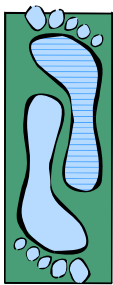
You can also call Debbie Arthur, Director of Women of the Word, at 703-451-0422 or email her at debbie@judeministries.org or check out our new web site at www.pilgrimagewithdebbie.org

A Year of Pilgrimage
Blessed are those whose strength is in You,
who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.
Psalm 84:5

Visit us on the web

www.pilgrimagewithdebbie.org

Walk Humbly with the Lord Monday Evening October 22, 2007



He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

On Monday evening, October 22, 2007 at 7pm in Cottage B, our emphasis will be on our feet. First, we will do something special with our feet (possibly a foot massage or pedicure) while we enjoy light refreshment and fellowship. When ladies are fully refreshed and relaxed, we will then explore three areas of our walk with God on earth. What does it mean "to do justly"? How do we "love mercy"? And how "to walk humbly"? These are some requirements of our pilgrimage. Come join us and explore our walk with the Lord in a relaxing and comfortable atmosphere. Sign up begins in mid-September.



Christmas Craft Event— Holiday Stress Relief on our Pilgrimage—Sunday After- noon, November 18, 2007

We have moved our Christmas Craft event to November this year in order to subtract one activity from your December calendar and allow ladies to



truly focus on the Christmas message. Our afternoon is planned to be a special time before the holiday busyness to enjoy refreshment, fellowship, make a Christmas Craft, and learn a possible new approach to the Christmas season that will include more worship and less stress. Sign up for this special event begins in early October.