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WOMEN OF THE WORD—CALVARY ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Beat the Blues Party & Dinner With Naomi Saturday January 20, 2007 — 5pm

Have you ever felt blue? Are your blues seasonal, situational, or continual? Naomi suffered from situational depression and bitterness after the losses of her lifestyle, her husband, and her sons. She was blessed by Ruth who loved her and chose to be her companion and follow her God, no matter the cost. No matter why you suffer from depression and the depth of your depression, you need other Godly women to



be there for you, but most of all you need a God who can provide comfort. Come join us for a blue dinner (it will be a surprise) and intimate fellowship as we hear from Chris Kessler on how to beat the blues. Chris will address depression from both a medical and spiritual standpoint. Sign up at the Women's Ministry Table. Cost is \$7. Child-care will be provided. For further information, contact Debbie Arthur at debbie@judeministries.org or 703-451-0422.

Is there anyone that fails?
Is there anyone that falls?
Am I the only one in church today feelin' so small?
Cause when I take a look around, everybody seems so strong.
I know they'll soon discover that I don't belong.
"Stained Glass Masquerade"



Bible Studies

Tuesday Mornings & Friday Evenings begins the week of January 30, 2007 — **Numbers & Deuteronomy Precepts Studies**—Led by Lorraine Hatcher— "Are there times when you wonder if God is listening? ...if you are following the Lord's leading to...where He wants you to be?...What can you learn from the children of Israel so that you won't make the same mistakes?" In the book of Numbers, we will seek these answers. "The second generation was ready to enter the Promised Land...time for them to renew the covenant made at Mt. Sinai, to love God and serve Him from the heart. The message of Deuteronomy about God and Israel' relationship to Him also has life-application for today." These two studies will be consecu-

tive for a total of 16 weeks.

Tuesday Mornings begins January 30, 2007—Beth Moore's, **A Heart Like His**—Led by Heather Dowlin— An 11 week study of King David focusing on his years as God's chosen king of Israel. The study demonstrates how God loved & was able to use David despite his disobedience, and offers many lessons for those seeking to have a heart like God's.

Alternating Friday Evenings begins January 19, 2007—**Thinking Like a Christian** - led & hosted by Terry Gerton in her home— 12 lessons— "From TV news to...classrooms, secular ideas are presented as "the way to think" - sophisticated and scientific, contemporary and aware—even though...infected with an array of false assumptions. Yet, Christians...succumb because they

don't understand how...reasonable it is to view the world from a biblical perspective...build your assurance that a Bible-based worldview makes sense...examine the Christian worldview of ...law, biology, theology, psychology, politics, philosophy, sociology, economics, history, and ethics,...build your confidence in confronting alternative worldviews."

One Saturday Morning each month continues January 6, 2007, led & hosted by Debbie Arthur in her home—**Desperate Housewives of the Bible**. "Are you a desperate housewife? Do you long for God to move in your home? Is there a situation facing you that's breaking your heart? If so, you may identify with these desperate housewives of the Bible." This is a continuing study to learn about the lives of various Old Testament women (Housewives) each month.

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Mark these dates on your calendar:

- Beat the Blues Party with Naomi January 20
- Ladies Retreat March 2-3
- Spring Consignment March 24
- Dorcas Day of Organization April 21
- Mother Daughter Banquet May 11
- Lydia Garden Party June 18

Dorcas Day of Organization—Saturday April 21—8:30am—4:00pm
Applying God's Order to Your Chaotic World

So I tuck it all away,
like everything's okay.
If I make them all
believe it, maybe I'll
believe it too. So with a
painted grin, I play the
part again. So everyone
will see me the way
that I see them.

"Stained Glass
Masquerade"

Disorganization costs us physically, mentally, emotionally, financially & spiritually, producing stress with all of its sub-clinical manifestations, costing irreplaceable hours that could be spent on life enhancing and eternal endeavors, reeking havoc on our finances & robbing us of peace & serenity. It is distracting & detrimental to our creativity & productiveness, often engendering feelings of guilt & tensions within relationships. No area of our lives is left untouched by the dilemma of disorder.

We are made in the image of a perfectly organized God & there is a distinct biblical basis for the discipline of order in our lives. **"Applying God's Order to Your Chaotic World,"** presented by professional organizer Sue Marie Bowling, owner of Prescription for Order professional organizing service, addresses issues such as "Why Am I Disorganized?" - a profile of the organizationally challenged, "Paperosis Displacia" - gaining control over paper flow & "The Sacred Art



of De-Accumulation" - practical & realistic solutions to down sizing & simplifying life.

Ladies will receive comprehensive instruction & training, hands-on demonstrations, materials, & handouts related to every area of organization, including space, paper, cluttering, time & stress management, & systems for maintaining order in our homes.

Sign up at the Women's Ministry Table. \$15 includes lunch, snacks, & handouts; childcare provided. \$10 for guests & first-timers.



Spring Consignment— March 24

Consign your gently used children's clothing, toys, games, books and furniture. 70% of the ticketed value is returned to the consignor. The remaining

30% is donated to the Alexandria Crisis Pregnancy Center. Volunteers are also needed to set up, manage, and break down the sale. Volunteers and Consignors are allowed to shop before it is open to the general public. To

consign or volunteer, go to CRBC.org and click on the consignment link or stop by the women's ministry table on Sundays in mid-February through March 18.



Are we happy plastic people under shiny plastic steeples with walls around our weakness and smiles to hide our pain? But if the invitations open to every heart that has been broken, maybe then we close the curtain on our stained glass masquerade.



Marriage Home Group to Begin in January
By Tony Anderegg

Marriage! It can be our greatest source of joy and fulfillment. It can also be our greatest source of frustration, heartbreak, and regret. God has a plan for marriage that will lead to oneness with our mates, but in the flurry of day-to-day activities, we can lose sight of it. Then, by relying on the world's plan for marriage, we let difficult adjustments, selfishness, and poor communication threaten our marriages. Those threats can even lead to divorce, which is all too common among evangelical Christians (our rate for divorce is actually no better than non-believers).

Elaine and I went through these trials. Our marriage

was on the very brink of divorce. After struggling for years, we separated for a second time and signed separation papers, resigned to the inevitability of divorce. But, then we turned to God for help, and He blessed us. After more than two years of separation, Elaine and I renewed our vows in Mike Williams' Sunday School class on July 30, 2006. Our marriage has been restored! It took a lot of hard work, some humbling examination of our own faults, and a lot of trust in God, but we made it. And our marriage is better than it has ever been. Sure, there are some difficult adjustments, selfishness, and poor communications, but because we have a better

understanding of God's plan, we now have a solid foundation for our marriage.

With the encouragement of Mike Williams (who shepherded us through this difficult process), we will be starting a Marriage Home Group in January. Mike Williams and his wife, Kathy, will be mentoring the group.

If you are interested in the Marriage Home Group, have topics to suggest or would like to get more information, please contact me, Elaine, or Mike Williams.

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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, such as taking care of your spirit, your body, your soul, finding time for yourself, etc. 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.

Being a TEAM - A Note from me to you



This year our theme is about TEAM (Together Each Accomplishes More) and how we can't be a team and really minister and comfort each other with the comfort we have received from God unless we are REAL like the Velveteen Rabbit. We need to be authentic. Who would want to know the God we worship unless they can see that we are authentic and real in our faith, living out our faith authentically amidst the trials and struggles of our lives? And we all have trials and struggles. As I write this letter to you, I am sitting at my computer totally and absolutely frustrated. Christmas is supposed to be a time when we are focused on worshipping the Lord who came into this world because He loves us and desires a relationship with us. However, my entrance into this season has been beset with the following issues: 1) Clients don't tend to pay their lawyers because they are Christmas shopping; 2) my secretary's husband fell from a ladder putting up Christmas lights and broke two arms and a leg (I love her dearly and she is taking care of her husband as she should be, but that leaves me alone to run the office), 3) the brakes on Becky's car are bare being replaced to the tune of over \$700, and 4) I just found out today that a client bounced a check for over \$900. On top of that, my cat, Tinkerbell, just bit me. I look around my living room at beautiful Christmas decorations and a "perfect" tree, but I haven't started baking yet. Oh no! How will I have the time for everything and pay for it too? What happens at Christmas time? What are our expectations? Most of us desire to buy nice gifts for all our friends and family and we oftentimes go into debt to do so. Most of us desire to spend special time with family and friends in a meaningful way but find ourselves disappointed or alone. We have Christmas musicals, crafts, shopping, decorating, baking, parties, traveling, and the list goes on and on. Are you worn out yet? I know I am. I need a nap, maybe 3 or 4. What about you? So, let's take a deep breath together. It's time to ponder the shepherds in the field who the Angel appeared to: "Do not be afraid, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." The Shepherds were going about shepherding their flock and they dropped everything when they heard the good news. Maybe, it is time for us to drop all our planning, our worries, our busyness and listen and look to the Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord, and remember the "good tidings of great joy which will be to all people." I am all people. You are all people. The good tidings are for you and me. I wish for you and I special time with our Savior during this season when we remember Jesus Christ, our Lord. Keep reminding me to look to Him and I'll keep reminding you. That's what TEAM is about. We comfort each other. We encourage each other. And as Christian sisters, we keep each other accountable, real and authentic as we seek the Lord's will together. Thank you for listening. I love you and am blessed to be able to serve you in ministry. Love in Jesus, Debbie Arthur

Is there anyone who's been there? Are there any hands to raise? Am I the only one who's traded in the altar for a stage? The performance is convincing, and we know every line by heart. Only when no one is watching, can we really fall apart? "Stained Glass Masquerade"

But would it set me free if I dared to let you see the truth behind the person that you imagine me to be? Would your arms be open or would you walk away? Would the love of Jesus be enough to make you stay?

"Stained Glass Masquerade"



Well if the invitations open to every heart that has been broken, maybe then we close the curtain on our stained glass masquerade.

Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2 Corinthians 1:4

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Women of Faith "Amazing Freedom — July 13 & 14, 2007
featuring Beth Moore at the Pre-Conference - tickets on
sale now at the WOW table

Ladies' Retreat—March 2-3
My Alabaster Box
Lancaster, Pennsylvania



Come away from your daily routine and busy schedule. It's time to connect with other Christian women and reconnect with Jesus. Our guest speaker, Tammy Lashey, ministers especially to women, and tells us: "I have felt God's leading for some time now to minister to women through a speaking and singing ministry...The truth of the matter is that we, as women, are all experienc-



ing similar struggles and challenges no matter where we find ourselves in life. But the great thing about it is that as we take God at His Word, we can face each and every experience with boldness and a promise of victory." Pick up a retreat brochure and sign up at the Women's Ministry Table. Contact Linda Rhodenizer at 703-922-7365 for more information.



Wow's Purpose

Worship Through Prayer

Instruction in God's Word

Involvement in Ministry

Fellowship & Joy to Each Other

Evangelism & Love to a hurting world of women