

Women of the Word  
CALVARY ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

# A Year of Pilgrimage

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*Fashion show & Tid Bits*  
Saturday, January 19, 2008 - 2:00 P.M.

Strength and Honor  
are  
Her Clothing

Come join us for a relaxing and special afternoon away from the chill of the winter. Enjoy fellowship and tasty delectables as you delight in a parade of clothes and lovely accessories, with style, designed to provide a feast for your senses. The afternoon will be crowned with a short applicable presentation by special speaker, Lillian Levy, about how to clothe ourselves in strength and honor. Sign up at the Women's Ministry Table. Invite your friends. Cost is \$8. Guests \$5. Child care will be provided with sign up in advance.



**Spring**  
Saturday  
March 29, 2008

The Women's Ministry semi-annual Children's Consignment Sales serve many functions which include providing an economical way for local families to shop for children's clothing, furniture, toys and more. Consignors receive 70% of the selling price, while the remaining 30% is donated to the Alexandria Pregnancy Help Center to support their work with pregnant women in our community. Unsold, donated items remaining at the end of the sale are provided to local coat closets and other charities that support the 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 on Sundays and on the church consignment web site.

### Mark Your Calendar

- **Fashion Show:**  
January 19
- **Annual Ladies Retreat:**  
February 29
- **Children Consignment:**  
March 29
- **Ladies Tea:** April 19
- **Mother Daughter Banquet:**  
May 9
- **Pursue:** June 2
- **WOF:** July 11-12



Infinite Grace

July 11-12, 2008  
Verizon Center

We have already pre-ordered tickets and will start sign up in January/February 2008.



## Williamsburg, Virginia

### Our Journey from Tents to Mansions

**ANUAL LADIES RETREAT**  
**FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 1, 2008**

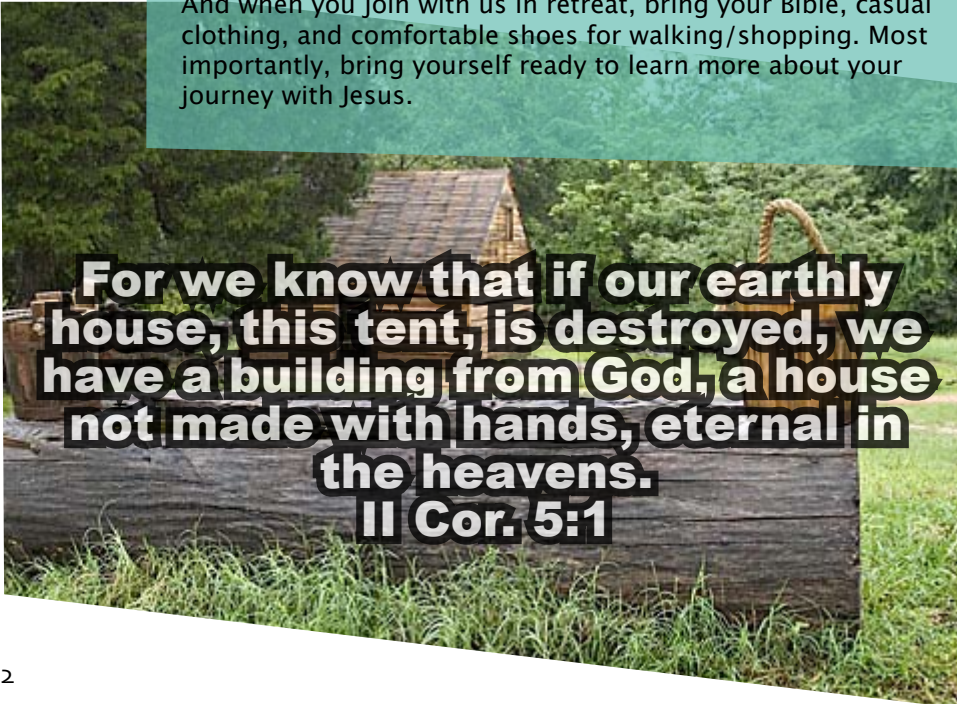
This year we will be going to Williamsburg, at the Holiday Inn Patriot Hotel and Conference Center. A retreat is a time to get away from our daily routines and busy schedules. Our retreats are always a wonderful opportunity to connect with other Christian women, to reconnect with Jesus, and to grow in our faith. We'll worship the Lord in song, prayer, praise, learning, testimony and fellowship. As we travel to our ultimate destination in Williamsburg on Friday, we will stop along the way for shopping, sightseeing and a visit to the Yankee Candle Factory.

Come join the ladies of Calvary Road Baptist Church for a retreat designed to lift your spirit towards God as we learn about our journey from tents to mansions with our guest speaker, Doris McFarland. There will also be a special early morning prayer time, facilitated by Debbie Arthur, on Saturday morning, for those early-risers.

Enjoy prayer, quiet time, worship, instruction and fellowship designed to glorify our Lord. Be among women who seek to grow in their knowledge of God and relationship with Him, truly walking with God.

Sign up for the retreat on Sunday mornings by completing the registration form included in our retreat brochure (which you can pick up on Sunday mornings or download at our website) along with a \$25 (non-refundable) deposit. Register early, price increases after January 27.

And when you join with us in retreat, bring your Bible, casual clothing, and comfortable shoes for walking/shopping. Most importantly, bring yourself ready to learn more about your journey with Jesus.



**For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**  
**II Cor. 5:1**

Dear ladies,

We have entered the winter season of our pilgrimage, at least it is that time of year. Psalm 74:17 makes it clear that God "made both summer and winter" and set its boundaries. Job in Chapter 37 verse 10 states

### Pilgrimage with Debbie

that "The breath of God produces ice". And in Genesis 8:22 God promises that all the seasons will never cease as long as the earth endures. What is the purpose of this cold, winter season? The winter is often known as a season of inactivity or decay. Bears hibernate during this season, but people do not, although sometimes it might seem to be a good idea to take the winter as a time of rest or inactivity from our busy and stressful schedules. In Job 38:22-23, God says to Job: "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow or seen the storehouses of the hail, which I reserve for times of trouble, for days of war and battle?" Does this indicate that snow and hail, during the winter season, are for our good, to help us in the battle? What about the spiritual battle? The Proverbs 31 woman prepared herself and her family for the winter seasonal battle, by clothing her household in scarlet (verse 21). She was not afraid for her family. She was a woman prepared for the battle. How do you prepare for the winter seasons of your life? Psalm 147:16-18 says God "spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes. He hurls down his hail like pebbles. Who can withstand his icy blast? He sends his word and melts them; he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow." Notice, He sends his word. This is how we prepare for the winter, we clothe ourselves in God's Word. When we clothe ourselves in God's Word daily, the waters flow both in summer, in winter, and in all the seasons of our life. Zechariah 14:8 says: "On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half to the eastern sea and half to the western sea in summer and in winter." Living water - the same water that was offered to the woman at the well. This is Jesus and His Word that warms our soul and melts our heart and fills us with His Living Water, the only water that can quench the thirst of our souls. And as His Living Water and His Word fills us, we can say with Solomon and His love, in his Song of Songs (2:11-12), "See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land." Ladies, as you walk through this season in your life, I pray that God's Word will dwell in you, melting the ice, stirring up the breeze, and that the waters flow in your life, as you move into a season of singing.

Love in Jesus,

**Debbie Arthur**



## WHAT ENABLED JESUS TO OUTMANEUVER THE BEST LEGAL MINDS OF HIS DAY?

What advantages are possessed by those who seem to know what to do in any situation? The answer is not found in some supernatural gifting that God reserves for only the most strategic men and women. Rather it lies easily within your grasp. It is called wisdom.

Join Dr. Kenneth Boa and Gail Burnett on a guided tour of Proverbs to uncover wisdom's ability to help you make good life choices. Delve into the richness of the wisdom of the ages by examining the historical background, other pertinent Scriptures, intriguing "side tours", personal experiences of the authors, and related activities. Let this straightforward approach challenge you to pursue wisdom.

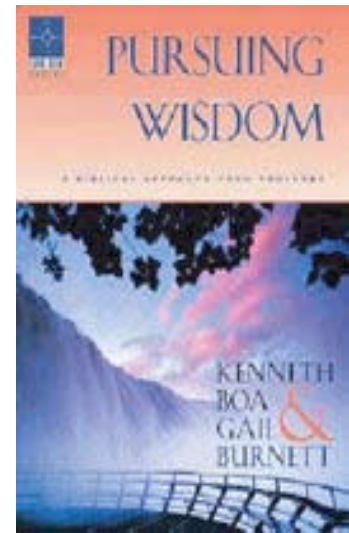
Ken Boa writes: "Road maps, area guides, and picture books are just a few examples of what's available to the geographical traveler, but what about the spiritual traveler, the person whose destination is Christlikeness via the study of the Bible?"

Come study 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. Following this study, Terry will then guide ladies through "Wisdom at Work", which will start in March. Each study is five sessions long.

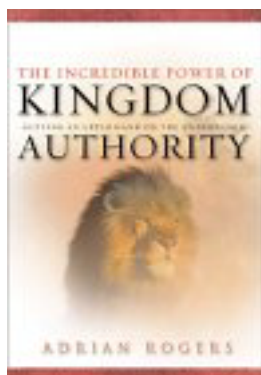
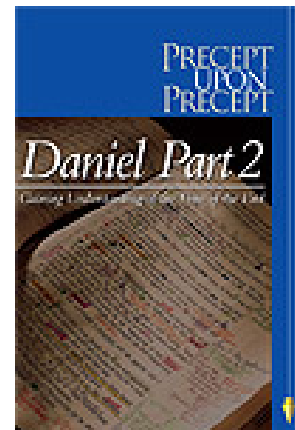
## Pursuing Wisdom

A Biblical Approach from Proverbs  
From "The Guidebook Series"

Friday Evenings on Alternating Weeks  
At the Home of Terry Gerton  
Beginning January 18 - 7pm  
No child care Provided  
Cost \$4



Wars, natural disasters, drought and famine, disease are common place in our world today. Are you worried about the times we live in? How do today's current events fit your perspective about the future? Does your perspective reflect a "doom and gloom" or an "even so come Lord Jesus' attitude"? **By studying chapters 7 – 12 of Daniel** you will learn much about Israel's history and future and where we fit in. You will gain a biblical perspective about the future and you will be encouraged to live with an attitude that looks forward to the Lord's return. Join us in this 10 week study (plus one week of intro) and be encouraged! Tuesday morning and Friday evening classes begin in February. Sign-up starts in January. Call **Lorraine Hatcher (703-911-0697)** or watch the church bulletin for details.



The Incredible Power of **Kingdom Authority** – Achieving Victory Through Surrender – An Adrian Rogers Study

In a world obsessed with power, the Bible reveals the most awesome power of all: that of kingdom authority, the same power unleashed when God raised Jesus from the grave...this same power, the greatest power in the universe, is available to every believer today. This study challenges us to live up to our status and privileges as believers in Christ. It will help us to establish God's authority in our lives, learn how to appropriate God's authority in spiritual battles, and live under God's authority in the home and church. This six week study, facilitated by **Christine Little**, will begin on Tuesday mornings starting late January.

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## *A Year of Pilgrimage*

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

### **WOMEN OF STRENGTH**

A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape...but **a woman of strength** builds relationships to keep her soul in shape.

A strong woman isn't afraid of anything...but **a woman of strength** shows courage in the midst of her fear.

A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future...**a woman of strength** realizes life's mistakes can also be unexpected blessings and capitalizes on them.

A strong woman wears a look of confidence on her face...but **a woman of strength** wears grace.

A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey...but **a woman of strength** has faith that it is in the journey that she will become strong.

### **THE ROAD TO SUCCESS IS NOT STRAIGHT.**

There is a curve called **FAILURE**,  
a loop called **CONFUSION**,  
speed bumps called **FRIENDS**,  
red lights called **ENEMIES**,  
caution lights called **FAMILY**.  
You will have flats called **JOBS**.

**But, if you have a spare called  
DETERMINATION,  
an engine called PERSEVERANCE,  
insurance called FAITH,  
a driver called JESUS,**

**YOU WILL MAKE IT TO  
A PLACE CALLED SUCCESS.**