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# Women of Grace

The Women's Newsletter of First Baptist Church



## FBC Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries is excited to bring back "Women of Grace", the quarterly newsletter to the women of First Baptist Church. Our desire is to communicate to you what God is doing for and through our women in order to edify and build up the body of Christ for the Glory of God. If God has laid something on your heart that you would like to share, please see one of the Women's Ministry leaders.

**Lauren Mathisen, Maria Zaccardi, Nancy Turner and Victoria Fletcher**

Save the date!

Are you plugged in?

### Titus 2

Titus 2 meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7pm in the church gym. Join us!

### Moms Group

The FBC Moms group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thur. of every month at 9am in the Lounge.

### Romans Study

This ladies Bible study meets every Tuesday at 10am in Fellowship Hall.

## A Bittersweet Farewell

As you are well aware, we will be saying goodbye to the Tessari family in just a few short weeks. While thrilled for them and the call to ministry in Virginia, it is with both joy and sadness that we send them off. Dawn has been a huge part of the women's ministries here at FBC. When I first met Dawn, I was young in both years and my maturing faith. I watched her from afar, admiring her as a wife and a mother and a leader. When they moved back after seminary, Dawn befriended me and began to teach me,

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## God at Work

A sampling of testimonies from women being ministered to by various ministries of FBC



### Mom's Group

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month, FBC Moms meet from 9-11am in the lounge off the gym. Childcare is provided in the nursery. This group is open to all women from first time mothers to grandmothers and our spiritual mothers too. This is a time of fellowship and encouragement through seeing to refocus our hearts on the Lord and our minds with His Word. By **Victoria Fletcher**

My family and I started coming to FBC almost 2 years ago. I recently started attending the moms group on Thursday morning. It has been a wonderful experience. We read scripture, fellowship with other moms and share methods of being Godly women both inside and outside of the home. This group has been a great way for me to meet other moms that I hadn't known before. Having childcare and coffee is another plus! I have been introduced to books written by Godly women and have enjoyed the times of prayer. I would definitely recommend this group! By **Kristen Walsh**



### Titus 2 Ministry

I have been blessed by being a part of the Titus 2 ministry for the four years it has been in existence. The first year, we learned how to be "Titus 2" women, from the verses in Titus 2: 3-5. The next year, we learned about "Respectable Sins", which, of course, are not respectable at all, but common to many of us, and therefore, needing to be put in the forefront of our consciousness. I find myself remembering passages from the Bible that we studied along with this book during moments of the day when I have a lapse in one of these areas more often than I like to admit! As I reminded my current Titus 2 leader recently, I am still a "work in progress", and I am so glad God doesn't ever give up on us!! He is SO good!! The third year, we studied the book of Hebrews, and this year, of course, we are studying, "Practical Theology", another encouraging study.

An additional blessing to studying God's word together is getting to know our fellow group members. I am blessed by so many ladies at our church and their friends who don't attend our church, but are able to join us for these studies. If you haven't ventured out to be a part of this ministry, please consider doing it for the sake of the others who will be blessed to know you, and for the encouragement the Lord will provide in your own life! Each leader is committed to help each of us in any way she can, and I know you will be enriched for the time you can spend with them. Each of the leaders I have been privileged to have, has blessed me and continue to be wonderful encouragers to me, as well as others! We are able to pray together, read God's word together, and be blessed by great teaching too! Hebrews 4:16 comes to mind, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." We all have times of need and we all have need of mercy, and this is one way God will use to enrich our lives! Hope to see you there!! By **Robye Ludlum**

The Titus 2 Ministry is a fun night out with the girls. It's a time of fellowship with other women who love the Lord and His word and seek a closer relationship with Him and look to build their faith. For me personally, the ministry has allowed me to meet and become friends with women I have seen for years and been "too busy" to get to know. Wow, we are all looking for the same thing, and it is found in God's Word. These women encourage me and enlighten me. In Titus 2:3 Paul says, in short, women equip women, and this is exactly what the ministry does. I am so thankful for Titus 2, as it is making me a better follower of Christ, wife, mother, sister and friend. By **Maureen Dedos**



## Servant Spotlight

Kathy Plateel is a servant, often behind the scenes, serving the Lord with a glad heart and a humble spirit. Kathy has been married to her husband, Peter Plateel for 17 years and has two sons, Noah (14) and Lucas (12). She works as an aide in the preschool classroom at First Baptist Christian School.

Kathy has served as a deaconess for 8 years and heads up the meals ministry for shut-ins, those recently out of surgery, new moms and people who are recovering from illness.

Kathy serves on the Library Committee and works to keep the library looking good and

keeping the shelves stocked with great books that are available to both the church body and the Christian school.

Kathy heads up the preparation for communion every month, buying and preparing the bread and the cup and cleaning up after church.

Her longest ministry has been to the church Nursery, where she has faithfully served for 13 years. Kathy has just resigned from her service in the Nursery to move to the preschool room where she now serves during the Sunday morning worship time.

Kathy is an example to us all of what faithful service looks like in action. Thank you Kathy!

## Recipe of the Month

By: Maria Zaccardi



### Panettone French Toast

Panettone is an Italian sweet yeast bread flavored with citron, raisin, anise and sometimes pine nuts. Originally from Milan, and roots as deep as the Roman Empire was vast, it is a Christmas time tradition in Italy sold in colorful boxes with ribbon handles.

**1 Panettone, 2 lbs  
8 large eggs, beaten  
2/3 cups heavy cream  
1/2 tsp vanilla extract  
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon  
1/2 tsp sea salt  
canola oil  
confectioners sugar  
pure maple syrup**

*Trim the crust off the Panettone. Set the Panettone on its side and cut loaf crosswise into 6 even slices about 1 in. thick. Cut each slice in half to form 2 half-moons.*

*In baking dish, whisk eggs, cream, vanilla, cinnamon & salt. Dip Panettone in mixture on both sides until saturated.*

*Season a hot griddle with 1 TBS oil. Cook bread 2 min on each side. Dust with confectioners sugar and drizzle with syrup.*

## God at Work cont. ...

### FBCS Deaconesses

Eric & I would like to thank the deaconesses as well as our entire church family for providing us with such a wonderful baby shower. We are grateful for the love, support, and blessings God provided us through the faithful ministry of the deaconesses. Their ministry is a true reflection of the love of Christ. We appreciate the many gifts and loving fellowship from all who helped to make our day so special. We truly have an amazing church family and we love you all!

✱ Amy Glover



I began attending the Tuesday morning Bible study at FBC this past September and I've been richly blessed by it. The class consists of women from various walks and at various stages of life, and I gain valuable insight from their perspectives and experiences. The classroom is a safe environment where I feel free to contribute, ask questions and have fellowship. Our leader is Marge Kleberg, and she truly has a gift for sharing God's Word and for teaching. My understanding of God's truths has been greatly enriched in this class. Each week Marge gives us multiple Scripture verses from both the Old and New Testaments to back up what we're studying in Romans. She consistently shows us how everything in the Bible ties together, and she does so in a kind, patient and humble way. I am grateful and blessed to be a beneficiary of Marge's wealth of Scriptural knowledge as she serves the Lord with this ministry.

✱ Regina DiGiusto

### Romans Bible Study

Come join us on Tuesday morning at 10:00am. Arrive a little early and enjoy a cup of coffee and fellowship. Marge Kleberg has been faithful in preparing for and leading us through the book of Romans verse by verse. We have a group of faithful women attending each week eager to be enriched by the Word. Paul's letter to the Roman's presents the basic plan of salvation, God's righteousness, freedom from sin, law and death. It's always exciting to see God revealing Himself through the Word in each of us individually and as a body. I hope to see you there!

✱ Maureen McIver

## A Bittersweet Farewell continued.....

perhaps without even knowing it, how to be a Godly wife, mother and servant in the church. I listened to her talk about her quiet times and enthusiastically explain what God was teaching her through His word. I sat under her passionate teaching in Sunday school classes and Bible Studies. I noticed how she always uplifted her husband in both word and action and how she desired to raise her children according to God's standards and not the world's. I quietly watched, listened, observed and marveled. I related to her on so many things, fashion, handbags, shoes or the latest and greatest recipe, but it was her humble spirit, servant's heart and desire to know God in a more personal way and live out her faith in everyday life that I will take away from our relationship. Thank you Dawn for being such a wonderful example to me, for teaching me, for discipling and mentoring me and most importantly for being my friend and sister in Christ!

\*Lauren Mathisen

It has been a real blessing to have Dawn serving as a deaconess. She has been a testimony of faithful dedication in her service. I appreciate most of all her faithfulness to the Word of God in her teaching ministry in the ladies Sunday School class as well as Titus 2. She has been a wonderful example of hospitality, always ready to warmly open her heart and home. We will all feel the loss of this wonderful woman of God and know she will be a blessing to those she ministers to in her new church family.

\*Diane Briscoe

I am so grateful for the time, which God has chosen for me to know Dawn Tessari. Whether she knows it or not, she is an answer to prayer in my life. I prayed that the Lord would bless me with a mature Christian woman who thinks and walks Biblically and He answered that prayer by placing Dawn strategically in my life. I have learned from her (and Paul too) that you can't just disciple someone by teaching them. You have to confront them with the things that need to be happening in their lives. You have to get along side of them to see what's going on. Both of them have set this pattern for me. At times, perhaps, I may have felt "Oh Dear," they can't know this about me....how can I tell them about this or that sin? God is faithful to forgive when we confess our sins even to one another. She has always pointed me back to the cross of Calvary and to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Like the Apostle Paul says in Philippians 4:9, "What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you." Both Dawn and Paul have been Godly examples in my life. Dawn and I share many of the same convictions, which God used as our connection. I am overwhelmed by the goodness of God to bring me such a dear friend. My heart is sad to be loosing her, but I count it a joy to have gotten to know her. I am excited for her in this new endeavor and know the Lord will use her to guide, teach and counsel the women in VA. Dude, you've been such a blessing to me. Thanks for always keeping my focus and thoughts on Christ. Thanks for being real. Thanks for being my friend. Thanks for being an imitator of Christ that I could follow. I love you!

\* Elaina Faustino

## Pastoral Search Committee



When I was approached about joining the pastoral search committee, I was really overwhelmed. What an incredible responsibility! I soon learned that my fellow committee members shared the same feelings. We were all then, and still remain humbled by this endeavor, and that is a good place to be. We know we must rely on God's help to tackle the tasks at hand. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek God's will for His church. There are prayer sheets in the narthex with specific requests that were taken from the book "When the Word Leads Your Pastoral Search" by Chris Brauns. I recommend that every church member read this book as it gives insight into the Biblical principles for searching for a pastor.

✿ Joy Anderson



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We exist to celebrate  
the supremacy of God  
and our salvation in Christ  
By pursuing His likeness  
in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
in accordance with God's Word,  
Until we are at home with the Lord.