

Women's Ministry
of
**edwards road
baptist church**



2011-2012

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***He Who began a good work in you
will carry it on to completion until
the day of Christ Jesus.
Philippians 1:6***

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***was established in 1997 to bring various
ministries for women and by women
under a common umbrella. The purposes
of this ministry parallel those of the
larger church body:***

***worship and glorify God
love and disciple people
reach and serve the world***

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Consider

God has a purpose and a plan for each one of us. His first purpose for our lives is spiritual rebirth through His Son, Jesus. Then His desire is for us to mature in our Christian walk. *Women's Ministry of Edwards Road Baptist Church* provides opportunities for women in all phases of life and in all stages of Christian maturity to be transformed by Bible study, interaction with other Christian women and service.

Choose

Look at all the ministries described in the following pages.

Pray for God's wisdom and direction.

Choose a place to serve and a place to grow.

Connect

Make a contact with a leadership team member (pages 23-24) through a phone call, e-mail or text.

Look for sign-up sheets in the Ministry Information Center.

Follow the ministry on Facebook.

Watch for additional information in the church's media communications and website.

Show up!

Commit

Make the decision to grow with your fellow Christian sisters. Experience spiritual growth and fellowship as you become a part of *Women's Ministry of Edwards Road Baptist Church*.

Around the Book

*...equipping women through Bible study to know God's Word
and to live it consistently*

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Curriculum and Leadership Director: Emmalyn Heath

MORNING BREAK

Coordinators: Brooke Spencer and Christel Manley

Weekly meetings are held from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday mornings at Edwards Road Baptist Church from September through May. Limited childcare at no charge for birth - four year olds is available by reservation only.

For Childcare Reservations :

Contact Lisa Spitzer at 609-9246 or ldspitzer@charter.net.

EVENING EDITION

Coordinator: Didi Smith

Bible Studies for women only are also offered through the Adult Discipleship program at Edwards Road Baptist Church. These courses will be held on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

For Wednesday and Sunday Bible Study reservations:

Sign up at the Ministry Information Center in the main hallway or contact Judy Ellison in the church office at 244-2975, ext. 114 or jellison@erbc-sc.org.

Bible Study Schedule 2011-2012

Wednesday Mornings:

A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place
Begins September 7, 2011
(11 Sessions)

Faithful, Abundant, True
Begins January 4, 2012
(7 Sessions)

Jonah
Begins February 29, 2012
(7 Sessions)

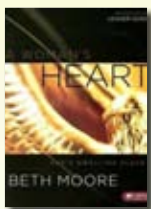
Sunday Evenings:

Breaking Free
Begins September 11, 2011
(11 Sessions)

Jonah
Begins January 8, 2012
(7 Sessions)

Faithful, Abundant, True
Begins February 26, 2012
(7 Sessions)

Course Descriptions



A Woman's Heart God's Dwelling Place

(Study of the Tabernacle)

by Beth Moore

This is a Bible study exploring the building of the tabernacle, the significance of its design, its role in God's plan, and the fulfillment of its purpose by Jesus Christ. But what does this mean concerning a walk with God today? Participants will be challenged to prepare their hearts, like the Holy of Holies, to become a home for His love and glory - a dwelling place for the Most High God.



Breaking Free

(How to overcome anything that hinders a believer from experiencing the abundant, Spirit-filled life)

by Beth Moore

This in-depth Bible study of Isaiah 61:1-4 leads participants to discover the transforming power of Christian freedom by drawing parallels between the captive Israelites and the spiritual strongholds in lives today.



Jonah

(Navigating a Life Interrupted)

by Priscilla Shirer

Life's interruptions cannot be escaped, but the believer's perspective about them can be changed. Perhaps an interruption may be God's divine invitation to do something greater than a believer could ever imagine. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city.



Faithful, Abundant, True

(Developing a deeper relationship with God)

by Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer and Beth Moore

God is faithful. His provision is abundant. His promises are true. Join these three Bible study teachers as they explore God's Word and its meaning for life today. Through this study participants will develop a better understanding of who God is and will see Him initiating a deeper relationship with those who seek Him.

A Woman's Touch

...touches of welcome, touches of friendship

Share with God's people who are in need.

Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:13

Coordinator: Karen Bennett

A Woman's Touch welcomes each new woman member to Edwards Road Baptist Church and introduces her to the ***Women's Ministry*** in a personal way. New church members receive "touches" of friendship by a woman who can share information, encouragement, ministry opportunities, and love.

Within three to four weeks after a woman becomes a new member, she should receive four "touches":

A friendly note of welcome

A telephone call to answer any questions

A visit to share information about the church and about ministries for women, and

A small welcome gift from the Women's Ministry

God may be calling you to "touch" other women who join the church family at Edwards Road Baptist Church and to help them get established in the life of the church. *A Woman's Touch* is an excellent opportunity to be involved in the ministry of hospitality.

Discovery Bound Women's Retreat

...time away from the world and in the Word

Come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.

Mark 6:31b

Coordinators:

Mandie Boyd, Lauren Brown and Libby Riddle

The ministry goal of our annual retreat is to provide opportunity for spiritual growth and maturity. And... to provide much needed moments of mental, physical and spiritual rest and renewal.

March 23-24, 2012

LifeWay Ridgecrest Conference Center

Ridgecrest, North Carolina

Registration starts November 6



Join us for this special weekend as we explore how to simplify our lives and search for the balance we all need. Janet Roller will be our speaker on the topic *Balance: Finding the Sweet Spot* as we delve into the subject of finding balance in our lives.

Ladies' First Choice

...nourishment for the heart, soul, and mind

(Let us pray) to be filled with the knowledge of his will...to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord,...to be strengthened with all power...to joyously give thanks to the Father...

Colossians 1:9-12

Coordinators: Peggy Murray and Lauren McCann

Ladies' First Choice is a ministry founded twenty-one years ago by ladies of Edwards Road Baptist Church hoping to nourish the heart and mind, to inspire the soul, and to encourage all women to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Ladies' First Choice is an evening event which includes dinner, music, and a speaker. Ladies from the community as well as members of ERBC and their guests are invited to attend.

Ladies' First Choice is an evangelistic outreach ministry that offers the opportunity to help others find meaning and fulfillment through Christ.

Ticket Sales Information:

Tickets for *Ladies' First Choice* are \$12.00 and must be purchased in advance.

Tickets may be purchased by calling Beth Gates at 242-4598 or at the Ministry Information Center. Information is also available by calling the church at 244-2975 or from the church's website at www.edwardsroad.org.

Ladies' First Choice is held in the Family Life Center. The FLC doors open at 6:15 p.m. on the night of the event and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 12, 2011
6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center
Speaker: Leslie Nease



Ladies' First Choice begins on Monday night, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. with Leslie Nease as the special guest speaker. Leslie is a speaker and writer who inspires others to ***Get Gutsy for God!*** She is a former Christian radio host, Mrs. North Carolina, and contestant on the reality TV show *Survivor: China*. She is a volunteer with *SIM (Serving In Mission) International*, where she hosts their monthly podcast and serves within the communication department. Leslie is also a weekend radio personality for *His Radio*.

Leslie works with youth and women of all ages.

Her message will help:

Build the courage to pursue God-given dreams that may seem impossible

Strengthen the ability to exhibit integrity, even when it's not popular

Live out Christian beliefs with a stronger sense of purpose and conviction

Enjoy a deeper and more personal relationship with God

Leslie speaks frequently with youth groups, women's ministries, church groups, and civic organizations. Her messages are filled with humor, real life issues, and practical applications from God's Word.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

The LORD will guide you continually, watering your life when you are dry and keeping you healthy, too. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.

Isaiah 58:11, NLT

Coordinator: Emily Jennings

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers. MOPS International exists to meet the needs of every mom - urban, suburban and rural moms, stay-at-home and working moms, teen, single and married moms - moms, although different, who share a similar desire to be the very best moms they can be!

Our goal is to encourage, equip and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader in the name of Jesus Christ. Members form relationships with other moms in the context of local groups that provide a caring atmosphere for today's mother of young children.

We meet every second Tuesday of the month during the school year at 6:30 p.m. Childcare is provided, so feel free to bring your little ones. Each meeting features a craft or game, a fabulous speaker and of course fun, food and fellowship. Our group also has a mentor mom who shares her experience and advice on a variety of topics.

We welcome you to come join us in the joys and struggles of motherhood. Your first meeting is free! You will be glad you did!

New Mothers Ministry

...supporting growing families in the name of Jesus

For You created my innermost being, You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Psalm 139: 13 – 14

Coordinator: Karen Cross

***The New Mothers Ministry* seeks to serve families with new babies in the following ways:**

**Encouragement through personal contacts
Connection with an adult Bible Fellowship Group
Direction regarding preschool ministry guidelines
Assistance with any questions of the family**

***The New Mothers Ministry* also hosts a luncheon for new and expectant mothers each year to celebrate God's gift of new life, and allows new mothers the opportunity to meet several childcare volunteers and other leaders within Edwards Road Baptist Church's *Women's Ministry*.**

e-friends

...friends who seek to glorify our Lord through relationships

And let us consider and give attentive, continuous care to watching over one another, studying how we may stir up (stimulate and incite) to love and helpful deeds and noble activities, not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together [as believers], as is the habit of some people, but admonishing (warning, urging, and encouraging) one another, and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10.24-25 (Amplified Bible)

As Christian women, fellowship with other Christian women is essential for our Christian growth. Let's face it - when the Proverbs 31 woman, who *...is clothed with strength and dignity. . . [and] can laugh at the days to come...[and] speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.... [and] Her children arise and call her blessed; [and] her husband ... praises her...* (Proverbs 31.25-28) is our goal, we need other women's edifying words and encouragement.

At *erbc*, we want to facilitate Biblical friendships among women of all ages. *e-friends* provides opportunities for **essential friendships** through one-on-one or small group mentoring; **edifying friendships** through support groups founded on similar circumstances; and **encouraging friendships** through group meetings centered around common interests, hobbies, topics, etc.

e-friends...

essential friendships

mentoring ministry

Coordinators: Kathy Oliver and Sandy Cary

Time - Got a Minute? You can Mentor!

But we were gentle among you like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

I Thessalonians 2:7

essential friendships is a ministry for women of all ages based on Titus 2:3-5. It is a ministry that intentionally develops friendships among women of different generations. Women invest in the lives of each other through encouragement, guidance, listening, laughing and loving.

The goal is to form strong and lasting relationships that are a source of support, growth and strength. If you would like to know the joy of using your life experiences to encourage another woman or if you are seeking the support and friendship of a Christian woman please join us.

“One leads simply because she knows the path a little better.”

Why have a Mentoring Ministry?

**The Lord commands us to tell the next generation –
Psalms 145:4, 48:13, 71:18, and 78:4**

**Teaching what we’ve learned is the Lord’s plan for
growth and maturity – Titus 2:2-5**

**Spiritual friendships from different generations are
extremely valuable in a woman’s life - Proverbs 27:9
and 17**

e-friends...

edifying friendships

support groups

Coordinator: Jill Rayburn

***Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior,
Who daily bears our burdens.***

Psalms 68.19

***Anxiety weighs down the heart,
but a kind word cheers it up. Proverbs 12.25***

edifying friendships are groups of women who face similar circumstances in their lives. These groups meet to uplift each other in Christ, share insight, and share each other's burdens. The groups may meet monthly on an on-going basis or meet more often but just for a few months.

Forgiven and Set Free and ***Journey to Peace*** are two ministries which have been edifying the ladies at *erbc* for many years. Currently we are working on facilitating a group for grandmothers who have a "parental" role in raising their grandchildren. We are looking for more groups to facilitate in 2011-12, so let us know if you have a need or are interested in starting a group.

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essential friendships

Forgiven and Set Free

***Carry each other's burdens, and in this way
you will fulfill the law of Christ.***

Galatians 6:2

Coordinator: Alisa Bridger

Forgiven and Set Free is a post-abortion Bible study that effectively ministers God's healing grace to women who are suffering remorse and guilt after an abortion.

It guides women to bring their emotional scars from abortion "out of the dark and into His holy light" where true and lasting healing can take place. Appropriate scriptures help women deal with issues such as relief and denial, anger, forgiveness, depression, letting go, and acceptance.

**God's Word brings encouragement:
*Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing...*
(Isaiah 43:18-19a.)**

Contact Alisa Bridger by email at abridger@charter.net or at 630-9834 for more information.

All contacts are confidential.

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essential friendships

Journey to Peace

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

***Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.***

John 14:27

Coordinators: Becky Herlong and Carri Medcalf

***Journey to Peace* provides support and encouragement to women who are currently going through infertility. This ministry is open to members as well as non-members of Edwards Road Baptist Church.**

Please email Becky Herlong at dbherlong@charter.net or call 288-5702 for more information on support group meetings and Bible studies.

e-friends...

encouraging friendships

fun and fellowship

Coordinator: Jill Rayburn

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10.24

At *erbc*, we want to encourage Biblical friendship among women of all ages. ***encouraging friendships*** are friendships which are uplifting and glorifying to Christ. Common interests or topics can bring women of all ages and backgrounds together.

In the past, we have used common interests such as cooking, photography, and painting. It is our goal that each session will be fun and interesting but also challenge our women to see their gifts, interests and talents as an opportunity to serve and reach our community for Christ. We are looking forward to a new group starting this fall using couponing to encourage friendships and reaching out to our community.

We also offer seminars on topics of particular interest to women. We have offered a seminar on *The Media and Your Child* and are planning a seminar on *How a Mom Survives Middle School!* for the fall of 2011.

Look for upcoming opportunities in the bulletin or on the *Women's Ministry of Edwards Road Baptist Church* facebook page!

e-friends...

encouraging friendships

Classy Connections

Coordinator: Ellen Martin

***From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things,
and the work of their hands brings them reward.***

Proverbs 12.14

***Classy Connections* is an intergenerational gathering of women for food, fellowship, and nurture in the ways of the Lord. Inspired by Titus 2:3-5, *Classy Connections* provides an opportunity for younger women to learn from a team of more mature women some very practical ways to glorify God in their homes and families.**

***Classy Connections* will meet four times during the school year, with two sessions of each topic of interest.**

Schedule for 2011-2012

September 26 or 29, 2011: Kathy Oliver, Hostess

Topic: *Household Management* - managing home, family and schedule while making God a priority

November 15 or 17, 2011: Sandra Stroup, Hostess

Topic: *Hospitality* - opening your home to others without stress or breaking the bank

January 24 or 26, 2012: Becky Herlong, Hostess

***Shepherding a Child's Heart* - training your child in the ways of God**

April 23 or 26, 2012: Maxine Compton, Hostess

***Sew and So Much More* - sewing on buttons, hemming pants and other simple sewing**

e-friends...

essential friendships

Treasured Memories

Coordinator: Sarah Alix

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget His deeds but would keep His commands.

Psalm 78:4b, 7

With paper, ink, and ornamentation, participants in *Treasured Memories* create a record of God's faithfulness for His glory and the benefit of future generations. Women share their scrapbooking gadgets and their lives through stories, pictures, food and fellowship.

Bring your supplies, pictures, friends, and a light snack or beverage to share. Wireless Internet will be available to anyone wanting to edit pictures on their laptops or work on a digital photo book.

We will meet in the Family Life Center on Saturday, October 15, 2011 for an all-day "Crock-Potluck" from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. We will also meet in the Library on a Friday evening during the months of January, April and July with specific dates to be announced.

Women on Mission

...encouraging a mission lifestyle

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Coordinator: Pat Ward

Our mission is to inform and inspire the contemporary Baptist woman to influence her world for Christ.

Every woman of Edwards Road Baptist Church is invited to join us in:

PRAYING for missions

GIVING to missions

DOING missions

DEVELOPING a lifestyle of missions

WORKING within the church

COOPERATING with the Association

Women on Mission General Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in FLC-111. In addition, *Missionary Focus* meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in homes.

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