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From the Women's Leadership Team

The Women's Ministry Team is excited to announce the implementation of a Titus 2 Ministry to be carried out at Crestview February through December 2010.

"Teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, to teach what is good."

Titus 2:3

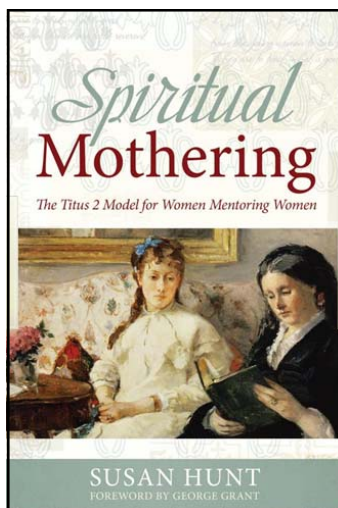
years old) and the younger women (18 - 40 years old) of the church.

The book, *Spiritual Mothering: The Titus 2 Model for Women Mentoring Women* by Susan Hunt has been chosen as the "training manual" for the mentoring program and defines spiritual mothering as: "When a woman possessing faith and spiritual maturity enters into a relationship with a younger women in order to encourage her to live for God's glory."

On Saturday, January 9 we will be holding training for the older women of

the church to increase their knowledge on what mentoring should look like. Mentors will be asked to read the book, *Spiritual Mothering* before the training session.

At this meeting we will discuss and decide what options mentors will provide for mentees, which could include, for example, book studies, discussion groups and one-on-one mentoring.



The book's author, Susan Hunt, is the former director of women's ministries for the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA), is an active mother and

grandmother, a pastor's wife, and the women in the church consultant for the PCA.

On Saturday, January 23 we will have a meeting for those younger women

who desire to be mentored. At this time you will be able to choose which mentoring activity will be the best fit for you.

If you are an older women who would like to be part of this ministry please contact a member of the Women's Ministry Team to obtain the book, *Spiritual Mothering*. We will have a sign up sheet available the first part of January for the younger women to sign up to attend the meeting on January 23.

If you have any questions, please ask one of the ladies on the Women's Ministry team.

Women's Leadership Team

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Come Before Winter



Pastor Phil Auxier

“Do your best to come before winter.”

2 Timothy 4:21



In 2 Timothy 4:21, which many believe to be the last letter Paul ever wrote, Paul writes to Timothy and says, “Do your best to come before winter.” Why the rush? Winter is a harsh reality that comes every year. Take us for instance, after a relatively mild November and early December on December 7-8 winter came and dumped snow with frigid temperatures all across our area. Winter is typically...

Dark – the days aren’t as long so sunsets come earlier than we’re used to

Not characterized by growth – trees are without their leaves and grass usually isn’t that green

Cold – the temperature is simply...burr!, which brings us back to Paul...

In 2 Timothy 4:13 we see the real reason Timothy needed to hurry to get to Paul before winter: “When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.” Paul wanted to Timothy to

come so that he would have warmth physically (through the cloak) and spiritually (through the books and parchments, which were probably copies of Scripture).

Winter can be an amazing time to warm our hearts around things spiritually and this is definitely true for us as a congregation this January. We have amazing things happening:

Week of Prayer – January 3-9 – We will have a noon meal/prayer time on January 3 to kick this off and use a devotional each day to ask God’s blessing upon our congregation for this year.

New Adult Sunday School Classes – January 3 – Tom Dixon will lead a study through the Gospel of John and I will lead a marriage class entitled “What Did You Expect?” using a curriculum from Paul David Tripp.

New Small Groups – January 10 – We will have our annual small group kickoff on Sunday night the 10th, enabling those not in groups to get plugged in and introducing our curricu-

lum *The Gospel-Centered Life*.

New Titus 2 Ministry – The women’s committee will be conducting training for Mentors and Mentees this month.

New Scripture Memory Emphasis – January 10 – We will begin a year long Scripture Memory emphasis church wide this morning. This will give us another way to encourage one another and have productive family worship.

New Plans – On top of all this, there are plans for the Spring and Summer like our community garden, a VBS Brainstorming Session on February 11, and other ministries making plans for the year.

Our Regular Ministries – We have Wed PM Activities and our Worship Services.

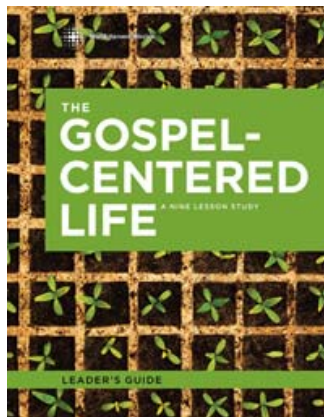
Let’s grow, even in the Winter, and watch God do amazing things for His glory and our good.

The Gospel Centered-Life

On January 10 we will be kicking off another semester of Small Group studies. This is a time for us to reorganize our groups if necessary and add new members that would like to participate. Small Groups meet on the second and fourth Sundays at 6 PM. This semester’s study will follow the nine-lesson study of *The Gospel-Centered Life* by Bob Thune and Will Walker.

The Gospel-Centered Life contains lessons that are grouped around the three themes of, “What is the gos-

pel?”, “What does the gospel do in us?”, and “How does the gospel work through us?”.



From the authors: “The Gospel-Centered Life is in-

tended to help Christians understand how the gospel shapes every aspect of life and conduct. Colossians 1:6 says that the gospel is “continually bearing fruit and increasing” in and among us, even after we first believe it. How does that happen? Why is a continual rediscovery and application of the gospel so important? How will our personal growth and missional life be stunted if we don’t grasp the gospel deeply? These are the questions that GCL seeks to answer.”

If you would like to join a Small Group please let Pastor Phil know and he will help place you in a group.

What Did You Expect?

On January 3 we will be kicking off new adult Sunday school classes. Tom Dixon will be teaching on the Gospel of John and will meet in the library. Pastor Phil will be leading a marriage class using the curriculum *What Did You Expect: Redeeming the Realities of Marriage* from the Paul Tripp Ministries and will meet in the sanctuary. This will be the first class in a series of marriage-related teachings that will occur the first semester of each year.

The *What Did You Expect*

instruction is designed to get at the heart of the character and quality of your marriage and discusses in-depth the Scriptural reality that marriage is rooted in worship and not in romance as our culture leads us to believe.

The goal is for you to be better equipped in your marriage by learning practical steps that will encourage you, as a couple, to get from where you are, to where God wants you to be.

Memory Verses

On Sunday, January 10 we will be kicking off a church-wide Scripture memory emphasis. Each week we will seek to learn and memorize verses of the Bible. There will be cards for you to use in reviewing each week and a booklet for you keep track of your progress throughout the year.

We are doing this because we want God’s Word in our hearts. This would be a great tool to use in family worship or when you get together with other believers. As we hide God’s Word in our hearts, it will bear fruit in our growth.



January/February '10

Birthdays

January

- 3 Theoden Eastman
- 3 Lonnie Seachris
- 7 Kathy Warren
- 78 Cheri Dixon
- 10 Patty Lansdowne
- 12 David Lansdowne
- 18 Cassie Delaney
- 18 Connie Worthington
- 20 Fred May
- 26 Rachelle Widener

February








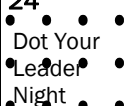
- 1 Stephen Rhoades
- 5 Colby Gaeddert
- 14 Lois Taylor
- 19 Dale Wilson
- 20 Ken Conner
- 20 Lee Morrison
- 26 Loma Seachris

SUNDAY SERVICES

- Sunday School—
9 AM
- Worship Service—
10:15 AM.
- Evening Worship
Service—6 PM
(First, Third & Fifth
Weeks)
- Small Groups—6 PM
(Second & Fourth
Weeks)

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

- AWANA — 7 PM
(Ages 3-High School)
- Adult Prayer Time
(with Pastor Phil) —
7 PM

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|--|--|------|---|--|--|------------------------------------|
| | | | 30 NO Wed PM | 31 | 1  Happy New Year! | 2 |
| 3 New SS Classes Begin/ Potluck Lunch | 4  Week of Prayer January | 5 | 6 Attendance Awards  | 7 | 8 | 9 Women's Mentor Training |
| 10 PM— Small Groups | 11 | 12 | 13 Surprise Night | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Movie Night  | 21 | 22 | 23 Women's Mentee Meeting |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Double Share Night | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 Store Night  | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Valentine Night  | 11 VBS Meeting 6:30 PM at Toni Root's House  | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Leader Appreciation Night | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Dot Your Leader Night  | 25 | 26 | 27 |

Ladies
Christmas
Tea
"Behold
His Glory"
December
2009



Saddle Ridge Ranch

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."

James 1:5

Hey y'all! As winter in beginning we're planning for this summer!

Saddle Ridge Ranch is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School and we'll begin planning in February.

If you are interested in being on the planning team there will be a

meeting at Toni Root's home on **Thursday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m.**

Please RSVP to Toni (aunttoni@hotmail.com) if you are planning on attending.

And, as you prepare for spring cleaning, keep in mind that we are again planning on having a Free Garage Sale so please begin to save items you would like to donate. The

Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 19.

WHAT: Crestview Vacation Bible School

THEME: Saddle Ridge Ranch

VERSE:
James 1:5

WHEN:
June 7-11,
2010



Week of Prayer

Each year we begin our year with a Week of Prayer. This is focused time for us to start the year focused on the One responsible for any growth and increase in our midst.

One feature of the Week of Prayer is a devotional. This booklet is printed out and available at the information desk for you to pick up beginning on Sunday, December 27th.

Sunday, January 3 kicks

off our Week of Prayer. Pastor Phil will be preaching a message related to prayer from the book of Colossians and we will have a Noon Meal together as a church family. Please plan to bring a main dish and a side/dessert. At the conclusion of our meal, we will take some specific time to pray for requests that are before us.

We invite you to participate in this year's Week of Prayer. Our desire is

to see God do amazing things in our midst in 2010. So let's ask the Lord of the Harvest for a harvest.



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