

March 2008



PURSE...sue a Pure Heart

Spring is in the air (barring another winter snowstorm), flowers have begun to peek up out of the ground, and what woman doesn't love spring?! Doesn't it make you want to come out of hibernation and see

people again? How many times have you said this to a friend... "we need to get together sometime!?"

But life is busy and it is hard to get together for much needed fellowship

with other women. Here is your chance! RCC

Women's Ministry is hosting a Spring Ladies' Luncheon, Saturday April 26 from 12-2 PM. Tell EVERYONE!

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors. Our purpose is to offer a time of fellowship, spiritual growth

and encouragement for believers and nonbelievers alike. Our theme this year is "pursuing a pure heart" from II Timothy 2:22 "...pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart."

A team of highly talented and extremely dedicated women have been working diligently to put together a fabulous event, down to the tiniest detail. The afternoon will include delicious food, entertainment, special music, and guest speaker Radonna Fiorini. If you would like to come and/or host a table you can sign up at church or contact Nancy Umbeck (see back). Put it on your calendars. We promise you will NOT want to miss this!

check it out!

There is a new Christian radio station in town. Lafayette now has it's very own KLOVE station. Turn your dial to 106..7 FM. You can learn more about it at www.klove.com

OOPS! We ran out of room, but we must tell you about our Summer Book Club books-they're here! So go to www.rcovenant.org/women and find out about it-do it now!

Learning through Laughter

What a great evening of fellowship!!! *Kathy Nelson*

The weather made the roads challenging but with Lanie's driving capabilities and the Lord watching over us, we made safe and sound. Chonda did a wonderful job of mixing humor in with many of her painful struggles in life. She talked about the difficulty of being the daughter of a preacher who suffered from manic depression and how much she had learned from her own experiences with depression. Chonda's love and respect for her mother was undeniable. She talked about how her strong faith in the Lord held the family together even after both of her sisters died within twenty-two months of each other. Chonda said her mother prayed her way through the tough years and never gave up on her. Chonda said that even with all the struggles, bad times and questioning the



Dar, Melissa, and Kathy (L to R) in the back of Lanie's van!



The fearless women who braved the blizzard to see Chonda Pierce in Frankfort

Lord, she had that little ray of light in her from knowing the Lord. She encouraged parents by saying that kids may stray but if they have a

Charm is deceptive, and beauty fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Proverbs 31:30

Living Water

good foundation at home from family devotions and church services they can't drown that out. She felt that this is one of the sweetest promises of God's word. There were some very humorous moments in the program (especially when she talked and sang a song about menopause and hot flashes), but at the same time it was very sobering. Here stood a woman who had suffered some tremendous tragedies but realized that God didn't do these things "to her". She said what we do with the bad times in our lives is our choice. We either allow them to destroy us or we turn it around with the Lords help. The thing that touched me the most was when she told us that she couldn't remember a day when her mother didn't tell her that she loved her. This reminded me of the importance of telling people in my own life how much I love them and the need to do it often.

Kathy attends Riverside with her two daughters and is involved with the Women's Special Event Team.





Ministry corner

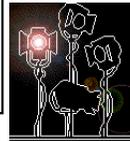
The purpose of the Encouragement Team is to minister to the emotional and physical needs of the women within our church family as they go through challenging times. If you need assistance in recovering from an illness or surgery, grieving the loss of a close family member, or celebrating the arrival of a newborn, then we are here to serve you. One of the ways we do this is by coordinating meals for you and your family to ease the burden of caring for your family. We also serve in other ways to remind you that you matter to God and to the Women's Ministry!! Sometimes we may send you a card or some fresh flowers, just to let you know we are thinking about you. If you or someone you know need an errand run, need encouragement, or need help in any other way please let us

This month: Encouragement Team

know so we can serve. If you would like to participate in this ministry we certainly could use you. You could simply be added to a list of volunteers provide meals or you may join the team directly if you would like to be more involved and serve in other ways. If you have the gift of encouragement and feel led to comfort and encourage others then this may be the place that God can use you! Contact Lanie Nelson (below).

Feel out of the loop?

Get emails about upcoming events, sign up for our email list, go to the women's ministry page of the church website, who knows what else you'll find there! www.rcovenant.org



Write these on your calendars!

- April 4th 6:30 PM LifeCare Banquet at N. Ballroom at PMU-questions contact Rhonda.
- April 26th 12-2 PM RCC Spring Ladies' Luncheon-Sign up now!
- Three Summer Book Clubs-sign up starting soon! Dates TBA!
- August 1-2 Women's Retreat Women of Faith in Indianapolis-more details to come!!!!



Woman in the spotlight

Each issue we will highlight different women in the church, giving you a chance to meet someone new, find a common bond and make a new friend. Who knows, maybe a new best friend?!

Lindsay Umbeck

Testimony: I've gone church for as long as I remember. I accepted Christ as my Savior when I was 5 years old. But things became real to me through a Bible Study Dar Muehlhausen led in Jr. High. She challenged us to have a devotional every single day for the next week. I love challenges and was determined to "win" this competition. That was the beginning of a habit of daily quiet time, leading me into a deeper relationship with God and learning to rely on Him.

Advice to Christian Women: I don't feel expert enough to give tips, but I can share what I've learned from my own mistakes. One mistake I make is assuming that other Christians always "have it all together". When I think this way, I want to hide my blunders and weaknesses, which only makes them worse. Eventually God shows me that I'm not alone in my struggles and someone right next to me is working to overcome the same thing. Knowing that gives me courage to trust God to perfect His strength my weaknesses.

Hobbies: Bargain Shopping, Scrapbooking, Jewelry-making, Running

Funny story: We recently moved near the tee box on the 6th hole of the Elk's golf course. I'm no golfer, but Ryan pointed out to me that our house is so close to the tee box that for a ball to land in our back yard it would have to be a really bad shot. One day I was working in the yard and I heard a rustling in the trees above and a golf ball plopped down nearby. Thinking I was doing a good deed I eagerly ran out to the tee box and proudly returned the ball to the men standing around, none of whom stepped forward to claim it. When I told Ryan about my good deed later, he shook his head and explained an unwritten law of golfing: the only thing worse than hitting a terrible shot is having it brought back to you by the sweet girl whose yard it landed in.

Lindsay attends RCC with her husband Ryan, and is currently working on her PHD-she is here with Leia her puppy!



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