

From Your Fearless Leader

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Hello Beloved Ladies!

Many of you know, my heart's desire as Women's Ministry Director is that women can grasp the unlimited treasures found in God's Word and as we study together "our roots [will] grow down deep in Him and draw up nourishment."

Why is that so important? Because His Word is a recipe book for our lives! God has a recipe for marriage, for parenting, and for us as women to show us how to have lives that will glorify and please him. If I was to make a cake and instead of following the recipe, I threw in an egg (shell and all), added to or left out ingredients, I'm will have a mess! That's how it is with our lives and Scripture! *Psm 1:1-3 says, "Blessed is the [woman] who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked ..., but [her] delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law [she] meditates day and night. [she] is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever [she] does prospers."*

These verses begin by telling us how to be blessed. 'Blessed' is "the happy condition of those who revere the Lord and do his will." I want to be blessed, don't you? It says to "delight" in God's Word, think of something you "delight" in and then ask yourself if you feel the same about God's Word. The more we read His Word and grow in our understanding, the more it becomes our delight. We will

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hunger for it and crave it because it is our source of strength, comfort, direction, wisdom. "In the law [she] meditates day and night." The word 'meditate' is similar to a cow chewing its cud. Isn't that lovely?! Meditating is bringing it back up and chewing and chewing and chewing until you get all the good out of it – all the nourishment . We can't just glance at God's Word or hear a sermon on Sunday to fix our problems. Instead, "delighting in" and "meditating on" God's Word makes us a "tree planted by streams of water which yield fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither, whatever [she] does prospers."



My prayer for Riverside women is that we will be like trees, so that then all the chaos comes, we'll be rooted firmly in God's Word. Like a tree takes up water from the stream, we are to take up God's Word into our hearts.. This will give us a powerful, nourishing, life-giving strength so we can withstand whatever comes our way and our lives will glorify Him.

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.. Ephesians 3:20 (The Message)

Living Water

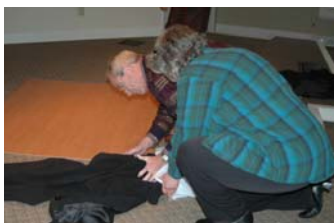


One Sunday Morning

Megan Mills

There are many of you who come to church at 10 or 10:15 even. You grab your donut and your coffee and you sit down just in time for announcements. If any of you feel like church is boring, let me just tell you, you are missing out! But you gotta come to church early. Not only do you get first dibs on donuts, but this is when all the excitement happens. For instance, where else can you see grown men, leaders in the church even, scream like little girls and run out the door? Where else can you see Linda Bogan wrestle a bat. Yes a bat. Have you ever tried to catch a bat? Very crafty little things. Have you ever seen anyone try to catch a bat? Hilarious. The problem with catching a bat, is that no one really wants to actually catch the

Tom & Linda discuss how to dispose of the bat



bat. Definately no one wants it flying around, but no one actually wants to touch it either. If you come to church early on the right days, you can see the entire worship team sprint out of the sanctuary, brave Linda Bogan swinging a trash bag around like a butterfly net, and valiant Tom Smiley gracefully tossing his coat in the air in hopes that the bat will dumbly fly into it and fall to the ground trapped and stunned in the coat . The bat, with excellent radar skills however, is successfully evading all attempts of capture. He even lands briefly in the light fixture trying to summon Batman to his rescue. This was his fatal error. He stayed there long enough that he let his guard down and they almost got him in the trash bag (Tom tried the coat, but the light fixture almost came down too). This was the moment I got the best view of the bat (it was the light right in front of the glass doors I was hiding

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behind-I had my five-month-old son I had to protect him). This bat was huge! I mean I think I saw the ceiling crack

from the added weight to the light fixture--it could have been Tom's coat, but I doubt it. Anyway, the bat managed to escape, and fly menacingly around the room sending a few more people out of the sanctuary. But he was tired and confused and he fell victim to Tom's flying coat. Being the humanitarians that we are here at Riverside (and the fact that no one wanted the job of cleaning up squished bat guts) Tom and Linda worked diligently to carefully lift him

The Bat flying free outside

up (securely wrapped in the coat) take him outside and set him free (seeing as how bats are nocturnal, I am not sure if this was an act of mercy or an act of revenge). All was well again by 9:30, not counting the worship team members still breathing into paper bags. Maybe next Sunday we should take up a collection to buy Tom a new coat. Just another typical Sunday morning at Riverside...miss a Sunday, miss a lot.

For more bat pictures, check out the church website.

Special Event!!! LifeCare Ministries is having an "Evening of Celebration" and we want to represent. Riverside women would like to fill a table. It is \$25/person and Star Parker is sharing her powerful story. If you would like more information contact Polly Timmerman. Please consider supporting this important organization.

Write these on your calendars!

- Thru March 5/6 Women's Bible study @ RCC and Rhonda Ausk's
- April 4th LifeCare Banquet 6:30 PM
- April 26 12-2 PM Ladies Luncheon (formerly known as the Ladies Tea)@ RCC
- Coming Soon—Summer Bookclub announcement!
- August 1-2 Women's Retreat w/Women of Faith in Indianapolis

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!

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This month: Prayer Team

Are you feeling overwhelmed? Has God moved in such a way that you want to shout for joy!? The Women's Ministry Prayer Team is at your service! We are committed to praying for your needs, your praises and women's activities here at Riverside Covenant Church. We pray for the women at Riverside along with all the Women's Bible study, the summer book Club, the ladies' leaders, the ministry teams, special speakers, retreats, events, meetings, our pastor and Sunday morning

Ministry corner

worship services. Your requests will be handled with the highest level of confidentiality--we are godly women who want to honor our Lord. Please know that your prayer requests will be kept confidential. The Prayer Team is bathing the church's Women's Ministry in prayer. We want to bring glory to God. Allow us to lift you up in prayer, and support you in a powerful way. NEVER underestimate the power of prayer! If you have a need, PLEASE contact Melissa Guipe.



Women in the spotlight

Each week 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 new best friend!

Lisa Harker

Member of RCC Leadership Team and Women's Ministry Discipleship Team

Testimony: I chose Jesus as my Savior in high school, thanks to my youth group. I was baptized on my 16th birthday. I was in my early 30s, however, before I began to take my Christianity seriously. I am convinced that the Holy Spirit I received in high school, saved me and brought me to a true relationship with God.

Advice to Women: Get out and enjoy your Christianity! It's not just about Sunday morning. God has blessed me so much through the teachers, leaders, small groups, Bible studies, and much more! A super-duper blessing is: I have many wonderful Christian

friends—they are the best!

Hobbies: Movies, music, the arts, reading, nature, Purdue sports, Indy 500, & my nieces and nephew.

Funny story: I made an "air-guitar" band to be entertainment for a women's event. We did "Saved" from the Christian band Third Day (written by Bob Dylan). Sunglasses, bandanas and tie-dyed t-shirts. Originally a one-time event. But our rock star quality was so big (or we were so laughable) that we were asked to perform numerous times. I played "air-keyboard"- and I can't play the piano!



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