

June 2008



Ladies Night!



Do you enjoy crafts or are you interested in learning how to create your own cards for your family and friends? As part of the Encouragement Team Women's Ministry, the Card Ministry extends congratulations during births and special occasions, and encouragement during illness and difficult times. Because we feel the women at Riverside are special, we want the cards we send to have a "personal touch". We need help creating a supply of cards for this ministry. This is a great way for you to serve and have fun and fellowship all at the same time! If you are interested, please join us on Wednesday, July 9 from 6:30 -

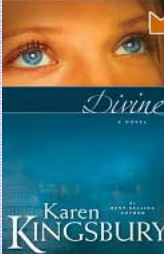
8:30 at the home of Dar Muehlhausen. Directions

can be provided and we will also meet at the church to car pool. Card stock, supplies, and snacks will be provided. If you have any "tools" you'd be willing to share (stamps, crimpers, scissors, etc.) please bring them! Extra snacks are also welcome! There is a sign up sheet at the Women's Ministries table, or you can contact Gretchen Shook by phone at 464-8918, or by email at gretchenshook@hotmail.com.

Hope you can join us for Ladies Night!

Third Book Club

Don't forget our Third Book Club this summer! It is Wednesday July 23, at 6:30 PM. Hosted by Stephanie Brennan. You can find directions on the website. We will be discussing *Divine* by Karen Kingsbury. Even if you don't get through the whole book, you are still welcome to participate in the discussion. Plus, it still isn't too late to sign up!!



Feel out of the loop?
 Get emails about upcoming events, sign up for our email list, go to www.rcovenant.org/women

RIVERSIDE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Births!

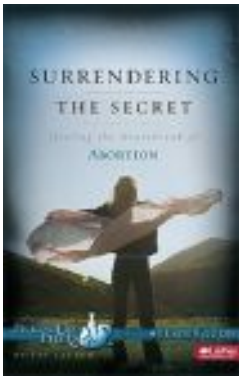
Babies, Babies, Babies!!!!

... and more babies!

If you haven't been at church in the last few weeks then you have missed the oodles of babies who have been born. Okay, maybe not oodles, but three. Rachel (and Steve) Johnson gave birth to a beautiful boy, Caleb Stephen Johnson, born on Friday May 16th. He weighed 7lbs 12oz .Kristin (and Brian) Kilgour had their baby only days later, 7 lb. 10 oz boy and named him Cooper John. Born Saturday May 31. And finally Dana (and Dan) Teefeey delivered little Miriam Leigh, weighing 6 lbs 0oz . She was born Thursday June 5th. Please keep all of these families in your prayers. The Kilgours as they are moving to Southern Indiana, and the Johnsons and

the Teefeys as they transition from one little one to two! There are still more to come! A few mommies are due this fall. So break out your casserole dishes and your crowd-pleasing recipes. If you are interested in preparing meals for new mothers, or if you know someone who is in need of meals, for any reason contact Lanie Nelson (see back).





Ministry corner Megan Mills

This month: *Surrendering the Secret*

Riverside Women's Ministry is offering a new ministry. Designed specifically for women suffering from post-abortion

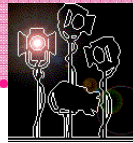
in this or would simply like more information please contact Megan Mills (see below). Please check out the website www.rcovenant.org/ women to find out more information about *Surrendering the Secret*.

trauma. Over 43% of all woman have had an abortion and our heart is to minister to these women. To offer a place to discover God's forgiveness and freedom. Our hope is to do this through an 8-week study called *Surrendering the Secret*. This study can be done in a small group, one-on-one, or alone. If you are interested

Just for fun....

If you are into blogs, check this one out...

www.pantylinesbook.blogspot.com
Author & speaker Pat Layton is writing a book titled *Are Pantylines a sign of Godliness?: Should Christian Women Wear Thongs*. She is collecting input from Christian women all over, on all sorts of topics. Have we piqued your curiosity?! See for yourself!



Woman in the spotlight

Rhonda Ausk

Each issue we 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?!

Testimony: I was born and raised in Texas (God's country) and grew up the daughter of a Southern Baptist minister. It's true, all those things you hear about preacher's kids (or at least in my life)! I was in church every time the doors were open but my view of God was very distorted. I saw God as a powerful being that would love me when I was good but would "get" me when I was bad. And, since I possessed a propensity to "test my boundaries," I *always* felt like God was going to "get" me! After making a total mess of my life and feeling hopeless, my older brother (Danny, who had been praying for me) talked with me about God's love and forgiveness. However, I still found it hard to believe that God's love could apply to me. Danny encouraged me to read God's Word and discover firsthand what it said. So, out of desperation, I dove in—and it changed my life! I was finally able to understand that there is nothing I

could do that God couldn't forgive – and God doesn't save us because of what we've done or what we haven't done. We can't earn his love. So, I yielded my will to His and asked Him to come in and take control and my life was changed. Hallelujah!

Interests: I have been blessed with a wonderful husband, 6 children, 4 in-laws and 9 grandbabies (and two on the way)! I am the designated "picture taker" in our family and enjoy scrapbooking. I also work as a Health Coach and enjoy being active, snow skiing, water skiing, running, hiking, biking, and have even tried sky diving!

Advice to Christian

women: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your strength."



Write these on your calendar!

- **LADIES NIGHT- July 9 6:30 PM** at Dar Muehlhausen's house
- **JULY BOOK CLUB—Wed. July 23, 6:30 PM** Stephanie Brennan
- **August 1-3 Women's Retreat- Women of Faith in Indianapolis**
- **Fall Bible Study, *Fingerprints of God*—September 3-October 22**



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Lifelong Learning –Have an idea for a bible study or a summer book? Contact **Lisa Harker** 497-7262 lialisa@insightbb.com

Prayer –Need Prayer or interested in being on the prayer team? Contact **Melissa Guipe** 490-4066 t.guipe@insightbb.com

Mentoring– Want to mentor other women or want to be mentored? Contact **Linda Bogan** 490-0000 lbogan@trinitymission.org

Encouragement –Want to be on the encouragement team, or know someone who needs encouragement? Contact **Lanie Nelson** 464-2542 (weekdays) 404-4096 (nights and weekends) lanienelson@yahoo.com

Special Events –Know of an upcoming women's event, or like to plan events? Contact **Nancy Umbeck**

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Missions –Have an idea for a mission project or want to join the team? Contact **Polly Timmerman**

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Communications –Have an idea for the newsletter or want to join the team? Contact **Megan Mills** 532-2507 megan@el mills.com or **Stephanie Brennan**

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Post-Abortion Ministry-studies available, contact Megan Mills