

Women's Connection

Harvest Bible Chapel York Region



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What an AMAZING few months we've had in Women's Connection since September 2009. We had a Dessert & Coffee night at the beginning of September to launch the Women's Connection and then jumped right into two Bible Studies. Monday nights we studied "Seeking Him" by Nancy Leigh DeMoss and Wednesday mornings the study was "I Really Want to Change, So Help Me God" by James MacDonald. Both studies were fruitful as lives were changed through the study of God's Word and friendships were formed through fellowship during these studies. Our theme verse for Women's Connection is: "so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." Colossians 1:10 We look forward to growing in these areas of our lives as we start 2 new studies January 18th and 20th, 2010. Won't you join us?

This fall I personally have had an increased desire for the truth of His Word and the verse in Jeremiah has become my desire. Jeremiah 15:16 "Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts." Through the Sunday morning sermons, our Small Group and Women's Connection study I have found many opportunities to dig into God's word for myself or as a group and find the scripture to back up what was being taught. How exciting it is to find the truth in God's word for ourselves. I challenge you to read God's word daily, get to know Him and the truth through scripture and increase in knowledge and wisdom. We are called to spur one another on to Worship, Walk, and Work for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Email me anytime with prayer requests, questions, or to chat. I would love to hear from you..... women@harvestyorkregion.ca
Let's CONNECT in ministry and do life together!

Praying for you,
Jeannette McClenny

Jesus – God's Love Letter to Us

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whosoever would believe in Him would not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Long distance relationships are hard. You long to see your beloved, but can't. Your heart wants to connect with the one you love and yet, they're so far away. Really, the only good thing about a long distance relationship is the letters. That's the best way to express your love. My sweetheart sent me long letters telling how much he loved me and how very much he missed me. In this day and age of instant messaging, facebook, and emails, we have lost the art of letter-writing and what a thrill it is to go out to your mailbox and have a personal letter written to you, especially if it's from your sweetheart. My love letters are kept in a huge heart-shaped box and I will keep them forever. (My husband doesn't mind because he wrote those letters!)

Over two thousand years ago, God wrote a love letter to us. John 1:14 says, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father full of grace and truth." God saw our miserable condition without Him and longed to show His great love toward us. We were the object of God's heart even though we did absolutely nothing to deserve it. Christmas is the celebration of that incredible love which we will never fully comprehend or, I'm afraid, truly appreciate.

This Christmas, during all the hustle and bustle, I pray that you take the time to pick up your Bible and read God's love letter to you. May the Christ of Christmas also be the Christ of your heart this beautiful Christmas season.

Debi Chewerda

Upcoming Events

Winter Bible Studies

January 18, 2010:
Monday nights
7pm – 9pm

I Really Want to Change, So Help Me God

James MacDonald

January 20, 2010:
Wednesday mornings
9:30am – 11:30am

Believing God

Beth Moore

Women's Connection Event:

March 26, 2010
Watch for details.

Memory Verse

*"so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."
Colossians 1:10*



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New Life for a New Year



Romans 6:4 says that “just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

When thinking about “New Years”, we often gear up our minds for all the things that we will be adding to, or adjusting in our lives as the clock strikes twelve. We are a people who like to make “resolutions”, desiring change and hoping for something new. We promise ourselves, and others, all kinds of things as the New Year emerges. We want a better life than we had the year before. We have plans to get fit, stay focused, manage debt, and forsake various vices and bad habits. The list grows every year, and according to some experts, our resolution to honour these “new life” commitments lasts not much longer than our Christmas decorations.

So, how about a different focus this year? How about considering the directions of Christ as opposed to the directives of man? Colossians 3:23, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.” We don’t need a list or a memo to live out our calling as “new creations” in Christ. As thoughts of a new resolve enter our minds this January, direction and guidance is found in God’s Word: Life changing thoughts and ideas, requests and exhortations.

The Apostle Paul gives us some fantastic goals in Colossians 3 to start this New Year off right; life habits that will bring blessing and reward in this life and the next. “Set your hearts and minds on things above, not on earthly things. ... Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature. ... Do not lie to each other. Rid yourselves of anger, malice, slander, filthy language ... since we have put on the new self. ... Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive.” (verses 1,2,5,8,9,10,12,13)

What a joy it will be to see the evidence of our “new life” and the peace of Christ ruling in our hearts this New Year. No unkept promises, just continuous prayer for the words of Christ to dwell in us richly. “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Ephesians 4:23-24 “to be made new in the attitude of your minds, and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Lianne Jongkind

Women of Faith

Women of great faith dot the pages of scripture. From Esther to Ruth, from Mary to Lydia and many more, God has and is using women to build His kingdom. As the pastor here at Harvest Bible Chapel I am so thrilled at what God is doing in our church. One key ministry area that has been established and is growing rapidly is our Women’s ministry. Jeannette is giving great leadership, and she is supported by an excellent team. The small group ministry is fostering growth in the Word along with incredible fellowship and accountability. It is also fostering friendships that will sharpen one another and will last for eternity. I want you to know that the Elders are praying for you and that we are looking forward with great expectation as to what God will do in your lives in the days ahead.

God placed Esther in a key position so that a nation could be protected and eventually restored. In Esther 4:13 it says “for such a time as this”. Strategically placed women are serving in our church “for such a time as this”. May God bless you as you serve Him.

You are loved
Pastor Paul

WORK for Christ in Women’s Connection

- Volunteers Needed:
- * Administrator
 - * Babysitting – Monday nights and/or Wednesday morning
 - * Prayer Coordinator & Prayer Team Members
 - * Event Planner

Please email Jeannette women@harvestyorkregion.ca

