



“Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.”

Proverbs 3:5-6, *The Message*

Our purpose is to connect women to the heart of God by encouraging them to have an intimate relationship with Him and to connect women to each other, their community and the world through authentic relationships.

Our goal is to increase your knowledge and love of God's Word through intentional Bible study and prayer; to involve you in authentic, Christ-centered relationships; to inspire you to discover and fulfill your God-given purpose; and to instill in you a passion and commitment for God's people both locally and worldwide.

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Do you Facebook?

Search for the group 'woodcreek women' and join! Look at pictures and connect with other women from Woodcreek.

{www.WoodcreekWomen.com}

Heart to Heart



What is Heart to Heart?

Heart to Heart is the name for Women's Bible studies at Woodcreek Church. This ministry has been in existence since 1986 and has the goal of helping women become fully devoted followers of Christ through the study of the Bible. Our format provides time to fellowship in a large group setting, but the majority of our time is spent in small groups of 8-12 where we discuss weekly lessons and pray together. There are also opportunities to learn from gifted Bible teachers, enjoy dinners or brunches, and to be involved in various service projects.

When does Heart to Heart meet?

Heart to Heart runs from mid-September through the end of April, and meets on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings, with a small group also meeting on Wednesday evenings. Sign up at www.woodcreekwomen.com.

What if I don't know anything about the Bible?

Heart to Heart is a friendly and accepting place to learn about the Bible. Whether you're brand new to Bible study or have studied for years, you'll find that there are other women just like you! The goal is to approach the Bible with the faith of a child and be open for God to teach you whatever He desires for you to learn. Weekly homework will be encouraged in order to give each woman opportunity for personal time in God's Word. The goal, however, is not just to fill in answers, but to fall in love with the God of the Bible and to learn what it means to pursue Him passionately in every area of your life.

Why should I get involved?

Heart to Heart is a great way to get connected with the women of Woodcreek! Even though we know that the Bible is God's love letter to His children, filled with comfort, guidance, and life-giving instruction, many of us struggle with being in God's Word regularly. Heart to Heart provides the encouragement we need to learn-for-life from the Bible with women who are on the journey with us. And in the process, we find not only a closer relationship with God, but also spiritually encouraging relationships with other women.

Can I bring my kids?

Childcare is available for the Tuesday evening study. "The Amazing Adventure" is available on Wednesday mornings.

{www.WoodcreekWomen.com}

The Amazing Collection

The Bible for Women...Book by Book

Year 1: Genesis - Song of Solomon

Year 2: Isaiah - Acts

Year 3: Romans - Revelation

If you're new to Women's Bible studies at Woodcreek, The Amazing Collection is the place to start! The Amazing Collection is a life-changing overview of the entire Bible. Through it you'll begin to see the Bible as a complete love letter from God, not just segmented books or studies. You'll become familiar with the main characters of the Bible, the big picture and principle application of each book, and beautiful themes that run throughout.

The study includes dynamic teaching and personal testimonies, so whether you're new to Bible study or have studied the Bible for years, you'll find that this study helps you make sense of the Bible, from start to finish, in a way that draws you to the heart of our wonderful God! Books are about \$23 each semester.

Pursuit!

Connecting Women to the Heart of God

For those who have already completed The Amazing Collection, we are offering Pursuit! - Connecting Women to the Heart of God.

In the fall, we'll use *Luke: Finding Truth and Healing in Jesus' Words to Women*, by Sue Edwards, as our guide. This inductive study will show us how Christ often ministers to women individually, offering them compassion, and teaching them how to overcome problems with sin, silence, worry, injustice, and more. We'll see how Jesus' specific conversations with women in the gospel of Luke can encourage today's woman to replace negative feelings and destructive behaviors with biblical attitudes and positive actions. This book is \$10.

Then in the spring, we'll dive into *Live a Praying Life*, by Jennifer Kennedy Dean. This 13-week interactive Bible study addresses many of the frequently asked questions concerning prayer and offers a humbling glimpse into God's sovereign plan to include us in accomplishing His will. It is not just about prayer, but about releasing the power of prayer in our lives.

1st Semester - September 14 through December 7, 2010

2nd Semester - January 4 through April 27, 2011

Tuesday Evening

6:45-9:00 p.m.

The Amazing Collection (Years 1, 2 and 3) and Pursuit!

Childcare Provided

Contact: Janell Hoffman, janell5@mac.com

Wednesday Morning

8:45-11:00 a.m.

The Amazing Collection (Years 1, 2 and 3) and Pursuit!

The Amazing Adventure Children's program provided (see below)

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Wednesday Evening

6:30-8:30 pm

The Amazing Collection (Year 3 only)

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The Amazing Adventure Children's Program

For preschool children who accompany their moms to the **Wednesday morning study**, we offer The Amazing Adventure. This program includes stories written by Pat Harley of The Amazing Collection, crafts, activities and music to accompany each book of the Bible. Watch your child fall in love with the Bible and God our Great King as they go on an Amazing Adventure each and every week. This year's curriculum will cover Romans - Revelation.

Stories

...because everyone has one.
Connecting and Encouraging Women of All Ages

Hearing stories of how God has worked in others' lives is not only encouraging, but also helps us to understand who God is and how to see Him in our own lives. We are so excited to announce our newest ministry Stories, in which we build bridges into the lives of others by sharing our stories. Stories is a gathering of women from all ages and stages of life that come together to learn from one another and be encouraged. We begin with conversation over dinner followed by a personal story from someone. We'd love for you to join us in continuing to build these relationships to help make Woodcreek Church feel a little more like family for all of us. Please feel free to invite your friends or those you think would benefit from being a part of this evening with us. Stories will be held on Wednesdays (every 6 weeks or so) from 6:45 – 8:30 pm at various locations. Our first one will be held September 29. Check the website for future dates and locations.

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Listen To My Life

Listen to My Life, written from a biblical perspective, is an innovative, interactive two-day event with a series of varied exercises that will allow you to listen to the voice of God as you look at your life from a fresh perspective. In this unique process of documenting your story, you will gain new clarity and insight. Don't miss out on this God-led adventure.

Dates: Session 1: Friday, September 24 from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday, September 25 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Session 2: Friday, November 5 from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday, November 6 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

(For this to be effective, we ask that you commit to the whole time, not come and go)
Cost: \$100 (includes materials and meals – normal cost is \$250)

Deposit: \$35
Location: Woodcreek Church
Capacity: 25 spots available

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“Creating space for God—the soul is like a wild animal—tough, resilient, resourceful, savvy, self-sufficient. It knows how to survive in hard places. But it is also shy. Just like a wild animal, it seeks safety in the dense underbrush. If we want to see a wild animal, we know that the last thing we should do is go crashing through the woods yelling for it to come out. But if we will walk quietly into the woods, sit patiently by the base of the tree, and fade into our surroundings, the wild animal we seek might put in an appearance.”

–Parker Palmer, *A Hidden Wholeness*

Spring Retreat

March 25-27, 2011

This retreat will offer us a true break from ordinary life and allow us to reconnect with God in a fulfilling and refreshing way. It is designed to help you stop the busyness of your life and refresh your soul. The retreat offers a great time of worship, fellowship, solitude, prayer, soul-reflection, connection with old and new friends, laughter and fun. You won't want to miss this time as all the women of the church gather together for an inspiring weekend.

We'll relax at Pine Cove Shores Retreat Center near Tyler, Texas.

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Book Club

Join us for an opportunity to gather and engage with each other about various books. Our first book will be *Angry Conversations with God*, a snarky but authentic spiritual memoir by Susan E. Isaacs, a screenwriter and actress. Save the date for the evening of September 26, 2010. Check the website for future books and dates.

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“Poverty alleviation is the ministry of reconciliation: moving people closer to glorifying God by living in right relationship with God, with self, with others, and with the rest of creation.”

-When Helping Hurts, Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert

Missions



House of Hope Nicaragua Team

This team will travel to Managua, Nicaragua on Oct. 17 – 21, 2010 to the House of Hope, where we will share the gospel, teach the Bible and “love on” House of Hope’s women, teens and children. House of Hope is a faith-based ministry that is designed to facilitate spiritual transformation.

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Mexico Conferencia Team

This team will travel to Cordoba, Mexico to the Mexican Indian Training Center to help facilitate a women’s conference for 300 women from surrounding villages. It is a great time to encourage and walk beside the women who never have an opportunity to gather together to be strengthened through God’s word, worship, testimonies and workshops. This year’s conferencia will be held on February 23-27, 2011.

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