


Grace Way Women's Ministry Newsletter

Do you view life as a war but then realize you've forgotten who the war is with? We fight and claw each day yet forget who we're fighting. We also forget who our champion & protector is. Over the past few months God has been showing me & reminding me I'm not being vigilant enough. I'm not remembering who my champion and protector is. I'm letting my enemy have more power than he does. How about you?

I can't help but visualize what you'd typically see in some of my favorite movies or TV shows when I think about heroes or protectors. When they're fighting in a battle, the hero & protector is always in front. He or she is typically in front of who they're protecting and typically with their arms and body shielding the other person. The person being protected survives best when they are in communication with the protector and then listen & obey appropriately.

Ladies **WE** are in a spiritual battle, and we have a hero who will win this spiritual war but we lose sight of who the battle is against. We take our focus off of our hero & protector. We don't always listen. We don't always communicate with him. AND worse we forget we **KNOW** who the winner is.

Last fall at the conference I stood in front of many of you and talked about the importance of prayer. I talked about how hard it is. It's a discipline not a feeling. We can make all the normal excuses of why we don't pray but if we're honest we don't do it because we just don't really desire to. It takes sacrifice and time away from the things which appear more attractive and appealing to do on a daily basis. In my own struggles following the conference, God has been reminding me over & over how important prayer is. We need it. If we want to be Women of God, planted & fruitful, we have to pray. We have to be comfortable praying. We want to know how to pray. We have to pray together.



So as I pray for the women of FBC Desoto and what 2023 should look like, I see women who are in a war. Most of us know it even if we lose sight of who the war is with and who our hero & protector is. So how do we fight this war? By doing what Ephesians 6 calls us to do. And one thing it says is **PRAYER!** Why? Because it is the way to communicate with the one who has won the war. We need his wisdom & guidance. We are in a battle for our families, our marriages, our church, our health, our minds, and so much more. We need to be Women of Prayer!



So I'm asking you to join me in my resolve to pray more & take this passage in Ephesians to heart.


First suggestion is I encourage you to read or listen to *Fervent* by Priscilla Shirer over the next few months. Regardless of whether you can come to a book club meeting or not. The book is full of practical applicable advice.

Next be watching for information on a Prayer Bootcamp workshop in March. Struggle to know what to pray or how? The workshop will give us Biblical prayer guides, and we will pray.



Praying grace & peace and a life PLANTED in Christ for you.

Heather Herget



Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. - Ephesians 6:10-20

Look what's happening!!

January 2023

Rest & Restore Women's Retreat - April 14-16

Join us in Branson for a relaxing weekend getaway!

Theme & Verse: Rest & Restore - Psalms 23: 2-3

Where: Renting a VRBO (Cove Rock Lodge) on Table Rock Lake.

What: Scheduled time together for prayer, Bible study, and fun combined with free time to relax, shop, hike, or do whatever you would like.

How: Guarantee your spot today with \$25 deposit - 1st come 1st serve

Cost: TBD - somewhat based on how many sign-up. *Accommodations will not cost more than \$150 but hoping to keep between \$100-\$150. Additional cost if you want your own king/queen bed. Food cost will vary based on personal preference.

Can bring own food or pay for it to be provided.

Who: Women Ages 16 & up

Deadline for deposit 2/12/2023



Want to get involved & help plan women's ministry events? We typically meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Contact Heather Herget if interested so you stay in the loop on any changes to meeting dates and times.

Mark your calendar & watch for information

February: Upwards appreciation

February 19 12-1:30 pm- Dgroup facilitator & mentor meeting - lunch provided

March 14: Prayer Bootcamp workshop -6 - 8:30 pm

March 21: Monday Evening Bible study starts

March 17 & 18: Marriage retreat

April 14-16: Women's Rest & Restore Retreat

May 13 at 2 pm - Psalms 23:5 "My Cup Overflows" Spring Tea

June 10: Women's Breakfast

July 7: Christmas in July

August 7: Evening Event TBD

September 10: Women's Breakfast

October 14 & 15: Women's Fall Conference

November 11: Evening Event TBD

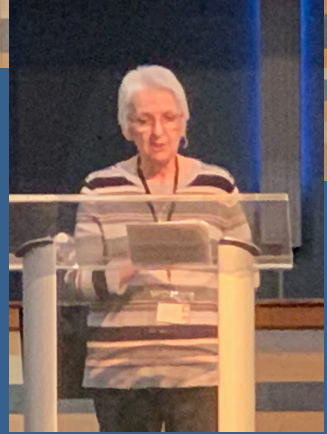
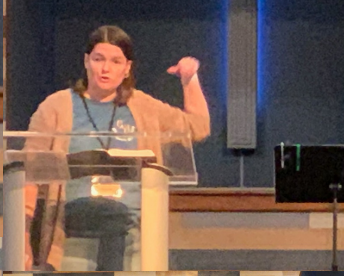
December 2: Christmas gift exchange & breakfast

Look what's been happening!!

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Conference 2022



Christmas Brunch 2022

