

LIVES OF FRAGRANCE

2 Corinthians 4:14-17

The anticipation, both of one's marriage and of the birth of a baby, are times of delight, of preparation, and of solemn reflection for a woman. The women of Tulsa Bible Church have traditionally celebrated these life events with showers. Showers are special occasions at TBC! Whether a shower is held to honor a bride-to-be or an expectant mother, it is a time which glorifies God by celebrating the gift of marriage or the arrival of a precious new life. Each shower is filled with fun, fellowship, and food. Some showers are hosted by individuals or Adult Fellowship classes; others, which meet specific guidelines, are sponsored by the Women's Ministry. Amber Schaecher is the Women's Ministry leader with oversight of the shower ministry, while Pamela Gullickson utilizes her gifts to help plan and organize showers. Amber shares about this ministry.

IN CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Amber Schaecher: My name is Amber Schaecher, and I am a member of the women's council as well as chair of TBC's bridal and baby showers ministry. The torch was passed to me last year from Kathy Bradford. Pamela Gullickson is amazing at helping me organize showers. Helping lead showers is another special ministry that glorifies God by blessing new moms and brides and joining them in their celebration and joy.

This is a very special and busy time of year at TBC, since we are having several women's council-sponsored showers: April 22 was a bridal shower for Natalia Johnston, Joshua Lowery's bride-to-be; Saturday, June 3, will be a bridal shower for Hannah Lowery (bride-to-be of Kirk Shiew) at TBC; and Thursday, June 22, will be a baby shower for Rachele Cannavo (wife of Derek Cannavo) at Barb Rader's home. Join us in celebrating God's blessings of marriage and children!

Pamela Gullickson: I feel like God has given me the gift of hospitality. When I was asked to join the TBC Shower Ministry, I saw it as a way to bless other women in our church. Being in the ministry has allowed me to gain and strengthen friendships and has been a huge blessing to me, as well.

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WHAT'S NEW

JUNE 3

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Wedding Shower for Hannah Lowery to be held in the Paragon Room.

JUNE 7

6:30 p.m.

Twelve ladies attended the book discussion in March. The first five chapters of *Calm My Anxious Heart* (Dillow) were discussed; women shared insights gleaned from reading this book, relating these insights to life experiences and God's work in their lives. Even if you were unable to attend in March, or if you have not been able to read all of the chapters, please consider attending the June discussion time, which will cover chapters 6-10.

JUNE 10

10:00 a.m.

Bridal shower for Mia Powell to be held at TBC, Lighthouse Room.

JUNE 22

Baby shower for Rachele Cannavo to be held at Barb Rader's home. Details to follow.

"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well."

2 Timothy 1:5, (ESV)



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Thank You, Mom!

Proverbs 31:28a, (ESV) “. . . her children rise up and call her blessed”

Proverbs 31 describes attributes of a godly woman; verse 30 states, “. . . a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.” (ESV) The godly woman will have a lasting impact on generations of her family, as well as on many others in her sphere of influence. Several TBC women have shared tributes to their mothers, who lived sweetly fragrant lives.

Karleen Chambers: Edith, my mother, loved singing in the senior choir, working in the nursery, and helping with paperwork for the church office and Sunday School class. She was an example of hospitality and often had people in her home. She was kind and focused on the good of other people. She read her Bible through many times, but did not debate her belief, but held firm in the truth.

Cathy Dunn: My mother, Bonnie, was a quiet, unassuming lady with a sweet, kind personality. She had deep faith in her Savior and gently shared Christ with people as she felt God lead her. She was a prayer warrior! She loved her family and friends deeply, and unselfishly sacrificed for the people in her life. Her favorite hymns were *Amazing Grace* and *Victory in Jesus*. Even in her later years of dementia, those songs brought a beautiful smile to her face. I am so grateful God gave me the honor of being her child, the only one who got to call her “Mother.” We were best friends.

Marlene Jones: My mom, Dorothy, assisted my dad with the work of learning the language, then translating the New Testament into the Chinantec language in southern Mexico, which took many, many years without the help of computers. After living with us for 5 years, at age 91 she suffered a major stroke. When we told the doctor a little about her missionary work, she suddenly started reciting John 3:16 for him, first in English and then in Chinantec. The Joy of God’s Word was on her heart even to the end.

Betty Pharris: My widowed mother, Cordelia, was recuperating from a stroke. My sisters and I alternated staying with her when she was released from the rehab. During my turn, I slept with her. She could not kneel by her bed to pray, but lying in the bed, she began praying for each family member. I am so grateful I had a praying mother and heard her praying before she slept.

Marybeth DeLamater Shoop: At 16, I did not appreciate how young Mom was when, at 47, she was unexpectedly widowed, 3 kids in college, never having worked outside the home. Trusting her heavenly Father, as she had from childhood, Bina May DeLamater immediately applied for a job, and began what grew into a 20-year career as an elementary teacher in a Toledo, Ohio inner-city school. She also maintained her involvement in Child Evangelism, The Christian League for the Handicapped, where she and Dad had served together for several years, and Christian Women’s Club, all the while caring for several elderly ladies as the need arose through the years. But most of all, “Bidie,” a moniker given by her grandchildren, was devoted to her 3 children, 6 grands, and 13 greats. Godly, selfless, and hard-working, Bina May made an indelible impact on me, my siblings, my family, and countless others, and I appreciate her more each year.

Lilis Thng: Looking back at mom’s life, one thing that stood out to me was her boldness to venture out of her comfort zone. For over 25 years, my mom, Jenny, was a dedicated public health nurse who did weekly home visits on the north side of Milwaukee. Her fervent prayer and God’s protection kept her safe as she advocated for underprivileged families and their children. She saw each one of them as a precious individual created by God. She would take every opportunity to pray for them before she left their homes. Often times she would come home physically and mentally exhausted from her home visits, but she continued to persevere during these stressful times. God has given mom the courage and boldness to reach out to people from all walks of life, showing them compassion through the love of Christ.

Who Was That Mother? (Answers found in the credit section)

1. _____, the mother of all living.
2. _____, the mother of Solomon.
3. _____, the mother of Timothy.
4. _____, the mother of Isaac.
5. _____, the mother of Mahlon and Chilion.
6. _____, the mother of Obed.
7. _____, the mother of Samuel.

RECIPES

Barb says, “My Mom, Dorothy, better known as Dottie or Aunt Dot, was all about laughter and family gatherings, and when there’s family, there’s food, and lots of it! She was a loving wife to our Daddy and an incredible Mother to us 6 girls and her baby boy. There was no partiality! Maybe a little. Ha! Here are a couple of her favorite recipes.”

Green Rice

From Barb Rader

- 1 10-oz. pkg of frozen chopped broccoli
- 2 c. cooked rice
- ¼ c. butter or margarine
- 1 10-oz. can of cream of chicken soup
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- 1 T. onion
- 1 T. lemon juice

Cook broccoli according to package directions. Combine ingredients and blend; add broccoli to rice. Pour into (sprayed) baking dish. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes. Top with grated cheese.

Banana Bread

- ½ c. shortening
- 1 ½ c. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 c. squashed bananas
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 4 T. sour milk (may sour milk by adding 1 tsp. vinegar to milk; wait a few minutes until it curdles)
- 1 ½ c. flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 c. nuts (chopped)

Cream shortening and sugar. Add remaining ingredients and beat well. Bake in greased loaf pan at 350° for 1 hour.

Great served hot with butter or whipped cream cheese. Freezes well. *Note: “a favorite of my kids”*

“Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.”

Proverbs 31:31, (ESV)

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Answers to Who Was That Mother?: 1. Eve; 2. Bathsheba; 3. Eunice; 4. Sarah; 5. Naomi; 6. Ruth; 7. Hannah.