

# LIVES OF FRAGRANCE

## 2 Corinthians 4:14-17

In this issue, we will explore one of the facets of women's ministry at Tulsa Bible Church (TBC): Women's Bible Studies. Bible studies are offered with a selection of days and times in order to facilitate attendance by women with differing schedules and needs.

Cathy Dunn is a member of the Women's Ministry Council of TBC and leads the Women's Bible Study ministry. Cathy shares a testimony of how God has used Bible studies in her life.

## **A WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY TESTIMONY**

By Cathy Dunn

At age 31, God brought me to women's Bible study, and He changed my life. Though I had been a Christian since a child, I had not matured much in Christ. I had a weak desire to grow, but my growth was hit and miss.

God led me to a fellowship of women who loved and lived the Word of God. Jeremiah 15:16 became real to me: "Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart."

What did God show me and teach me in that ladies' Bible study? He revealed to me the overarching story of the Bible so that it finally all fit together and was understandable. He brought me into relationships with women who were deeply committed to growing in their walk with Christ, and their passion influenced me. He graciously gave me the experience of His Word transforming my heart. He made His word more meaningful to me, giving me a deeper understanding of the gospel. He gave me a greater hunger for his Word and has continuously satisfied that hunger.

The Bible's word for Christian growth is sanctification. We know that our sanctification can occur only as we are in His Word. Jesus gave us clear instruction about this when He said in John 17:17, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."

We start our Women's Bible Studies in September. Ladies, please join us!



## WHAT'S NEW

### AUGUST

Registration for women's Bible studies begins in August. You may sign up at a table in the lobby or online.

### SEPTEMBER

Save the dates of September 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> for the Women's Retreat, which will be held at TBC on Friday evening, and at New Life Ranch, Frontier Cove, on Saturday, with our guest speaker, Ruth Stevens. Ruth has retired from an active career in missions, but she continues to mentor women and to minister to women at international conferences. Ruth has written two Bible study books.

### SEPTEMBER

The Women's Bible Studies begin the fall semester.

Women of the Word  
Cathy Dunn  
Tuesdays

Sept. 6 - Nov. 15  
10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

or

7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

*(childcare offered for morning option)*

Sunrise Sisters  
Brandy Verwiel  
Wednesdays  
Sept. 14 - Nov. 16  
6.00 a.m. - 7.30 a.m.

Valuable Pearl  
Marcia Thutchley  
&  
Karen Krueger  
Thursdays  
Sept. 15 - Nov. 17  
12.30 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.

### WEEKLY OPPORTUNITY

Praying Grannies meet on Tuesdays from 12.00 p.m. - 2.00 p.m. in the Ambassador Room, located in the Family Life Center, for prayer, singing, and fellowship.

## RECIPE

Marlene Jones shares one of her family's favorite meals. This would be a great choice for hot weather, since it is simple, delicious, and requires minimal oven use.

### Cherry Chipotle Glazed Salmon

From Marlene Jones

1 lb salmon pieces (skin off)

Sauce:

- 6 oz cherry concentrate
- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 1/2 tsp adobo sauce
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp onion powder

Mix sauce ingredients. Bring to a boil, then simmer 30 min. As it cools, it will thicken.

When sauce is cool, brush salmon pieces with sauce on one side, then broil 5 minutes.

Turn and brush other sides with sauce. Broil 5 more minutes.

I like to serve it over cooked Israeli couscous mixed with a little sautéed spinach, cut cherry tomatoes, and a little salt & garlic and olive oil. A side of roasted asparagus and red and yellow peppers (drizzle with olive oil before roasting) is yummy too!

## MUSINGS ON HOSPITALITY

From Leslie McGowan

Hospitality is the 'love of strangers'; therefore, remember you are opening your home to love on people.

Keep things simple so you can focus on the people.

God has worked on me through the years to not be anxious in preparing my home. People come to see you, not your house. As you clean, pray for each person who is coming and pray for the interactions that will occur.

Remember to reflect Christ and His love to those who come to your house.

### WORD SEARCH

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BLESSED DISTAFF EXCELLENT FIELD HOUSEHOLD JEWELS  
KINDNESS LAMP LINEN PRECIOUS PROVIDES PURPLE SCARLET  
SHIPS VINEYARD WISDOM WOOL WORKS

## REFRESHMENT

By Karen Krueger

Ladies, we may be physically worn by the heat of summer, wilting in company with our phlox and petunias. Not surprisingly, we can also become spiritually weary as we are daily faced with the heat of multiple responsibilities and trials.

This poem, written by Annie Johnson Flint, who lived for years with chronic, debilitating pain, aptly describes the weariness of the daily journey and encourages us to seek Jesus. As we burrow deep into Scripture, meditating on the Word and spending time in prayer, we receive Christ's sweet refreshment; He provides us with not only the strength to persevere but also the deep and abiding joy of His constant presence. Jesus, the Living Water, says, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11.28, ESV).

### THE COURT OF THE KING

By Annie Johnson Flint

With the staff that had failed in my need  
Where the road had been stony and steep;  
With the lamp that was smoking and dim,  
Though the darkness was growing more deep;  
Weary, too weary to pray  
And too heavy-hearted to sing,  
Faint with the toils of the way  
I came to the court of the King.

There where the fountains fall cool,  
Their waters unailing and pure;  
There where the ministering palms  
Stand like His promises sure,  
Oh! there was peace in its shade,  
Oh! there was rest in its calm;  
And its sweet silences lay  
On my bruised spirit like balm.

Long did I kneel in His court,  
And walk in His garden so fair;  
All I had lost or had lacked  
I found in His treasures there;  
Oil to replenish my lamp,  
His kindness a crown for my head,  
For the staff that had wounded my hand  
The rod of His mercy instead.

A garment of praises I found  
For the sullen, dark garb I had worn,  
And sandals of peace for the feet  
That the rocks and the briars had torn;  
Joy for my mourning He gave,  
Making my spirit to sing,  
And, girded with gladness and strength,  
I passed from the court of the King.

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