

Ministry of Women Newsletter



BABY NEWS

NEW ARRIVALS

Adam Christian
August 30th
Curt & Dana Moesker

Sadie Rose
October 5th
Robert & Jennifer Richard

Judith Anna
October 30th
John & Julie Klassen

EXPECTING

December
Candice Archer

February
Amanda Bydeley

PRAYER & PRAISE

Pray for...

- ◆ Edie Riley - health, and wisdom for housing while waiting for room in a nursing home.
- ◆ Many elderly feeling the effects of aging.
- ◆ Tom & Ashley VanBoven
- ◆ Len & Sherry Ayton and family, grieving the loss of Len's mother.
- ◆ Our pastors.
- ◆ Our missionaries.
- ◆ Our marriages.
- ◆ Our children.
- ◆ Salvation of loved ones.

Praise the Lord for...

- ◆ The container that has finally arrived in Cuba!
- ◆ Faithful teaching of His Word here at Peoples!
- ◆ Our church family!

Christmas 2014

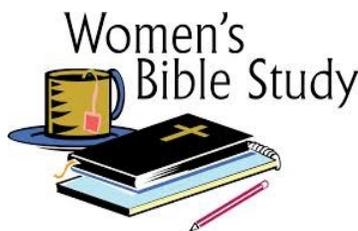
*The Ministry of Women at Peoples Church
invites you to attend a
Christmas Event*

Jesus, What a Wonderful Name!

*Tuesday, December 2, 2014
7:00 p.m.*

Consider inviting a friend to join you for a special evening to ponder the wonderful name of Jesus, sing Christmas carols, and fellowship around the table as you make a small seasonal craft and enjoy refreshments.

Sign-up is required.
There is no cost to this event.



Women's Bible Study

We are truly blessed to have a variety of Bible studies for our women to choose from as we seek to grow spiritually.

Gloria Burgess, Trudy Stamos, and Anna Jamieson have been teaching Tuesday mornings, while Pat Freeman has been teaching Monday evenings, and Trudy is repeating her class Thursday evenings.

Anna Jamieson's class will finish in December, but Gloria, Trudy, and Pat will continue on. There will also be a new class starting in January with Anne Booy.

The Book of Titus: Even though it is only 46 verses long, the book of Titus covers some very important subjects. It includes qualifications for elders, sound doctrine for individuals, and the transforming power of the grace of God. It teaches that our lives should adorn the gospel.

If you are not already in a Tuesday morning Bible study and are free for a few hours, please consider attending this class. Study material will be provided.

Bible Study Times:

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday from 9:15 - 11:00 a.m.
Thursdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

*And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices
in God my Saviour, for he has looked on the humble
estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me
blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for
me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those
who fear him from generation to generation."*

Luke 1:46-50

Social Media and Christians

Beth Ann Wiersma

facebook

I've just wrapped up the class on women and the expectations we place on ourselves and each other. Pastor Kevin emphasized in his talk at the Mexican Fiesta that imposing our standards on others is not Christ-like or healthy in the church. So, in light of this, I want to tackle the elephant in the room: social media.

I really appreciate my SUV; it gets me places—work, church, appointments, visits with family and friends. I can't imagine living without it though if I had to, I suppose I would adjust. I take the same approach with social media. I really appreciate my Facebook account in particular (Currently I don't tweet, and I'm not on LinkedIn or Instagram). I often muse with my students and my children about what life was like before all these technological advancements, and what it was like to use them as they emerged into the mainstream.

Facebook works for me: I've reconnected with the majority of my cousins—I have 48 first cousins. Previously, it was a little difficult to connect with many of them. It's also a great tool to keep conversations up with my sisters who all live in different cities and in two provinces. I use Facebook for news: when the tragic events unfolded in Ottawa some weeks back, it was Facebook that I opened for updates. I used to

read a daily newspaper, but I cancelled the subscription well over two years ago: the news is on my social media network. Facebook is also fun: there are so many amusing posts. Facebook can be insightful: I appreciate several Christian writers and follow them and their posts. It's great to get a news feed interlaced with Scripture.

Do inappropriate posts end up on my wall? Yes, they do. My friend network extends to my co-workers and many former students. I'm relatively patient with this; if the posts become vulgar, I simply block them or unfriend someone. It's akin to shutting off inappropriate programming from the TV (which I haven't

watched in over 20 years). Vulgar posts are irritating, but what I find more hurtful is the way some use Facebook as a platform (thanks, Mark Jamieson, for this term) to show off or spout: sometimes it's a "spiritual spout," but I doubt it is effective or the appropriate venue.

What I'm getting at here is, I really struggle to respond to those who suggest that Facebook or other forms of social media are big time wasters or something Christians shouldn't be involved with. Can too much time be spent on Facebook? Probably. Could

I spend too much time in my SUV when I could be walking places? Probably. Is it easier to take the "I don't want to have to deal with it approach" than really wrestle with social media and the use of it by Christians? I didn't quit watching TV

20 years ago out of some higher moral or Christian purpose: I just didn't find it entertaining; I'd much rather read a book. Maybe that's your approach with social media. But social media shaming fellow Christian women is an attempt to place your standards and practices on someone else. It certainly doesn't build up the body of Christ, but

rather, tears it down.

As a church, and as women, we may need to have some more conversations about the benefits and drawbacks of social media. We started some of that discussion in the EXALT classroom, but it needs to extend beyond that.

I Corinthians 6:12 says, *"All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything."* (ESV)

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Looking for some easy dinner ideas? Try these simple 4-ingredient recipes submitted by Pat Kimball.

Busy Day Recipes

Amazing Rice

1 cup rice, uncooked (not instant)
1 can chicken gumbo soup, diluted
1 can chicken broth
1/4 cup butter or margarine

Mix the rice and soups in a casserole dish with a tight lid. Put the butter in the middle - do not stir.

Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Before serving, fluff with a fork, or not. Looks nice either way.

Bizzy Day Chicken

2-3 lbs. chicken pieces
1 cup rice, uncooked
1 pkg. dry onion soup mix
1 can cream of celery soup

Place rice in a greased casserole dish with chicken on top. Sprinkle with onion soup.

Mix celery soup with 2 cans of water; pour over above.

Bake covered at 325 degrees for 2 hours.