



# Ministry of Women

FEBRUARY 2017

## Devotional: Risking It All Matthew 14:22-33

### New Arrivals

*Avery Hannah*

Born: October 26

To: Darryl & Meaghan  
Poort

*Hadley Kimberley*

Born: November 8

To: Curt & Dana  
Moesker

*Michaela Grace*

Born: November 27

To: Jason & Candice  
Archer

*Jack Braeden*

Born: December 27

To: Braeden & Allie  
Pries

### Expecting

Hannah Guthrie  
(July)

Kendra Evans  
(July)

A manager once remarked to me as we were faced with a particularly challenging situation, “there’s only one guy I know who could walk on water, and it isn’t me.” Being able to stand, let alone walk on water is no small feat. For a time, standing on my own two feet, on the ground, was incredibly taxing. My world was spinning out of control. Sureness and stability were no longer within my grasp.

My illness is related to my blood. When I was diagnosed, there was so little blood and blood contents (hemoglobin, platelets and the like) circulating through my body that my heart was taxed, my breathing laboured and my balance compromised. I’ve not really suffered from faintness or light-headedness much before. I can’t say that it’s all that enjoyable. When the nurses in the hospital were unsure of whether or not it was wise for me to actually be walking around the ward lest I fall, I knew there were some serious concerns.

The walking on the water episode happens during a storm. The disciples are in the middle of a storm—what a fitting metaphor for life. Stormy weather, a night time that seems to never end and the appearance of what seems to be a ghost. It’s a good thing I was not on that boat that night, I would

have likely jumped into the sea and drowned—the type of death I fear most.

Peter too loses his footing. He cries out to Jesus to save him, yet he was the one asking to come to Him in the first place—on the water! Where did those waves of doubt come from? Why were his sureness and stability so quickly gone? He had made his request only minutes earlier, and Jesus had invited him to come. Is this how we trust our Saviour? He promises us safe passage, but we doubt. We let the waves roll over us and give ourselves up to drown in them. We think the storms will overtake us even when the Saviour is standing right there telling us that He will not allow that to happen.

I am not a risk-taker. No bungee jumping is on my bucket list, neither is parachuting or walking across suspension bridges. Quiet walks along the beach might be it. I am not a Peter: asking the Lord to get me across the water would not even cross my mind. I would simply accept that it can’t be done. It’s physically impossible. It’s risky behaviour. Yet, the storms of life have come. I may have to get out of the boat. I want sureness and stability. The only way to get there is through my Saviour. He is asking me to walk to Him on the water. Will I do it?

*Beth Ann*

# Weddings & Bridal Showers



This is an exciting year for young couples at Peoples Church with one wedding already in the books, and four more in the planning stages.

**Congratulations** to Nathan & Rebecca Carter who were married on January 14<sup>th</sup>! God bless you as you begin life as husband and wife.

Alexandra D'Allesandro and Michael Sipkens are planning an October wedding. Bridal shower information is not yet available.

## Bridal Shower Dates

**Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m.

Bride

**Kristen Wilpstra**

Kristen is looking forward to marrying Jeremy DeVries on April 29<sup>th</sup>.



**Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 p.m.

Brides

**Amanda Cafazzo and Lish Campbell**

Amanda is engaged to Ian McGuire with a wedding date of May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Lish is engaged to Dan Guthrie and they plan to wed on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## About Bridal Showers at Peoples Church

With so many weddings coming up, we thought it would be a good idea to include the guidelines we use to determine who gets a church sponsored bridal shower.

For a bridal shower to be sponsored by the Ministry of Women:

- The bride must be attending Peoples Church
- The wedding must be taking place through Peoples Church or the couple is planning to attend Peoples Church after the wedding.

Students who grew up here but have gone on to make their home elsewhere after their education, having been away for several years, and having no intention of making this their home church, should not expect a church sponsored shower. Those who are only away as students do qualify for showers if they meet the requirements set forth above.

No collection will be taken for the bride if she opts out of having a shower.

If a bride does not "qualify" for a church-sponsored shower, family and friends are still welcome to throw her a shower. Invitations could be placed in individual mailboxes instead of a general invitation in the Sunday bulletin.



# Infertility, Pregnancy, and Post-Partum Complications Support

Walking through infertility, miscarriage, pregnancy and postpartum complications is never easy, but it's harder when you feel alone. An increasing number of you fit these categories and the Ministry of Women desires to provide encouragement and support for you.

There are five women from our congregation who have been praying for the unspoken needs in this area and are



looking forward to connecting with you. We want to meet you wherever you are at in your journey. Do you need prayer, to share your struggle with someone, accountability in your spiritual life or practical help to meet your needs? We pray that you will reach out to us and that you will benefit from the wisdom gained from women just like you, who have lived through struggles of their own and will point you toward Christ and resources that will edify you.

Your information will not be shared beyond the five women involved in this ministry except at your request. Call, text, email or see Jody Douglas Laporte to connect.

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More information on this ministry can also be found in the Fall 2016 Newsletter.



***“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”***  
***Romans 5:1***

## Spring Bible Study - Our Position in Christ: Justification

Our Tuesday morning Bible studies are going well and the current classes will likely continue into May.

After the current evening study finishes, a new one will begin March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and will run for eight weeks. Pat Freeman will be teaching this study and here is what she has to say about it:

“We are going to look once again at our position in Christ from the Book of Romans. This

time we will study chapter five and delve into the topic of justification. We will examine other Scripture verses also to be able to understand what it means to us to be justified, and answer some questions regarding our position in Christ. Who justifies us? When are we justified? Is it eternal? How does being justified affect our life here? These are a few of the questions we will be asking in this study. Understanding justification in a deeper way will be a real blessing for us.”

Will you join us?

## Save the Dates

We have some pretty exciting events coming up this year at Peoples Church, some for the women specifically and others for the whole congregation, so please mark these dates on your calendar:

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| May 11         | Women's Spring Event                              |
| September 29   | Keith & Kristyn Getty Concert                     |
| November 18-19 | Church History Conference with Dr. Michael Haykin |
| November 28    | Women's Christmas Event                           |



# A Summary of the Ladies Christmas Event



## Messianic Mothers: Embracing Truth in a World of Deception

Hey ladies, I just wanted to provide a quick summary of the Christmas event that took place in December. Yes, we had fantastic food and fellowship, but we also had a blessed time with our speaker, Angie Brown.

Angie's message entitled "Messianic Mothers" compared and contrasted the lives of Eve and Mary; Eve being the mother of the created world, and Mary the mother of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Angie brought us to Genesis (2:18-3:20) where we read of Eve's beginning – her literal creation! We read afresh of her dealings with the serpent and how her quick responses, and mishandling of words and actions played out in her life, and how its consequential effects are still very present today.

We then looked at the life of Mary, beginning in Luke (1:26-59) and how her life contrasted Eve's. We are given many examples of Mary's wisdom as we witness Mary's thoughtful pondering, humble enquiry, and seeking the confirmation of God's Word.

The take away – discernment! Discernment defined: The ability to think biblically and determine truth from error. The message of the evening was certainly a timeless one. I hope we will strive to be better equipped as we work out our salvation and actively work through the sanctification process!

2 Peter 1:3-10

In Christ,

Lisa

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## Recipe Section

Thank you, Beth Ann, for sharing these recipes, which have been favourites at some of our women's events.

### Toffee Bit Triangles (Skor Bar Squares)

- 1 cup softened butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 cups flour
- 1¼ cups SKOR toffee bits
- 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

Heat oven to 350°F.

Place parchment paper on a small baking sheet.

In a large bowl, beat butter and brown sugar.

Add egg yolk and vanilla.

Stir in flour and 1 cup of SKOR bits.

Press onto prepared baking sheet.

Bake 18-20 minutes until light brown.

Sprinkle chocolate chips over hot cookie base.

Let stand for 5 minutes and then spread with a spatula. Sprinkle with remaining toffee bits.

Cool 2-3 hours. Cut into triangles and serve.

Refrigerate to cool more quickly.

### Hot Mushroom Dip

- 2 tbsp butter
  - 1 cup finely chopped onion
  - 1 minced garlic clove (or ¼ tsp garlic powder)
  - 3 cups chopped white fresh mushrooms
  - 1 block of softened cream cheese, cut into 8 pieces
  - ½ tsp seasoned salt
  - ½ tsp dill weed
  - Heavy sprinkle of pepper
  - 1½ cups grated Monterey Jack with Jalapeno Cheese
  - ½ cup mayonnaise
  - Sliced fresh mushrooms for garnish
  - Chopped chives for garnish
- Heat oven to 350°F.

Melt butter in large frying pan on medium heat. Add onion, garlic, and chopped mushrooms. Cook for about 10 minutes until liquid is evaporated and mushrooms are golden.

Remove from heat.

Add next four ingredients. Stir until cream cheese is melted.

Add the cheese and mayonnaise. Mix well. Spread into ungreased 9-inch pie plate or shallow casserole dish.

Bake for about 30 minutes until heated through.

Sprinkle with sliced mushrooms and chives.

Serve with crackers, sliced baguette, or veggies.