

Peoples Church of
Sarnia-Lambton

Ministry of Women

BABY NEWS

New Arrivals

Norah Gracen & Silas Adam
Born: July 9
To: Adam & Kendra

Wesley Peter
Born: August 1
To: Nathan & Hannah

Expecting

Jenn Koopman
(September)

Rachel Guthrie
(October)

Amanda Bydeley
(October)

Kate Buurma
(November)

Janice Wilson
(November)

For this child I prayed,
and the Lord
answered my prayer.
1 Samuel 1:27

Wonder Power

Revelation 7:9-17

Often on the Sunday when our church pauses to remember at the Lord's table, we sing "There Is Power in the Blood." I have to admit, this is not my favourite song, and I can't quite place what it is about it that doesn't appeal to me. Maybe my Calvinist roots are rankled by the Baptistic language. Maybe it's the rollicking nature of the tune. Whatever it is, I need to get over it because the song seems to really strike a chord with many in our congregation.

There Is Power in the Blood

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Refrain:

There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide;
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Sin-stains are lost in its life-giving flow;
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Written by Lewis E. Jones

How the blood works is really amazing. It provides us with so much in order to function; without it, we cease to be. When our blood is defective, our lives hang in the balance. Modern medicine has medications to fix our blood, methods to transfuse us with new blood and machines to clean our blood. Hematology is a vital part of understanding how our bodies function.

The blood of Christ is even more powerful and functional than the blood that courses through our veins. His blood flowed to cleanse us from those permanent sin-stains. We were purchased with this blood: the cost of that blood cannot be counted. Jesus' blood is the most powerful blood of all. It's the blood you need to get through this earthly journey. It's the blood of Christ that will release you from the burdens of this life. It's the blood of Christ that will make you ready for eternity with the Lamb. There's wonderful power in the blood!



Keith & Kristyn Getty in Concert

Friday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Beth Ann Wiersma



NEW Mentoring Pilot Program



Our mentoring program began as a small group of women willing to come alongside our younger gals to mentor them as outlined in the book of Titus. We've had many lives touched by this program, and growth was experienced both by the gals being mentored, and the mentors themselves as they stretched to impart wisdom and spiritual knowledge to the younger women.

Now, let's talk about what this new pilot program will look like. Please first note...anyone currently being mentored on a one-on-one basis will be unaffected unless they choose to go this route.

You spoke and we listened!

We've heard your fears of a one-on-one meeting. We feel, in expanding the sessions to include a few other gals, this will help ease the awkward moments that could happen, thus making it more comfortable to share in this new format. Our new program will include a mentor, plus ONLY four other gals. The mentors, as well as Anne and I, believe this will help to make all involved just a bit more relaxed to minister to a fuller extent.

Specific topics!

Our pilot program will offer specific topics. We've asked three of our mentors to seek the Lord on what topic He would have them address. Each one has submitted to us a topic that will hopefully be of interest to a few gals.

Time limits!

We know life is very busy for you and for our mentors; however, we still believe it is important to meet together for encouragement, support, prayer and sharing. As women we crave this and what better place to find it than among our sisters in Christ! This pilot program will meet only ONCE PER MONTH. Yes, you heard it right...you will have a specific meeting time of once per month on a regular basis whereby you can meet to fill that need for spiritual inspiration from other women. Also new, this mentoring session will run for 10 MONTHS ONLY. We look to start up in September and run through to June. After that, a new session will be offered.

Your commitment!

With the limited numbers of gals in each group, we would ask you to keep your commitment to meet with the rest of your group on the regular basis. We understand illness, etc. can happen, but please remember your mentor has put time and energy into preparing to meet with four gals. If you signed up and can't meet the commitment, we would ask you to step aside to allow someone else to be blessed with this ministry and perhaps you could then join up again in another session when your schedule is in a better place.

Privacy!

As always, we honour the conversations in our mentoring sessions to be kept private. Our mentors are well versed in this area, and we will expect each gal attending to honour this same level of respect.

Who can attend?

We've discussed that Titus instructs 'older women' to teach the 'younger women' and realize that although this indicates age, we agree that some more mature women have missed this opportunity and are in great need. We agree that we could have some women in the groups that would be a bit further along in life, but spiritually they need to grow in the Lord, so we're trying to incorporate them into this program as well.

How do I sign up?

Sign up will be done through the office. The topics being offered will be released elsewhere in this newsletter. Visit or call the office to have your name added to the list for the topic you'd like to be mentored in. This should keep the privacy intact for those who want to be mentored in sensitive areas. When the list is full, the mentors will be given your name and you will be contacted regarding meeting days/times.

Disclaimer!

Please don't be confused....this is NOT a Bible study. In no way is this designed to take anything away from our weekly women's Bible studies. Scripture will be used for sure, but it's not a weekly commitment from a book, 'home work' will be very different from Bible study.

This pilot program excited us as well as the mentors who will be entering it with us. The possibility to meet with four gals to share, discuss, impart wisdom and help instruct with life lessons is what we feel called to do. Our prayer is that this would help meet the needs of even more gals at our church.

If you have any further questions or concerns, we are open to listen and help. Please contact either Anne Ottaway at 519-845-0525 or email a_ottaway@hotmail.com or Deb Bydeley at 519-541-1552 or email jbydeley1@cogeco.ca.



Mentoring Topics



1. Singleness: Blessing, Challenge or Both?

In this group we will explore topics such as:

- Overcoming loneliness
- Practicing hospitality
- Jealousy
- Submission

2. "Dear Younger Me"

This group will focus on discovering the spiritual truths behind the practical everyday realities in our roles as young wives and/or young moms. Topics will include:

- My Identity
- Oh, the Boredom!
- All About Comparing
- What Am I Spiritualizing?
- Parenting with Grace
- What Do I Submit To?
- In the Centre of His Will
- God is the Author - a Look at Social Media
- and more!

“Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior...to teach what is good, and so train the young women...”
Titus 2:3

3. If I Am God's Masterpiece, then Why Do I Feel Like a Half-baked Christian?

At times I find myself feeling more sinner than saint! Or wondering if I will ever get it right! How "baked" am I at:

- Thanking God for other Christians
- Praying joyfully
- Feeling like a partner with other Christians
- Encouraging other Christians
- Being confident that God is still working on me
- Caring more about God's plan than my plans
- Talking about Jesus without fear
- Letting Christ be the most important person or thing in my life
- Conducting myself in a way that fits a follower of Jesus
- Standing firm against anyone who doesn't want me to obey God
- Being ready and willing to suffer for following Jesus
- Not being afraid to die

Thankfully, I am not "done" yet! "Being confident of this, that **He Who** began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of **Christ Jesus.**" Philippians 1:6

Let us, as a small mentoring group, challenge and encourage each other to grow more and more into the likeness of Christ.



Upcoming Weddings

Congratulations to the following brides-to-be on their upcoming nuptials:

- ♥ Alexandra D'Alessandro & Michael Sipkens - October 14th
- ♥ Lynnae Wagenaar & Gary Cymbaluk - October 14th
- ♥ Pat Kimball & Eric Warnstrom - October 21st

Fall Bible Studies & How to Study the Bible



Do you want to know and love the Word of God better than you do now but struggle with how to do that? This Fall, our first two weeks of Bible study will focus on how to study the Bible in order to help all of us in our knowledge of the Word and to grow in intimacy with our Saviour.

These first two sessions are open to all women, whether you normally attend Bible study or not, and will be presented during both the evening and morning Bible study times, so you can choose the time that works best for you. These sessions will include some video instruction, panel discussions, Q&A, as well as personal testimonies.

The Tuesday morning sessions will take place September 12th and 19th from 9:15-11:30 in the Fellowship Hall, while the evening sessions will be on September 11th and 18th from 7:00-8:30.

There will be no Bible studies the last week of September, so the actual Bible studies will begin on Monday, October 2nd and Tuesday, October 3rd. We do ask that you prayerfully consider which study to participate in and sign up by September 12th so that books can be ordered on time.

There will be two studies on Tuesday mornings, with Anna Jamieson and Trudy Stamos teaching. Trudy will be repeating her study on Monday evenings.

Conversation Peace: The Power of Transformed Speech

Have you ever left a conversation feeling like shredded wheat? Stuck your foot in your mouth? Been at a loss for words? Had difficulty getting your point across? Or been talked into doing something you didn't want to do? Do you find it difficult to connect with others? Do you suspect that your speech patterns are hindering your relationships? Maybe you need some "Conversation Peace!"

This study will look at seven speech-transforming elements, based on the Bible, to help you master the skill of effective communication. God's Word can change your words from the inside out...improving your speech habits and your relationships.

Anna Jamieson will lead this study using the book by Mary Kassian. The cost of the book is \$14.

Colossians and Philemon - Gaining a "True Knowledge" of Christ "so no one deludes you"!

What does it mean to be "complete in Christ"? Is Christ your "all in all" - does He meet all your needs? Don't let anyone delude you with man-made philosophies or traditions that contradict the Word of God.

Join Trudy Stamos as she leads this Precept study on both Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings. The cost of the materials is \$20.

Bible Study Testimony

As a young mom, Tuesday Bible study has been such a blessing to me over the last several years. Taking the time to study God's Word with fellow sisters in Christ, apart from the distractions of home and the kids, is always such an encouragement in my daily walk with God. As of late, God has been showing me how choices, such as attending Bible study, are presented to us constantly. We have a choice to pursue our fleshly desires or to make the deliberate choice to pursue holiness, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Coming Up...

Women's EXALT Class - Beth Ann will be teaching a women's Sunday School class on the Psalms in November/December.

Church History Conference - November 18th & 19th with Dr. Michael Haykin.

Women's Christmas Event - Plans are being made now to make this a very special event, so please mark Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m. on your calendar and plan to attend.

