

Ministry of Women

March 2013

Baby News

Joya Yvonne Star

On: November 29th

Jo. John & Julie Klassen

Lucy Amanda

On: December 14th

Jo. Matt & Mandy Ottaway

Rebecca Catherine

On: January 21st

Jo. Mark & Ruth Osterhof

Gogan Ross

On: January 23rd

Jo. John & Laura Metcalfe

Joyce & Kristen

On: February 4th

Jo. Dori & Yvonne Joe



Expecting:

March

Crystal Colvin

April

*Candice Archer
Becky McEwen
Meaghan Poort*

June

Sherry Ayton

July

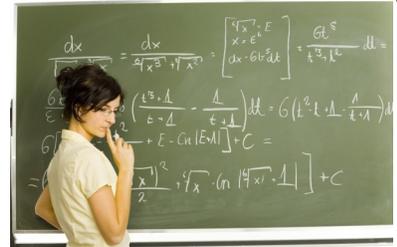
Erin Baird

Beth Ann's Blog:

Part of my job as a teacher is to be prepared. We all remember those teachers we had to endure who were unprepared. Are you prepared for what life has to throw at you? Sick children? A car that won't start? Facebook crashing (kidding about that one)? Worry about paying the bills? It is guaranteed that life is going to involve a few curve balls.

The Bible speaks much about preparedness; I love that pivotal verse in Esther (4:14) where Mordecai encourages her by telling her: this is your time! This is why the Lord has put you here; he has prepared you. There are many times I am prepared, but I don't have a Mordecai in my life to help

me follow through. I have great Bible knowledge, a good devotional and prayer life and a daily walk before the Lord that I demonstrate to my kids. I even quiz my kids on how their walk at school is reflective of a Christian faith. But, I don't use my preparedness to its full potential. I hesitate. I stammer. I get embarrassed. I imagine my audience is against me before I even start, and as a result, I don't bother with my witness. I need to go back to the ways the Lord has prepared me to be strong: I need to put on that full armour. I need to press on to the goal. I need to call on the Holy Spirit to fill me. I need to stop with the Moses excuses: "I'm not a good public speaker." I need to stop



listening to the devil's lies: "you can't do this;" "no one respects you;" "you're too weak." One of my husband's favourite verses is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) What greater preparation do we need? It's all there: in the Word, in the birth, death and resurrection of the Saviour, in the mercies that are new every morning. He is faithful; he has prepared me.

~Beth Ann Wiersma

Upcoming Event

Peoples Church Ministry of Women Presents...

"A Woman Who Welcomed Christ"

Tuesday, March 19th - 7:00 p.m.

Peoples Church

Speaker: Anna Jamieson

"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the LORD, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another." ~2 Corinthians 3:18

Wedding News!

Travis Jamieson & Annie Scherer

~ June 14th 2013 ~



Braedon Pries & Allie Worek

~ July 6th, 2013 ~

Genlea Jamieson & Jason Martin

~ Summer 2013 ~

Fierce Woman

"Why would you park here?" "Look how far we are from the doors!" "I can't even get out because you parked so close to that car!" This was me. My poor husband could do nothing right! In September of this past year, I was given an awesome opportunity to travel to Indiana and take part in True Woman '12. One of the break-out sessions was titled "Fierce Women." I joked with my weekend "roomie" about how "I really needed to go to this session." We laughed and together attended Kimberly Wagner's "Fierce Women." We sat down in a very crowded room and I thought, "I guess I am not the only woman with this problem." Kim began her session with a question, "Do you tell your husband where to park?" Conviction began to overcome me.

Here was a woman, wife of a pastor, sharing with us her "fierce" journey, a dark journey. A journey that sounded all too familiar.

Genesis 2:18: "Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.'" We are to be a "helper" to our husbands. So what does this look like? How do we carry out such a big important task? I went in search of answers. I read on in Genesis and came to Genesis 2:24: "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

First I looked at the word "therefore". We, women, were made for these things. God's purpose for us was to help the man; help him spiritually, emotionally, physically - let him lead your home. Tell him how much you appreciate him. Help him change a tire or mow the lawn. Be there to help him in whatever he needs. Sometimes this just means sitting beside him and holding his hand. Then I looked at "hold fast". Have you ever witnessed the love between a little boy and his mother? The way he will look at her and snuggle against

Sarah Sipkens

her, stroking her arm, just wanting to be close.



This love is then carried on to his wife. "...a man shall leave his.....mother and hold fast to his wife." He relies on his wife to be there, no matter what! To love him unconditionally; the way his mother did. This is a "no strings attached" love. Let your husband know that you are going to be right behind him in everything; even the failures. Let him know that you will rejoice when he rejoices and mourn when he mourns. Picture play-doh, one flesh. Take two colors of play-doh and mesh them together. Now try and separate the colors. Doesn't work so well, hey? This is the picture I see here. Once we are united in marriage, there is no separation. We are one, undivided! This is the deepest connection a man and woman will ever have. This is the step that takes you past a mother's love. Your husband's mother cannot love him as one flesh; only you can do that. So how could I possibly continue to be a fierce woman when God's purpose for me is to help my husband? How can I be fierce when the man God gave me as my husband is relying on me to lift him up and cheer him on; to laugh with and to cry with? I can't! If I am truly of one flesh with my husband, I cannot be fierce. So where does all this fierceness go? It goes into worshipping our Lord and Saviour and being a warrior in His name, not against my husband's.

Sarah

Prayer Requests:

Our pastors Kevin, Mark, and Matt and their families as they shepherd the flock.

Our elders, deacons, and ministry leaders that they would be wise and discerning.

The men in the congregation, that they would whole heartedly seek after Gods heart and be spiritual leaders in their home.

Our marriages, that they would be solid in the Lord and able to overcome seasons of hardships and struggles.

Our sick and those recovering from illness: Deb Byeley, Niah Land, and Helen Rupke.

Our missionaries of the month Charles & Lise Cote, AGC Planter in Quebec.

"Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks". Ps 28:6,7

Your Little Corner Of The World

By: Joyce vanKlaveren

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Matt 7:12 & Luke 6:31

Recently, John and I were asked to help a family in the community. We weren't asked to do much but asked if we could help them out in a certain capacity. We were excited to help, and help we did. After we extended our hand to this family, I was plagued with guilt. Why did they have to ask us for help? Honestly, we knew of the tragedy in their family that left them broken, and we had a prior relationship with them. Did we not help before because we were unsure as to what we could do, or because I avoid awkward situations at all cost, or was it because they weren't close friends in our Christian circle. I know that if they had been attending People's church regularly, there would have been meals, financial help and prayers, but they aren't plugged into Peoples Church, and I failed them. I don't really know why we didn't choose to help this family earlier, but I am very ashamed that they had to ask. It was a reminder that "Do unto others....." is not reserved for just those in our life that are saved but maybe more for those that are lost and aren't as fortunate as us to have our Christian brothers and sisters. When Jesus helped, he didn't stop at His Christian followers; he actually focused more on the unsaved. I've learned a lesson, and next time, they will not have to ask.

Mediterranean Scones

(2 versions)

By: Hendrike vanWieren



1.5 cups oatmeal

1.5 cups flour

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 tsp baking powder

1/2 cup extra light tasting olive oil

1 garlic clove

1/2 cup sun dried tomato in oil (without the oil)

1/2 cup black olives

1/2 cup feta cheese

OR

1.5 cups oatmeal

1.5 cups flour

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 tsp baking powder

1/2 cup extra light tasting olive oil

1/2 cup sun dried tomato in oil (without the oil)

1 1/2 tsp basil pesto

1 cup shredded gouda cheese

Mix dry ingredients together. Mix wet ingredients together. Gently work wet into dry with a fork, until it is moistened. Divide into 2 and form into balls. Roll out each into a circle and cut into 8 or 10 wedges.

Bake on cookie sheets at 375 for about 15-20 minutes until golden brown. If your oven runs hot, check after 12 minutes.

The secret to really tender scones, is to work the dough as little as possible. Like pastry, the dough should hold together, but not be sticky or too moist. If too dry, add a tablespoon of milk.

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. ~ Proverbs 3:13-14 (ESV)