



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Bible Study Follow-up

This past fall, our Women's Ministry sponsored four new Bible Studies:

- *Does God Really Hear Our Prayers* - led by Deb Thompson and Pastor Katie, a study exploring some of the most pressing questions related to prayer
- *First Look* - led by Tricia Waldron, a small group overview of the Bible for those brand new to scripture (and those who wanted a refresher)
- *Bible Studies for Grown-ups* - led by Pastor Katie (and guest leader Pastor Steve), a DVD- and discussion-based series providing a grown-up take on the stories we have known since childhood.
- *Small-group* - led by Dona Kuzdzal and Gail Hockerman, a space to debrief the lecture series on prayer

Our Spring Bible study series will begin after Easter and will build upon Fall classes with new ones added in too. We hope you will join us!

Nativi-tea Follow-up

The annual Christmas Tea this year was titled "Nativi-tea" which hosted approximately 135 participants, plus the men who served. Tea and treats, delightfully crafted by Victoria McComb and her volunteers, were enjoyed. Pastor Katie led the program with an overview of the story of the Nativity through famous pieces of art. Pastor Hannah provided music, and a few ladies led a sing-along of Christmas carols. A great big thank you goes out to the Women's Ministry Team and all who helped and attended.

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(Additional pictures from Nativi-tea)



Iva's Place Update

The CCTV Women's Ministry and CCTV Mission Outreach partnered to assist with renovations at this local domestic abuse shelter. Women's Ministry participants designed the décor for two bedrooms and one bathroom. This included purchasing all bedroom furnishings, linens, lamps, and other accessories. Bathroom towels and washcloths, storage baskets and additional fittings were purchased, as well. Volunteers from the Women's Ministry met and painted the rooms and hallways and worked to make every detail as homey and comfortable as possible to warm the hearts of those who find themselves there. Women's Ministry Leader Michele Tate says, "Thank you to everyone who helped paint, purchase and install. We are planning continued support for Iva's Place this year by adding books to their library in January and showering with gifts in the Spring."



UPCOMING
EVENTS

Book Discussion

On January 29 at 2:00 in Tellico Joe, the Women's Ministry is hosting another book discussion on Kate Bowler's book *No Cure for Being Human*. In it, she addresses the challenges of living in the culture's "relentless positivity" that boasts of how we might work our way to a perfect life. But her terminal cancer diagnosis at the age of 35 gives her a different outlook on life—one that simply celebrates messy, beautiful lives of ordinariness. The book can be purchased from most book sellers, such as Amazon, and is also available in e-book and audiobook formats. All participants are invited to bring a new or gently used book to donate to Iva's Place [www.ivasplace.org]. We hope to see you there!

Movie Night

Join the Women's Ministry on February 25 from 5:30-8:00 for a Lenten-themed movie. The movie will be accompanied by an array of chocolate treats and a short discussion to follow. Stay tuned for the movie title. (Hint: There is plenty of chocolate involved!) Sign up in the Narthex on February 9 & 16 or by calling the church office.

Spring Second Harvest Outing

The Women's Ministry is planning another outing to Second Harvest Food Bank in Maryville, followed by lunch afterward. Stay tuned for dates and sign-up information.

Women's Ministry Team



Pictured (left to right): Sue Shillingburg, Dana Elliott, Mary Beth Neuhaus, Linda Zschiedrich, and Michele Tate, Chair