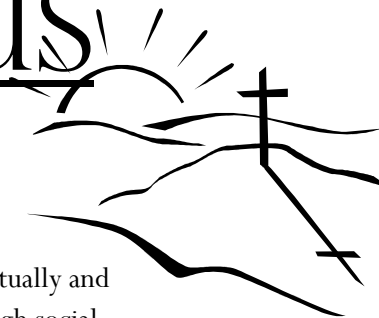


JUST BETWEEN US

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The Women's Ministry of Westside Baptist Church seeks to strengthen women spiritually and emotionally in the Lord through foundational Bible study, prayer support and through social activities that encourage friendships.



Pastor Gary once told me that one of the most frequently asked questions from the members of Westside is, 'How do I know when God is speaking to me?' I have shared this fact with Bible study classes many times. It's not an easy question to answer. I am currently reading a book, *God Whispers*, by Margaret Feinberg that addresses this very question. We will offer a discussion time for this book beginning Sunday, March 18 at 4:30pm. Book cost: \$13.

Margaret calls this a basic, practical guide to hearing God's voice. Her examples are down to earth, understandable. Common place. But she challenges you to listen and to hear Him whisper. As A. W. Tozer says in *The Pursuit of God*, "a spiritual kingdom lies all about us, enclosing us, embracing us, altogether within reach of our inner selves, waiting for us to recognize it." This study will guide you to recognition. Join us.

What sort of New Year's resolution should a Christian make? Here are some suggestions: (1) pray to the Lord for wisdom ([James 1:5](#)) in regards to what resolutions, if any, He would have you make; (2) pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you; (3) rely on God's strength to help you; (4) find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you; (5) don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead, allow them to motivate you further; (6) don't become proud or vain, but give God the glory. [Psalm 37:5-6](#) says, "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun." - taken from <http://www.gotquestions.org/new-years-resolution.html>

Prayer & Praise Bookmark

January 2012

1. God will use our church to touch others' lives
2. Leah & Steve Loy, wedding anniversary
3. Jericho Project
4. Finances of our church
5. Carolyn (Daniel) Morris
6. Steve (Leah) Loy, employment anniversary
7. Jericho Project
8. AnnMarie Incorvaia
9. Wisdom
10. Tina (Chad) Chadwick
11. Perseverance (for those reading through Bible this year) 😊
12. Janet (Phil) Young
13. New deacons
14. Women's ministry
15. Youth ministry
16. Rhonda (Lawrence) Cole
17. Women's Bible Study on James
18. Pastor Gary Crawford
19. Kristi (John) Park
20. Couples participating in Date Night
21. Youth retreat
22. Angie (Mike) Ricks
23. Sheryl Bennett (Shawn)
24. How has God blessed you lately?
25. Missionaries
26. Kim Diehl, birthday
27. Upward basketball and cheerleading
28. Prayer breakfasts
29. Sonya (Tom) Grubbs, birthday
30. Our future...Jeremiah 29:11
31. FL Primary election

Prayer & Praise Bookmark Feb 2012

1. Perseverance (for those who made New Year Resolutions)
2. Carolyn (Daniel) Morris
3. Sonshine Day
4. Kim Diehl
5. Kristi (John) Park
6. For God so LOVED the world that He GAVE His ONLY begotten Son...
7. Rhonda (Lawrence) Cole
8. Music ministry
9. Pastor Gary Crawford
10. Angie (Mike) Ricks
11. Locally partnered churches in our area
12. Tithing
13. Ocean Adventure (children's Sunday night ministry)
14. Today is a reminder that we should show love to others EVERY day.
15. Leah (Steve) Loy, birthday
16. Families of our staff
17. Sheryl (Shawn) Bennett
18. Christian friends for our children and ourselves
19. Tina (Chad) Chadwick
20. President of the United States
21. Every single day...Lamentations 3:22-24
22. Sonya (Tom) Grubbs
23. College women
24. Santa Fe River Baptist Association
25. AnnMarie Incorvaia, birthday
26. Media ministry
27. VBS rally
28. AVM Brazil mission trip
29. Janet (Phil) Young

Focusing on... Rhonda Cole

I am the wife of Lawrence Cole, the Minister of Education. Lawrence and I met while we were both studying at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. We were married in 1988. We are the parents of two college age children. Clint, 22, is a senior scheduled to graduate in May 2012, majoring in Marketing at Campbell University in North Carolina. Sarah, 20, is a junior music major and minoring in non-profit management at Samford University in Birmingham, AL. I have a Masters in Religious Education (SWBTS, 1989) and a Masters in Social Work (East Carolina University, 2006). I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. I work as a school social worker in the Marion County Public Schools.

The question that always stumps me is, "Where are you from?" I pause and wonder if they mean where did I grow up? Or where was I born? Or where I most recently came from?

Growing up as an MK (Missionary Kid) I always answered that question with the name of the country where my parents were serving at the time. So, up until the age of 14 I called Ecuador my home. After that and while I was in college, I was from Nicaragua or Honduras, depending on where my parents lived at the time. As I became an adult, and was no longer a dependent of IMB missionaries, I struggled with this question even more. I still struggle with

Wife of Minister of Education

this question but have come to the conclusion that I am from wherever God has me serving Him. So, now I am from Gainesville, Florida.

In my struggle to answer the question, "Where are you from?" I have reflected on Jesus' life and how he would have answered that question. The Bible is clear that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, lived his early years in Egypt, and then lived out his adolescence and early adulthood in Nazareth. The Scriptures also say that he was rejected by the folks in his "home town" of Nazareth (Luke 4:14 – 28). He didn't have a pillow on which to lay his head (Luke 9:58). He went where his Father sent him.

Over our 23 years of marriage, my husband and I too have been faithful to go where the Father has sent us. From the time that Lawrence graduated from Seminary, in December of 1990, the Lord led us to serve him for 8 years at First Baptist Church in Hialeah, Florida and 12 ½ years at First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, North Carolina. In August we received the call here to Westside Baptist Church. So, I am now from Gainesville, Florida. Since I moved here in the first part of November, I jumped right into Gainesville Christmas Festival. It was a great opportunity to get to know church members and use my love for music to bless others during the Christmas season. I look forward to getting to know more wonderful people at WBC by plugging in to the ministries here.

Upcoming (Very Soon) Opportunities

Beth Moore's James: Mercy Triumphs
(James, the brother of Jesus)

Choose one of the following beginning dates for this 8 week course:

Sunday, January 15 @ 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 17 @ 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 18 @ 6:10 p.m.

Cost: \$15, includes book

Please register soon, especially if you need childcare, which is available with registration only. Even if you don't have to worry about a child, go ahead and let us know you are wanting to be blessed through this study.

Also check out the Women's Ministry page on the church website or Facebook for more information on:
January 14 Scrapbooking Extravaganza 10—noon
January 28 Women's Prayer Retreat
February 25 2nd Annual Chit, Chat, and Chocolate

Psalms for our Lives

Psalm 128 A Happy Home

The Women's Prayer Ministry is in honor of
Freda Crawford, wife, mother, grandmother,
mentor, prayer warrior, and friend.