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Women's Ministries Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

Latte and Louie
Saturday Feb 21 8:30am
At the church

Chris Tomlin Concert
March 6
At Memorial Auditorium

Beth Moore Conference
June 26-27 2009
Stockton, CA
www.lifeway.com or
www.lproof.org

**Willow Creek Leadership
Summit**
Aug 6-7

Beth Moore Simulcast
August 28-29

**Women of Faith
Conference**
Oct 23-24 2009
ARCO Arena
www.Womenoffaith.com

Welcome!

Welcome to the second issue of the Women's Ministries newsletter! Now that the holidays are once again behind us, we find ourselves ready to tackle a new year! Before we do that, however, I would like to quickly recap the last quarter of 2008.

Our Fall masquerade party was so much fun, as anyone who attended will quickly agree. The women let their creativity have free rein, with costumes ranging from Mary Magdalene (Susan Howard), a very pregnant Sarah (Terri McCrae), and one of the Wise Men (Bev Henry), to David (Laura Lee) dragging a real-looking Goliath, "he" and she elephants (Joani Maxwell and Karen Welch), and several "sinners" (those who chose not to wear a formal costume). We had an amazing array of food (almost mandatory at a Women's event!) and a variety of biblically-inspired games: Pin the Tail on Baalam's Donkey, Camel through the Eye of a Needle, and a Noah's Ark match game. A special thanks to Laura Lee and Teresa D'Alessandro for an amazing job of turning the large auditorium into a re-creation of ancient Jerusalem, as well as to all those wonderful ladies (and various sons, husbands and boyfriends) who helped set up and clean up.

This year's Christmas party was also a special evening, with fellowship, a cookie-exchange, Christmas carols and two dramas. Melissa Babison portrayed Mary in Kenny Loggins' rendition of "Mary, Did you Know," and her sweet son Ari played the role of Baby Jesus with great flair. PJ Conradi did an

equally wonderful job playing a poor, humble shoemaker patiently waiting for a Christmas visit from Jesus. Rather than our usual gift exchange, each guest brought a wrapped gift to be donated to the Alternative Pregnancy Center of Sacramento, to their overwhelming appreciation (see related article).

As we begin 2009, our first event will be on Saturday, February 21st featuring another video by Louie Giglio, a truly inspiring speaker who entertained and educated us back in September by reminding us how awesome our God really is. This video will be equally inspiring and thought-provoking. The video will be followed by the opportunity to fellowship at a nearby restaurant for those who wish a late breakfast or early lunch. Details will be provided in The Weekly. Other events for this Spring are still in the planning stages.

Although it does not appear that we will be able to have a full-fledged retreat this year (financial circumstances, the economy, etc.), we do plan to have a Petite Retreat this Fall, most likely with a guest speaker for the day. Again, details will follow, as plans progress.

Time to wrap this up for now. My team and I are here to serve you, so if anyone ever has any suggestions or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact us!

With Love in His Holy Name,

Marilyn

Announcements

Healing Prayer Room – Opens Feb 12

Sue Carter, director of the Community Care Ministry, is pleased to announce that Warehouse will be providing an opportunity for you to receive prayer at the "Healing Room" on the second Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Room 28. The Healing Room will be staffed by members of the prayer ministry, who will provide prayer for all kinds of needs, from spiritual and emotional concerns to physical healing. The Healing Room is available to both men and women.



Wellness and Weight Loss – Thursdays starting Feb 12th

First Place 4 Health, a Christ-centered wellness and weight loss program for men and women, meets Thursdays from 7-8:30pm in the High School room (#35). Orientation is Thursday Feb 12th 7-9pm. Orientation is required. For more information contact Kris Patrick at 916-223-3678 or email kpatrick@surewest.net.

Latte and Louie – Saturday Feb 21st

Join us at 8:30AM for coffee, tea or juice and another amazing teaching by Louie Giglio. A journey from the far reaches of outer space to the complexities of the human cell. Afterwards, we'll fellowship at Munteans Boulevard Bistro (5181 Foothills Blvd) for a late breakfast, early lunch, or a decadent dessert! Sign-up in the Lobby, as the restaurant needs a head-count. Contact Marilyn Strong at: mstrong@wcmr.org or 916-773-9243.

Life Skills – Mondays beginning Feb 23rd

Attend classes that provide tools for healthy relationships and self-esteem for women. Classes are Mondays from 6-9pm beginning Feb 23rd at Bridgeway Church in Roseville. To enroll or for more information, contact: Eleanor McCampbell at 916-719-4522 or the website at www.FamilyLifeSkills.net.

Women's Bible Study

If you are interested in joining a Women's Bible Study group, please contact the following group leaders for more information: Bev Henry, 624-3595; Jackie Ames, 782-1346; Marilyn Strong, 773-9243; Melissa Babison, 780-4869.

Women of Faith Conference – Oct 23rd-24th

We have purchased a block of 25 tickets for the Women of Faith Conference on October 23-24 at Arco Arena. This year's conference is two full days, and includes lunch each day. The cost is \$99 per person. We will be requiring all payments be received by July 31, 2009, so start saving your pennies if you plan to attend this event!

Scripture of the Month

*The Lord is my rock,
and my fortress, and
my deliverer;
My God, my strength
in whom I will trust.*

Psalm 18:2

Get Involved

The Gathering Inn (TGI) comes to Warehouse one Tuesday each month. The next opportunity to serve is **Tuesday March 3rd**. We encourage small groups to get involved in service by preparing one of the courses, an entire meal, or host a TGI evening.

Monetary donations are appreciated to help cover the cost of the meals. Please make checks payable to **WCMR** and designate **The Gathering Inn** or **TGI** in the memo.

**To Volunteer or for more information, contact:
Toni Ley 916.624.4661 or Pat DeCroix 916.652.0420**



This is YOUR newsletter. Help us make it all you want it to be! Give us your feedback and suggestions.

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Recent Letter from the Pregnancy Center

Dear Women of Warehouse,

I would like each and every one of you to know how much we were blessed by your generosity to our pregnancy center in December. Each gift that you gave was welcomed by our center volunteers and select clients with big smiles, surprise and delight.

It was truly a miracle how God provided special gifts of love and thanks through you. We could have never achieved this without your giving and I want you to know how very thankful I am. You are a blessing to this ministry, and if I could gather together the 50+ women you blessed, they would all give you a hug and say "If felt so good to be thought of and loved."

May God bless you and your giving spirit,

Jennifer Zachariou
Executive Director



Announcement Requests

Do you have something you would like to communicate to the rest of the women at Warehouse?

Completed Announcement Request Forms can be turned in to the Women's Ministries table, or dropped in the offering basket.

This section is for you!

Print and fill out the form below and we will do our best to include your announcement in the next issue.

Examples of appropriate announcements would include: births, engagements, planned outings, prayer requests, etc..

Women's Ministries Announcement Request Form

Please fill out and drop in the offering basket or at the Women's Ministries table.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Announcement Text:

