

# Women's Ministry

First Presbyterian Church  
Greenville, South Carolina

October 2011

## Generation to Generation

Building a Spiritual Legacy for the Next Generation of Women

### 2011-2012 Women's Ministry Kick-Off Luncheon

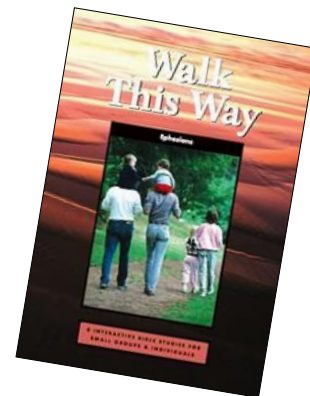
Over 200 women gathered for the Women's Ministry Annual Kick-Off Luncheon on Thursday, September 8! Representatives from various Bible studies, Circle groups, and Volunteer Opportunities were on hand to share their materials, answer questions, and assist women in signing up for all the activities available for the year. Following a delicious basket lunch, our guest speaker, Brenda Preston, shared an inspiring presentation based on this year's Women's Ministry theme, 1 Timothy 6:20: "Guard what has been entrusted to your care." Brenda opened with funny stories, and through laughter and personal reflections, lovingly encouraged those present to consider how they can guard the treasure that has been entrusted to them—the Holy Spirit, the Word, Prayer, and Ministry. What a beautiful, renewing time of fellowship!



## Ephesians Bible Study

This fall we are privileged to have Dr. Richard Gibbons, along with Rev. Tim Leslie and Dr. Pam Cole, leading the women of our church in a very special Bible study of the book of Ephesians. "Becoming a Woman of Grace" is held each Thursday morning through November 17 at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. Our pastors shepherd 100+ women in a teaching time and following the lecture, all attendees break into facilitated small groups to review homework assignments (from the booklet "Walk This Way") and share prayer requests. This study is blessing our women with excellent teaching, strengthened faith, and intimate friendships.

It's not too late to join the study! If you'd like to participate, contact Susan Humphreys at [slh109@aol.com](mailto:slh109@aol.com) or 422.0029. And keep in mind that an audio version of the pastor's lectures is used in a Tuesday morning class (8:30am in Room 308) and is also available at [FirstPresGreenville.org/womensministries.htm](http://FirstPresGreenville.org/womensministries.htm).





## Women's Ministry *Fall Luncheon*

**Tuesday, October 25**  
**12:00–1:00pm in Fellowship Hall**



Beth Simmons will speak on “Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus in a Hurting World—A Close-up Look at Missional Ministry.”

What is “Missional Ministry”? And what does it look like to be “the hands and feet of Jesus” in a hurting world? As women of God—women of all ages—it’s important to recognize and understand that every one of us is in full-time ministry. We are *each* full-time missionaries in life, whether we’re involved in an organized ministry or just passing someone in the hall or on the street. Becoming “missional” involves praying together for the Lord to open our eyes to the needs of His people around us—wherever we are.

*Life is His mission field and we don't want to miss it!*

Cost is \$7. Reservations are required by **October 18**—Contact Charlotte Joye at 672.0309 or [cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:cjoye@firstpresgreenville.org).

For nursery reservations, contact Evelyn Penkert at 672.1843 or [epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org](mailto:epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org).

*Beth Simmons* and her husband, Chuck, both grew up at First Presbyterian Church. They have been married for 25 years and have three children. Beth and Chuck have served as youth advisors and teachers throughout their marriage, and share their passion for marriages and families in work with the FamilyLife marriage ministry.

### Volunteer Focus:

#### *Sanctuary Flower Committee*



Love beautiful flowers? Love to make someone’s day extra special? A new volunteer opportunity has begun this October—helping to recycle our Sanctuary flowers. You don’t have to be a master gardener or have a green thumb, just a willingness to help. Each week, the Sanctuary flower arrangements are broken down into several smaller arrangements and are taken to local nursing and assisted living homes, hospice houses, and hospitalized and homebound folks. Please consider being the hands and feet of Christ to minister to those who cannot attend church. This can be done once a month at your convenience on Sundays after the 11:00am service, or at any time on Mondays or Tuesdays. You are free to take the smaller arrangements to any facility that is convenient to you. Please call Kim Cotty (234.6456) for more details and to sign up.



Pictured above: Anna Teasley arranging flowers (above). Pictured right: Trippe Erwin, Anna Teasley, and Pam Cole visiting Dolly Keathley (seated) and Mary Ellen Keathley (not pictured). Photo by Stacey Olive-Erwin.

### Mission Outreach: *Item of the Month*



Each month the Women’s Ministry collects an “Item of the Month” for one of the mission outreaches we support. We encourage all members of the church to participate in this opportunity to serve our community. For *October*, we are collecting new bath towels



for the Hispanic Ministry. In *November*, please bring unfilled Christmas stockings for KB Charitable Trust. Place all items in the boxes in the closet of the Women’s Ministry Room 212.

### *Contact Information*

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