

# WOMEN'S CONNECTIONS

February 2012



## It's 2012!

Can you believe it's February already? Hopefully we've all gotten Christmas decorations packed away, dropped the few inevitable holiday pounds, and have had time to recoup from overspending — our time, energy, finances, and emotions. As jolly as the season is, enjoying time with family and friends and celebrating Christmas, I look forward to settling back into a rhythm in the New Year. But before I get too comfortable or settle in to what I'm used to, I like to ask the Father if there's anything He wants to show me for the new year. Jeremiah 29:11 says, *For I know the plans I have for you,* declares the LORD, *plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. So why not ask, right?*

One of my favorite weeks of the year is the City Church prayer and fasting in early January. It's a deliberate time to corporately pray for God's will, and to individually ask the Father to bring His loving correction and to give us direction. With the leading of the Spirit, we have a chance to see where we've been, to make needed heart adjustments, and to move forward. It's like getting to push the big reset button and saying, "Father, have Your way in my life this year", or opening to the first empty page of a new journal and humbly asking, "Father, will you write your plans and purposes on the pages of my heart"?

In Psalms 25:4 & 5, David says, *Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.* And in Proverbs 16:3 & 4a, it says *Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and He will establish your plans. The LORD works out everything to its proper end...*

## Women's Connection Night - Friday, Feb. 17

6:30 - 9:00 pm in Fellowship Hall



Becky Caron will share her personal story and struggles she's faced in her life. She'll talk about sexual integrity and wholeness, and how God can truly make beauty from ashes.

We'll have a time of worship and pray for each other in small groups. We'll end with fellowship, desserts & snacks. Please sign up at the Women's Table in the hallway or call 608-221-1528. Childcare will be provided.

One great thing with God is that He encourages us to push the reset button anytime. His love and compassion are new every morning, and He wants to walk with us daily, to teach us His ways, and to lead us on the paths He's made just for us.

Maybe you haven't had a chance to press reset or to ask for direction for this year, or you may feel like you've failed at some of the goals or resolutions you made. Be encouraged to hit reset whenever you need to (that's probably daily for most of us), and humbly ask for His will to be accomplished in your life.

*Please contact Angie Rusu at [ausu@mail.citychurchonline.org](mailto:ausu@mail.citychurchonline.org), or 608-221-1528 if you have questions or if you'd be interested in leading a small group, or sharing at one of our Connection events.*

## Women's Connection Gatherings for 2012

This year's Connection Nights and Brunches will give us time to get to know each other, and to hear our own City Church women share either their testimonies or something God has placed on their hearts. We'll have time for worship and small group prayer. Childcare will be provided for these events.

There are two special weekends you may want to mark on your calendar, and to save up for:

May 4 & 5 is the Going Beyond simulcast - We'll host this right here at City Church on that Friday evening and Saturday morning. The speaker is Priscilla Shirer whose desire is to see women come to a full understanding of who they are in Christ through God's Word. This simulcast is provided through Life Way (associated with Beth Moore).

October 26 & 27, City Church women's retreat in Lake Geneva - Our guest speaker and friend, Sabrina Walsh from the International

February 17 (F)	Connection Night with Becky Caron	July	Off for Month
March 10 (Sa)	Connection Breakfast with Joyce Guimond & Olbrich Gardens Trip	August 17 (F)	Connection Worship Night
April 14 (Sa)	Connection Brunch with Nancy Trimble	September 29 (Sa)	Missions Women's Brunch
May 4 & 5 (F/Sa)	Going Beyond Simulcast at City Church & Spring Plant Exchange	October 12 (F)	Service Project Night at The River
June 15 (F)	Connection Pot Luck Night & Speaker	October 26 & 27 (F/Sa)	Women's Retreat in Lake Geneva
June 30 (S)	Day at Devil's Lake (Picnic/Hike)	November 9 (F)	Connection Night with Chili Cook Off & Late Night Bowling
		December 8 (Sa)	Christmas Brunch

## Current Women's Small Groups

Connect Groups are beginning this month, and are a very important way for people to get plugged in, and grow in their relationships with their City Church family and with God. Please consider taking a part in a one-year commitment to one of the Connect Groups. Listings and sign up are available in the hall at City Church on Sunday mornings on February 5 & 12. Connect Groups specifically for women are listed below.

### City Church on Tuesday Mornings

Description: **Women's Prayer Group**  
Leader: Mary Ann Vig Phone: 608-836-1322 Email: maryanndalevig@msn.com  
Location: City Church, Rooms A104/106  
Days/Times: **Tuesdays, each week, all year long** 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
Childcare: Not available.  
Notes: 1 hour prayer time - mixed ages.

### City Church on Wednesday Mornings

Description: **Mom's Group** - Moms connecting with other moms in a casual setting, enjoying fellowship, study, and prayer. Feel free to bring your babies, toddlers and school-aged children. If you can't make it to the day group, consider joining us for our evening activities. Contact Laura or Sarah for list of activities.  
Leaders: Laura Beaudette Sarah Scheffel  
Phones: 608-839-4507 262-490-3225  
Emails: laurabeaudette@yahoo.com sescheffel23@gmail.com  
Location: City Church, Rooms A104/106  
Days/Times: **Wednesdays, every other week** 9:00 am to 11:00 am  
Childcare: Childcare provided in Rooms 109 & 110 for babies and toddlers. School-aged children welcome.  
Notes: Very child-friendly. All snacks for children are nut free. All mom's welcome. Join us on FaceBook— City Church Mom's Group

### City Church on Wednesdays Evenings

Description: **Women's Study & Prayer** - We'll start with *Cultivating Passion for Jesus*, 5 sessions, by Mike Bickle and move on to other studies around intimacy with God.  
Leader: Angie Rusu Phone: 608-221-1528 Email: arusu@mail.citychurchonline.org  
Location: City Church, Room to be announced  
Days/Times: **Wednesdays after the 1st & 3rd Sundays** 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm  
Childcare: Women can bring children 3 and under to be with us. Awanas and Youth programs are available for kids 4 and up.  
Notes: Mixed ages.

### City Church on Thursday Mornings

Description: **Women's Fellowship & Prayer** - We're starting with a DVD Study, *Becoming a Woman of Extraordinary Faith*, with 10 Inspiring sessions from various women in ministry. Ten DVD Sessions followed by discussion, sharing prayer requests, and fellowship. We'll break for the summer.  
Leaders: Karen Czebotar Holly Busch  
Phones: 608-838-9458 608-226-9106  
Emails: kczebotar@charter.net hbusch2@yahoo.com  
Location: City Church, 2 Year Old Nursery Room in Lower Level  
Days/Times: **Every other Thursday - Starting February 9** 9:30 am to 11:00 am  
Notes: Mixed ages. Please ask about childcare.

### Sun Prairie on Thursday Evenings

Description: **Women's Group** - This is a group for women wanting to live in freedom everyday in sexual wholeness and integrity. BOOK REQUIRED  
Leader: Becky Caron Phone: 608-318-0031 Email: beccajocaron@gmail.com  
Location: Becky Caron's, 224 Columbus St., Sun Prairie, WI 53590  
Days/Times: **Weekly on Thursdays** 7:00 to 9:00 pm  
Childcare: Not available.  
Notes: Mixed ages.  
Directions: Hwy. 151 North, Bristol street take right; left on Cliff Street, left on Columbus Street - second house on the left.