



"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." II Corinthians 3:18

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2010



HEART LIFE KICK-OFF-THE-YEAR SALAD SUPPER

Tuesday, August 24 | 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall

- Ladies, bring your favorite salad and join us in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evening, August 24 at 6:30 pm for a great evening of fellowship, food, and fun. You won't want to miss this enjoyable event and also the unveiling of our 2010-2011 Heart Life brochures that include events and details for your calendars.
- Please join us! For more information, contact us at HeartLife@fbc-siloam.com.

ONGOING EVENTS

WMU | 10am | 2nd Tuesday of each month | Rm 247

Led by Loretta Dismang

Heart Life 3D Women's Mentoring | 6:30pm | Wednesdays | Loft

Led by Laura Macfarlan

Class meets 6:30 pm Wednesday Evenings in The Loft Inspired by the Titus 2 mandate for the older women to teach the younger, Heart Life 3D includes three elements: Devotional, Discipleship, and Do-Over. Laura will share a brief teaching from the Word, participants will then share their Discipleship and Do-Over moments from the week and conclude with prayer. Based up on personal accountability, members of the group will encourage and pray for one another. This group is limited to eight participants. Additional groups will be formed, as needed.)

MOMS IN TOUCH OF SILOAM SPRINGS

Carole Holmes 479.373.6553 | 2000 Villa View Drive Mondays

8:30-9:30am during the school year

Beginning August 23

Moms In Touch International gathers moms together to pray specifically and scripturally for our children and schools. Won't you join with us in prayer for this next generation? Contact Carole Holmes at 479.373.6553 or cholmesou@gmail.com for more information about the Siloam Springs Moms In Touch. Childcare for preschool aged children is available upon request. For more information about Moms In Touch International, visit www.MomsInTouch.org.



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Rachel Ellis and Ryan Lee

Dick and Carol Ellis invite you to join in celebrating the recent marriage of their daughter, Rachel, to Ryan Lee, August 14.



PROSPERITY AND SUCCESS CAN BE YOURS!

by Laura Macfarlan



- Sounds like the message from an infomercial or the title of a New York Times bestseller. Actually, these words are lifted straight from the pages of Scripture.
- In the first chapter of Joshua, the Israelites are on the brink of crossing into the Promised Land. Moses's role is finished—he has passed the baton to Joshua and will be remaining behind.
- Reaffirming Joshua's ability to follow in the steps of the spiritual titan Moses, God gives Joshua a pep talk. In Joshua 1:8b God says to Joshua, "...Then you will be prosperous and successful."
- That first word then begs an important question: What comes before? What are the ingredients in this recipe for prosperity and success? Backing up to verses 6-7, we find the answer. God instructs Joshua not once, but twice to, "Be strong and courageous." He explains that this mission is completed by obeying all of the law, not turning to the right or to the left.

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GUESS WHO'S EXPECTING!

Leslie Marrs is expecting a girl in October

Andrea VanSandt is expecting a boy in December

HEART LIFE IS NOW ON FACEBOOK

Please look for us on Facebook and join the Heart Life group and stay connected to Heart Life women!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Watts FBC Women's Retreat | Guest Speaker, Laura Macfarlan
September 18

Heart Life Women's Ministry is invited to First Baptist Church of Watts' annual one-day ladies retreat for their church and other churches in their NE Oklahoma Association on Saturday, September 18. Our own Heart Life Director, Laura Macfarlan, will be the speaker for this retreat. For more information or to register, email HeartLife@fbc-siloam.com.

Arkansas Women's Retreat | Gifted 2 Go | Camp Paron

October 22-23 | \$50-\$70 | Bus available

Hop on the bus with us and head to Camp Paron for a road trip! We know that for many of you, it's really not a retreat unless you pack a pillow. This overnight event promises to be packed full of laughter, memories, chocolate, sweet fellowship and great teaching. We will plan to leave Friday morning, shop during the day, and arrive by registration time at Camp Paron. Flyers for registration are on the Heart Life table. Sign up at the Heart Life table or email HeartLife@fbc-siloam.com to reserve a place on the FBC bus for the fun road trip there. Register by October 11. We'll provide the snacks!



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We don't like the law. Just the word "law" conjures up words like "legalism," "rules," or "limitations," and perhaps even "controlling," "stifling," or "suffocating." At a very basic level, we don't want to be told what to do, when to do it, or how to do it. It seems un-American to subject ourselves to the mandates of another. This is the land of the free and the home of the brave – how can there be anything strong and courageous about keeping the law?

In God's economy, the last shall be first, you have to lose your life to gain it, and keeping the law does indeed bring prosperity and success – as God defines it. We need to remind ourselves that God's ways are not our ways. Just as many foreign countries have a different definition of "delicacy" (monkey brains, fried spiders, or bee larvae, to name a few), so God's definition of "prosperity and success" is often polarized from our definition in 21st century America.

God gets very specific in verse 8, telling Joshua precisely what to do with the law:

- Do not let it depart from your mouth
- Meditate on it day and night
- Do everything written in it.

Essentially, the law should affect our words, thoughts, and actions. We must speak it, think it, and do it. I want to live my life so immersed in God's Word that it affects my speech to my husband and children, my thought life throughout the day, and my actions toward those around me. Now that would indeed be prosperity and success. It would also be a miracle. Fortunately, I serve a God who happens to be in the miracle business.

Would you join me in making prosperity and success your goal for this new ministry year? Studying God's law will be key in making this our objective. Would you ask God for strength and courage to carve out time to study His word so that you will be able to speak it, think it, and do it?

Our Heart Life Women's Ministry is providing opportunities for you to do just that this fall. We have to be in the Word in order to speak it. We have to study the word in order to think about it. We have to be convicted by it in order to do what it says.

Whatever your schedule, we have a Bible study that will accommodate your calendar. Weekly or bi-weekly, daytime or evening, outside prep or no prep at all – we have a Bible study for every woman. Won't you join us this fall in studying God's Word? We'll start in September and pray that December finds us all prosperous and successful – according to God's definition. ■

NECTARINE AND BERRY SUNDAE

- 3 half-pint baskets of fresh berries
- 2/3 cup confectioner's sugar
- 4 ripe nectarines, pitted and cubed
- 1 quart nonfat all-natural vanilla frozen yogurt

1. Combine 2 baskets of berries and the confectioner's sugar in a blender or food processor, and blend until smooth.
 2. If using seeded berries, strain puree into a small bowl. Discard the solids and set sauce aside.
 3. Layer nectarines, frozen yogurt and sauce in six glasses.
 4. Garnish with berries and serve immediately.
- Serves 6.

Recipe modified from Guideposts May 2010 Abundant Table

HEART LIFE FALL BIBLE STUDIES

The Games Women Play | Led by Laura Macfarlan
Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30am | Fellowship Hall
Begins September 7



The games women play – pride, martyrdom, manipulation, insecurity, comparison, retaliation, and grumbling. We know them all, we've played them all and we can identify with Paul's lament, "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do." Come join us as we study the lives of Eve, Martha, Rebecca, Leah, Rachel, and Miriam and be challenged to glorify God by refusing to play the games!

Class includes six teaching sessions, one Love Out Loud service day (October 19), and a wrap-up luncheon (November 16th). Meeting in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 9-11am, this study will include a time for fellowship, prayer, interactive teaching, and small group sharing. Outside preparation is minimal. Childcare is provided for preschool children and infants. Miss Deborah will teach a Bible study for home school children from 9-10 am and a study hall will be available from 10-11 am.

When Godly People Do Ungodly Things | by Beth Moore
Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am | in the Parlor
Begins September 9



In this biblical guide to authentic repentance and restoration Beth examines why devoted followers of Jesus Christ can fall into the traps of Satan. Believers are still subject to Satan's attacks. He is determined to disrupt the lives of Christians, destroy their ministry, and steal their joy. Sadly, those who have "fallen" may not recognize the devil's schemes until they have already been caught in a snare of defeat. This six-week study is a warning to believers, a guide to prepare for attacks by the Enemy and direction to those who have been snared by seduction, and compassionately points the way back to God. Fee is \$18. Childcare is provided upon sign-up at the Heart Life Ministry Table.

Dinners, Dialogue & Devotions | Jeannie Abbott
Begins September 5



"Dinners, Dialogue and Devotions" is a 6 week Bible study in small groups for women beginning the week of September 5 and ending the week of November 14. Small groups of 6-8 women will meet in homes, doing a 6 week study (30 lessons total) but spread out over 12 weeks. Perfect for busy working women and others that cannot come to a morning bible study. Join a small group on different nights of the week or you may form your own group. There are many choices of Bible study books and each book comes with a leader's guide with questions for the group. 6 nights + 6 dinners + 6 studies + 8 new friends = "Dinners, Dialogue & Devotions!" Sign up at the Heart Life Women's ministry table through September 5 or contact Jeannie Abbott at 524.3429.

Sign up for all Heart Life Bible Studies at the Heart Life ministry table or email HeartLife@fbciloam.com