

# Glad Tidings

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things. Rom. 10:15

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## WIC Valentine's Luncheon • *Men are invited!*

Monday, February 9, at 11:40 AM

Dr. June Scobee Rodgers  
"From Challenge to Change"



January 28, 1986—Do you remember what you were doing that day at 11:38 AM? That was the day of the launch of the Space Shuttle Challenger STS 51-L from Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The commander Dick Scobee was joined by 5 additional astronauts and teacher Christa McAuliffe. You may remember that the Challenger exploded 73 seconds after launch, killing all on board. How do family members left behind begin to pick up the pieces of their lives and move on?

We will be privileged to hear from one such surviving spouse at the February luncheon meeting of Women In the Church, Dr. June Scobee Rodgers. Dr. Rodgers has been an active and prominent leader in education throughout her professional life. In addition to being a classroom teacher and university professor, June has conducted university research, has served as a consultant to local, state, and federal education agencies, and has become a nationally recognized advocate for the advancement of science and math education.

The families of the Challenger astronauts founded the Challenger Center for Space Science Education in 1986 to continue the crew's educational mission. With her educational credentials and commitment to the Teacher in Space program, June became a leading force for the Challenger Center organization and its mission and continues to serve as its Founding Chairman.

June lives in Chattanooga with her husband Lt. General Don Rodgers, whom she met at an Easter sunrise service at Arlington National Cemetery. Please plan to attend and hear this inspiring talk of one woman's unusual journey of faith, hope, and love.



*Men are invited to join the women for this luncheon (\$4.00) and program at 11:40 AM. Day Circle members should make their reservations (including their valentines) as usual through Circle leaders. Otherwise, please make your reservation with the church office (267-1206) by noon on Wednesday, February 4.*

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# Women In the Church

## A Word from Our President

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.*

– Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV

Dear Friends,

Every year at this time, I start to look for evidences of spring on its way. I may be a bit too optimistic (it IS a little early), but I know that God has faithfully made His world so that each year we can expect spring, along with its new growth, to follow winter. I can trust that will happen.

Why is it so hard for me to trust in other ways? Over the years since coming to know the Lord, I have slowly come to trust Him more and more, but it has been a long process. My natural inclination has been to be arrogant enough to try to control a situation myself in order to solve it. I am learning to trust Him first.

I am reminded of the account of Elijah and the widow in I Kings 17. God told Elijah to go to Zarephath, saying, "I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." When Elijah arrived at the gate of the city, he met a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her to give him water and bread. All she had left to prepare a last meal for herself and her son was a handful of flour and a little oil, but she did as she was asked and made bread for Elijah. For her willingness, she was blessed many times over by God.

Would I, as a mother, have been able to give up the last food our family had? Could I trust God in that situation? Fortunately, by the mercy of God, I have never been placed in that position. Instead, I have received many blessings over the years in ways I could not have imagined.

We can trust our great God in good times and bad. We have His Word to tell us that, and prayer connects us directly with Him at any time. He is all we need.

Love in Christ,

## WIC Full Board Meeting

Monday, February 23 • 10:00 AM  
Tower 3rd Floor Assembly Room

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS • COORDINATORS •  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN • CIRCLE LEADERS

*Any committee chairmen who are unable to attend should give their update reports to their coordinators.*

## "Thank You!"

Special thanks go to all the women who helped make the December WIC Tasters' Luncheon a success. "THANK YOU!" to Lynda Jackson, Ann Williams, Gerry Allen, Elizabeth Fossett, and Carolyn Parker, who so lovingly arranged and served the food, and to all the women who made the wonderful sandwiches and desserts. We all enjoyed the beautiful array of food and the time to visit together. We look forward to the 2009 Tasters' Luncheon in December with great anticipation.

– Margie Richardson

## Nominating News

Please be in prayer about your service in WIC for 2009-2010. The Nominating Committee will begin meeting in January. If there is a particular ministry in which you would like to become involved, please contact Kim DeStefano at [mrsmd3@gmail.com](mailto:mrsmd3@gmail.com) or 544-2231.



# WIC Special Events

## Ladies' Lunch Bunch

with Kate Treick  
Sunday, February 1, at 12:15 PM  
Nell Davis Room

Please join us for wonderful food, sweet fellowship, great fun, and a challenging testimony. In February we will hear from Kate Treick. Tickets are \$8.00 and may be purchased on Sunday morning. Please make your reservation by contacting Bonny Clark at 827-5536 or [Bonny-Clark@utc.edu](mailto:Bonny-Clark@utc.edu) by Wednesday, January 28.

## Moms of Preschoolers

Announce Winter & Spring Programs

*On January 21, we heard Dr. Terry Stevenson, principal of Fairyland Elementary School, speak on "The Joy of Reading with your Children."*

### Wednesday, February 18

**Julie Baumgardner**  
*President & Executive Director, First Things First*  
"Keys to Having an Amazing,  
Mind-blowing Marriage"

### Wednesday, March 25

**Kelli Hand, R.N.**  
*Professor, UTC School of Nursing*  
"CPR and your Child's Safety"

### Wednesday, April 22

**D. Ross Campbell, M.D.**  
*Clinical Psychiatrist & Author,*  
*How to Really Love Your Child & more*  
"Meeting Your Preschooler's  
Emotional and Disciplinary Needs"

Meetings will be from 9:30 to 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to a nursery, there will be teaching and activities for children up to age 5. The cost for the remaining sessions is \$30 with childcare and \$15 without (\$10/\$5 per session). Watch for registration tables on Sunday mornings.

Questions? Contact Linda Austin  
(267-8063 or [austintlta@aol.com](mailto:austintlta@aol.com)) or  
Kate Treick ([katetreick@yahoo.com](mailto:katetreick@yahoo.com)).

## Girls' Night Out

Friday, February 27, 6:00 PM  
"Every Apron Tells a Story"



We want you to be a part of a fantastic evening at our annual Girls' Night Out! In keeping with this year's theme, you'll hear a few memorable stories from our very own ladies. Appetizers will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by a delicious meal topped off with homemade desserts. We'll also have fun, fellowship, and fabulous door prizes. Whether you're a regular Betty Crocker or can't tell a spatula from a wire whisk, this event is sure to be a delight for all! Invite your friends and plan now to hang up your apron on Friday, February 27, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We'll see you there!

*Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be available for purchase in the Connector on Sundays.*  
– Beth Austin (266-9602), Kim Hempy (344-1028)

Save the Dates!  
First Presbyterian Church  
**2009 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**  
APRIL 17 – 18  
Jean Padgett will lead you  
on a spiritual journey through  
**THE ROOMS OF YOUR LIFE**

## It's a Wonderful Life!

Senior Adult Fellowship  
Thursday, February 5, 10:30 AM  
"Everything's Coming Up Roses!"



Valentine's Day reminds us of love and roses. Our speaker is Clarence Wall, who has been raising roses for over 45 years. He will relate the rose to various love stories.

Come join us to find out more than you ever knew about the rose! The day begins with fellowship at 10:30 AM followed by the program at 11:00 AM and a delicious lunch at a cost of \$4. For reservations, please contact Janette Barnes (706-820-9029) or Susan Doubleday (821-5682).

## In Other News...

### NEW AND CONTINUING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

*It's not too late to join any of these studies!*

#### WOMEN OF THE COVENANT: NEW STUDY!

*Proverbs: The Ways of Wisdom*

Thursdays, January 22 – April 30  
10:00 AM, Tower 802

Please join us as we study the book of Proverbs to increase our understanding and knowledge and to be able to live abundantly serving our God in wisdom and truth. We will use **Kathleen Nielson's** twelve-week study for women of all ages. We do not meet during the weeks when Day Circles meet. The cost is \$15, and there will be a nursery available and childcare for preschoolers, if needed.

Contact *Sandy Hartley* at 842-9381 or *Yvonne McLin* at 503-9090.

#### FIRESIDE

*Did God Really Do That?*

Tuesdays, January 13 – March 17  
Optional Dinner, 5:45 PM (\$4), Nell Davis Room  
Study & Discussion, 6:30 PM, SS 210 & 212

We are using **Sue Sawrie's** study of the covenant relationship between God and His people. Join us as we look at His promises and His faithfulness in a life-changing study! Cost of materials is \$15.

Contact *Jay Dunn* at [jdunn119@bellsouth.net](mailto:jdunn119@bellsouth.net) or 886-7647.

#### PRECEPT

*The Gospel according to Matthew*

Tuesdays, January 13 – April 28  
9:00 AM, Tower 402

We have been studying Isaiah, and now we are seeing many of Isaiah's prophecies finding their fulfillment in the book of Matthew. We are going to try a slightly different format, with more time to share what we have learned with each other. This is part one of a two-part study of the book of Matthew. The cost is \$30.

Contact *Linda Austin* (267-8063) or *Billie Campbell* (894-4251).

#### MONTHLY CIRCLES

*The Story of Scripture*

We are continuing our study in *The Story of Scripture*. Day Circles meet every 2nd Monday at 10:00 AM, followed by a luncheon. Evening Circles meet every 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 PM with dinner and discussion.

Contact *Jeanne Bostick* at [JHBostick@aol.com](mailto:JHBostick@aol.com) or 706-375-1974.

## Around the House

Many thanks go to the crew who worked for two days organizing the 7th floor. We found a number of items that had been missing and discarded the trash. Many people had marked the items they wanted for their ministry, which helped a great deal.

Please contact Marie Turner at 624-0534 if you have seen either of these items that are still missing:

- Silk orchid plant from the Fellowship level
- Blue loveseat that was in what is now the Media Room/Library between the Connector and the Sanctuary

A baby changing table has been added to the ladies' restroom on the Sanctuary level, and the heating problems there are being addressed. – *Marie Turner, for the House Committee*



# PresWIC News...

*Early Registration Deadline is **January 31***

## 2009 WIC Leadership Training Conference

**"Family Matters: Loving, Equipping, and Serving God's Church"**

**March 10 – 12 at Covenant College**



This national conference is being held in our own neighborhood this year! All WIC leaders—Officers, Ministry Coordinators, Committee Chairmen, Bible Study Teachers, Circle Leaders—are encouraged to attend this meeting with women from all over the continent! In addition to general and regional sessions, each woman will be able to attend two out of eleven different workshops that will help her learn:

- to equip women to disciple women
- to foster and encourage intergenerational Gospel conversations
- to go "from Peace-faking to Peace-making"
- to encourage our women to live out the Gospel with compassion and love in their own communities
- to use fresh tools and creative ways to be intentional in the basics of women's ministry, getting away from the mindset of "we have always done it this way!"
- to understand the theology behind the scriptural mandate of hospitality
- to grow in our abilities to study and share the Word of God with the women in our churches
- ministry ideas that save money and encourage wise stewardship
- to be part of growing biblical relationships that nurture and encourage our international sisters in Christ
- to help our women walk through the trial of losing a loved one
- to persevere with grace when our leaders let us down

*For more information, go to [www.pcacep.org/Wic/Leadership09.htm](http://www.pcacep.org/Wic/Leadership09.htm),  
call the PCA's CE&P office at 678-825-1100,  
or contact Lynn Jones at 517-0190 or [cronjon@comcast.net](mailto:cronjon@comcast.net).*

*Please pray for our*

## Women's Teaching Team

### Monterrey, Mexico

February 18-25, 2009



Mission to the World (MTW) is sending a Women's Teaching Team to Monterrey, Mexico, this February. The team is made up primarily of women from our own Tennessee Valley Presbytery. Thursday through Saturday, February 19-21, the team will hold a conference for our church planters' wives and women missionaries, with about 30-35 women expected to attend. On Monday and Tuesday, February 23-24, they will lead a workshop for the church women. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in all aspects of this trip, including preparations, travel, health, effective teaching of the Word, eager participants, and good fellowship.

**Team Members:** Sue Harris (*leader*), Sandy Hartley (*assistant leader*), Barbara Holt, Willa Ibach, Joli Moore, Dottie Ness, Colleen Pfund, Wendy Williams

**First Presbyterian Missionaries:** Eraclio Conde, Scott and Kathy Craig, Andres and Ruth Garza, Carol Oban, Susan Sundeen



## It's Not Too Late to Join

DivorceCare is being offered on again on Tuesday evenings from January 13 to April 14 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, in Tower 803. You may join in the cycle at any point. DivorceCare has helped thousands of people find healing through a solidly biblical program consisting of a weekly support group. In addition to the video seminar, DivorceCare offers an opportunity to become part of a small support group of people who are also experiencing separation and divorce. Participants meet others in the support group who understand what they are going through and are able to offer encouragement. For more information, see [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

Facilitators are Dan & Jane Webb. There is a \$15 charge for this program, but scholarships are available if needed. For questions or to pre-register, please e-mail [janewebb08@yahoo.com](mailto:janewebb08@yahoo.com) or call the church office at 267-1206.

## February Circles & Assignments

### CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Lesson 6 in *The Story of Scripture*, Isaiah 7:1-14

### FLOWER ARRANGING & DELIVERY

#### Women of the Covenant Bible Study

Help arrange and deliver flowers after the 10:55 service.

(Anna Dennett – 875-3087

& Catherine Helms – 756-0217)

The Flower and Delivery Committee needs assistance in March, July, and August. If you are able to help during these months, please contact Leslie Dunn at 886-2551 or [dunndean04@comcast.net](mailto:dunndean04@comcast.net) as soon as possible.

### MONDAY MORNING PRAYER TIME

#### Precept Bible Study

Please make a special effort to attend.

### NEW WIC MEMBERS

Dr. Lucy Sawrie

4 Big Rock Road

Signal Mountain, TN 37377

Miss Mary Elizabeth Stiegler

4516 Alabama Avenue

Chattanooga, TN 37409

### BIRTHS

Murray and Allison Gunter announce the birth of a daughter, Emsley Fortune Gunter, on December 14, 2008. Grandparents are Dean and Mary Hutson and Boyd and Joyce Oschsner.

Nick and Juliana McCollum announce the birth of a daughter, Caroline Marie McCollum, on December 18, 2008. Grandparents are Wayne and Suzanne Thomas.

### HONOR ROLL BIRTHDAYS

February 4 Jane Bowers (Circle 3)  
St. Barnabas Nursing Home, Room 228  
950 Siskin Drive  
Chattanooga, TN 37403

February 19 Ruby Mallery (Circle 1)  
Bradley Healthcare  
2910 Peerless Rd., N.W. Rm. 417A  
Cleveland, TN 37312

February 20 Charlyne Haden (Circle 4)  
1203 Constitution Dr.  
Chattanooga, TN 37405

February 25 Richard Donaldson  
Alexian Healthcare  
671 Alexian Way, #609  
Signal Mtn., TN 37377

February 29 Martha McMahan (Circle 7)  
1131 Stringers Ridge Road, #10B  
Chattanooga, TN 37405

March 8 Arthur Allen  
106 Robin Hood Trail  
Lookout Mtn., GA 30750

March 11 Bette Edwards (Circle 7)  
Alexian Village  
100 James Blvd., #East-409  
Signal Mtn., TN 37377

# February Calendar



Each Sunday	Evening Worship & Communion Sunday Night Dinner	5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Each Monday	Women's Prayer Time Exception: 9:30 AM on February 9	10:00 AM	Session Room
Each Tuesday	Precept Beatitude Living Fireside DivorceCare	9:00 AM 12:00 NOON 5:45 PM 7:00 PM	Tower 402 Tower 404 Nell Davis Room Tower 803
Wednesday Evenings	Family Fellowship Dinner Worship	5:45 PM 6:30 PM	Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall
Each Thursday	Women of the Covenant	10:00 AM	Tower 802
Each 3rd & 4th Friday	Card-E-ology	10:00 AM	Tower 10th Floor
Sunday, February 1	Ladies' Lunch Bunch	12:15 PM	Nell Davis Room
Monday, February 2	DEADLINE for March issue of <i>Glad Tidings</i> Circle Leaders Circle Bible Teachers	10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Tower 258 Tower 404
Thursday, February 5	It's a Wonderful Life!	10:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Monday, February 9	Day Circle Meetings Luncheon & Program	10:00 AM 11:40 AM	Chapel Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, February 17	Cancer Support Group Evening Circle & Dinner Meeting	3:30 PM 6:00 PM	Tower 404 Nell Davis Room
Wednesday, February 18	Moms of Preschoolers	9:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Monday, February 23	WIC Full Board Meeting	10:00 AM	3rd Floor Tower
Friday, February 27	Girls' Night Out	6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall

## COMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 1	Koinonia Groups start		
Monday, March 2	DEADLINE for April <i>Glad Tidings</i>		
March 10-12	PCA Women's Leadership Training Conference		Covenant College
March 13-14	Marriage Conference with Dr. and Mrs. Bryan Chapell		
March 25	Moms of Preschoolers		
April 8-10	IAWL Trip to Creation Museum		
April 13	Home Circle Meetings		
April 17-18	FPCC Women's Conference		FPCC

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## Book Nook News

Begin the new year with works that will entertain you or enhance your walk with the Savior. Of special interest is a wonderful book given by Circle 18 in memory of Margaret Kemp: *Every Day, but not Some: Glimpses into the Everyday Lives of Sudanese* by our own missionary Leoma Gilley. Circle 18 also gave *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, by Sally Lloyd-Jones, in honor of James Matthew Bell, son of Kristin and Matt Bell. Dr. Tim Keller says of this book, "I would urge not just families with young children to get this book, but every Christian." Truly, every story whispers His Name!



As a beautiful masterpiece is created by an artist, so it is with marriage, created and designed by the ultimate artist, God Himself. *Your Marriage Masterpiece: Discovering God's Amazing Design for Your Life Together*, by Al Janssen, takes a fresh look at the exquisite design God has for your marriage and brings to light the reasons your union was intended to last a lifetime. *Healing Stones*, a complex and encouraging novel by Nancy Rue and Stephen Arterburn, has been called by a reviewer "an auspicious debut for a candid yet tender series about pain, healing, and God's invitation for second chances."

The library has a large collection of sermons in both audio tape and CD format as well as a variety of other media offerings. Visit your library whenever the church is open, and remember that the library welcomes your donations and encourages your gifts. Please contact librarians Cathy Barker ([cebarker1@comcast.net](mailto:cebarker1@comcast.net)) or Susan Clyatt ([clyatt@epbinternet.com](mailto:clyatt@epbinternet.com)) with your questions and suggestions.

## Camp Vesper Point Registration

Registration for summer camp sessions and both of our Family Camps is now open to everyone. Forms may be picked up in the Connector or by going to our Web site at [www.vesperpoint.org](http://www.vesperpoint.org). **NEW THIS YEAR – APPLY ONLINE!** If you have any questions, please contact Ammi at 648-7936 or [cvp@vesperpoint.org](mailto:cvp@vesperpoint.org).

