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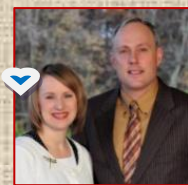
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New! Ladies of Grace Cookbook

Thank you for your participation!

In spite of several unexpected adjustments and cancelations to our Ladies of Grace schedule, the ladies of GBC have once again come together to make something happen. Over 550 recipes were submitted! The cookbooks will go on sale at the Gala, April 1-2, 2011! Be sure to get one for yourself and for Mother's Day gifts for the special ladies in your life.

Mother/Daughter Banquet

Saturday, May 14, 2011

- * 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- * @ Grace Baptist Church
- * Theme: *Girlfriends & Family*
- * Cost: \$10 adults and teens
\$6 children age 3 – 6th grade
- * We need at least two dozen ladies who will volunteer to decorate a table. Ladies are asked to bring items from home (dinnerware, utensils, napkins, centerpieces, etc. -- all the things that make a beautiful table) to set a table for the Banquet. You may choose any theme for your table.
- * Cash prizes or gift cards will be awarded for:
 - * Most Beautiful Table
 - * Most Unique Theme
 - * Most Creative Presentation
- * There will be a special "Princess Table" for the young ladies!
- * Dessert will feature a "Trifle Bar." Ladies of all ages are asked to bring a tall glass or dish of your choosing for making your own trifle.
- * See Mrs. Kacie Jamison to sign up.

Focus on Missions

Stewart and Donna Schepers, along with their four children, are missionaries to the Dominican Republic. They are sent out from Bro. Capaci's ministry, Gospel Light Baptist Church, in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The Dominican Republic shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti. It is the second largest Caribbean nation (after Cuba). Music and sports are very important in the Dominican culture. Meals favor starches and meat over dairy products and vegetables.

Please pray for the health of their family, especially their son Jesse, who has been diagnosed with Crohn's disease. They are also asking prayer for special meetings they will be having in March, as well as funds for chairs and hymnals for a new church they are in the process of starting. The Schepers also will be beginning a furlough in September of this year.

Bro. Schepers's email address is s.schepers@hotmail.com. The Schepers also have a website that gives more information about their ministry at www.schepersfamily.net.

Ministering Grace - March 2011

a monthly newsletter for the Ladies of Grace Baptist Church

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April 1 - 2

The 9th annual Ladies of Grace GALA is just 3 ½ weeks away! If you are new to Grace Baptist Church or a long-time member, you will want to attend this event just for ladies. Not only is it the highlight of the calendar for the ladies of GBC, it is a time of refreshment and renewal, a time to take a brief break in the routine, a time to enjoy some extra fellowship, and a time to learn. The Gala is a two-day conference overflowing with information that you can take home with you to better fulfill every role of life. This year's theme is "Keep the Faith," and our speakers are Godly examples of lives lived for the Lord with powerful testimonies of decisions to be faithful to God in the face of incredible hardship and heartache. Guest musicians, Fundamental Difference, will provide uplifting music during the Gala. This year's Gala is going to be better than ever. Plan now to attend so you can experience everything that has been planned and prepared just for you!

Early Registration will continue through Wednesday, March 16th. Ladies, teens, and junior girls who attend Grace Baptist Church may register at the discounted prices listed below. After this date, the prices will increase by \$10 to what will be the current rate (adults: \$30, teens: \$25, juniors \$20).

- *Adults: \$20
- *Teens: \$15 (7th – 12th grades)
- *Juniors: \$10 (1st – 6th grades)

Each person who pre-registers by Sunday, March 13th, will receive a coupon for \$2.00 off the purchase of the Ladies of Grace cookbook which will go on sale at the Gala. Mrs. Sapp will be at the registration table located in the main foyer before and after services to assist you with registration.

If you have any questions about the Gala, there is an abundance of information available at www.galaatgrace.com. New information is added almost daily. You may also email Mrs. Bane at mrsbane@gbcdeloh.com.

"For they have refreshed my spirit and yours..." I Corinthians 16:18



Welcome to Ladies of Grace!

There are so many exciting things coming up for my favorite ladies – the Ladies of Grace Baptist Church! The Gala is just days away, the Mother-Daughter Banquet is in May...and spring is almost here! I trust that you will take advantage of these fantastic events and will also find a way to get involved. It is very nice to attend a quality event, but there is multiplied meaning when there is personal involvement. Of course, help is always appreciated, but on a personal level, friends of a lifetime are formed when serving the Lord together.



The theme for the March *Ministering Grace* is “Biblical Femininity.” I suppose that there as many initial thoughts on this topic as there are pairs of eyes that have read the words. I would like to assure you that this is a very encouraging topic and everything you will read in these columns will be a blessing to your heart. The purpose of the theme selection was not to focus on dress standards, although a Christian lady who desires God’s full blessing on her life would be wise to be surrendered to what the Word of God says on the topic of modesty and will search out God’s will. If you have sincere questions about modest dress, I would be pleased to schedule a time to talk to you and share with you from the Bible.

The purpose of this month’s theme is to find out what God says about our purpose as ladies. Do you ever find yourself going through life just caring for the next thing that comes along, doing the next thing on the list only to wonder if you are accomplishing the purposes for which God made you? We are blessed that God has given us His plan in the Bible for what He wants of our lives. I believe God intends for us to live purposeful lives.

Femininity is a very broad topic and we will not be able to do much more than scratch the surface. I love both of the articles that have been submitted this month! Mrs. Sapp’s article speaks well to femininity as being beyond just being “girly,” although being female certainly is relevant to being feminine. Her article is very well done with a wonderful Biblical perspective. I know you will enjoy it! Janet Shields’ article addresses a completely different area of our lives – the area of submitting to authority. I am so pleased with the help that both of these articles provide.

When I was a student at Hyles-Anderson College, I had the opportunity for four years to observe the most feminine Christian lady I have ever seen, Mrs. Beverly Hyles. She was the wife of Dr. Jack Hyles, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana. She was beautiful, ladylike, and always impeccably put-together. I was very impressed with her loveliness. One day I heard her say to someone who was far from being “girly” that the most feminine thing any woman can do is to love and care about others. I have never forgotten that statement. I still admire Mrs. Hyles’ beauty, but I mostly admire her heart. No matter where you fall on the “girly” scale, you can know you are feminine if you have a heart that cares about people and you are sharing the love of God. *Loving and caring are manifestations of true Biblical Femininity.*

Have a wonderful evening tonight, and enjoy everything – the potluck, the split sessions, and the Clothing & Housewares Exchange!

Love,
Mrs. Bane



Biblical Femininity

By Mrs. Tammy Sapp

Possessing Biblical femininity is not an area in which I would ever wish to hold myself up as an example. I truly do admire ladies who possess the qualities listed in definitions of being feminine: soft, tender, delicate – all qualities that I would love to have in place in my life. As a child who broke an arm falling out a tree and did not have many girls for friends because the things they were interested in were boring, I did not have many experiences or the encouragement that made me wish to be “girly” until I was an adult.

As an adult woman, I still find myself struggling to pay attention when the conversation is about hair or makeup or the “horrors” of nylons. While many women have in place the physical attributes that might lead those looking upon them to believe they possess Biblical femininity, I find myself always wanting more. While one’s hairstyle, makeup, and clothing certainly give some sort of first impression, ladies who fit my definition of Biblical femininity are not often the ones who spend the most time or money on their appearance.

In my eyes, the lady who, like the Proverbs 31 woman, is always striving to become more of what the Lord would like her to be is the Biblical picture of femininity. “Soft, tender, and delicate” does not mean “lazy, uncaring, and weak.” God wants ladies who work hard for their families and ministries as He reminds us in verses thirteen through sixteen. He instructs us to constantly show our love to our husbands, children, and church families by proving they can trust us to help meet their needs. He shows us a woman who had the strength of



character to accomplish the necessary aspects of life without having to beat down her husband or the Holy Spirit – a woman with wisdom and fear of the Lord, one we all could use as a working example of what would most please our Savior.

Biblical Femininity

By Mrs. Janet Shields

The only way to discover what the Bible teaches is to search for an example of a lady who received approval from the story left to us in His Word. Take a look at Esther and her life to see where femininity was demonstrated. The Bible shows several times how she was viewed as obtaining favor of both men and women. It is so easy to see her as an example of a lady who has achieved femininity, but how did she get there? What threads were woven into her life to give her the beautiful fabric we all enjoy and desire to live?

To thoroughly exhaust this thought, a person needs to decipher how Esther was reared and what choices she made. All of the things in a person’s past create them to be the figure that God can use for His Glory. Her cousin Mordecai, who instilled many Godly teachings and character traits into her

life, reared Esther. However, she was the one given the opportunity to live out the teachings she was given.

Christian ladies can review the life of Esther’s cousin to uncover the lessons he would have instilled in her as a young lady to help her become the feminine lady that is written of in the Bible. It is then our responsibility to instill the same characteristics in our life that we also may obtain Biblical Femininity.

Often we see that Mordecai instructed Esther in a matter and then she followed his advice. This is a great lesson for women of this day. It is feminine to heed advice that has been given to us and not strive to prove that we know best. This is seen as submitting yourself to those in authority over us, whether that be God or a husband or a counselor who has given us advice.

The Bible speaks of Mordecai not receiving honor for saving the king’s life, and he was fine to do his job and not receive compensation for it. He taught this trait to Esther, who practiced humility and character when she gave the dinner for both the King and Haman and humbly stood before the king on behalf of her people. Worthy character is extremely feminine. Being humble, unselfish, and diligent demonstrates character that is committed to pleasing to the Lord.

When Haman had sent out the decree that all the Jews were to be slaughtered, Mordecai rent his clothes and returned to his place of duty at the King’s gate. Esther showed the same love for her place of responsibility as well. She was not fearful of the responsibilities she had as a wife and queen. She arranged and carried out a feast for both Haman and King Ahasuerus. She was willing to plan with her maids and attendants to save the lives of the Jews. She did not run from her domestic duties. Christian ladies need to realize that it is feminine to care for their home. Sometimes women just do not enjoy being domestic, but it is a feminine character trait as seen in the life of Esther.

Several Biblical examples have been shown of a very feminine lady in the Bible. Now the question must be asked, “Are there areas in which we can show more femininity?” We are not to practice femininity to be admired by others, but to bring glory to the Lord and point others to Him.



Book Review – “The Blessing of the Lord”

By Dr. Jack Trieber – submitted by Mrs. Frankie Braye

This book is a wonderful book on how to receive blessings from the Lord in every area of our lives. Dr. Trieber has been a blessing to thousands of people throughout his ministry. His book is compiled of sermons he preached to his church people after moving into their new building. He did not want God’s people to lose their fire and blessing after the new move.

Dr. Trieber gives a lot of Scripture with every sermon in this book and so clearly gives examples that we can relate to in our own lives. I LOVED this book. It helped me look into areas of my own life that needed changing to receive God’s blessing. This book is very easy to read. The sermons in this book are so caring and deeply express Dr. Trieber’s burden for all of God’s people to receive God’s blessing in their lives.

Towards the end of the book he teaches a lesson on “The Sermon on the Mount,” and how liberals have mistaken this sermon for a message of world peace when in all reality it is speaking to God’s people about the benefits and blessing we will receive by obeying God’s Word. Once you start this book you won’t be able to put it down!



Scripture Memory Challenges

Due to the irregularity of meetings, we want to do what we can to make it possible for those participating in the Challenge to have opportunities to say verses and passages. Recitation of any verses/passage may be at the meetings or at a time that you coordinate with Mrs. Robin Fraker. Listed below is a complete list of the verses for both Challenges. Recitation must be completed by Sunday, April 17th to be eligible for awards and recognition.

	Challenge #1	Challenge #2
September	Titus 2:3-4	1 Corinthians 16:1-4
October	Jonah 3:1-2	1 Corinthians 16:5-7
November	11 Chronicles 5:13	1 Corinthians 16:8-10
December	Daniel 6:10	1 Corinthians 16:11-13
January	Ephesians 2:7-9	1 Corinthians 16:14-16
February	Jeremiah 31:3	1 Corinthians 16:17-19
March	1 Timothy 2:9-12	1 Corinthians 16:20-24

Mrs. Bane has a display of the wallets that will be awarded to those who complete Challenge #2.

Tonight’s Schedule

6:30-6:45	Announcements
6:45-7:20	Potluck Meal
7:30-8:00	Split Sessions
8:00-8:30	Exchange & Scripture Recitation

How - to Split Sessions

“Budget & Debt Elimination” – Mrs. Sapp
“Making Family Feel Special” – Mrs. Will
“Wardrobe Coordination” – Mrs. Bane

Split Session Rooms

Room #203 – Budget & Debt Elimination
Room #202 – Making Family Feel Special
Chapel – Wardrobe Coordination

