

THRIVE!

GREEN ACRES WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWSLETTER | JANUARY 2019

WELCOME

Welcome to 2019 and our first THRIVE newsletter! THRIVE is "for women-by women", and we are working hard to make it valuable, beneficial, and spiritually enriching. Your interaction and contributions would be greatly appreciated.

We are dedicated to helping you THRIVE!

"Planted in the house of the Lord, the Women of Green Acres THRIVE in the courtyards of our God."

Psalm 92:13 (paraphrased)

Bible Study Program

BEGINS FEBRUARY 5, 2019
TUESDAY MORNINGS 9:30 AM TO 11:30 AM

BEGINS FEBRUARY 5, 2019
TUESDAY EVENINGS 6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM

5 Habits of a Woman Who Doesn't Quit by Nicki Koziarz

Taught by Debbie Stuart

Daniel by Beth Moore

Taught by Becky Harris

The Faithful by Moore, Shirer, Minter, & more

Taught by Joyce Jordan

It's Not Supposed to Be This Way by Lysa Terkeurst

Taught by Lorrie Gazette

For Women Only by Shaunti Feldhahn

Taught by Karen Norton

Interpretive Design/Journaling

Facilitated by Kitty Groth

Precepts: The Minor Prophets

Taught by George Squibb

5 Habits of a Woman Who Doesn't Quit by Nicki Koziarz

Taught by Debbie Stuart

The Faithful by Moore, Shirer, Minter, & more

Taught by Angie Thornton

BEGINS FEBRUARY 10, 2019
SUNDAY EVENINGS 5:30 PM TO 7:00 PM

The Faithful by Moore, Shirer, Minter, & more

Taught by Carye Gillen

Discerning the Voice of God by Priscilla Shirer

Taught by Jaime Cornelius

Childcare available for all classes

Register at www.greenacreswomen.org/bible-study

DIRECTION FROM DEBBIE

It's going to be a great year because we serve a GREAT God, and if YOU are allowing HIM to call the shots, he will accomplish great things through you. He cares about every detail of your life and He has a plan for you THIS YEAR!

Here are a few things we can do to position ourselves for greater usefulness and productivity:

1. Move Forward! "But one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God." Phil. 3:13-14. There are some things that happened in 2018 of which we need to grieve and let go. Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt because she looked back.

2. Make Room for the Lord! We have made room in our lives for everything from Amazon Prime to eyebrow waxing. Are there some things, priorities, or schedules you can adjust to give the Lord more room? You cannot "make" the Lord work in your life; it is your job to make room for Him to work!

3. Ask the Lord for a Word for 2019! Each year I ask the Lord for a WORD for the year. Maybe it is something He wants me to work on or something underdeveloped in my life. It may be a word that will prepare me for something coming or a word that will help me serve others. I've had words such as: resilient, courage, providence, sacrifice, (I'm trying to get a fun word like indulge!) I always look up the meaning and Biblical reference/definition. This year my word is **ADVANCE**. It means: *to move forward in a purposeful way, to make progress*. So, my prayers and plans for Green Acres Women's Ministry are intentional and strategic - I want to move forward in a purposeful way. It makes me think of 1 Thessalonians. 4:1 "...to walk and please God...that you excel still more."

Lastly, Green Acres Women is a safe place for you to connect! Don't "do life" alone. Do life together with other women who want to walk this thing out with the Lord.

Our first "Life Together" event is Thursday,

January 17th, see you there!

It is one of the greatest privileges of my life to serve you! Thank you for such a warm welcome to Green Acres!

Let's make Bible Study a priority!

I hope to meet you personally very soon.

In Him, Debbie



ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Life Together January 17

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Galilee Room

Teacher Training January 20

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM LH Room 361

For all teachers, past, present, & future

Winter Bible Study February 5 & 10

Tuesday Mornings 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Tuesday Evenings 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Sunday Evenings 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM



Join the Prayer Team!

We are building the "biggest and bestest" Prayer Team EVER! Join the Women's Ministry Prayer Team and receive a monthly prayer email from Debbie and get on the inside track to ministry advancement! For more information email women@mail.gabc.org



Kenyan Girls Rescue Center

JOIN US AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD A SAFE PLACE FOR RESCUED GIRLS!

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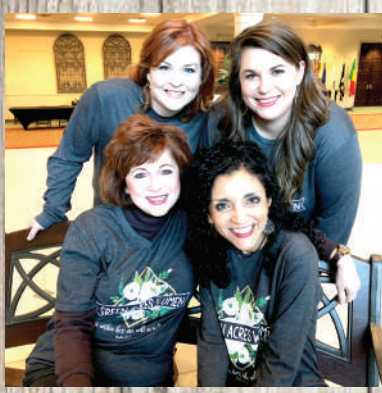
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she studies downtown

Bible Study

led by Susan Howard
Wednesday beginning February 6, 2019
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Rick's on the Square
-upstairs conference area-
(lunch available for \$10)



Women's Ministry T-Shirts are available for purchase in the Women's Ministry Office in the Lighthouse 2nd Floor Office Suites

Short Sleeve \$12
Long Sleeve \$15
add \$2 for 2XL & 3XL

Womenary® Winterlude

January 19, 2019
9:30 am - 1:30 pm
Tickets \$50
womenary.com/register

feed your family

WHOLE 30 PORK CARNITAS

Recipe Cred: 40aprons.com

Rub
1 tablespoon dried oregano
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 tablespoon avocado oil or olive oil

Crockpot Carnitas
2 pounds pork tenderloin
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 onion, chopped
1 jalapeño, chopped
2 teaspoons of salt
Juice of one lime and one orange

Instructions
-Pat dry pork tenderloin with paper towels. Combine rub ingredients and rub all over tenderloin then place in your Crockpot.
-Top with remaining ingredients, cover, and cook on high for 4-6 hours or low for 6-8 hours. When done, the meat will be cooked through and very tender, easily separated with a fork.

We'd LOVE to feature your recipe! Email it to: emilya@mail.gabc.org

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Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of every month
9:30 am - 11:30 am | Adult Education Building 103
email gabcshops@gmail.com for more information

Volunteers needed for childcare!

feed your faith

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Exodus 20:8

Sabbath. A day of holy rest. Not a day to sit on the couch and watch Netflix, but a time to be filled with the joy of the Lord. In biblical times, it was a gift to remember how the Lord saved Israel. Today, we can focus on all of the hardships and difficult circumstances from which the Lord has delivered us.

"If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the Lord's holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, then you will find your joy in the Lord, and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob."

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.
Isaiah 58:13-14

The older we get, the more we become aware of the hurt and despair in the world, and I cannot remember a year in my adult life where I did not have heartache, but the way I fix my eyes when that heartache comes makes all the difference in the world. Let us keep our commitments to ourselves and the Lord. Let us seek Him in all that we do and all that we have—it will not be something we regret.

WORD OF THE YEAR

My word of the year is **Qavah**, it is actually Hebrew and means: **to wait, look for, hope, expect.**

I have always been very quick to jump into things, and while this go-getter attribute has served me well at times, it has also caused turmoil. The Lord placed this word as well as Psalm 25:4-5 on my heart during my advent study this Christmas season.

"Make your ways known to me Lord; teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; I will wait for you all day long."

This Psalm is not just my verse for the year, but my prayer. That I might wait on the Lord, but do so in an active way. I will wait on the Lord to teach me from His Word, looking for ways He wants me to serve, hoping to actively do things for the Kingdom, and expect Him to move in my life and stretch me as a person. But do nothing out of impulse for myself, but with firm confirmation from the Lord, after lingering in His presence.



Emily Adams

WHAT IS YOUR WORD OF THE YEAR?

Has the Lord put a word on your heart? We want to know what that word is! Put it on social media, tag us, & be sure to use the hashtag **#GAwomenWOTY2019**

Follow us on social media!