

Reflecting His Beauty



The Gainesville 6th Connectional Group of the North Georgia United Methodist Church brings you the 3rd Annual Women's Retreat.

James 1:23

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror . . .

Ecclesiastes 3:11

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER **Betty Smith Williams**

Betty Smith Williams is the author of four books – *Around the World in Seventy Years*, *Nothing Wasted*, *Beyond the Happy Ending*, and *Taters and Peas*. She holds a master's degree in Christian counseling. A retired legal secretary, Betty has three children, five grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild and lives in Georgia.

SCHEDULE

- 8:00 Registration
Coffee & Doughnuts
Meet-N-Greet
- 9:00 Welcome & Introductions
- 9:30 Music – Kathy Collins & Beth Weigand
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Keynote Speaker:
Betty Smith Williams
- 11:15 Break
- 11:30 Music – Kathy & Beth
- 12:00 LUNCH
- 1:00 ENRICHMENT
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 ENRICHMENT
- 3:15 Holy Communion Service
& Closing

Registration Info

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March 9th, 2019
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Center
United Methodist Church
7641 Jackson Trail Road
Hoshton, GA 30548

ENRICHMENTS

Choose 2 of the 4 enrichments.
Each will be offered during the
ENRICHMENT time.

(See Schedule)

Enrichment A –

Make-and-Take: Reflections of Sight and Sound

Presenters: *Julie Clarke & Donna Brown*
(Hoschton UMC & Salem Baptist Church)

Donna Brown left the corporate world of Delta Airlines to raise her daughter and is a former pre-school teacher at Salem Baptist Church with a passion for crafting and sewing. She also makes and sells scarves and other fashion accessories. Julie Clarke, a member of the Hoschton UMC choir, loves to sing and portray women of the 1800's. She also appeared as an extra in a short film on historic rural churches which aired on PBS. Julie has just published her first book, *Pauline D'Alvigny Campbell, Civil War Nurse*.

Donna will instruct to help us create the *SIGHT* – a beautiful T-shirt with reflecting images, while Julie provides the *SOUND* – sayings and songs of Fanny Crosby, 19th century blind poet & hymnist.

Enrichment B –

Mom to 13

Presenter: *Meredith Cornish*
(Prince Avenue Baptist Church)

Meredith and her husband, Michael, are the parents of 13 children, ages 13 months to 16 years old. Six of their kids came to them

through birth, and 7 through adoption. Eight of their children have special needs – one biological child, four who came directly from international countries, and three who came through domestic placements. Meredith has spoken in the U.S. and internationally as a special needs advocate and had part of one adoption story published in the book, *Gifts 2*. She homeschools her 10 school-aged kids, advocates for foster care and adoption, and supports other special-needs and adoptive parents.

Meredith will be sharing about her life journey and challenging all of us to see the beauty that God places in EVERY person.

Enrichment C –

LOST

Presenter: *RaShada Wood*
(Warren Chapel UMC)

RaShada is a native of Commerce, GA. She is currently a Certified Lay Servant for the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. RaShada considers herself a student of the word and looks for practical ways to help people apply God's word to their lives. Her passions are singing and prayer, and in this season she has been used to minister the word.

RaShada graduated from the Commerce City School system, attended Georgia State for her undergraduate and master's degrees and just finished a specialist degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Piedmont College. She is employed at Commerce Elementary and was voted the 2016-2017 "Teacher of the Year" for Commerce Elementary and then named the system wide "Teacher of the Year."

RaShada is married to James E. Wood, Jr., and they have one son, James III. In July of 2018, RaShada released her first book, *Lost*, which takes its text from the *Parable of the Lost Coin*. Come study Luke 15:8-10 and discover the steps the woman takes to get back her lost coin.

Enrichment D –

Susanna Wesley

Presenter: *Susan Mason*
(Hoschton UMC)

Susan is the wife of Rev. Marvin Mason, pastor of Hoschton UMC. She is a wife, mother, and grandmother. Susan is retired and enjoys teaching the youth Sunday School class and leading the UMYF at church and spending any time she can with their granddaughter, Lily.

For an English class in college, Susan was assigned to research and write a bibliographic paper about someone she admired. She chose Susanna Wesley. Susanna too was a wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a PK (preacher's kid), then a PW (pastor's wife). Susan will be talking about Susanna Wesley as a wife and mother, how she influenced John Wesley's theology, and how that led him to the founding of the Methodist Church.
