

To God Be The Glory

2009/2010

Christ Community Presbyterian Church Women's Ministry



Calendar

9/14	Mon. Bible Study 8:15 to 9:30 pm
9/17	Thurs. Bible Study 9:30-11:00 am
10/10	Breakfast at Deli Delicacies
10/12	Retreat meeting 7 pm at the office for anyone interested in helping with the retreat
11/6	Social: Cooking Kelly Parker's home
12/?	Winter Wonderland at Troxel House
1/16/10	New Year's Breakfast in someone's home
1/18/10	Tentative start to Mon. Bible study
1/21/10	Tentative start to Thurs. Bible study
2/6/10	Social: Wicked!
3/6/10	Breakfast at Deli Delicacies
4/18/10	Social: Book Club
TBA	Retreat
8/7/10	Social: Beach Day

The Theme for the Year: God's glory

*"So whether you eat or drink
or whatever you do, do it all
for the glory of God."*

I Corinthians 10:31

One of the foundational documents of our denomination is the Westminster Larger Catechism. It is a series of questions and answers aimed at solidifying what we believe. We quote some of them during our worship service on Sundays. The very first question is, "What is man's chief end?" or "Why are we here? What is our purpose?" The answer: "Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever." That's it.

That's all there is to it. We are here, today, to bring God glory. How often is this the case in our every day lives? Isn't it more often: "How can I glorify myself today?" more than "How can I glorify God?"

And these are dark days. The country is in a recession. We see evil all around us. Our marriages are in trouble. Our children are difficult to parent. My dad died suddenly this last year. These are hard times. And yet, we are called to bring him glory. He says to fix our eyes on him, set our minds on things above, to look heavenward, to see him who is invisible, to persevere,

to trust. And as we do this and repent when we don't, we will not only bring him glory but also experience great blessing. We will be "filled with a glorious and inexpressible joy." (I Peter 1:8)

This year, we want to keep God's glory ever before us: in our bible studies, at our retreats, in our conversations. We want to ask God the question about our personal lives and also about everything we plan for the church: "How does this glorify You?" It will be so exciting to follow him as he answers us and gives forgiveness, wisdom and direction.

Women's Ministry Vision and Values

Our Vision

Women have a unique value, ability and need to hear, speak and live the gospel truth, therefore CCPC's Women's Ministry exists. We will create connecting, accepting, supportive, gospel-centered places and programs that will result in women who apply the gospel to their every day lives and share it with others

Our Values

We believe in the **hope** and the **power** that Jesus brings and we believe that through him it will be good for our women's ministry to be:

- A place of connection and belonging, where you are valued

- A place of rest; real, quiet soul rest
- A place you can find and give healing and hope
- A place of repentance and faith with a high priority on the means of grace (the Bible and prayer)
- A place of education and discipleship and accountability
- A place of support for the specific calling of diverse women (employee, wife, mother, single, empty nester)
- A place you can be authentic (be yourself)
- A place you can discover your biblical womanhood and your original gifts and use

them as life-givers and helpers.

- A place of community, which will lead to ministries of compassion
- A place of submission in Christ Community and in our homes

Our Goals for this Year I Corinthians 12

To help our women discover their gifts and talents and provide places to use them for God's glory and for the good of his kingdom, specifically Christ Community

To support the total ministry of Christ Community, to promote and help all the other ministries.





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What we do and why

Life is busy. We women are constantly on the move: working, driving, shopping, cleaning, talking, parenting, and on and on. We want to help and “give life” in the midst of it. These explanations may help you understand the reasons behind each of the things we do and prepare you for the year:

Bible Studies

PURPOSE: To glorify God by studying God’s Word together weekly, to become equipped for every good work

We have a 12-14 week study on Monday nights and Thursday mornings in the fall and again in the spring. We are looking to begin a teenage girls study one morning before school.

Breakfasts

PURPOSE: To glorify God through spiritual, emotional and physical nourishment by spending time together over food to fellowship and to hear/connect with one woman’s testimony.

We have four breakfasts scheduled this year – two in people’s homes and two at Deli Delicacies. At each we will get to hear a Christ Community woman’s story of God’s work in her life. Come get to know her and us better.

Socials

PURPOSE: To glorify God by having fun together

We have some fun, fun ideas this year. This fall, we’ll have a chance to cook some specific meals together and learn general culinary tips. Save up your nickels and dimes because early next year, we are going to

Tampa to see the Broadway show, *Wicked*. It will be about \$75 and you’ll need to get your money to Katonna by November 1. We want everyone to be able to come so let us know if money is an issue. Next spring we will announce a book club selection and then meet one night to discuss it and enjoy each other. Next summer we are planning a day at the beach – just us – no kids!

Playgroup

PURPOSE: To glorify God by meeting together weekly for intentional fellowship and encouragement

Most women who come to playgroup have pre-schoolers at home but anyone is welcome! We meet on Tuesday mornings from 11 to 1. Even if you aren’t dying to get out of your house during these hours, please consider coming to be a helper and life-giver to those who are dying to get out of their houses!!

Meals/Showers

PURPOSE: To glorify God by celebrating and caring for families in happy times and hard times

Showers and meals are provided for families who need them through our Community Groups but we help by making sure they get scheduled. We throw a shower for the first baby a woman has while worshipping at Christ Community.

Retreat

PURPOSE: To glorify God by spending extended time together once a year for teaching and fellowship.

Once a year we go away for a Friday night and Saturday retreat. We’ll invite a speaker who will challenge us to live for God’s glory. We’ll have small groups and fun times planned. It’s a great way to combine all of the elements of our Women’s Ministry Values in one weekend!

Mercy

PURPOSE: To glorify God by supporting Christ Community’s Mercy opportunities and being pro-active with our own opportunities

Here are ways you can be involved:
Highland City Work Days: Every month people in the community help in the area. Your Community Group is assigned a month to join them. Find out when yours is.

Teen Challenge: Our morning Bible study has gone to this home for pregnant teens to help out. Last year, we painted.

Adopt-a-Family: Each Community Group adopts some families from Highland City Elementary for Christmas. We buy them presents and bring them a dinner.

Troxel House Winter Wonderland: This year, we want to sponsor a night, which means we can bake, wrap presents, staff the event and let our kids play with their kids. Be watching for details.

Nicaragua: Every summer our church sends a team to work with our missionaries, Robbie and Murray Lathrop. There will be a list of things they want/need for us to provide. We also challenge our children to give their change toward a certain project.