



Welcome to the *Combined Edition of* **Women's Bible Study**

A Ministry of Autumn Ridge Church

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Today's lecture by Lorie Dahlstrom from 2 Samuel 7 is titled:

What's In The Heart: A Heart of Prayer

As a courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phone as you enter Bible study.

As part of our Mission Festival week of events, WBS has committed to spending time in prayer for our visiting missionaries, especially as it dovetails nicely with this week's topic of *A Heart of Prayer*. The prayer requests are noted in the box to the right. Below is a note from Becky Weins, Autumn Ridge's Director of World Missions, explaining this year's mission focus and events. Please spend time today in your small groups lifting these missionaries up in prayer as well as individually during the rest of this week. Also, consider how you might give of your time and resources to mission projects in the future to spread the Gospel for Christ. Next week we will return to our regular announcement page format.

Every year, Autumn Ridge Church sets two weekends aside to celebrate the work our church does in missions. This is a time to reflect on mission trips during the year, our Bold Initiatives and hear from our supported missionaries. During these two weeks, it is important that our church congregation takes time to see how God has worked through Autumn Ridge supported missions and celebrate all that God is doing in our world. Every year we challenge our church congregation to become involved in serving our community or our world in a tangible way. This year is no different. In fact, Autumn Ridge will be introducing two brand new outreach ministries to the congregation the second week of the festival, November 7th and 8th. One ministry focuses on how to serve our community locally and the other focuses on global outreach. Your family or small group will have the opportunity to sign up to serve with In His Name Food Bank, Interfaith Hospitality Network, and Salvation Army just to name a few. There is also a new opportunity for your family or small group to become involved directly with the care of our supported missionaries. On November 7th and 8th there will be a table outside the lobby where you can sign your family or your small group up to get to know and communicate with a supported Autumn Ridge family. The goal is to build relationships and provide meaningful communication throughout the year. Eventually, it would be the ultimate goal that a representative or family member would visit this family on the field to truly understand their work and how it furthers the Kingdom of God.

Many Blessings to you!
Becky Weins

Missionary Prayer Requests

Shane and Kara Gauthier: The Gauthiers serve in Kenya with Special Ministries and come alongside struggling communities to nurture them into a relationship with Christ by meeting intellectual, physical, and spiritual needs through the provision of Hope Centers. The Gauthiers will return to the field for 4 years in the summer of 2010. Please pray:

1. God would place us in a ministry where we could use our gifts and thrive.
2. For their children - Gabriel, Abraham, Grace, and Charity - as they will have to adjust to moving around from place to place.
3. The isolated poor people of the world would understand their identity in Christ and grow in Him.

Carlos and Barbara Barahona: the Barahonas serve in Honduras at Nueva Esperanza (New Hope) which serves children trapped in a cycle of poverty. The kids receive food, clothing, medical care, education, and the Gospel of Christ. Please pray:

1. For this organization and the needs that it has.
2. God's love will be demonstrated to the children and the families of the children.
3. For the children that have grown up in the program and are now graduating from high school.

Burt and Trish Koppendraye: Having recently moved, the Koppendrayes now serve by providing support and direction in finances to SIM WAFAs (West Africa Area) four country administration team. This current work frees other missionaries up to do community health education, leadership training, Bible translation, radio, and audio ministries, etc. Please Pray:

1. The Lord would daily be our greatest Treasure.
2. For Burt and Trish to humbly and joyfully serve missionaries with the strength that God provides.
3. For children Nicholas and Moses who are both attending the University of Minnesota in Duluth.

Nathan and Becky Kendall: The Kendalls are celebrating the arrival of their third child and will return to Kankan, Guinea, in February. Their ministry focuses on friendship evangelism, serving in the local church as pastor, teacher, and advising elder, and reaching the large college population for Christ. Recently the Kendalls have acquired a guest mission/training house to host short terms mission teams or individuals. Please pray:

1. God will bring spiritually open and hungry people our way so we can walk the Christian journey together.
2. The Kendalls would be peacemakers and live in peace in a country that is not at peace.
3. For their children to have friends and learn different ways to enjoy life in their surroundings. Also pray for a teacher for educating their children which would allow Becky more time for outreach.
4. God would raise up workers for Guinea in the mission field or spark a deep interest in those contemplating ministry in Guinea.

Paul and Jessica Hemenway: Paul serves as Interservice's Southwest Wisconsin Area Director. He provides vision, leadership, accountability, support and resources to students, staff, faculty, and volunteers who lead communities on various campuses. Please Pray:

1. Students, staff, and faculty on campus would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus.
2. Students, staff, and faculty on campus would grow in their relationship with God and as witnesses to Christ on campus.
3. Doors would be opened for existing witnessing communities to have a campus wide influence and communities to be established on new campuses.
4. Funding for staff as they lead by serving, discipling, and equipping students.

Women's Bible Study Weekly Outline

What's In The Heart: A Heart of Sorrow and Regret

2 Samuel 7

Lorie Dahlstrom



A Nobel Purpose - David's Desire

A Wonderful Promise - the Davidic Covenant

A Humble Prayer - David Prays

A Heart of Prayer - David's Psalms

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Take Note

- ❖ **Saturday, Nov. 7, 5:30 - 8:30 PM**, at the Rochester Athletic Club a benefit will be held for Bethany Monson, 6 month old daughter of Kady and Karl Monson, to help cover medical bills for heart surgery. Bethany was born with a congenital heart defect. Kady attends Robin Kaufmann and Sandy Stensland's WBS morning group. For more information, or if you'd like to contribute to a travel basket for the silent auction, contact Robin Kaufman at rzkaufmann@gmail.com. Please remember to pray for Bethany's recovery.
- ❖ **Thursday Evening, November 12, 7-8:30 PM**: The ARC women's ministry team will be hosting "The Power of God, An Evening for Women" in the Common Grounds Café. Myrna Holmes will be teaching on the power of God and how it can become a reality in our lives. Music will be provided by Karlee and Reggie Nichols. Coffee/tea and a dessert sampler will be provided. Tickets can be purchased this week and next at the WBS registration table. You can also register online at www.autumnridgechurch.org/women or direct questions to women@autumnridgechurch.org.
- ❖ **Saturday, November 14, 9 AM - 1 PM: Arise, Cry Out** a worldwide event by Moms in Touch will take place – to celebrate 25 years of praying for children and schools. Registration is available at www.MomsinTouch.org.
- ❖ **All of our weekly materials:** Announcement/outline page, discussion/study questions, and the printed lecture notes are available on our website listed below. If you have questions during the week please Contact Michelle Johnson, ARC Women's Ministry Assistant and WBS Administrative Assistant, 288-8880 or marthatoo@hotmail.com or e-mail us at: wbs@autumnridgechurch.org.
- ❖ **Inclement Weather Policy:** If the Rochester Public Schools are canceled or start late on any Wednesday, WBS AM AND PM are both cancelled for that day. Check the website for updates or contact us if you have questions at wbs@autumnridgechurch.org.
- ❖ **Coming Next Week:** Gretchen Steer will be presenting from 2 Samuel 11 & 12 - What's in the Heart: A Heart of Lust and Murder.