



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

A Ministry of Autumn Ridge Church

Dear Friends:

**Wednesday,
October 7, 2009**

Today's lecture by
Lorie Dahlstrom
from 1 Samuel 25
is titled:

***What's In The Heart:
A Teachable Heart***

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

***All of our weekly
materials:***

*Announcement/outline
page, discussion/study
questions, and the
printed lecture notes
are available on our
website listed on back.
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*

Today I have the bittersweet task of announcing Brenda Schibilla's departure from the WBS leadership team. Brenda stepped on as Bible Study Administrator in 2006 when no one was filling that function. I was trying to keep the administrative end of Bible study afloat while also teaching....and it was killing me. Brenda was a gift from God who helped create much of the infrastructure that kept the Women's Bible Study running smoothly through three years of significant growth.

We currently have over 300 women enrolled in morning and evening Bible study. Without Brenda's (and Jacqui Stahl's, who joined the team in 2007) groundbreaking work behind the scenes you wouldn't be able to enjoy Bible study each week. Power point, announcement pages, the database that allows us to communicate with you, mailings, publicity...all these take place because of the 10-20 hours that others volunteer each week. I have particularly relied on Brenda's gifts of prayer and encouragement.

Brenda has transferred much of her responsibility to Michelle Johnson, who works with the Bible study part time on the church staff. So if you have questions, Michelle is the person to see. You can reach her at marthatoo@hotmail.com, and she is here in person morning and evening.

We wish Brenda all the joy that God can possibly heap on her as she and Mark move to the cities to begin a new job. Please see her note below.

Warmly, Gretchen Steer

* * *

A Note from Brenda Schibilla, Bible Study Administrator

In one of Jann Wright's lectures last spring she told us that the Greek meaning for the word "*dwelling*" is "to settle down and be at home." Maybe as a result of the life changes, adjustments, and uncertainties we had experienced in the recent years, this caught my attention. My initial response was; wouldn't it be wonderful to "settle down and be at home" with God, no matter what?

As I have pondered this thought and read "dwelling" verses from Scripture this past year I have found this to be a comforting theme. God wants to dwell with us and He wants us to dwell in Him; no matter where we are, no matter what we are facing, no matter where we are heading.

Over a year ago Gretchen and I began a process that would allow me to step away from my WBS responsibilities. As we have seen God's plan unfold, with the addition of Michelle Johnson, it has become obvious that God was orchestrating more than just rest for me and a replacement in the WBS ministry. He was preparing me for a major life change.

This past week my husband, Mark, accepted a job offer at Micron Technology in Minneapolis. So in addition to stepping down from my WBS duties I will be preparing to pack up our life and move to a new location.

It is with sadness that I leave a ministry that I have been a part of, in one way or another, for the past 18 years. Women's Bible Study has been a lifeline for me. I have made lasting friendships, grown to love God's Word, and have had the privilege of serving alongside dear women who reflect Christ. I will greatly miss WBS and all of you! But I find myself "settled and at home" with all that God has in store for us.

My parting prayer is that you too, would dwell with God. May you continue to be transformed by God's Word that you may reflect Christ at every turn. Thank you for your friendship and service together.

Brenda Schibilla



Women's Bible Study Weekly Outline:

What's In The Heart: A Teachable Heart

1 Samuel 25

Lorie Dahlstrom

David's Humble Request

Nabal's Harsh Refusal

Abigail's Wise Response

Traits of a Teachable Heart

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. Prov. 4:23

Thoughts on Worship

by Tara Maier

Evening Worship Leader

I have thoroughly enjoyed Pastor John's sermon series on worship. When asked to write about worship, I cling to the verse in Romans 12:1 "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (ESV) I believe we have to start at this point in order to worship. It doesn't matter what church I attend, what music I sing, or what type of service I'm in. If I haven't presented myself before God, I will not be able to fully experience His presence. Oh how I pray to experience Him to the full! We serve an amazing God!

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

October 14, 2009

***Join us for
An Evening of
Food, Fun,
Faith & Fellowship:***

Next week, we plan on meeting right here in the Café. This is a change from past years when we have met in homes. Please note that due to MEA weekend,

NO CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE. If you are able, join us at our usual time from 6:30-7:45 PM and enjoy an evening filled with faith stories, worship, fellowship, and fun activities.

Women's Bible Study is a ministry of AUTUMN RIDGE CHURCH

3611 Salem Road SW, Rochester, MN 55902 Phone 288-8880

Email: wbs@autumnridgechurch.org

Website: <http://autumnridgechurch.org/adult/women/womens-bible-study.html>