



# Welcome to Women's Bible Study

A Ministry of Autumn Ridge Church

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*Please turn off cell phones as a courtesy to our speakers. Thank You!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SPRING FREE-WILL OFFERING TODAY:** If you would like to contribute to the ongoing work of this ministry, assist in child-care costs, and help offset our printing costs, please use the available offering envelopes for your gift. All checks should be made payable to **Autumn Ridge Church** and **'WBS Spring Offering'** indicated in the memo line. Please leave your offering in the basket on the registration table on your way out. And THANK YOU for your faithful participation in WBS and for partnering with us to provide an opportunity for women to study the Word of God and develop friendships with other women week after week.
  - **NEXT WEEK:** Evaluation forms for our winter series will be available. Please take the last few minutes of your small group or table discussion times and fill these out for us. Your honest feedback is important to us as we plan for next year. Forms can be left with your group leader, at the registration table, or mailed to the church office. Thank you!
  - **THANK YOU:** Betty Steiner-Kershaw would like to extend her deep appreciation to all who sent cards and flowers, who visited, and who prayed for her during her recent shoulder surgery and recovery period.
  - **ALL WBS WEEKLY MATERIALS:** Announcement/outline page, discussion/study questions, and the printed lecture notes are available on our website listed at the bottom of the back page.
- ## FOR WOMEN
- **PRAYER WALK/RUN:** Join Healing Hearts, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9 AM to pray and help raise funds for ministry among hurting women and men. Healing Hearts seeks to heal those who suffer broken hearts and broken pasts due to abortion, sexual abuse, or other issues. They provide Bible study and presentation of the gospel message via e-ministry or live small groups. Register for the walk /run on the ARC website home page!
  - **DEVOTED HEARTS WAITING LIST:** If you have a ticket that you will not be able to use, please call the church at 288-8880 or email us immediately at [women@autumnridgechurch.org](mailto:women@autumnridgechurch.org). We would be happy to resell your ticket!

Dear Friends,

*I always have a sort of bittersweet reaction when it comes to my last teaching lecture for the season. Truly, I am thankful to have another year of Bible study nearly completed. It's been tremendously encouraging to see how many of you have faithfully attended week after week. I am so grateful for our small group leaders, morning and evening, who prepare and lead each week. And then there are those who have led us in worship, and those who have looked after our children, and those who set up and tear down, and run the power point, and in every way make this study possible, morning and evening, Wednesday after Wednesday. I look at all of you and I am really encouraged and thankful.*

*But the upcoming break also means that I won't be teaching for a couple of months until we resume in September. Paul said to Timothy, "Preach the Word. Be prepared in season and out of season." So part of my own challenge for the fallow months of summer is to make sure that I remain prepared "in season and out of season" to be ready to teach again when that time comes around again.*

*I do that by using summer to really step up my personal reading of scripture. My reading throughout the year is regular, but in the summer I can really go to town. I also find that the freer schedule during those months allows me more scheduled time for prayer and reflection. But I think what I love best about the break is the chance to be outside much more. For me, it's impossible not to praise God when I'm enjoying his creation. And I have come to see how very tight the relationship is between thankfulness, and rejoicing. The one leads to the other.*

*So my prayer is that first, we'll finish well - we have one more week of teaching from Jann Wright, followed by a final week of small group meetings. And then I pray that we will all be refreshed and strengthened by the time apart, so that we can really enjoy each other when we resume on September 14, 2012.*

*Every blessing to you,*

*Your friend, Gretchen Steer*

**If you are NEW to Women's Bible Study today or have not registered, please visit us at the registration table so we can place you in a small group (AM) or at a table group (PM) for next week.**



# A Spiritual Legacy: Passing on What You Know

Today's Lecture from **2 Timothy 4:1-8** is by *Gretchen Steer*

## *Preach the Word*

- I. Be prepared (v. 1-2)
  - A. To preach
  - B. To guide
- II. Be grounded (v. 3-4)
  - A. In doctrine
  - B. In discipline
- III. Be consistent (v. 5)
  - A. In temperament
  - B. In work
- IV. Be faithful (v. 6-8)
  - A. To completion
  - B. To God
- V. How can I finish well?



### Church-Wide Events:

- \* **Food 4 Friends:** April's food of the month is chicken helper with canned chicken and canned vegetables. Donated items may be dropped off in the ministry center before the Saturday evening service or during Sunday morning services. If you would like to drop food off during the week, please leave it at the reception desk during regular business hours. Thank you for helping feed those in need in our community.
- \* **Easter Services:** Good Friday Communion Service on April 22 at 7 PM; Emmaus Easter Service on Saturday, April 23, at 5:30 PM; Easter Sunday Services Sunday, April 24 - Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM in the Timothy Chapel, Adoration Service at 9 AM, and Celebration Service at 10:30 AM. Childcare nursery through preschool provided. No Adult or children's ministry classes or programs this weekend.
- \* **Author Dessert Reception:** Friday, May 6, at 7 PM, join author Matt Rogers for a book signing and time of encouragement as he speaks to those who suffer or know someone who suffers from depression. Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased at Christos.
- \* **Family Camp 2011:** Register in the Ministry Center between weekend services or online at [www.autumnridgechurch.org](http://www.autumnridgechurch.org) for Family Camp at Fort Wilderness in northern Wisconsin July 30-August 5, 2011. Dr. George Kenworthy will be the featured guest speaker.

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