



# Welcome to Women's Bible Study

A Ministry of Autumn Ridge Church

November 17, 2010

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ▪ **THANKSGIVING FREE-WILL OFFERING:**

If you have benefitted from WBS, please consider what you might be willing and able to give towards today's free-will offering. We are grateful for your contributions which help WBS remain a cost-free Bible study in our church and community. Envelopes are available and all gifts may be left in the designated baskets at the registration table in the lobby. Please make checks out to *Autumn Ridge Church* and note "*WBS Fall Thanksgiving Offering*" in the memo line. Thank you for partnering with us in ministry.

- **FALL SURVEY:** Fall evaluation forms are available in the lobby. Please fill one out and return it to the registration table anytime between now and December 1 or mail it to the church by December 10.

- **PIES STILL NEEDED:** If you would be willing to contribute a pie for the Oasis Thanksgiving gathering at the Steer's this Friday, November 19, please contact Gretchen at [steergjs@msn.com](mailto:steergjs@msn.com). Pies need to be delivered to church or the Steer's by 11AM Friday morning.

- **REMINDER:** There will be ***NO WBS next Wednesday***, November 24. Please join us at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary for the **Thanksgiving Service and Pie Social** immediately following in the Common Grounds Café. A \$1 per person donation is suggested to help cover the cost of pies. WBS will resume for the last lecture of the fall series on December 1 at its usual times.

- **SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS:** Begin to make plans today for the next small group gatherings scheduled for December 8. Childcare will be available both morning and evening. And please continue to pick your children up in a timely manner. Thank you!

Dear Friends,

*Have you ever been lied to by someone you really trusted? It's a horrible experience to discover that someone whose trustworthiness you deeply believe in has been deceiving you.*

*Lying is inherently part of who we are as fallen people. It was one of the very first actions of Adam and Eve following their sin in the garden of Eden...they lied to God, trying to evade responsibility for what they had done. You see lies in the sweetest natured little toddler. One of my daughters babysat a very good natured and obedient little kid. But one day she had to ask him, "Did you steal a marshmallow?" "No," he shook his head, even as half chewed marshmallow oozed out of his mouth. Little kids think that we won't know if they're not telling the truth. Adults think that God won't know when we're not telling the truth. But our attempts to hide our wrongdoing from him are as obvious as that little boy's attempt to chew and swallow before he could get in trouble for doing something he wasn't supposed to do.*

*So what's the cure for lying? Michelle will speak today about steps we can take to avoid getting drawn into lies, gossip, slander and self deception. I think one of the most practical things we can do to become more truthful is to be in a relationship with a few people to whom we are pledged to tell the truth...the whole truth, and nothing but the truth! This sort of accountability trains us not to live a double life. It teaches us that we can be ourselves, honestly, and that others will still like and respect us.*

*Like stealing, which we learned about last week, lying is an insult to God's character. But it also harms others. So we can respect God and respect others by remembering to tell the truth. I am thankful that we don't just have to "be good," though. We have the Spirit's help and the grace of Jesus Christ to overcome habits like lying which might be deeply entrenched. The most helpful preventative image I can conjure up is this: Am I saying anything that I'd be ashamed to say in front of Christ?*

Your friend,

Gretchen

*A Spiritual Legacy  
Passing on What You Know*



*Titus & 2 Timothy*

Beginning January 12, 2011



## Women's Bible Study Weekly Outline

Today's Lecture from Exodus 20:16 is by Michelle Harris  
*App #9: God's Truth*

1. Simple Intention: Perjury
2. Broader Application: Slander
3. Even Broader Application: All Lies
4. Ways We Lie
5. Why We Lie
6. Motives For Lying
7. How To Change

### CHURCH EVENTS:

- **Pools of Refreshing:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 21, from 6-8 PM in the Timothy Chapel. This quarterly gathering is a time of worship and spiritual renewal for women.
- **November Food Drive:** During our November mission festival, ARC chose to sponsor **In His Name**, an organization which packs and distributes food to the hungry in our area in the name of Jesus. Please consider contributing the following items – peanut butter, jelly, pasta/rice, canned goods – November 20-21. Donations may be dropped off at the trailer located in the front of the church during the weekend services.
- **Christmas Outreach Opportunities:** A combined Christmas musical by the worship team and choir will be presented the Weekend of December 4-5 during all three services. The children will present their Christmas musical “Follow the Star” the next weekend, December 11-12, also during all three weekend services. Consider inviting family, friends, or neighbors to these opportunities to hear the Gospel message.