



Welcome to Women's Bible Study

A Ministry of Autumn Ridge Church

February 16, 2011

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HELP STILL NEEDED:** Would you be willing to be a power point operator substitute or assist our new volunteer on a rotating basis? You will help provide a much needed service for the speakers and attendees each week. All you have to do is press the forward button and follow the provided script! Please see Michelle Johnson at the registration table or contact her at 288-8880 or michellej@aridge.org.
- **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.
- **QUESTIONS DURING THE WEEK:** Contact Michelle Johnson, ARC Women's Ministry Assistant and WBS Administrative Assistant, 288-8880 or michellej@aridge.org or e-mail us at: wbs@autumnridgechurch.org

WOMEN'S EVENTS AT ARC

- **POOLS OF REFRESHING:** Sunday, February 20, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM in the Timothy Chapel women from across the Rochester community will gather for worship and prayer to renew souls and align our will to God's. Contact Claudia Dozier at 529-1406.
- **DEVOTED HEARTS CONFERENCE 2011:** This year's conference "For Such a Time as This" is April 29-30th and will feature Bible teacher and Precept International founder Kay Arthur. Paige Strackman, former lead singer for the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir, will lead worship. Early bird ticket special \$37 until March 31. After March 31, \$42. Boxed lunch additional \$6. Purchase the "small group" plan of 10 tickets and get one free! Register at

Dear Friends,

Today I'm looking forward to hearing Jacqui Stahl teach on 2nd Timothy 1:8- 18: "Guard what God Gave You."

We like to place a guard around precious things. We often have a fence around the yard where our small children are playing. Our important documents might be in a safe deposit box at the bank. We insure our health and our homes and our cars, so that we'll have the funds to mend them if something happens. Important things should be guarded in some way, and our passage today tells us that the most important thing, the gospel, is guarded by the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Paul also tells us in this passage that the gospel is worth suffering for. In fact Paul invites Timothy to join him in "suffering for the gospel, by the power of God..." It's a remarkable thought to realize that when we suffer in the power of God we literally have the power to overcome anything this life can throw at us. The Bible also makes a distinction between the sort of suffering that we bring on ourselves through our own folly, and the suffering that comes to us as a result of standing up for the gospel. The first type we can largely avoid. The second type is unavoidable if we are truly living for Christ, yet at the same time our suffering gives weight and credence to the words of the gospel. Just as we only guard what is precious to us, we only voluntarily suffer for what is important to us.

I pray that I (and you, too) will not be ashamed of what we believe, and that we will permit the Holy Spirit to guard that good deposit of faith in us. I'm so thankful we don't have to do this on our own.

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 1:8-18 is by *Jacqui Stahl*

Guard What God Gave You

I. Courageously Proclaim Christ (vs. 8-10)

- Speak His Name
- Speak His Gospel What?

How?

II. Courageously Suffer for Christ (vs. 11-12)

- Compelled by the Cause of the Gospel
- Convinced of the Object of our Faith
- Crowned as Victors

III. Courageously Live for Christ (vs. 13-18)

- By Pattern of _____, _____, and _____
- By Help of _____
- By Doing _____

How to Suffer Well	
1.	<i>Rejoice in our sufferings.</i> (James 1:2-4)
2.	<i>Not be surprised by our sufferings.</i> (1 Pet. 4:12)
3.	<i>Count it a privilege to enter in to Christ's sufferings.</i> (1 Pet. 4:13)
4.	<i>Endure suffering as discipline and love.</i> (Heb. 12:7-11)
5.	<i>Trust God's sovereign plan.</i> (Jer. 29:11; Rom. 8:28)
6.	<i>Walk by faith, not by sight.</i> (2 Cor. 5:7)
7.	<i>Embrace suffering as an opportunity for God's glory to be displayed.</i> (Is. 48:10-11; Jn. 9:13)
8.	<i>Forgive others.</i> (Luke 23:34)
9.	<i>Bless others.</i> (Luke 6:28)
10.	<i>Comfort others with the same comfort with which we ourselves have received from God.</i> (2 Cor. 1:4)



Church-Wide Events:

- * **Prayer Workshop** – Join Navigator's national prayer director, Vic Black, for a one day workshop on "Praying in the Presence of God" to be held in the Timothy Chapel, February 26, 2011, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. \$10 fee includes coffee, snacks, and lunch. Bring Bible, journal/writing tablet, and pen.
- * **Men's Night Out!** – Encourage the men in your life to attend ARC's **BBQ and Blues Night** on Sunday, February 27, 2011, at 6 PM. This is a night for men's fellowship and outreach. Dinner is limited to 200. Concert to follow by the Steve Duede Blues Band. Pick up a publicity card at the registration table to pass on to husbands, friends, or co-workers or contact Michelle Johnson for more information at michellej@aridge.org or 288-8880.
- * **Food 4 Friends:** February's food of the month is boxed cereal. All donations can be dropped off at the ministry center during services or at the reception desk during the week.
- * **Autumn Ridge Art Series presents MATT MAHER on Friday, March 18, 2011, at 7:30 PM at ARC.** Matt is an award-winning singer-songwriter. His songs include "Your Grace is Enough" and "As it is in Heaven." Tickets available at www.autumnridgechurch.org or at Christos BookCenter. General admission \$20; Gold Circle \$30.