

February Bloom

AHBC Women's Ministry Newsletter

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bloom; verb

(1): to mature into achievement of one's potential

(2): to flourish in youthful beauty, freshness, or excellence.



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If in need of prayer, meals, camaraderie or guidance, please contact us!



Donate gently used or new children's clothing

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Teen girls bible study of 2 Timothy! Tuesdays Starting January 27th 7 pm contact Brenna Cole 1-515-313-8126

FEBRUARY	SUNDAY -	
	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	8:30 AM
	ADULT BIBLE STUDY	9:30 AM
	SERVICE	10:30 AM
	WEDNESDAY -	
	DINNER	6:00 PM
	BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM
	YOUTH	6:30 PM



Word of the month.....

Abide

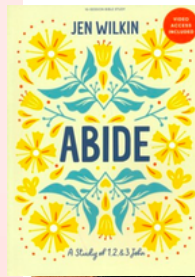
To abide in Christ means to keep up a habit of constant close communion with Him—to be always leaning on Him, resting on Him, pouring out our hearts to Him, and using Him as our fountain of life and strength, as our chief companion and best friend.

How to make Abiding in Christ a Daily Habit

To abide in Christ daily requires dependence upon the Holy Spirit in which we do three things:

- Walk by faith
- Spend focused time in the Word
- Engage in intentional Christ-like actions

Yeah you!



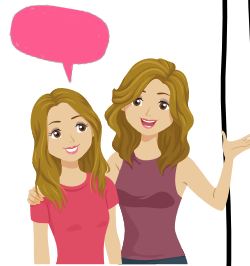
Bible Study!

Sunday, February 12 8:30 am
Contreras home 119 College Blvd
Books available for purchase
\$20.00

Did You Know?

There are certain things you should never put down the garbage disposal:

- Grease, oil or fat,
 - Coffee grounds
 - pasta, rice, bread, bones, pits & seeds, oatmeal, nuts & shells
 - onion skins, egg shells
 - fibrous/stringy vegetables
 - potato peels, sticky labels
- Don't do it, it will ruin your life!**



BAKED FRESH

Hot, Fresh,
Bread of Life!

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:35



Where am I leading people? Gretchen Saffles asks this in her book "The Well Watered Woman". Nowhere, I think to myself, I'm not on Facebook, Instagram or any other social media sites, I guess I'm not leading anyone anywhere really. I then saw, in my spiritual eye, the Holy Spirit tapping His toe, arms folded, looking right at me. Me?

Where am I leading those closet to me? Where am I leading my four tiny grown babies? Where am I leading my friends? Where could I be leading the young cashier at HEB? Where could I be leading the sweet little widow that lives near my cottage condo? Do only the very very closest to me know that Jesus is numero uno in my life? Do those in my daily path see me aligning myself with the Word of God? Rats! Rats! Rats!

Isn't it funny how we always try to find a way to dodge the sticky questions? Oh, well that really doesn't apply to me, that's not my job, hey, those aren't my children. Not me, I'm in a different phase of my life. She can do it better than me. Been there. Done that. It's someones else's time. Over and over and over again we fall into denial and excuses of what our role in our Christian life really is. What did Jesus tell us? "Go and make disciples of all nations". He never said IF you feel like it, or IF it doesn't incovience you, or only knowledgeable folks between the age of 26 and 40, or even in months with 31 days in it. No, HE said Go! And HE is talking to you and I.

Did you ever watch the 80's movie named Sixteen Candles? At the end of the movie the hunky Jake Ryan is waiting for Samantha at the church after her sisters wedding. Jake is leaning on his red 944 Porsch, gray sweater vest, long sleeve gray shirt, fitted blue jeans, smoldering good looks (as I vaguely recall). He waves to her, she can't image this hunk of a hunk is waving at her, she turns to see if he means someone behind her, turns back around then asks....."Me?" Jake responds "Yeah you!" (Cue sighs & hearts melting across the universe...okay FOCUS Evie!)

THAT! is what Jesus is saying...Yeah You!! Go and spread My Gosple, Go and make disciples, Go and share what I have done in your life! The hunk is talking to you! Now what...

Who are we following? Sometimes we think we can hide truth about ourselves from others, but when you follow someone on social media who is not aligned nor affiliated with Christ, but who is associated with things that the Bible clearly opposes, what does that say to those who are following you? It's a slippery slope my friend. Frankly, it stinks. When did we become so gray, you ask? Since the first bite of the apple. I have a cuptowel that says "Eve was framed". Hmm, was she though? Maybe she was entrapped! I can think of all kinds of words to fill in that blank. Disobedient, off guard, naive, duped, bamboozled, hoodwinked even! Whatever word works for you can also be applied to you. That's how satan works. He has a bag of words that fits exactly to your size. Good news, we are not perfect, and this is not news to our Father in heaven. We need Jesus because without Him we are naked and afraid. With Him, however, we are clothed in righteousness.

So now that you are wearing your new righteousness drip, where will you be leading people, and better still are you leading like a follower?

Just a thought...

from the Other Eve