

Save the Date

August 6
Power Surge Outreach
5:30 p.m.

August 29
Morning Star Café
D7 from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

September 8
Fall Activities Begin

October 8
Cooking Demonstration Outreach
with Mary Holmes, Private Chef

November 5
Baskets of Hope
Community Outreach Event

December 3
Women's Christmas Dinner

Women's Ministries Team

Cindy Harby
Director of Women's Ministries

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Helen Jones
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Do You Coupon!?

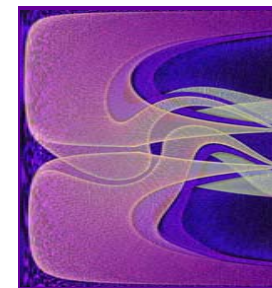
Michelle Zerza gave a Super Savers Workshop on Friday evening, May 28th, at CFC. Over 40 women enjoyed dessert and fellowship and learned the latest on how to save on their grocery bill. Couponing has taken a leap in popularity in recent years because the savings are not just a little bit anymore, they are huge. Young mothers are saving hundreds of dollars a month and thousands a year just by taking on the profitable hobby of couponing. Did you know there are websites where others have identified the best sales in Jacksonville grocery stores each week and where you can get coupons to use along with the sale? Combining the best sales with coupons and stocking up is the key to savings. So is taking advantage of the credit dollars offered by drug store retailers on their store receipts. This couponing thing is a whole new world. I'm having fun using Michelle's how-to handout and slowly learning the tricks of the trade. Let's see, buy one, get one free cereal plus two coupons (yes, most grocery stores accept two coupons on BOGO items) means we get a \$4 box of cereal for \$1. How can this not be fun? If the Proverbs 31 woman were alive today, not only would she be spinning purple while she provided for her family, she'd be making the money go as far as it could, and that might very well include couponing.

If you want to get started, Michelle's hand-out is available in Cindy's office. A helpful website for beginners is SouthernSavers.com. Because of its popularity, we hope to offer another Super Savers Workshop in the future. – Carol Hayes

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"We proclaim Him ... that we may present everyone mature in Jesus Christ." Colossians 1:28



From Cindy's Desk

Summertime and the living is easy..... at least that is how the song goes. As we wind down another school year I pray that those of you with children can enjoy some much needed relaxed time together. The school year is usually so cramped and busy. It is nice to be able to step back from the hectic pace of life and just be away from the routine. For those of you who don't have children at home, you are also impacted by our church calendar. Summer brings free Wednesday nights to spend with friends and family outside of church. I would encourage you to take time this summer, outside of organized Bible Study time, to spend alone with God. We get so focused on participating in a Bible Study that we fail to spend good quality "alone time" with God. Choose a book of the Bible you have not studied recently. Before you begin, ask the Lord to open your eyes and heart to reveal what He has to teach you today. Begin to read through it asking questions like: "What

is this passage about? What do I learn from this passage? How can I apply what I learned to my life? Because of what I learned, what do I need to say to God? What truth was new to me? What promises are revealed?" Or choose from one of the following suggestions for personal Bible Study:

[A Heart that Hopes in God](#), by Catherine Martin

[Becoming A Woman of Excellence](#), by Cynthia Heald

[Knowing and Loving the Bible](#), by Catherine Martin

[The Prodigal God](#), by Timothy Keller

Most of the books are available through Amazon. The Catherine Martin books are available through quiettime.org. Also, if you would like to hold a small Bible Study in your home I will be glad to help you with material. Blessings and remember the words of that song.....*Summertime!*

Resting in His Amazing Grace,

Cindy Harby (Director of Women's Ministries)

Thoughts on Prayer

What is the motivation behind our prayers...especially when we pray in a group? Sadly, I admit that as I've sat with head bowed and eyes closed for prayer in a group, I have often been more concerned that what I am about to say will be acceptable to those in the group, rather than to God. I have even rehearsed what I will say and have reworded my prayer for my own benefit among my peers. My motivation should be to come into His Presence, align myself with His will and speak words that would bring glory to Him - not myself. *Disciplines of a Godly Woman* gives two great reasons why we ought to pray and what should motivate us. The first is found in the fact that prayer is the source of power for growth and perseverance in our spiritual lives. The second reason is that prayer bends our wills to God's will, which is what submitting our lives is all about. As a great author wrote about prayer:

"It expresses the feeling of the heart, so it arises from a deep longing within. For this reason prayer in the Old Testament was offered to God as incense. All Old Testament incense was made from trees. After the bark was cut, the tree oozed a kind of resin from which incense was manufactured. Hence prayer is not offering anything that might be at hand; it is the presenting of something that oozes out of wounds. Such prayers are quite different from easy going ones that many offer prayers good to listen to but very ordinary in content. Let us remember well that our prayers are for God to hear, not for pleasing the ears of brothers and sisters." – Watchman Nee.

I cannot say it any better than that. – A. Dorothy King

2010 Women's Retreat: 24 Hours with Your Savior

85 women from CFC and their guests attended our annual Women's Retreat, held for the first time at Marywood Conference Center. Our retreat chair, Christie Hutcherson, shared this reflection on her experience at the retreat.



WHAT A BLESSING IT WAS TO BE PART OF 24 HOURS WITH YOUR SAVIOR.

From the very beginning it was apparent that this was truly going to be something very special. Each day I was privileged to witness how God's divine hand moved through every detail - from the speaker that was chosen, the location, the team He put together, as well as the small group assignments.

It was wonderful to see the ladies of CFC step out of their comfort zones and allow God's hand to place them with ladies that they might not otherwise have known. I think in the end each one would say what a beautiful experience it was.

One of the moments I enjoyed the most was looking out over the lawn on Friday night with the river as our backdrop and seeing everyone finding their small groups and sharing our first meal together. The laughter and warm conversation, the sights and sounds of it all is something I will never forget.

From the first time meeting Reina Cherry, I knew we were in for a deep thought-provoking and moving experience. Personally, I was struck by her candor and ability to be so open and raw with us. Hearing her testimony and listening to her teaching, not to mention her willingness to be so vulnerable, paved the way for others to share in their small groups. The message of being 'interrupted' was extremely powerful, and the simple picture of God's love and grace for us is something I know moved each of us in

our own way. In the words of Aaron Keys, "You're not guilty anymore; you're not filthy anymore; I love you; Mercy is yours." What a wonderful depiction of God's everlasting love for us and how He waits ever-patiently for us to call out to Him and how this simple act of obedience washes our sins clean.

The CFC Women's Ministry continues to hear stories of how God's grace and love worked on the hearts of those who attended the retreat. Keep the good news coming! I know we all cherish the memories of those precious 24 Hours.

In His Grace,

Christie Hutcherson

(Many thanks to Jackie Shears for photography.)



A Missions Moment

AHHHHH...Summertime...time to relax... Or is it???

As we returned from Germany in August 2008, I was looking forward to time with family and friends and time on the beach. Many of the things that summertime can offer. I knew I had a limited time to enjoy them...366 days was what we understood we had to spend in America before returning to Europe. Ecclesiastes 3 speaks of there being a season for everything...time to be born, time to die, time to plant. I knew I didn't want to waste this gift of time. But how was I to spend it?

I remembered a women's prison ministry (Rejoice Transforming Ministries) ...but was this for me?!? Only one way to find out...I swallowed hard and jumped in. Then I met women who said... "I'm finally ready to change and be a woman of God and to teach my children to grow and be women and men of God. Would you please pray that the Holy Spirit unveils the spirit of wisdom and revelation of Christ and His Word to me so I can grow?" And: "I continue to hunger after His wisdom and knowledge. I know I need Him so desperately in my life!" WOW!!!! I was hooked.

In *The Purple Thread*, I read about a ministry called Just Friends started at CFC that goes into a strip club. Out of curiosity, I met with Karen Donovan. Soon I was going through the doors to share the love of Jesus with these women. It still amazes me that we can so clearly share the gospel and scripture while we are in the club! What a privilege! And they love the food that you ladies cook them!

Then I was asked to volunteer at First Coast Women's Services, a crisis pregnancy center. Lord, I think this one is a stretch...um... remember, I don't have any children! He showed me that it didn't matter...He could use me to love these women in crisis.

Ladies, I never imagined myself doing any of this...none were on my list of dreams to fulfill. The Lord showed me that I can "bloom where I am planted" in ways I cannot imagine.... Ask Him how He wants to use you this summer... YOU have something to offer and many around you need His touch... "for the time is near" (Rev. 1:3) for His return!

Terri Smalley

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Community Connection

If you have not heard one of Doug's sermons about "the stove," you have missed an unforgettable visual picture of what it is like to grow beyond fellowshipping comfortably together at "the table," and moving to "the stove" where it is about OTHERS. There have been lots of CFCers at "the



stove" lately at Leigh Meadows Apartments in Mandarin: Wandean Wilburn leads a women's Bible Study on Sunday afternoons; Patty Bethea coordinates children's tutoring on Tuesdays; Forrest Hendrix and Joe Smith help lead a men's Bible Study on Thursdays; and Joe Smith has a van ministry to bring kids and families to CFC. When a CFC Power Up Club ended in the summer of 2007, the City of Jacksonville Community Connections Director at Leigh Meadows asked CFC to return on Friday afternoons. Initially, Joe Smith and Barbara Hightower led "Fun Fridays" with PUC-trained Jr. and Sr. Highers from CFC; this past year Kathy Kahrs and Teri Tyer joined Barbara in serving alongside 4-8 of our youth for 75 min-



utes weekly, teaching truth through character-based Bible lessons, crafts, games, and laughter. "One of the best blessings is seeing our CFC youth love on these kids, investing in their spiritual needs, and learning how to lead future ministries," says Barbara. (As well, the youth receive community service hours for high school.)

This Fall, the activities are expanding. Kids from Leigh Meadows and surrounding areas will be coming to our campus on Tuesday nights for dinner, teaching, mentoring, and games. This new event is called "His Big House" and it can't happen without lots of help. To learn more about this and all Leigh Meadows Ministries and how YOU can play a vital role, call Joe Smith (504-6749) or Barbara Hightower at (262-6570). - Carol Hayes



Fall Women's Bible Studies

- Sign ups begin Sunday, August 22.
- Studies begin Wednesday, September 8 at both 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Childcare provided mornings & evenings



Are you new to CFC? Be sure to look for our Women's Cart in the portico on Sundays. You can sign up for studies and events and learn all about the Women's Ministries and how women are involved at CFC and in our community.

Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: September 8 - October 13

A Study of David based on the teaching sessions of the Deeper Still conference featuring Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, and Kay Arthur. These three women explored their lives and the life of David in this six-session women's Bible study. Taped at the 2007 Deeper Still women's event, the messages presented by these beloved authors are divided into three segments, two lessons from each author. Each segment focuses on the life of David at a different stage of his life: as a young man (sessions one and two by Priscilla Shirer), as a middle-aged man (sessions three and four by Beth Moore), and as an older man facing the final third of his life (sessions five and six by Kay Arthur). You'll laugh with them, cry with them, and learn to love God with them. \$15.00.

The Prodigal God: October 27 - December 8

One son kept the rules religiously. One son broke them all. One father loved them both beyond anything they could ever imagine. The Prodigal God is a dramatic new study by author and teacher Timothy Keller, based on Jesus' great parable - The Prodigal Son. Join us for this 6-week journey in rediscovering the heart of the Christian faith. Price to follow at later date.

Scriptural Salve for Your Soul: September 8 - December 15

God uses the difficulties of living in a sin-cursed world to conform us to the image of His Son. In this small group study of God's Word, you will learn how to be braided with God in loving the purposefulness of pain and hardship in your life. You will learn how to use the current or past trials of life to bring glory to God and, therefore, grow in peace, rest, hope and joy. Limited group sizes for this study. Contact Beth Karadeema at 874-8234 or bammerbeth@bellsouth.net to register. No cost for this study.

In Addition to these studies, the following will be offered this fall:

Amazing Grays - for Seniors, meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in D7. Contact Carileen Bollinger - 886-0521.

Mothers Encouraging Mothers (MEMS) - for young mothers, meets 2 Wednesday mornings per month in D6. Contact Tricia Murphy - 262-8363.