

# A Fresh Start

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*“Those who HOPE in the LORD will RENEW their STRENGTH, they will SOAR on the wings like EAGLES; they will RUN and not grow weary, they will WALK and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31*

Spring is upon us once again! And in times in our lives when there is uncertainty in so many areas, it is so refreshing to know that there are constants. Having things in our lives that we know are reliable and true, things that are going to happen regardless of outside influences, our feelings or our trials and tribulations are wonderful things. There are a few of these “constants” that come to mind for me, one of them being seasons. With the arrival of spring we are shown the promise of renewal. One of my favorite things to look for in late winter is the thawing of the ground and the first signs of new green life in the earth. When the tulips, waking from their winter slumber, peek out from the ground and the crocuses bloom in a modest “Hello,” I am filled with happiness and reminded that God is a God of constants and truths. In the verse above in Isaiah, God reminds us of two things that we can associate with spring – HOPE and RENEWAL. Just as the perennials bloom and the buds of the tree are renewed each year, a fresh start given to them, so God is waiting to give you the same fresh start, one of Hope and Renewal in him. Along with that renewal He promises strength and endurance.

I hope that this spring you find a fresh start and renewal in your hope and trust in HIM.

Blessings,

Calleen

# CONNECTION

WELCOME to the first edition of CONNECTION!



To the Lord. To the Church. To the Community. To Each Other.

*Connect is the Women's Ministry of Chapel Hill. Our logo above represents who we are and what we are connected to. On the branches of the tree that connects us together, there are four spheres, each representing one of the core tenets of our mission.*

*We are Connected...*

**to the Lord -** First and foremost, we are connected to the Lord God, our heavenly Father. We work towards fulfilling the great commission laid out for us by our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 28:19-20. Our endeavors to keep this command, to go out and make disciples for His namesake, are at the core of our ministry, which we seek to fulfill through the four “Connections” which comprise our mission.

**to the Church-** As Christians we were never intended to be alone in our faith, isolated from each other. When the apostle Paul was commissioned by Jesus to take the Gospel to the world, he spent a lot of time establishing the church, checking on the church to make sure the doctrine was understood, that people were on the right path, and developing the next generation of Christian leaders. As a church body it is crucial that we connect to one another to learn together, worship together, exhort and build up each other, and to care for each other in servant hood.

**to the Community -** “...Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.” John 4:35 NASB There is a great big world out there that needs the Hope and Truth that only Jesus Christ can provide. By connecting to the Community we can share the Gospel of our Lord and show Christ's love in our service to others. Whether it be Grove City, Ohio, other parts of the USA, Costa Rica, Haiti, The Dominican Republic or Africa...WE are the body of Christ that is called to serve!

**to Each Other -** As a women's ministry we realize how important it is that we have good relationships with one another, those of trust and love. Just as we are servants to the Lord, we are servants to one another working toward a common goal. Philippians 2:4 says, “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” We strive to be a ministry that supports and cares for one another in the spirit of love, trust, understanding and servanthood, looking to Christ our Savior to lead and guide us.

## Sister Spotlight

### Christy Lagerstam



Christy and Her Husband Mark live in Columbus with their combined 5 kids – Maddy, BJ, Dan, Lilly, and Sammy. Christy is a busy lady, in addition to the fulltime job of being a wife and mom; she works for the State of Ohio Department of Commerce as a financial associate and is a Mary Kay consultant. Christy is also the newest member of the Women's Ministry Leadership team and will be leading her first series this spring.

Q. What is your idea of a perfect vacation?

A. "The beach. Sun, sand and seashells!"

Q. What is one your "bucket" list item?

A. "I would love to visit Japan...and see some of the buildings... I used to work for a Japanese company and fell in love with the culture and people."

Q. What is the greatest thing ever invented?

A. The airplane (to go to Japan of course!)

## Get involved

Q. "I want to get involved but I don't know where to start?"

A. Women's group meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 here at the church. We study various topics and really grow together in this group. Joining us at this time would be a great starting point.

Q. "I am a newer Christian and am worried that I don't have the knowledge to interact or contribute in a group setting." Or "I am not really a talker, is that okay?"

A. One of the things that is great about Women's group on Wednesday night is the laid-back structure. The lessons are geared in such a way that you don't have to be a "Bible Scholar" or theologian to get something out of class. Our goal is to teach and equip ourselves as disciples of the Lord. A big part of women's group is building relationships with one another, lifting each other up, and growing in our knowledge and love of the Lord together. So just come out.

## More Ways to Connect...

### Wednesday nights

- Combined Men's and Women's group on 3/20, 3/27, and 4/3
  - ✓ Special Study on these nights as we take an in depth look at The Passion Week with our own, in house, Christian Apologist, Kris Snyder
- After Easter, back to separate Men's and Women's groups.
  - ✓ Christy Lagerstam will be leading the Ladies in the study "Finding I Am: How Jesus Fully Satisfies the Cry of Your Heart." by Lysa TerKeurst. You won't want to miss this.

## Finding I AM

HOW JESUS FULLY SATISFIES THE CRY OF YOUR HEART

Lysa TerKeurst

### Craftin' Christians

- This is a great way to meet new friends in a relaxed atmosphere. Have some fun, eat some great desserts, and make a fun craft.



THU, APR 4 AT 7 PM - 9 PM