

Woman to Woman:

Mentoring One Another

Riveroaks women are invited to attend Woman to Woman, a newly-designed time of group mentoring for ladies of college age or beyond. Please join us in the Youth Room for dinner, fellowship, and rich input from God's Word. The meeting will be **Monday, March 2, from 6:00-8:30pm**. Mary Zimmerman will be a special speaker for this first meeting. Mary has been a guest speaker at Riveroaks women's retreat in the past and is a member of Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis.

Coordinators and sponsors would appreciate your RSVP so that we can have a place card ready for you that night. A nursery will be provided for those who RSVP and who request its availability. To notify them of your plans, call Marsha or

Don't miss this unique gathering!

RRPC Women's Retreat 2009 : A Blessed Time

By Shan Fite

As I think back upon our time together at the Women's Retreat this year, the main word I can think of is BLESSING. We were tremendously blessed by the scriptural and practical teaching of Barbara Barker. The scripture flowed from her mouth like honey, exhorting and encouraging us all. Stories from her life instructed our women as well as entertained with her great sense of humor. We were energized as Barbara taught on the essential subject of faith.

Our three sessions with Barbara on faith included: Saving Faith, Persevering Triumphant Faith, and Faith Under Fire. Saving Faith was her powerful testimony of her life and the Lord saving her (spiritually and physically) when she attempted to take her own life. Persevering Triumphant Faith showed us how to go from saving faith (salvation) to persevering faith (standing fast) to aggressive faith (stepping out in faith -- reaching out to the unsaved world!). Faith Under Fire reminded us that one of Satan's main lines of attack on our faith is by assaulting God's goodness, His authority and Truth.

Through all her sessions, her command of the scriptures made a deep impression on us all. One of her memorable sayings that she repeated often was, "The Christian life is the out-flowing of the indwelling life of Christ." It was our prayer that the Lord would make our time there eternally profitable and work in each one of us. I believe the Lord answered that

prayer! We also prayed for fellowship and the building up of the body of Christ among our women. It was a delight to look around and see our ladies engaged in conversations and enjoying sweet fellowship. It was a blessing to see God at work among us!

As we look forward to next year, we would love to have a few more people who feel led to help with next year's Retreat. I am especially thinking we need a prayer leader, a craft and table decorations facilitator, a money and registration leader, and a door prize facilitator. Many thanks to: Nancy A. for taking on the door prizes and to those who provided them, Marsha S. for putting together the book table, Melinda R. for helping with registration and collection of the money, Brenda J. for all her wonderful brochures and booklets, Lauren S. who blessed us all by leading our singing, Susan Q. for creating a table mixer, and Clare J. for her leadership.

Both Kim and I are very appreciative of the sacrifice of time made by all who were able to attend this year. May the Lord continue to build these truths in our lives for His Glory and His Kingdom!

Some thoughts from Kim on the Women's Retreat

By Kim Benson

I look forward to our Women's Retreat every year. I consider it a blessing and a privilege to organize it. I see it as an opportunity to show my appreciation to the ladies for all their hard work in other areas of ministry at Riveroaks. The retreat is my "thank you" for teaching Sunday School and catechism, for preparing Wednesday night suppers, for singing in the choir, for leading the Ladies Bible Study, for working in the nursery, for teaching children's choir, and volunteering at VBS.

I felt torn each time I called the ladies to leave the dining area and to come to the meeting room. On the one hand, I wanted to give Barbara Barker as much time as possible to speak, on the other hand, I knew these ladies needed the fellowship. As I saw each lady caught up in conversation, I realized how important the fellowship is and how rarely we get to enjoy it. I am thankful for the ladies that got to enjoy this wonderful time together.

I thought Barbara Barker was a delightful speaker. I walked away with two key lessons. One is the importance of memorizing Scripture and of really knowing God's Word intimately. The other is to live by prayer.

Redemption 2009

Redemption 2009 is a catalyst event to bring together women across the Memphis metropolitan area and unite them across racial, economic and denominational barriers to seek God and to transform our city for Christ. World-renowned Christian author and speaker Priscilla Shirer teaches God's word to women so that they understand and experience the truths of scripture daily by the power of the Holy Spirit. Godly women with hearts burning to see evangelical Christians of different races unite to further God's kingdom have been dreaming and praying and planning for more than three years to see revival sweep the Mid-South. Now nearly 100 churches will come together for Redemption 2009 to create a catalyst for unity and reconciliation among sisters in Christ, spanning generations, evangelical backgrounds, neighborhoods, cultures and races.

We all need redemption, or rescuing — from heartache, from loneliness, from sinfulness. Christ paid the price and ransomed us, from sin. Because of His death and resurrection, we won't be required to pay the ultimate penalty for sin, spiritual death, a life without God. But we also need rescuing or redemption from the forces that would divide women of faith within the community. By developing unity through friendships in Christ, women and their churches can network in ministry to reach Memphis for Him. Join us for Redemption 2009, a multicultural revival, March 27-28 at the Memphis Cook Convention Center. It's free. Bring your friends, and expect God to come down and change lives.

Who is Priscilla Shirer? A passionate and anointed communicator of God's truth all around the world, Priscilla Shirer connects deeply with women from all racial and denominational backgrounds. A graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary and daughter of Tony Evans, senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church in Dallas, Texas, she has also written Bible studies such as *He Speaks To Me* and *Discerning the Voice of God* and is currently on the *Deeper Still* tour with fellow speakers and authors Kay Arthur and Beth Moore. She and her husband, Jerry, are founders of [Going Beyond Ministries](#), which promotes the message of God's desire for a passionate love relationship with His children.

Many church women from across the city, including some from our sister PCA churches, are excited about this event. While Riveroaks is not formally sanctioning the convention in late March, we are spreading the word and hoping that women who want to attend will connect with each other and enjoy the time together.

For more information, go to this website link: <http://redemption2009.com/>

To arrange a carpool and/or get more involved, contact Clare or Andy

Thank you for the Gift Baskets

Many women contributed lovely items to gift baskets that were presented to wives of visiting missionaries during last week's conference. Thank you to all the contributors, Care Group coordinators, and women on the Missions Conference Committee for the baskets and spa pampering.